

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

September 4, 1980

Councilors in Attendance

Presiding Officer Marge Kafoury
Vice Presiding Officer Jack Deines
Coun. Gene Peterson
Coun. Mike Burton
Coun. Charles Williamson
Coun. Corky Kirkpatrick
Coun. Jane Rhodes
Coun. Betty Schedeen
Coun. Ernie Bonner

Others in Attendance

Duncan Brown
Greg Flakus
Margaret Horning
Ken Bunker
Linda Macpherson
Paul Bay
George Baldwin
Pam Hulse

In Attendance

Executive Officer Rick Gustafson

Staff in Attendance

Mr. Denton Kent
Mr. Andrew Jordan
Mr. Steve Siegel
Ms. Leigh Zimmermann
Mr. Tom Miller
Mr. Doug Drennan
Mr. Mike Holstun
Mr. Andrew Cotugno
Ms. Caryl Waters
Ms. Paula Godwin
Mr. Merle Irvine
Ms. Sonnie Russill
Ms. Judy Roumpf
Mr. Tom O'Connor
Mr. Jim Sitzman
Ms. Peg Henwood
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 7:30 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.

Presiding Officer Kafoury announced that Housing Goals and Objectives would be considered as item 3.3 on the agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Coun. Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Coun. Schedeen, that the Consent Agenda be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ORDINANCES

- 3.1 PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance No. 80-100, For the Purpose of Establishing Disposal Charges to be Collected at the St. Johns Landfill and Repealing Section 2 of Ordinance No. 80-96 (Second Reading)

It having been ascertained that it was the consensus of the Council to do so, the Clerk read Ord. No. 80-100 for the second time by title only.

The matter was opened for public testimony.

Mr. George Baldwin, president of Baldwin Sanitary Service, expressed concern regarding charging on a weight basis. He pointed out that there was a substantial difference in tonnage during wet weather versus dry weather, and suggested that there should be some way of adjusting rates to reflect water weight.

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

Coun. Deines reported that representatives of the hauling industry had suggested waiting until October 1, 1981 before converting to weight from yardage, in order to obtain the benefit of a full year's experience of wet versus dry weather. Haulers had also asked about waterproofing containers in winter.

Coun. Kirkpatrick reported that the Waste Reduction Task Force would be proposing a plan for encouraging waste separation at the site, and that she would be suggesting an amendment to this ordinance at that time.

After further discussion, a vote was taken on the motion to adopt

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Ord. No. 80-100. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

3.2 Ordinance No. 80-101, For the Purpose of Amending Ordinance No. 80-82 and Transferring Appropriations Within Funds for the Fiscal Year 1981 Metropolitan Service District Budget (Second Reading)

It having been ascertained that it was the consensus of the Council to do so, the Clerk read Ord. No. 80-101 for the second time by title only.

Mr. Kent presented the staff report, calling particular attention to the proposed amendment providing for a temporary assistant in the Public Information office.

Coun. Rhodes moved, seconded by Coun. Deines, to amend Ord. No. 80-101 by adding the following language to Section 1:

"b. Contingency

\$12,300 from Contingency to the Public Information budget as follows:

\$10,000 to Personnel Services
\$300 to Capital Outlay
\$2,000 to Materials and Services."

The motion passed unanimously.

A vote was then taken on the motion to adopt Ord. No. 80-101 as amended. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

3.3 Ordinance No. 80-98, An Ordinance Adopting Housing Goals and Objectives and Providing for Implementation Thereof

Presiding Officer Kafoury pointed out that this was a continuation of the second reading of this ordinance.

Coun. Burton reported on the amendments to the document made by the Regional Planning Committee at their meeting of September 2, explaining that the major changes were the revision of the Implementation section and the addition of the section on Scope of the Housing Problem.

Coun. Williamson pointed out that the Committee had made a further amendment to the ordinance which was not incorporated into the pink sheet, i.e., Section 3(a) should read "The Metro Housing Goals and Objectives adopted herein are considered interim and shall be implemented as provided in the Introduction and Background section of the Goals and Objectives document referred to in Section 2 of this ordinance."

Coun. Peterson called attention to the addition of Goal 23, Protecting Livability of Communities and Neighborhoods.

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Coun. Bonner questioned whether the figures used in paragraph 4 of Scope of the Housing Problem were accurate, and moved, seconded by Coun. Peterson, that the paragraph be amended as follows:

"Of greatest concern is the spiraling cost of housing and the likelihood that the end of inflationary trends are not in sight during the 1980's. ~~For example, the~~ The last seven years have witnessed a decline ~~{from 48 percent to 19 percent}~~ in the number of households which can afford an average priced new house. ~~The percentage of households able to purchase an average priced used house has dropped from 63 to 29 percent. --- These figures have an especially severe impact on first-time home buyers.~~ We are as a result witnessing a heightened interest in alternative home ownership opportunities such as common-wall construction units and mobile homes."

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. Couns. Rhodes and Kafoury voted no; all other Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

Coun. Burton moved, seconded by Coun. Bonner, that Goal 22, ACCESS TO HOUSING, and Objective b under Goal 22, be amended by adding after the word "society" in each, the following language:

"including but not limited to people of all races, color, age, sex, religion, national origin, mental or physical handicap, income, marital status, family size, sexual preference or household composition."

Coun. Burton argued that the existing language was insufficient to make clear the kinds of inequities addressed by Goal 22, and saw no reason not to make a specific statement.

Coun. Bonner concurred, adding that the groups listed in the amendment are particularly subject to inequities and that a clear statement on behalf of tolerance should be made.

Coun. Williamson reminded the Council that the language being proposed had been previously deleted because of sexual preference, and pointed out that no other jurisdiction in the state had such a statute. He was uncomfortable with the possibility that Metro could find itself in the position of requiring local jurisdictions to adopt similar language. While he favored the concept of the amendment, he felt it inadvisable to take such action at this time.

Coun. Deines agreed with Coun. Williamson, adding that he would prefer that Metro play an active role in enforcing equal access to housing.

Coun. Kafoury expressed strong support for the motion.

Coun. Peterson felt that since the Goals are fairly general in nature and are being considered interim so far as local governments are concerned, the issue could better be addressed during the coming months.

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Coun. Banzer remarked that the Goals were simple statements and felt that the amendment would have a weakening effect.

A vote was taken on the motion. Couns. Deines, Peterson and Williamson voted no; Coun. Schedeen abstained. All other Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

Coun. Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Coun. Schedeen, that Goal 14, Objective a, be amended as follows:

- "a. To ensure that cities and counties adopt cost effective policies and programs that provide opportunities to improve sanitation, weatherization or energy conservation of deficient existing housing."

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. Couns. Rhodes and Burton voted no; all other Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

Coun. Rhodes moved, seconded by Coun. Burton, that the committee report be accepted as amended.

Coun. Bonner asked for recommendations from staff as to 1) future composition of HPAC, if any changes should be made; and 2) what process should be followed to arrive at suggested implementations and strategies. He asked that options and alternatives be provided.

A vote was taken on the motion. Coun. Deines voted no; all other Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

Coun. Williamson moved, seconded by Coun. Bonner, that Section 3(a) of the ordinance be amended by inserting the words "adopted herein are considered interim and" following the word "Objectives." A vote was taken on the motion. Coun. Deines voted no; all other Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

A vote was taken on the motion to adopt Ord. No. 80-98 as amended. Coun. Deines voted no; all other Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution No. 80-179, For the Purpose of Adding Eight Transit Stations to the Transportation Improvement Program

Coun. Deines moved, seconded by Coun. Bonner, that Res. No. 80-179 be adopted.

Mr. Paul Bay, representing Tri-Met, explained the necessity for Council action on this matter and responded to questions.

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

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Regional Transportation Plan - Coun. Williamson spoke about the desirability of having maximum Council involvement in the Regional Transportation Plan from this point on, announcing a number of meetings which had been scheduled and which Council members were urged to attend.

Mr. Kent explained the schedule of preparation of the RTP and the reasons for the procedure used.

Waste Reduction Task Force Report - Coun. Kirkpatrick discussed the background of the report and outlined its major points, explaining that the present draft would be finalized for presentation to the Council at the end of the month.

There was discussion of how the report should be handled from that point on. Coun. Rhodes moved, seconded by Coun. Bonner, that the document be submitted to the Regional Services Committee for study and public hearings, and that a second series of public hearings be held before the full Council following the Services Committee recommendation on the report.

There was discussion of how this report related to the solid waste management plan. Following this, a vote was taken on the motion. All Councilors present voting aye, the motion carried.

Coun. Burton commented that there was no clearly defined process for dealing with task force reports and asked staff to study the matter.

Recycling - Coun. Rhodes described the difficulties that were being encountered with the southeast recycling center project, asking members of the Council to attend the Regional Services Committee meeting on September 9 or otherwise let committee members know what their feelings were on the subject.

Tax Base Campaign. Ms. Hulse and Ms. Macpherson outlined the campaign calendar and described various projects connected with the campaign. Council members were encouraged to participate in the campaign effort and asked to provide items for the auction to be held October 16.

Executive Officer Gustafson reported on attempts to gain endorsements of the tax base from various organizations.

Legislative Concerns - Executive Officer Gustafson discussed the importance of establishing a process for dealing with the legislative program, recommending that legislative concerns and the status of the program be reviewed in informal sessions each month. He stressed the importance of developing a sense of priorities and of working with other lobbying interests, local government officials, and legislators.

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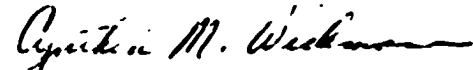
There was extensive discussion of potential areas of interest, with land use, Boundary Commission and ability to refer actions to voters being mentioned as of particular concern.

Coun. Deines suggested that legislative concerns be discussed at the Planning and Services Committee meetings the following week, as well as at the Council retreat on September 28.

Council Retreat - Coun. Deines announced that the schedule and agenda for the Council retreat would be discussed at the Coordinating Committee meeting on September 15, and asked members of the Council to make suggestions for agenda items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia M. Wichmann
Clerk of the Council