

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

March 15, 1990

Committee members present:

Councilors: George Van Bergen (Chair), Judy Wyers (Vice
Chair), Tanya Collier, Richard Devlin, and Jim
Gardner

Citizens: Patricia Jernberg, David Saucy and Janet Schuster

Committee members absent:

Councilors: None

Citizens: Alan Brickley and Bob Palmer

Also Present: Councilor McFarland

Chair Van Bergen called the first meeting of the FY 89-90 Council Budget Committee to order at 6:15 p.m. He asked each of the Metro staff and Committee members present to introduce themselves.

1. Overview of the Budget Process

Jessica Marlitt, Council Analyst, summarized the budget process and explained the three phase process. She said the first phase would consist of an overview of each department; the second phase would be follow-up meetings and a time for each department to clarify any questions or concerns of the Committee and to receive recommendations from the subcommittees; the third phase would be the time for the Committee to submit their final recommendations of the proposed budget.

A. Metro Washington Park Zoo

Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, gave an overview of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the Zoo. Her department directors then presented a brief background of their respective departments and explained their budget requests to the Committee.

* Ms. Marlitt noted she would be preparing an analysis for the Committee's review.

B. Support Services Fund Departments

Finance and Administration

Ray Phelps, Director of Finance and Administration presented an overview of the Department's activities, needs and purposes.

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- * In response to a question from Councilor Collier, Mr. Phelps said the Performance Auditors would be presenting a preliminary report to the Finance Committee at their meeting on Monday, March 19.

Chair Van Bergen recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Office of General Counsel

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, gave a brief overview of his Department and outlined his budget requests for the next fiscal year.

- * Chair Van Bergen noted he would be asking for an outside legal opinion regarding sharing General Counsel between the Executive Management and the Council.
- * Councilor Gardner asked Mr. Cooper to identify areas of responsibility for each attorney and which ones would not exist next fiscal year.

Public Affairs

Vickie Rucker, Director of Public Affairs, and Joan Saroka, Public Information Specialist, presented an overview of the Public Affairs Department including a slide show presentation. The Committee had no specific requests for further information.

Regional Facilities (Engineering and Construction Management

Neil Saling, Construction Projects Manager, presented an overview of the proposed Regional Facilities Department.

The Committee had no further requests or questions about the Support Service Fund.

C. General Fund Departments

Regional Facilities (Arena Study, Business License Program)

Neil McFarlane, Project Operations Manager, summarized the reasons the Executive Officer felt there was a need for a sports facility in the Metro area. Mr. Saling also explained the Passport Business License program to the Committee.

Executive Management

Dick Engstrom, Deputy Executive Officer, gave the Committee an overview of the Executive Management office.

John Leahy, Personnel Manager, gave an overview of his Department, noting the budget being presented was essentially the same as the current fiscal year.

There were no specific requests for more information from Executive Management.

Council Department

Don Carlson, Council Administrator, presented a brief overview of the Council Department and summarized his budget requests.

- * Councilor Wyers requested staff to investigate the cost, feasibility, etc., of televising Council meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk

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