

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

January 23, 1990

Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Councilors Present: David Knowles

Chair Ragsdale called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

3. Ordinance No. 90-322, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.01 Relating to an Appointment to Fill a Vacancy on the Council (Public Hearing)

Councilor Knowles said he introduced the ordinance several months ago because of his concern over the Council appointment process. He said the ordinance would enact changes to existing Code procedure until there was a statutory change. He said Metro's Council appointment process in the past did not provide explanation of why a Councilor supported a candidate. He said the ordinance would require nominations to be moved and seconded. He said the ordinance would require a listing of how each Councilor voted through immediate disclosure at that meeting.

Councilor Knowles said currently used were written ballots available to the public but that Council meetings required a vote tally only, and said there should also be an extra layer of interviews. He said a Council subcommittee could interview candidates for the position and noted candidates were interviewed only once under current appointment procedures.

Chair Ragsdale said a roll call vote only should be required and opposed the requirement Councilors must state why they voted. He asked Councilor Knowles about timing or a cut-off date for applicants. Councilor Knowles said his intent was to formalize existing procedure. Chair Ragsdale said there was an existing date certain. He said the Code did not provide for appointments and said whatever was decided upon should be in the Code.

Councilor Bauer noted because of re-apportionment there would soon be 13 Councilors and asked what would happen if there was a 6/3/3 vote. Jessica Marlitt, Council Analyst, said the Council would continue to vote until the tie was broken. Councilor Knowles noted the Code stated vacancies could be filled by appointment but did not detail the procedure to do so. Councilor Devlin noted Councilor Elsa Coleman was appointed and stood for election. He said appointed Councilors were up for election in the next regular primary in an even year. Councilor Bauer said the statute did direct to that extent.

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Councilor Gardner said the ordinance did not require the citizen appointment advisory committee consist of residents only but included those who did business within the district. He said the advisory committee should consist of residents only. With regard to Council voting on an appointment, Councilor Gardner noted the ordinance should refer to a 6/5 vote for a majority while the Metro Council still numbered 12 because in the case of a vacancy, 11 Councilors would be present to vote.

Councilor McFarland felt strongly the advisory committee should not consist of Metro Councilors. She said the nature of such a committee implied it was a citizen committee. Councilor Knowles agreed. Councilor McFarland said she meant at the least elected officials directly linked to the Metropolitan Service District should not serve on such a committee. The Committee and Councilor Knowles discussed the possible formation of a citizens committee further.

Councilor Knowles said the manner in which past appointments had been handled made it appear Metro had tried to be secretive and said the ordinance was an attempt to make the process as straightforward as possible. Councilor McFarland said the process usually involved not only one but the top three or four nominees. Councilor Knowles said Metro could do what central committees do for legislators and restrict itself to whatever list the citizen's advisory committee recommended.

Chair Ragsdale opened the public hearing.

No one present appeared to testify. Chair Ragsdale closed the public hearing.

Councilor Knowles said his intent was to raise and clarify the issues by introducing the ordinance to codify Metro appointment procedures. Chair Ragsdale scheduled a work session on the ordinance at the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting February 13 and said deferral would give Committee members time to draft amendment language.

1. Resolution No. 90-1209, For the Purpose of Appointing Alice Schlenker to the Urban Growth Boundary Policy Advisory Committee (Public Hearing)

Richard Carson, Director of Planning & Development, said Resolution No. 89-1049A specified membership on the Urban Growth Boundary Policy Advisory Committee (UGBPAC) be selected by the Executive Officer in consultation with the Council Presiding Officer and the Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair. He said due to scheduling conflicts, Craig Allen, West Linn City Councilor, could not continue as the Cities of Clackamas County representative. He said Alice Schlenker,

Mayor of the City of Lake Oswego, was approved for appointment to the UGBPAC.

Councilor Devlin said Mayor Schlenker would be an excellent member of the UGBPAC especially since she would represent a jurisdiction which faced many UGB issues.

Chair Ragsdale opened the public hearing.

No one present appeared to testify and the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution NO. 90-1209.

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

4. Resolution No. 90-1212, Appointing the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and the Urban Growth Management Policy Advisory Committee as the Local Government Dues Committee (Public Hearing)

Mr. Carson said previously Local Government Dues Committee members did not attend on a regular basis and usually sent representatives. He said members from the UGPAC and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) had a high level of interest and the resolution would increase participation by having these groups serve as the Local Government Dues Advisory Committee.

Chair Ragsdale asked if anyone present wished to testify on the resolution. No one present appeared to testify on the resolution.

Councilor Gardner expressed concern about the committee size and the public process. Mr. Carson noted JPACT and the UGPAC would still meet separately. Councilor Bauer approved of the resolution. Councilor Devlin concurred with Councilor Bauer and said the resolution was not the best proposal but was preferable to current practice. Councilor Gardner said an earlier concern was to identify with local governments and fears their input would be diluted by additional members.

Chair Ragsdale said the resolution's timing was atrocious. He said a year previously, staff also submitted a resolution at the last minute to fulfill Metro statutory requirements. He said as JPACT chair he did not know whether he would place the resolution on JPACT's agenda. He said Metro did not usually ask other entities to do things for Metro. He said usually there was an even discussion and the Intergovernmental Relations Committee would have preferred to consider the resolution earlier. Mr. Carson apologized for the timing and said it was important

for those who made recommendations on future issues to know costs through the dues.

Chair Ragsdale said he would like to see an ordinance drafted to address the process and scheduling. Ms. Marlitt said an ordinance addressed process but the ordinance was not codified. She said she would review the issues with General Counsel. She said Metro was in compliance with legislative intent.

Chair Ragsdale said the proposed excise tax should be considered also. He said an ordinance should be drafted to direct these dues be in conjunction with the proposed excise tax and other dues.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1212.

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

Chair Ragsdale adjourned the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m. and announced the Committee would go into an informal, informational worksession.

2. Staff Update and Demonstration of the Regional Land Information System (RLIS) (Information Only)

Staff updated the Committee on, and demonstrated, the Regional Land Information System.

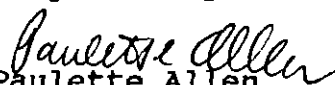
Chair Ragsdale reconvened the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

5. Discussion -- Upcoming Agenda Items and the FY90-91 Budget Process (Discussion Only)

Chair Ragsdale noted several items the Committee would need to address both on the FY90-91 Budget Process and generally in terms of recommendations to the Council on policy initiatives. He said he would like to see meetings focus more on issues rather than be driven by random action items. He noted the Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, February 13, 1990, would begin to review programs and issues for the FY90-91 budget.

Chair Ragsdale adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paulette Allen
Committee Clerk
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