

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

October 10, 1985

Councilors Present: Councilors Bonner, DeJardin, Gardner,
Hansen, Kafoury, Kelley, Kirkpatrick,
Oleson, Van Bergen and Waker

Councilors Absent: Councilors Cooper and Myers

Also Present: Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer

Staff Present: Gene Leo, Kay Rich, Don Carlson, Don Cox,
Ray Barker, Vickie Rocker, Phil Fell,
Judy Munro, Ed Stuhr, Peg Henwood and
Bob Porter

Presiding Officer Bonner called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Van Bergen, in reviewing the Executive Officer's Report, expressed concern about the announcement of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) item. Does this imply that there will be more hearings involving the Council?

Executive Officer Gustafson explained that this is regarding the Urban Growth Boundary acknowledgment which was remanded by the Marion circuit court to Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). LCDC has given us continuance so that we can re-submit findings to them and they can consider acknowledgment of our UGB at their January meeting.

The UGB findings will be on the basis of the existing record and will be brought to this Council for adoption on November 14.

Councilor Waker added that about two months ago, Counsel Baxendale addressed the Council on what is to be done on the existing UGB and we did instruct staff to revalidate the existing boundary.

Executive Officer Gustafson stated that in the next few months the Council will become more involved in the UGB as there will be more communications from local governments about UGB expansions, changes, adjustments or desires.

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 Kafoury moved to approve the minutes of September 5 and 12, 1985 meetings, and Councilor Waker seconded the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Bonner, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen, Kafoury, Kelley, Kirkpatrick, Oleson, Van Bergen, and Waker

Absent: Councilors Cooper and Myers

The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

7. Consideration of Order No. 85-4, Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing the Execution of a Sublease

Judy Munro, Support Services Supervisor, reviewed her staff report, Exhibit A (Income & Expenses) and Order No. 85-4 that requests Council approval to sublease with the CPA firm - Babicky & Zielinski Inc. She pointed out that with this rental of 4,475 sq. feet, 4,000 sq. feet remains vacant on the fourth floor at 2000 S.W. First Avenue. She said that since final negotiations ended at 2:30 p.m. today, the only change is their move-in date to January 15, 1986 from December 15, 1985. This change was at the tenant's request and is to Metro's benefit since it will not coincide with Metro's move-in date on December 15 and will also allow Metro more time to complete the necessary improvements needed for the CPA firm. She then asked Councilors if they had any questions about this request.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if the staff, when negotiating this contract, sought personal as well as corporate guarantees with the tenant.

Judy Munro answered no since this company is a private corporation and as such has a corporation obligation. This firm has been in business for 15 years, is very conservative and comes highly recommended.

Councilor Van Bergen noted that insurance companies were no longer renewing CPA's malpractice insurance and since a lawsuit could possibly bankrupt a firm, a tenant might not be able to fulfill it's obligation to Metro.

Councilor Gardner asked whether parking spaces were included in the lease.

Judy Munro replied yes, 15 parking spaces have been included with each of the three leases.

Motion: Councilor Kelley moved to adopt Order No. 85-4 Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing the Execution of a Sublease. Councilor Hansen seconded the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilor Bonner, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen, Kafoury Kelley, Kirkpatrick, Oleson, Van Bergen, and Waker

Absent: Councilors Cooper and Myers

The motion carried and the Order was adopted.

8. Status Report on Zoo Capital Projects

Gene Leo, Zoo Director, introduced Keith Larson and David Walters from the architect firm of Jones & Jones. He said that staff Kay Rich and Bob Porter are also here this evening to give an update on the progress of Phase 1 and 2 of the African Bush. He then asked Councilors to gather around the African Bush model display so that Keith Larson could point out the miniaturized animals, a proposed enclosed aviary of exotic African birds as well as visitors facilities on the Zoo grounds.

Bob Porter, Building & Grounds Manager, told Councilors about the need for electrical changes which will include a new substation and should serve the Zoo's needs for the next 10-15 years.

Kay Rich, Zoo Assistant Director, referring to his memo which would revise the current funded Zoo Plan, asked the Council to approve the upgrading of the Zoo's electrical needs as well as combine the African Bush's Phase I and II into a single project.

Kay Rich, after a short discussion with the Council, said that if the Council believes that this proposal is on the right track then his staff will return with an amended design contract and an upgraded electrical contract after it has been out to bid.

It was agreed that Zoo staff will return to the Council with the above contracts and budget adjustments for Council approval.

9. STATUS REPORT ON TAX ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

Don Carlson, Deputy Executive Officer, said that there have been seven meetings to date which were hosted by five Councilors. Attached to his report to Council on these meetings is a list of past meetings and future meetings. The report is based on his as well as staff Ray Barker, Council Assistant and Phil Fell, Government Relations Manager's perceptions.

The attendees at all the meetings received background information and from the discussions at those meetings three major points were made to the following questions:

- 1) Whether or not to put a measure on the ballot.
- Nobody said don't put a measure on the ballot.
- 2) Whether to put a combined Metro/Zoo measure on the ballot.
- Consensus by five groups that met, was to put such a measure on the ballot. However, two other groups expressed strong feelings about wanting to put a Zoo levy only on the ballot.
- 3) Type of levy: Tax base or serial levy.
- Consensus was difficult, the general feeling was that a serial levy would be more successful.

Don Carlson asked Councilors, who attended these meetings, whether their perceptions were the same or different than staff.

Councilor Gardner stated that he did not think that the group that met on September 25 sent him the message that a combined levy would be more favorable. The second choice would be a Zoo only levy.

Councilor Kirkpatrick said that she enjoyed meeting with her groups and is looking forward to more such meetings. She expressed concern that only 60 people have attended all these meetings and it seems unwise to rely on focus groups, she would rather have a poll on this subject.

Councilor Kafoury said that she felt very good about the healthy discussion that took place at her meeting. The group asked whether Metro had earned the right to go for a combined tax levy or tax base with the Zoo. The group also discussed on how Metro can break out of the logjam it finds itself in establishing credibility as a regional government in the community.

As a result of the group's discussion, the Council might consider establishing a blue ribbon citizen's committee to look at the question: Have we done and are we continuing to do what people are willing to pay for?

Councilor Kelley noted that we tend to always be speaking to the same people in the community.

Councilor Bonner asked Councilors, who have not met with a Tax Advisory Group yet, to please participate as everyone's help is needed. He also expressed thanks to staff who have been very helpful.

Councilor DeJardin mentioned being approached by a man who is responsible for coordinating some talented and gifted student programs for grade and high school children. He felt that perhaps there may be a way of involving young students in some of the work that Metro does in the community and thereby making the community more aware of Metro's services.

Councilor Gardner agreed that we tend to speak to a small group of citizens and tend to ask them the same questions. He said that he disagrees with the idea of a Blue Ribbon committee because we would be again talking to the same people and it's just an exercise in redundancy.

Councilor Oleson felt that he was pleased with his meetings which were both positive and pragmatic in advising Metro to go and ask for a tax base.

Councilor Oleson asked whether there was any idea as to how the Friends of the Zoo would react in joining Metro in seeking a tax levy.

Councilor Kirkpatrick said that she attended their meeting last night and her belief is that the Friends of the Zoo may wish to attempt a tax base or levy on their own. They will probably not support a combined tax measure.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Officer Gustafson reminded Councilors that this Saturday, October 12 is "Leadership Day" at the Zoo for elected officials. He believes that 65 are expected and thinks this will be a good opportunity to meet with this group as well as tour the Bear Grotto.

Councilor Bonner announced that the Management Committee meeting has been changed from October 17 to October 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Bonner, as the ad hoc compost recycling committee of one, reported that while he was in Europe last month he went to visit two of the four Dano Composting plants in Manchester, England. He was surprised that no effort was made to market the compost and it was only used for landfills which did not have to be covered. He commented that their machinery was simple but effective and approximately 1,400 tons of solid waste was handled daily. He promised to give Council a written report about this company within a few days.

Councilor Waker, as Chairman of the Task Force on Solid Waste Reduction Plan, reported that this group has been developing scenarios for a waste reduction plan. There will be two workshops on October 16 and 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. He invited Councilors who are not on the Task Force to please try to attend. The purpose of these workshops is to develop different plans for 3-5 public comment meetings and then use the results for putting together different model solid waste reduction plans.

He also announced that the Metro Golf team lost the "Bruce Etlinger Memoria Cup" to TriMet's team

11. REPORT ON ZOO DIRECTOR'S TRIP TO CHINA AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR ANIMAL EXCHANGES

Gene Leo, Zoo Director said that he and Steve McCusker, Curator/Manager, left for China September 11 with specific goals in mind. He then reviewed the numbers 1-6 listed in his memo of October 7 and included in today's Council agenda. He was pleased to report that overall, the Metro Zoo has achieved success in all these areas.

Councilor Bonner asked if the golden monkey traveling exhibit costs will be shared with Seattle.

Director Leo said yes, 50% each. He pointed out that the golden monkeys will be insured by a China company for their travel and stay in the U.S.A. and that our liability is limited to the limits of this insurance policy for \$500,000.

However, aside from being responsible for the transport, feeding, husbandry, medical expenses for the monkeys during their stay in the U.S., there are costs for the transportation and living expenses for the technical specialist group. The negotiations also provided for a donation to the Association of Chinese Zoological Gardens for the specific purpose of improving the care, breeding and conservation of the golden monkey and other endangered species in China.

Director Leo said that he and Director David Towne of the Seattle Zoo estimate that expenses will be approximately \$60,000 for each city. He also believes that there will be additional costs that will make the Metro's Zoo commitment \$96,000. He said that these costs can be off set by donations from purveyors i.e. the airlines and hospitality industries who will be sponsoring the transportation, housing and food during the honored guests stay.

He stated that the agreement reached in Beijing must be ratified now by the Metro Council, the Seattle City Council, and ultimately by the Chinese government. He asked for Council approval to proceed with the traveling exhibit as soon as possible in order to secure the necessary permits needed.

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Councilor Waker expressed concern about a "deal being cut" without giving the Council more advance notice for making choices. He asks that in the future, he get more information in advance. However, he does support this proposal and believes it will be a success.

Motion: Councilor Kafoury moved to approve the expenditure of funds for the Traveling Golden Monkeys Exhibit, and Councilor Gardner seconded the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Bonner, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen, Kafoury, Oleson, and Waker

Absent: Councilors Cooper, Kirkpatrick, Kelley, Myers, and Van Bergen

The motion carried and the expenditure was approved.

Director Leo told Councilors that although he is asking the Council to agree to underwrite the funds for this exhibit now, he and his staff plan to return to the Council with a detailed plan on how to best recover these funds i.e. higher attendance revenue, private fundraising, etc.

There being no further business, Presiding Officer Bonner adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toby Janus
Council Secretary