

MINUTES OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

October 24, 1989

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Jim Gardner (Chair), Tanya Collier (V. Chair), Larry Bauer, Tom DeJardin and Richard Devlin

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

3. Ordinance No. 89-317, Amending Metro Code Chapter 3.02, Amending the Regional Wastewater Management Plan and Submitting it for Recertification

Staff distributed Regional Waste Treatment Management Plan (1989 Proposed Update) October 1989.

Patrick Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, said Metro began research on water quality issues a year ago.

Larry Sprecher, Senior Management Analyst, said the Plan contained minor changes only. He said a letter by Executive Officer Cusma was added to the front of the document for consideration by regulatory agencies after the Metro Council adopted the ordinance. He said the Plan covered water policy issues and positions developed after July 1, 1989. He said Executive Officer Cusma's letter listed changes made to the Plan thus far. Mr. Sprecher briefly discussed maps printed in the Plan.

Councilor Devlin noted the Plan's changes to date and asked if major changes were anticipated for next year. Mr. Sprecher said yes.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Ordinance No. 89-317.

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

1. Update on Parks & Natural Areas Planning Program

Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, discussed the tour scheduled for January or February. He distributed "Update on Parks and Natural Areas Planning Program" dated October 24, 1989. He discussed the five phases of the Natural Areas Planning Program. He said the five phases would cross over two or three fiscal years.

Mr. Huie said Phase I was completed and funded from non-Planning & Development Department funds. He referred to page 2 of staff's memorandum which listed all contributing sponsors.

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Mr. Huie said Phase II would interpret the aerial photography taken under Phase I and also involve some site visits. He said experts gave staff comments to take to the Parks Forum scheduled next week. He said the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners gave Metro \$12,000 to assess natural areas within Multnomah County which also extended beyond Metro boundaries. He said of the \$12,000, Multnomah County contributed \$3,000 for the regional study of the natural areas. He said Clark County had yet to decide whether they would participate. He said Clark County had purchased the aerial photography.

Councilor Bauer asked, if the lower Columbia River were approved as an estuary of national significance, if some of the \$400,000 funded for that purpose would be available for the Natural Areas Planning Program. Mr. Lee said if the estuary designation was approved, \$125,000 would be available between Oregon and Washington this fiscal year to assemble a management program for the portion of the Columbia River designated an estuary of national significance. He said whether funding could be tapped would depend on actual implementation of the program. He agreed staff could attempt to do so. Councilor Bauer said Metro could consider making advance work done by Mr. Huie, to Bi-State or other organizations for the estuary, planning work and submit invoices for reimbursement of costs, applying reimbursements to the next phase. Councilor Bauer said Metro could provide its specialized services for a fee or return services. Mr. Lee said jurisdictions hoped to match federal funds.

Mr. Huie discussed Phase II further. He said \$83,000 was needed and \$53,000 had been raised. He said applications for funding of \$28,000 were pending. Councilor Devlin noted the \$53,000 had been raised from other jurisdictions and that \$20,000 had been budgeted for this purpose. He noted \$12,000 was in the budget but \$7,000 was unfunded. He said it was important to remember this because it was not as if Metro was short \$30,000 in funding and referred to the pending applications for revenue. He said Don Carlson, Council Administrator, would work with Planning & Development staff and coordinate funding efforts. He discussed meetings with the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners and the Port of Portland. Councilor Devlin discussed Phase III. He said digitized maps into RLIS would be done even without funding. He discussed ecological site ranking and said it was important to assess sites in imminent danger of development.

Mr. Lee said resources would be assessed during the budget process. He said the goal was to find the mechanisms and system with which to preserve important areas. He said Metro should assess its resources over the next several years.

Mr. Huie discussed the Regional Trails, Greenways and Corridors Plan to link parks and natural areas of regional significance for the four county metropolitan areas and said discussion would begin at the Parks Forum November 1. He discussed the process for the Parks & Natural Areas

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Planning Program. Mr. Huie concluded his presentation. The Committee and staff briefly discussed the issues.

2. Resolution No. 89-1137, Approving a Sole Source Contract with Homebuilding Services Company (HISCO) for the Gathering of Building Permit Data

Andy Cotugno, Director of Transportation, explained Resolution No. 89-1137 would approve a sole source contract with Homebuilding Information Services (HISCO) to provide building permit information from Metro area cities and counties. He explained Metro had contracted with HISCO for the past three years to gather residential and non-residential building permit data in detail needed to prepare forecasts. He said the information was a vital part of the base data used in development of the region's employment and population projections. He noted the only other business in the area which collected building permit data declined to give Metro a quote, stating their only product was a weekly magazine, which printed construction news and building permit data, and they did not provide digital information.

Councilor Bauer asked if the contract was within reasonable cost. Mr. Cotugno said contract costs were very reasonable and that data collected by the vendor for Metro was almost exactly the same data the vendor needed for his purposes.

Motion: Councilor Collier recommended the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1137.

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

5. Upcoming Agenda Items

- o FY90-91 Policy Discussion
- o Contracts Report Review

Chair Gardner said at the next scheduled Committee meeting, the Committee should start policy discussion on the FY90-91 budget and on contracts report reviews. He noted Don Carlson, Council Administrator, would deliver a contracts report on a monthly basis so the Committee could request additional information if necessary.

Councilor Collier said the Committee should discuss policy issues for the Council to consider at their retreat November 17-18.

Chair Gardner said he and Councilor Bauer wished to note that Resolution No. 89-1160A had been removed from the October 26 Council agenda at Presiding Officer Ragsdale's request. Chair Gardner said he would consider a motion to put the resolution back on that agenda to meet the Governor's November 1 deadline for the lower Columbia River's nomination for consideration as an Estuary of National Significance. Councilor Bauer said

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he would wholeheartedly support such a motion. Chair Gardner noted that the Port of Portland had expressed reservations about the nomination and Presiding Officer Ragsdale decided to defer consideration of the resolution pending further information. Mr. Carlson said Presiding Officer Ragsdale would like to see information submitted at this meeting by the Port of Portland. The Committee agreed it was essential the resolution be considered before November 1.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend Resolution No. 89-1160A be placed on the Council agenda for the October 26 meeting.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Collier, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. Councilor DeJardin abstained. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. FY89-90 First Quarter Program Progress Reports


Mr. Cotugno gave the Transportation Department's quarterly report. He discussed the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); the Public-Private Task Force; I-205 LRT; Westside P.E.; Southeast Corridor Study; Management and Coordination; Parking Cost Analysis; Westside Bypass; Model Refinement; Technical Assistance; Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Data Resource Center, which included Technical Assistance, Data Requests, Demographics and Housing; RLIS which included Parcel data base, zonal data base and demonstrations; and the ARC/INFO Conference.

Mr. Carson gave the Planning & Development Department's quarterly report. He discussed Land Use Program Administration; UGB Periodic Work and Maintenance and listed pending UGB cases--86-1 Zurcher, 87-3 Blazer Homes, and 88-3 St. Francis Church; the Urban Growth Management Plan; Parks and Natural Areas Planning; Water Resources Management; Regional Land Use Coordination; Local Government Coordination; Publications and Workshops; Regional Economic Development Planning; Business Licenses and Permits; Solid Waste Program Administration; Waste Reduction; Yard Debris; Select Waste; Land Use; Hazardous Waste; and System Design.

The Committee and staff discussed quarterly reports further.

Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m

Respectfully submitted,


Paulette Allen
Committee Clerk
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