

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

Regular Meeting
March 13, 1990

Committee members present: Councilors David Knowles (Chair),
Roger Buchanan (Vice Chair), Gary
Hansen, Ruth McFarland and George
Van Bergen

Committee members absent: None

Chair Knowles called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. Consideration of Meetings of February 20, 1990 Special
Meeting and February 27, 1990 Regular Meeting

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved approval of the minutes
of February 20 and 27, 1990.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Knowles, McFarland and Van
Bergen voted aye. Councilor Hansen was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Executive Session: Held Under the Authority of ORS
192.660(1)(h) for the Purpose of Discussion Convention
Center Pending Litigation

Chair Knowles called the Executive Session to order at 4:16 p.m.
Those in attendance were Neil Saling, Neil McFarlane, Monica
Little, and Councilors Buchanan, Hansen, Knowles, McFarland and
Van Bergen. The Executive Session was closed at 4:55 p.m.

Councilor Van Bergen asked at what point did the litigation/
claims issue become a Council responsibility. Staff responded
that the issue was an Executive Officer responsibility so long as
the claims remained within the budget.

Before continuing with the next agenda item, Chair Knowles
introduced Gussie McRobert, Mayor of the City of Gresham. Mayor
McRobert addressed the Committee on the issue of a domed stadium.
She spoke in favor of a preliminary study on the feasibility of a
new sports arena and said her constituents were supportive of
Metro on this issue.

3. FY 1990-91 Budget Priorities for Committee Discussion

Chair Knowles referred to his memo of March 6, 1990 and asked if the Committee had any suggestions or comments. Councilor Hansen referred to the spectator sports facility's and asked staff if the next priority was a domed stadium or an arena. Neil McFarlane, Project Operations Manager, noted the Master Plan that the Council adopted was neutral on that item, it did not specify the priority. He added an arena study was begun just after the formation of the Convention Center office.

4. Review of Convention Center Project Budget Issues

Neil McFarlane presented the Convention Center Project proposed budget to the Committee. He noted there were three funds included: the Management Fund; the Debt Service Fund, which shows the money that would be raised to pay the debt on the bonds; and the Capital Fund, which shows all the expenditures related to actually building the buildings. Mr. McFarlane noted that on page 5 of the Capital Fund the figure for Construction Work/Material (\$2.1 million) was the interest reserve in the current fiscal year budget. He said the Executive Officer was recommending this amount be moved in the FY 90-91 budget to cover claims.

Chair Knowles noted that the issue for the Committee was whether or not they were comfortable with the Executive Officer's recommendation or if they wanted to indicate some budget priorities and divide the amount in question into other line items; i.e. specifically related to settling construction claims, enhancements to the Convention Center building or returned to the taxpayers. Councilor Hansen noted being in favor of settling claims as the first priority. Councilor McFarland said she felt it was too early to speculate what to do with any extra money. She wanted a better understanding of the issues involved. Councilor Van Bergen noted he, too, was not ready to accept the inclusion of \$2.1 million as a budget item for the Executive Officer to spend at her discretion.

5. Review of Proposed Regional Facilities Program

Neil McFarlane outlined the proposed Regional Facilities Program for the Committee. He said a large number of phone calls had been received and they were running about 20-1 in favor of the sports facility study. In the budget proposal was approximately \$93,000 to be funded from excise tax to pay the personnel-related costs of the study and \$100,000 in the Metro ERC budget allocated

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for potential consultant studies to support the program. Mr. McFarlane then summarized the general overview, saying it was much like the work done prior to the actual development of the Convention Center.

Chair Knowles said the Convention Center Committee needed to be able to study the cost, the staffing needs and the scope of the study.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Brunson
Committee Clerk

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