

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

April 7, 1988

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

Committee Members Absent: Phillip Korten

* Metro Councilors

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

3. Public Affairs Department Budget

Vickie Rocker, Public Affairs Director, Joan Saroka and Janice Larsen presented a summary of the budget. Concerns, suggestions and requests for more information are noted below:

- * Chair Collier requested the Metro name appear on all Zoo business cards effective immediately.
- * Chair Collier requested Ms. Rocker and Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, return to the Committee with a plan for graphically identifying the Zoo with Metro.
- * Mr. Hohnstein was concerned Metro's recycling education and household hazardous waste collection day programs were the Department of Environmental Quality's responsibilities and that Metro should not be spending money for those efforts.
- * Ms. Buehner encouraged staff to be more aggressive about having The Oregonian publish Metro meetings in the paper's Community Calendar.
- * Councilor Knowles and Ms. Buehner were concerned Metro's yard debris advertising could be misleading to the public because there were no services available that would pick up and recycle yard debris. They encouraged Solid Waste staff to step up efforts for fostering businesses that would provide that type of service to the public.

4. Solid Waste Department Budget

Solid Waste Director Rich Owings and Operations Manager Roosevelt Carter reviewed the department's proposed FY 1988-89 budget. Mr. Owings also distributed written responses to questions asked by

the Committee at the March 17 meeting. Discussion followed about the proposed budget. Committee members were generally concerned that: 1) specific work responsibilities to be assigned the proposed 7.0 additional staff had not been adequately explained; 2) the department had not indicated which budget programs were high or low priorities; 3) the total amount proposed to be spent for consulting services needed to be provided; 4) many Materials and Services items seemed to be estimated on the high side and/or were not adequately justified (travel, scale house roofing and repairs, installation of a gatehouse water heater, "dog box" modifications, etc.); and 5) the Clackamas Transfer & Recycling Center (CTRC) should be regularly cleaned and painted and more assistance given to citizen customers.

Chair Collier called a recess at 8:00 p.m. The Committee reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Councilor Knowles said he had serious concerns about the solid waste budget after listening to staff's presentation. He sensed the department had an infinite amount of resources and no discipline or requirement to exercise restraint over expenditures. As a result, the Budget Committee needed to establish constraints for the department and to clearly identify the kind of budget need.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Ms. Buehner, to direct Solid Waste staff to return to the Committee with a budget consisting of the same expenditure estimates and personnel levels as budgeted for FY 1987-88 (FY 1987-88 expenditures for the Operating Fund are projected at \$17.4 million with a total of 42.25 FTE), and that the new budget include the following programs identified by the Committee as priorities: 1) the operation and eventual closure of the St. Johns Landfill; 2) operation of CTRC; 3) construction of the Metro East Transfer & Recycling Center (ETRC); 4) the hazardous waste program; 5) the waste reduction program including the proposed 1 percent for garbage fund; 6) completion of negotiations with Riedel; 7) completion of final negotiations on the contract with Waste Management and the oversight of that landfill operation; and 8) Reserve Funds for the ultimate closure of the St. Johns Landfill. Staff were also directed to provide the Committee with the amount of money proposed to be spent on consultant contracts and additional justification for all Materials and Services items.

Budget Committee
April 7, 1988
Page 3

Councilor Hansen noted some of the department's costs were tied to solid waste flow. For example, the probable closure of the Killingsworth Landfill would effect the budget. He requested staff explain to the Committee which costs were flow dependent.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all Committee members present voting aye. Councilor Gardner and Mr. Korten were absent. The motion carried.

Councilor Hansen requested staff provide an estimate of costs for collecting a Debt Fund from solid waste disposed at the St. Johns Landfill that could be held to pay off debts relating to the landfill. He explained the fund would be similar to the St. Johns Reserve Fund.

1. Consideration of Finance Committee Minutes

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to approve the Finance Committee minutes of March 2, 1988. Councilor Knowles seconded the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion by members of the Finance Committee resulted in Councilors Collier, Hansen, Knowles and Van Bergen voting aye. Councilor Gardner was absent. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

2. Consideration of Budget Committee Minutes

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved, seconded by Ms. Buehner, to approve the February 18, March 23 and March 31, 1988, minutes of the Council Budget Committee.

Vote: A vote on the motion by members of the Budget Committee resulted in all members present voting aye. Councilor Gardner and Mr. Korten were absent. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Chair Collier announced a revised Budget Committee schedule would be provided Committee members. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson
Clerk of the Council

amn/9364C/313-2/04/08/88