

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

February 27, 1992

Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Presiding Officer Jim Gardner, Deputy Presiding Officer Judy Wyers, Larry Bauer, Roger Buchanan, Tanya Collier, Tom DeJardin, Richard Devlin, Sandi Hansen, Ruth McFarland, Susan McLain, George Van Bergen and Ed Washington

Councilors Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Officer Rena Cusma

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

Presiding Officer Gardner announced Agenda Item Nos. 5.5 and 5.6 - Resolution No. 92-1578, For the Purpose of Endorsing Comments and Recommendations Regarding ODOT's 1993-1996 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program - and Resolution No. 92-1558, For the Purpose of Authorizing Staff of Smith and Bybee Lakes Trust Fund to Serve as Liaison for Acquisition of Land in the Lakes Management Area had been added to the agenda.

Presiding Officer Gardner announced Agenda Item Nos. 7.4 and 7.5 would be considered before Agenda Item Nos. 7.2 and 7.3.

1. SWEARING IN OF ED WASHINGTON AS DISTRICT 11 COUNCILOR

Presiding Officer Gardner announced Ed Washington would be sworn in and seated as Metro Councilor for District 11.

Judge Ancer L. Haggerty gave Mr. Washington the oath of office.

Presiding Officer Gardner presented Councilor Washington with a framed copy of Resolution No. 92-1567 adopted on February 13 appointing him to fill the District 11 vacancy. Councilor Washington thanked the Council. Councilor Washington was seated.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Officer Cusma said she was pleased to be working with Councilor Washington and welcomed him to the Council.

4.1 Presentation to Retiring Solid Waste Rate Review Committee Members: Jonathan Block, Charles O'Connor and Milton Fyre

Executive Officer Cusma announced Mr. Block, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Fyre were retiring from the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee and presented them with plaques commemorating their years of service to Metro.

4.2 Arts Plan 2000+ Presentation of Final Report

Executive Officer Cusma introduced Arts Plan 2000+ representatives who distributed their report. Ann Mason, Arts Plan 2000+ executive director, introduced and gave a slide show presentation.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of December 12 and 19, 1991

5.2 Resolution No. 92-1572, For the Purpose of Appointing Shirley A. Coffin, Jim Cozzetto, Jr., Elenora C. Fielder, Ross M. Hall, Steve Schwab and Andrew Thaler to the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee

5.3 Resolution No. 92-1560, For the Purpose of Appointing Members to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee

5.4 Resolution No. 92-1545, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Pamela R. Williams to Fill a Vacancy on the Composter Community Enhancement Committee

5.5 Resolution No. 92-1578, For the Purpose of Endorsing Comments and Recommendations Regarding ODOT's 1993-1996 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

5.6 Resolution No. 92-1558, For the Purpose of Authorizing Staff of Smith and Bybee Lakes Trust Fund to Serve as Liaison for Acquisition of Land in the Lakes Management Area

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin, for adoption of the Consent Agenda.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the Consent Agenda was adopted.

6. ORDINANCES, SECOND READINGS

6.1 Ordinance No. 92-444, An Ordinance Adopting a Final Order and Amending the Metro Urban Growth Boundary for Contested Case No. 91-2: Forest Park (Public Hearing)

The Clerk read the ordinance for a second time by title only.

Presiding Officer Gardner announced the Council would consider Ordinance No. 92-444 in its capacity as a quasi-judicial decision-maker. He announced the ordinance was first read on February 13, 1992, at which time the Council received the Hearings Officer's and staff's report. He announced a public hearing was held at that meeting and consideration of the ordinance was continued to this meeting for final consideration and vote.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved, seconded by Councilor Hansen, for adoption of Ordinance No. 92-444.

Ethan Seltzer, Regional Planning Supervisor, explained the Forest Park Neighborhood Association had proposed new language per discussion during the Council's consideration of the ordinance on February 13 and said Metro staff met with City of Portland staff to develop amendment language to respond to concerns raised by that neighborhood association. He said the City of Portland adopted a resolution on February 26 which stated that, unless Ordinance No. 92-444 was amended as proposed, they would not serve as an applicant in this case. He said if the City did not serve as an applicant, the case would not meet Metro's criteria for a land trade. Mr. Seltzer distributed Ordinance No. 92-444A with language as amended.

Presiding Officer Gardner opened the public hearing.

Arnold Rochlin, Forest Park Neighborhood Association, Rt. 2, Box 58, Portland, submitted a testimony card, but did not wish to testify at this meeting.

Main Motion as Amended: Councilor DeJardin moved, seconded by Councilor Collier to adopt Ordinance No. 92-444 with amendment language in Section 3 incorporated as follows (amendments underlined; deletions bracketed): "Section 3. The District Urban Growth Boundary, as adopted by Ordinance No. 79-77, will be amended as shown in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, which is incorporated by this reference, upon receipt by the Metro Council of written notification from the City of Portland that the Ramsey portion of the overall transaction has been or will be completed in a manner that assures the donation to the City of 73 acres referred to as Parcel A; and, at a minimum, the donation to the City of a 20.7 acre parcel of Parcel B which is deepest into Forest Park and furthest away from Skyline Blvd., or that portion of Parcel B which was designated as "EP" zone as of December 2, 1991. [~~satisfactory to the City of Portland.~~] If no such written notification is received within 90 days of the passage of this ordinance, then no amendment of the urban growth boundary shall occur and the petition will be rejected.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Bauer abstained. The vote was unanimous and Ordinance No. 92-444A was adopted.

Councilor Hansen introduced Chris Foster and Joan Chase, newly appointed members of the Metro Central Enhancement Committee to those present. Councilor Buchanan introduced Pamela Williams, newly appointed member of the Composter Neighborhood Enhancement Committee. Presiding Officer Gardner thanked new committee members for their willingness to serve.

6.2 Ordinance No. 92-412A, Amending Metro Code Chapter 4.01
Metro Washington Park Zoo Regulations

The Clerk read the ordinance for a second time by title only.

Presiding Officer Gardner announced that Ordinance No. 91-412 was first read on October 24, 1991, and referred to the Regional Facilities Committee for consideration. The Regional Facilities Committee considered the ordinance on January 28 and February 11, 1992, and recommended Ordinance No. 92-412A to the full Council for adoption.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin, for adoption of Ordinance No. 92-412A.

Councilor McFarland gave the Regional Facilities Committee's report and recommendations. She explained the ordinance would completely revise Metro Code Chapter 4.01. She said current Code language was drafted when the Metro Washington Park Zoo was still partially owned by the City of Portland and therefore was not completely adequate for current needs. She said new Code language clarified separate rules for Zoo employees and visitors to the Zoo to minimize confusion. She said the new ordinance still banned firearms at the Zoo regardless of constitutionality, and amendment language added specifically authorized the Council, in addition to the Executive Officer and Zoo Director, to direct staff to perform tasks at the Zoo if so needed or desired. She said the ordinance also included rules of conduct for the Zoo grounds and parking area.

Presiding Officer Gardner opened the public hearing. No citizens appeared to testify and the public hearing was closed.

Vote: Councilors Bauer Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and Ordinance No. 92-412A was adopted.

Councilor Van Bergen asked what would happen if someone violated Zoo regulations. General Counsel Dan Cooper said the ordinance clarified the authority of the Zoo's security staff to evict persons for violating Zoo regulations, to issue notices that their return for a certain period of time was not welcome, and to issue citations for criminal trespassing if those persons did return earlier than cited. He said actual enforcement of the ordinance in a criminal proceeding would involve City of Portland police.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 92-1569, For the Purpose of Approving Projects for the One Percent for Recycling Program for the 1991-92 Fiscal Year

Motion: Councilor McLain moved, seconded by Councilor Wyers, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1569.

Councilor McLain gave the Solid Waste Committee's report and recommendations. Councilor McLain explained the function of the committee and the seven vendors/projects selected and referred to Attachment A. She said the One Percent for Recycling Committee had met on a regular basis since summer 1991 to review the criteria, goals and focus of the program and to improve the

criteria. She said the program's focus had changed since its first year because of improvements gained since beginning projects were funded and became operational. She said the Committee spent two meetings on criteria alone. She said the Committee made recommendations to change current One Percent Committee deadlines to align them more closely with other Metro deadlines. She said the Committee focused on waste reduction and increasing markets for higher use of materials. She said the Committee also reviewed interview procedures. She said education and promotion goals were still in need, although possibly not as in need as waste reduction and increasing markets for higher use of material. She said the Committee allocated \$219,250 for seven of 28 projects submitted with a \$5,000 contingency. She said the Committee determined contingency was needed in case of unexpected costs.

Councilor McLain listed the projects awarded: 1) Market development for recycled post-consumer plastics to produce composite building materials (waste reduction, markets) submitted by Jerry Herrman, John Inskip Environmental Learning Center and Stan Kezar, Environmental Plastics; 2) "Recycle by the Book," a textbook recycling project in Washington County (waste reduction) submitted by Anne Gale, Gale & Associates; 3) "Recycling Wood Strings," testing and market development for recycled construction/demolition/land clearing (CDL) wood debris (markets), submitted by Anne Gale, Gale & Associates; 4) Master recycler volunteer program (education), submitted by David Brook, Oregon State University and Jeanne Roy, Recycling Advocates; 5) Market development for building materials with recycled content (education) submitted by Debbie Palermini, Palermini & Associates; 6) Promote "Buy Recycled" via purchase of recycled paper products for fund raising projects (education), submitted by Russell Plaeger; and 7) Collection of green wine bottles for resale as wine bottles to local vintners (reuse, waste reduction), submitted by John Garofalo and Alexander Patterson, Sunflower Recycling Cooperative.

Councilor McFarland asked if funding for the One Percent program would continue since solid waste tonnage rates had dropped 15-20 percent and decreased excise tax revenues. Councilor Wyers said the Budget Committee would review those issues during consideration of the Proposed FY 1992-93 Budget. Councilor McLain said prioritizing became harder with less money, but stated for the record that One Percent funded projects produced more results with less funds than other programs. Councilor Devlin wished to clarify One Percent Program was a solid waste program and not funded by excise tax revenues. Councilor Wyers noted the region was still not meeting recycling goals especially since the Riedel Composter Facility had ceased to operate.

Councilor Van Bergen said the Council should be updated on the progress of projects by staff once they were funded and operational.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1569 was adopted.

7.4 Resolution No. 92-1559, For the Purpose of Endorsing Tri-Met Grant Applications for Funding under 1) Section 20, Human Resources Program, and 2) Section 16(B)(2)/Cigarette Tax, Special Transportation Discretionary Program

Motion: Councilor McLain moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1559.

Councilor McLain gave the Transportation & Planning Committee's report and recommendations. She explained Tri-Met planned to submit grant applications to fund two projects: 1) A Section 20 Human Resources Program application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$187,500, \$150,000 of that in federal funds, to provide for a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) training program to enable DBE's to participate in contracts related to the Westside Light Rail Project and explained Tri-Met received similar Section 20 Funding for the Banfield Light Rail Project - and 2) A Section 16(b)(2)/Cigarette Tax, Special Transportation Discretionary Program grant requesting approximately \$1 million with a distribution of 60 percent for capital and 40 percent for operating and training. She said funding would come from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) administered Special Transportation Fund Discretionary Program for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Councilor McLain said the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) recommended approval of the resolution with the request that additional details be provided to the Committee by Tri-Met's Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT) following its next meeting.

Councilor Collier asked why Metro was asked to endorse Tri-Met's funding requests. Andy Cotugno, Director of Transportation, explained Metro would endorse the requests in its capacity as Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. Councilor Collier asked why Tri-Met's DBE funding was considered constitutional when Metro's DBE program was not. Mr. Cotugno explained Tri-Met's programs were constitutional because their projects fell under federal DBE language. Councilor Collier said

she would vote nay on the resolution because of Tri-Met's current labor disputes.

Councilors Buchanan, Wyers, and McFarland said they would vote nay on the resolution for the same reason.

Councilor Devlin said it was Metro's role as the regional MPO to approve the funding request. Councilor Hansen also expressed unhappiness about Tri-Met's labor disputes, but said if the funds were not approved DBE groups would receive no assistance. Councilor Collier said voting nay on the resolution would not deny any groups any opportunities. She said labor and management were partners and a nay vote on the resolution would serve as the Metro Council's statement that they supported workers at Metro and other agencies. Councilor Buchanan said a nay vote would send Tri-Met the message to clean up their act. Councilor DeJardin concurred with Councilor Devlin and said Metro should not interfere with Tri-Met's internal affairs. Councilor McLain said the resolution triggered a good dialogue by the Council and that the Council's concerns should be on the record, but said the resolution would provide needed funding to the region that would not be obtained otherwise. Councilor Wyers said Tri-Met's internal affairs were Metro's business and that the Council should voice its concerns.

Mr. Cotugno reviewed FTA's quarterly schedule deadlines.

Councilor Devlin said all Councilors had the right to voice his/her sentiments on any issue, but said a nay vote on this resolution would call into question Metro's role as an impartial MPO.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McLain, Van Bergen and Washington voted aye. Councilors Collier, McFarland, Wyers and Gardner voted nay. Councilor Buchanan passed. The vote was 7-4 in favor and Resolution No. 92-1559 was adopted.

7.5 Resolution No. 92-1568. For the Purpose of Establishing a Regional Student Congress to Consider Issues of Concern to Metro and the Citizens of the Region

Motion: Councilor McLain moved, seconded by Councilor Hansen, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1568.

Councilor McLain gave the Governmental Affairs Committee's report and recommendations. Councilor McLain explained the resolution would establish a regional student congress for 200-400 students

from throughout the state to participate in a conference on regional issues. She said the Congress would be held May 9, 1992, at the Oregon Convention Center.

Councilor Hansen said the Student Congress would enhance the concept of regional government and hoped it could be held every other year. Councilor Bauer asked who was awarded the contract. Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, said Northwest Strategies was awarded the contract at \$9,950. Councilor Bauer and Mr. Rocks discussed the contract further. Councilor Washington said the student conference would be a good effort and asked if it would be held once only or on an on-going basis. Councilor McLain hoped the conference would start the beginning of an annual or semi-annual event. Councilor Van Bergen said he could endorse the Congress for 1992 only at this time. The Council briefly discussed the resolution further.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1568.

Presiding Officer Gardner recessed the Council of the Metropolitan Service District and convened the Contract Review Board of the Metropolitan Service District to consider Agenda Item No. 7.2.

7.2 Resolution No. 92-1566, For the Purpose of Approving an Exemption from the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the Executive Officer to Execute an Amendment to the Metro Central Construction and Operation Agreements

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved, seconded by Councilor Hansen, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1566.

Councilor McFarland gave the Solid Waste Committee's report and recommendations. She said Solid Waste staff explained the resolution would adopt an agreement between Metro and Trans Industries to resolve outstanding issues related to Metro's acceptance of Metro Central Station (MCS). She said remaining funds from the original agreement would be used to address current solid waste revenue shortfalls and said the revised estimated cost of the facility was approximately \$960,000 versus the original appropriation of \$450,000. She said the resolution would reduce Metro's payments to Trans Industries because it was unable to meet its recycling percentage commitment for the facility. She said Metro would reduce its monthly payments to Trans Industries by \$16,500 for 36 months for a total of

\$594,000. She said Solid Waste staff stated Metro would retain ownership of the defective lines and that they would not be dismantled in the immediate future. Councilor McFarland noted the Council based its selection of Trans Industries over other bidders on the high level of resource recovery they promised.

