

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

January 17, 1991

Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Sandi Hansen, David Knowles

Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Resolution No. 91-1378, For the Purpose of Endorsing
Westside Corridor Project Implementation Measures.

Andy Cotugno, Transportation Director, discussed the current state land use legislation affecting the light rail system. He indicated it is essential to pass this legislation quickly because appeals are anticipated and March 1 is the deadline for the bill. He said revenues for the project will be derived from the increased tobacco tax. He expected some allegations may be made that the project is being super-sited.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1378.

VOTE: Councilors DeJardin, Devlin and Collier voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Resolution No. 91-1388, for the Purpose of Endorsing
Principles Associated with Department of Environmental
Quality's (DEQ) Comprehensive Emissions Fee Proposals.

Mr. Cotugno reported that DEQ is developing legislative proposals to charge heavy polluters, including wood stove burners, industry, field burners, mass transportation and automobile owners \$25.00 per ton of pollutants released. Regulation on guidelines already exist, however, no current punitive measures exist. Further, employers with over 100 employees will be required to pay fees if their employees do not pay parking fees. He recommended the committee not take a supportive position until the proposal is better defined. Councilor Collier suggested the proposal continue to be monitored.

MOTION: Councilor Collier moved not to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1388.

VOTE: Councilors Collier, DeJardin and Devlin voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The Committee did not support Resolution No. 91-1388.

3. Resolution No. 91-1379, For the Purpose of Endorsing a Position on the Surface Transportation Act Update of 1991.

Mr. Cotugno explained the resolution was a federal agenda item. The act will create two areas of concern, urban and rural, both using the same source of monies. He reported that this is also a NARC agenda item. With the key lobbyist being Tri-Met and the State Department of Transportation, Mr. Cotugno suggested a possible consortium effort with those lobbyists. It was also noted that JPACT approved this resolution.

MOTION: Councilor Collier moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1379.

VOTE: Councilors Collier, DeJardin and Devlin voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Work Session to Discuss the Governmental Affairs Committee's Charge and Work Plan.

The committee discussed the objectives as outlined in Resolution No. 91-1382. Councilor Collier expressed concern over the Reapportionment and the Charter Commission issues. She requested consideration be made such that there would not be duplication of boundary line figures or the possibility of having to reapportion twice.

Councilor Collier, as Presiding Officer, requested the committee be involved in Metro's Strategic Planning Program. She has requested the consultant, Betsy Bergstein attend the meetings and provide regular updates.

Chair Devlin assigned Resolution No. 91-1378 to Councilor DeJardin and accepted Resolution No. 91-1379 himself, for presentation to the full Council. He noted the Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting of February 7, 1991 would be changed to January 31, 1991 at 4:00 p.m.

Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lindsey Ray
Committee Clerk