

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee
August 18, 1994
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Jon Kvistad (Chair), Jim Gardner (Vice Chair), Richard Devlin, Mike Gates, Susan McLain, Rod Monroe, Ed Washington

Committee Members Absent: none

Chair Kvistad called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of the August 4, 1994 Council Planning Committee Minutes (Action requested: motion to approve the minutes)

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved for adoption of the minutes including amendments from Councilor Moore.

Vote: Councilors Moore, Devlin, Monroe, McLain, and Kvistad voted aye. Councilors Gardner, Gates, and Washington were absent. The vote was 5/0 and the motion passed.

Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances

No new Resolutions or Ordinances were introduced.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-2015, Amending the FY 1995 Metro Transportation Improvement Program to Allocate Funds to Two Road Widening Projects and Acknowledging Miscellaneous Administrative Amendments

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He explained it was important for the State of Oregon and Metro to have the same TIP. He noted the resolution would make the two documents consistent. He discussed the two specific, significant projects included in the resolution. He noted exhibit B included administrative projects that technically did not need a resolution. He stated the projects were included in the resolution because the list was long.

In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Cotugno stated the projects on exhibit B were all ODOT projects and project specific questions would need to be answered through staff.

Chair Kvistad opened the public hearing. With no citizens appearing to testify, Chair Kvistad closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Cotugno addressed the status of the US 26 climbing lane project. He noted the funds were Federally committed and obligated. He said the project was being re-evaluated.

Vote: Councilors Monroe, Moore, Washington, Devlin, Gardner, and McLain voted aye. Councilor Gates was absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-2024, Publishing a Schedule of Public Hearings and Metro Council Decisions to Select the Region 2040 Preferred Alternative

Gail Ryder, Senior Council Analyst, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She explained the resolution established a schedule to allow public input and eventual adoption of the Region 2040 report by the current Council. Councilor Moore stated the document should indicate the hearings would allow for public input related to the Executive Officer Draft alternative. Ms. Ryder outlined the schedule included in the resolution, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She explained the public hearings would include "listening post" hearings to allow the public to provide their opinions to the committee. She stated the hearings would occur in locations throughout the region. She said educational discussions would occur concurrently with local jurisdictions. She stated the formal recommendations of jurisdictions would come through the relative advisory committees. She noted the entire Council would be encouraged to attend the meetings. Finally, she said the schedule allowed for modifications to the Region 2040 report by staff.

Councilor Devlin reviewed the schedule for advisory committee meetings. He stated the resolution was an improvement to the previous discussions. He noted the schedule, if adopted, needed to be closely followed.

Councilor Gardner suggested the October 20, 1994 meeting should be simply Portland, rather than North Portland specifically. Chair Kvistad noted the specificity was primarily identification of location, not geographic input identity. Councilor Gardner noted if the preferred alternative needed to be revised, the full Council should discuss the issue. He expressed concerns about timing. He advocated completing the work of the Planning Committee earlier if at all possible.

Councilor Moore stated she still had concerns related to the November 10, 1994 JPACT meeting. She noted if substantial changes were made to the plan, staff may not have time to respond to those changes. She advocated for the change in the meeting schedule to indicate the dates on the timeline were deadlines. She called for notation that indicated the entire Council was encouraged to attend the meetings. She called for final written testimony to be set for November 28, 1994. She suggested providing a method for modification at the same time the document is released.

Councilor McLain called for a commitment to the schedule. She said the document needed to be easy to read. She noted the optional meetings should be eliminated if the work is complete. She called for Councilor participation in the local jurisdiction briefings.

Councilor Gardner called for clarity and readability in the promotion of the meetings. He stated the meetings should have time certain beginnings and endings. He called for Councilor constraint during the public input sessions. He stated the advisory committees should form and present their own recommendations to the Council.

Councilor Moore suggested taking the item to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI) at the next meeting of that committee. She volunteered to personally present the items to the MCCI.

The committee discussed the process to be used at the hearings.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution, with minor amendments as discussed.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Moore, Washington, Devlin, Monroe, McLain, and Kvistad voted aye. Councilor Gates was absent. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

4. South/North Tier I Study "Draft" Recommendations - Briefing

Mr. Cotugno discussed the South/North Tier I Study "Draft" recommendations, a copy of the report is included in the record of this meeting.

The committee discussed the document.

5. Region 2040 Comment

No comments were made regarding the Region 2040 Study.

6. Councilor Communications

Councilor McLain requested discussion at the committee regarding coordination of Region 2040, Planning, and Greenspaces.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 10-6-94