

MINUTES OF THE METRO GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 1, 1993

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Mike Gates (Chair), Sandi Hansen,
Terry Moore

Committee Members Absent: Jim Gardner (Vice Chair)

Other Councilors Present:

Chair Gates called the special meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Work Session to Discuss Governmental Affairs Committee work plan for 1993

Casey Short, Council Analyst, summarized his memorandum dated January 27, 1993, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

The Committee held a work session to discuss the work plan for 1993.

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, distributed and discussed a memorandum dated January 29, 1993, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He discussed the issue of local government dues. Chair Gates requested staff to draft a resolution assessing the 1993-94 dues for Committee consideration at its February 18, 1993 meeting.

Mr. Short discussed the process used to update the Committee on the legislative session.

The Committee discussed the issues involved in reviewing the Boundary Commission as directed by the Charter.

Scott Forester, 12505 SW North Dakota, Tigard, appeared to testify. Mr. Forester noted the Black Bear and the cougar were native to Oregon. He requested the Zoo consider posting information that these animals are hunted in the State of Oregon. He said they are generally hunted for trophy or sport. He said due to the educational nature of the Zoo, the sign should include these facts. He said Sherry Sheng instructed him to speak to the Council. He noted the Zoo would be receiving a spotted owl and educational information should be provided on the spotted owl. He said he would like to see hunting numbers available from the Fish and Wildlife Department included on signage. He expressed disappointment with the inaction by Ms. Sheng to address his concerns.

Councilor Hansen supported examining the matter further. She said the beaver might also be included. She said the information was educational.

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Mr. Forrester noted California had suspended hunting the cougar until census surveys were completed. He said the Fish and Wildlife department has informed him that there is an increase in the number of Californians requesting cougar permits.

The Committee discussed Councilor Outreach. Chair Gates requested the breadth of Councilor Outreach be examined further. Councilor Hansen noted this and several other items might require a budget. Councilor Moore expressed an interest in evaluating what currently exists to aid Councilors in outreach efforts. She requested information on agency personnel resources in public outreach. The Committee discussed the records management of the Council. The Committee agreed to establish a policy or program resolution to come before the Council by March.

The Committee discussed Councilor expenses. Chair Gates requested information on expenses used in the last three years for each use.

The Committee discussed the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI). The Committee discussed creating a liaison with the MCCI.

The Committee discussed department initiatives as they related to budget and staffing. The committee discussed the classification study for non-represented employees and the relationship with the budget.

The committee reviewed Council procedures.

The committee discussed regionalization of County parks and the Expo Center. The discussion included concerns about funding such a transfer of facilities.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder