

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

April 10, 1990

Room 145

Committee Members Present: Mike Ragsdale (Chair), Richard Devlin  
(Vice Chair), Larry Bauer, Jim Gardner and  
Ruth McFarland

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Ragsdale called the regular meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. Resolution No. 90-1189, Adopting Bylaws for the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) -- Deferred from April 3 Committee meeting

Councilor Gardner explained possible Amendments No. 1 and 2 for Committee consideration. The Committee and staff discussed the amendments.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Devlin moved to amend Resolution No. 90-1189, Article IV - Committee Membership, Section 2. Appointment of Members and Alternates (b) with Amendment No. 1 as follows: Members and alternates from the Cities of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties will be elected officials from the represented cities of each county (except Portland) and will be appointed through the use of a mail ballot of all represented cities based upon a consensus field of candidates developed through a forum convened by the largest city being represented. The member and alternate will be from different jurisdictions, one of which will be from the city of largest population if that city's population constitutes the majority of the population of all the cities represented from that county. The member and alternate will serve for two-year terms. In the event the member's position is vacated, the alternate will automatically become member and complete the original term of office. The member and alternate will periodically consult with the appropriate transportation coordinating committees for their area.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Devlin and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Ragsdale voted nay. Councilors Bauer and McFarland were absent. The motion passed.

Councilor Devlin referred Transportation staff to some typographical errors in the bylaws and asked for clarification on Section V(f) which stated the JPACT chair would vote only in the case of a tie. The Committee noted JPACT had 17 members and 12 votes were required to adopt legislation. Andy Cotugno, Director of Transportation, noted if the chair could not vote, 11 votes or two thirds, was required. The Committee directed staff to clarify voting procedures and make recommendations on same to JPACT.

Chair Ragsdale referred Resolution No. 90-1189 to JPACT for consideration.

2. Final Review and Discussion of FY90-91 Transportation Department Programs and Projects Continued from the April 3 meeting

Mr. Cotugno explained a new Program Overview for the Department's Technical Assistance work on the Cornell-Burnside Study had been added to the Budget Workbook (Page 10). He explained the action was clerical in nature. Chair Ragsdale said the addition would be noted to the Budget Committee.

The Committee discussed election costs, funding for a new lobbyist and increased funding for the thematic study. Jessica Marlitt, Council Analyst, explained \$100,000 was included in the Council Department budget for election costs and \$35,000 in the Metro Washington Park Zoo budget for the Zoo's election costs. Mr. Cotugno said it was uncertain which agency would levy vehicle registration costs. He said he assumed Metro would pay at least one fifth of those costs since four other jurisdictions would be involved. After Committee and staff discussion, the Committee recommended the Council budget contain adequate funds for election costs to allow for a regional vote on the Vehicle Registration Fee November 1990 if the May 15, 1990, constitutional amendment should pass. Staff estimated the full cost of a Vehicle Registration fee ballot measure in November could be \$65,000. The Committee did not recommend a specific amount in addition to the budgeted \$100,000, but said contingency funds could be allocated to cover full election costs if necessary.

Chair Ragsdale said the Transportation Budget should include funds on a cost-share basis with other jurisdictions for a lobbyist to represent the region in Washington, D.C. on renewal of the Surface Transportation Act. The Committee and staff discussed necessary funding for the lobbyist position. The Committee and staff noted 17 jurisdictions could benefit from the position, but five would be directly affected and should share costs: Metro, Tri-Met, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Washington and Clackamas Counties. Councilor Devlin recommended a budget footnote be attached to the \$15,000 recommended for the position to state "contingent upon other jurisdiction participation." The Committee recommended the Budget Committee approve an added \$15,000 to the Transportation Budget to allow Metro to participate in the cost-share of a lobbyist to represent Metro in Washington, D.C. regarding the renewal of the Surface Transportation Act.

Chair Ragsdale recommended \$30,000 be added to the Planning & Development FY90-91 Budget for a lobbyist to work on non-Transportation issues in Washington, D.C. The Committee recommended the Budget

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Committee approve the addition of \$30,000 to the Planning & Development FY90-91 Budget to fund a consultant in Washington, D.C., on non-Transportation issues of water quality, housing, parks and natural areas and other related issues. The Committee recommended a budget footnote be attached which directed the Planning & Development director work with regional local governments to participate in this effort. The Committee did not recommend funding for this position depend on cost-share with other jurisdictions.

