

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

April 27, 1989

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Mike Ragsdale (Chair), Gary Hansen (V. Chair), and David Knowles

Committee Members Absent: Larry Bauer and Tanya Collier

Other Councilors Present: Richard Devlin and George Van Bergen

Chair Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 4:26 p.m.

1. Consideration of Ordinance No. 89-285, Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.02 by Adding Section 2.02.285 Establishing a Smoking Policy for Metro Facilities (Public Hearing)

Chair Ragsdale noted Ordinance No. 89-285A was before the Committee for consideration. Councilor Knowles noted the revised ordinance contained an amendment approved at a previous meeting and one new section for provisions.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Knowles moved to replace Ordinance No. 89-285 with Ordinance No. 89-285A.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Hansen, Knowles and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilors Bauer and Collier were absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Knowles moved to recommend Ordinance No. 285A to the full Council for adoption.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Those Councilors present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Ordinance No. 89-288, Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.01 Relating to Council Voting Procedures (Public Hearing)

Donald Carlson, Council Administrator, referred to section (g) of the ordinance which contained new Metro Code language on Council voting procedures. Chair Ragsdale asked if language "and the tally of the votes" was necessary. The Committee and staff discussed ordinance language further.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Knowles moved to delete language "and the tally of the votes" where stated in Section (g) of Ordinance No. 89-288.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Those Councilors present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

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Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Knowles moved to recommend Ordinance No. 89-288 to the full Council for adoption as amended.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Those Councilors present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Consideration of Ordinance No. 89-289, Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.01 and Establishing Procedures for Adoption of Council Per Diem and Expense Guidelines (Public Hearing)

Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1065, Revising Expenditure Guidelines for Councilor Per Diem, Councilor Expense and General Council Materials and Services Accounts

Mr. Carlson gave background information on Resolution No. 89-1065. He noted Councilor Wyers asked for information on how the state legislature handled expenditures. He referred to the memorandum from Councilor Van Bergen in the agenda packet.

Councilor Van Bergen discussed per diem and councilor expense requirements including mileage reimbursement. He said 21 cents per mile was not sufficient to cover gas, insurance and maintenance costs. Councilor Van Bergen objected to the requirement a Councilor must receive prior written permission from the Presiding Officer before receiving a per diem reimbursement for attendance at a meeting to which he/she was not appointed. He said Councilors could attend a meeting for five minutes and gain the knowledge necessary to make an informed decision at the Council level. He noted state representatives received \$64 for meeting attendance. He said since Metro Councilors received half that amount no limitations should be enforced. Councilor Van Bergen said Councilors could not exceed a certain fund and after that fund was spent, Councilors attended meetings gratis. He said in 1988 he ran out of per diem funding and still attended meetings.

Mr. Carlson said Councilor Gardner had indicated he would support payment for attendance at any Council standing committee. Councilor Van Bergen said he attended non-Metro meetings which involved legitimate expenditure as well. Councilor Hansen concurred with Councilor Van Bergen and said he attended community meetings when necessary after exhausting per diem funds. Councilor Van Bergen noted the Councilor per diem was for a total of 96 meeting dates and it should be the Councilors' option to attend Council, committee and or neighborhood meetings. He said under the Presiding Officer written approval requirement, it was possible approval could be withheld.

Chair Ragsdale said the per diem meant different things to different people, but felt uneasy with total personal discretion. He said the Council had to be conscious of budgeting considerations. He said the per diem could not be doubled.

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First Motion to Amend: Councilor Knowles moved to conceptually amend Resolution No. 89-1065 to add standing committees, i.e., JPACT, to the Councilor per diem reimbursement.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Knowles and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Hansen voted nay. Councilors Bauer and Collier were absent. The motion passed.

Second Motion to Amend: Councilor Knowles moved to increase the current mileage allowance allotted to Councilors.

Withdrawal of Second Motion to Amend: Councilor Knowles withdrew the previous motion to amend.

The Committee discussed mileage reimbursement and whether it should be adjusted according to state or federal indexes. Councilor Devlin noted Metro used the 21 cent reimbursement compared to the standard state reimbursement of 24 cents per mile.

Third Motion to Amend: Chair Ragsdale moved to remove child care costs from the "not authorized" list of expenditures.

Councilor Devlin said there should be further clarification on mileage; required or authorized meetings; and per diem and required expenses.

Vote on Third Motion to Amend: Those Councilors present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Ragsdale asked Mr. Carlson to research the issues further. The Committee continued consideration of the ordinance and resolution to the next regularly scheduled meeting May 11, 1989.

Chair Ragsdale adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk  
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