

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

May 11, 1989

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Mike Ragsdale (Chair), Gary Hansen (Vice Chair), Lawrence Bauer and Tanya Collier

Committee Member Absent: David Knowles

Chair Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

1. 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

Council Analyst Jessica Marlitt distributed "Proposed Revisions to Council Expenditure Guidelines in Resolution No. 89-1065" May 10, 1989, from Council Administrator Don Carlson. Ms. Marlitt noted in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 89-1065 under Councilor Per Diem Accounts, task force attendance was still authorized for per diem reimbursement. She noted at the April 27, 1989, Internal Affairs Committee meeting it was not clarified whether or not the Committee wished to exempt or authorize task force attendance per diem reimbursement. She noted under Councilor Expense Accounts mileage reimbursement was increased to 24 cents per mile from 21 cents per mile. Ms. Marlitt noted Executive Officer Cusma would issue an Executive Order to increase mileage reimbursement costs to 24 cents per mile for the agency as a whole.

Councilor Collier noted child care costs were deleted. Ms. Marlitt explained under state statute, the state per diem definition included child care costs and therefore any reference to reimbursement for child care costs was redundant.

Councilor Hansen questioned whether it was necessary to list per diem unauthorized costs specifically. Chair Ragsdale concurred and directed staff to delete Section 4. on page Exhibit A-3. Chair Ragsdale said it was necessary for the Committee to decide whether or not to authorize task force attendance for per diem reimbursement at this meeting.

First Motion to Amend: Councilor Hansen moved that task force attendance be designated an authorized per diem expense.

Chair Ragsdale said Exhibit A authorized task force reimbursement and a specific motion to amend was required to delete it. He asked Councilor Hansen if he wished to delete Section 5., page 4, Unauthorized Expenses, of Exhibit A.

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Substitute Motion for First Motion to Amend: Councilor Hansen moved to substitute his previous motion to amend by deletion of Section 5., Councilor Expense Accounts of Exhibit A.

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

Second Motion to Amend: Councilor Hansen moved to delete Section 3., page 7, Council General Account Unauthorized Expenses.

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

Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Collier moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1065 as amended.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Bauer, Collier, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Knowles was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The Committee and staff then discussed Ordinance No. 89-289. Ms. Marlitt said the ordinance did not contain language specific to expenses such as Resolution No. 89-1065. She said the purpose of the ordinance was to clarify in the Metro Code that the Council would adopt per diem guidelines by resolution. Ms. Marlitt added the ordinance also identified specific areas which per diem guidelines must address.

Main Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Ordinance No. 89-289.

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

Councilor Bauer referred to Metro's health insurance package for the Council. The Committee and staff discussed the issues briefly. Chair Ragsdale noted the health insurance package was discussed nine months previously and said he would investigate it further. Councilor Collier said when the insurance plan was rebid, Metro Councilors could buy into it. Chair Ragsdale asked staff to research that option.

Chair Ragsdale adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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