

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Metro Regional Center
Conference Room 273
May 6, 1993

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

Committee Members Absent: none

Other Councilors Present: Richard Devlin, Jon Kvistad

Chair Gates called the regular meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Communications from Local Governments

No communications were received from local governments.

2. Status Report on Apportionment Commission

Casey Short, Council Analyst, presented an update on the Apportionment Commission activity. He distributed a schedule of the Apportionment Commission public hearings, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1778A, Withdrawing Metro's Participation in the Forum on Cooperative Urban Services (FOCUS)

Chair Gates presented a brief history of the discussions related to Metro's participation in FOCUS. He noted that FOCUS was not asking that Metro provide funding for special projects.

Walt Hitchcock, Sherwood Mayor, appeared to encourage Metro's participation in FOCUS. He spoke to the evolving composition of the FOCUS membership and work plan

Greg Chew, McKeever/Morris representative, discussed the work plan development. He discussed the draft April 14, 1993 FOCUS Management Plan, a copy of which is included in the agenda packet and included in the record of this meeting.

Stephen Rhodes, Tualatin City Manager, spoke to the intent of the FOCUS group.

Councilor Hansen questioned the duplication of services created by hiring staff to perform the functions that MPAC would ultimately perform. Mayor Hitchcock said MPAC was a formal meeting, while FOCUS was meant to be an informal process. Councilor Hansen spoke to specific examples included in the work plan. She noted Sherwood did not agree to pay voluntary dues to Metro. Mayor Hitchcock said FOCUS might provide an opportunity for Councilors to advocate dues payment.

Councilor Moore spoke to FOCUS acting as a second regional government.

Councilor Devlin discussed the history of Metro. He noted with the elimination of CRAG, many governments no longer had an opportunity to discuss issues. He noted the authority Metro had over local governments was insignificant. He expressed concern about the group focussing on any one entity.

Councilor Gardner said he shared Councilor Devlin's concerns. He noted a Council of Governments (COG) format did not work well in the past. He expressed concerns about the action FOCUS took on the MPAC/RPAC transfer

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issue. Mr. Hitchcock said FOCUS did not intend to become a regional government. He reiterated that FOCUS was an informal group to allow governments to sit down together to discuss issues.

Councilor Wyers expressed her support of the need for local governments to communicate about issues of concern. She requested continued discussion of the issue.

Chair Gates continued the item to the next regular meeting of the Committee.

3. Work Session to Consider Ordinance No. 93-489, Amending the Classification and Compensation Plans for Non-Represented Employees, and Awarding a 4% General Market Adjustment for Non-Represented Employees in Lieu of a Cost of Living Adjustment

Casey Short, Council Analyst, distributed and summarized a memorandum dated May 6, 1993, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Paula Paris, Personnel Director, distributed and summarized a memorandum dated May 4, 1993, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The memorandum addressed questions raised at the April 1, 1993 Governmental Affairs Committee meeting.

Ms. Paris explained that the nature of the study process would not allow for reclassifying only those individuals that were working significantly out of class. She said the study developed new classes and then assigned individuals to the classes according to the duties of their positions.

Chair Gates opened the public hearing.

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, appeared to testify on behalf of the Planning Department employees. He stated the recommendations were appropriate. He said the recommendations would allow him to continue to retain competent employees and recognize their contributions. He gave specific employee examples.

Larry Sprecher, Senior Management Analyst, testified in support of the ordinance. He spoke to accurate representation of the duties performed. He said the ordinance was fair.

With no further persons appearing to testify, Chair Gates closed the public hearing.

Councilor Gardner asked what percentage of non-represented employees received a merit increase. Ms. Paris noted that the merit system did not provide awards simply for extra work. She said the range of increase was based on the work performed. Councilor Gardner asked for a report indicating what percentages were awarded.

Councilor Gardner noted that Metro was an attractive employer and it did not surprise him to see individuals taking pay cuts or starting at the top of the range upon hire at Metro.

Chair Gates continued discussion of the Ordinance to the next regular meeting of the Committee.

5. Legislative Update
- ▶ Solid Waste Issues
 - ▶ Tax Packages
 - ▶ Boundary Commission Appointment Process
 - ▶ Other Miscellaneous

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Bob Martin, Solid Waste Director, updated the Committee on the status of Solid Waste related legislation. He suggested Senate Bill (SB) 1014, 336, 1006, 1038, and 1039 for support and House Bill (HB) 2628 and 3213 for opposition; the Committee concurred.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved Mr. Martin's recommendations.

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

Noel Klein updated the Committee on Oregon Legislative activity.

Larry Shaw, Assistant General Counsel, recommended SB 908 and HB 3025 for monitoring.

Motion Councilor Wyers moved Mr. Shaw's recommendation.

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

6. Recognition of Guests

No guests were recognized.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder.