

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

October 11, 1984

Councilors Present: Councilors Bonner, Deines, Hansen, Kelley,
Oleson, Van Bergen, Waker, Williamson and
Kirkpatrick

Councilors Absent: Councilors Banzer, Cooper, and Kafoury

Also Present: Executive Officer Gustafson

Staff Present: Don Carlson, Eleanore Baxendale, Dan Durig,
Ed Stuhr, Doug Drennen, Mary Jane Aman, Dan
LaGrande, Norm Wietting, Jill Hinckley,
Sonnie Russill and Philip Fell

Presiding Officer Kirkpatrick called to order a regular meeting of
the Metro Council at 5:30 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Officer Gustafson reported on the status of the Zoo
Director selection process. The Executive Officer said he would
appreciate any suggestions for improvements in the selection process
from the Council. He then explained the selection criteria had been
developed after extensive meetings with staff, citizens and a repre-
sentative of the Council. Over 75 applications had been received
for the position and Roger Pringle, personnel consultant, had begun
screening applicants. He said three to five finalists would be
brought to Portland for formal interviews and informal meetings with
members of the staff, Council, and Friends of the Zoo Board.

Councilor Van Bergen asked what would be the Council's specific
responsibilities in the hiring process. The Executive Officer
responded that it was the Executive Officer's responsibility to hire
and it would be the Council's responsibility to confirm the
selection or to approve an employment contract. Councilors
Van Bergen and Deines both expressed the need for more extensive
Council involvement in the selection process.

Presiding Officer Kirkpatrick requested Councilors receive a current
job description for the Zoo Director position so they have criteria
by which to evaluate finalists.

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The Executive Officer next invited Doug Drennen to report on the status of the Washington County Transfer Station project. Mr. Drennen explained an advisory group had been formed, the group had developed a site selection process and are now involved in screening the 54 sites that had been identified through a public solicitation process.

Councilor Van Bergen asked how staff could proceed with site selection when it was not known what specific type of facility would be built. The Executive Officer explained some sites would preclude certain design options and it was staff's goal to recommend to the Council sites with the least amount of preclusions.

The Executive Officer then directed the Council to the matter of a proposed intergovernmental coordinating committee as outlined in a draft ordinance and draft letter from the Presiding Officer to local government officials, both included in the agenda materials. The Executive Officer explained the committee would provide advice to Metro on the level of dues that should be assessed for intergovernmental coordination. He also said he was open to suggestions regarding a more appropriate name for the committee. The Executive Officer said the first reading of the proposed ordinance would occur at the November 8 Council meeting. A second reading would take place after ample time for public comment had occurred, he said.

The Presiding Officer instructed Councilors to forward suggestions for an appropriate committee name and any proposed ordinance amendments to Steve Siegel. She also requested staff ensure that all local mayors are made aware of the proposed ordinance.

Executive Officer Gustafson then referred Councilors to a letter dated September 17, 1984, from James F. Ross, Director of the State Department of Land Conservation and Development, thanking Metro for assisting in reaching agreement on housing density issues necessary for the city of Happy Valley to achieve state planning goals. The Executive Officer said Jill Hinckley and Steve Siegel should be credited for their fine work as mediators in reaching agreement between all parties involved. The Presiding Officer said she would write a letter to the staff involved expressing the Council's appreciation for excellent work on the project.

The Executive Officer also reported on upcoming meetings of the State House Task Force on Regional Governments, the Multnomah County Planning Commission and the Oregon Regional Councils Association.

Regarding the current status of negotiating office space, the Executive Officer reported that by the November 8 Council meeting, he would have received proposals and narrowed down the options for Council consideration.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Councilor Kelley moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 1984. Councilor Waker seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Bonner, Deines, Kelley, Oleson, Van Bergen, Waker, Williamson and Kirkpatrick

Absent: Councilors Banzer, Cooper Hansen and Kafoury

The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Consideration of Resolution No. 84-504, for the Purpose of Opposing Ballot Measure 2

The Presiding Officer said she had received comments from other Councilors regarding the language of the Resolution and had prepared the Resolution for the Council's consideration.

Motion: Councilor Bonner moved for approval of Resolution No. 84-504. Councilor Kelley seconded the motion.

Councilor Bonner said he would support the Resolution because it contained factual information about the effects of Ballot Measure 2 on the Metro agency.

Councilor Deines said he was not for property tax limitation measures but he did not think the Legislature would propose good tax reform legislation unless the Ballot Measure were approved.

Councilor Kelley said she would support the resolution because she thought it was worded in a way that was sensitive to local government problems.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Bonner, Kelley, Oleson, Waker, Williamson and Kirkpatrick

Nayes: Councilors Deines and Van Bergen

Absent: Councilors Banzer, Cooper, Hansen and Kafoury

The motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Report on Solid Waste Disposal Rates, Revenues and Expenditures, and Projections for 1985

Dan Durig asked if Councilors had specific questions about the staff report contained in the meeting agenda materials.

Councilor Deines asked if, in proposing rate changes, the issue of timing had been addressed. He said some haulers were concerned about receiving adequate notice of Metro rate changes so they, in turn, could pass these increases along to their customers. Mr. Durig said this question would be thoroughly addressed when a new operations contract was prepared in 1985.

Mr. Durig requested Council guidance regarding whether disposal rates should be changed in 1985. He explained there were three basic options: 1) do not increase rates; 2) increase user fees to offset inflation; or 3) increase user fees and lower regional transfer charges. Mr. Durig said current reports indicated an increase would not be necessary in 1985 to meet proposed obligations. However, he said, rate increases would be necessary effective January 1, 1986, to cover the cost of the Washington County Transfer & Recycling Center. Another option would be to increase rates in 1985 so the 1986 increase would be graduated, he said.

Councilor Van Bergen said staff's proposal did not contain any definite plans about the type of facility that would be built in Washington County and he had problems with playing a reactive role in these important projects. He also expressed dissatisfaction with the design of the Clackamas Transfer & Recycling Center and hoped the proposed Washington County Center would use a more innovative approach to solving solid waste problems.

Mr. Durig responded that the Council would continue to have ample opportunity for input into the process of siting, designing and building the Washington County Center by way of approving the site, awarding a design contract and awarding a construction contract.

Councilor Bonner asked if the Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee (SWPAC) had reviewed staff's report. Mr. Durig said SWPAC recommended, on a six to one vote, not to change rates in 1985. SWPAC further identified the three issues that were now before the Council for a recommendation, he said.

The Presiding Officer said it was the general consensus of the Council that disposal rates should not be increased in 1985 and that staff should provide clarification about how user fees and transfer charges will be used. Presiding Officer Kirkpatrick instructed staff to prepare a resolution for Council consideration that would reflect this concensus.

8.2 Consideration of Waiver of Personnel Rules

Jennifer Sims explained when the Comprehensive Plan was amended in June 1984, a new classification of Intergovernmental Resource Center (IRC) Administrator had been created. The position was established for one year, she said, with the intent to further study all that department's classifications. Ms. Sims said the Executive Officer had extended the provisional appointment period from 90 days to one year and requested the Council ratify the waiver.

Motion: Councilor Bonner moved to ratify the waiver of the Personnel Rules and extend the provisional appointment of the IRC Administrator for a period of one year. Councilor Waker seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Bonner, Deines, Hansen, Kelley, Oleson, Van Bergen, Waker, Williamson and Kirkpatrick

Absent: Councilors Banzer, Cooper and Kafoury

The motion carried and the waiver was ratified.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Bonner reported the Council Management Committee had met before this evening's Council meeting to approve three change orders relating to the Alaskan Tundra Exhibit construction project. Councilor Deines stressed the importance of staff keeping the Council informed of the financial and legal status of the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 p.m., the Presiding Officer called the meeting into Executive Session under the authority of ORS 192.660(2). Councilors

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present were Bonner, Deines, Hansen, Kelley, Oleson, Van Bergen and Waker.

There being no further business, the Presiding Officer adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson
Clerk of the Council

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