

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 17, 1995

Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Ruth McFarland (Presiding Officer), Rod Monroe (Deputy Presiding Officer), Jon Kvistad, Patricia McCaig, Susan McLain, Don Morissette, Ed Washington

Councilors Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Officer Mike Burton

Presiding Officer McFarland called the work session to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jack Polans, 16000 SW Queen Victoria Place, King City, Oregon, gave a follow-up on his testimony of January 12, pertaining to regional water programs.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Review of MERC Resolutions Adopted at its January 11, 1995 Meeting

Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, gave a review of MERC Resolutions 95-1 through 95-4. Presiding Officer McFarland indicated that if the Council doesn't act on any given resolution, it will stand as written and will become policy.

With regard to MERC Resolution 95-2, Councilor Monroe suggested that potential bidders on the RFPs for concessions and catering at MERC facilities be advised of the Executive Officer's proposed 7.5 per cent excise tax on concessions at the Oregon Convention Center and Expo. Parties submitting bids will need to determine the financial impact of the proposed excise tax when preparing their bids. Mr. LaCrosse agreed, and reported several MERC Commissioners and staff had had extensive discussions with the Executive Officer to assess the impact of the tax.

Councilor Washington asked how the proposed excise tax would affect contract negotiations with Fine Host. Mr. LaCrosse responded that the timing of the budget process and the timing of contract negotiations would overlap, allowing opportunity for all affected parties to consider the excise tax in reaching a contract agreement. Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center General Manager, concurred with Mr. LaCrosse, referring to discussions he had held with Fine Host representatives.

4.2 Overview of the 1995 Legislature

The overview of the 1995 Legislature did not take place due to scheduling conflicts. The overview will be rescheduled for a future date.

4.3 Goal 5 Update

Larry Shaw, Senior Assistant Counsel, reported on the LCDC Goal 5 Revisions. He reviewed a letter from Executive Officer Burton to Richard Benner, Director of the DLCD, dated January 17, 1995, regarding Goal 5 revisions. A copy of this letter is included as part of the meeting record. Mr. Shaw reported that former Metro Councilor Sandi Hansen had testified in front of a subcommittee of the LCDC taking the position that open space and scenic waterways planning should not be made optional in local comprehensive plans. The response from LCDC Commissioners was positive, however, this was not reflected in subsequent documents distributed by DLCD staff. The letter to Mr. Benner outlines the Executive Officer's concerns.

4.4 Council Office Budget Development

Presiding Officer McFarland asked that Councilors contact her with questions about the Council department budget prior to Thursday's meeting.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor McCaig distributed a memorandum from Don Carlson, Senior Council Analyst, to Councilor McCaig, dated January 12, 1995, regarding Resolution 95-2064A for a sole source relationship with Novell Netware. She suggested Councilors review it prior to discussing it at the Thursday, January 19 Council meeting.

Councilor McCaig also reported that Resolution 95-2074, which would change the election date of the Greenspaces bond measure, was on the agenda for the January 19 Council meeting, a week earlier than she anticipated. She indicated it would be her intent to go ahead and consider the Resolution at the earlier date, unless other Councilors had reason to delay action.

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Councilor Monroe reported on JPACT-related issues. He and other Clackamas County officials and business leaders met with Congressman Jim Bunn, who is on the House Appropriations Committee, and who will be important in terms of acquiring federal funding for transportation projects in the State of Oregon. Representative Bunn has indicated strong support for federal funding of S/N Light Rail.

Councilor Monroe announced that the finance subcommittee of JPACT will hold its first meeting January 17, 1995.

Councilor McLain informed the Council about a document entitled "Transportation Planning Role Regional Discussion" that will be very helpful to Councilors as they speak in their local jurisdictions.

Councilor McLain asked if Councilors would prefer the Future Vision Commission to set their January 30 meeting back a week in order to allow more Councilors to attend. Following discussion it was decided to let the Commission decide which week would be best for them.

Councilor Kvistad gave a brief preview of Resolution 95-2073, regarding an RFP to purchase diesel fuel that will be on the agenda for Thursday.

With no further business before the Council, Presiding Officer adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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