

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT**

**March 22, 1990
Regular Meeting**

Councilors Present: Tanya Collier (Presiding Officer), Gary Hansen (Deputy Presiding Officer), Lawrence Bauer, Roger Buchanan, Tom DeJardin, Richard Devlin, Jim Gardner, David Knowles, Ruth McFarland, George Van Bergen and Judy Wyers

Councilors Absent: Mike Ragsdale

Presiding Officer Collier called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and announced that with the Council's concurrence Agenda Item 4.2, Resolution No. 90-1225, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to the Requirement of Competitive Bidding, Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Proposals and Execution of a Contract for the Second Compaction System at Metro South, and Agenda Item 7.3, Resolution No. 90-1232, For the Purpose of Reducing the Amount of Disposable Diapers in the Solid Waste Stream, would be re-referred to the Solid Waste Committee. The Presiding Officer explained that a number of amendments to Resolution No. 90-1232 had been proposed and asked Councilor Hansen, Solid Waste Committee Chair, to schedule additional worksessions and public hearings. There were no objections to the referrals to Committee.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor Buchanan introduced Doris Bjorn, Sales and Marketing Manager for Oregon Waste Systems.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jeanne Roy testified regarding a Environmental Quality Commission order requiring Metro to implement portions of the Waste Reduction Plan. That order directed Metro to analyze rate incentives and their effect on waste reduction. She distributed copies of a letter dated February 5, 1990 signed by Fred Hansen, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) advising that the study should be completed and the results submitted to DEQ by April 15. Ms. Roy requested that the Solid Waste Committee schedule consideration of the study results as soon as possible. Councilor Hansen said that the study would be included on next Solid Waste Committee agenda.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Officer Rena Cusma said that Solid Waste staffperson Maurice Neyman had saved the District over \$26,000 during the month of February by compiling data and successfully creating a model to solve problems associated with attaining proper load weight at the compactor at Metro South. Ms. Cusma said that a plaque would be given to Mr. Neyman.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Presiding Officer announced that the following items were on the Consent Agenda for Council consideration:

4.1 Minutes of October 26, 1989 and January 11, 1990

4.3 Resolution No. 90-1227, For the Purpose of Expressing Appreciation to Transportation Policy Alternative Committee (TPAC) Citizen Members Jon Egge, Nancy Ponzi, David Evans and Ron Roberts

(By earlier Council action item no. 4.2, Resolution No. 90-1225, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to the Requirement of Competitive Bidding, Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Proposals and Execution of a Contract for the Second Compaction System at Metro South Station, was removed from the Consent Agenda and referred back to the Solid Waste Committee.)

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved, seconded by Councilor Buchanan to adopt the consent agenda.

Vote: The ten councilors present voted aye. Councilors Bauer and Ragsdale were absent.

5. ORDINANCES, FIRST READINGS

5.1 Ordinance No. 90-342, Amending Chapter 2.04 Metro Contract Procedures of the Metro Code in Order to Move Items that are Exempted from Competitive Bidding to Metro Code 2.04.041, Requirement of Competitive Bidding, Exemptions and Other Minor Non-Policy Changes

The Clerk read the ordinance for a first time by title only. The Presiding Officer referred the ordinance to the Finance Committee.

5.2 Ordinance No. 90-343, Amending Ordinance No. 89-294A Revising the FY 1989-90 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for Increased Zoo Operations

The Clerk read the ordinance for a first time by title only. The Presiding Officer referred the ordinance to the Zoo Committee with subsequent referral to the Finance Committee.

6. ORDINANCES, SECOND READINGS

6.1 Ordinance No. 90-337, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 Establishing Solid Waste Disposal Rates for FY 1990-91

Presiding Officer Collier announced that Ordinance No. 90-337 was first read before the Council on February 22 and referred to the Solid Waste Committee. The Solid Waste Committee considered the ordinance on March 6 and March 7, and after a public hearing on March 12, recommended that the Council adopt the ordinance as amended. Councilor Hansen presented the Solid Waste Committee's report and recommendations. He said that the ordinance would establish disposal rates on a two tier system that would pay for costs associated with administration, financial and engineering services and waste reduction activities (tier one) and fixed costs related to the the various facilities. Councilor Hansen said that during the public hearing concern had been raised about the flat fee for self-haulers. He said that the flat fee would be in existence only until self-haul weighing equipment was installed at the facilities.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin to adopt Ordinance No. 90-337.

The public hearing was opened. Judy Roumpf, Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR), presented written testimony supporting maintaining user fee exemptions on waste received at franchised processing centers. Her testimony has been filed with the meeting record and is incorporated in these minutes by reference. She said that AOR strongly supported Metro undertaking a rate incentive analysis to understand the effect of rate incentives on waste reduction and private recycling operations. Ms. Roumpf also said that in the future the AOR would like to see the policies discussed as a separate issue aside from the rates. The public hearing was closed.

Councilor Devlin cautioned that the cost-of-service model reflected in the ordinance should not go too far in differentiating between the cost of operating various transfer stations. Councilor Devlin said that he had had concerns regarding the \$7 difference between the rates for disposal at St. Johns Landfill and Metro South. He said that he had been concerned that the lower rate at St. Johns would encourage more waste to be brought to that site, and because the Landfill was scheduled to be closed, increased usage may cause problems. Councilor Devlin said that Solid Waste Director Bob Martin had assured him that increased usage had been considered and he did not foresee it as a problem.

Amendment: Councilor Wyers moved, seconded by Councilor Hansen to restore language proposed to be deleted in subsection (f) of section 5.02.050 of the Metro Code as follows: "Regional Transfer Charges shall not apply to wastes received at franchised processing centers that accomplish materials recovery and recycling as a primary operation."

Vote on Amendment: The eleven councilors present voted aye.
Councilor Ragsdale was absent.

The motion carried.

Councilor Hansen also stated that the effect of the exemption amendment would be a reduction of \$350,000 in revenue. He said that an amendment to correct that shortfall would be advanced at a later date.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 90-1189, Providing for the Adoption of Bylaws for the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

Presiding Officer Collier said that at the request of the vice-chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the resolution had been referred back to committee.

7.2 Resolution No. 90-1229, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Environmental Quality for Shared Funding of the Waste Tire Technical Assistance Project Adopted by the Contract Review Board February 20, 1990

Councilor Wyers said that the resolution would approve an intergovernmental agreement for a project previously approved by the Council. Councilor DeJardin spoke in support of the project and urged unanimous approval.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin to adopt Resolution No. 90-1229.

Vote: The eleven councilors present voted in favor of the motion. Councilor Ragsdale was absent.

The motion carried.

7.3 Resolution No. 90-1232, For the Purpose of Reducing the Amount of Disposable Diapers in the Solid Waste Stream

By earlier action of the Council, this item was removed from the agenda and re-referred to the Solid Waste Committee.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Progress Report on Committee Discussion of Department Priorities and Objectives

Councilor Van Bergen, Budget Committee Chair, said that the citizen members of the Committee were doing a good job. He said that Committee had received good staff work and deliberations on

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the policy issues were near completion after which deliberations on the funding levels would commence. Councilor Van Bergen announced that beginning March 26, all Budget Committee meetings would be public hearings. He asked that the functional committees submit their recommendations to Finance Committee in report form and that individual councilor recommendations be submitted to Finance Committee in memo form.

Councilor Knowles said that the Convention and Visitor Facilities had received briefings on key policy issues relating to the Convention Center and Metro ERC budgets and would be forwarding recommendations to the Budget Committee. He announced that the Convention and Visitor Facilities Committee meeting of March 26 had been cancelled and rescheduled for April 4 at 4:00 p.m. Councilor Hansen said that the Solid Waste Committee had met earlier that day and developed their final recommendations for the Budget Committee. Councilor Gardner said that the Zoo Committee had completed their final recommendations and forwarded them to the Budget Committee.

Councilor Devlin advised the Council that a memo regarding dates for the policy retreat had been mailed to them and asked that councilors respond as soon as possible.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Ware-Barrett
Clerk of the Council

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