

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

November 24, 1992
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Susan McLain (Chair), Tanya Collier
(Vice Chair), Ed Gronke, Ruth
McFarland, Ed Washington

Committee Members Absent:

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan, Richard Devlin, Jim
Gardner, George Van Bergen, Judy
Wyers

Chair McLain called the regular meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1716, Confirming the
Reappointment of Ben Middleton to the Metropolitan Exposition-
Recreation Commission

Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, presented the staff report. He noted Ben Middleton was originally appointed for one year and then again for four years. He said Mr. Middleton expressed desire to the Executive Officer to serve another four year term. He noted the Executive Officer approved Mr. Middleton's appointment.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend full Council adoption of the resolution.

Vote: Councilors Collier, McFarland, McLain and Washington voted aye. Councilor Gronke was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Status Report on Metro Regional Center Project

Berit Stevenson, Project Manager, distributed and summarized several reports, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. She discussed Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) and the budget.

Ms. Stevenson explained the panel system to be purchased for the new Regional Center project. She said existing furniture would be used in the facility. She noted new chairs would be purchased for all employees. She stated new phone equipment was purchased from the state bid list. She said the phone equipment was compatible with the Oregon Convention Center equipment.

Ms. Stevenson said the daycare furnishings would be selected with the advice of the operator of the facility.

Councilor Gronke asked about the casework. Ms. Stevenson said the casework included the reception area, Council dais, public

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counters, and related work. Councilor Gronke questioned the cost of the chairs. Ms. Stevenson said the employee chairs were itemized under the manufacturer "Haworth" on the handout. Councilor Gronke asked if the phone system was different from the existing system. Ms. Stevenson said the system was new and that the Zoo would be installing the old system at their facilities.

Councilor McLain asked if Council meetings would be heard over phone speakers. Ms. Stevenson said regular speakers would be installed in department head's offices.

Councilor Van Bergen asked what ergonomics were. Councilor Gronke explained that it was designs in office furniture and equipment to prevent muscular skeletal problems. Councilor Van Bergen expressed concern about purchase of this type of equipment under construction bonds. Ms. Stevenson said bond counsel advised that it was appropriate. Councilor Van Bergen questioned if the phone system belonged to the building. Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, stated he would research the correct answer.

Mr. Saling referred to a memorandum dated November 24, 1992, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He said the memorandum described the reporting system the department would use to update the committee on the budget for the Regional Center Project. He requested the committee review the proposed report and advise him if it would be adequate.

Ms. Saling summarized the square footage costs as outlined in the memorandum. Councilor Van Bergen asked Mr. Saling to include financing costs and FF&E costs.

Councilor Wyers asked what the costs were for the employee fitness room. Ms. Stevenson said the only expense for that item was a recycled floor. She noted equipment owned by the Metro Employee Association would likely be placed in the room. She said two showers would be installed. Mr. Saling noted that area would be the first used for necessary office expansion.

Councilor Wyers asked for a detail report on the core and shell figures used in the memorandum.

4. Status Report on Facilities Funding Task Force

Pam Erickson, Project Manager, distributed and summarized a memorandum dated November 24, 1992, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She explained the report was presented and accepted by the task force.

Councilor McLain asked if the information was presented to the task force before or after the letter from Mike Lindberg, City of

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Portland Commissioner arrived. Ms. Erickson said the sub-committee that prepared the package did not review Commissioner Lindberg's letter.

Councilor Collier stated an interest in merging other facilities in the plan. She said libraries, the Zoo, and like facilities should be considered. Ms. Erickson said a narrow package limited to the arts would more likely be submitted. Councilor Collier expressed disappointment in the limited scope of the proposal.

Councilor Van Bergen noted table five included \$40 million. Ms. Erickson said those figures would be cut in the final proposal. She noted a completed proposal would come forth in January or February of 1993.

Councilor Collier asked that the Council diligently pursue a broad based program. Councilor Van Bergen expressed concern about the report. Chair McLain noted instructions to the task force were to propose a broad program including many aspects. She said it did not indicate Council approval of the proposal. Ms. Erickson noted the agencies included have not consented to participating in the program.

Councilor Van Bergen requested a copy of the letter from Commissioner Lindberg.

5. Status Report on Metropolitan Sports Authority

Will Glasgow, Sports Authority Task Force Chair, noted the final report of the task force was included in the agenda for this meeting. He said money was received to start the Metropolitan Sports Authority. He said \$50,000 was pledged from the private sector. He said MERC was providing \$25,000. He said sports marketing would provide \$25,000.

Chair McLain asked about the relationship between the private organization and the public sector. Mr. Glasgow explained the composition of the Board of Directors and organizational structure as outlined in the report. He noted the Sports Authority would provide marketing services to MERC.

6. Review of MERC Resolutions

Jeff Blosser, Acting Manager of MERC, noted a resolution was forthcoming to address the issues related to the \$25,000 funding to the Sports Authority. He explained Resolution No. 209 was an amendment to the POVA budget. He noted Resolution No. 208 explained rules for bingo or raffle activities at the facilities.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1714, Amending the Consolidation Agreement between the City of Portland and Metro and Transferring Memorial Coliseum from MERC to City Control and Authorizing an Admission Tax Offset Agreement with OAC and City

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, distributed and summarized amendments, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. He discussed the significant changes since the last meeting of the committee.

Mr. Cooper noted page five incorporated the items in a handout at the last meeting of the committee into the agreement.

Councilor Gronke asked if the terms to be met by MERC were reciprocated by OAC. He specifically referred to page six, item seven. Councilor Devlin noted the term of the contract and phase two of the transfer was addressed in the new agreement. Mr. Cooper noted an agreement would be made related to marketing of the Coliseum and Convention Center by OAC would be completed prior to closing the agreement.

Mr. Cooper said page 23, section 17, contained new language. Councilor Gardner explained that the changes addressed the concern about the City's role in budget preparation and approval by the Metro Council. Councilor Gardner noted the City did not want to interfere with the budget oversight of MERC by Metro. He said the City did want the opportunity to examine the budget as owners of the facilities. He said the City wanted to ensure adequate funding and reserves were available for the facilities. He said the proposed amendment would allow for negotiations to redefine the City's role in the budget process. He said phase two consolidation was addressed in the amendment also.

Councilor Collier noted the City was involved in line item vetoes of the budget. She said the option for the City to reject the budget should be disallowed. Councilor Gardner said his understanding was that the City would not conduct such activity. Mr. Rocks stated the City agreed the formal procedure process should be eliminated. He said the "veto" power would be eliminated, but input opportunity would be allowed. Councilor Gardner said the intent was that the process would be defined at a later date, but that it would differ from its present form.

Mr. Rocks noted discussion with the Executive Officer and Mayor-Elect Katz included this topic.

Councilor Van Bergen did not approve of the amendments. He said the language was non-definable. He noted a change of personalities

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would occur on January 1, 1993. He said clear intent should be put in using clear language.

Councilor Gardner noted the relationship between Metro and the City was not adversarial. He said the approach was a partnership maneuver. He noted an unreasonable demand was not requested. He said as long as the City owned the facilities; and as long as Metro did not have an identified funding source, it would not be reasonable to request the City remove its ability to review and or change the budget.

Councilor Gronke noted he concurred with Councilor Van Bergen. He also said the use of capital funds should be addressed in the agreement.

Mr. Cooper discussed the admission tax. He noted the changes were included in the agreement section two, numbers nine through eleven. He explained the amended language.

Councilor Van Bergen asked who would enforce the agreement. Mr. Cooper said the document was enforceable in court.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend full Council adoption of the resolution.

Councilor Collier stated her dissatisfaction with the document. She apologized to the Trailblazers being caught up in the disagreements between Metro and the City. She explained the background of the budget approval process. She expressed concern about holding the City to the changes included in discussion during negotiations. She said she did not feel Metro's needs in accountability to the public were being addressed.

Councilor McFarland stated she intended to move the resolution. She said she could not support the verbal promises from the City.

Vote: Councilors Collier, McLain, and Washington voted aye. Councilors Gronke and McFarland voted nay. The vote was 3/2 and the motion passed.

With no further business before the committee, Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk