

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT
March 23, 1988

Committee Members Present: Tanya Collier* (Chair), George Van Bergen* (V. Chair), Tom Balmer, Gretchen Buehner, Jim Gardner,* Gary Hansen,* Steven Harloff, Ron Hohnstein, David Knowles,* Phillip Korten and Dapo Sobomehin

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Collier called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Hohnstein moved, seconded by Dapo Sobomehin, to approve the Budget Committee minutes of February 2 and 3, 1988.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all members present voting aye. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS OF THE FY 1988-1989 BUDGET PROGRAMS

Executive Officer's Budget Message

Executive Officer Cusma addressed the Committee regarding her proposed budget for FY 1988-89. She explained the budget reflected the following principles and policies:

1. General government services (public affairs, accounting, finance, personnel and legal services) would be accurately portrayed.
2. General fund and other departments would show a move away from contractual services and a move toward developing in-house expertise and capabilities which would result in reduced expenditures and higher quality service.
3. Solid Waste - a) Solid Waste disposal rates be increased to anticipate the closure of St. Johns Landfill; b) Metro would assume a more active role in management of household hazardous waste, yard debris and recycling; and c) the budget would reflect plans to build the East Transfer and Recycling Center.
4. Convention Center - The budget reflected the separation of duties between the construction project staff and convention center administration staff.
5. Zoo - Completion of the Africa Exhibit would result in requests for exhibit animals and staff and materials to maintain the new Exhibit and to operate the AfriCafe.

6. Transportation - No program changes proposed.
7. Planning and Development - The division was proposed to be elevated to department status and managed by an experienced land-use planner. Other staff additions were proposed to consolidate Metro land-use planning programs into this department.
8. Public Affairs - The department would be responsible for operating the recycling information center, the waste reduction education and promotion effort and the budget would reflect an increased commitment to school, and direct mail outreach programs.
9. Finance and Administration - The data processing plan would be implemented. More accounting staff would be needed to oversee increased commitments in solid waste, convention center and zoo.

In conclusion, the Executive Officer explained this year's budget totaled about \$16 million more than last year due to an increase in the St. Johns Closure Fund (\$7 million), the possible need to build a transfer station (\$3 million), the start-up of the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (\$3 million), and increases to the Zoo Fund (\$1 million) and the General Fund (\$2 million).

Overview of Budget Document

Jennifer Sims, Management Services Director, explained the budget document to the Committee.

Department Presentations

Each department director presented an overview of the proposed FY 1988-89 budget which highlighted changes from the previous year's budget. Presentations were submitted in writing and are part of the meeting record. Chair Collier requested Committee members save questions for future work sessions or submit questions in writing for future consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson
Clerk of the Council

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