

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Special Meeting  
May 4, 1989

Councilors Present: Sharron Kelley (Deputy Presiding Officer)  
Lawrence Bauer, Tanya Collier, Tom DeJardin,  
Richard Devlin, Jim Gardner, Gary Hansen,  
David Knowles

Councilors Absent: Roger Buchanan, Mike Ragsdale, George Van  
Bergen, Judy Wyers

Deputy Presiding Officer Kelley called the meeting to order at  
6:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1093, for the Purpose of  
Approving the FY 1989-90 Budget and Transmitting the  
Approved Budget to the Tax Supervising and Conservation  
Commission

Councilor Gardner presented the Budget Committee's report and recommendations. He referred the Council to a memorandum they had received dated April 27, 1989, from Councilor Collier to the Council which detailed the Budget Committee's process and resultant recommendations. Councilor Gardner said explanations for proposed expenditures had been well justified and the Budget Committee had attempted to tighten expenditures and meet certain specific program goals. He stated the budget recommended to Council in Resolution No. 89-1093 had the impact of reducing proposed District operating costs by approximately \$1.5 million, primarily by shifting costs for construction and changes at the Metro South Station to the Solid Waste Capital Fund. He said the budget included funds for salary adjustments which had resulted from a recent agreement with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The increased salary costs were approximately \$900,000. These funds in the proposed budget had been placed under Contingency, and in Resolution No. 89-1093, had been appropriated to the appropriate Personal Services line item.

Councilor Gardner then highlighted each fund as follows:

Zoo

The Budget Committee recommended transmitting the budget as submitted by the Executive Officer. Two budget notes had been recommended.

Solid Waste

Operating fund reductions in personal services and materials and services categories by \$85,000 had been recommended. Construction funds had been shifted from operations to Capital for the Metro South Station.

Planning and Development

The program goal had been to fully fund the ongoing Parks Planning and Coordination function. Through cuts in other areas, all but \$16,000 of the Parks Program had been funded.

Transportation

An additional expenditure of \$35,000 to augment the Regional Land Inventory System (RLIS) by adding a digital street address file had been recommended. A budget note had also been added making the RLIS expenditure contingent upon revenue sources. It had been anticipated the revenue source would be users of the service.

Convention Center

Budget Notes had been recommended for the Metro-ER Commission and Convention Center Management and Capital funds.

General Fund

Reductions totaling \$95,000 had been recommended in the General Fund. Four Budget Notes had been included. One of the program goals had been to fund an analysis of what Metro's role should be in the area of regional water management planning. The Budget Committee recommended funding a full time position to do a water quality analysis and develop a strategy for defining and accomplishing Metro's ongoing role.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved, Councilor Collier seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 89-1093.

Councilor Kelley opened the public hearing.

Ms. B.D. Plummer, a citizen, read written testimony into the record, and the Clerk distributed copies of the written testimony to the Council. Ms. Plummer's testimony requested an ongoing monitoring and evaluation process regarding the Metro Budget.

Ray Phelps, Finance and Administration Director, said Ms. Plummer's name would be added to the mailing list for copies of the Quarterly Program Progress Report compiled by the Executive Officer and

presented to Council. However, Mr. Phelps noted it was quite costly to print and mail copies for each voter in the District as Ms. Plummer had suggested. Ms. Plummer suggested Metro advertise the availability of the Quarterly Reports and the contact person to obtain a copy. Councilor Hansen suggested a brief statement be published along with the Council and Committee meeting notice at the time quarterly reports are available and being reviewed by the functional committees.

Gretchen Bauhner, Citizen member of the Metro Budget Committee, said she had been a member of the Budget Committee for the past two years and commended the Executive and department staff on their efforts in compiling the budget. She said the Committee's job had been made easier than in previous years because of those efforts. In regard to the Committee's recommendations, Ms. Bauhner, said she felt more long-range planning should be done and was critical. She noted the FY 89-90 budget contained a financial planner position to be funded January 1, 1990. She said she felt it critical to fund the position as soon as possible and that the position would be of benefit to the whole agency, and in the long run, save the taxpayers money.

Jeanne Roy, said she wished to testimony on another matter. Chair Kelley asked Ms. Roy if she would wait until discussion of Resolution No. 89-1093 had been concluded.

Councilor Devlin noted two additional Budget Notes not considered by the Budget Committee were proposed in the Resolution. Councilor Knowles introduced the Budget Notes.

Motion to Amendment:

Councilor Knowles moved to amend, seconded by Councilor DeJardin, Resolution No. 89-1093 to include a budget note stating: "For the use of Council review and consideration, the Metro E-R Commission will prepare and submit future budget proposals on the standard Metro budget manual forms issued by the Finance and Administration Department."

Vote on Amendment:

All Councilors present voted in favor of the amendment. Councilors Buchanan, Ragsdale, Van Bergen and Wyers were absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Collier thanked Councilors Gardner and Van Bergen for their assistance in guiding the Budget Committee deliberations while her work duties prevented her presence at the meetings.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Collier moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin, to amend Resolution No. 89-1093 to include a Budget Note stating: "The Zoo Marketing Division and Graphics Division staff shall work closely with the Public Affairs Department to effectively demonstrate to the public that the Zoo is a function of Metro. The Convention, Zoo and Visitor Facilities Committee shall evaluate progress towards this end and shall submit findings and recommendations prior to February 1, 1990. "If the public perception of the Metro/Zoo affiliation has not substantively increased, the Zoo Marketing Division and Graphics Division shall be reorganized and placed under the direction of the Public Affairs Department in the 1990-91 budget."

Councilor Bauer said he was uncomfortable with the second paragraph of Councilor Collier's amendment because of what could be perceived as punitive actions. Councilor Knowles suggested the second paragraph of the amendment be deleted with the understanding that the Convention, Zoo and Visitor Facilities would review the issue, and that he, as chair of the Committee, would bring the matter before the Committee.

Councilor Gardner suggested amending the second sentence of the first paragraph of Councilor Collier's amendment to replace the two instances of "shall" with the word "will."

Councilor Devlin said he also objected to the second paragraph of the amendment and had strong objections to the combination of a marketing and public affairs department because he felt their roles were different. He questioned whether the public would be in favor of using public funds to market the agency.

Motion to the Amendment: Councilor Collier moved, seconded by Councilor Gardner, to accept as friendly amendments, the suggestions by Councilors Knowles and Gardner so that the amendment would then read: "The Zoo Marketing Division and Graphics Division staff shall work closely with the Public Affairs Department to effectively demonstrate to the public that the Zoo is a function of Metro. The Convention, Zoo and Visitor Facilities Committee will evaluate progress towards this end and will submit findings and recommendations prior to February 1, 1990."

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Vote on Amendment: All councilors present voted aye. Councilors Buchanan, Ragsdale, Van Bergen and Myers were absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vote on Main Motion: All councilors present voted in favor of the motion to adopt Resolution No. 89-1093 as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Kelley then recognized Ms. Roy who had previously asked to testify on a non-agenda item. Council Administrator Donald Carlson stated Ms. Roy had left for another meeting and said she would try to return at the next Council meeting.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gwen Ware-Barrett  
Clerk of the Council

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