

Minutes of the Metro Council Budget Committee

March 23, 1994

Metro Regional Center

Council Chamber

Budget Committee Members Present: Chair Rod Monroe, Vice Chair Richard Devlin, Jim Gardner, Jon Kvistad, Susan McLain, George Van Bergen

Budget Committee Members Absent: Roger Buchanan

Other Councilors Present: Sandi Hansen, Ed Washington

Chair Monroe called the Metro Council Budget Committee to order at 3:50 p.m.

1. METRO WASHINGTON PARK ZOO

Ms. Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, answered questions raised by Mr. Short regarding the zoo 1994-95 proposed budget. A memorandum from zoo staff dated March 18, 1994 detailing these questions and answers is included as part of the record. Also participating in general discussions was Dr. Kay Rich, Assistant Zoo Director.

A. ZOO OPERATING FUND

Ms. Sheng and Dr. Rich answered questions raised by Mr. Short regarding the Zoo Operating Fund. Also participating in the discussion were Mr. David Mask, Zoo Education Manager, and Jane Hartline, Zoo Marketing Manager.

Chair Monroe asked staff to research and report back on how to determine what portion of a Friends of the Zoo (FOZ) membership is tax deductible.

Councilor Jim Gardner asked Ms. Sheng to report back on how much money was in the FOZ zoo projects account.

B. ZOO CAPITAL FUND

Ms. Sheng answered questions raised by Mr. Short regarding the Zoo Capital Fund.

2. REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES DEPARTMENT

Mr. Charlie Ciecko, Director of Parks and Greenspaces, reviewed his answers to questions raised by Mr. Short pertaining to the regional parks and greenspaces 1994-95 proposed budget. The questions and answers are stated in writing and are included as part of the record.

A. REGIONAL PARKS & EXPO FUND

Mr. Ciecko and Mr. Pat Lee, Planning and Capital Development Manager, answered questions raised by Mr. Short regarding this fund.

Councilor McLain wanted it stated for the record that greenspace education programs should not be short-changed. She requested a meeting with Mr. Short and Mr. Lee to discuss the funding of these programs.

B. SMITH & BYBEE LAKES TRUST FUND

No discussion took place regarding this fund.

C. METROPOLITAN GREENSPACES FUND

No discussion took place regarding this fund.

D. REGIONAL PARKS TRUST FUND

No discussion took place regarding this fund.

3. METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

A. METROPOLITAN E-R COMMISSION OVERVIEW

Mr. Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, introduced MERC staff members Ms. Heather Teed, Director of Administration, Mr. Jeffrey Blosser, Oregon Convention Center Manager, Ms. Candy Cavanagh, Stadium Manager, and Mr. Chris Bailey, Event Services Manager. A memorandum from MERC administration dated March 23, 1994, addressing Mr. Short's questions is included as part of the record.

B. MERC ADMINISTRATION FUND

Mr. LaCrosse and Ms. Teed provided amplification of their answers to Mr. Short's questions regarding this fund.

C. OREGON CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND

Messrs. LaCrosse and Blosser answered questions raised by Mr. Short regarding this fund.

D. CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT CAPITAL FUND

Mr. Blosser answered questions raised by Mr. Short and the Committee regarding this fund.

E. CONVENTION CENTER RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT FUND

Mr. Blosser answered questions raised by Mr. Short and the Committee regarding this fund.

F. SPECTATOR FACILITIES OPERATING FUND

Civic Stadium

Mr. LaCrosse and Ms. Cavanagh answered questions raised by Mr. Short and the Committee regarding this fund.

Portland Center for the Performing Arts

Mr. LaCrosse answered questions raised by the Committee regarding the PCPA.

G. REGIONAL PARKS & EXPO FUND

Expo Center

Messrs. LaCrosse and Blosser answered questions by Mr. Short and the Committee regarding this fund.

Chair Monroe stated that requests for budget amendments for overages were not brought before the Committee in a timely manner. He instructed MERC management to obtain approval for future budget amendments prior to the expenditures being made, rather than after the fact.

H. COLISEUM OPERATING FUND

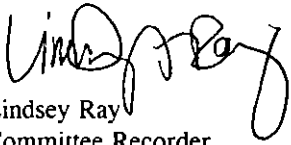
Ms. Jennifer Sims, Director of Finance Management Information, presented written questions and answers regarding this fund in a memorandum, dated March 23, 1994, which is included as part of the record.

I. CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT DEBT SERVICE FUND

Ms. Jennifer Sims, Director of Finance Management Information, presented written questions and answers regarding this fund in a memorandum, dated March 23, 1994, which is included as part of the record.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lindsey Ray
Committee Recorder