

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

July 23, 1992

Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Larry Bauer

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. 6.8 and 7.1  
had been added to the agenda and that "Councilor Communications  
and Committee Reports" had been renumbered as Agenda No. 8.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

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

None.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

REFERRED FROM THE REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

4.1 Resolution No. 92-1649, For the Purpose of Adding Members to  
the Funding Task Force for Regional Facilities and Programs

REFERRED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE

4.2 Resolution No. 92-1627, For the Purpose of Establishing the  
Region's Priority Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program  
Projects for Inclusion in ODOT's Six-Year Program

4.3 Resolution No. 92-1644, For the Purpose of Establishing  
Administrative Procedures Between Metro and ODOT for Use and  
Exchange of FAU, STP and State Funding

4.4 Resolution No. 92-1645, For the Purpose of Revising the Portland Metropolitan Area's Urbanized Transportation Boundary to Establish the Area Eligible for Metro STP Funds

4.5 Resolution No. 92-1646, For the Purpose of Endorsing Commitment of Tri-Met General Obligation Bonds to East Portland/Clackamas County LRT Development and Westside Credit Enhancement

REFERRED FROM THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

4.6 Resolution No. 92-1651, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Del Seitzinger, Stefanie Graff and Arnold Polk to Fill Vacancies on the 1<sup>st</sup> for Recycling Advisory Committee

REFERRED FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4.7 Resolution No. 92-1653, For the Purpose of Approving a Request for Proposal Document for Performance Audit Services

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

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

## 5. ORDINANCES, FIRST READINGS

5.1 Ordinance No. 92-467, For the Purpose of Approving the Revision of Metro Code Section 2.02.275, Zoo Visitor Services Employees

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

Presiding Officer Gardner announced Ordinance No. 92-467 had been referred to the Governmental Affairs Committee for consideration.

5.2 Ordinance No. 92-468, For the Purpose of Approving an Increase in the Transfer Rate for the Forest Grove Transfer Station

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

Presiding Officer Gardner announced Ordinance No. 92-468 had been referred to the Solid Waste Committee for consideration.

**6. RESOLUTIONS**

**6.1 Resolution No. 92-1637, For the Purpose of Considering Adoption of the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan (Public Hearing)**

**Motion:** Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor McFarland, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1637.

Councilor Devlin gave the Transportation & Planning Committee's report and recommendations. He said the Committee met July 14 and recommended the resolution to the full Council for adoption. He noted changes made to the draft Master Plan since its release to the public were notated in the Committee Report. He said Metro, when drafting the Master Plan, had provided numerous opportunities for public comment and review. He said Legal Counsel provided amendments for purposes of clarification which were also contained in the Committee Report. He said 24 citizens testified at the public hearing. He said Peterkort property representatives testified in opposition to the Master Plan. He said issues discussed related to "Roles and Responsibilities" language, how many times "right of refusal" could be exercised by local governments, and stated for the record it was clarified at Committee that right of refusal could only be used one time. Councilor Devlin discussed local government responsibility with regard to Greenspaces. He said also discussed was whether costs would be tied to specific sites or be based on the system as a whole and that the Committee had determined either ideology could be used.

Presiding Officer Gardner opened the public hearing. He said testimony on Agenda Item Nos. 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 would be taken collectively rather than opening three separate public hearings.

**Councilor Barbara R. Wiggin**, Gresham City Council, supported Greenspaces and the bond issue referral. She said action had to be taken now to preserve natural areas in light of anticipated development and urged the Council to adopt the Master Plan.

**Brian Scott**, Oregon Downtown Development Association, distributed a brochure, "Liveable City Centers" and said the Greenspaces Program would help create liveable city centers.

**Diana Bradshaw**, 10997 SE Sunnyside, said Sunnyside was rural 15 years ago. She said wildlife was almost gone and traffic had increased. She participated on a neighborhood task force to establish a park and recreational district which Clackamas County now had, but said Greenspaces would further protect natural areas

in her neighborhood and the region. She said North Clackamas was deficient in natural areas.

Sue Lamb, Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee member, thanked Metro staff for their work on the Greenspaces Master Plan and praised the public involvement process used. She said existing natural areas must be protected and supported the bond measure to fund Greenspaces.

Doug Cottam, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, strongly supported the Greenspaces Program and briefly discussed land use issues. He said the Department of Fish & Wildlife exercised land use supervision and issued permits. He said land use actions occurred in cities and counties and that each jurisdiction had its own codes. He said the Greenspaces Master Plan would assist the Fish & Wildlife with its land use responsibilities. He said the bond measure to acquire natural areas was the best management tool to achieve goals.

Leslie Blaize, Friends of Forest Park, said natural areas were infringed upon now and said like water resources, natural areas would not be missed until gone. He urged adoption of the Greenspaces Master Plan.

Eric Engstrom, 1747 SE 47th, Portland, endorsed the Greenspaces Master Plan and the bond issue. He said as a member of the Audubon Society, he was concerned about threats to natural areas and wildlife. He said Metro was the appropriate agency to coordinate the Greenspaces Program.

Marguerite Nabeta, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department Outdoor Recreation planner, said she was impressed with the process Metro used to develop the Master Plan because of the extensive planning and citizen involvement utilized.

Dick Shook, Friends of Mt. Scott/Kellogg Creek, discussed watershed protection issues and said the both the Master Plan and bond issue were necessary to protect stream corridors and natural areas.

Russ Peterson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service field supervisor, said Metro staff had done an excellent job on the Master Plan and said the Department believed Greenspaces was critical to the metropolitan area's quality of life.

Linda Dobson, assistant to City of Portland Commissioner Mike Lindberg, distributed a letter dated July 23 from Commissioner Lindberg and a memo dated July 23 from Charles Jordan, Director, City of Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation, both of which

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urged the Council to adopt the Greenspaces Master Plan and bond measure.

Commissioner Sharron Kelley, Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, introduced Charles Cieccko, Director, Parks Services Division, and distributed her letter dated July 23. She urged the Council to adopt the Master Plan and bond measure because of anticipated population growth, said Metro was the appropriate agency to manage Greenspaces, and pledged Multnomah County's full cooperation in implementing the Greenspaces Master Plan.

Dan Zinzer, Clackamas County Parks Director, said he had received numerous letters in the mail in support of the Greenspaces Program. He said working with the Metro Council and staff on the process had been an enjoyable process and urged adoption of the Master Plan.

Richard Seidman, Friends of Trees Executive Officer, said that organization was non-profit and worked for neighborhood improvement and environmental restoration. He said the destruction of trees led to grief, sadness and anger and said Greenspaces would give citizens the chance to respond pro-actively to environmental encroachment.

Jerri Bohard, Clark County Parks, Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee member, said Clark County was supportive of Greenspaces especially as it related to bi-state efforts. She said Clark County would perform complementary work and had just completed a prioritization of open lands in Clark County including a survey of bike trails.

Ron Klein, Portland General Electric (PGE), Environmental Affairs Coordinator, said PGE encouraged approval and implementation of the Master Plan. He said urban natural areas played an important part in defining the region's quality of life which in turn contributed to a healthy economy and urged adoption of the Master Plan.

Cathy Claire, Tualatin River Keepers, noted the Metro Council had actively supported Tualatin River Discovery Day, an environment-related event, for the past three years and said acquisition and protection of natural spaces must begin now because it would be too expensive to do so later.

Mike Houck, Audubon Society (Loaned Executive to Metro), said the Master Plan went far beyond the acquisition of natural areas alone and would assist in other planning areas such as transportation, environmental land use, Urban Growth Boundary

(UGB) planning and maintenance, and infill. He said work on those issues could not be done without protecting natural areas and said such protection was an integral part of urban growth management. Mr. Houck displayed a draft poster to advertise the ballot measure campaign and urged adoption of the Master Plan.

Jim Coleman, attorney, O'Donnell Ramis, said he represented the Peterkort property owners. He said the Master Plan did an excellent job in promoting regional open spaces goals. He expressed concern that it did not take into account the other functions of land use planning that must occur in the State of Oregon by law. He said the Master Plan as implemented would have significant impact on land use plans for various properties in the metropolitan region. He suggested amendment language which he said would make the Plan more defensible during the acquisition process by providing coordinating language for any public agencies with transportation plans or land use plans that must be taken into account during the acquisition process. He said the Peterkort family was concerned about the proposed Sunset light rail station planned for their property and densities planned to support that site and transit center. He said the Westside lightrail citizen advisory committee had already expressed their concern to Metro on the need for coordination between the acquisition program and the lightrail project itself. He distributed proposed language (additional language underlined) to amend page 72, Policy No. 2.25 to read: "Make funding decisions consistent with the priorities of the Greenspaces Master Plan, acquisition, and capital improvement plans. Funds for acquisition under this masterplan may be used (1) to acquire land set aside to satisfy Goal 5 in local comprehensive plans and (2) to purchase identified land from willing sellers. Funds shall not be used to purchase land from unwilling sellers unless the local comprehensive plan already calls for the preservation of land in order to satisfy Goal 5." That language was attached to a letter from Jack Broome, The Wetlands Conservancy, dated July 17, 1992.

Mr. Coleman said Mr. Broome had expressed concerns about language in the Master Plan about the use of the "eminent domain" power to purchase property from unwilling sellers. He said he did not represent Mr. Broome, but said Mr. Broome's concerns were similar to the Peterkorts in that instance. He said amendment language would address concerns about the use of eminent domain in purchasing property.

Councilor Van Bergen asked Mr. Coleman how the Peterkorts could receive a hearing since a court process or normal planning process would not be utilized.

Mr. Coleman said the effect of site-specific designations for public uses definitely impacted the ability to use and market property. He said unless Metro provided a forum, the only alternative was for property owners to apply to the Land Use Court of Appeals (LUBA).

Councilor Devlin said when Metro carried out the inventory process of the program, land was inventoried for specific characteristics and not designated for preservation. He said the Master Plan identified triangles, or areas of opportunity, and was not site-specific. He said in the case of the Peterkort property, the inventory identified it in that large portions of that property should be preserved. He said Metro had made every effort not to perform "inverse condemnation."

Mr. Coleman said he had no difficulties with the process taken to date, but asked that when Metro took the next steps to acquire, that the Master Plan contain policy that required coordination between the agencies whose public facility plans and transportation plans were affected by those acquisitions. He said that was what the proposed language would do and provided a necessary step.

Michael Carlson, Audubon Society conservationist, distributed written testimony and congratulated Metro on its leadership in development of the Master Plan. He said 90 percent of the region's natural areas were in private ownership and that with anticipated population growth, only 10 percent of the region's natural areas were safe from development. He urged adoption of the Master Plan and bond measure. He said although the Plan would ensure protection of some natural areas, it was essential not to become complacent and assume they were permanently protected. He said Metro should not have to do all the work and that citizens should also assume responsibility for better understanding and protection of natural areas.

Elaine Ryback, Friends of Cedar Springs, said Friends wholeheartedly supported the Master Plan and pledged to actively work on adoption of the ballot measure.

Valerie Jimenez, student, Madison High School, said the Madison Students for Social and Environmental Citizenship (MSSEC) supported the Master Plan. She said she attended a resources camp located at Klamath Falls and said it was surrounded by undeveloped natural areas. She said adoption of the Master Plan would protect the remaining undeveloped natural areas surrounding Portland. She said not all students had the opportunity to attend camps and that urban natural areas might be the only natural areas they had the opportunity to observe. She noted

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Madison High School had just begun an environmental studies program.

