

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

July 2, 1981

Councilors in Attendance

Presiding Officer Jack Deines
Vice Presiding Officer Betty Schedeen
Coun. Bob Oleson
Coun. Charles Williamson
Coun. Craig Bergman
Coun. Corky Kirkpatrick
Coun. Jane Rhodes
Coun. Ernie Bonner
Coun. Cindy Banzer
Coun. Bruce Etlinger

In Attendance

Executive Officer Rick Gustafson

Staff in Attendance

Denton Kent
Andy Jordan
Mike Holstun
John LaRiviere
Cary Jackson
Jennifer Sims
Caryl Waters

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CALL TO ORDER

After declaration of a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Deines at 7:40 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 527 S.W. Hall Street, Portland, Oregon 97201.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no written communications to Council on non-agenda items at this meeting.

2. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presiding Officer Deines announced that as there aren't any formal items on the Agenda this evening, Councilors will be updated in the areas of current legislative bills, the Resource Recovery facility and Metro staffing.

1. Legislative Update

Isaac Regenstreif, Legislative Liaison, reported that all members of the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee except Drew Davis signed the letter, pertaining to SB 852, recommending that Metro find independent funding sources in 4 years hence. The Bill was concurred in the Senate and will go to the Governor for signature.

SB 422, the Elections Bill, has passed the House, has not been concurred in the Senate but no problems are expected.

The Tax Credit for the Resource Recovery plant came out of Committee on Monday, June 29 with a 7-0 vote and will be on the Senate floor tomorrow, it has a favorable look for passage.

Pollution Control Bond Fund has passed - which includes DEQ's budget for \$10.5 million (Metro's Solid Waste's projects).

Boundary Commissions Bill has passed both houses and signed by the Governor therefore Boundary Commissions for both the Eugene and Portland metropolitan areas will continue and will cost Metro a small assessment of \$7,000-10,000 per year. The funding will be local money instead of State.

SB 2864 - LID Bill has passed the House with provision for a mail back ballot. It will be heard in the Senate local government committee next Wednesday. Metro takes no position on this bill and has no problem with the technical way it was drafted in the House.

Backyard Burning Bill which prohibits backyard burning comes up tomorrow and Metro will probably be called to report on its "Clean Up" Week.

Mr. Regenstreif then answered Councilors questions. He thanked them for their support by lobbying and writing to the legislators.

Presiding Officer Deines noted that Mr. Regenstreif is well respected by the legislators and has done an outstanding job for Metro. Other Councilors applauded in agreement.

2. Solid Waste - Resource Recovery Facility

Executive Officer Gustafson announced that the Oregon City Commission has granted Metro a conditional use permit for the construction of the Resource Recovery facility. We have just received the transcript of conditions that need to be met and can give Councilors a brief analysis at this time. The conditions are tough, have addressed major portions of citizens' concerns in Oregon City and have made requirements that are significant in terms of mitigating the impact on the community. It is our opinion that these conditions can be satisfied and a formal analysis will be given to the Councilors. Councilors will need to evaluate such factors as the air quality permit requirements (Metro has filed an application), the land use requirements before the Council, and the completed negotiations with the successful vendor for the Resource Recovery facility. Councilors will then have to make a judgment as to whether this meets Metro's overall policy of solving the solid waste problem and whether it can proceed with financing construction of the project - about 6 months away. He then introduced Cary Jackson, Resource Recovery Project Manager, to answer questions. Mr. Jackson will be heading the negotiating team that will be meetings with vendors, air quality permit process and establishing better communication with Oregon City residents.

Coun. Rhodes stressed the importance of Metro doing the very best job in letting Oregon City residents know whats going on and work with them promptly to alleviate those matters that can be alleviated.

Mr. Gustafson said that a Solid Waste public information strategy containing a resource community involvement proposal will be presented to the Regional Services Committee at their July 7 meeting. He then distributed a proposed budget for the Resource Recovery project for \$50,000 and requested Council's approval for staffing. A field manager is needed along with a part-time office coordinator. The field manager will report to the project manager and work in liaison with the solid waste public informational specialist, newly hired, Nancy Carter. Both she, and Judy Roumpf- solid waste public involvement coordinator will spend 50% of their time on the Resource Recovery project. They, along with the field manager, will emphasize community involvement.

Councilors supported the proposal and felt it is most important that staff be sensitive to the concerns of residents in the Resource Recovery area. They discussed the need for a good two-way communication process, and perhaps hiring another staff person for this project.

Mr. Gustafson stated that he preferred to come to the Council with a full community involvement and educational program before hiring additional staff.

Coun. Berkman suggested that the Council go on record as encouraging the Executive Officer and the staff to develop a program and provide whatever resources are necessary to do an adequate job in supporting the project. The Executive Officer could thus proceed with the confidence that the Council is supportive of his efforts.

Councilors concurred.

Coun. Bonner recommended that the Executive Officer touch base with Ardis Stevenson, Citizen Involvement Coordinator in Clackamas County, before finalizing the Resource Recovery community involvement program.

Mr. Gustafson passed out two reports regarding issues that the staff is working on: 1) General Concept Paper: Technical Assistance Needs for Resource Recovery and 2) Resource Recovery Facility - General Work Tasks for METRO Commencing July 1, 1981. These reports will be helpful in dealing with the magnitude of the project.

3. Metro Staffing

Mr. Gustafson handed out the revised Metro Organizational Chart which he stated is a result of a series of changes, i.e., reduction in the staff, revisions of positions, vacancies and departures. June 30 was the last day for some of Metro's staff.

He explained that the new organizational structure divides the responsibilities of central management into three principal positions: 1) Deputy Executive Officer: has responsibility to work with the departments, 2) Management Services: has responsibility of controlling the budget, 3) Public Affairs: external contacts and public involvement strategy.

These three individuals will be the principal management team who will be serving the Executive Officer as well as the Council. He then detailed the departments, who would be responsible to whom, individual tasks to be done by which staff member and the salaries for each position. He felt that the lines of communication will be improved in this new organizational structure and that the division of labor will be clearer to Councilors.

Coun. Rhodes wondered how Councilors decide which staff person to approach for assistance - what is the Executive Officer's preference? He replied that he preferred Councilors to go through his office, not as a filter but rather that the task or assistance get immediate attention. Councilors may always go to department heads, if need be.

4. Other Items of Concern

Coun. Banzer asked the Executive Officer if there will be a newsletter this fall? He replied that it will probably be closer to January 1.

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There will be a mailing of the Metro Forum newsletter soon and Councilors are encouraged to submit 200-300 names and addresses of members in their community who would like to hear from them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toby Janus
Acting Clerk of the Council