Councilor Wyers said Metro should continue to emphasize recycling at the source via curbside collection and at businesses rather than sorting waste at the end of the process. Councilor McFarland said the Committee discussed the utilization of more high-grade loads which were easier to recycle than mixed waste.

Councilor Van Bergen said staff stated that \$504,000 of the construction funds to be retained by Metro would be used to supplement an existing appropriation to build a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) disposal facility at MCS and said staff had originally stated the HHW disposal facility would be built from it's own fund. He approved reduction in payments to Trans Industries, but not of the use of those funds to fund the HHW disposal facility.

John Houser, Council Analyst, explained staff stated their intent to apply the funds to the construction of the HHW disposal facility, but that the Council would have the opportunity to review a design services contract and a final construction contract for the project as part of its normal contract review process.

Presiding Officer Gardner asked if the Solid Waste Committee disagreed with staff's intent. Councilor McFarland said it was not made clear the funds would be used for the HHW facility.

Councilor Devlin noted three members of the Solid Waste Committee were in disagreement on the resolution. He said it would be appropriate to refer the resolution back to Committee for further consideration. Councilor Wyers said the resolution itself only reduced Metro's payments to Trans Industries. She said the Budget Committee would decide what to do with the funds and the resolution should be adopted. Councilor Van Bergen agreed that the resolution should be adopted. He asked General Counsel Dan Cooper to identify the how funds should be used and for what purpose.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1566 was adopted.

Presiding Officer Gardner adjourned the Contract Review Board and reconvened the Council of the Metropolitan Service District.

7.3 Resolution No. 92-1561C. For the Purpose of Providing the Assessment of Dues to Local Governments for FY 1992-93

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor Wyers, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1561C.

Councilor Devlin gave the Governmental Affairs Committee's report and recommendations. He explained the resolution would tell local governments, Tri-Met and the Port of Portland what governmental dues assessment Metro would make for the next fiscal year. He said per state statutory language, the dues had to be determined by March 3. He said the Committee received no public testimony on the resolution. He said both the Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) and the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) had reviewed the resolution and unanimously recommended the dues be set at \$.43. He said in the two previous years, they recommended the \$.43 level also. He said both committees were told additional projects could be funded if a higher dues level was set, but said alternative funding was suggested for those projects. He said FY 1992-93 was the final year Metro had the authority to level the dues and said those dues would total approximately \$600,000. Councilor Devlin distributed ORS Section 268.514 (p. 24-107) which mandated the Council go back to RPAC and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) to develop a new funding plan to replace the plan that would expire after FY 1992-93.

Councilor Van Bergen said the dues should be higher because of the level of services offered. Councilor McLain agreed local governments received services, and said she believed there should be a wider sliding scale, but that it was pointed out that such budget considerations would be difficult to change at this point. She said the process used was a poor one, but that the Council should adopt the resolution at this time. Presiding Officer Gardner said he argued at JPACT Councilor Van Bergen's point that tremendous value was delivered in return for the dues. He said he asked JPACT not to set the dues at \$.43 until Metro could provide more information on programs to be offered. He said if local governments did not agree to dues payments the fiscal year after next, Metro could charge fees per services provided. Councilor Van Bergen said the City of Milwaukie and other smaller governments could not afford to pay on a fee per service basis.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1561C was adopted.

7.6 Resolution No. 92-1556, Authorizing a Planning and Development Effort for Financing Regional Facilities and Programs

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1556.

Councilor DeJardin gave the Regional Facilities Committee's report and recommendations. He referred to the Arts Plan 2000+ report previously given at this meeting under Agenda Item No. 4.2, which identified a \$4.6 million annual need for support of arts programs in the region. He said the resolution would begin work between Metro and the City of Portland to jointly develop adequate long-term funding for regional arts and entertainment facilities. He explained the resolution would authorize Executive Officer Cusma to undertake a planning and development effort to address the specific financial needs of the region's performing arts and entertainment facilities and the Arts Plan 2000+ group's agenda for the arts.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed support for the efforts listed in the resolution at this time but did not know if he could do so later. He discussed the the National Endowment for the Art's difficulties in defining art for funding and controversies with funding projects. He said public funds also meant more public follow-through including censoring, supervising and other related activities. Councilor Bauer concurred with Councilor Van Bergen and said Metro could not fund the arts and not fund housing programs. He supported planning functions at this time but said it would be difficult later to decide what programs should be funded.

Councilor Hansen said the arts as a whole had a history of not being self-supporting. She noted historically that government had had roles in funding art in the past.

Councilor Wyers concurred with Councilors Van Bergen and Bauer, but said the planning effort should be performed.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1556 was adopted.

7.7 Resolution No. 92-1565A, For the Purpose of Ratifying the Tentative Agreement with the Laborers International Union, Local 483, and AFSCME Local 3580 Concerning a Pay Increase, Effective 7-1-91

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor Wyers, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1565A.

Councilor Devlin gave the Finance Committee's report and recommendations. He explained the agreed-upon COLA of 3.25 percent resulted from a reduction in PERS retirement costs from the estimated 16 percent to 12 percent. He said when the Personnel Department heard from PERS that the District's costs were reduced from the previous estimates discussed in negotiations with bargaining units, the Personnel Department notified the bargaining units of the change. He said based on the lower estimate, it was agreed to award the 3.25 percent COLA.

Councilor Devlin noted potential PERS costs could be greater in the future.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1565A was adopted.

7.8 Resolution No. 92-1571, For the Purpose of Reauthorizing Proceedings to Advance Refund Series 1987 General Obligation Convention Center Bonds

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved, seconded by Councilor Wyers, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1571.

Councilor Van Bergen gave the Finance Committee's report and recommendations. Councilor Van Bergen explained staff wished to refinance Oregon Convention Center general obligation bonds issued in 1987 at the lower interest rates available now.

Jennifer Sims, Director of Finance & Management Information, explained financing details further.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1571 was adopted.

7.9 Resolution No. 92-1574, For the Purpose of Recognizing a Bad Debt Write-Off Related to Accounts Receivable No. 5481 - OK Sanitary Service, and No. 52230 - Helzer Sanitary Service

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1574.

Councilor Hansen gave the Finance Committee's report and recommendations. The Council as a whole discussed the resolution, asked staff if Metro would do business with the two companies again, whether collection agencies were used in these cases and whether Metro filed reports of bad debts with credit bureaus. Staff said Metro would not do business with the two companies again, that collection agencies were used, and that reports of bad debts would be filed.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin, Hansen, McFarland, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1574 was adopted.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Council discussed public relations techniques with the press and public-at-large.

The Council discussed Urban Growth Boundary amendment procedures.

The Council discussed the Regional Facilities Committee's recommendation to merge MERC and Metro Personnel and Accounting functions.

Councilor McFarland discussed her visit the date of this meeting to George Middle School to see the students' mural depiction of reclamation of the Smith and Bybee Lakes.

Councilor DeJardin discussed his visit to the Washington, D.C. NARC conference and discussions on earthquake planning held there.

Presiding Officer Gardner requested the Transportation & Planning, Solid Waste and Finance Committees discuss Executive

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Officer Cusma's proposal to merge the Transportation and Planning & Development Departments.

Councilor DeJardin said, related to his comments on his visit to Washington, D.C., that the Council in addition to preparing a Metro legislative agenda for consideration by the state legislature when in session, should also prepare legislative agendas for federal consideration regarding programs such as Greenspaces and other programs eligible for federal funds.

There being no further business, Presiding Officer Gardner adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paulette Allen
Clerk of the Council