

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

June 4, 1992
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Tanya Collier (Chair), Richard Devlin, Edward Gronke, Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: Larry Bauer

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

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the December 19, 1991, March 5, and March 13, 1992 Governmental Affairs Committee

Casey Short, Council Analyst, noted the March 13, 1992 minutes were for another sub-committee.

Motion: Councilor Gronke moved to approve the December 19, 1991, and March 5, 1992 Governmental Affairs Committee minutes.

Vote: Councilors Gronke, Collier, and Wyers voted aye. Councilor Devlin was absent. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM - Metro Charter Committee Update

Betsy Bergstein, Senior Management Analyst, distributed a handout, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Ken Gervais, Senior Management Analyst, reported the Charter Committee draft charter would be ready for public hearings soon.

The Committee discussed the draft charter. The Committee discussed whether Metro Executive Officer and the Council should proceed with drafting their own version of the charter.

Councilors Gronke and Collier agreed with proceeding with a draft charter. Councilor Wyers disagreed, stating she did not want to 'push' the Charter Committee into producing an undesirable draft. Mr. Gervais advised the Committee to wait for the Charter Committee to produce their draft document before proceeding with their own draft.

The Committee agreed to wait to finalize their own version of a charter, requesting Dan Cooper, General Counsel, to redistribute his earlier version of the proposed charter for discussion at the next regular meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

2. Status Report on Draft Ordinance Establishing a Minority/Women/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Emerging Small Business Program

Mr. Short summarized the approach he used to arrive at a draft ordinance establishing a minority/women/disadvantaged business enterprise (MBE/WBE/DBE) and emerging small business program (ESB). He said he had a program in draft that would cost Metro more work and money initially, but may result in less monitoring by contractors and ultimately lower bids. He said the increase in work and cost would occur due to Metro being responsible for outreach instead of the contractor.

Mr. Short noted the FY 1992-93 budget included \$50,000 in the support service fund's contingency for a disparity study, money which could be used for the increased staff to implement and monitor the outreach program.

The consensus of the Committee was to proceed with the MBE/WBE/DBE programs and not the ESB program. Mr. Short said the Ordinance would have public hearings.

3. Review of Resolution No. 91-1467A, Establishing Procedures Relating to the Conduct of Council Business

Mr. Short said Resolution No. 91-1467A called for the Governmental Affairs Committee to review the rules of conduct six months from inception. The Committee discussed the rules of conduct, concluding that they had not been followed. The Committee agreed to suspend review of the rules for an additional three months. The Committee said they would request the Presiding Officer to enforce the rules during the three months and then reconsider their effectiveness. Councilor Collier asked that a one page summary of the rules be distributed. Councilor Wyers asked that the issues in the memorandum from Paulette Allen, Clerk of the Council, be considered at the next discussion of this item. A copy of the memorandum from Ms. Allen is included in record of this meeting. Mr. Short said he had further comments he would request the Committee to consider.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Collier adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk