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Memorandum

Date: July 3, 1991
To: Metro Council
From: Jessica *JM* Marlitt
Regarding: CHARTER COMMITTEE

In cleaning files prior to my departure, I came upon results from the Council and Executive Officer's April 27 retreat (attached) and thought they might be of interest to you as a "refresher," now that the Charter Committee public hearings are underway. As you may recall, the Council and Executive Officer reached consensus on "ground rules" for relating to the Metro Charter Committee and identified common expectations for the charter. If you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 286.

Attach.

cc: Rena Cusma
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GROUND RULES FOR RELATING TO THE CHARTER COMMITTEE

1. Council Governmental Affairs Committee will be assigned to Charter Committee issues.
2. Metro role will be pro-active about issues.
3. Need to be sensitive to Hardy Myers' position with Charter Committee members.
4. Executive Officer and Councilors will forward positions to one another for review, acceptance, rejection. The Executive Officer will not make any positions public until the Council has reviewed them.
5. Councilors and the Executive Officer need to inform one another when going to speak independently to the Charter Committee -- "No Surprises".
6. People will share what they learn from informal communications.
7. Maintain regular informal communication with Hardy Myers.
8. Feel comfortable to re-examine previous positions.
9. Copy written communications to all Councilors, the Executive Officer and key staff.
10. The Council and Executive Officer will establish objectives for the Charter Committee but they will not be given to Hardy Myers until he is contacted about the best time for the Committee to receive them.
11. Take pro-active role in public relations about the charter process, but do not upstage the Charter Committee.

CHARTER EXPECTATIONS

FUNCTIONS & FINANCING/ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES

1. Do not eliminate nor place limitations on current ORS 268 functions and financing/administrative authorities.
2. Ensure Metro has broad authority for Urban Growth Management in order to implement the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGO).
3. Would like to have a broad grant of powers/plenary powers vs. specified functions or authorities.
4. Develop a general definition of "metropolitan concern" and support its inclusion in the Charter.

5. Need to have financing authority which equals all functional responsibilities.
6. Do not want to lose any financing options under ORS 268 but need to have a general government revenue source.

FORM

(There was consensus at the retreat any specific recommendations will not occur until the Charter Committee's direction on functions becomes clear.)

1. Do not want a Council of Governments structure.
2. Do want a directly elected governing body to set policy.