

Minutes of the Metro Council Regional Facilities Committee  
May 18, 1994  
Metro Regional Center  
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Sandi Hansen (Chair), Ed Washington (Vice Chair), Mike Gates, Terry Moore

Committee Members Absent: Ruth McFarland

Other Councilors Present: Richard Devlin, Susan McLain

Chair Hansen called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**1. Consideration of the May 4, 1994 Regional Facilities Committee Minutes**

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to approve the minutes.

Vote: Councilor Moore, Washington and Hansen voted aye. Councilors Gates and McFarland were absent. The vote was 3/0 and the minutes were approved.

**2. Councilor Updates**

Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center (OCC), updated the committee on the minority marketing plan for the OCC. Lynda Grice, Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network, distributed and summarized marketing materials the organization uses to market the Oregon Convention Center. Councilor Washington spoke to his interest in maintaining communication between all of the interested parties.

Councilor Washington reported on activities at Smith and Bybee Lakes.

**4. Consideration of Ordinance No. 94-552, Amending the FY 1993-94 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Transferring \$31,000 from the Zoo Operating Fund, Facilities Management Division Capital Outlay to the Facilities Management Division Materials and Services to Fund the Purchase of Higher than Expected Utility Costs, and Declaring an Emergency**

Judy Munro, Facilities Management Director, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She explained utilities, specifically water and sewer and gas, were running over the approved budget. In response to Councilor Washington, Ms. Munro noted some of the water increase was identified as leaks in ponds in the Cascades Exhibit. She explained the problem was identified and corrected. In response to Councilor Moore, Ms. Munro explained there would be no impact on the transfers.

Chair Hansen opened the public hearing. No citizens appeared to testify. Chair Hansen closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to recommend Council adoption of the Ordinance.

Vote: Councilor Moore, Washington and Hansen voted aye. Councilors Gates and McFarland were absent. The vote was 3/0 and the motion passed.

**3. Consideration of Ordinance No. 94-550, Amending the FY 1993-94 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Revise the Regional Parks and Expo Fund Budget to Reflect the January 1, 1994 Transfer of Operations, and Declaring an Emergency**

Kathy Rutkowski, Principal Administrative Services Analyst, overviewed the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She explained impact on the estimated fund balance.

Charlie Ciecko, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director, highlighted the budget impacts to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department. He discussed changes in personnel and line item adjustments.

Heather Teed, MERC Director of Fiscal Operations, highlighted the budget impacts to MERC.

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Motion: Councilor Washington moved to recommend Council adoption of the Ordinance.

Vote: Councilor Moore, Washington and Hansen voted aye. Councilors Gates and McFarland were absent. The vote was 3/0 and the motion passed.

**5. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1936, Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.041(c) Competitive Bidding Procedures and Authorizing a Sole Source Contract with the 40-Mile Loop Land Trust**

Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He presented a slide show depicting the project components. He responded to questions from the Committee.

Councilor Moore expressed concerns about the costs in comparison with similar studies specifically, the Burlington Northern study. She asked what the possibility was of obtaining City of Portland Department of Transportation funds. Mr. Huie stated meetings were scheduled with Commissioner Blumenaur to discuss the issue.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to recommend Council adoption of the Ordinance.

Vote: Councilor Gates, Moore, Washington and Hansen voted aye. Councilor McFarland was absent. The vote was 4/0 and the motion passed.

**6. Review of MERC Resolutions**

Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, presented MERC Resolution Nos. 94-21 through 94-29, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting.

**7. Status Report on Greenspaces Blue Ribbon Committee**

Mr. Ciecko summarized the history of the Greenspaces Bond Measure discussions and development of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Pat McCormick, Conkling, Fiskum and McCormick, summarized the activity of the Blue Ribbon Committee included in a memorandum from Fred Miller dated May 18, 1994, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Ciecko discussed Goal Five mandates as they related to the Greenspaces Master Plan. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, discussed other opportunities to implement components of the Greenspaces Master Plan such as easements, combining projects, and donations.

Councilor Gates asked if consequences of the potential passage of Measure Five had been discussed. Mr. McCormick stated the issue had not thoroughly been discussed by the Blue Ribbon Committee. In response to Councilor Washington, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Cotugno, and Casey Short, Senior Council Analyst, recalled discussions related to the local match component.

In response to Councilor Gates, Mr. Cotugno recommended providing for flexibility in the referral title by including the list of proposed acquisition sites in the referring resolution but not in the referral title.

Mr. Ciecko summarized the alternatives, a copy of which are included in the record of this meeting.

Chris Beck, Trust for Public Lands, appeared to testify. His concerns are addressed in his memorandum dated May 16, 1994, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He advocated for referral of a ballot measure in the Spring of 1995.

**8. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1961, For the Purpose of Preparing a Measure to Refer a General Obligation Bond to the Voters in the [date to be determined] Election for the Amount of [amount to be determined] to Finance Acquisition and Development of Greenspaces and Trails**

Councilor Gates expressed concerns about securing a funding source for planning functions.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to defer discussion of the item to the June 1, 1994 Regional Facilities Committee.

Vote: Councilor Gates voted aye. Councilors Moore, Washington and Hansen voted nay. Councilor McFarland was absent. The vote was 1/3 and the motion failed.

The Committee discussed issues related to adopting any one resolution.

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution with the date "no later than the first available election date in 1995" for the amount of "approximately \$140 million"; adding a new be it resolved 2 to read, "That the Metro Council requests the continued involvement and coordination of the Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee and Greenspaces Blue Ribbon Committee in refining the components of the bond package prior to Council referral of a ballot title and explanatory statement."; and deleting the following words from the final be it resolved, "in the approximate configuration in Exhibit "A" attached (will be provided prior to May 18 meeting) and incorporated herein".

Vote: Councilors Gates, Washington, Moore, and Hansen voted aye. Councilor McFarland was absent. The vote was 4/0 and the motion passed.

**9. Citizen Communications**

No citizens appeared to testify.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Clerk

**APPROVED**  
**Date** 6.15.94