

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 15, 1993

Council Chamber

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

Councilor Also Present: Richard Devlin

Also Present: Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel

Chair Gates called the regular meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Status Report on Apportionment Commission

Casey Short, Council Analyst, presented the staff report, and said Frances Hunter had been appointed to the Apportionment Commission as of Monday, April 12, 1993.

Mr. Short responded to questions from Councilor Buchanan regarding Ms. Hunter, noting Bill Boyd was Chair of the committee. Councilor Buchanan requested the letter of information regarding Ms. Hunter.

2. Consideration of Draft Resolution No. 93-1746, For the Purpose of Revising Guidelines for Council Per Diem, Councilor Expense and General Council Materials and Services Accounts

Mr. Short referenced page 2 of Exhibit A of the draft resolution and detailed the proposed revisions to the document. In response to Councilor Buchanan, Mr. Short clarified the amounts listed under Councilor Expenses.

The Committee discussed the use of the term "outside the Metro area" and the term "outside the Metro boundary" was suggested. Mr. Short noted the term "Metro area" had been used in the Charter.

The Committee as a whole discussed Councilor expenses.

The Committee and Dan Cooper, General Counsel, discussed mileage reimbursement. Mr. Cooper indicated he would give the Committee an opinion should he be requested. Chair Gates recommended allowing the language to remain as stated in the draft Exhibit A. The Committee discussed methods of fair compensation further.

The Committee as a whole and Staff discussed the Council General Account, and the proposal to remove budgeting for Councilors meals. Councilor Moore noted facilities would be available in the new building for storage and preparation of food. Councilor Buchanan inquired regarding the amount of time for adjournment for meals. Chair Gates indicated such would be discretionary, and noted meetings were scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. on a regular basis.

Mr. Short discussed the suggestion made at the previous Committee meeting to delete reference to the Council General Account. He noted staff conference expenses were covered in the account as well as other expenses.

The Committee and Staff discussed child care cost reimbursements. Mr. Cooper discussed the IRS rules concerning such reimbursements.

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1746 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Hansen, Moore and Gates votes aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

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3. Consideration of Draft Resolution No. 93-1796, For the Purpose of Establishing a Council Policy for Taking Positions on State and Local Ballot Measures

Mr. Short presented the staff report, and referenced his memorandum dated April 15, 1993 with attached revised Draft Exhibit A containing Mr. Cooper's proposed amendment. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

The Committee and Staff discussed whether the Council should make policy statements regarding ballot issues independently with or without outside influences.

Chair Gates recommended the inclusion of language in the second criteria, "as affects Metro operations."

The Committee discussed the issues further, and Chair Gates continued the matter for consideration at the next Governmental Affairs Committee meeting.

4. Legislative Updates

► Senate Bill 389

Mr. Cooper referenced his memorandum dated April 15, 1993 regarding proposed legislation, Senate Bill 389, to reconcile state statutory provisions with the 1992 Metro Charter. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved that the Governmental Affairs Committee recommend to the full Council the substitute language as proposed in Mr. Cooper's April 15, 1993 memorandum, and that Metro's lobbyists be directed to fully support Senate Bill 389 and the Committee recommendations.

Vote: Councilors Hansen, Moore, Wyers, Gardner and Gates voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

► Solid Waste Issues

Burton Weast, Western Advocates, addressed the Committee.

Councilor Wyers inquired regarding the pesticides regulations bill and said she had asked Mr. Houser to draft a letter from herself indicating support of the bill. She noted the high cost of the Household Hazardous Waste program.

Mr. Weast said Senate Bill 122 had support from local jurisdictions. The Committee discussed Beaverton's concerns with Urban Service Boundaries.

Mr. Weast briefed the Committee on a recent meeting of lobbyists from the three counties, ODOT, Tri-Met, and himself regarding funding on transportation packages and impacts on light rail.

4. Councilor Comments

The Committee and Staff discussed budget issues such as Multnomah County Parks, Election Costs, and Local Government Dues revenue.

Councilor Gardner inquired regarding employee parking fees. Mr. Short noted a number of considerations impacted the matter.

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The Committee discussed FOCUS and Metro's role in the organization.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Geary-Symons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Recorder