

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

November 21, 1991

Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: David Knowles

Chair Devlin called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

1. Work Session to Discuss Metro Council Relations with the Metro Charter Committee

Present at the work session were: Councilors Devlin, Collier, DeJardin and Hansen; Deputy Executive Officer Dick Engstrom, Casey Short, Council Analyst, Don Carlson, Council Administrator, Ken Gervais, Senior Management Analyst, Betsy Bergstein, Senior Management Analyst; and Charter Committee Administrator Janet Whitfield.

The work session ended at 3:55 p.m.

Chair Devlin reconvened the Committee at 4:00 in the Council Chamber.

2. Consideration of the September 19, October 3, and October 17, 1991 Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved for approval of the minutes.

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

5. Discussion of Proposal to Participate in the "Forum on Cooperative Urban Services" (FOCUS)

Ms. Bergstein distributed her November 18 memo "Proposal to Create Forum on Cooperative Regional Services (FOCUS)" and explained FOCUS had invited Metro to become a member. Councilor Devlin asked who Metro's FOCUS representatives would be. Ms. Bergstein said the Executive Officer and Presiding Officer would represent Metro at FOCUS meetings. Councilor Collier asked how Metro and FOCUS differed. Ms. Bergstein said FOCUS sounded like it was an association of governments but really was an effort to broaden cooperation among governments. Councilor Collier said with current talk on consolidation of governments and duplication of efforts, FOCUS appeared to be a duplicative effort. She asked how FOCUS dues would be paid for. Mr. Carlson said dues would come from the Executive Management or Council Department budgets.

The Committee as a whole discussed issues related to FOCUS. Councilor Devlin said a FOCUS representative could be invited to the December 4 Governmental Affairs meeting to discuss the issues.

3. Review of Department Quarterly Reports for the First Quarter of FY 1991-92

Mr. Carlson explained the new quarterly format and distributed the Council Department's quarterly report. Chair Devlin said the new format was very good. Larry Shaw, Legal Counsel, distributed the Office of General Counsel's quarterly report and explained same. Deputy Executive Officer Dick Engstrom distributed Executive Management's quarterly report and explained same. Paula Paris, Personnel Department, distributed the Personnel Department's quarterly report and explained same. Marie Nelson, Public Affairs Supervisor, distributed the Public Affairs Department's quarterly report and explained same. Chair Devlin said Public Affairs could include status reports on their projects.

4. Work Session to Discuss Metro's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Contracting Program

Neil Saling, Director of Regional Facilities, and Rich Wiley, Procurement Officer, explained staff's efforts to-date to revise Metro's DBE program.

Councilor Collier directed staff to reconvene the original Metro DBE Task Force.

Chair Devlin opened a public hearing.

Margaret Garza, Impact Business Consultants, said Metro's old program was a good program. She said information should be disseminated in a timely manner and needed resources for enforcement should be looked reviewed. She asked the Committee to reconvene the original task force to develop a new program.

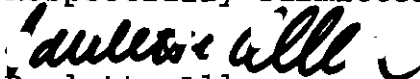
Henry Pelfrey, president, Dirt & Aggregate Interchange, Inc., said he served on the original task force and wanted to serve again if it was reconvened.

Chair Devlin discussed new federal regulations.

Ed Marmalejo, Marmolejo Subcontractors, Inc., said Metro's previous program had worked very well.

There being no further business, Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paulette Allen
Clerk of the Council