

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

March 21, 1991
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin (Chair), Tanya Collier, Tom DeJardin and Sandi Hansen

Committee Members Absent: David Knowles

Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. He indicated item one would be considered last, with the Finance Committee.

2. Work session to identify budget issues and priorities for Budget Committee consideration

The Committee held a work session and heard reports from Vickie Rocker, Public Affairs Director; Larry Shaw, Sr. Assistant Counsel; and Kim Huey, Acting Personnel Director.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to approve the budget issues and priorities as outlined below:

To support the following budget requests from the Public Affairs Department, Office of General Counsel, and the Personnel Division:

Public Affairs

- Addition of one full-time secretary position
- Purchase of additional computer equipment (\$15,092)
- Phases 2-4 of a "Public Image" study (\$60,000, listed in the Proposed Budget as "Metro Public Information/Graphic Project." Approval of this project included a request for a budget note calling for Governmental Affairs to review the project's scope of work.

General Counsel

- Addition of one Legal Counsel position.

Personnel

- Establishment of Employee Assistance Program.
- Committee discussion was limited to the above items. We made no recommendations on any other budget requests for departments under the Committee's purview.

Vote: Councilors Hansen, Collier, DeJardin and Devlin vote aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Work session to establish a schedule of public hearings and to discuss the process of interviewing Councilors regarding the reapportionment of Council subdistricts

Casey Short, Council Analyst, distributed a memorandum from Chair Devlin indicating the Councilors to be interviewed and the interviewing Councilors. He noted adjacent district Councilors would not interview each other. He said the interviews would take place April 1-12, 1991. He also stated at least three (3) to four (4) public hearings would take place at different locations and the appropriate Councilors would attend.

4. Legislative Update

Burton Weast, Western Advocates, gave an update on legislative activity. He reported that Senator Springer introduced Senate Bill (SB) 706 to mandate Governor appointment of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. He said that this is not a priority bill for Senator Springer, but the Senator is concerned with the current Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) appointing process. Discussion continued on the legality of the bill.

Mr. Weast then discussed the March 21, 1991 memorandum to Casey Short, outlining new bills before the Senate and the House. Chair Devlin noted there were several bills he would not refer to substantive committees or their respective departments because that action would be redundant. Councilor Collier said the departments and committees should review the legislative pieces and make that decision. After discussion, the Committee agreed the respective departments and committees should review their pertinent legislation.

Mr. Weast advised the Committee Senate Bill (SB) 298 has not been signed yet. He explained the Governor was out of State and her office has given no indications of a veto.

Noel Kline, Western Advocates discussed recent legislation, including SB 1185, the so-called Competition Bill.

Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 5:05.

Chair Devlin reconvened at 5:10 with the Finance Committee to consider Ordinance 91-392.

1. Consideration of Ordinance No. 91-392, Amending Ordinance No. 90-340A Revising the FY 1990-91 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Funding the Charter Commission

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Jennifer Sims, Acting Director of Finance and Management Information, reported Ordinance No. 91-392 would transfer funds to fund the Charter Commission.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend full Council adopt Ordinance No. 91-392.

Vote: Councilors Collier, Devlin, DeJardin and Hansen voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Susan Lee

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