

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

Special Meeting
December 28, 1989

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

Committee members absent: None

Chair Knowles called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

1. Consideration of September 26, 1989 minutes

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved approval of the minutes
of September 26, 1989

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Report from the Metro Exposition-Recreation Commission
(Metro ERC) Advisory Committee on the Development of
Economic Opportunities

Sam Brooks, Metro ERC Commissioner, named the members of the
Advisory Committee and noted he was the liaison between Metro ERC
and the Committee. He then read the entire written report which
included the mission statement and goals. He noted both the
Metro ERC and the Portland ERC unanimously approved the
recommendations in the report.

Councilor Van Bergen asked why some areas were included and
others excluded from the Committee's recommended geographic
target area. He questioned the reasoning behind why many areas
were left out. In response, Mr. Brooks said the Committee's
purpose was to develop a plan in conformance with State mandates
under House Bill 3075. He noted the legislation called for the
citizens in the immediate area of the Convention Center to have
first opportunity for employment. Councilor Van Bergen noted all
the citizens in the Tri-County area have had a part in paying for
the Convention Center and there should be equal opportunity for
employment. Councilor Tom DeJardin expressed agreement, saying
he was supportive of the intent, but hoped the entire region
would benefit.

3. Ordinance No. 90-329, For the Purpose of Submitting a Metropolitan Service District Tax Base Measure for the Metro Washington Park Zoo (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chair Knowles announced staff reports would be presented and then the public hearing would be opened.

Sherry Sheng, Washington Park Zoo Director, presented updated financial information to the Committee. She said the Zoo projections reflect a \$5.3 million tax base. This is an increase from the draft ordinance reviewed by the Committee on December 5 which showed a tax base of \$4.8 million. Councilor Van Bergen asked if this was a tax base or a levy. Executive Officer Rena Cusma was present and told the Committee she was recommending a combination of a \$5,310,000 tax base and 3-year serial levy. She asked the Committee's support in placing these on the May ballot.

Kay Rich, Assistant Washington Park Zoo Director, told the Committee the \$4.8 million was based on earlier figures. He said the \$5.3 million figure took into consideration estimated increases in Animal Management, Facilities Management, Education, Marketing and Visitor Services. Don Carlson, Council Administrator, referred to his memo of December 28 which the Committee just received, noting the new projection figures submitted by the Washington Park Zoo Department increased Zoo expenditures by an average of almost \$1 million per year for the next three fiscal years. He said the effect of these new projections increased the proposed tax base from \$4.8 million to \$5.3 million.

Chair Knowles opened the public hearing.

Phil Jackson, President-elect for the Friends of the Zoo, testified in favor of the tax base. He said the Zoo was a unique resource and increased attendance was due to enhancement of Zoo attractions. Mr. Jackson felt this was a crucial point for the Zoo and stable, long term financing was necessary if it was to continue its important role in the community. He urged a favorable vote.

There being no further public testimony, Chair Knowles closed the public hearing.

Chair Knowles questioned the increase in Operations expenditures from \$4.8 million to \$5.3 million. He felt some of the increases might be due to a desire for new or expanded programs, saying the budget process was the place for that. Councilor Buchanan said he thought the tax base was the way to go and the Committee should support it.

Main Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend Council adoption of Ordinance No. 90-329.

Staff noted the tax base amount was incorrect on the Ordinance and an amendment was needed to change it to the correct amount of \$5,310,000.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Buchanan moved to amend Ordinance No. 90-329 to reflect the amount of the tax base to be \$5,310,000.

Councilor Van Bergen noted his vote carried conditions. He might not opt for all the changes requested. Chair Knowles said he was opposed to the amendment because the Committee had no revised 5-year financial plan before them. Councilor McFarland agreed with Chair Knowles, but felt it was acceptable in the present situation. She said she would support the amendment now, but could change her vote after seeing the revised figures. Councilor DeJardin expressed agreement.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, McFarland and Van Bergen voted aye; Councilor Knowles voted nay.

The motion to amend carried.

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

The motion carried.

4. Resolution No. 90-1194, For the Purpose of Approving the Zoo Five-Year Financial Plan and Submitting a Metropolitan Service District Zoo Capital Serial Levy to District Voters

The Chair asked staff if there was any public notice limitation on the Committee taking action on the resolution at this time. Don Carlson, Council Administrator, said it was on the agenda as information only because of the lack of the revised 5-year financial plan. He said, however, the Committee could act on it and made a recommendation to the Council. He noted the resolution referred to an Exhibit A which was not included.

Main Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 90-1194 contingent upon Council receipt of the 5-year plan referred to therein.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Van Bergen moved to amend Resolution No. 90-1194 in the appropriate places to reflect \$1,512,000 per year for three years.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Knowles, McFarland and Van Bergen voted aye.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

On further discussion, Councilor McFarland said an aye vote at this time did not mean an automatic acceptance at the Council level.

Vote on Main Motion: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Knowles, McFarland and Van Bergen voted aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution No. 90-1199, Authorizing the Award of Furnishings Contracts for the Oregon Convention Center to Krueger, Inc. and Environetics, Inc.

Neil McFarlane, Project Operations Manager, told the Committee the bids for FF&E were well under budget and the process was moving along. He also noted staff was recommending contract award to a bidder who was not the apparent low bidder. Berit Younie, Sr. Management Analyst, presented the report to the Committee. She summarized the process used and said the conditional awards were sent out December 22. The Virco Mfg. bid was rejected for lack of responsiveness. Virco failed to include with their bid an executed DBE/WBE Compliance Form as required. It was noted by staff Virco had chosen to contest the award. In response to questions, Mr. McFarlane said the other two bidders, Krueger and Environetics, met the DBE/WBE requirements.

Main Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend Council approval of Resolution No. 90-1199.

Motion to Amend: Councilor DeJardin moved to amend Resolution No. 90-1199 by adding "WHEREAS, Krueger is lowest responsive bidder and meets DBE/WBE requirements".

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Knowles and McFarland voted aye; Councilor Van Bergen voted nay.

Motion to amend carried.

Vote on Main Motion: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin,
Knowles, McFarland and Van Bergen voted aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution No. 90-1197, For the Purpose of Rescinding Order
No. 89-21 and Authorizing Payment of the Relocation Claim of
the Venetian Blind Company

Councilor McFarland presented the resolution to the Committee saying she had investigated this claim further and felt it deserved additional consideration. Councilor McFarland said the Venetian Blind Company did not receive the additional \$200,000 as noted in the Hearings Officer's report; it went to the owner of the building (the father of the current owner) who retired in 1978. The daughter, who runs the Venetian Blind Company, was contractually paying him rent, but she did not own the building. Her father took the \$200,000 and bought another building which subsequently was not totally usable for the business, but was the best they found. Councilor McFarland noted the business is unique; it recycles and refurbishes venetian blinds rather than sending them to the landfill.

Main Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 90-1197.

Councilor Van Bergen said he felt it was not appropriate to keep re-introducing a subject that had already been decided.

Motion to Table: Councilor Van Bergen moved to table discussion of Resolution No. 90-1197

Vote on Motion to Table: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin,
Knowles and Van Bergen voted aye; Councilor
McFarland voted nay.

Motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Brunson
Committee Clerk

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