

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

April 18, 1991
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin (Chair), Tanya Collier, Tom DeJardin, Sandi Hansen and David Knowles

Committee Members Absent: None

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

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 91-1435, Endorsing the Establishment of an Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University and Other Institutions of Higher Education in the Metropolitan Area

Casey Short, Council Analyst, distributed an article from Oregonian relating to this topic, a copy of which is filed in the record of this meeting.

Professor Chuck Tracy, Associate Dean of the School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University, gave a report. Professor Tracy said the intent of the program was to coordinate the wealth of expertise among faculty and students to work on Metropolitan projects. He said the program was budgeted at \$500,000 for the upcoming year through the School of Urban and Public Affairs and future foundation funding may be available. He asked the Committee to consider endorsing the principle of the Institute, assist in appointments for the governing board and prepare agenda and research objectives. He noted other jurisdictions had endorsed the Institute.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend full Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1435.

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

2. Discussion of Council relations with the Metro Charter Committee

Chair Devlin noted the Draft Agenda for the April 27, 1991 Council Retreat was distributed. He indicated the majority of the retreat would be Charter Committee issues.

Betsey Bergstein, Senior Management Analyst, said the Agenda was time generous and may adjourn early. She also said Rena Cusma, Executive Officer, wanted to focus on the process of the Charter Committee, not procedure.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 91-1439, Adding Items to Metro's Legislative Package

Casey Short, Council Analyst went over items listed for support and opposition. Councilor Knowles announced he would abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest regarding solid waste bills. Chair Devlin noted the Committee had already taken positions on Senate Bill (SB) 706 and House Bill (HB) 2136 but they had not been incorporated into resolution format. He also noted the Committee supported the ban of the sale of phosphates, but Resolution No. 91-1439 would support the concept of bills banning phosphates.

Chair Devlin asked Councilor Hansen to speak to HB 3488, which would direct state agencies not to discriminate against people who have tested positive for HIV or who have been diagnosed as having AIDS or AIDS-related complex. Councilor Hansen said she received a request from the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association in District 12 to seek Metro support of the bill. Councilor Collier said she would support adding similar policy to the current personnel policy, but opposed supporting HB 3488 because it was not related to Metro's business. Councilor Hansen commented enacting the policy as part of the personnel policy would be a positive message to the public. Chair Devlin asked Councilor Collier if the policy could be enacted unilaterally; Councilor Collier said represented positions would have to be bargained with the Unions.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend full Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1439.

Motion to amend: Councilor Collier moved to amend Resolution No. 91-1439 by moving HB 3488 to monitor and by request of Chair Devlin, add HB 2136 to support.

Vote on motion to amend: Councilors Collier, Devlin, DeJardin and Hansen voted aye. Councilor Knowles abstained. The vote was 4/0 and the motion to amend passed.

Vote: Councilors Collier, Devlin, DeJardin and Hansen voted aye. Councilor Knowles abstained. The vote was 4/0 and the motion to recommend full Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1439 as amended passed.

4. Legislative Update

Burton Weast, Western Advocates, reported all of the priority bills with the exception of the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGO) bills, have been passed and signed by the Governor as of April 15, 1991.

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Mr. Weast said Rich Carson and he had met with Senator Springer and was advised the Committee was finalizing deliberations over SB 66. Senator Springer said SB 91 (Senator Kitzhaber's secondary lands bill) and SB 1017 would receive hearings following the SB 66 hearings.

Chair Devlin asked about SB 706. Mr. Weast said the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) opposed the bill and would testify against it with other agencies.

Other Agenda Item

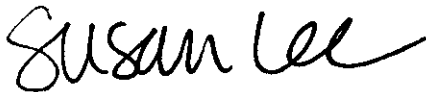
Chair Devlin noted the Planning and Development Urban Services Department proposed a Regional Tax Equity program. He requested the Governmental Affairs Committee hear any reports on studies conducted under the program.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved that the Governmental Affairs Committee would hear reports on the Tax Equity Program if the program was approved in the budget.

Vote: Councilors Collier, Devlin, DeJardin and Hansen voted aye. Councilor Knowles was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk