

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

February 16, 1988

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

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Mike Bonner

Chair Knowles called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes

Motion: Councilor Waker moved to approve the minutes of
January 28, 1988. Councilor Ragsdale seconded the
motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all four Councilors
present voting aye. Councilor Bonner was absent.

The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

2. Status Report on Interim Task Force on Metropolitan Regional
Government

John Houser, Task Force Administrator for the interim legislative
committee, briefed the committee on the group's activities. His
testimony was submitted in writing for the meeting record. He
reported on activities of the following Task Force subcommittees:
Governance, Existing Functions, and Potential New Functions. He
reported that the full Task Force would next meet on Friday,
April 1, and he encouraged Council participation at that meeting.

Discussion followed concerning the feasibility of a Tri-Met/Metro
merger. Mr. Houser reported that testimony before the Task Force
had focused on the technical difficulties of a merger. Chair Knowles
thought any technical difficulties could easily be worked out if the
Legislature determined a merger would be beneficial to the region.
He asked Mr. Houser to convey to the Task Force that the Council had
no formal position on the matter but was seeking careful examination
of policy issues.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-844, for the Purpose of Examining the Current and Future Functions of Metro
4. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-846, for the Purpose of Examining the Funding of the Metropolitan Service District

Chair Knowles said the resolutions had been placed on the agenda as a means of discussing Metro functions and funding. The Committee would not be asked to take a position on these matters at this time.

Ray Phelps, Finance & Administration Director, discussed the many responsibilities Metro had assumed or for which it could assume authority. Metro needed to determine -- given limited resources and the realistic possibilities of assessing taxes -- which new areas it could realistically assume.

Don Carlson, Council Administrator, suggested staff and the Committee research past long-range fiscal policies adopted by the Council and determine whether those policies needed to be revised.

General discussion followed concerning whether a 1988 tax base election would achieve the goal of financial stability for the District. It was agreed the Council needed to develop its legislative package as soon as possible in order to present its needs to the Legislature.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson
Clerk of the Council

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