

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

September 6, 1988

Committee Members Present: Councilors Tom DeJardin (V. Chair),
Larry Cooper and Corky Kirkpatrick

Committee Member Absent: Councilors Sharron Kelley (Chair) and
Gary Hansen

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

1. Consideration of minutes

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Councilor
Cooper, to approve the minutes of August 4, 1988.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all three Councilors
present voting aye. Councilors Hansen and Kelley
were absent.

The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-978, for the Purpose of
Amending the Hay Purchase Contract with Ward Rugh, Inc. for the
Metro Washington Park Zoo

Dennis Pate, General Curator, summarized staff's written report. He
recommended extending the Ward Rugh contract, explaining that the \$5
per ton price increase was justified due to world market conditions.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved to recommend the Council
Internal Affairs Committee adopt the resolution.
Councilor Cooper seconded the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all three Councilors
present voting aye. Councilors Hansen and Kelley
were absent.

The motion carried.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-979, for the Purpose of
Increasing the Contract Allowance for Metro Washington Park Zoo
Africa Exhibit Gunite Work

Kay Rich, Zoo Assistant Director, presented an overview of staff's
written report. He discussed the history of the gunite work portion

Zoo Committee
September 6, 1988
Page 2

of the Africa Exhibit general contract and recommended a contract allowance increase of \$50,000 for the remaining work. Neil Saling, Construction Project Manager, concurred with Mr. Rich's recommendation.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Councilor Cooper, to recommend the full Council adopt the resolution.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all three Councilors present voting aye. Councilors Hansen and Kelley were absent.

The motion carried.

4. Briefing on Metro Washington Park Zoo Special Event: Festival of Light

Zoo Director Sherry Sheng reported on plans for a winter festival at the Zoo. She said the purpose of the festival was to increase Zoo attendance during a period when attendance was normally low. Many of the new exhibits had indoor areas and she thought the festival would highlight those amenities and demonstrate the advantages of winter visits to the Zoo. She anticipated the festival would occur for 20 days in December, would feature decorative lighting, seasonal music, "Santa" zoo trains, and other decorations. Similar festivals had been successful at the Brookfield, Cincinnati and Toledo zoos, she reported.

Staff were currently preparing detailed financial information to present to the Committee in October. Factors that would be taken into consideration would include corporate sponsorship to offset costs, additional paid and volunteer staffing required, cost of decorations and other supplies, and projected benefits of the festival. Ms. Sheng said she had planned for local school groups to provide music for the event without cost to Metro. She anticipated a budget adjustment would be required to provide for related revenue and expenses.

The Committee was supportive of staff's plans and requested a financial report in October.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson
Clerk of the Council

amn/0236D/313/10/12/88