

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

June 7, 1988

Committee Members Present: Councilors Richard Waker (Chair), Tom DeJardin (V. Chair), Tanya Collier, Sharron Kelley and Corky Kirkpatrick

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Waker called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of April 26, 1988

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved and Councilor DeJardin seconded approval of the minutes of April 26, 1988.

Vote: The vote on the motion was unanimous, with all five councilors voting aye.

Motion carried.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-924, Authorizing Transfer of 1.4 Acres of Metro Washington Park Zoo Lands to the Oregon Department of Transportation

Neil Saling, Construction Projects Manager, presented the staff report. He said the resolution was a combination real estate and construction action. The Oregon Department of Transportation had requested easements on lands held by the Metro Washington Park Zoo to realign and off-ramp access from Route 26 to the Zoo. He explained that because of a long-standing agreement with the City of Portland, the land was to be donated rather than purchased. He also said both OMSI and the Forestry Center had declined to share in the cost of the landscaping. He then described the configuration of off-ramp and stated it would provide better access to the Zoo and was the first phase of a plan to provide two additional off/on ramps and a MAX transit station.

Committee concerns were to assure minimum impact on access to the Zoo. Councilor Kelley requested staff investigate the possibility of night construction.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved and Councilor Kirkpatrick seconded to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Vote: All five committee members present voted aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-931, for the Purpose of
Confirming the Appointment of Richard H. Carson to the Position of
Director of Planning and Development

Ray Phelps, Director of Finance and Administration introduced Mr. Richard H. Carson whom the Executive Officer had recommended the Council confirm as Director of Planning and Development. Mr. Phelps said the Executive Officer's was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment and offered her apologies. He then explained that 88 applicants had responded to a nation-wide recruitment. He said two of the finalist had been interviewed by the Executive Officer, and the Executive Officer had recommended Mr. Carson for Council confirmation. Mr. Carson then made a brief presentation of his background skills and responded to questions from the committee.

The committee conditionally supported Mr. Carson's appointment and directed staff to make reference checks and report back to the committee chair.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved to recommend the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-931 and approve the appointment of Richard H. Carson to the position of Director of Planning and Development, based upon his background and credentials, and contingent upon a satisfactory reference check.

Vote: The vote was unanimous with all five committee members voting aye.

The motion carried.

Other Business

The chair announced a letter of hire had been forwarded to Jessica Marlitt, the applicant selected for the newly-created Council Analyst position. He said approximately forty persons had applied for the position; four finalists had been chosen and interviewed. He also said Councilor Knowles, Council Administrator Carlson, Personnel Officer Randy Boose and he had interviewed Ms. Marlitt and that they had agreed she had been a outstanding candidate and exhibited good communication skills.

Councilor Collier expressed concern regarding reference checks on applicants. She said she felt the selection process should include an automatic reference check before any candidate was presented to the Council or one of its committees. Councilor Kirkpatrick echoed Councilor Collier's concern and added that she felt even if a reference check had been done by the administration, the Council was responsible to perform a reference check, too. Councilor Collier also pointed out

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the selection process for the Director of Planning and Development had not included any Council involvement prior to confirmation. The committee requested the Presiding Officer express to the Executive Officer the desire to have Council involvement in the selection process for positions subject to Council confirmation.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen Ware-Barrett".

Gwen Ware-Barrett
Council Committee Clerk

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