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MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 12, 1994

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present Mike Gates (Chair), George Van Bergen (Vice Chair), Roger Buchanan, Judy Wyers

Chair Gates called the regular meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee to order at 4 07 p m

1. Consideration of March 22, 1994 Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion Councilor Van Bergen moved to approve the March 22, 1994 Governmental Affairs Committee meeting minutes

Vote Councilors Buchanan, Wyers, Van Bergen and Gates voted aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed

2. Communications from Local Governments

No communications

3. Status Report on Outside Counsel Project

Councilor Van Bergen said a meeting occurred with a possible legal counsel, and said a draft contract was to be sent to Presiding Officer Wyers in the next couple of days which would include time and charges, the numbers of levels of work to be applied with a cap indicated for each level. Councilor Van Bergen and Councilor Wyers agreed further information regarding whether or not the person under consideration would be retained would be available at the next Governmental Affairs Committee meeting.

In response to Councilor Buchanan, Councilor Van Bergen indicated he could not give a name until it was agreed the party under consideration should be recommended to be hired.

4. Consideration of Draft Resolution No. 94-1945, Accepting a Nominee to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (Metro CCI) to Fill a Vacancy in the Membership of the Committee

Judy Shoshi, Associate Council Analyst, presented the staff report, and said the proposed resolution if approved would accept the nomination of Victor O Adonri of Tigard to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI).

Councilor Van Bergen moved

Motion Councilor Van Bergen moved to recommend Resolution No. No 94-1945 to the full Council for adoption

Vote Councilors Buchanan, Wyers, Van Bergen and Gates voted aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed

5. Consideration of Draft Resolution No. 94-1932, Establishing Personnel Policies for Council Department Employees

Casey Short, Council Analyst, presented the staff report and distributed a revised draft Resolution No 94-1932 which included an effective date

Motion Councilor Van Bergen moved to recommend revised draft Resolution No 94-1932 to the full Council for adoption

Vote Councilors Buchanan, Wyers, Van Bergen and Gates voted aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed

6. Discussion of Proposed Metro Electronic Bulletin Board Project

Merrie Waylett, Government Relations Officer, presented the staff report for the Metro Electronic Bulletin Board project, and noted a Cityspeak survey was intended to determine the numbers of citizens that might be able to utilize such a system She said the proposal for the FY 1994-95 pilot project funding level was about \$14,450

In response to Councilor Buchanan, Ms Waylett outlined the ways in which the funding would be spent as described in the report in the agenda packet

Jeffrey Thorns, MCCI member, testified before the Committee in support of the MEBB project In response to Chair Gates, Mr Thorns said MEBB was, in its base form, not an interactive system, but would be an access-to-information-only system He noted the charge to the user would be \$35 per year, and said a next step in the future could be that the system would be available in a more interactive form

Ric Buhler, Chair of MCCI sub-committee on the MEBB, said currently about 4 hours per month volunteer time was being spent in volunteer committee work to further the project

In response to Councilor Buchanan, Mr Buhler noted representatives of the library system had testified in support of the MEBB project although he was unsure regarding funding potential from the library

Councilor Van Bergen commented on Metro budgetary limitations would factor in decision making on the project

Motion Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend to the Budget Committee that the MEBB not be included in the FY 1994-95 Budget

Chair Gates said he believed the library system would be willing to accept the system as it would come to them fully packaged He commented communications between governments and citizens must be more clear and the use of the computer communications and the information highway was a benefit to the region Chair Gates reminded the Committee the project would be considered a pilot project for a one year period at which time it would be subject to evaluative review

Councilor Van Bergen commented he would move to recommend the MEBB pilot project to the Budget Committee only as courtesy to chair in order for matter to be heard at next level, and indicated he might vote no at the time

Vote Councilor Buchanan voted aye Councilor Van Bergen and Gates voted no  
Councilor Wyers was absent

The motion failed.

Motion Councilor Van Bergen moved to recommend to the Budget Committee that the MEBB pilot project be included in the FY 1994-95 Budget

Vote Councilor Van Bergen and Gates voted aye Councilor Buchanan voted no  
Councilor Wyers was absent

The motion passed

7. Discussion of 1995 Reconfiguration of Metro CCI to Conform with the Reconfiguration of the Metro Council

Ms Shioishi referenced a memorandum dated April 12, 1994 from herself and Don E Carlson, Council Administrator, regarding reconfiguring membership for the MCCI Ms Shioishi outlined three options as described in the April 12, memorandum This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record

The Committee and Staff discussed the reconfiguration options further Councilor Van Bergen commented in his experience larger groups tended to get less done and smaller groups tended to get more done Chair Gates concurred

In response to Chair Gates, Ms Shioishi indicated the intent of the report was for informational purposes only noting the MCCI was currently in deliberations towards agreement on one of the proposed options

7. Councilor Communications

Councilor Buchanan expressed concern regarding an administrative delay that had occurred in the forwarding of his nominations for the Boundary Commission Mr Carlson addressed the Committee, and noted other nominations had not been received from other Councilors to forward on to the Executive inclusively at the time and subsequently Councilor Buchanan's nominations were delayed in forwarding Councilor Wyers suggested the possibility of legislative action

Motion Councilor Van Bergen moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance that would advise the Executive Officer to make appointments to the Boundary Commission from a list in hand from Councilor Buchanan

Vote Councilors Buchanan, Wyers, Van Bergen and Gates vote aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed

The Committee directed Staff to prepare a letter to the Councilors remaining requesting the nominations be made

Mr Short noted the Charter directed that the Council shall undertake and complete a study of the Boundary Committee with advice from the Metro Policy Advisory Committee by September 1, 1995, the results of which shall be implemented and any necessary legislative action be taken, and suggested a time frame be considered for the study Mr Carlson said an ordinance could be prepared that would deal with procedural questions currently under discussion The Committee directed staff to prepare such an ordinance for legislative action refining the timelines as currently written

Councilor Van Bergen indicated since the matter was now on the table with follow up communications and correspondence intended, he hoped he would be in a position to withdraw his motion later

Chair Gates noted he would be in Washington, D C at the time of the next Governmental Affairs Committee meeting and indicated Councilor Van Bergen would be Acting Chair

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5 43 p m

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn E. Geary-Symons". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Marilyn E Geary-Symons  
Committee Recorder