Councilor Wyers encouraged Ms. Jimenez and her fellow students to help with passage of the ballot measure.

Councilor Buchanan asked Ms. Jimenez to contact Metro when she and other students observed natural areas in her area worthy of preservation.

Stephanie Stevenson, student, Madison High School, and member of MSSEC, said natural areas were extremely important to the urban environment and to future generations and urged adoption of the Master Plan.

Alice Blatt, 15231 NE Holladay, Portland, spoke as a citizen but noted she belonged to East Portland District Coalition, ECCO and Friends of Wildlife (FOWL). She expressed strong support for the Master Plan and the ballot measure. She said the state economy depended a great deal on the region's known quality of life.

Kelly Puntaney, Assistant to the Manager of the City of Vancouver, stated Vancouver's support for Greenspaces. He said interstate efforts would assist in the Program's success.

Hal Bergema, senior planner, Washington County, said he represented Washington County on the Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee. He said the Greenspaces planning process had been an interesting and enjoyable experience. He said Washington County urged the Council to adopt the Master Plan after having given due consideration to Peterkort property concerns and condemnation concerns as expressed by Mr. Coleman in his testimony at this meeting.

Presiding Officer Gardner asked if any other citizens wished to testify. No other citizens appeared to testify and the public hearing was closed.

Councilor McLain said the testimony received at this meeting had been uplifting. She stated for the record that the Greenspaces Master Plan was an important and progressive program.

Councilor Devlin discussed issues related to the Peterkort property and eminent domain. He stated for the record that the issue of eminent domain and its use was discussed in detail by the Greenspaces Technical and Policy Advisory Committees and the Council Transportation & Planning Committee. He said the issues raised by Mr. Coleman were complex. He said the Master Plan was not a static or a functional plan and was subject to change in



the future as issues arose. He said eminent domain issues could not be dealt with at this meeting. He asked for the Office of General Counsel's opinion because such issues would have to be addressed in the future.

Councilor Devlin recognized and thanked those present for their work during the planning process, including Councilors Hansen and McFarland for their service on committees, Planning Department staff including Andy Cotugno, Richard Carson, Mel Huie, Pat Lee, David Auscherman, Ellen Lanier-Phelps, and Eric Sample. He thanked Marilyn Matteson of the Public Affairs Department; David Yamashita while on loan from the City of Portland; Linda Robinson, a temporary employee in the Planning Department; Chris Scherer from the Department of Finance & Administration; Legal Counsel Dan Cooper and Larry Shaw; Commissioner Sharron Kelley, former Metro Councilor; and Mike Houck from the Audubon Society. He recognized members present from the Technical and Policy Advisory Committees and Greenspaces ballot measure volunteers. Councilor Devlin noted Esther Lev of Portland State University and her participation and said many others had participated and helped and were too numerous to thank.

Councilor Van Bergen asked those present for their continued work and participation on the ballot measure campaign.

Presiding Officer Gardner said the only way to preserve natural areas within and without the District was to adopt the Greenspaces Master Plan.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1637 was adopted.

2. Resolution No. 92-1639A, For the Purpose of Submitting to Voters Questions of Contracting a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$200 Million and Authorization to Proceed with the Financing, Acquisition, Development, Operations and Maintenance of a Regional System of Greenspaces

Main Motion: Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor Wyers, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1639A.

Councilor Devlin gave the Finance Committee's report and recommendations. He explained the resolution would submit a \$200 million general obligation bond to the voters for the purpose of

acquiring natural areas for the Greenspaces Program. He said the Committee reviewed the financial plan and noted to achieve everything the Plan required would cost \$555 million. He said that amount could be achieved with a bond measure amount of \$475 million. He said the both the Technical and Policy Advisory Committees determined a measure should be put on the ballot with a reasonably good chance of passage that would get the Master Plan underway and had determined to do so, a \$200 million bond measure was required at this time. He said Greenspaces bond proceeds would be split; 75 percent allocated to the regional system and 25 percent allocated to local park providers for any park and recreation capital expenditures. He said operation and maintenance cost estimates were provided for "basic maintenance" and "land banking" levels. He said the Plan provided that the land banking level of maintenance be provided with existing District resources and that basic maintenance be provided following the acquisition of additional operating funds. He said 11 persons testified in favor at Committee and there was no testimony in opposition.

Councilor Devlin said the Committee reviewed the caption for the ballot and accepted proposed amendments by staff with the understanding that General Counsel would review the proposed ballot title to assure the District was able to assume regional park functions as stated in the Oregon Revised Statutes.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor McFarland, to substitute General Counsel's Exhibit A, ballot title language, printed in General Counsel's July 22 memorandum, for Exhibit A language printed in the Council agenda.

Presiding Officer Gardner asked for a collective vote on the main motion and the motion to amend.

Vote on Both Motions: Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1639A was adopted as amended.

6.3 Resolution No. 92-1638A, For the Purpose of Considering District Policy to Allocate Excise Taxes Toward Operation and Maintenance of Metro-Managed Greenspaces Until Other Funds Are Available

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1638A.

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Councilor Hansen gave the Finance Committee's report and recommendations. She explained the proposed excise tax commitment was based on the land banking level of maintenance as described in the Financial Study. She said estimated costs were \$4,000 in FY 1993-94, \$29,000 in FY 1994-95 and \$99,000 in FY 1995-96, if the \$200 million ballot measure passed. She explained "land banking level" meant the lowest level of maintenance in that the areas would be kept clean and supervised.

Councilor Devlin said Metro currently devoted approximately \$250,000 in excise taxes. He said if the bond measure passed, staff work would be eligible for reimbursement by bond funds and current excise tax expenditures would be freed.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1638A was adopted.

Presiding Officer Gardner thanked all those present for their support of the Greenspaces Program.

Presiding Officer Gardner recessed the Council at 7:20 p.m. The Council reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

6.4 Resolution No. 92-1650A, For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters the Question of Whether Legislation Should be Adopted to Authorize the Voters to Abolish Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties, the Metropolitan Service District, and Tri-Met, and Create a Single Consolidated Government (Public Hearing)

Main Motion: Councilor Collier moved, seconded by Councilor Wyers, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1650A.

Councilor Collier gave the Governmental Affairs Committee's report and recommendations. She explained the resolution was introduced by herself and Executive Officer Cusma. She said the Committee considered the resolution on three separate occasions and passed it out of Committee with no recommendation with a 3/0 vote. She said while in Committee, approximately 30 persons testified on the resolution. She said the resolution would put an advisory ballot measure on the November 3 ballot asking citizens if the Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas County governments, the Metropolitan Service District and Tri-Met should be abolished and create a county with 10 percent less expenditures. She said if the ballot measure passed, it would be referred to the State Legislature to restructure a combined

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government. She said with regard to structure, the resolution asked that full-time persons be elected from districts and an executive officer be elected at large to replace 33 elected officials from the three counties, Metro and Tri-Met. She said the resolution did not cover taxes or whether taxes would be raised in one county and lowered in another, was not meant to increase Metro's power, and was not refined enough to have a financial analysis because it only asked for an advisory vote. She said the resolution was written in response to the effects of Ballot Measure No. 5 and the discontent citizens had expressed with the cost and duplication of government. She said this concept had been discussed for years by elected officials, civic leaders, civic groups, academics and the media throughout the region had commented on it.

Presiding Officer Gardner opened the public hearing.

Judge Stephen Herrell, Multnomah County Circuit Court, spoke as a member of the Portland City Club and distributed written testimony. He discussed a previous City Club study written which had recommended consolidation of existing governments to be called "Willamette County." He said the City Club's report was still timely today. He said the study received a great deal of support. He said the committee agreed on a two-tiered model of government with a regional entity to deal with regional issues and cities to deal with service issues. He said currently there were three levels of government and two dealt with regional issues. He said county governments acted as regional government also. He said the time when the three counties were considered separate communities were gone. He said the urban population had homogenized together to create one community. He said old county boundaries were redundant and it was not sensible to keep them anymore. He said citizens did not identify with Metro but did identify with county government, and so the City Club committee believed all county government should be merged and that municipal services should be performed by cities or corporations. He said Metro competed with cities and counties for funding.

Judge Herrell said before the question was put to the voters, detailed financial analysis should be performed and that information should be fully communicated to the public.

Councilor Buchanan and Judge Herrell discussed cost savings. Judge Herrell said the City Club was not able to invest in a detailed financial study. Councilor Buchanan said he did not believe restructuring of governments would save money because of costs related to synchronizing existing infrastructures such as computer systems and police equipment.

Councilor Devlin asked if the City Club studied the different service levels offered by different counties. Councilor McLain discussed school district issues. She asked if the City Club attempted to determine if citizens were in favor of consolidation or reviewed the issues on a cost-savings basis only. He said the City Club attempted to determine what the most logical governmental structure would be. He said the City Club did not have the resources to review different governmental budgets extensively.

Councilor Gronke asked if there was sufficient time between this date and November 3 to answer the questions Judge Herrell raised. Judge Herrell said he did not think there was sufficient time, but said it was an advisory vote and if presented properly, would be appealing to citizens.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed concern about the judicial system and venues and asked how filing considerations in jurisdictions would be consolidated or if they would be at all. He said each jurisdiction had different, sometimes confusing, filing requirements. Judge Herrell said the resolution stated the court systems would be kept separate from other consolidation issues. Judge Herrell hoped juvenile services/courts would eventually be merged. He said it would be sensible to merge the court system, but said there could be different geographic courts as there were now.

Commissioner Sharron Kelley, Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, said Multnomah County adopted a resolution in support of Metro's consolidation proposal. She said it created healthy debate and made sense. She distributed data based on the 1990 census covering the three counties which detailed the percentage of county households with incomes below the poverty line; the percentage of county households with incomes less than \$10,000; the percentage of county households with less than \$15,000; and other statistics. She noted 77 percent of the region's population worked in Multnomah County. She compared property tax bases per county per capita and said without considering other revenue sources, statistics suggested that Multnomah County property tax rates had to be 19 percent higher than Washington County and 11 percent higher than Clackamas County, if the need for services was equal among the three counties.

Councilor Hansen said she knew citizens moved to Multnomah County for the social services offered there. Commissioner Kelley said that was true to some extent. Councilor Van Bergen asked why taxes in other counties should increase to subsidize social services in Multnomah County. Councilor Kelley cited gang

problems and said Multnomah County did not have the resources to develop programs to deal with gang problems. She said there were approximately 1,000 gang members in Gresham. She said urban problems were spreading to Clackamas and Washington Counties and were not Multnomah County's problem only. She discussed cuts made by Multnomah County in the number of jail beds, library services and other services/resources. Councilor Van Bergen said some of the problems Commissioner Kelley cited could be the state's responsibility. Commissioner Kelley agreed, but said the issues should be reviewed.

Councilor Devlin asked, if the 10 percent cut took place because of consolidation, whether Multnomah County would be willing to accept the cut. Commissioner Kelley said Multnomah County would be willing and said it had already made \$7 million in efficiency cuts alone.

Councilor Buchanan said he would propose an amendment that the ballot measure go on the spring ballot rather than the November 3 ballot.

Councilor Hansen asked if Multnomah County Commissioners would be supportive of a statewide ballot rather than a metropolitan area ballot only. Commissioner Kelley said it would make sense because governments would determine feeling in both urban and rural areas in the state.

Michael Gorsuch, 13377 SE Johnson Rd, Clackamas, said he represented Clackamas County citizens, and said the bigger government became, the less citizens were represented. He said Clackamas County had previously been ignored, but was now being acknowledged, to get its tax dollars. He said local governments paid attention to individual voters.

Councilor Collier asked Mr. Gorsuch if an advisory vote asking citizens to express their opinion was acceptable. He said if the ballot measure was passed, the counties should be allowed to decide how consolidation would be performed. Councilor Buchanan asked if it would be advisable to delay the ballot measure. Mr. Gorsuch said it should be delayed to allow more time to inform citizens. The Council and Mr. Gorsuch briefly discussed the issues further.

Don Clark, former chair, Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, reviewed the history of local government and said current government structure was based on England's shire/county structure. He reviewed Oregon's county system(s) back to 1843. He discussed the effects of Ballot Measure No. 5 and said there was a redundancy of expenditure. He said school and highway

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funds could be combined and a "Metropolitan Health Authority" could be formed. He said the current political climate meant it was an ideal time to change the current governmental structure and said citizens demanded leadership. He said business could not be done as had been done in the past. He said the past included legislators and elected officials such as himself. He asked Metro to be bold and said Resolution No. 92-1650A was not bold enough. He said all current local government should be abolished to create one, cohesive government.

Councilor Devlin asked if rural residents would be best served by an urban county or brought into some sort of combined county structure. Mr. Clark said rural residents should be brought into a combined structure because it would not be fair to cut them off because they were not part of the urban tax base.

The Council and Mr. Clark discussed the issues further. Councilor Wyers asked what would happen if the public voted negatively in large numbers. Mr. Clark said the task force he served on had various options for legislative review. He said if the public voted no, the public should be asked again. He said the best thing to do was to put the options to the public and get their opinion. To Councilor Gronke's question, Mr. Clark said he would not accept a negative vote as approval of the status quo. He said there was confusion about what different governments did, that the public should be informed and be given options. He said a nay vote meant the public had not been offered the right option and expected leadership.

John Brophy, C.R. Brophy Machine Works, 13377 SE Johnson Road, Clackamas, said he resided in Multnomah County. He noted more members of the public were present for the Council's consideration of Greenspaces than there were for Resolution No. 92-1650A. He said there was not enough public awareness of the issues and asked who would benefit from consolidation. He said Metro was a tool for the elite. He said the east side of Portland had been neglected for years. He asked why Clackamas County would not be getting light rail and said the consolidation as proposed by Metro meant Clackamas County would continue to lose. He said a super county would not be accountable to citizens, and that it was unfair to tax and not represent.

Nohad Toulan, Dean, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University (PSU) said he was not speaking on behalf of PSU and said most of the testimony suggested consolidation would solve current problems, but asked if consolidation would create good government for the future. He said most current government structures were created in the 19th century to meet agricultural needs. He said the citizens who created government then did not

think the structures created would be permanent. He said with the advent of the Industrial Revolution, government began to be less responsive to citizens' needs. He urged the Council to adopt the resolution and allow citizens to vote on consolidation issues. He said noted Commissioner Kelley's testimony and said 20 or 30 years from now, Clackamas County rather than Multnomah County could be the entity with difficulty providing resources for the poor and homeless.

Councilor Van Bergen asked Dr. Toulan when dialogue on the issues should take place. Dr. Toulan agreed there was not very much time between this meeting date and November 3, but said discussion of these and similar concepts had taken place over the last 20 years.

Councilor Gronke asked Dr. Toulan his opinion of the ballot measure title and the timing of the measure. Dr. Toulan said the timing was overdue. He said there had been discussion on changing regional government's form for a long time. He said after the issues were voted upon, serious discussion would begin to take place. He did not know whether 10 percent of the tax base revenues could be saved or not. He said the issue was how governments were going to save years from now when current problems had multiplied. He said one single government was a likely option. He disagreed with Mr. Clark's testimony on abolishing local government and did not think that was necessary. He said the strength of the consolidation proposal was that it would probably strengthen local government rather than weaken it. He said difficulties encountered would be with unincorporated areas. He said any final proposal had to deal with unincorporated areas, or the same situation would occur as had with the 1974 City-County consolidation. Dr. Toulan said the ballot measure language was acceptable, and probably should not be any more specific.

Councilor Buchanan reiterated the November 3 election was too soon to vote on consolidation issues. Dr. Toulan said his only concern about putting the measure on the March ballot was that would be too late for the Legislature to work on a consolidated structure. Councilor Buchanan said the Legislature would have four to five months after March to work on the ballot measure.

Senator Ron Cease, Charter Committee member, discussed consolidation issues. He said he had observed Metro deal with issues related to merging with Tri-Met for 13 years. He urged the Council to adopt the consolidation ballot measure now and not delay the process any further.



The Council and Senator Cease discussed the issues further. Councilor Devlin noted the ballot measure could go to an interim committee between two legislative sessions. Councilor Devlin asked if the ballot title should detail in advance a proposed governmental structure. Senator Cease said the language should not be specific because the vote asked for was advisory in nature only. He said Metro should make clear it was asking for advice from the voters. He said it was not possible to anticipate answers to specific questions in advance.

Councilor McLain reassured Senator Cease that the Council knew Metro was not the only entity involved in the issues and discussed services for school districts. She said what the Council wanted was more information from the voters. She said the voter was not always included in debate on governmental structure. Senator Cease said county governments were upset by the consolidation proposal. He said it was immaterial which government proposed consolidation, but said all parties should be involved in discussion on the ideas. He said there was merit in having smaller school districts.

Commissioner Ed Lindquist, Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, distributed and read from written testimony. He introduced Ray Erland, Clackamas County assessor, who distributed his July 23 memorandum "Analysis of Impact - Proposed Tri-County Consolidation."

