

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT**

August 7, 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 Schedeem  
Coun. Ernie Bonner  
Coun. Cindy Banzer  
Coun. Gene Peterson

**Others in Attendance**

Beth Blunt  
Robert W. Blunt, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Reitzensteins  
David Tyler  
Phil Adamsak  
Jeanne MacColl  
Stephen Kafoury  
Bob Goldstein  
Ken Bunker  
George Hubel  
Tom Dennehy

**In Attendance**

Executive Officer Rick Gustafson

**Staff in Attendance**

Mr. Denton Kent  
Mr. Andrew Jordan  
Mr. Charles Shell  
Ms. Leigh Zimmermann  
Ms. Marilyn Holstrom  
Mr. Warren Iliff  
Ms. Jennifer Sims  
Ms. Paula Godwin  
Ms. Caryl Waters  
Mr. Wayne Coppel  
Mr. McKay Rich  
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 7:40 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.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Coun. Stuhr moved, seconded by Coun. Deines, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. A vote was taken on the motion. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

3. ORDINANCES

3.1 Ordinance No. 80-99, An Ordinance for the Purpose of Submitting a Tax Base Measure to the People of the District (Second Reading)

It having been ascertained that it was the consensus of the Council to do so, the Clerk read Ord. No. 80-99 for the second time by title only.

There being no objections from Council, the meeting was opened for public testimony.

Mr. Tom Dennehy, 16421 N.E. Holladay, Portland, objected to the inclusion of capital funds in the tax base as inappropriate, given the finite nature of the Zoo's capital program, the open-endedness of the financing that would be provided for capital projects, and his doubts regarding the intent of the Legislature. He questioned the arithmetic used in arriving at the dollar amounts involved, and proposed that any reference to providing tax relief be stricken from the ballot caption, since he felt the tax relief was actually provided by another measure passed in May.

Coun. Schedeen entered the meeting.

There was extensive discussion between Mr. Dennehy and members of the Council as to whether tax relief would in fact be provided by passage of the tax base measure.

Executive Officer Gustafson commented that the law clearly did not prohibit the inclusion of capital in a tax base, even though capital funding was ineligible for the tax relief program, and explained why the approach proposed in the ballot measure was selected. He pointed out that the capital funds were committed solely to the improvement of existing exhibits, and described the advantages of providing for a continuous program of addressing that need. He emphasized that

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the only expansions being contemplated would be supported by private funds, and concluded by explaining the arithmetical calculations which produced the figures used in the proposed ballot measure.

Members of the Council discussed with Mr. Dennehy the rationales behind including capital funds in the measure.

There being no other persons present who wished to testify on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Presiding Officer Kafoury called attention to the amendment she was proposing per the pink sheet previously distributed, explaining the reasons for each change. She reported that with regard to the ballot caption proposed by Coun. Williamson, questions of legality had arisen which led to the rewriting of the caption as it appeared in the pink sheet. She reminded Council that the entire ordinance would appear in the voters' pamphlet.

Coun. Banzer suggested that on page two, under Findings, Section 5 be amended to read as follows:

"Metro will set aside budget priorities within the limits of the proposed tax base. All existing Zoo functions and those committed to in approved levies will be funded. In addition, existing Metro functions will continue to be funded. New Metro programs would be funded only when such programs can be funded by sources other than local property taxes, ~~and~~ meet Metro Council priorities, ~~or~~ and/or are compatible with Metro's Five Year Operational Plan."

Coun. Burton moved, seconded by Coun. Peterson, that the pink sheet be amended as proposed by Coun. Banzer. Coun. Berkman made the suggestion, accepted by Couns. Banzer, Burton and Peterson, that the second sentence of Section 5 be changed to refer to "Zoo programs" rather than "Zoo functions." A vote was taken on the motion as revised. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

Attention turned to the ballot caption. General Counsel Jordan explained the legal requirements affecting the writing of the caption, namely impartiality and a clear statement of the principal purpose of the measure. There was a lengthy discussion of alternative wordings for the ballot caption, with Mr. Jordan responding to questions from Councilors.

Coun. Williamson moved, seconded by Coun. Burton, that the ballot caption in the pink sheet be amended to read: "Replaces Zoo/Metro levies with tax base; provides homeowner tax relief." Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. Couns. Rhodes, Stuhr and Kafoury voted no; all other Councilors voting aye, the motion carried.

Coun. Burton moved, seconded by Coun. Peterson, that the first sentence of Section 2, on page 3, be amended to state that "...the

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Council declares-its-intention-to will dedicate funds..." A vote was taken on the motion. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

There was discussion of the relationship between the ordinance and the Five Year Operational Plan, followed by discussion of the amount of flexibility and degree of commitment that would be provided by the ordinance.

Coun. Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Coun. Stuhr, that Ord. No. 80-99 be amended as reflected in the pink sheet as amended. Following further discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

A vote was then taken on the motion to adopt Ord. No. 80-99. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

There was a brief recess.

#### 4. GENERAL DISCUSSION

##### 4.1 Presentation by Joan Smith re Conduct of Meetings

Presiding Officer Kafoury introduced Ms. Joan Smith, who had been observing Council meetings and prepared an overview of meeting procedures.

Ms. Smith's remarks focused primarily on procedures for holding public meetings and hearings. She described a number of resource materials that were available, and outlined a number of procedures she felt would facilitate the flow of information between the public and the group conducting the meeting. She discussed the handling of hostile crowds, ways to guide a discussion, and ways that persons not the chairman could help keep things running smoothly. Following her presentation, there was an extensive discussion, focusing primarily on Johnson Creek public hearings and ways in which that situation could have been better handled. Ms. Smith made a number of suggestions.

Coun. Kirkpatrick asked that the staff follow through with obtaining the video tape recommended by Ms. Smith, suggesting that it could serve as the basis for a regional forum.

##### 4.2 Other Items of Concern

Coun. Stuhr announced that she was resigning her position as District 1 Councilor, effective immediately, in order to run for another office.

Presiding Officer Kafoury presented Coun. Stuhr with a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia M. Wichmann*  
Cynthia M. Wichmann, Clerk of the Council

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