Mr. Cotugno reviewed the needs of the Regional Land Information System (RLIS). He explained as budgeted, RLIS would fulfill certain goals but with an extended targeted end date for funding already approved, staff could integrate 18 new anticipated map layers. The Committee recommended the \$150,000 in excise tax revenues budgeted to accelerate implementation of RLIS be maintained and also recommended an extension of the targeted end date from May 1991 to July 1991. The Committee discussed adding \$30,000 to the Transportation FY90-91 Budget to free .5 FTE time to integrate the 18 map layers produced by the Planning & Development Department during FY90-91. The Committee also discussed adding \$60,000 to the FY90-91 Transportation Budget to expand RLIS coverage to include 430 additional acres of urbanizable acres in the tri-county area. Neither of these discussions resulted in recommendations. The Committee did recommend a budget footnote to their regarding RLIS funding: Although funding is not included in the FY90-91 Budget, it is Metro's intent to expand the RLIS database to include the urbanizable areas in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties beyond the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) for the purpose of supporting Metro's "Urban Growth Futures" project.

The Committee discussed the local government dues at length to determine at what rate they should be set.

Chair Ragsdale called a recess at 5:38 p.m.

The Committee reconvened in the Council Chamber at 5:50 p.m.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend to the Budget Committee the Local Government Dues for FY90-91 be assessed at 43 cents per capita.

Vote: Councilors Devlin and Gardner voted aye. Councilors McFarland and Ragsdale voted nay. Councilor Bauer was absent. The motion failed.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved the Budget Committee be informed the IGR Committee had a 2/2 split and could not resolve the issues.

The Committee discussed Councilor McFarland's motion.

Withdrawal of Motion: Councilor McFarland withdrew her motion.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend to the Budget Committee the Local Government Dues for FY90-91 be assessed at 35 cents per capita.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, McFarland and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilors Devlin and Gardner voted nay. The motion passed.

The Committee recommended the Local Government Dues for FY90-91 be assessed at 35 cents per capita, consistent with the rate used in the Proposed Budget, and requested Planning & Development and Transportation Department staff work to reallocate the dues revenue between the two departments based on program service results. Services primarily of benefit to local governments shall be funded by dues revenues; those related primarily to Metro functions shall be funded by excise tax revenues.

Richard Carson, Planning & Development Director, discussed his memorandum "Planning & Development Budget Amendments" dated April 9, 1990.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved the IGR Committee indicate to the Budget Committee an additional 1 FTE for the Housing Program was of significant priority and ought to receive special emphasis.

Councilor Gardner said he could not support the FTE as a top priority item and said other issues were of equal or higher priority such as the UGM and the thematic study.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, McFarland and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilors Devlin and Gardner voted nay. The motion passed.

Planning & Development staff requested an additional \$39,000 for the Thematic Study, increasing proposed funding from \$61,000 to \$100,000. Staff noted timely completion of the study was critical to Metro's UGM program efforts.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend to the Budget Committee the Thematic Study be funded at the full \$100,000 requested.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, McFarland and Ragsdale voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The Committee reviewed Councilor Tom DeJardin's April 5, 1990, request to add a position in the Planning & Development Department to initiate a regional earthquake disaster planning program. The Committee discussed

the position and agreed the issue was timely, but that such a program was still in the exploratory stage.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to request the Executive Officer assign Executive Assistant Don Rocks to conduct preliminary research and gather data on earthquake preparedness in the region and report back to the Council, at a predetermined date, with recommendations for an earthquake disaster planning program.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, McFarland and Ragsdale voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The Committee reviewed recommendations made to the Budget Committee at this and previous meetings on the Transportation and Planning & Development Departments FY90-91 Budgets. Chair Ragsdale said the IGR Committee transmittal memorandum to the Budget Committee should indicate IGR Committee approval of the Transportation Department FY90-91 Budget and IGR Committee recommendations on the Planning & Development Budget and should note on which items the Committee did not reach full consensus or vote unanimously upon.

3. Review Proposed FY90-91 Contracts for Planning & Development and Transportation Departments

Consideration deferred to the April 24 meeting.

4. Resolution No. 90-1234, Approving the FY91 Unified Work Program (UWP) (Public Hearing)

Mr. Cotugno explained the resolution would approve the UWP which contained the transportation planning work program for FY 1991; authorize submittal of grant applications to the appropriate funding agencies; and certify the Portland metropolitan area was in compliance with federal transportation planning requirements. He said the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) had reviewed the FY91 UWP and recommended approval of the resolution.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1234.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, McFarland and Ragsdale voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Resolution No. 90-1235, Certifying that the Portland Metropolitan Area is in Compliance with Federal Transportation Requirements (Public Hearing)

Mr. Cotugno explained Resolution No. 90-1235 was companion legislation to Resolution No. 90-1234.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1235.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, McFarland and Ragsdale voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

6. Resolution No. 90-1179, Establishing an Organizational Structure for Overseeing High Capacity Transit Studies

Consideration deferred to the April 24 meeting.

Chair Ragsdale said at the April 24 meeting the Committee would consider a resolution to ban the regional use of phosphates and hold a public hearing on the issues. The Committee discussed other agenda items for possible consideration April 24. The Committee discussed possible dates for a workshop for the Council on intergovernmental and other issues.

Chair Ragsdale adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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