

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee
May 5, 1994
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: none

Other Councilors Present: Ruth McFarland

Chair Kvistad called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of the April 7, and April 21, 1994 Planning Committee Minutes

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to approve the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Moore, Gates, McLain, and Kvistad voted aye. Councilors Gardner, Devlin, Monroe, and Washington were absent. The vote was 4/0 and the motion passed.

Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances

There were no resolutions or ordinances for introduction.

2. Consideration of Ordinance No. 94-539, Amending the FY 1993-94 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Replacing the South Corridor Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS) with the South/North AA/DEIS, Authorizing 1.0 new FTE, Recognizing new Planning Grants and Related Expenditures, and Declaring an Emergency

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He explained the changes were primarily to reflect policy changes related to the South/North Study. He discussed the addition of staff positions. He noted four added positions were included in the Ordinance. He stated the proposed changes were funded in part by general fund moneys currently in contingency.

In response to Councilor Moore, Leon Skiles, Transportation Planning Manager, stated Metro staff would attempt to coordinate transportation planning outreach with other jurisdictions. Councilor Moore expressed concern about duplication of efforts.

Mr. Cotugno distributed and summarized material related to contract changes, a copy of which are included in the record of this meeting. He explained that intergovernmental agreements to execute the contract changes would be forthcoming. He noted the contracts were multi-year and would require subsequent Council approval.

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to recommend Council adoption of the Ordinance.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1953, Expressing Support for the Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor Passenger Service Objectives

Gail Ryder, Senior Council Analyst, presented the staff report. She noted at the April 21, 1994 meeting, Fred Nussbaum, Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates called for addition of language indicating State of Oregon support for rail. She noted the resolution reflected the request made by Mr. Nussbaum.

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

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

4. Regional Transportation Plan Update - Work Program and Public Involvement Effort

Mr. Cotugno and Mike Hoglund, Regional Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the Regional Transportation Plan Update activities and responded to questions by the Committee.

5. Phase II Water Supply Study - Presentation

Rosemary Furfey, Senior Regional Planner, introduced the regional water supply planning group. Present were: Lorna Stickel, Portland Water Bureau; Mike Rosenberger, Portland Water Bureau; Roberta Jortner, Portland Water Bureau; Tim Erwert, City of Hillsboro; Dale Julita, Clackamas Water District; Gary Fiske, Barakat and Chamberlin; and Becky Crockett, Parametrics.

Ms. Stickel distributed and summarized handouts, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. The individuals present discussed components of the planning activities. Ms. Stickel explained that the data being used for the water planning activity was the Region 2040 base case scenario. She explained the base case data was not ideal. She noted the Region 2040 preferred alternative would not be selected until fall but that the study group needed to continue to move forward on their planning. As a result of these factors, Ms. Stickel called for the use of data produced by the Region 2040 study available in June. She recognized the selected scenario would likely differ from the data available in June.

Councilor Washington applauded the effort of the Regional Water Supply Plan.

Ms. Furfey advocated keeping the project on track and providing the data requested in June. She noted Metro staff indicated that objective was achievable. Councilor Gates noted the 2040 decision could be changed based on the composition of the Council as a result of elections. Ms. Stickel stated the group recognized the potential political implications.

The committee discussed the issue. The conclusion of the discussion was that Councilor McLain would continue discussions with Council staff and Ms. Furfey and develop a resolution to bring forward at the next meeting of the Committee.

6. Region 2040 Public Comment

Zephyr Moore, citizen, appeared to testify. He opposed planting of English ivy in the region. He noted habitats were being destroyed due to the planting of the ivy. He supported native planting as a livability issue to be retained in the Region 2040 concepts. He noted English Ivy was planted at the Metro Regional Center and that planting would seed the area. Councilor McLain committed to attempting to eradicate the English Ivy at the Metro Regional Center.

7. Councilor Communications

In response to Councilor Moore, Ms. Ryder discussed the forthcoming Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) meetings. Councilor Moore called for notification of expected results of the meetings to be included in the announcements.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 5-19-94