

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT**

May 1, 1980

Councilors in Attendance

**Presiding Officer Marge Kafoury
Deputy Presiding Officer Jack Deines
Coun. Corky Kirkpatrick
Coun. Jane Rhodes
Coun. Betty Schedeen
Coun. Ernie Bonner
Coun. Cindy Banzer
Coun. Gene Peterson
Coun. Mike Burton
Coun. Donna Stuhr**

In Attendance

Executive Officer Rick Gustafson

Staff in Attendance

**Mr. Denton U. Kent
Mr. Andrew Jordan
Ms. Sonnie Russill
Ms. Caryl Waters
Mr. Jim Sitzman
Mr. Charles Shell
Ms. Michelle Wilder
Ms. Judy Bieberle
Mr. Warren Iliff
Ms. Priscilla Ditewig**

Others in Attendance

**Mr. Michael Alesko
Mr. Phil Adamsak**

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CALL TO ORDER

After declaration of a quorum, the May 1, 1980, meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Service District (Metro) was called to order by Presiding Officer Marge Kafoury at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 527 S.W. Hall Street, Portland, Oregon 97201.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

Presiding Officer Marge Kafoury announced that she had received a letter from Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg requesting the appointment of Rick Martinez as the city of Portland's representative to Metro's Solid Waste Policy Alternatives Committee (SWPAC). Mr. Martinez is in the Solid Waste Division assigned to Public Works and is designing a Solid Waste Plan for the City of Portland.

Coun. Rhodes moved, seconded by Coun. Kirkpatrick, to accept the appointment of Rick Martinez as the city of Portland's representative to the SWPAC. Couns. Kirkpatrick, Rhodes, Schedeen, Bonner, Banzer, Peterson, Burton, Stuhr, Kafoury voted aye. Coun. Deines voted nay. The motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ken Rose of Rose City River Transit, 5903 S.E. Holgate, Portland, Oregon 97206, spoke to the Council regarding waterborne transportation. He said that Metro Resolution No. 79-59, passed June 28, 1979, stated that the city of Portland had \$5,000 to generate basic information for river transit and that Metro would do alternative analyses or studies and report to the Council on further steps which should be taken to investigate the feasibility of the water transit concept. Mr. Rose said that he would like to know what input Rose City River Transit can provide and asked if there is a possibility of citizen participation in the analysis.

Mr. Kent stated that he would have the appropriate staff check into the matter and contact Mr. Rose.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

The public hearing was opened on this matter.

There being no one who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Executive Officer Rick Gustafson introduced the budget and outlined priorities in each department.

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Presiding Officer Kafoury stated that the Council's job was to go through the budget, feel comfortable with it and approve the Resolution transmitting it to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC). Changes can still be made after it has been received and reviewed by the TSCC, with final adoption scheduled for June 26.

The Council briefly discussed procedures for further discussion of specific budget items. Mr. Gustafson stated that it would be appropriate to adjust amounts of money that evening, but that approval of a new position or a change in direction of a program should go through the Committees before any expenditure of money.

Coun. Burton brought up the subject of Metro's land use comprehensive plan review process, stating that it is one of Metro's most important functions and questioning whether there is enough depth in the Regional Policy Enforcement division of the Metropolitan Development department for adequate plan review. He stated that Metro must have a very defined and specific role which would provide more capability for reviewing and coordinating comprehensive plans and made a strong recommendation for immediately adding funds from contingency for additional staff or consultants.

Mr. Jim Sitzman, Director of Metropolitan Development, responded that there has been and will continue to be an increasing amount of interest by special interest groups in the review of local plans. That effort and continuing to resolve policy questions outstanding with LCDC, will demand more staff time. He added that, although it was originally thought plans would be in by July, 1980, it is almost certain now that review process will continue until July, 1981.

Coun. Peterson agreed with Coun. Burton regarding the need for additional funding in Regional Policy Enforcement, adding that it is Metro's most important long run role. He stated that Metro must measure the tradeoffs between responsibility for economic development and responsibility for environmental protection. He said that Metro must come up with a regional policy, so that regional policies as we adopt them, can be implemented by making adjustments in the individual comprehensive plans.

Coun. Kirkpatrick suggested that, instead of adding a staff person now, we go to the contingency fund during the year when more specific needs have been identified for adding to staff.

Presiding Officer Kafoury said this matter should be referred to the Regional Planning Committee for further discussion.

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Coun. Banzer said she supports in theory Coun. Burton's recommendation to bolster the Metropolitan Development department budget; however, she is concerned about the ballot measure in November regarding the tax base. She would like to keep flexibility in the contingency fund in order to make necessary mid-year adjustments to deal with success or lack of success in November. She recommended highly visible, short term, inexpensive projects to show the voters that Metro has accomplished something.

Coun. Deines introduced the subject of per diem and said that Councilors are rapidly depleting their allotments. He added that it should not cost a person money to be a Councilor and that most of the per diem money is gone, whereas only half of the travel money has been spent.

Coun. Deines moved, seconded by Coun. Schedeen, that the budget be changed to allow six meetings per month at \$35 per meeting, but that travel expense on meeting days be separated.

Coun. Burton asserted that this would be an inappropriate use of public money and suggested that there may be an unequal distribution of Council committee assignments, requiring some Councilors to attend many more meetings than other Councilors.

Coun. Rhodes asked if money can be transferred between the Councilor travel and per diem accounts.

Presiding Officer Kafoury answered that the two accounts are separate; one is taxable, the other is not. Also, it is adopted Council policy not to transfer funds between the two accounts.

Coun. Bonner stated that the Council should have the option of using the fund however they need to use it and that it ought to be increased as inflation increases. He suggested that the matter be referred to the Council Coordinating Committee for further discussion. The Council agreed with this suggestion.

Discussion of the Solid Waste Operation Fund followed. Coun. Burton said that the Recycling/Source Separation program, which would fund two recycling drop centers for one year, is not sufficient, and suggested that the program be increased by \$50,000 to fund a third recycling center.

Coun. Rhodes responded that she would prefer to stick with the two sites for the present and evaluate their workability before taking on a third site. She added that, rather than Metro doing it all, local governments should be encouraged to become more involved in recycling efforts.

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Coun. Stuhr said that two recycling center sites had been approved initially for test purposes, so that money would not be invested in an unworkable program.

Coun. Deines indicated that Clackamas County refuse haulers plan to bring a proposal before the Council within the next two or three months for the development of three recycling sites in the County. He said there would be some requests for assistance from Metro in site improvement and employment of part time help.

Coun. Bonner said that if money is going to be transferred from contingency, it should be applied to efforts of groups such as the Clackamas County collectors and the Sunflower Recycling Team, while Metro monitors its two sites.

Coun. Burton responded that, as a regional agency, Metro should be as involved as possible in the recycling effort in order to educate the public and that a program should be developed with funds available this year for legitimate recycling efforts.

Coun. Bonner suggested that a body of money be set aside for a loan and grant program to fund recycling projects with specific criteria for allocation.

Coun. Burton said he would be very happy with that suggestion.

Presiding Officer Kafoury referred this matter to the Regional Services Committee.

Coun. Rhodes moved, seconded by Coun. Bonner, to extend a vote of appreciation to Charlie Shell and his staff for producing a readable and understandable budget document. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried unanimously.

Coun. Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Coun. Rhodes, for adoption of Resolution No. 80-146, transmitting the approved FY 1981 budget to the TSCC. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried unanimously.

Coun. Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the Waste Reduction Task Force, asked the Council for approval of two additional members. They are: Jim Andrews, architect and former Chairman of the Buckman Community Association, and Margaret Horning, a librarian at David Douglas High School.

Coun. Peterson asked what sort of regionwide balance these appointments would provide.

Coun. Kirkpatrick responded that, with only nine members on the Task Force, each district can not be represented; however, the two additions would provide a better geographic distribution.

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Coun. Bonner moved, seconded by Coun. Schedeen, for ratification of the two appointments. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON ZOO CAMPAIGN

Executive Officer Rick Gustafson gave an update on the Zoo Campaign, which has picked up substantially and has received much publicity recently. He credited staff at Metro and the Zoo for their efforts in the campaign and noted the upcoming appearances on behalf of the Zoo of Jane Goodall, Governor Atiyeh and the President of the American Zoological Society.

SIX MONTH DECISION SCHEDULE

Mr. Gustafson briefly discussed the Six Month Decision Schedule - major projects requiring Council decisions within the next six months.

In the Solid Waste department, the establishment of an emergency routing plan in Fall, 1980, is important because of the change in the St. Johns Landfill operation and because of the prospect of only one landfill in the metropolitan area.

Any delay in the adoption of a Uniform Disposal Rate would mean that the Solid Waste fund would be absorbing a loss at the St. Johns landfill for that period due to the higher rates at St. Johns.

The Housing Goals and Policies draft report recommended by HPAC has been issued and is being reviewed.

Coun. Peterson stated that ad hoc goals and policies are necessary, but it should be indicated that they are temporary and that there will be adjustments made when other policies are completed.

Coun. Banzer added that housing is a critical area and that the Council should have enough time to become involved in the shaping of Metro's housing policy.

Presiding Officer Kafoury said the Council has the option of not adopting the policy and that anything adopted by the Council is subject to change at a later date.

The Preliminary Report Phase I for the Johnson Creek Local Improvement District will come before the Regional Services Committee on May 13. On May 22, the Council will be asked to approve the Resolution to Proceed with the LID. There will be a public hearing for citizen testimony before the full Council on June 16, with second reading and final adoption of the Ordinance set for the regular Council meeting on June 26.

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FIVE YEAR OPERATING PLAN AND NOVEMBER ELECTION

Executive Officer Gustafson discussed the Operating Plan and Finance Strategy timeline, highlighting the major dates.

The format of the Five Year Operating Plan will be presented at a Special Council meeting on May 22 at 3 p.m. Discussion will focus on the outcome of the May primary and impacts of that on the general election in November.

On May 28 at 7:15 p.m., there will be a meeting with survey participants, which will require participation by Councilors in leading discussions about results of the survey. The complete draft of the Five Year Operating Plan will be presented at this time.

The first meeting of the Finance Task Force, to look at taxing possibilities and make recommendations on finance strategy and alternatives, is scheduled for June 2.

The rest of the schedule is as follows:

- June 5 - Council meeting - work session on Operating Plan
- June 9 and 10 - Details of Operating Plan within specific functional areas go to Regional Planning and Regional Services Committees
- June 19 - Second draft of Operating Plan will be issued
- June 23 - Finance Task Force will meet to further discuss finance options
- June 26 - Council meeting - review of second draft of Operating Plan and finance options
- July 3 - Final draft of Operating Plan will be issued
- July 14 - Finance Task Force will review Operating Plan
- July 24 - Public hearing and first reading of Plan Ordinance
- August 4 - Finance Task Force will make final recommendation on finance strategy
- August 7 - Second reading and adoption of Plan Ordinance and finance strategy

Mr. Gustafson stressed that this is a highly charged issued and that, while the final dollar amount and actual approach will not be decided until August, Metro needs a sense of direction very soon.

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Coun. Burton stated that the Council should reach a consensus on which direction to take as soon as possible.

Mr. Kent said the Council could begin focusing on one or two options now, and if they do not agree with the direction of the Finance Task Force, make their views known to the Task Force.

Presiding Officer Kafoury urged each Councilor to read the survey results, discuss them with their constituents, and be prepared for the June 5 Council meeting with their options.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ditewig