

MINUTES OF METRO COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber

April 13, 1995

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

Councilors Absent: Patricia McCaig

Presiding Officer McFarland called the April 13, 1995 Metro Council Regular Meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Karen Upton, citizen, referenced an article from the Oregonian, Thursday, April 13, 1995, in the Metro West Voices section regarding open spaces.

Councilor McLain commented regarding informational publications which Metro would make available and which Ms. Upton might be interested in obtaining to give to her fellow citizens.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Minutes of the April 4, 1995 Work Session and the April 6, 1995 Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, the minutes of the April 4, 1995 Council Work Session and the April 6, 1995 Council Regular Meeting.
Councilor Morissette seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Morissette, Washington, Monroe and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

5.1 Review of MERC Resolutions

Councilor Washington introduced Pat LaCrosse, General Manager, MERC, who presented the report concerning MERC resolutions. These resolutions have been made part of the permanent meeting record. He noted action had been taken by the MERC on April 12 on Resolution No. 95-13, regarding the feasibility of Convention Center expansion; Resolution No. 95-14, for the purpose of approving a Personal Services Contract to produce the Oregon Convention Center Fifth Anniversary Celebration and allowing the MERC General Manager to negotiate a contract with Northwest Strategies; Resolution No. 95-15, for approval of an extension to the Fine Host Concessions/Catering agreement; and Resolution No. 95-16, for approval of FY 1995-96 facility, service and equipment rental rates for the Expo Center. Mr. LaCrosse mentioned there was discussion and testimony regarding parking services for the Expo Center. He noted the current contract was subject to sunset and discussion had occurred regarding seeking parking services competitively.

Mr. LaCrosse noted two resolutions were passed at the meeting held March 8, 1995, and he discussed Resolution No. 95-9, which approved a recommendation to select FASTIXX as the exclusive ticketing company for the Oregon Convention Center.

Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center Director, discussed Resolution No. 95-10, which authorized a request to enter into an agreement between the MERC and Mr. Ken Wilson of Wilson Sports Marketing.

In response to Councilor Morissette, Mr. LaCrosse indicated extensive review of the financial structure and connected issues were an ongoing process, and that he would be able to provide Councilor Morissette with information if he desired.

Candy Cavanagh, Civic Stadium Manager, presented a status report concerning the Civic Stadium, and distributed a document entitled, "Civic Stadium Status Report," dated March, 1995. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

In response to Councilor Washington, Ms. Cavanagh said a potential booking of the Grateful Dead was not possible due to parking problems in the neighborhood and their request for a capacity of 32,500. She noted the Civic Stadium could hold only 28,000.

Ms. Cavanagh noted an event, the Promise Keepers, had been so successful it had to move to the King Dome this year as there was no Portland facility that was large enough for the event. She said Triple A baseball was a strong candidate to fulfill a marketing strategy for a long term anchor tenant.

Ms. Cavanagh referenced Exhibit A, the Civic Stadium 5 Year Plan Financial Projections, dated February 27, 1995 in the document previously referenced. Councilor Morissette commented it appeared expenses had been reduced significantly.

5.2 MERC Consultant Presentation on Oregon Convention Center Expansion

Jeffrey Blosser, introduced Mitzi Scott, MERC Commissioner, said the Oregon Convention Center had been an economic bonanza for the State of Oregon. Ms. Scott distributed two documents to the Council; one entitled "Economic Impact of the Oregon Convention Center on the Tri-County Region of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington" prepared by CIC Research, Inc. and Dean Runyan Associates; and another fact sheet containing annual sales figures and other information. These documents have been included in the permanent meeting record. Ms. Scott said for the \$15 million investment in the Oregon Convention Center, tax revenue to the State of Oregon of over \$20 million in state taxes had been generated. She noted statistics showed that people coming to the Convention Center came early and stayed longer, leaving a revenue stream behind them. She said the projection for 3,300 annual jobs generated by the Convention Center were 6,500, with wages estimated projections of \$35 million were \$116 million in 1994. She said tax revenue projections of \$4.3 million were in 1994 \$21 million. Ms. Scott felt the figures enhanced consideration of the feasibility of expanding.

Skip Hall, CIC Research, and Sara Garrison, Dean Runyan Associates, who have been involved in economic impact and tourism studies addressed the Council and presented an overhead display. A hard copy of this display has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. Blosser said this report constituted Phase I of the Expansion Feasibility Study. He indicated Phase II completion was slated for November, 1995. Mr. LaCrosse indicated he anticipated monthly reports to the Council would be made regarding the matter.

Councilor Kvistad commended a Convention Center employee, a Mr. Roderick, had been extremely helpful to a friend of his who was a vendor and an associate of his from out of town, another vendor, who were visiting the

facility. Councilor Kvistad noted that Mr. Roderick gave the parties a full tour and he complimented staff for that kind of positive impact which was helping make the Convention Center a success.

Councilor Monroe inquired about current facility capability and capability under the proposed expansion, Mr. Blosser said currently exhibit space could accommodate about 850 10x10 booths and as many as 10,000 people in the building. He said with the expansion the Convention Center could accommodate a number about 60% to 70% higher or about 1400 booths and 15,000 to 16,000 people.

6. TAX SUPERVISING AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION (TSCC)

6.1 TSCC Hearing On Open Spaces Bond Measure

Presiding Officer McFarland recessed the Metro Council regular meeting in order that the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission hearing might convene.

Charles W. Rosenthal, Chair, TSCC, convened the TSCC hearing on Open Spaces Bond Measure at 3: 01 p.m.

TSCC Members present included: Ann Sherman, Courtney Wilton and Dick Anderson.

Metro Staff present included: Jennifer Sims, Director of the Finance and Management Information Department, and Charlie Ciecko, Director of Regional Parks and Open Spaces.

The TSCC hearing adjourned at 3: 50 p.m.

Presiding Officer McFarland reconvened the Metro Council meeting.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 2125 For The Purpose of Extending And Amending Eighteen (18) Restoration Grant Contracts And Authorizing The Executive Officer To Execute Those and Other Amendments As Necessary To Ensure Completion of These Projects.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2125 A.

Pat Lee, Planning and Capital Development Manager, presented the staff report, and said the governmental entities for 19 restoration and enhancement projects had requested time extensions from the original completion dates tentatively scheduled for March 1, 1995.

Councilor Morissette expressed interest in the reasons for extensions of time for completion of the projects specified and asked if a remedy could be applied to the process for more timely completion. Mr. Lee responded stating the projects involved non-profit organizations and were federally funded. He said the funds were disseminated on a reimbursement basis once the projects were completed, noting the experimental nature of the projects. Mr. Lee said a philosophy of flexibility and of accommodation had been generally applied for the furtherance of maintaining good working relationships as it was not felt there was a critical need to be otherwise. Mr. Lee said should the Council have concerns and gave direction to administer the program in a tighter manner, staff would be responsive, but, he added, he believed that would result in a less productive program in the end.

Councilor Morissette asked if others were waiting to get funding as well. Mr. Lee explained the funding was dispersed on an annual appropriation basis, and he indicated there was no backlog. He added that fact that projects were going over time was not hurting others' opportunity to participate.

Presiding Officer McFarland clarified the version the Council was about to vote on was the amended version, and she referenced a memorandum from Mr. Ciecko dated April 11, 1995 which addressed the matter of the amended version. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Councilor McLain commented it was important to meet a standard of quality of work to assure the success of the program.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McLain, Monroe, Morissette, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilors McCaig and Monroe were absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Motion: Councilor Morissette moved to suspend the rules. Councilor Kvistad seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McLain, Monroe, Morissette, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McCaig was absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Motion: Councilor Morissette moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2134, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Washington County Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program Serial Levy. Councilor Kvistad seconded the motion.

Councilor Morissette indicated Washington County was interested in having support from the Metro Council related to their May 16 ballot measure for MSTIP 3, a roads project for Washington County. He noted the proposed resolution had received unanimous approval in the April 13, 1995 morning meeting of JPACT, said it met many of the 2040 goals and he encouraged Council support.

Presiding Officer McFarland opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared before the Committee to testify. Presiding Officer McFarland closed the public hearing.

Councilor McLain noted she had received a FAX from Sensible Transportation Options for People (STOP) in which the group expressed concern that there be an understanding that the design of the projects received an time for public input.

Councilor Kvistad indicated he supported MSTIP and encouraged Council passage of the proposed resolution.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McLain, , Morissette, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilors McCaig and Monroe were absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Councilor McLain announced 2040 newsletters were available for Councilors to take out to meetings and speaking engagements.

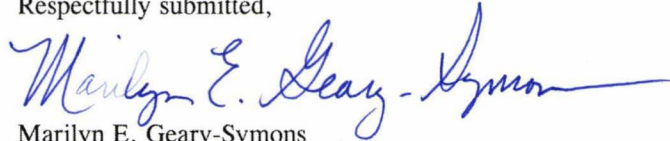
Councilor Kvistad, noting this Metro Council meeting would be aired on Cable TV, announced that public hearing were set to start this evening for the Regional Transportation Plan in three places around the region. He said on Tuesday evening, April 18, he and Councilor McLain would be hosting meeting at Beaverton City Hall from approximately 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. He invited members of the Metro Council and the public to come to meetings and participate.

9. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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