

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

September 13, 1988

Committee members present: Councilors Jim Gardner (Chair), Tanya Collier (V. Chair), Tom DeJardin, David Knowles and Richard Waker

Committee members absent: None.

Also present: Councilor Corky Kirkpatrick

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-986, for the Purpose of Approving the Tri-Met Section 9 Portion of the FY 1990 Unified Work Program

T. Keith Lawton, Transportation Department Technical Manager, presented the staff report. Mr. Lawton said the new Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant application schedule necessitated Unified Work Program (UWP) submittal be in two sections; whereas, in previous years, the entire UWP had been submitted as one document. Councilor Waker stated both the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) and the Joint Policy Alternative Committee on Transportation (JPACT) had considered the resolution and recommended adoption.

Motion: Councilor Waker moved the Committee recommend the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-986.

Mr. Lawton addressed points raised in Council staff's September 6, 1988 memo to the Committee included in the agenda packet. He said funding changes amounted to a less than one percent decrease from the previous year, some tasks had been renamed and moved to different functional areas, minor changes were made in Tri-Met's organizational structure and the workplan products would be submitted to JPACT and Metro.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all five Committee members voting aye.

The motion carried.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-980, for the Purpose of Supporting an Amendment to the State Statute to Increase the Size of the Council to 13 Members and to Provide for an Appointed Executive

Councilor Waker introduced the resolution and said a similar restructuring proposal had been considered by the Council Planning and Development Committee and advanced to Council, at which time the

Council vote had been evenly split on the issue. Councilor Waker said he perceived some members of the Council had changed their position on the matter; and he was, therefore, raising the issue again. He stated the issues were not tied to who the executive officer was, but rather whether or not it benefitted the public to have two separate governing entities in one organization and if there was real or perceived value in having an identified, elected head of government. He said the public would be better served if those who made policy could also ensure enforcement.

Motion: Councilor Waker moved the Committee recommend the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-980.

Chair Gardner noted correspondence dated September 13, 1988 from Executive Officer Cusma to the Committee expressed opposition to the resolution and support of the existing governance structure. Councilors DeJardin and Knowles said they supported the resolution and felt the governance model in Resolution No. 88-980 would provide more efficient decision-making and policy implementation. Councilor Knowles also said he favored a region-wide, elected presiding officer and voter referral on the governance model. Councilor Kirkpatrick testified she also supported the resolution and voter referral. The Committee noted that it was likely that either the Interim Task Force on Regional Government or State Legislature would require voter referral, and therefore, agreed not to amend the resolution to include mandatory voter referral.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all five Committee members voting in favor of the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion/Work Session on Possible Bills for Inclusion in Metro's 1989 Legislative Package

The chair announced the purpose of the work session was to develop a process for making decisions on Metro's legislative package. Government Relations Manager Greg McMurdo provided the Committee with an overview of proposed legislation and meeting schedules. Mr. McMurdo stated the Interim Task Force on Regional Government had the previous night held its first hearing to receive public testimony; and three additional public hearings had been scheduled: one at Mt. Hood Community College; one at Portland Community College, Rock Creek, and one at the Clackamas County Senior Center. Following those public hearings, Mr. McMurdo said, at least one joint Task Force meeting would be held some time around mid-October. Mr. McMurdo said the Council had forwarded two pieces of proposed legislation to the Interim Task Force on Regional Government:

- 1) Resolution No. 88-916 (a bill to allow the Metro Council to reapportion itself and allow full use of the Voters' Pamphlet for District measures);
- 2) Financing legislation with three separate bills regarding the Local Government dues, an excise tax on Metro's services, and authority to levy an income tax without prior voter approval subject to referendum provisions.

Mr. McMurdo stated the following proposed legislative bills had been recommended by Metro departments:

Planning & Development

1. Clarification of last legislative session's Business License Program bill

Solid Waste

1. A bill to authorize and direct DEQ to recognize limited purpose landfills,
2. Legislation to prohibit other governments within the District from imposing surcharges or taxes on solid waste disposal tipping fees,
3. A bill to cut off Bacona Road funding (the intent would be to prevent funds from being used in other DEQ areas),
4. Legislation to provide Metro with control over recyclables similar to existing authority Metro has over hazardous waste.

Committee members identified other possible bills -- requiring by a date certain plastic containers be coded in a manner to identify their composition, expanding the bottle bill to include wine bottles and incorporating the City of Portland into the Business License Tax legislation.

The Committee agreed to the following process for Council to build its legislative package and position itself on issues proposed by other entities.

Step 1: Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IGR) reviews all proposed bills and refers to the appropriate Council committee according to functional area.

Step 2: Council Committees review proposed bills and transmit recommendations to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee via resolution.

Step 3: IGR Committee conducts a special legislative work session to which the full Council would be notified and encouraged to attend to develop a final draft package for Council approval.

Step 4: Council considers the complete package forwarded by the IGR Committee and adopts a resolution adopting the legislative package. This resolution would then be forwarded directly to the Interim Task Force.

The Committee also identified the need for an ad hoc legislative committee to track the progress of Metro's legislative package during the session, and react quickly to changes in legislation or the appearance of new legislation impacting Metro.

Other Business

Councilor DeJardin requested a response be sent to the City of Sherwood regarding their resolution supporting a merger of Metro and Tri-Met. Chair Gardner said the Presiding Officer had stated he planned to talk with the Sherwood city councilor who had introduced the measure.

4. Consideration of Minutes of August 9 and 23, 1988

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved approval of the Committee's August 9 and 23, 1988 minutes.

Vote: All Committee members voted aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Ware-Barrett  
Council Committee Clerk