

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

June 14, 1988

Committee Members Present: Councilors David Knowles (Chair), Richard Waker and Mike Ragsdale

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Tanya Collier

Chair Knowles called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-934, for the Purpose of Recommending a Merger of the Boundary Commission with the Metropolitan Service District Providing that the Commission Hires and Directs Staff and that There be Limited Appeals of Commission Decisions to the Metro Council;

Consideration of Resolution No. 88-935, for the Purpose of Recommending a Merger of the Boundary Commission with the Metropolitan Service District Providing that the Metro Executive Officer Hire and Direct Staff, and that There be Limited Appeals of Commission Decisions to the Metro Council

Council Administrator Donald Carlson explained the two resolutions proposed alternate models for a merger of the Boundary Commission and Metro. He said both resolutions assume the Commissioners would be appointed by the Metro Executive Officer and the Commission's revenue source (local government assessments) would not change. Both resolutions would require the Commission to annually submit a budget request to Metro.

Mr. Carlson said Resolution No. 88-934 provides for Commission staff to be hired by the Commission under the Metro Pay and Classification Plans and for the Commission to be housed at its existing location until its lease terminates, after which office location would be reviewed by the Metro Council. Resolution No. 88-935 provides for Commission staff to be transferred to Metro and subsequent hiring to be by the Metro Executive Officer, and the Commission's activities to be carried out as an element of the Metro Planning and Development Department work program.

Chair Knowles then opened the public hearing on merger of the Boundary Commission with Metro.

Ken Martin, Executive Officer, Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission, testified the Commission had discussed the issue and favored no merger. However, if a merger were mandated, he stated, the Commissioners would favor Resolution No. 88-934 whereby the Commission would hire its own staff.

Debbie Sagen, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Gresham, said Gresham favored no merger and had concerns about the Commission maintaining its impartiality. She said if a merger were ordered, Gresham favored Resolution No. 88-934.

John Bonn, Acting Assistant Annexation Coordinator, City of Portland, testified that Portland had not yet had an opportunity to review the resolutions with its Council. He said, however, staff review raised questions regarding conflict of interest, administrative costs and neutrality. He referred to a letter from the Mayor's office addressed to Chair Knowles dated June 10, 1988. He said City staff deemed it essential that the Commission remain autonomous.

The Chair noted a resolution opposing the Boundary Commission/Metro merger had been received from the City of Beaverton. Letters opposing the merger had been received from the Clackamas County Rural Fire District No. 54, and the Cities of Molalla and Estacada. Additionally, Chair Knowles said letters opposed to merger but stating if a choice had to be made, favoring the resolution which would give the Commission the greatest degree of autonomy (Resolution No. 88-934) had been received from the Cities of Hillsboro, Canby and Lake Oswego.

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved to amend Exhibit A of Resolution No. 88-934 to add a section 7. which would state the Commission would assume current Metro responsibilities for administering the Urban Growth Boundary in accordance with criteria set by Metro.

Vote: . The vote on the motion was unanimous with the three councilors present voting aye.

The motion carried.

Councilor Waker stated he was not in favor of a closer relationship between Metro and the Boundary Commission, but felt it important to forward a resolution to the full Council for debate.

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved to recommend the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-934 as amended.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in the three councilors present voting aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on Resolution No. 88-935 since the Committee elected to support Resolution No. 88-934.

2. Presentation and Discussion of Issues Regarding Expansion of the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission on a Regional Basis

Gil Gutjahr, Administrative Officer, Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission presented an overview of the Commission's history and structure. He explained the Commission was funded by Multnomah County and comprised of five unsalaried commissioners appointed by the governor. He said the Commission's charge was to review and approve budgets and hold public hearings on proposed levies and bond issues for 50 local jurisdictions whose principal assessed value was within Multnomah County. Mr. Gutjahr said the Commission had previously considered expanding its purview to Washington and Clackamas Counties but had rejected the proposal due to the limited resources available in terms of staff and funding. He also stated the Commissioners were opposed to assuming supervisory responsibility for Washington and Clackamas County because of the considerable increase in work load it would require.

3. Review of Draft State of Oregon Legislation Regarding Reapportionment and Voters' Pamphlet

Greg McMurdo, Metro Government Relations Manager, reviewed two draft bills contained in the Committee meeting packet, one relating to the District reapportioning itself, and the other relating the District's ability to access the Voters' Pamphlet for text and arguments on Metro measures.

Motion: Councilor Waker moved approval of the draft bill on Metro reapportionment for inclusion in the District's legislative package.

Vote: The vote on the motion was unanimous, with all Committee members voting aye.

The motion carried.

Chair Knowles pointed out the Council had previously approved the concept of both bills through adoption of Resolution No. 88-916.

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved to approve the draft bill relating to Metro access to the Voters' Pamphlet for inclusion in the District's legislative package.

Vote: The vote on the motion was unanimous. All Committee members voted aye.

The motion carried.

Other Business

Consideration of Resolution No. 88-943 for the Purpose of Supporting  
Statutory Changes to Remove Impediments to the Merger of Tri-Met with  
the District

The Chair explained he had asked Council staff to draft the resolution. Adoption of the resolution would support only removal of legal impediments to merger and would not approve a merger.

Motion: Councilor Waker moved to recommend the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-943.

Vote: All three Committee members present voted aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Council Committee Clerk

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