

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting  
December 10, 1987

Councilors Present: Mike Bonner, Tanya Collier, Tom DeJardin,  
Jim Gardner, Gary Hansen, Sharron Kelley,  
Corky Kirkpatrick, Mike Ragsdale, George  
Van Bergen and Richard Waker

Councilors Absent: Larry Cooper and David Knowles

Also Present: Rena Cusma, Executive Officer

Presiding Officer Waker called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Presiding Officer noted he had received a letter from the Oregon Fair Share organization regarding solid waste matters.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCILORS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ad Hoc Task Force to Review Council Staffing Needs and Utilization.  
The Presiding Officer referred Councilors to his memo dated December 4, 1987, and announced his intent to appoint Councilor Kirkpatrick as Task Force Chair to work with Phil Lang and Jack Orchard.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. The Presiding Officer had received a memo from Executive Officer Cusma announcing workshops to train staff on Metro's revised DBE program.

Solid Waste. Presiding Officer Waker reported he had received two resolutions regarding solid waste matters which he was referred to the Council Solid Waste Committee for review and recommendation:

Resolution No. 87-831, for the Purpose of Suspending the Memorandum of Agreement Negotiations for the Resource Recovery Project to be Located in Columbia County (introduced by Councilor Bonner); and

Resolution No. 87-832, for the Purpose of Establishing Council Policy Regarding Long-Term Agreements for Solid Waste Landfill, Transfer Station, Transportation or Alternative Technology Services (introduced by Councilor Gardner)

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Consideration of Confirmation of Appointments to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC); and

5.2 Consideration of Confirmation of an Appointment to the Interim Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government

Executive Officer Cusma explained requested the two matters be set over to the December 22 Council meeting. The Council Convention Center Committee would meet prior to December 22 to develop its formal, written recommendation to the Council concerning the MERC appointments.

7.2 Consideration of Resolution No. 87-830, for the Purpose of Amending Resolution No. 87-744, Revising the FY 1987-88 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for Solid Waste Staffing

Jennifer Sims, Management Services Director, explained the Council had approved two new solid waste clerical positions by adoption of Resolution No. 87-824. This budget amendment would transfer the funds for those positions to the Solid Waste Personal Services budget category.

Motion: Councilor Kelley moved, seconded by Councilor Kirkpatrick, to adopt Resolution No. 87-830.

There was no discussion of the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all ten Councilors present voting aye. Councilors Cooper and Knowles were absent.

The motion carried and Resolution No. 87-830 was adopted.

9. Executive Session

Presiding Officer Waker called the meeting into executive session at 5:45 under the authority of ORS 192.660(1)(e) to discuss a real property transaction related to the Oregon Convention Center and under the authority of ORS 192.660(1)(h) to discuss possible litigation related to the Clackamas Transfer & Recycling Center (CTRC).

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All Councilors were present at the executive session with the exception of Councilors Cooper and Knowles. Other parties in attendance included Executive Officer Cusma, Dan Cooper, Vickie Rocker, Ray Barker, Don Carlson, Rich Owings, Tuck Wilson, Kim Duncan and Harry Bodine.

The Presiding Officer called the meeting back into regular session at 6:00 p.m.

Convention Center Real Property Transaction

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved, seconded by Councilor Kelley, to approve the Portland Development Commission's recommendation concerning the Grothauf parcel.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all ten Councilors present voting aye. Councilors Cooper and Knowles were absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

7.1 Consideration of Resolution No. 87-829, for the Purpose of Adopting the Regional Drug Initiative Recommendation

Steve Lee, Local Government Coordinator, introduced Michael Schrunk, District Attorney of Multnomah County, and David Fuks, Executive Director of the Regional Drug Initiative, Multnomah County.

Mr. Schrunk reviewed the history of the Regional Drug Initiative and reported on the extent to which other local governments were participating in the program. He explained the Initiative was a means of focusing resources on the drug problem.

Mr. Fuks summarized the action agenda and described the major program goals: 1) Foster and change social attitudes regarding drug use; 2) make communities safe from drug abuse and crime; 3) support healthier lives for our citizens and families; 4) promote a more productive work force; 5) provide an attractive climate for economic development; and 6) increase coordination among government, business, schools, service providers and citizens. He also discussed priority activities planned for each of the above goals. Regarding Goal 4, Mr. Fuks encouraged local government jurisdictions to develop policies to assist employees who abused drugs.

Executive Officer Cusma supported adoption of the resolution. Presiding Officer Waker referred the Council to a memo dated December 10, 1987, from Ray Barker, Council Assistant, which had described Metro's involvement in the Regional Drug Initiative program as being one of a time, rather than financial, commitment.

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Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved, seconded by Councilor Kelley, to adopt Resolution No. 87-829.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all ten Councilors present voting aye. Councilors Cooper and Knowles were absent.

The motion carried and Resolution No. 87-829 was unanimously adopted.

In response to Councilor Hansen's question, Executive Officer Cusma said she would develop a policy to assist Metro employees who abused drugs. The proposed policy would be brought back to the Council for future consideration.

8.1 Consideration of Ordinance No. 87-235, for the Purpose of Amending the Metro Code Section 4.01.060 Revising Admission Fees and Policies at the Washington Park Zoo

The Clerk read the ordinance by title only a first time. Presiding Officer Waker explained contrary to what had been previously reported to Councilors, an ordinance adopted in 1985 had already amended the "Youth" fee category to an age range of 3 to 11 years. Ordinance No. 87-235 would not amend that age category.

Kay Rich, Acting Zoo Director, reported in January 1984, the Council adopted Resolution No. 84-444 which established financial principles and policies for the District. Those policies specified a ratio of approximately 50 percent tax and 50 percent non-tax revenues be maintained for funding Zoo operations and that the Council review admission fees annually to assist in meeting that policy. Any operating fund surplus would be periodically transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund to implement the Zoo's Master Plan, he explained. Possible improvement projects could include upgrading utilities, building an incubation facility for the Zoo's expanding bird collection, building an off-exhibit breeding facility for endangered species, building storage facilities and providing funds for projects included in the Master Plan but for which no money had been budgeted.

Mr. Rich further explained the ordinance would increase admission rates, would simplify the group discount policy, would provide for special admission rates for special events, would provide for a reduced admission for catered events, and would allow for corporate sponsored free days. Staff recommended the new admission fees and policies be effective January 1, 1988, which would require the ordinance to be adopted under the Council's emergency provisions.

Councilor Kirkpatrick requested the ordinance be reviewed by the Zoo Planning Committee before its December 22 second reading. Presiding

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Officer Waker then referred the Ordinance to the Zoo Planning Committee for review and recommendation. He asked the Committee to address questions raised in a memo dated December 9, 1987, from Don Carlson, Council Administrator.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin, to adopt Ordinance No. 87-235.

Presiding Officer Waker opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, he closed the hearing.

Councilor Hansen asked the Zoo Planning Committee to investigate the possibility of lost admission revenues due to possible lower attendance as a result of a fee increase.

Councilor Kelley requested the Committee to review overhead increases at the Zoo.

Presiding Officer Waker announced the Council would consider adoption of the ordinance at its second reading on December 22, 1987.

6. Consideration of Design Development for the Oregon Convention Center

Tuck Wilson, Convention Center Project Director, introduced Tom Walsh, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Design and Construction for the Oregon Convention Center. Councilors were requested to approve the design development outlined in the document entitled "Design Development: The Oregon Convention Center," prepared by Zimmer Gunsul Frasca/DMJM, and dated December 7, 1987.

Councilor Gardner noted the City of Portland's Transportation Department had submitted to Metro an extensive list of improvements that needed to be made near the construction site. He asked Mr. Wilson how negotiations were proceeding. Mr. Wilson and the Presiding Officer responded that staff was working with the City to narrow down the list of improvements to items directly related to the Oregon Convention Center and for which Metro had budgeted funds.

Councilor Ragsdale reported the Council Convention Center Committee had unanimously endorsed the design development for the Convention Center.

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved, seconded by Councilor Gardner, to approve the Design Development for the Oregon Convention Center.

In response to Councilor Collier's question, Mr. Wilson reported staff had discussed provisions for recycling at the Convention Center with Dan Satlzman.

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Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all ten Councilors present voting aye. Councilors Cooper and Knowles were absent.

The motion to approve the design development carried unanimously.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoo Director Hiring Process. Councilor DeJardin reported the selection team was currently conducting interviews and visits with three finalists. Executive Officer Cusma added that the Council would be asked to meet with finalists only if there were no clear choice between two or more candidates. She noted the Council was already participating in the selection process via its representation on the selection committee.

Councilor Kirkpatrick expressed her desire that the Council meet each of the three candidates before a final recommendation was made. She also encouraged Councilor DeJardin to use Council funds to hire a consultant to assist with the selection process.

Council Solid Waste Committee. Councilor Gardner reported the functional planning process was proceeding on schedule and white papers would be presented to the Council in January.

A request for bids for landfill services were due to staff on December 22, 1987.

The Health Impact Review Panel was meeting frequently to assess the health impacts of the proposed solid waste resource recovery facility in Columbia County, Councilor Gardner reported. The group had questioned the Councilor about extending the report deadline. The Councilor had indicated he would ask the Council to consider an extension only if staff were granted an extension to the negotiations with project vendors.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson  
Clerk of the Council

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