

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING
FOR MODERNIZATION OF THE
CIVIC STADIUM

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-2691
Introduced by the Government
Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee was appointed by the Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission to forge a vision for the future of the Civic Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee issued a report recommending that the Civic Stadium be modernized into a self-sustaining, contemporary outdoor venue with a classic appearance that is suitable for professional baseball, collegiate and high school football, professional and amateur soccer, concerts and other compatible spectator and conference uses; and

WHEREAS, the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee recommended that the a mixed funding plan should be pursued that attempts to obtain contributions from all significant stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee determined that Portland State University, a component of the State of Oregon's university system, is a significant stakeholder in the success of the Civic Stadium because the Civic Stadium serves as the University's home field for football and other events and no other stadium exists in the Portland area with enough seating for Portland State University to play university-level football; and

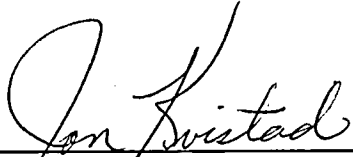
WHEREAS, Metro supports the modernization of the Civic Stadium as proposed by the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Metro encourages all stakeholders to participate in the mixed funding plan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Metro Council hereby supports state funding for modernization of Civic Stadium in accordance with the recommendations of the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 1998.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

Approved as to form:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 98-2691, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING FOR MODERNIZATION OF CIVIC STADIUM.

Date: September 10, 1998

Presented by: Councilor Monroe

Committee Action: At its September 9, 1998 meeting, the Regional Facilities Committee voted 2-1 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 98-2691. Voting in favor: Councilors Monroe and McFarland. Councilor McCaig opposed.

Council Issues/Discussion: Resolution No. 98-2691 had previously passed out of committee, but was sent back to committee by the full Metro council. Mark Williams, MERC general manager explained that the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee had recently issued a report and series of recommendations, including \$45 million of improvements. The state of Oregon was identified as a stakeholder and potential fiscal contributor, based on the sports facility needs of Portland State University.

This resolution was prepared in the belief that the Governor would be open to putting a state allocation to the stadium into his proposed budget, if Metro and the City of Portland were to make such a request.

Councilor McCaig asked Mr. Williams if Metro is expected to fill some of the \$15 million shortfall that remains, even if state and city funds are forthcoming. He said he had no knowledge of such a request. Councilor McCaig went on to say that the likely source of such state funds was the lottery, and that requests and expectations for lottery funding was already excessive. She felt that there were other, more pressing needs for state dollars.

The committee made no changes to this resolution, and recommended it to the full Council.

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**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 98-2691 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
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Date: August 11, 1998

Presented by: Councilor McFarland

Committee Action: At its August 5, 1998 meeting, the Regional Facilities Committee voted 2-0 to move Resolution No. 98-2691 to the Metro Council, with no recommendation . Voting in favor: Councilors McCaig and McFarland.

Council Issues/Discussion: This resolution emerges from discussions in the Government Affairs Committee of funding options and recommendations appearing in the Final Report of the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee. That report recommends that several stakeholders, including the state of Oregon, contribute to modernization of the stadium.

MERC under Metro's policy guidance, manages the stadium, while the City of Portland is the owner. This resolution registers Metro's concurrence with the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee's recommendation that the state assist with funding for stadium modernization.

There was no committee discussion of this resolution. The two committee members present were not in agreement with the recommendations put forward in the resolution, but did agree to submit to the full council for action, with no recommendation.

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 98-2691, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING FOR MODERNIZATION OF CIVIC STADIUM

Date: March 25, 1998

Introduced by: Governmental Affairs Committee

Proposed Action:

The Council is asked to adopt this resolution, which asks the state to provide financial assistance to the Civic Stadium modernization, as recommended by the Civic Stadium Advisory Committee.

Background:

The Civic Stadium Advisory Committee was appointed to review the possibilities for the future of the Civic Stadium. After careful review of the alternatives, the Advisory Committee determined that the best route would be to modernize the stadium and upgrade the surrounding area.

As part of their report, the Advisory Committee found that there are several entities with an interest in the future of the Civic Stadium and that these stakeholders should participate in the financing of any improvements. The Advisory Committee found that because the state through Portland State University was one of the principal stakeholders, the state should contribute to the financing of the modernization project.

This Resolution:

This resolution expresses Metro's support for state funding of the modernization of the Civic Stadium.