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MINUTES OF METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Council Chamber

January 24, 1995

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

Presiding Officer McFarland called the January 24, 1995 Metro Council Work Session to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Jack Polans, King City resident, addressed the Council and said he was in the process of review of Charter Committee proceedings pertaining to water and/or air pollution discussion. He indicated he would report further at a later date.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Review of Metro's 1995 Legislative Package

Burton Weast, Western Advocates, addressed the Council and referenced a document containing computerized information regarding the bills before the legislature at this time and copies of the bills referenced. He distributed this document to the Council, and it has been made part of the permanent meeting record. He indicated his office would be able to provide further information as requested, and invited the Councilors to call his office at any time.

Presiding Officer McFarland indicated Council Analyst John Houser had agreed to work with Mr. Weast as liaison to the Council in the legislative review process.

The Council discussed the process for legislative review further.

Merrie Waylett, Office of Government and Public Relations, addressed the Council and distributed a document to the Council entitled "Metro Legislative Priorities for 1995." This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Councilor McCaig discussed the need for prioritizing matters which the Metro Council felt were non-negotiable as opposed to others with which Metro might be more flexible and developing strategies for dealing with those matters.

Councilor Kvistad commented on the need for timeliness of information.

Councilor Monroe commented that Land Use law for the state impacted the region as a whole, and said he felt it was important that the Metro Council develop a unified position. matters in a more timely and more effective manner. He emphasized the Council was the policy making body of Metro and as such was to be proactive in such matters.

Councilor McLain supported the Council making a positive statement in a timely manner regarding Land Use laws currently on the books and positive movement toward implementation of the Regional Framework Plan and Region 2040.

Councilor Morissette asked Mr. Weast if it would be possible to indicate who was proposing the legislation. Mr. Weast said at times it was not known, and said the continuing practice in the House was that the sponsors were not being put on the bills. Councilor Morissette asked for any pertinent input from the Metro Planning Staff.

Ms. Waylett indicated her office had a system whereby all the bills that could impact Metro or Metro programs were transmitted to the various departments with a review sheet for the managers to complete and return. She said copies of those review sheets were then sent directly to Salem for the lobbyists to use. She said she would put the Councilors on the distribution list for those completed reviews.

Councilor Morissette indicated he would like to receive that information.

Councilor Morissette commented he would be interested in meeting and working with Councilors McFarland and Monroe when discussion occurred regarding these issues.

Presiding Officer McFarland indicated she felt these issues should be under review by the Council as a Whole.

Councilor Kvistad said he believed the Council as a Whole would be appropriately informed and that decision making should come from the body as a whole.

Councilor Washington expressed concern regarding the possibility of the process becoming too cumbersome for the Council to be able to deal with. Councilor Washington emphasized that he felt it was Mr. Weast's position as the lobbyist to be abreast of the issues and to give the Council the necessary feedback.

Mr. Weast noted the volume of the legislation itself was too cumbersome and noted there were over 500 pieces of legislation. He noted, also, his schedule which he indicated was somewhat prohibitive in that his meetings in Salem occurred on a regular basis on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the same days as the Council Work Session and the regular Council meetings. He indicated his willingness to provide feedback on an ongoing basis.

Presiding Officer McFarland indicated a special Work Session was planned for Friday, January 27, 1995

Councilor McCaig asked Mr. Weast what was the leadership's short list of priorities.

Mr. Weast outlined the legislative priorities: 1) to end the session quickly; 2) to place more restrictions on local government; 3) land use as related to both compensation and the whole land use process. He added other priorities included budget, and said there would be absolutely no new taxes including gasoline taxes. He said an additional priority was rearranging the funding for schools, including taking at least one half the lottery money.

Councilor McCaig said there was a movement to undermine Metro's authority to plan regionally for land use. In response to Councilor McCaig, Mr. Weast said he did not see the movement as being strong. He added there had not yet been any votes to get a sense of how the body was going to go on those issues as related to Metro.

In response to Councilor Monroe, Mr. Weast indicated the lottery funds for education constitutional amendment would be on the May ballot. Councilor Monroe emphasized the Greenspaces measure would be on the ballot with that measure.

Councilor Monroe indicated he would be willing to attend the Special Districts Association of Oregon meetings if so desired by the Presiding Officer. Presiding Officer McFarland concurred.

Mr. Weast indicated he would make the schedule for those meetings available.

In response to Councilor Monroe, Mr. Weast said he understood the legislature intended to work with the Governor's Office and if possible, avoid vetoes.

4.2 Overview of the 1995 Legislature

Mike Burton, Executive Officer, discussed Metro's legislative package, adopted by Resolution No. 95-2076, which was printed in the agenda packet for this meeting. He indicated he had asked Ms. Waylett to produce a form to track activity regarding those items in the package. The legislative materials had been distributed to the Council earlier in the meeting. Executive Officer Burton described the priorities as outlined, and said he was looking for direction from the Council's perspective in further prioritizing.

Presiding Officer McFarland noted that as a rule no action would be taken at Work Session, but she added that as the meetings were publicly noticed, action was not precluded from occurring.

Councilor Monroe and Executive Officer Burton discussed LC 2077, a bill that would allow for allocation of lottery proceed to regional entities for infrastructure projects.

Councilor Kvistad commented regarding his interest in the Boundary Commission Membership bill and the Farm Tax Deferral bill.

Presiding Officer McFarland indicated Mr. Houser was doing background work on the bills and were to give a full report at the Friday Work Session.

The Council discussed the work to be done at the Friday Work Session.

Councilor Morissette asked regarding a time frame for making a decision on the position of the Metro Council on these matters. Presiding Officer McFarland said the Work Session was scheduled for a three hour period and hoped that work would emanate from that session.

Both Councilor Kvistad and Executive Officer Burton emphasized their interest in a cooperative effort regarding engaging in speaking with the citizens of the region as requested to do so.

4.3 Future Vision Discussion

Councilor McLain introduced the discussion, and referenced her memorandum dated January 18, 1995 regarding the discussion. This memorandum was printed in the agenda packet for this meeting and is part of the permanent meeting record.

Len Freiser, Future Vision Commission Chair, addressed the Council and presented an overview of the goals of the Future Vision Commission.

Ken Gervais, Planning Department, discussed the inclusion of Future Vision in the 1992 Metro Charter. He noted the language in the Charter was somewhat ambiguous. He discussed the original intent for Future Vision.

Councilor McLain outlined the membership component of the Future Vision Commission appointments. She also discussed the stages of work and the effort involved. Councilor McLain reviewed the document printed in the agenda packet as an attachment to her memorandum, entitled "Future Vision, Report of Metro's Future Vision Commission Values, Vision Statements, and Action Steps, December 5, 1994 - Draft." She noted listed among the appendices in the Table of Contents of the referenced document were several documents which were available to the Council at this meeting: 1) the Settlement Pattern Report; 2) the Workstyles Study; 3) and, the Carrying Capacity Report. These documents were distributed to the Council and have been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Casey Short, Council Analyst, addressed the Council and referenced his memorandum dated January 24, 1995 regarding Future Vision Process Issues. He discussed questions contained in his memorandum that the Council might wish to include for consideration.

Mr. Gervais addressed the Council and discussed values for consideration. He noted one value was to consider the broad issues of the region as a whole, and added that the narrower approach used by the City of Toronto was a mistake. Mr. Gervais presented further information regarding the process, including citizen involvement.

John Fregonese, Growth Management Manager, presented elements of the Growth Concept Plan and displayed a map demonstrating some of those elements. He said the Plan was intended to be a working document, noting the Regional Framework Plan would likely undergo change in the years to come.

Councilor McLain discussed some of the problems encountered when attempting to include outlying areas in conversation regarding connections with the region, and emphasized the need for using the Plan to further conversation regarding the importance of those connections.

Councilor McLain announced a joint meeting with the Metro Council, the Executive Office and the Future Vision Commission was scheduled for Monday, January 30, 1995 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

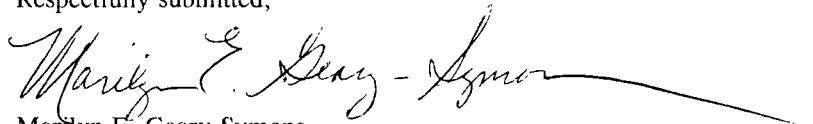
Councilor McCaig asked when word was expected back from Bill Gary, Attorney at Law, regarding the status and outcomes resultant from the recent Executive Session. Presiding Officer McFarland said she was currently looking into the matter.

Councilor McLain requested staffing support for the Metro CCI Work Shop to be held on February 11, 1995 at the Metro Regional Center.

Councilor Morissette commented on his interest in working on the South/North Light Rail solution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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