

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 18, 1993  
Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Mike Gates (Chair), Jim Gardner (Vice Chair), Sandi Hansen, Terry Moore, and Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan, Richard Devlin, Terry Moore, Rod Monroe

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

1. Communications from Local Governments

Chair Gates noted no communications were received from local governments.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the November 19, 1992, January 4, and January 7, 1993 Governmental Affairs Committee

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to approve the minutes, correcting page five of the January 4, 1993 to indicate the spelling of Steve Abeln was Steve Abeling.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Moore, Wyers, and Gates voted aye. Councilor Hansen was absent. The vote was 4/0 and the minutes were adopted as amended.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1760, Confirming a Third Citizen Member Appointee to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee

Sandra Suran was present to answer questions related to her appointment to the MPAC. She discussed her interest in serving the region. She spoke to focussing on regional issues.

Councilor Wyers asked if the Suran Group had ever contracted with Metro. Ms. Suran stated the Suran Group had done some work on a volunteer basis.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

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

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1763, Accepting a Third Round of Nominees to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (Metro CCI) to fill Vacancies in the Membership of the Committee

Judy Shioishi, Council Analyst, presented the staff report. She distributed an amended exhibit A to the resolution, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

In response to a question from Chair Gates, Ms. Shioishi noted another resolution would be necessary to complete the vacancies on the Metro CCI.

Councilor Gardner noted a letter was received from Teresa LaHaie requesting a leave of absence from the Metro CCI. He queried if it might be appropriate to switch the member with the alternate. He noted if a member had three unexcused consecutive absences they were dismissed. He noted the bylaws were not clear on the attendance requirements of alternates, defining excused absences, or who excuses any absences.

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Councilor Hansen requested information be provided on the ethnic, gender and age balance of the group. Gail Cerveny, MCCI Chair, noted the committee did not include representation of ethnic diversity.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution including the amendment distributed by Ms. Shoshi.

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

### 6. Work Session to Consider Communication on the Forum on Cooperative Urban Services (FOCUS)

Casey Short, Council Analyst, discussed the history of the FOCUS group. He noted he was familiar with it for the past two years. He said the group was active in the Metro Charter development. He stated Metro was a member of FOCUS during the last year.

Focus Steering Committee members present: Gussie McRobert, Mayor of Gresham; Bob Liddell, Mayor of West Linn; and Walt Hitchcock, Mayor of Sherwood.

Gussie McRobert was present to encourage Metro to join the FOCUS group. She invited Metro to participate for a trial period if necessary.

Bob Liddell addressed the Committee. He spoke to FOCUS as a communication facilitator. He discussed the historic background of FOCUS.

Councilor McLain noted the integrity of the membership was not questionable. She favored cooperation and outreach through information sharing. She discussed the advocate role the group was considering. She expressed concerns about the role of FOCUS in the MPAC and RPAC issues and Charter implementation. She expressed budget concerns related to staffing MPAC and RPAC.

Mayor McRobert spoke to the advocacy role of FOCUS. She said the FOCUS group studied ideas of regional significance and would present conclusions to the Council. She spoke to FOCUS helping Metro communicate to jurisdictions.

Councilor Wyers spoke to utilizing existing structures to communicate. Mayor McRoberts discussed FOCUS as a less formal way to discuss issues.

Councilor Hansen expressed concerns about the need for the existence of FOCUS. She questioned the duplication of a group format in terms of budget. Mayor McRoberts noted FOCUS was not requesting Metro to pay for membership. Councilor Hansen noted as an individual she paid taxes for jurisdictions that would pay for membership. Mayor McRoberts noted FOCUS might save jurisdictions money through consensus building.

Mayor McRobert spoke to funding reports to study Metro related issues. She stated Metro would not be asked to fund such reports.

Councilor Moore favored the goal of cooperative and coordinated urban services. She noted policy issues needed to be decided by the appropriate jurisdiction.

Mayor Hitchcock emphasized the MPAC and Metro Charter project was a special project. He noted the project would end when the issues were resolved and new projects would be considered. He discussed the difference between MPAC and the FOCUS group.

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Councilor Gardner stated he was supportive of the original concept of FOCUS. He favored a communication, coordination and cooperation forum for governments. He noted the first year little was done outside of Metro Charter Committee monitoring. He expressed concern about the work plan moving away from the original intent of FOCUS. He spoke to the work plan being inappropriate. He said he had trouble with, "picking and choosing parts to participate in." He expressed concerns about the similarity in membership between FOCUS and MPAC. He noted if FOCUS met prior to MPAC, consensus of MPAC members might be reached at FOCUS meeting prior to discussion of items at MPAC. He stated MPAC was responsible for their own bylaws discussion. He favored waiting to consider joining the group after additional consideration by FOCUS and the full Council.

Chair Gates expressed his support of FOCUS.

Councilor McLain noted FOCUS would continue to meet regardless of Metro participation. She spoke to avoiding redundancy.

Councilor Hansen favored continuing membership on a trial basis. Councilor Moore favored waiting until the issues were resolved. Councilor Gardner concurred with Councilor Moore.

The consensus of the Committee was to continue membership without a financial commitment until the direction of FOCUS was established.

### 7. Review of Council Department's Five-Year Financial Plan

Chair Gates deferred discussion of item seven to a future meeting of the Committee.

### 8. Consideration of Draft Resolution No. 93-1758, Assessing 1993-94 Dues to Local Governments

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted the issue was whether to require mandatory or voluntary dues collection. He said if mandatory dues were requested, the resolution should be forwarded to the Council for consideration. He said if the request was voluntary then a letter requesting participation should be sent to the jurisdictions.

Councilor Monroe stated the resolution would be futile and might cause bad feelings. He strongly urged the committee to not forward the resolution.

Mr. Short noted the Committee might forward the resolution to the Council without recommendation to allow the full Council to discuss the matter.

Councilor Gardner noted the MPAC favored Metro presenting legislation to continue dues. He said JPACT favored voluntary dues. He said he favored the Council discussing the matter further. He spoke to concerns about the timing requirement for notification of dues assessment. He said Metro needed certainty about the funding levels for budget deliberations.

Councilor McLain favored forwarding the resolution to Council without a recommendation to allow for further discussion of the issue.

Councilor Monroe expressed concerns about forwarding the resolution without recommendation. He said he felt the motion might aggravate local jurisdictions. He said mandatory dues would never be approved.

Councilor Gardner noted the Council was clear that mandatory dues would not pass. He said very few jurisdictions were against dues. He favored allowing the Council to discuss the matter.

Councilor Moore favored amending the resolution to indicate voluntary dues would be assessed. Chair Gates did not favor amending the resolution.

Councilor Devlin noted commitments from the larger dues providers should be obtained.

In response to a question from Councilor Moore, Councilor McLain commented that Washington County agreed to pay voluntary dues, but would fight mandatory dues.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to file the resolution with the Clerk of the Council and to forward the resolution to the Council without recommendation.

The intent of the motion was to allow for discussion only.

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

Councilor Wyers indicated she would vote no on the resolution in its present form at Council.

Chair Gates recessed the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Chair Gates reconvened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

9. Consideration of Draft Resolution No. 93-1761, Identifying Legislative Issues for Support, Opposition, and Monitoring in the 1993 Legislative Session

Mr. Short discussed the process used in drafting the resolution.

Noel Klein, Western Advocates representative, noted no significant new bills had been presented since the last meeting.

Larry Shapiro, Compliance Officer; Andy Cotugno, Planning Director; and Merry Waylett, Senior Management Analyst, were present.

Related to HB2472, Mr. Klein suggested monitoring the bill. Councilor Wyers favored opposing the position. Councilor Monroe explained the bill would not affect Metro but would significantly affect smaller jurisdictions. Councilor Gardner favored taking no position on the bill if it did not affect Metro. Councilor Wyers did not want to base Metro decisions on those of other jurisdictions.

The Committee discussed various legislation and considered Metro's proposed position on the legislation. The committee changed the designation of Metro's position on several bills and directed Casey Short, Council Analyst, to prepare the changes prior to Council consideration of the resolution.

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to introduce the resolution to the Council and recommend adoption of the resolution as amended.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Hansen, Moore, and Gates voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was 4/0 and the motion passed.

10. Status Report on the 1993 Legislative Session

Mr. Klein noted Dan Cooper, General Counsel, will testify before the Senate Revenue Committee.

11. Recognition of Guests

Chair Gates noted no guests were present at the meeting.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Lee  
Committee Recorder