

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

May 26, 1988

Committee Members Present: Councilors Mike Ragsdale (Chair), Gary Hansen (V. Chair), Larry Cooper, Sharron Kelley, David Knowles and Richard Waker

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Tanya Collier (excused)

Chair Mike Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. and explained the first order of business, transfer of funds, was not listed on the agenda. Councilor David Knowles had requested \$1,070 be transferred from expense to per diem, and Councilor Mike Bonner had requested transfer of \$1,568.38 from per diem to expense.

Motion: Councilor Kelley moved approval of the fund transfers as announced by the Chair.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried.

1. Consideration of Minutes of March 10, April 14, April 21 and April 28, 1988

Motion: Councilor Kelley moved approval of the minutes of March 10, April 14, April 21 and April 28, 1988.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-874, for the Purpose of Adopting Procedures for Introducing Ordinances and Resolutions

Donald E. Carlson, Council Administrator, provided an overview of the resolution and exhibits and then responded to questions from the committee. There was committee consensus to approve Sections A., B. and D. of Exhibit A. Sections C., E. and F. were amended.

Language changes were approved in Section C. to clarify the meaning and correct an incorrect reference to a section of the Metro Code.

Motion: Councilor Kelley moved to amend subsection 1. of Section C. of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 88-874 to read: "Any emergency ordinance placed on [the] a Council agenda [for any emergency meeting of the Council] as provided in Section [2.01.050] 2.01.070(1) of the Metro Code; or"

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

An amendment was approved in Section E. to accommodate instances where ordinances would be referred to the Council without a committee recommendation.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved to amend the first sentence of Section E. of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 88-874 to read in "An ordinance receiving a favorable committee recommendation, or referred to the Council without a recommendation, . . ."

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Amendments approved in Section F. of Resolution No. 88-898 clarified the process for notifying, filing and forwarding a minority report.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved to amend the third sentence of Section F. of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 88-874 to read, "Upon such notice the Councilor who had served notice shall prepare a written minority report which shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Council prior to the Council meeting at which the ordinance is scheduled for a second reading [a minority report shall be prepared and transmitted to the Council.]"

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council Administrator Carlson said Exhibit B to Resolution No. 88-874 was comparable to Exhibit A. There was committee consensus to approve Sections A., D. and E.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved: 1) to amend Section B. of Exhibit B to Resolution No. 88-874 by adding the statement "A resolution introduced and recommended by a Committee shall be filed with the Council Clerk and shall be placed on a [the] Council agenda at the discretion of the Presiding Officer," 2) to amend Section C. to add at the end of the first sentence "except for resolutions introduced and recommended by a Committee," and 3) that any item scheduled for Council consideration which had not had a public hearing at the committee level be required to have a public hearing at the Council level.

Councilor Waker stated he felt the Council should allow itself flexibility and afford an opportunity for presentation, but not mandate consideration. He said he opposed institutionalized public hearings.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in Councilors Kelley and Hansen voting aye. Councilors Cooper, Knowles, Ragsdale and Waker voted nay. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion was defeated.

Councilor Waker objected to language in Section F. requiring minority reports to be presented and acted upon before the main committee report. Councilor Ragsdale suggested that the process for presentation be in the form of a motion to substitute.

Motion: Councilor Waker moved to amend Section F. of Exhibit B to Resolution No. 88-874 to add at the beginning of the fourth sentence of the paragraph: "Upon a motion to substitute a minority report for the majority report by the Councilor who has presented the minority report the [The] . . ."

The Presiding Officer stated this language would allow the minority report presenter to discuss the report, however, if in the course of the discussion, the presenter recognized that there was not an opportunity to prevail, a negative vote would not be required.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to add additional language to Section B. of Exhibit B to Resolution 88-874 to state that a committee may introduce a resolution and request it to be placed directly on the Council agenda, and additionally the Presiding Officer, at the request of a committee or its chair, may re-refer a resolution to a committee without placing the resolution on the Council agenda.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair requested staff to draft the appropriate amendments for Exhibit A and B for review and final approval by the Committee.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-898, for the Purpose of Establishing the Order of Business for Regular Council Meetings

Council Administrator Carlson presented the staff report.

Motion: Councilor Waker moved to approve Resolution No. 88-898 and recommend Council adoption.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-922, for the Purpose of Revising Guidelines for the Expenditure of Council Per Diem, Councilor Expense and General Council Materials & Services Accounts

Council Administrator Carlson explained that adoption of the resolution would increase the annual per diem amount, authorize the Council Administrator to approve councilor payment requests, allow council staff to be reimbursed for expenses and authorize

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the presiding officer to transfer funds between individual councilor per diem and expense accounts. Mr. Carlson noted that Exhibit A to the resolution listed \$1,500 as the authorized expense reimbursement and that that figure was meant to be \$1,600.

Motion: Councilor Waker moved to amend Exhibit A to Resolution No. 88-922 to authorize up to \$1,600 expense reimbursement each fiscal year and to approve and recommend Council adoption of Resolution 88-922.

Councilor Kelley commented that she felt the budgeted per diem for the number of meetings assigned was insufficient. Councilor Cooper said he felt a fiscal officer should be involved in the payment approval process.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all committee members present voting aye. Councilor Collier was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Council Committee Clerk

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