

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

October 3, 1991
Metro Center

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin (Chair), Tanya Collier, Tom DeJardin, Sandi Hansen

Committee Members Absent: David Knowles (Vice Chair)

Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order in Room 240 of the Metro Center at 4:05 p.m.

1. Consideration of the September 5, 1991, Governmental Affairs Committee meeting minutes

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

2. Work Session to discuss Metro Council Relations with the Metro Charter Committee

Chair Devlin called a work session of the Committee at 4:07 p.m. to discuss the Metro Council relations with the Metro Charter Committee.

Persons Present: Rena Cusma, Executive Officer; Janet Whitfield, Charter Committee Administrator; Larry Shaw, Metro Legal Counsel; Betsy Bergstein, Metro Senior Management Analyst; Ken Gervais, Metro Senior Management Analyst; Casey Short, Metro Council Analyst; Don Carlson, Metro Council Administrator; and Greg Chew, Regional Governance Committee Staff.

The Committee discussed the Charter Committee work plan process. The Committee also discussed when they would present the Charter Committee with information from the Council and what form those communications would take. The consensus was the Council and the Executive Officer would present information together at the appropriate time.

Following discussion, Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 4:50. Chair Devlin reconvened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Councilor Buchanan joined the meeting.

3. Update on status of Metro's Draft DBE Ordinance

Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, reported on the status of the Metro Draft DBE Ordinance. He said the task force had reconvened and concluded there was insufficient preference to blacks, females and other minorities in the proposed plan.

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Mr. Saling referred to a memo prepared by Dan Cooper, General Counsel, that was distributed to the Committee and included in the record of the meeting. Mr. Saling said Mr. Cooper said the present program was unconstitutional under new federal and state regulations.

Councilor Collier requested the Committee appoint two members to address these issues. She nominated herself and Councilor DeJardin. The Committee had no objections to the appointment. She said she would like to report back to the Committee at the first regular meeting in November.

Mr. Saling said he was suspending the current program on an individual case basis. Councilor Collier said the current program should continue until the new program is in place. Mr. Saling said the current program was unconstitutional. Councilor Collier noted these situations will occur as new legislation is enacted. Councilor DeJardin suggested Mr. Cooper discuss the issue with the Attorney Generals' office. He said discussion should also occur between the Executive Officer and the Presiding Officer.

4. Discussion of Committee Business Remaining through 1991

Mr. Short discussed items of business for the Committee for the remainder of the year, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The Committee agreed to continue with the projects outlined in Mr. Short's memo. Councilor Hansen said she expected Principia Graphica to present information on the public information project. Councilor Bauer noted the issue of citizen involvement might be addressed through the Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) and the Committee might wait for the results of that process prior to proceeding with the issue.

Mr. Short noted Councilor McLain had expressed some concerns about Councilors' receiving free Zoo admission. Councilor McLain wanted to find out what other benefits Councilors might be receiving and evaluate their continuation. Councilor Hansen requested a better definition of what might be defined as a benefit. Chair Devlin said he would discuss the item with Councilor McLain for verification of her intent. Councilor DeJardin said the Council might consider adopting the guidelines of the Oregon Ethics Commission.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk