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MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

August 23, 1994

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Mike Gates (Chair), George Van Bergen (Vice Chair), Roger Buchanan, Ruth McFarland

Committee Members Absent: Judy Wyers

Other Councilors Present:: Jon Kvistad

Chair Gates called the regular meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of July 13, 1994 Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

all aye

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to approve the July 13, 1994 Governmental Affairs Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, McFarland, Van Bergen and McFarland voted aye.
Councilor Wyers was absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Communications from Local Governments

No communications.

3. Review of Draft Ordinance Establishing An Administration Code

Donald E. Carlson, Council Administrator, presented the staff report, and said the principal intent of the proposed Code was to establish the organizational structure of Metro and define the role of the Executive Officer and the Council relating to modifications of existing departmental organization structures and functions. He noted the Council as a legislative body had not enacted policy provisions such as outlined in the proposed Administration Code, and noted this was the practice for both federal, state and local legislative bodies.

Chair Gates noted the proposed Administration Code would have an impact when the new Council of seven Councilors took office.

Councilor Van Bergen felt the proposal for such an Administration Code had merit and warranted further discussion.

Councilor Kvistad suggested language in the proposed draft should contain wording to the effect that major changes, such as Department Directors, be done in consultation by the Executive Officer with the Council Presiding Officer.

Councilor Van Bergen felt a transfer from one department to another without appropriate budgetary approval was important, but was not in agreement with Councilor Kvistad's concept.

Council Staff pointed out that the Charter language indicated that function was resident with the Executive Officer.

Councilor McFarland felt language in the Section 1A.17.010 dealing with the Council Department should be changed so as not to connote that Council Staff were involved in the function of Legislative Policy Making. Mr. Carlson agreed to review the language. Chair Gates suggested wording such as "support" be used instead.

Councilor McFarland asked if the Administration Code should be set aside until the new Council had taken office. Chair Gates noted most members of the present Council were going to be on the new Council, and said he would contact possible members for further comment.

Councilor Van Bergen asked that Legal Counsel review the draft ordinance and give an opinion.

Mr. Carlson suggested a process for further review and bringing the matter forward for a formal action. Chair Gates agreed such a process would be beneficial.

4. Discussion of Possible Boundary Commission Legislation

Mr. Carlson referenced his memorandum dated August 2, 1994 in which the possibility of changing the number of the membership of the Boundary Commission. He indicated the Chair of the Boundary Commission had requested that a Task Force be established to draft a bill for introduction to the state legislature for an increase in membership from 7 to 13 or 14.

Ken Martin, Executive Officer of the Boundary Commission, addressed the Committee.

Chair Gates requested that such a Task Force be established and noted Councilor Van Bergen had agreed to serve on that body.

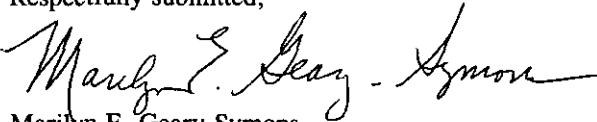
5. Other

Councilor Van Bergen commented regarding plans for high speed rail to the south. He said he had not been apprised of certain information, but rather only of east/west plans. He noted the Oregon Department of Transportation had discussed lottery monies for high speed rail projects. Councilor Van Bergen felt he believed Metro needed to be involved at a deeper level than was currently the case.

Chair Gates suggested further discussion with Tom Walsh of Tri-Met and the Planning Chair as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn E. Geary-Symons
Committee Recorder