

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

August 1, 1991

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin (Chair), David Knowles (Vice Chair), Tanya Collier, Sandi Hansen

Committee Members Absent: Tom DeJardin

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan

Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Consideration of minutes of the July 11 and July 18, 1991 Governmental Affairs Committee meetings

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: All those present voted aye. Councilor Knowles was absent. The vote was 3/0 and the minutes were approved.

Chair Devlin announced agenda item number four would be considered prior to the other items.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 91-1487, Recommending Ratification of the Renegotiated Labor Agreement Between Metro and LIU Effective 07-01-91 through 06-30-95

Paula Paris, Personnel Director and Mike Brock, Labor Relations Analyst were present. Mr. Brock gave his staff report. He also noted the contract would be voted on August 6, 1991 by union members. He said the contract was similar to the AFSCME agreement.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend full Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1487.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Ordinance No. 91-415, Reapportioning Metro Council Subdistricts

Casey Short, Council Analyst presented his staff report. He summarized the public hearings on reapportionment held July 29, 30 and 31, 1991, as outlined in his August 1 memo distributed at the meeting. He said another hearing had been scheduled for Gresham on Wednesday evening, August 7. He also reported that there was an error in the legal description of the boundary between districts 10 and 11 which needed correction.

Mr. Short presented three sets of alternatives staff had developed to adjust certain subdistrict boundaries. He said two of the alternatives would reduce the population variances in districts 3, 4, and 9, and the third responds to a citizen's request to adjust the boundary between districts 1 and 13.

The committee first addressed the options for adjusting the boundary between districts 9 and 10. Under the plan contained in Ordinance No. 91-415, District 9 was the largest district at 4.41% above the median. Councilor Collier pointed out that the 9% variance between the smallest and largest districts was within the legal guidelines, and asked whether the proposed changes made the plan better or just got the numbers closer. Councilor Devlin responded that the proposed options did both: the numbers were closer and kept to criteria the committee had been using for drawing boundaries. Councilor Buchanan said he supported the option that moved the area between 102nd - 122nd, NE Halsey - Glisan from District 9 to District 10 because it did not split the Mill Park neighborhood and brought the two districts to 0.76% and 2.02%, respectively, above the median population. All configurations the committee has seen would split the Hazelwood community, which is quite large.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend adoption of the changes outlined above.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The next issue the committee dealt with was in districts 3, 4 and 5. In the ordinance, District 4 was the smallest district with a population 4.76% under the median; District 3 was larger than any district except District 9, at 3.81% over median. Mr. Short summarized the proposed options. Councilor Devlin reported that he has discussed the issue with Councilor Gardner, who agreed not to oppose the move of the Far Southwest Neighborhood in Portland from District 3 to District 4 to help reduce the population variances in both districts. Councilor Devlin added that this change posed the additional benefit of following a major arterial (Highway 99W) as

a boundary and of straightening the boundary line somewhat. The drawback to this proposal is that it would separate one City of Portland neighborhood from the rest. Councilor Collier asked what Councilor Gardner's first preference was; Councilor Devlin responded that Councilor Gardner's first preference was probably to leave District 3 the way it was, but he recognized all other districts would vary less than 3%, and his district would stand out without a reduction in population.

Councilor Collier asked Councilor Devlin what his preferred option was, and he responded that he supported the Far Southwest Neighborhood shift from District 3 to 4, and also moving the Rosewood Neighborhood and the City of Rivergrove from District 5 to District 4. The result of these moves would make District 3 the largest district at 2.61% above median (down 1.2% from the proposal in the ordinance), bring District 4 from 4.76% below to 0.26% below, and shift District 5 from 1.01% above to 2.28% below median. Councilor Collier asked if Councilor DeJardin objected to the shift from his district. Councilor Devlin said he had not had a chance to discuss it with Councilor DeJardin, but that he had been supportive of needed changes through the process, and no objection was expected. Councilor Devlin added placing Rivergrove in District 4 was an improvement because Rivergrove has a connection with Tualatin, which is in District 4.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend adoption of the changes outlined above.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Councilor Devlin told the committee that he had received objections to the proposed plan from the city of Tigard and a citizen of Lake Oswego. Those two cities are divided under the plan, where they are not divided in the current 12 districts. He outlined potential options for keeping the cities whole, which neither he nor the committee thought were feasible. Councilor Collier requested committee staff to draft responses to the elected officials who had expressed concern, and Mr. Short said he would do that.

Mr. Short reported the final issue arose at the public hearing in Washington County on July 29. Mr. John Breiling, chair of CPO 7 in the Rock Creek - Sunset Corridor area, asked that the area west of 185th and north of Sunset Highway be included in District 13 instead of District 1. His reason was that the people in this area identify more with the District 13 area, which is oriented more toward Beaverton than Hillsboro. In order to make that change, which involves over 6,000 people, changes would be required in District 2 as well as 1 and 13. Mr. Short described the changes staff had developed to accommodate the request. Councilor Knowles

asked if the sole purpose of this proposal was to move one neighborhood. Mr. Short responded yes, with subsequent changes required to keep the districts of substantially equal population. Councilor Knowles said he saw no compelling need to make the large changes in order to accommodate the single request. Councilor Hansen said she supported the change because she had been at the hearing and thought Mr. Breiling's suggestion had merit based on his involvement and familiarity with the area. Councilor Knowles asked how Councilor Bauer felt about the proposal. Mr. Short and Councilor Devlin said they had not had the opportunity to consult Councilors Bauer and McLain. The committee discussed whether to forward the ordinance prior to discussing it with the two Councilors affected, and decided to include the change. Councilor Devlin promised to discuss it with Councilors Bauer and McLain, and give them the opportunity to raise any objections they might have.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend adoption of the changes outlined above.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Main Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend full Council adopt Ordinance No. 91-415 as amended above and with changes correcting the legal descriptions.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 91-1467, Adopting Rules Establishing Procedures Relating to the Conduct of Council Business

Chair Devlin deferred Resolution No. 91-1467 to a future meeting.

5. Summary of the 1991 Oregon Legislative Session

Burton Weast, Western Advocates, distributed a handout outlining interim Legislative activities. He also distributed a complete report on the 1991 session.

Mr. Weast and the committee discussed interim activity, including special sessions. He also said he anticipated activity in the 1993 session regarding land use and urban reserves.


The committee then discussed interim contract provisions.

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The committee thanked Mr. Weast for the quality of his work and the preparation of the summary report.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Lee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Susan Lee  
Committee Clerk

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