MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Special Meeting of April 25, 1983

Councilors Present: Councilors Banzer, Bonner, Deines,

Etlinger, Hansen, Kafoury, Kelley,

Kirkpatrick, Oleson, Van Bergen, Waker,

and Williamson.

Councilor Absent: None.

Also Present: Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer.

Staff: Donald Carlson, Ray Barker, Andy Cotugno,

Norm Wietting, Dan Durig, Doug Drennen, Kay Rich, Dennis Mulvihill, Jennifer Sims, Sonnie Russill, Sue Klobertanz, Kathy Vandehey, Dan LaGrande, and Warren Iliff.

A special meeting of the Council convened as the Budget Committee was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Presiding Officer Banzer.

Presiding Officer Banzer made introductory statements regarding the 1983-84 budget process, what had occurred to date and what was anticipated during the next few weeks. She said the focus of the meeting that evening was to look at the broad picture of programs and priorities.

Executive Officer Rick Gustafson stated that the Coordinating Committee and the citizens who served with it should be commended for the work they had done. He then went on to list his recommended program priorities and elaborated on each: 1) Continuation of Improvement in Financial Management, 1) Obtain adequate financial resources for the zoo, planning and general government functions, 3) Development of a Solid Waste System Plan, 4) Development of Regional Infrastructure, and 5) Continuation of the assistance provided to local governments.

Councilor Kirkpatrick presented an overview of the Coordinating Committee's recommendations and stated there were two significant additions to the Executive Officer's proposal: 1) a "program initiatives" work plan using existing staff, and 2) an increase in funding for the Solid Waste System Planning effort.

There was then Council discussion of the Executive Officer's program priorities. A question was raised by Councilor Deines that Metro was not fulfilling its legislatively mandated programs. Presiding

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Officer Banzer requested that Councilor Kirkpatrick have the Coordinating Committee review the mandated Metro programs and report its findings and recommendations to the Council.

Presiding Officer Banzer stated the next discussion item regarding the budget was to address individual Councilors suggestions for programs which may of interest to Metro to pursue.

Councilor Kelley described her suggestion to implement the "program initiatives" concept which would provide the structure for looking at the kinds of services Metro could perform or manage regionally. Councilor Kirkpatrick noted that the Coordinating Committee had endorsed the idea and recommended that the work programs in Executive Management, Public Affairs and Development Services be amended to reflect the program.

Presiding Officer Banzer stated the issue of the Metro/Tri-Met relationship needed to be discussed further and that a special informal meeting of the Council had been set up for May 5th.

Councilor Waker stated he was interested in looking at the issue of drainage and said it could be one of the issues considered in the "program initiatives" program.

Councilor Oleson suggested that the Criminal Justice Planning budget be expanded to include funding for a Regional Corrections Facility Plan and asked that the Executive Officer return to the Council with a recommendation on how to fund an expanded program. Councilor Kirkpatrick stated that the Coordinating Committee had chosen not to fund the additional work program for Criminal Justice and suggested that the issue should be discussed under "program initiatives". Mr. Gustafson said the work program for a Regional Corrections Facility Plan could be done within the currently proposed budget and that it wasn't necessary to increase the budget.

Presiding Officer Banzer requested Mr. Barker to work with the staff and look at the three options suggested.

Councilor Kelley suggested that the issue of regional parks should come under "program initiatives" for consideration for future study. Councilor Hansen suggested that the zoo's work plan include a target to aid and respond to a request away from the zoo, either animal related or appropriate to the mission of the zoo. Mr. Gustafson noted that the zoo had responded on many occasions to requests for such services.

Councilor Etlinger stated he was very interested in doing something for the libraries given their current troubles with funding. He

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said the issue could be discussed under the "program initiatives" work plan.

Councilor Waker raised the question of the funding for the RTP and stated he had problems with a process which seemed to be a rubber-stamping of funding requests. Councilor Williamson stated that the funding decisions were based on criteria adopted by the Council and suggested that JPACT and the Council sit down and discuss the criteria.

Councilor Etlinger also suggested that Metro look at Human Services Planning and that it could be considered under "program initiatives".

Solid Waste Budget

Councilor Kirkpatrick reported that the Coordinating Committee had recommended that the Solid Waste Systems Planning work program include an additional staff person to assist in updating the waste reduction plan and in the systems planning effort.

Councilor Deines questioned the funding for methane gas recovery and the increased budget for bad debts. Mr. Durig responded that the appropriation for bad debts was based on actual experience and the reason it was increasing was because of the additional refuse to be handled at CTRC. Mr. Durig stated there were three alternatives the Council had to choose from as far as how they wanted to proceed with the project and the budget reflected the alternative which would take some up-front dollars. He said the decision would come to the Council in July and if an alternative was chosen which did not include the up-front costs, the appropriation could be reduced or reallocated. Presiding Officer Banzer requested Mr. Barker to work with Councilor Deines and staff to resolve Councilor Deines' questions.

Councilor Etlinger stated he was concerned about yard debris and noted that there was not proposed a processing center in the east part of the region. He said he was going to suggest that the budget include strategies for expanding the collection of yard debris and adding one more processing center. Presiding Officer Banzer requested Mr. Barker to work with Councilor Etlinger and staff to address Councilor Etlinger's concerns.

Solid Waste Capital Pund

Councilor Kirkpatrick reported that the Coordinating Committee had accepted the proposed Solid Waste Capital Fund as recommended by the Executive Officer.

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Presiding Officer Banzer noted that Councilor Oleson had had to leave but wanted the record to reflect his support for funding the Washington County Transfer Station and search for a burner site.

Councilor Bonner noted that those items were legitimate facilities to consider as options in the Systems Plan. Councilor Deines stated he was going to move at the appropriate time the removal of the Washington County Transfer Station from the budget.

Solid Waste Debt Service Fund

Councilor Kirkpatrick reported that the Coordinating Committee accepted the proposed Solid Waste Debt Service Fund as proposed by the Executive Officer, with the amendment that the staff include the Debt Service Fund as part of the 5-year Financial Plan Study.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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