Commissioner Lindquist said Resolution No. 92-1650A could be considered an attempt to subvert the efforts of the Charter Committee. He said Metro had shown no basis for the claim that consolidation would save taxpayers 10 percent. He noted many county sources of funding such as the gas tax, were dedicated to specific purposes. He said failure to use those funds did not benefit the citizens because they did not come from property taxes. He said honesty with the voters required that governments state any reduction in operating costs would not necessarily lead to lowered property taxes. He said the impact would be greatest on citizens who would not be included in the November vote because they lived outside District boundaries and/or in timber-dependent communities. He said a tax shift resulting from consolidation would adversely affect cities in Clackamas County which already faced declining revenues and services. He said the timing of Metro's proposal could not have been worse and said the voters must be allowed to review and approve the efforts of the Charter Committee before voting on consolidation. He said that the addition of the consolidation measure to the November ballot would jeopardize both the Charter and Greenspaces ballot measures, both of which Clackamas County supported. He said the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners would like to participate

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in a regional effort that truly represented the desires of the voters in the tri-county area. He stressed that Clackamas County did not object to having the consolidation measure put to the voters for consideration. He said Clackamas County's objections were to the closed and exclusionary process by which the consolidation proposal was developed, poor timing, a misleading ballot title, and lack of honesty and clarity in the explanatory statement.

Presiding Officer Gardner noted Clackamas County submitted a White Paper during Governmental Affairs Committee consideration of the resolution. He said there was an assumption that with consolidation there would be a uniform tax rate for the three counties.

Mr. Erland said that assumption was because Metro had provided no detailed information. He said if Metro had done so, the three county assessors could have provided detailed data on tax impacts in response. He said he combined the three county tax rolls for FY 1991-92 and computed them based on current law.

Councilor Collier said many assumptions had been made. She asked if Clackamas County would be willing to put the measure on their ballot county-wide rather than just the part of the county that encompassed the Metropolitan Service District.

Commissioner Lindquist said the Commission felt it should. He said there would be a problem if the ballot explanation said there would be an automatic 10 percent reduction in taxation. He did not believe governments could make that promise to voters.

Councilor Buchanan asked if the March 1993 election would solve timing problems. Commissioner Lindquist said it would if an extensive public information outreach could be achieved. He stated he was not opposed to regional government and that he served on the original committee that created Metro. He said the public should be educated on the issues. He asked what the public's perception would be of a ballot that contained both the Metro Charter and the consolidation measure.

Executive Officer Cusma noted Legal Counsel had been consulted and that differential taxation in the District was a possibility.

Mr. Erland said taxes were an issue to citizens. He said any time governments with different tax bases were combined, taxes were increased unless differential taxation was utilized. He said if differential taxation was not used, the City of Portland would get \$11 million annually. He said Metro should describe

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what process would be used when asking the citizens for an advisory vote.

Ed Einowski, attorney, Steel River Boley Gray, noted Mr. Clark's previous testimony on Oregon county history. He said counties were originally formed to build roads so farmers could get to market. He said circumstances had changed in the last 80 years. He said political boundaries represented real boundaries. He said problems arose when those boundaries did not apply to current circumstances. He said citizens lived under antiquated divisions that had real impacts on how people lived. He said there was concern about the ballot title's language expressed at this meeting, but said everyone who read it would understand what it meant. He believed the \$10 million reduction language should be kept in because it was achievable.

The Council and Mr. Einowski briefly discussed the issues.

Commissioner Bonnie Hays, Chair, Washington County Board of Commissioners, said the consolidation proposal would not fix current political and fiscal problems. She said a quick fix without analysis and empirical data was not responsible. She noted efforts such as transportation planning and Greenspaces which relied on cooperation between governments. She said consolidation issues could be discussed between the involved governments. She said if Metro believed voters should have an opportunity to give input on governmental structure, it should be done on a state-wide basis. She said if "Willamette County" was created, the other 33 counties would be apprehensive. She said the advisory vote could raise voters' expectations that a magical solution was in the offing. She said the voters could become disenchanted even further. She said advisory votes were very faulty and expensive public surveys.

The Council and Commissioner Hays briefly discussed the issues further.

Arnie Polk, Washington County resident, said he previously resided in Chicago and that Chicago residents did not have the opportunity to vote on such ballot measures. He said an advisory vote should be offered to citizens.

Marilyn Wall, North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce, vice president of Governmental Affairs, said the Chamber favored an advisory vote. She said bigger government was not necessarily better or more efficient. She did not think ballot measure language was clear and said it would not be clear what the voters did want if the measure passed. She said current law provided

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that voters could change county boundaries. She said Metro should provide a structure to vote upon.

Corky Kirkpatrick, 230 Forest Cove Road, West Linn, former Metro Councilor, said she served on the Tri-County Local Government Commission, was a Lake Oswego City Councilor for 4 years, and a Metro Councilor for 10 years. She said she and her family relocated to Oregon from Florida because of urban problems there. She said Oregon was beginning to have some of the problems Florida had. She applauded Metro's vision and said citizens were ready for real change.

Diane Quick, 10100 SE Walnut Drive, Happy Valley, said she lived in Clackamas County for 25 years, had a business in Multnomah County for eight and one half years and lived in Washington County. She said it was predominantly clear that there was a lack of knowledge. She said some counties had already made consolidation efforts. She said Multnomah County's problems as detailed by Commissioner Kelley were not new. She said the Multnomah County Board should ask voters if they wanted change and asked why other counties should assume Multnomah County's problems. She said Washington County had its own share of the poor and homeless.

Sam Tamura, City Club Government and Taxation Committee member, asked if Councilor Buchanan's proposals made at the Governmental Affairs Committee would be considered at this meeting.

Councilor Buchanan said he planned to propose amendments.

Ms. Tamura asked what 10 percent reduction in expenditures meant. Councilor Collier explained \$65 million was 10 percent of total operating expenditures for the five entities in question. She explained at this time, staff did not have specifics on how to achieve that reduction and said the Legislature would work on fiscal issues if the ballot measure passed.

Betsy Brumm, 3115 NE Alameda Terrace, said she was part of the process 20 years ago to abolish the Columbia Regional Association of Governments (CRAG) to achieve regional government and urged the Council to adopt the resolution.

Easton Cross, 222 NW Davis, #317, Portland, discussed the consolidation measure. He said the Legislature was the only entity with the time and resources to address the issues. He said a previous attempt to perform city/county consolidation failed because of how to reconcile police/fire pension funds. He said since the vote would be advisory, the Legislature would work on the proposal anyway.

Alice Blatt, previous testifier at this meeting, said efficiency and economy in government had been discussed for years and supported Resolution No. 92-1650A. She expressed concern about negative impact on the Greenspaces ballot measure.

Presiding Officer Gardner asked if any other citizens present wished to testify. No other citizens appeared to testify and the public hearing was closed.

First Motion to Amend: Councilor Buchanan moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin, to amend Resolution No. 92-1650A, Whereas clause No. 7 (additions underlined and deletions bracketed) : "Whereas, Abolishing Metro, Tri-Met, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties and their replacement by a single government entity [~~will~~] may provide for [~~at least a 10 percent~~] reduction in total expenditures; and..."

Councilor Devlin clarified any amendments made to the resolution would also amend Exhibit A which contained the ballot title and explanation.

Councilor Buchanan said he had observed consolidation efforts before and said they led to no reduction in expenditure or savings. He said the advisory vote should not mislead voters. He said reduction in governmental expenditures would be due to the effects of Ballot Measure No. 5.

Councilor Collier said an across-the-board 10 percent cut had to be offered. She said cuts could not be carried out jurisdiction by jurisdiction or savings goals would not be realized. The Council discussed the motion to amend.

Vote on First Motion to Amend: Councilors Buchanan, Devlin and Gronke voted aye. Councilors Collier, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted nay. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was 8 to 3 against and the motion failed.

Second Motion to Amend: Councilor Buchanan moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin, to amend Resolution No. 92-1650A Whereas clause No. 8: "Whereas, Abolishing Metro, Tri-Met, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties and their replacement by a single government entity [~~would provide one elected government comprised of no more than nine full-time elected councilors and a separately-elected full-time executive~~] to replace the existing four elected bodies and one appointed governing body consisting of 29 elected and 7 appointed

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officials and, thus, make the new government both more accessible and more accountable to the persons it serves; and..."

Councilor Buchanan noted previous testimony that the vote asked for was advisory in nature only and did not have to be specific. Councilor Collier said she would vote nay on the amendment because sending it to the Legislature with no form or direction at all was not sensible.

Executive Officer Cusma concurred with Councilor Collier. She noted a question citizens frequently asked was how many elected officials there would be and what the new governmental structure would be like.

Vote on Second Motion to Amend: Councilors Buchanan and Washington voted aye. Councilors Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Wyers and Gardner voted nay. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was 9 to 2 against and the motion to amend failed.

Third Motion to Amend: Councilor Buchanan moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin, to amend Resolution No. 92-1650A, Be It Resolved Section No. 2: "That the measure shall be placed on the ballot for [the General] a special election [on the 3rd day of November, 1992] to be held on the fourth Tuesday of March, 1993."

The Council discussed the motion. Councilor Gronke said the amendment would solve timing issues and give Metro the opportunity to educate the public. He said it would also tell other governmental entities and the public that Metro was not attempting to circumvent the Metro Charter. He expressed concern the measure would adversely affect the Greenspaces ballot measure. Councilor McLain supported the motion also. She said timing issues contained political ramifications that could not be ignored.

Councilor Collier understood arguments for a March election. She said it was easier to defer difficult issues. She said it was important to put the measure on the November ballot. She said more voters voted in November than spring elections. She said the November election date provided many opportunities for public dialogue. She said a March election date was too late because the Legislative session would begin January 1993. She asked the Council to vote nay on the motion. Councilor Hansen concurred with Councilor Collier.

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Councilor Devlin said a November election did not give voters enough time to review the issues and said the Greenspaces ballot measure had received three years of preparation and work.

Councilor Wyers said she would vote nay on the motion. She said voters would be able to tell the difference between the Charter, consolidation and Greenspaces.

Executive Officer Cusma concurred with Councilor Wyers' assessment of voters' perceptions. She noted since Metro had two other items on the November ballot, the consolidation ballot measure would only cost Metro \$5,000. She said a special election in March would cost Metro \$80,000.

Vote on Third Motion to Amend: Councilors Buchanan, Devlin, Gronke, McLain and Van Bergen voted aye. Councilors Collier, Hansen, McFarland, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted nay. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was 6 to 5 against and the motion to amend failed.

Councilor Van Bergen said the consolidation proposal was a debacle. He said the public perceived the proponents of the measure as being heavy-handed. He said Clackamas and Washington County residents were concerned about increased taxes and also whether the consolidation measure was an attempt to subvert the consolidation ballot measure. He said regardless of what people thought of the proposed Metro Charter, it was done. He said Metro originally requested its own charter from the Legislature, the Legislature authorized it, and Metro had to abide by the process. He said public perception was also that with a bigger, consolidated government, there would be less access to elected officials. He said the City Club study as previously discussed by Judge Herrell was faulty because it was not completely thought through. He said that study never defined what was going to happen. He asked how jurisdiction venue issues would be solved. He asked where he could file title to his house located in Clackamas County. Councilor Van Bergen said he would vote no on the resolution.

Councilor McFarland said voters were discerning and fully capable of making decisions on the issues. She said consolidation issues were not the same as Charter issues.

Councilor Washington agreed with Councilor McFarland. He said voters would not confuse Greenspaces with other issues. He said it was insulting to the voters to think otherwise. He said the advisory vote was only one step and did not alter anything. He wanted the voters in his District to have the opportunity to vote on the issues.

Vote on Main Motion: Councilors Collier, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilors Buchanan, Devlin, Gronke and Van Bergen voted nay. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was 7 to 4 in favor and Resolution No. 92-1650A was adopted.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved, seconded by Councilor Wyers, to recommend Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties put the consolidation measure on their November ballots county-wide rather than just the Metropolitan Service District portion of those counties.

Councilor Van Bergen asked for Legal Counsel's opinion of the motion. General Counsel Dan Cooper said if the counties chose to do so, they could put the measure on county-wide. He said Metro had no legal power to direct them to do so outside of Metropolitan Service District boundaries. Councilor Wyers asked if it was permissible for Metro to make that request. Mr. Cooper said it was legal for Metro to make the request.

Councilor Buchanan stated he would actively campaign for the consolidation measure's passage in November.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Presiding Officer Gardner recessed the Council at 11:20 p.m. The Council reconvened at 11:26 p.m.

6.5 Resolution No. 92-1647A, For the Purpose of Accepting ODOT's Recommended Six-Year Program Reductions

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved, seconded by Councilor Wyers, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1647A.

Councilor Van Bergen gave the Transportation & Planning Committee's report and recommendations. Councilor Devlin noted the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) over-planned when it issued the first version of the six-year plan and that Metro requested \$22 million be applied to Westside lightrail which affected other projects. He said that some projects had been moved back and others had been eliminated.



Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilors Bauer and McLain were absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1647A was adopted.

6.6 Resolution No. 92-1654, For the Purpose of Making Areas Outside the Metro Boundary Eligible to Receive "Metro Challenge" Grants

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved, seconded by Councilor Washington, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1654.

Councilor Hansen gave the Solid Waste Committee's report and recommendations. She explained part of the \$500,000 for Metro Challenge Grants budgeted would assist smaller communities outside of District boundaries who used and paid fees at Metro facilities. She said the resolution would make those communities eligible for grants to use those funds.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilors Bauer and McLain were absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1654 was adopted.

6.7 Resolution No. 92-1648A, For the Purpose of Directing the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission to Prepare a Plan for the Financial Management of the Finance Committee Spectator Facilities Fund

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved, seconded by Councilor Hansen, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1648A.

Councilor Wyers gave the Finance Committee's report and recommendations. She explained during Budget Committee deliberation, that Committee offered a rent relief package of approximately \$200,000 for tenants of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts (PCPA). She said MERC adopted a different resolution which rebated \$1 million over the next two years. She said that change affected not only MERC's ability to fund the PCPA, but other MERC facilities as well. She said the Finance Committee determined to ask MERC to prepare a 10-year financial plan for the spectator facilities which included capital expenditures, and to do so in consultation with the City of Portland. She noted a memorandum received from City of Portland Commissioner Mike Lindbergh stating amendments to the consolidation agreement might be needed. She said City concerns

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did not directly relate to the issues at hand, but said the Council would likely hear more about those issues later.

Councilor Collier noted KPMG Peat Marwick recommended a 10-year financial plan be prepared during its audit of MERC operations. She asked if the resolution meant the audit would be done twice. Councilor Wyers said the resolution asked for a financial plan specifically on the Spectator Facilities Fund. Councilor Wyers thanked Casey Short, Council Analyst for his input and work on the resolution.

**Vote:** Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1648A was adopted.

**6.8 Resolution No. 92-1660, For the Purpose of Determining that the Charter Proposed by the Metro Charter Committee be Included in the State Voters' Pamphlet**

**Motion:** Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor Buchanan, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1660.

Councilor Devlin gave the Governmental Affairs Committee's report and recommendations. Councilor Devlin explained the resolution would include the Metro Charter as written by the Metro Charter Committee in the Voters' Pamphlet. He said Metro had to do so to allow arguments for and against to be printed in the Pamphlet and noted the enabling legislation for the Metro Charter Committee did not give that committee authority to print it in the Pamphlet.

Presiding Officer Gardner noted the Charter Committee had until August 6 to finish the charter document.

**Vote:** Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and Resolution No. 92-1660 was adopted.

7. NON-REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 92-1658, For the Purpose of Accepting May 19, 1992 Primary Election Abstract of Votes for Metropolitan Service District Council District 4

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Councilor Buchanan moved, seconded by Councilor Hansen, to suspend the Council's rules requiring resolutions be referred by Committee so that the Council as a whole could consider Resolution No. 92-1658.

Vote on Motion to Suspend the Rules: Councilors Buchanan, Collier, Devlin, Gronke, Hansen, McFarland, McLain, Van Bergen, Washington, Wyers and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Main Motion: Councilor Collier moved, seconded by Councilor Hansen, for adoption of Resolution No. 92-1658.

Presiding Officer Gardner said Resolution No. 92-1658 would accept corrected May 19, 1992 Primary Election abstracts correctly showing Councilor Devlin had won his District's election.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Status Report on Council Retreat

Presiding Officer Gardner briefed the Council on the status of the Council retreat. He said it would be held on September 25-26 or 26-27, at the Flying M Ranch. He said Councilors would be notified of final dates soon.

8.2 Status Report on 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  for Art for Metro Headquarters Building

Deferred to August 13, 1992, Council meeting.

All business having been attended to, Presiding Officer Gardner adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paulette Allen*

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Clerk of the Council