

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
August 14, 1990

Committee members present: Jim Gardner (Chair), Richard Devlin
(Vice Chair), Ruth McFarland

Chair Jim Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

1. Union Station Track Removal and PDC Plans

The committee heard the following public testimony regarding PDC's plans to renovate Union Station.

Mr. Ken Farling expressed concern that usage of Amtrak has doubled, yet PDC's proposed plan would remove lines from Union Station.

Mr. Rod Aho of the Oregon Association of Railway Passengers said his Association was opposed to the removal of a shelter from the station, reminding the Committee that the two shelters at Union Station are local historic landmarks.

Mr. Bruce Allen of PDC gave an overview of the project. He reported City Council has asked for a report from PDC pertaining to the impact on rail travel and other functions resulting from any proposed changes. He said that report will be going to the City Council in the next two weeks. He indicated the station would remain an active train station, the building would remain intact, and the area surrounding the station would be developed. He distributed a handout which illustrates the current configuration and proposed changes.

Mr. Jim Howell expressed concerns about the proposed changes and indicated that of all the tracks, track 7 is the one least needed.

Mr. Fred Nussbaum stated PDC's actions are affecting inter and intra city transportation and asked for Metro's input. He is concerned the project will adversely affect regional transportation.

Councilor Richard Devlin stated that if PDC's actions impede regional traffic in future, Metro has responsibility to take part in the process. Chair Gardner said the Committee will continue to observe the project.

2. Ordinance No. 90-347, Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.08

Presiding Officer Tanya Collier gave a report on Ordinance No. 90-347, amending Metro Code Chapter 2.08. She reminded the

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Committee of the concern surrounding the use of the term "binding" as it applies to General Counsel. Dan Cooper, General Counsel, has recommended a change to the term "official guidance."

A second issue, raised by Councilor Gary Hansen, pertained to the potential impact on contracting cases where the Executive Officer's authority is challenged by an outside party. Mr. Cooper has developed language within the Ordinance to address these concerns. Section E has been added by Mr. Cooper to permit Council to go to court on district matters. Chair Gardner stated that during the interval when Council or the Executive Officer may be seeking a second opinion, Mr. Cooper will still have authority to represent the District. It was clarified that any challenge to the Executive Officer or Council by an outside party constituted a separate situation not covered by this Ordinance. The purpose of the Ordinance is to have a dispute resolution mechanism in the event the Executive Officer and the Council have a difference of opinion on separation of power issues.

Motion: Councilor Ruth McFarland moved to recommend Council adoption of Ordinance No. 90-347, with modifications as presented by Presiding Officer Collier.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Devlin and McFarland voted aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Gardner requested Councilor Devlin to report to Council on this issue.

3. FY89-90 Fourth Quarter Progress Reports

The "Program Progress Report 1989-1990, Fourth Quarter" for Transportation and Planning and Development was summarized by Keith Lawton, Richard Brandman and Rich Carson. A copy of this report is part of the record.

Items not specifically addressed in the report were also discussed. Mr. Lawton reported on a 5000-household benchmark survey to update transportation forecasting and modelling between census polls. It was taken in the same year as the census to benchmark the census. The survey will be taken every one or two years for the next ten years.

Metro has hired Dave Yamashita from the City of Portland Parks Department on a temporary, six-month basis. It was briefly mentioned Les AuCoin is attempting to direct federal funds to

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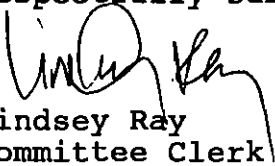
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Metro; however, specific details were not given. With regard to the Regional Growth Management Goals and Objectives mentioned in the report, city planners have asked Metro to speak to each of the Region's City Commissions before drafting their report. They are considering this request, and if they agree to follow through on it, the scheduled dates for reporting back to Council will need to be extended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsey Ray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lindsey Ray
Committee Clerk

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