

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

February 20, 1992
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Tanya Collier (Chair), Tom DeJardin
(Vice Chair), Richard Devlin

Committee Members Absent: Larry Bauer, Judy Wyers

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan, Sandi Hansen, Susan
McLain

Chair Collier called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the January 2 and 22, 1992
Governmental Affairs Committee meetings

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to approve the January 2 and
22, 1992 Governmental Affairs Committee meeting
minutes.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was
unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1568, For the Purpose of
Establishing a Regional Student Congress to Consider Issues of
Concern to Metro and the Citizens of the Region

Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, presented the staff report. He said a competitive bidding process had been conducted to hire a consultant to stage the Regional Student Congress. He said Northwest Strategies submitted the low bid of \$9,950. He said the money was to be split between the Council budget and the Office of Government Relations budget; the Council department had funds available in the Miscellaneous Professional Services line item, and the money from Government Relations will come from the funds budgeted for the Tri-Met study. He said the Oregon Convention Center required a \$650 room rental charge, not included in the consultant's proposal.

Chair Collier invited Councilors Hansen and McLain to comment on the resolution. Councilor Hansen said she supported the project since the Executive Officer first approached her about it in the summer. She said it would be an all-day event on a Saturday and encouraged all Councilors to attend the lunch portion of the Congress to show their interest and talk with the students. Councilor McLain said she had experience with similar events and said the Congress format was preferable in this situation, allowing students the chance to participate. She said students would write bills and resolutions, and prepare three-minute statements in support or opposition of an item. She said this gives the student experience in extemporaneous speaking, cross-examination, and

debate. She said the national and state forensics leagues would not allow discussion of regional issues at one of their forums because they are restricted to state and national issues. She said she supported the project because it was a good format to interact with schools and students, especially in a time when spending for education was being cut back; giving students the opportunity to have a positive view of government.

Chair Collier asked about advertising for the Congress. Councilor McLain said a mailing was being prepared, and flyers were handed out at schools. She encouraged Councilors to talk with school staffs in their sub-districts to make them aware of the Congress and encourage participation.

Councilor Devlin asked if Metro's financial obligation would exceed the total of the Northwest Strategies contract plus room rental. Mr. Rocks said that would be the extent of Metro's financial obligation.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1568.

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

3. Committee review of Five-Year Financial Plans

4. Committee review of Second Quarter Reports

Chair Collier requested items three and four be presented concurrently by each department head.

Betsy Bergstein, Senior Management Analyst, presented the Office of Government Relations quarterly report. She noted the Tri-Met/Metro merger study would be forthcoming. She noted the Charter Committee process was consuming most of her time. She said the Regional Citizens Involvement Coordinating Committee (RCICC) would require staff time. Councilor Devlin said the RCICC By-laws would require examination and possibly revision by the Council prior to adoption.

Don Carlson, Council Administrator, presented the quarterly report. He noted upcoming changes included increased election expenses and a performance audit. Relating to the five-year plan, he said the .75 Secretary position was proposed for an increase to 1.0 and the addition of a .5 senior management analyst for citizen outreach/response was proposed.

Mr. Rocks summarized the quarterly report and said the five-year plan was based on normal growth with minimal staff additions.

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Paula Paris, Personnel Director, summarized the quarterly report. Chair Collier asked about the class/comp study. Ms. Paris said the last study for non-represented employees was four years ago and the Personnel Department was preparing to conduct a new study.

Councilor DeJardin expressed his concerns over the Coliseum employees possibly losing their jobs if the Trail Blazers assume operations of the Coliseum. Chair Collier shared his concerns.

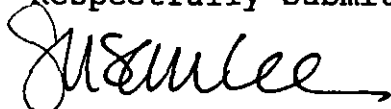
Ms. Paris presented the five-year plan. Chair Collier noted plans for records management should include input from all departments.

Marie Nelson, Public Affairs Supervisor, presented the quarterly report and five-year plan. Chair Collier asked if it was appropriate for support services departments to present five-year plans when their department fluctuates in response to other departmental changes.

Councilor Devlin reported he was in Washington, D.C., recently. Chair Collier asked that he give his report to the full Council at the next meeting.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Collier adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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