

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

June 3, 1993

Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Terry Moore

Councilors Also Present: Susan McLain

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

1. Communications from Local Governments

No communications from local governments.

2. Status Report on Metro Apportionment Commission

Frances Hunter, Staff to the Apportionment Commission, presented the staff report, and said a computer error had caused some confusion regarding an apparent disparity of the exterior lines drawn on the maps. She said the error was corrected.

In response to Councilor McLain, Ms Hunter said participation levels were at an average of about 15 citizens at the meetings, and noted divergent groups were heard from.

3. Consideration of Draft Resolution No 93-1810, Creating a Task Force to Negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Multnomah County Regarding the Transfer of Operations to Metro of Multnomah County Regional Parks and Expo Center

Donald E. Carlson, Council Administrator, presented the staff report, and said the matter before the Committee was concerned with their consideration of the proposed draft resolution for the transfer or operations to Metro of Multnomah County Regional Parks and Expo Center. He referenced a memorandum in the agenda packet from Casey Short, Council Analyst.

Motion: Councilor Hansen move introduce Resolution No. 93-1810 and file the resolution with the Clerk of the Council, and to recommend Resolution No. 93-1810 to the full Council for adoption.

Mr. Short noted that under the Be It Resolved, Section 2, language that read "1993-94 Approved Budget" should read "1993-94 Adopted Budget".

Motion to Amend: Councilor Hansen moved to amend Resolution No. 93-1810 to change the word "Approved" to "Adopted" under Be It Resolved, Section 2.

Vote on Motion as Amended: Councilors Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Gates voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Consideration of Draft Resolution No 93-1811, Continuing Metro's Participation in the Forum on Cooperative Urban Services (FOCUS)

Mr. Short referenced his memorandum found in the agenda packet dated May 28, 1993 regarding the proposed draft resolution, and highlighted the provisions of the resolution as outlined in the memorandum.

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Chair Gates noted a question from Councilor Moore had been addressed to the Committee regarding the issue of dues. Councilor Hansen expressed concern whether Metro should join FOCUS, when it was not clear that Metro would support all the projects FOCUS would undertake, and indicated she did not support the proposed resolution. Councilor McLain expressed support for Metro's role in continuing participation in FOCUS. Councilor Gardner felt support should be conditional with a message sent that Metro wished to remain members, but with a statement that Metro would reassess their continued membership in a year or so. He did not feel Metro's membership should be tied to dues. Mr. Carlson said a request for an upwards adjustment of \$6,000 to the FY 1993-94 budget for FOCUS funding could be made, and indicated he would review the matter with Executive Management.

Main Motion as Amended Councilor Gardner moved to introduce Resolution No. 93-1811 and file the resolution with the Clerk of the Council, and to recommend Resolution No. 93-1811 to the full Council for adoption with deletion of language under Be It Resolved, Section 2. "~~Metro Council's Governmental Affairs Committee~~", and insert language to read instead. "Metro Council"

Motion to Amend: Councilor Gardner moved to insert language as a new paragraph no. 2 under Be It Resolved, "that the Metro Council Governmental Affairs Committee will review Metro's continued membership in FOCUS by December 31, 1993 and make a recommendation to the full Council."

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilor Gardner, Wyers and Gates voted aye. Councilor Hansen voted no.

The motion passed.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Gardner, Wyers and Gates voted aye. Councilor Hansen voted no.

The motion passed.

5 Other

Councilor Wyers said she had received a communication from the Deputy Executive Officer, Dick Engstrom, that Betsy Bergstein intended to resign from the position for which she was currently on leave of absence. Councilor Wyers strongly recommended that Merrie Waylett, Office of Government Relations, be given consideration for the position.

6 Legislative Update

Larry Shaw, Senior Assistant Counsel, presented the staff report, and discussed HB 3045, regarding property development agreements.

Burton Weast, Western Advocates, proposed Metro oppose HB 3045.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to give direction to the Metro lobbyists to oppose HB 3045 unless amended according to Mr. Shaw's suggestions.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

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Burton Weast, Western Advocates, updated the Committee on Oregon legislative actions, and discussed PERS claims issues, and said liability issues would need to be considered.

Noel Klein, Western Advocates, discussed tax issues with the Committee, and said, in response to Chair Gates, he had not seen support for a sales tax. The Committee as a whole discussed tax issues and the creation of the tax study commission. In response to Councilor Gardner, Mr Klein agreed to contact Mike Ragsdale, possible chair of the commission

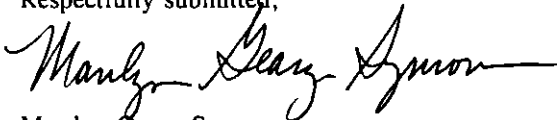
Mr. Weast announced a meeting was set to be held in Room 137 at the Capitol in Salem regarding the light rail issue. He invited the members of the Committee to attend. Ms. Waylett noted the Chair of the Transportation Planning Committee planned to attend.

Mr. Weast addressed the Committee regarding a \$19 fee that Rabanco was lobbying to have removed from Metro's authority to collect on petroleum contaminated soils (PCS), SB 1004. He said Councilor Wyers, Bob Martin, Solid Waste Director, and himself had testified regarding the issue at the state legislature. He said a meeting was planned with Rena Cusma, Executive Officer, Schnitzer, and Mr Martin on June 9 in Ms. Cusma's office. He noted lobbying was being conducted on both sides. He said he strongly recommended opposition to the bill unless otherwise directed by the Council.

Councilor McLain indicated she would plan to attend the June 9 meeting with Ms. Cusma, Mr Martin and Schnitzer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Recorder

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