

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

June 5, 1980

Councilors in Attendance

Presiding Officer Marge Kafoury
Vice Presiding Officer Jack Deines
Coun. Mike Burton
Coun. Donna Stuhr
Coun. Charles Williamson
Coun. Craig Berkman
Coun. Corky Kirkpatrick
Coun. Jane Rhodes
Coun. Betty Schedeen
Coun. Ernie Bonner
Coun. Gene Peterson
Coun. Cindy Banzer

Others in Attendance

Ms. Ilo Bonyhadi
Mr. Phil Adamsak
Mr. Bob Weil
Mr. Philip Moore

In Attendance

Executive Officer Rick Gustafson

Staff in Attendance

Mr. Denton U. Kent
Mr. Andrew Jordan
Ms. Caryl Waters
Mr. Merle Irvine
Ms. Jennifer Sims
Ms. Dirce Toulan
Mr. McKay Rich
Mr. Jim Sitzman
Mr. Charles Shell
Ms. Sonnie Russill
Ms. Cynthia Wichmann

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CALL TO ORDER

After declaration of a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Kafoury at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 527 S.W. Hall Street, Portland, Oregon 97201.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen communications to Council on non-agenda items at this meeting.

Mr. Kent announced that the regular meeting of July 3 had been re-scheduled to July 10.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Coun. Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Coun. Stuhr, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

3. ORDINANCES

**3.1 Ordinance No. 80-93, Relating to Local Improvement District Procedures, and Amending Ordinance No. 79-78
(Second Reading)**

It having been ascertained that it was the consensus of the Council to do so, the Clerk read Ordinance No. 80-93 for the second time by title only.

Coun. Williamson wondered whether Metro would be subject to legal challenge as a result of amending the ordinance while in the middle of the procedure. General Counsel Jordan said not, since the changes would affect no one's rights.

Following a brief discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

3.2 Ordinance No. 80-94, For the Purpose of Transferring Appropriations Within the Solid Waste Operating Fund for the Fiscal Year 1980 Metropolitan Service District Budget (Second Reading)

It having been ascertained that it was the consensus of the Council to do so, the Clerk read Ordinance No. 80-94 for the second time by title only.

Following a brief discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

3.3 Ordinance No. 80-97, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget of the Metropolitan Service District for Fiscal Year 1981 Making Appropriations from Funds of the

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District in Accordance with Said Annual Budget and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes (First Reading)

It having been ascertained that it was the consensus of the Council to do so, the Clerk read Ordinance No. 80-97 for the first time by title only.

Coun. Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Coun. Burton, that Ordinance No. 80-97 be adopted.

The public hearing was opened on this matter. There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

It was pointed out that only the Coordinating Committee had had a chance to formally discuss the proposed amendments to this ordinance. Coun. Deines explained the Committee's recommendations on per diem and expense accounts (listed as items II.B.1.b and II.B.1.c in the Agenda Management Summary), and moved to amend the ordinance to incorporate these two recommendations.

Coun. Burton objected to the increase in the number of meetings per year for which per diem could be paid, remarking that the Council was supposed to be a citizen legislature and wondering whether the increase reflected on the organizational efficiency of the Council.

Coun. Deines responded that as the Council got more involved in policy and operational matters the work load increased, and that this was a continuing situation. He felt members should be reimbursed for time and money invested.

Presiding Officer Kafoury pointed out that most Councilors had used up their per diem account for the past year and discussed the fairness of asking them to contribute their own money.

Coun. Berkman remarked that Councilors who made a heavy commitment should not be penalized and pointed out that the decision to take advantage of per diem was up to the individual.

Coun. Kirkpatrick agreed with Coun. Burton, emphasizing the impo that as a citizen group, Council should not be paid, and moved that items b and c be considered separately. The motion was seconded by Coun. Burton.

Coun. Burton preferred that expenses be increased rather than per diem.

Coun. Stuhr, seconded by Coun. Kirkpatrick, moved that debate be closed. Voting aye were Couns. Bonner, Banzer, Burton, Stuhr, Kirkpatrick and Rhodes; voting nay were Couns. Schedeen, Peterson, Williamson, Berkman, Deines, and Kafoury. The motion failed, and discussion continued.

Coun. Schedeen commented on her extremely heavy work load, adding that although she was glad to do it she felt that at some point

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there should be a reasonable sharing of the cost.

Following further discussion, a vote was taken on the motion to consider items b and c separately. Voting aye were Couns. Peterson, Burton, Williamson, Berkman, Kirkpatrick, and Rhodes; voting nay were Couns. Banzer, Stuhr, Deines, Schedeen, and Kafoury. Coun. Bonner abstained. The motion failed. Following further discussion Coun. Banzer changed her vote, and the motion passed.

There was a brief recess to clarify the regulations relating to per diem, following which Coun. Williamson, seconded by Coun. Deines, moved that the recommendation to increase per diem be referred back to the Coordinating Committee for further study. A vote was taken on the motion. All members present voting aye, the motion carried.

Attention turned to the Mall Impact Study. Mr. Kent explained that Metro had been asked by Portland State University to act as administrative manager of the grant, and described what the study would entail and what Metro's role would be. Following discussion, Coun. Deines moved, seconded by Coun. Williamson, to amend the ordinance to show the addition of \$200,000 to reflect the grant for the Mall Impact Study. There was a vote on the motion. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

Coun. Rhodes reported on the injuries sustained by Marilyn Holstrom of the Metro staff at the public hearing on the potential Jeep Trail landfill site.

Coun. Banzer recommended that representatives of the Metro Council and staff meet with editorial boards to ask for their support in obtaining positive publicity for Metro's efforts towards citizen involvement.

Coun. Peterson, who had attended the Jeep Trail hearing, gave his impressions of the meeting and suggested that the citizens could have been made more aware of Metro's efforts in resource recovery and recycling, as well as landfill siting.

Mr. Gustafson announced that a person had been hired to take care of citizen involvement for the landfill siting program, and that he hoped to bring the Council into the decision making process sooner than previously planned.

There followed a discussion of the responsibilities of a citizens' group such as the Landfill Siting Committee, and ways in which hearings could be handled more effectively.

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION

4.1 Five-Year Operational Plan and Financing Options

Ms. Sims and Mr. Gustafson summarized the proposed policies for a Metro tax base as contained in the agenda material. Mr. Gustafson

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explained that discussion from the previous meeting had been incorporated into the material, and that the proposal to request voter approval of a tax base had been endorsed by the Finance Task Force. It was estimated that the proposal represented a savings to taxpayers of \$900,000 for the three year period that was covered by the serial levy.

Ms. Sims discussed the charts which depicted the options for the five year operational plan.

Mr. Bonner noted the frequent use of the word "coordinate", and asked what it meant in the context of the document. There was a lengthy discussion of this question. Coun. Kirkpatrick requested that a definition of coordination be included in the final document.

Ms. Sims discussed the tentative timing of involvement in the proposed activities.

Mr. Shell explained that the document was not intended to be a comprehensive budget review of all the activities, but merely suggested a way of evaluating trade-offs involved in making budget decisions. It was emphasized that the material was a draft document and needed much more work, and that priorities would have to be set since all the functions listed could not be carried out.

There was a discussion of the basis for deriving the figures used and where they came from.

Coun. Kirkpatrick explained that the Finance Task Force recommended proceeding with a tax base proposal in November with the option of continuing to support the zoo as proposed in the May primary, and that additional services not be offered unless something else was dropped. Their proposal retained the 30% financing from local government and included a range of \$100,000 to \$200,000 for non-recurring expenses to investigate new activities that might be self-supporting.

Coun. Deines disagreed with the tax base proposal, feeling that local jurisdictions would not support it, and pointed out that the five year plan could be changed at any time by the votes of seven people. There was a discussion of the potential support that could be garnered for a tax base versus another serial levy.

Coun. Banzer asked that it be made clear that the document originated with citizens and staff and hoped that Council would insist on an opportunity to discuss all the issues.

Coun. Berkman felt that it was up to the individual member to take the initiative with regard to proposing additions or modifications to the document. He felt that informal discussions would be of value.

Coun. Schedeen suggested forming an ad hoc budget committee to work with staff on the proposal. Coun. Kirkpatrick suggested that it

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might be preferable to ask the Coordinating Committee to review the proposal.

Coun. Bonner moved, seconded by Coun. Kirkpatrick, that the proposal be referred to the Coordinating Committee for review and a recommendation to the Council.

Coun. Banzer expressed support for the motion, with the understanding that each member of Council be urged to participate.

A vote was taken on the motion. All members present voting aye, the motion carried.

It was decided to change the time of the June 17th meeting of the Coordinating Committee to 2:00 p.m. to allow more time for discussion.

Coun. Bonner stated that he would write a proposed mission statement that excluded the word "coordinate"; that he recommended strongly that any request for general fund support be as lean as possible; and that discussions of Tri-Met should commence in January of 1981.

Coun. Stuhr felt that the issue of the Boundary Commission should also be addressed in the very near future.

Coun. Banzer felt that recreational and cultural activities should be discussed along with the other issues, giving cable television as an example.

Coun. Berkman left the meeting.

In response to a question from Coun. Peterson, Mr. Gustafson explained the functional aspects of the planning items listed in the draft, pointing out that costs shown were those associated with new initiatives which were not yet being carried out, and that a five year analysis of the current budget had not yet been done.

Coun. Kirkpatrick noted that the document did not reflect the Finance Task Force recommendation to go from \$100,000 in 1982 to \$200,000 in 1986.

4.2 Other Matters of Council or Executive Officer Concern

Executive Officer Gustafson introduced Ilo Bonyhadi as the campaign coordinator for the tax levy, and invited Council members to attend a committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. on June 18 to discuss the campaign effort. He then announced the hiring of Pat Oldham to assist in developing profiles of each district and improving communications with constituents. Other new personnel were Judy Roupf in Citizen Involvement and Dana Comfort in regional transportation planning. It was reported that the Beaverton Design Review Committee had added stipulations to the recycling center which resulted in a two week delay. He also discussed the status of the revenue sharing bill being considered by Congress.

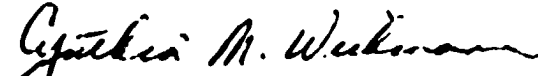
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Ms. Waters presented a report on a Metro newsletter which was being prepared for a major mailing, describing the proposed layout and distributing a rough draft of material which might be included. She asked Council members for their comments and suggestions. There was some discussion of the newsletter.

Executive Officer Gustafson congratulated Coun. Bonner on his appointment as vice chairman of a national committee on outdoor advertising, and gave a status report on the Johnson Creek L.I.D. proposal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Wichmann
Clerk of the Council