

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

September 3, 1992
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Tanya Collier (Chair)

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan, Jim Gardner

Vice Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Vice Chair Devlin announced the Councilor Larry Bauer had resigned from his Council District 2 position.

Unscheduled Item - Five Year Financial Plans

Christopher Scherer, Financial Planning Manger, distributed and summarized a handout, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. Mr. Scherer gave a brief background on the five year financial planning process. He discussed the timeline and the Council role in five year financial planning.

Councilor Gronke expressed a concern that Councilors should be more involved in the discussions related to five year financial planning. Vice Chair Devlin noted that the separation of powers allows the Executive Officer and the Council to differ on priorities for the agency.

Don Carlson, Council Administrator, stated that the five year financial plans were planning documents and there was an ability to change or adjust the plans as necessary.

The Committee discussed the implication of the passage of the Metro Charter on five year financial planning. Councilor Wyers said it was not wise to allocate a lot of time on the matter with the uncertainty of the Charter.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the March 19, May 26, June 4, and June 18, 1992 Governmental Affairs Committee

Motion: Councilor Gronke moved to adopt the minutes as written.

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

2. Status Report on proposed regionalization of certain Multnomah County services

Dick Engstrom, Deputy Presiding Officer, reported on the discussions to regionalize certain Multnomah County services. He said he would come back to the Committee at its first October meeting with more information. He noted the discussions were still being conducted according to the provisions in the January, 1992 discussions.

Mr. Carlson said he was responsible for discussions related to consolidating operations of the Exposition Center and Multnomah County parks with Metro or MERC.

Vice Chair Devlin expressed some concerns with proposed Charter language that might not allow for Metro to operate parks. Mr. Carlson noted parks would be considered a regional program and might be operated under the Greenspaces program. He said Multnomah County would have to agree through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to transfer the function prior to Metro's assumption of operations.

3. Consideration of Proposed Metro Charter

Vice Chair Devlin noted that the Charter would be discussed at the Council Retreat and that no position would be taken on the Charter until those discussions were held. He noted a fact sheet on the proposed Charter was being developed.

Vice Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Vice Chair Devlin reconvened the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The Committee held a work session on the proposed Metro Charter. The Committee discussed planning functions, agency structure, and associated costs under the proposed charter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk