

Minutes of the Metro Council Work Session
May 16, 1995
Council Chamber

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 meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Introductions

None.

2. Citizen Communications

None.

3. Executive Officer Communications

None.

4. Other Business

4.1 Review of MERC Resolutions

Councilor Washington introduced Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, who presented MERC Resolution 95-18 through 95-24, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. Heather Teed, MERC Accountant, was present.

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, responded to Councilor Washington with regard to former employers, Councilors, or MERC Commissioners conducting business with Metro. The questions were in response to former MERC Commissioner Sam Brook's participation in Resolution No. 95-22. Councilor McCaig called for establishing a policy to address the issue discussed. Councilor Washington concurred and stated he would proceed with developing such a policy. Councilor McLain called for careful crafting of the policy so as not to reduce the number of citizen participants in Metro activities.

Jeff Blosser, OCC Manager, discussed the parking options related to the OCC and the Metro Regional Center in response to Councilor Morissette.

4.3 Presentation of format options and costs for Council newsletter

Lisa Creel, Public Involvement Specialist, distributed and discussed options for Council newsletters, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. Sue Gemmel, Associate Public Involvement Specialist, discussed mailing prices, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The Council discussed the information presented.

Councilor Morissette noted working through the existing publications would maximize the opportunity to give information to the public. Councilor McCaig shared concerns about the benefit of the project in light of the cost spent. Councilor McLain called for increasing outreach efforts. Councilor Kvistad stated nearly any effort at outreach would be an improvement. Councilor McCaig and Morissette noted Councilors may use their expense accounts to send a newsletter if they'd like. Councilor Washington stated many constituents were familiar with the Metro Council. Councilor Monroe stated a district map, information and a photo of the Councilor would be an effective way to get information to the public.

4.2 Discussion of issues coming to JPACT

Councilor Monroe requested Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, to update the Council on the JPACT agenda items. Mr. Cotugno reviewed the JPACT agenda and discussed the activity of the JPACT Finance Subcommittee. He distributed and discussed materials related to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. The Council discussed upcoming JPACT and RTP issues. Mike Burton, Executive Director, was present to discuss the issues. Mike Høglund distributed and Mr. Cotugno summarized materials related to the Regional Arterial Program, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. Councilor McCaig expressed concerns about proceeding with a November ballot because it did not provide enough time for success. Councilors Morissette and Kvistad concurred. Councilor Monroe stated he would communicate the message of the discussion.

5. Councilor Communications

Councilor Kvistad noted compost bins were available for \$20 each.

6. Legislative Issues

None.

With no further business before the Council, Presiding Officer adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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