

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL CONVENTION, ZOO AND VISITOR FACILITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
November 7, 1989

Committee members present: Councilors David Knowles (Chair),
Roger Buchanan, Tom DeJardin, Ruth
McFarland and George Van Bergen

Committee members absent: None

Vice Chair DeJardin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of October 10, 1989

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved for approval of the
minutes of October 10, 1989.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin and Van Bergen voted
aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. FY 90-91 Policy Discussion, To Summarize Issues and Policies
Under the Committee's Purview which the Metro Council will
Face in FY 90-91 and to Identify Potential Long-Term Council
Policy Areas

Vice Chair DeJardin postponed discussion on this item until Chair
Knowles' arrival. Due to lack of time, Chair Knowles deferred
this item.

3. FY 89-90 First Quarter Program Progress Report for the Metro
Washington Park Zoo

Kay Rich, Assistant Zoo Director, presented the progress report
to the Committee. He noted attendance was up 17 percent over
last year and food revenue had increased 13 percent. Mr. Rich
said the Metro Washington Park Zoo had been re-accredited by the
American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA).
He also noted the lower level of the AfriCafe was completed; a
number of new animals have been acquired, among them exotic birds
and the Siberian tigers; a few animals have been lost; 1,000
children attended summer programs; and the Zoo continued to be
active in conservation programs. A new Division Manager has been
hired in Educational Services, David Mask. Mr. Rich added the
Zoo had over one million visitors last year. Councilor DeJardin
asked what was the percentage of increase in revenue. Mr. Rich
said income was approximately 13 percent above projections. In

response to further questions, he said the Zoo had failed to receive a \$75,000 Educational Services Grant and projected expenditures for the program would, therefore, not occur.

Councilor Van Bergen asked what areas Mr. Rich felt were of concern. He said the upcoming levy was the big issue for the next several years. Also, decisions were going to be needed on how to fund future Zoo projects and operations. He added the bid on Africa III is the next big project. In response to questions, he said money had been identified in next year's budget to re-investigate the Zoo's Master Plan.

4. Resolution No. 89-1166, Approving a Request for Bids Document for Construction of the Africa Rain Forest Exhibit at the Metro Washington Park Zoo

Kay Rich presented the report to the Committee. He noted the Committee had approved advertising for bids at their June 6, 1989 meeting. The original RFB yielded two bids, both of which were in excess of the budget and rejected. A review of the bid documents had been completed and it was determined that any additional reductions might seriously compromise the exhibit. What had been done was to rearrange the contract documents to add clarity to the project, reducing the likelihood of any duplication of effort, and to move five essential alternates to the main bid document, eliminating non-basic alternates. Conservation Village would be reconfigured, with the Friends of the Zoo assisting. Mr. Rich said it was hoped the bidding climate might be better at this time.

In response to Councilor's questions, Mr. Rich stated the new estimate by the designer was very close to the low bid received after the original RFB request (\$4 million) and would necessitate an increase in the budget. Upon further questioning, he said the original budget was \$4.539 million, with \$3.546 million for construction; the new estimate is \$5.277 million, with \$4.135 million for construction. Chair Knowles said he felt the decision was whether or not to raise the budget for the project. He would like to see revised project costs and then review the bid documents again. Ray Phelps, Director of Finance and Administration, added there was a need to complete the project, agreeing the Committee's concerns also needed to be addressed. He said staff could come back with more information at the next meeting, adding the Executive Officer was satisfied with the new bid documents.

Councilor Van Bergen said he had three questions he would like written answers to from staff: 1) Where is the authority for

the rejection of bids; 2) Why was that authority not brought forward; and 3) What is the impact on other projects of adding \$700,000 to the budget?

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 89-1166 with the understanding that all the budgetary information would be available for review to the Committee's satisfaction.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin and Van Bergen voted aye; Councilors Knowles and McFarland voted nay.

Motion carried.

5. Zoo Tax Levy Worksession, Continued Discussion of Levy Options and Review of Polling Questionnaire

Because the polling results were not ready, Chair Knowles postponed discussion of this item until the Committee could be apprised of those results.

6. Briefing and Review of Draft City of Portland-Metro Consolidation Agreement

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, presented the consolidation agreement to the Committee, noting that both the Metro Council and the City of Portland Council had previously approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He said the agreement had very limited changes from the original MOU, noting Sections 6.01.030, 2.04.035 and 1.01.010 of the Code would have to be amended to comply with the agreement. The language in Section 6.01.030 was virtually the same as the language in the MOU. The changes in Sections 2.04.035 and 1.01.010 are ones that both Mr. Cooper and Chris Thomas, attorney representing the City of Portland, felt were needed, to clarify contracting procedures and rules for MERC. In response to a question from Councilor McFarland, Mr. Cooper confirmed the City does have some veto power in regard to present City facilities.

Regarding employees of the ERC, they would be transferred to MERC and become employees of MERC. Mr. Cooper went on to explain contracts and budget approval for MERC. He said the MOU called for MERC budgets to be subject to approval by both the Metro Council and the Portland City Council. On July 1, 1990, all money in the ERC would be transferred to MERC with the same

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restrictions as outlined in the MOU. The City of Portland would be obligated to pay certain bonded debt and other similar payments related to current City facilities until those obligations were paid. Mr. Cooper concluded by saying the authority to make decisions rests with the City Commissioner in charge and the Metro Executive Officer.

Chair Knowles noted a public hearing would be scheduled for this item at the November 15, 1989 meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Brunson
Committee Clerk

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