

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: May 19, 1980

GROUP/SUBJECT: Council Coordinating Committee

PERSONS ATTENDING: Couns. Kafoury, Rhodes, Stuhr, Deines, Kirkpatrick
Staff: Denton Kent, Charles Shell, Merle Irvine,
Cynthia Wichmann, Priscilla Ditewig

SUMMARY:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting of April 14

The minutes were approved as written.

Discussion of Increasing Council Per Diem to Reflect Inflationary Trends and Costs

Chairman Kafoury introduced the subject, stating that the per diem issue had been raised by Coun. Deines at the May 1 Council Meeting. Per diem is now set at \$30 with a maximum of five meetings a month and \$1500 a month allowed for expenses. One possible option would be to raise per diem to \$35 per meeting and six meetings a month, but leave expenses at \$1500.

Coun. Deines stated that he would prefer to set per diem at \$35 and allow expenses on meeting days.

Mr. Kent indicated that there would be no prohibition or adverse tax consequence to charging expenses in addition to per diem on meeting days.

Coun. Rhodes stated that she is opposed to raising per diem to \$35 and moved to keep per diem at \$30, allow six meetings a month and separate expenses on meeting days. Coun. Stuhr seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

In connection with this matter, Mr. Kent raised the question of mileage rates.

Coun. Rhodes, seconded by Coun. Deines, moved to recommend to the Council to change the personnel rules and set mileage according to federal guidelines.

Mr. Kent said that personnel rules are adopted by Ordinance and suggested that the Council's intent to use the federal indexing be established by Resolution until the personnel rules can be amended to reflect the change.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation of Adopting ICMA Retirement Corporation Plan Option for Metro Employees

Mr. Kent stated that under this plan, the International City Managers Association (ICMA) sets up a trustee who holds both the employee's and employer's share as public money. The level of participation is subject to agreement between the employee and the jurisdiction and in this case will be 5% for both the employee and employer.

Coun. Stuhr, seconded by Coun. Deines, moved to recommend approval of the ICMA Retirement Plan to the full Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Approving and Authorizing Positions of Chief Landfill Clerk and Landfill Attendant in Solid Waste Department

The Resolution would approve establishment of a Chief Landfill Clerk classification at a salary range 5.0 and a Landfill Attendant classification at a salary range 3.0.

Coun. Rhodes asked for examples of other Level 3.0 and 5.0 jobs.

Chairman Kafoury stated that the Chief Landfill Clerk seemed undercompensated for the amount of supervisory capacity and asked for an example of Level 6.0 jobs.

Mr. Charles Shell responded that Accounting Technicians are Level 6.0 positions and in the evaluation process, it was determined that Landfill Clerks would not have as much responsibility as Accounting Technicians who are responsible for all Metro payroll and accounts payable.

Coun. Rhodes, seconded by Coun. Stuhr, moved to recommend approval of the positions of Chief Landfill Clerk and Landfill Attendant. The motion carried unanimously.

Transferring Appropriations within the Solid Waste Operating Fund for FY 1981

Mr. Merle Irvine, Director of Solid Waste Department, stated that the interim contractor starts on June 1 and there are certain capital purchases that must be made prior to that date. In order to make those expenditures two alternatives were considered. A supplemental budget could be adopted reflecting the revenues received during June and making the necessary appropriations. Or, money available in the Solid Waste contingency could be transferred to the Materials and Services and Capital Outlay categories to cover the costs for June. The second alternative was chosen because it would not require action by the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) and could be completed prior to July 1.

Coun. Rhodes, seconded by Coun. Deines, moved to recommend approval of

the Ordinance transferring funds within the Solid Waste Operating Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Establishing Disposal Charges to be Collected at St. Johns Landfill

Mr. Irvine indicated that the recommendation is to continue the existing rates until October 1, at which time there will be a rate increase. A loan, which will later be repaid, will be made from the Solid Waste Operating Fund to cover the four month period of time from June 1 to October 1.

Mr. Kent explained to the Committee that the Ordinance had already been recommended to the full Council by the Services Committee; however, since it is an item involving revenue and monetary regulation, it should be reviewed by the Coordinating Committee as well.

Coun. Rhodes raised the question of public hearings and asked if there was a public hearing scheduled in connection with this particular Ordinance.

Mr. Kent replied that there was no public hearing scheduled for this Ordinance and stated that the Council policy calls for an opportunity for public comment at the first reading of an Ordinance, but does not necessarily require a formal public hearing. Those items which are scheduled for public hearings are either required by law, or are a sensitive enough issue to warrant a formal hearing.

Coun. Stuhr asked if it would be Metro's policy to schedule two public hearings if there is substantial interest.

Coun. Rhodes stated that she felt it was inappropriate to have a public hearing at the same time of a final vote, because either citizen testimony is ignored, or the Council is forced to make decisions without having time to think them through completely.

Mr. Kent said that as the Committees become more the focus of debate, there will be more public hearings taking place at the Committee levels.

Chairman Kafoury stated that the Coordinating Committee should put together a procedure for public hearings and insist that it be followed.

Coun. Rhodes, seconded by Coun. Deines, moved to recommend, as the Regional Services Committee had, approval of the Ordinance establishing disposal charges at the St. Johns landfill, with two stipulations:

- (1) that Metro indicate its intent to return the extra 100% disposal fee for uncovered loads to the city of Portland
- (2) that there will be new fees set in October

The motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year 1980 Budget - Third Quarter Report

Chairman Kafoury asked why, with approximately 17% of the fiscal year remaining, there is such a large percentage of money left in certain funds.

Mr. Kent explained that there has been underspending in some areas in order to attain a \$250,000 contingency.

Mr. Shell added that the percent of funds remaining is rather high in restrictive revenue funds such as the Solid Waste Operating Fund.

Chairman Kafoury stated that she was referring to line items in Materials and Services and Capital Outlay which point out a flaw in our ability to determine our rate of expenditure.

Discussion followed on the activities of the Council committees. It was decided that since the next Coordinating Committee was set for June 16 at 4 p.m. and the Johnson Creek hearing set for that same day at 7 p.m., the Coordinating Committee would be rescheduled for Tuesday, June 17 in order to avoid a conflict.

There will be an informational meeting for citizens regarding Johnson Creek on Tuesday, June 10 and further information will be provided the night of the public hearing beginning at 6 p.m. at Marshall High School.

Coun. Stuhr asked the Committee's opinion regarding scheduling extra meetings of the Regional Planning Committee if it appears they are going to run more than four hours and stated that there had been a problem starting the meetings on time due to a lack of a quorum.

Chairman Kafoury said that Committee members have a certain responsibility for arriving at meetings on time and that the Planning Committee needs to decide on a convenient meeting time and whether or not to schedule two meetings a month.

Coun. Rhodes suggested that plan review could be scheduled at a special meeting.

Coun. Stuhr indicated that she feels she is not fully informed of correspondence and phone calls that come into Metro - either positive or negative.

Chairman Kafoury said this problem is largely a function of the system in that Councilors do not have a representative who would refer problems to them.

Coun. Rhodes said she would prefer to have the staff handle most of the problems; however, the public should know that the way to reach

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the Council is through the Committees or the Councilor in their district.

Coun. Stuhr asked that it be a staff priority that citizen comments be addressed as soon as possible.

Chairman Kafoury briefly discussed two upcoming European trips which had received comments from various Councilors regarding the selection process.

One trip, sponsored by EPA, is intended to investigate mass incineration technology in Europe. EPA is paying for Coun. Berkman and Cary Jackson, Resource Recovery Project Manager.

The German Marshall Fund is sponsoring the other trip, the purpose of which is to look at joint development and land use activities in Europe. Trip participants will include Executive Officer Rick Gustafson, Denton Kent, Chairman Kafoury, Earl Blumenauer, Burton Weast, and John Russell. There will be others who will pay their own way. Chairman Kafoury indicated that other Councilors may go on the trip if they want to pay for it.

The meeting was adjourned.