

Minutes of the Metro Council Regional Facilities Meeting
September 21, 1994
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: none

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

1. Consideration of Ordinance No. 94-568, Approving the Revision of Metro Code Section 4.01.050
Revising Admission Fees and Policies at Metro Washington Park Zoo

Kathy Kiaunis, Assistant Director, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She explained the change related to the education rates at the Zoo.

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

Casey Short, Senior Council Analyst, asked if the chaperones attended above the one to five ratio there would result an increase in admissions. Ms. Kiaunis stated the issue was examined carefully. She stated the emphasis was to require the chaperones to be 18 years of age. She noted the anticipated increase would be approximately \$12,000 in revenues.

Chair Hansen opened the public hearing. With no citizens appearing to testify, Chair Hansen closed the public hearing.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-2031, Exempting the Long Distance Service Carrier for the
Metro Washington Park Zoo from the Competitive Bidding, and Authorizing a Sole Source
Contract with Sprint

Judy Munro, Facilities Manager, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She explained the Zoo desired to track the long distance calls made at the Zoo. She explained the request included an exemption from Competitive Bidding.

In response to Councilor Gates, Ms. Munro stated the average long distance bill at the Zoo was \$1,400-1,500 per month. She explained to Councilor Washington that the system would not be changed. Councilor Washington suggested the proposal from Sprint be written and that the specifics be included. Chair Hansen suggested a clause allowing for review of the contract prior to three years. Councilor Gates noted a clause was included to allow contract withdrawal without penalty.

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

Motion to Amend: Councilor Moore moved to amend the resolution to indicate the contract would be reviewed annually.

The Committee discussed the use of past tense verbiage in the second whereas of the resolution.

Councilor Washington requested Sprint provide written verification of the escape clause.

Vote on Motion to Amend: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

In response to Mr. Short, Ms. Munro stated no other carriers could match the service and that the major carriers had been contacted.

Vote on Main Motion: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Review of MERC Resolutions

Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, and Jeff Blosser, OCC Manager, reviewed MERC Resolution Nos. 94-48 through 94-59, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting.

Mr. LaCrosse noted Resolution No. 94-48 may be appealed due to concerns about unfair competition.

The Committee discussed the history of concession pricing approval by the MERC.

4. Citizen Communications

No citizens appeared to testify.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 11-16-94