

Council Convention Center Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 22, 1988
3:30 p.m.
Convention Center Project Office

Attending: Councilors Kelley, Knowles, Waker
Staff: Neil Saling, Berit Younie, Sandy Bradley,
Glenn Taylor, Jessica Marlitt
Guests: Don Carlson, Don Rocks

Chairman Knowles called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Knowles moved that minutes of October 22, 1988 and September 8, 1988 previous meetings be approved. This was passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item No. 2. Construction Project Status Report

Glenn Taylor reported on this item. He began by stating that work on site was approximately 5.2% complete and within schedule. Taylor next reviewed briefly the work which had been completed during the course of the last two weeks and the work scheduled for the upcoming two weeks. He noted that the most current date for structural steel erection was now December 5, 1988. The impact on the resulting two week delay on the overall schedule is not known at this time.

Taylor noted that in regards to EEO, minority participation on site was currently 13.6% while the women's was 3%. Councilor Waker inquired if the city or county were being apprised of these figures. Berit Younie responded that to date there had been no request for such information. This information would certainly be made available upon request.

Agenda Item No. 3. Facility Consolidation Financial Study

Don Rocks reported on this item. The Metro Exposition-Recreation Commission discussed this item at their meeting earlier in the day. Such a study would examine the financial impact of consolidation on all participating governments and would cost approximately \$25,000. Councilor Kelley responded that she would like to know the fiscal impact on the district of assuming existing city or county facilities. The district should be asking a number of questions as it prepares to

assume the liabilities of these facilities. Councilor Knowles stated that such a study should provide much of the information Councilor Kelley is requesting.

The issue of financing the study was examined. No such funds are currently budgeted. Don Rocks questioned whether there were funds available in the Management Fund since the Police Chiefs Convention had cost less than was budgeted. The remaining funds have been allocated, in part, to a contract with Preston Thorgrimson, et al for special legislative work.

Councilor Knowles indicated that if MERC funds were to be the source of the contract, then MERC must approve the expenditure.

Agenda Item No. 4, Summary of Real Estate Acquisition

Sandy Bradley reported on this item. She referred to a memo written by Neil McFarlane which indicated that of the 25 business relocated from the site, 14 have submitted submitted final claims. The remaining 11 businesses have outstanding claims ranging between \$190,000 to \$245,000.

There are two outstanding condemnation cases. The first of these is expected to go to trial the first of December with the second one following in February 1989. Final results of these cases may not be known until March or April of 1989. Bradley reported that the budget appeared to be adequate in light of the projected relocation and condemnation costs.

Agenda Item No. 5, Replacement of Jim Durham's position

Don Rocks reported that Jim Durham, Metro's negotiator for consolidation, had resigned to assume a position in Philadelphia. A replacement has been found, but the cost may be a little higher than the remainder of Jim Durham's contract. Cliff Carlson of Miller, Nash law firm, has agreed to continue this work.

In response to questions as to the source of funds for Jim Durham's contract, inquiry revealed that MERC was the source. This item may be discussed at the next MERC meeting, as the formal purchasing policies and procedures are now in place.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Berit Younie