

Minutes of the Council Budget Committee
April 11, 1994
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Roger Buchanan

Other Councilors Present: Mike Gates

Chair Monroe called the budget committee to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. Presentation of Performance Audit Report on Metro's Public Affairs Activities

Jack Talbot and Brad Rafish, CPAs from Talbot, Korvola & Warwick, presented the potential effects of Metro's Proposed Public Affairs Department Reorganization, a copy of the report is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if the Office of Government Relations would include lobby activity. Don Carlson, Council Administrator, stated the Council would approve the activities of the department through the adoption of the budget. He noted a significant reduction of the work activities was included in the proposed budget. He said the code section of the Office of Government Relations stated the director of the department was appointed by the Executive Officer and confirmed by the Council and could be terminated by either body. He noted currently the person in that position reported to the Executive Officer. Councilor Van Bergen expressed concerns about the current lobby contractor.

Mr. Carlson stated the department would be requested to provide additional information on work program activities to be performed under the new structure.

2. Metro Washington Park Zoo

Casey Short, Senior Council Analyst, presented his recommendations dated April 4, 1994, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted that he recommended no changes to the proposed budget. He highlighted significantly changed areas of the Metro Washington Park Zoo, as included in his memorandum.

In response to Chair Monroe, Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, stated if the Budget Committee requested, the Zoo would try and cooperate with the Friends of the Zoo to clarify the relationship between the two organizations.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to accept the Metro Washington Park Zoo recommendations included in Mr. Short's April 4, 1994 memorandum.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Washington, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, and Monroe voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to approve the technical changes related to the Zoo included in an April 8, 1994 memorandum from Jennifer Sims, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Washington, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, and Monroe voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

3. Metro Exposition-Recreation Commission

Mr. Short presented his recommendations for the MERC budget, included in his memorandum dated April 7, 1994, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the MERC Administration Fund recommendations included in Mr. Short's April 7, 1994 memorandum; and to approve the technical changes related to the MERC Administration Fund included in an April 8, 1994 memorandum from Jennifer Sims, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Washington, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, and Monroe voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short presented his recommendations related to the Convention Center Operating Fund, included in his April 7, 1994 memorandum. He also summarized the changes included in Ms. Sims April 8, 1994 memorandum.

In response to questions from Councilor Kvistad, Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, discussed the Metropolitan Sports Authority.

In response to questions from Councilor Van Bergen, Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center (OCC) Manager, discussed capital projects at OCC, specifically concession modifications.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to accept the Oregon Convention Center Operating Fund commendations included in Mr. Short's April 7, 1994 memorandum; and to approve the technical changes related to the OCC Operating Fund included in Ms. Sims' April 8, 1994.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Washington, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, and Monroe voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short explained the changes related to the OCC Project Capital Fund. Councilor Van Bergen expressed his feelings about the arbitrage obligation at the OCC. Mr. Short agreed to have Dan Cooper, General Counsel, provide in writing an explanation related to the reimbursement of LID improvements at the OCC through the Capital Project Fund.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the Oregon Convention Center Project Capital Fund recommendations included in Mr. Short's April 7, 1994 memorandum.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Washington, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short noted no changes were recommended for the Convention Center Renewal & Replacement Fund. He explained that the fund was being established to provide for future improvements. He noted the anticipated improvement for the near future was re carpeting. He stated no expenditures from the fund was scheduled for the 94-95 fiscal year. Mr. Blosser spoke to other potential replacement projects.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to accept the Oregon Convention Renewal and Replacement Fund as proposed.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Washington, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short presented the recommendations for the Spectator Facilities Operating Fund included in his April 7, 1994 memorandum. He explained the changes were technical in nature. He noted the budget was contingent on securing a baseball tenant. He explained if baseball was not secured, amendments would be necessary.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the Spectator Facilities Operating Fund recommendations included in Mr. Short's April 7, 1994 memorandum and technical changes recommended in Ms. Sims April 8, 1994 memorandum.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Washington, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short presented the recommendations for the Regional Parks & Expo Fund included in his April 7, 1994 memorandum.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the Regional Parks & Expo Fund recommendations included in Mr. Short's April 7, 1994 memorandum and technical changes recommended in Ms. Sims April 8, 1994 memorandum.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. Councilor Van Bergen voted nay. Councilor Washington was absent. The vote was 5/1 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short presented the recommendations for the Convention Center Debt Service Fund included in his April 7, 1994 memorandum.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to accept the Convention Center Debt Service Fund recommendations included in Mr. Short's April 7, 1994 memorandum and technical changes recommended in Ms. Sims April 8, 1994 memorandum.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. Councilor Washington was absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short presented the Coliseum Operating Fund, noting he had no recommended changes.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the Coliseum Operating Fund as proposed.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, Kvistad, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. Councilor Washington was absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

4. Regional Parks & Greenspaces Department

Mr. Short presented his recommendations for the Regional Parks and Expo Fund included in a memorandum dated April 5, 1994, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor Hansen, Chair of the Regional Facilities Committee, noted support from the Regional Facilities Committee of the recommendations presented by Mr. Short.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the base budget and Mr. Short's recommendations on pages one and two of his April 5, 1994 memorandum.

First Motion to Amend: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the restored recommendations made by Mr. Short in his April 5, 1994 memorandum.

Vote on first motion to amend: Councilors Washington, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. Councilor Kvistad and Van Bergen voted nay. The vote was 5/2 and the motion passed.

The Committee then discussed the "add packages" proposed by the Executive Officer.

Second Motion to Amend: Councilor Devlin moved the Howell Territorial Park add package included in Mr. Short's April 5, 1994 memorandum.

Chair Monroe noted a vote in the positive would equate to a commitment to secure additional funding sources for Metro.

Vote on second motion to amend: Councilors Washington, Devlin, Kvistad, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. Councilor Van Bergen voted nay. The vote was 6/1 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short presented the Grantsmanship Assistance add package, included in his April 5, 1994 memorandum.

Third Motion to Amend: Councilor Washington moved the Grantsmanship Assistance add package included in Mr. Short's April 5, 1994 memorandum.

In response to questions by Councilor Gardner, Pat Lee, Planning & Capital Development Manager, discussed the grant writing efforts. He explained the efforts were decentralized and prepared by the department staff. Councilors Hansen and Gardner spoke in favor of the motion.

Vote on Third motion to amend: Councilors Washington, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. Councilors Van Bergen and Kvistad voted nay. The vote was 5/2 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short discussed the Planning Technician/GIS position add. He did not recommend approving the package. Councilor McLain expressed concern about providing GIS staff to assist with the Greenspaces activities. She questioned how the work was presently handled. Charlie Ciecko, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director, explained the department was at the mercy of the Planning Department for completion of the work. Councilor Devlin advocated training existing staff.

Mr. Short discussed the park maintenance and enhancement add package. He did not recommend approving the package stating the funding was not available. Likewise, Mr. Short did not recommend approval of the Acquisition Funds package. Related to the need to resurface roads at Oxbow Park, Councilor Devlin asked if the project could utilize gas tax dollars. Mr. Ciecko explained the roads were not dedicated roadways and were therefore not eligible for gas tax funding. Councilor McLain expressed concerns about not allocating moneys for acquisition funds. She said her concerns related to providing for a regional park system. Councilor Gardner stated he agreed with Councilor McLain's concerns in principle, but expressed concerns about funding. Councilor Devlin noted the funding was not secure; he discussed the history of the funding provided by Multnomah County.

Fourth Motion to Amend: Councilor Kvistad moved the Park Maintenance add package.

Vote on Fourth motion to amend: All those present voted nay. The vote was 0/7 and the motion failed.

Fifth Motion to Amend: Councilor Kvistad moved the Planning Technician/GIS position add package.

Vote on Fifth motion to amend: All those present voted nay. The vote was 0/7 and the motion failed.

Sixth Motion to Amend: Councilor Kvistad moved the Acquisition Fund add package.

Vote on Sixth motion to amend: All those present voted nay. The vote was 0/7 and the motion failed.

Mr. Short discussed an amendment to re-allocate funds to provide for trails planning, included in an April 8, 1994 memorandum, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Seventh Motion to Amend: Councilor McLain moved the amendment to provide for trails planning as explained in Mr. Short's memorandum.

Councilor McLain spoke in favor of the motion, stating it was fiscally responsible use of the funding.

Vote on Seventh motion to amend: Councilors Washington, Devlin, Gardner, and McLain voted aye. Councilors Van Bergen, Kvistad, and Monroe voted nay. The vote was 4/3 and the motion passed.

Vote on Main Motion: Councilors Washington, Devlin, Gardner, McLain and Monroe voted aye. Councilor Kvistad and Van Bergen voted nay. The vote was 5/2 and the motion passed.

Mr. Short discussed the Smith & Bybee Trust Fund including recommended approval of \$10,000 for a Materials and Services contract to increase fund raising.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved Mr. Short's recommendations for the Smith & Bybee Lakes Trust Fund included in his April 8, 1994 memorandum, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to approve allocation of \$145,000 special appropriation to the Arts Commission.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved the Regional Parks Trust Fund as proposed.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

The Committee discussed the process for the remaining budget hearings.

With no other business before the Committee, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder