

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

November 13, 1990

Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Tri-Met Merger Study Subcommittee

Chair Gardner briefed the Committee on the November 13 Metro/Tri-Met Merger Study Subcommittee held before this meeting. He said the Subcommittee received Analysis of Issues Related to Possible Merger of Metro and Tri-Met from Cogan Sharpe Cogan (CSC) dated November 12, 1990. He said the Subcommittee scheduled four public hearings for public testimony and comment on the general issue of a Metro/Tri-Met merger and specifically on CSC's report and the report from the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), Tri-Met/Metropolitan Service District Merger dated November 8, 1990. Chair Gardner said the dates set for public hearings were November 20, 26, and 27, and December 5, 1990.

1. Consideration of October 23, 1990 Minutes

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved for approval of the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, Hansen and McFarland voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

3. Ballot Measure Results: Metro Charter, Lightrail, and Ballot Measure No. 5

Chair Gardner noted the Zoo Committee would assess the effects of Ballot Measure No. 5 on the Metro Washington Park Zoo. Councilor Devlin said it was important that Metro monitor the effect of Ballot Measure No. 5 on Metro, state legislative reactions to funding local school support, and its response to local governments to include them in a local option on such issues as a sales tax. He said he received several inquiries about a charter commission since Ballot Measure No. 1 passed. He had been asked who would appoint the charter commission, and what their charge and schedule of events would be.

Greg McMurdo, Government Relations Manager, discussed state legislative reaction to Ballot Measure No. 5. He said the Joint Committee on Revenue and School Finance had discussed election results extensively as had other legislative committees. He said the issues appeared to boil down to school funding versus local government.

Mr. McMurdo said it would be interesting to obtain City of Portland voter abstracts and compare them to statewide abstracts on Measure No. 1. He noted the measure passed in Washington County which he said was the only body to oppose it.

Mr. McMurdo said light rail funding issues would be difficult. Councilor Hansen said there would be pressure on Metro to raise its excise tax and take over functions other governments could not afford. Chair Gardner said if the local government dues were reduced to zero, Metro would have to raise excise taxes to the maximum level, and there would be no perceived benefit. Councilor Hansen said local governments could keep dues at the same level, but ask Metro to reprioritize programs. The Committee and staff discussed ballot measure results further.

4. Briefing on Surface Transportation Act

Andy Cotugno, Director of Transportation, distributed "FHWA Legislative Proposal Highlights" and gave staff's report.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee endorsed JPACT's position on State Transportation Act issues.

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

5. Ordinance No. 90-369, Establishing an Office of Government Relations to Provide Government Relations Services to the Metropolitan Service District

Chair Gardner noted the IGR Committee discussed and amended the draft ordinance on October 23, 1990.

Motion to Amend: Councilor McFarland moved to amend Section 2.11.040 Advocate for District Policies per amended language as shown on page 3 of the ordinance.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, Hansen and McFarland voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Main Motion as Amended: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend the full Council adopt Ordinance No. 90-369 as amended.

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

6. Resolution No. 90-1353, Supporting Legislative Concepts and Transmitting Legislative Proposals to the 1991 Legislative Session

Martin Winch, Council Analyst, distributed a revised Resolution No. 90-1353 and a memo dated November 13, 1990, from Karla Forsythe, Council Analyst, "Council Solid Waste Committee - Additional Legislative Proposals." Mr. Winch noted the legislative proposals before the IGR Committee were general in nature. Councilor Hansen expressed his support for the solid waste legislative package and the legislative package as a whole. Councilor McFarland concurred with Councilor Hansen.

Main Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1353.

Chair Gardner said it was not the IGR Committee's function to go through each item individually, but said individual Councilors could raise issues about specific items if they wished at the full Council.

Councilor Devlin agreed the IGR Committee could recommend the legislative proposals as a whole, but said there should be debate at the Council level. Councilor Devlin said discussion at League of Oregon Cities meetings made it clear Ballot Measure No. 5 should no longer be referred to as a ballot measure. He noted the measure would take effect as a constitutional amendment December 9. Councilor Devlin proposed language at the end of the list of Exhibits A through G: "(Reference the constitutional amendment, it will be in effect effective December 9.)" Councilor Devlin proposed additional amendment language to that language: "To monitor and respond as appropriate to implementing other related legislation." Councilor Devlin said it was clear from the League of Oregon Cities meetings that general obligation bonds for capital construction and improvements could be outside the \$10 limit, but general obligation bonds for acquisition or equipment were within the \$10 limit. He said that limitation would represent problems for virtually all state public agencies.

First Motion to Amend: Councilor Devlin moved to amend Resolution No. 90-1353 with language as stated above.

Vote on First Motion to Amend: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, Hansen and McFarland voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Second Motion to Amend: Councilor Bauer moved to introduce language to amend ORS 268.160 with language relating to health benefits for Councilors.

Vote on Second Motion to Amend: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, Hansen and McFarland voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Gardner said there might be concern at the Council level about the amount of items and said the items could be put in order of highest priority.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, Hansen and McFarland voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

7. Report of the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee

Councilor Bauer, Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee co-chair, reported on Bi-State activities. He said Bi-State had formed two subcommittees; the first to deal with extended area service (EAS) for the greater Portland area, and the second to deal with standardization of air quality enforcement and regulation within the entire region including the Washington side. Councilor Bauer said additionally, Bi-State was monitoring the progress of the Columbia River water quality study.

8. Resolution No. 90-1352, Approving the Recommendations of the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee Regarding Air Quality Protection Measures

Main Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1352.

Councilor Bauer said the resolution supported a consistent and uniform approach by the governments of Oregon and Washington regarding air quality issues affecting the Portland-Vancouver area. The IGR Committee briefly discussed and expressed its support for the resolution. Chair Gardner suggested the resolution state its purpose more clearly.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Bauer moved to amend Resolution No. 90-1352 to state that "general policy will be the higher standard is the objective in the case of any inconsistency of standard between the two states."

Chair Gardner directed staff to insert amendment language under the BE IT RESOLVED section of the resolution.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, Hansen and McFarland voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Vote on the Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Bauer, Devlin, Gardner, Hansen and McFarland voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

9. Resolution No. 90-1343, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Intergovernmental Resource Center for Bi-State Committee Staff Support

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1343.

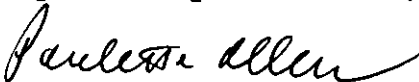
Councilor Bauer explained Bi-State received \$6,000 for support services allocated in the Metro budget. He said the resolution allocated, appropriated, and specified how the \$6,000 would be spent.

Casey Short, Council Analyst, explained the action required by the resolution was retroactive to the beginning of FY 1990-91 and would fulfill a commitment already made. Chair Gardner asked if sufficient funds were left for the rest of the year. Mr. Short said Metro had sent no funds to IRC.

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

Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk
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