

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

June 18, 1992
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Lawrence Bauer

Chair Collier called the regular meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

1. Contract List Designations for FY 1992-93 Budget

Casey Short, Council Analyst, explained the contract designation procedure. He summarized Council staff's recommendations. He noted the Western Advocate surveys was not a current contract.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend the Contract List Designation for FY 1992-93 for adoption by the full Council.

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

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1631, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) to Provide Legislative Service to the Metropolitan Service District

Betsy Bergstein, Senior Management Analyst, presented the staff report. She said the contract with Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) provided Metro with legislative services performed by Western Advocates. She said the budgeted \$68,000 was the same amount as the prior contract amount. She said the contract amount was higher for Fiscal Year (FY) 1992-93, noting expenses were included in the contract. She said the expenses had previously been a separate line item. She said the contract covers the 1993 legislative session, six interim committees, any special legislative session, and intergovernmental relations work with the cities, counties, and special districts in the region.

Councilor Gronke noted the \$7,500 contract for public opinion surveys authorized in the 1991-92 Approved Budget had not been performed. He asked if it was included in the \$68,000 contract amount. Ms. Bergstein said the \$7,500 was a separate contract to perform public opinion surveys for the Council. She said it was not included in the \$68,000.

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Motion: Councilor Gronke moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1631.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1635, Accepting the May 19, 1992, Primary Election Abstract of Votes of the Metropolitan Service District

Mr. Short presented the staff report. He said Resolution No 92-1635 fulfilled a requirement of State Law requiring the District to determine the result of the election upon receipt of the abstract of votes. He said the resolution included copies of the abstract of votes from the three counties for Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 13 at the May 19, 1992 primary election.

Mr. Short explained the legislative rule requiring Councilor Ed Washington and Joe Ross to contest the District 11 race again in November.

Councilor Gronke asked what was an under-vote and an over-vote. Mr. Short said an under-vote was a blank ballot, and an over-vote was a ballot with more than one name marked.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend adoption of Resolution No. 92-1635.

Councilor Devlin said he planned to file for a partial recount in District 4, and may file for a full recount. He asked if the result of adopting Resolution No. 92-1635 was simply to accept the results given by the counties' election offices. Councilor Collier asked if it was correct that adoption of the resolution would not preclude such a request for a recount. Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel, said he believed both Councilors Collier and Devlin to be correct. He said he would determine the answer to Councilor Devlin's question prior to the Council consideration of Resolution No. 92-1635 on June 25, 1992.

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

4. Consideration of Draft Resolution No. 92-1643, Revising Guidelines for Council Per Diem, Councilor Expense and General Council Materials and Services Accounts

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Mr. Short presented the staff report. He said Resolution No. 92-1643 was an annual housekeeping item to adjust Councilor per diem based on the consumer price index. He said the per diem rate would be increased by two dollars, from \$56 to \$58. He said the amounts authorized in the resolution were consistent with budgeted amounts for Fiscal Year (FY) 1992-93.

Councilor Collier asked why the item was a draft resolution. Mr. Short said it was a draft because it was the first time before the Committee and they had the opportunity to make changes without formal amendments.

Motion: Councilor Gronke moved to recommend full Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1643.

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

5. Work Session to Discuss Metro Charter Issues

The Committee held a work session to discuss the Metro Charter.

Ken Gervais, Senior Management Analyst, distributed the Metro Charter Committee's draft Charter, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, distributed a draft copy of an alternate Metro Charter, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. Mr. Cooper outlined the differences between the two documents.

The Committee discussed changes to the alternative Metro Charter document.

Councilor Collier recommended "Portland Metropolitan Region" be replaced with "Metro". The Committee concurred.

The Committee discussed whether to include a general grant of authorities or a voter referendum. The Committee discussed section 17, loss of liberties, noting a conviction should be a major conviction, not a mere traffic offense or related violation.

The Committee agreed to discuss the alternative Metro Charter pending the outcome of probable amendments to the Metro Charter Committee Draft Charter.

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Councilor Gronke stated he did not agree with the separation of powers.

Mr. Gervais encouraged the Committee to attend the Charter public hearings.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Collier adjourned the regular meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Lee", written in black ink.

Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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