

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

April 19, 1988

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

Committee Members Absent: Ron Hohnstein

Others Present: Larry Cooper\*

\* Metro Councilors

Chair Collier called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTER BUDGET

Project Office Budget

Councilor Cooper, Chair of the Convention Center Committee, reported the Committee met on April 12 and unanimously approved the following recommendations: 1) eliminating the proposed Convention Center Project Debt Service Fund and maintaining the bond interest earnings in the Convention Center Project Capital Fund as an unappropriated balance; and 2) restoring two full-time positions as currently classified in the Project's FY 1987-88 budget. Neil Saling, Acting Project Director, concurred with the recommendations. Councilor Knowles added that the Committee had recommended the Debt Service Fund monies be transferred to an unappropriated balance because the funds would be needed in future years. Mr. Saling reviewed with the Budget Committee the proposed budget. There was no public testimony on the project budget.

The Committee acknowledged that the Executive Officer had recently appointed Mr. Saling to serve as Director of the Convention Center Project. Concern was expressed about the future of the Construction Manager position and whether Mr. Saling could perform those duties in addition to his new ones. Ray Phelps, Finance & Administration Director, said he would report back to the Committee on April 21 regarding reorganization plans.

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission

Lee Fehrencamp, Commission Manager, reported the Commission supported adoption of the budget as submitted in the document dated April 19, 1988. There was no public testimony on the budget.

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Discussion followed about the status of work on the Commission's Five-Year Plan. Councilor Van Bergen was concerned that the merger of the Metro E-R Commission with the City E-R Commission go smoothly. Mr. Fehrencamp explained the merger would occur after an intergovernmental agreement was signed by both parties. Metro's General Council would draft the agreement. Councilor Knowles suggested the Council Convention Center Committee serve as the Council's liaison with the Commission concerning this issue.

Councilor Gardner thought Metro should start referring to the Commission as the Metro E-R Commission rather than "MERC" in order to clearly identify Metro with the Commission.

Councilor Cooper suggested the Council adopt a resolution to designate how the Metro logo would be used on documents and communications. Any outstanding issues of names of Commissions and departments should be resolved before official documents were distributed with a logo or name, he said. Chair Collier agreed and thought the Internal Affairs Committee should introduce such a resolution.

The meeting recessed at 6:40 p./m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

#### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Andy Cotugno, Transportation Director, discussed highlights of the proposed FY 1988-89 budget. Don Carlson, Councilor Administrator, also referred the Committee to Council staff's memo dated April 15, 1988, which highlighted the Department's budget requests. There was no public testimony on the budget.

Ms. Buehner was concerned that a general information system (GIS), computerized plan project not duplicate a plan already prepared by the City of Portland. She also suggested the agency determine the feasibility of transferring transportation planning functions to the new Planning & Development Department within the next few years.

Before adjourning, the Committee discussed its work session schedule for April 25 and 27.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson  
Clerk of the Council

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