

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: August 18, 1980

GROUP/SUBJECT: Council Coordinating Committee

PERSONS ATTENDING: Couns. Kafoury, Deines, Banzer, Rhodes, Burton, Schedeen

Staff: Denton Kent, Caryl Waters, Andy Jordan, Sonnie Russill, Merle Irvine, Sue Woodford, Walter Monasch, Judy Roumpf, Doug Drennan, Paula Godwin, Jennifer Sims

Others: Duane Lemley, Gail Brown-Arend, Ronald Cease, Eleanor Smith, Carl Halvorson, Phil Bogue, Mike Burton, Donald Ballinger, Frank Chown, Richard Arend, Bob Goldstein, Brenda Gates-Monasch, Bob Bischel

SUMMARY:

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Chairman Kafoury.

Minutes of Meeting of June 17

The minutes of the June 17 meeting were approved as distributed.

I. Council Interview of and Recommendation Concerning Candidate for the Position of Legislative Liaison

Coun. Kafoury and Mr. Kent described the process by which Mr. Isaac Reigenstrief had been selected as the candidate for Legislative Liaison and outlined Mr. Reigenstrief's background and experience. Mr. Reigenstrief was questioned extensively by members of the Committee, after which the Committee agreed to recommend that Mr. Reigenstrief's appointment to this position be confirmed by the full Council.

II. Recommendation on Ordinance Transferring Funds Within the General Fund of the FY 1981 Budget

Mr. Kent explained the reasons for requesting the fund transfers contained in this ordinance. Following discussion of the various positions involved, the Committee agreed to recommend adoption of this ordinance by the full Council.

III. Recommendation on Ordinance Establishing Disposal Charges to be Collected at the St. Johns Landfill

Mr. Irvine discussed the background of the proposed rate changes, reporting on recent Regional Services Committee and SWPAC meetings dealing with the issue. Those bodies made the following recommendations:

- 1) Minimum charge should be based on the charge for one ton.
- 2) There should be no charge for certain inert materials such as those used in operation of the landfill.
- 3) The policy of night dumping should be reviewed with an eye to the possibility of reducing hours of operation.
- 4) Conversion to charging on a weight basis should occur in 1981.
- 5) Cost of expansion should be distributed over the entire district through the Metro user fee.

The meeting was opened for public testimony. Mr. Bob Bischel asked for clarification of several points. There was no further public testimony.

The Committee discussed several aspects of the proposed ordinance and its impacts. Staff was requested to further refine the financial projections to ensure that the suggested rates would provide adequate funding for break-even operations and expansion over the longer term.

The Committee then agreed to refer this ordinance back to the Regional Services Committee with the recommendations that 1) subsidies to St. Johns should stop as soon as possible; and 2) fee changes should be effective as of October 1, 1980. The Committee felt that recommendations to the Council on this matter should come from the Regional Services Committee.

IV. Discussion of Procedures for Filling District 1 Council Vacancy

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that an interim appointment be made at the September 25 meeting to fill the District 1 vacancy on the Council, following the procedure developed when Coun. Miller was replaced. It was pointed out that any appointee would have to conduct a write-in campaign for the November election in order to retain the position.

V. Public Hearing and Recommendation on Draft Five Year Operational Plan

Following a presentation on the development of the five year plan, the meeting was opened for public testimony.

Mr. Ron Cease supported the concept of the five year plan and the approach taken, though he felt that portions of the Plan were confusing and difficult to read. He suggested a number of changes, and expressed the opinion that flexibility would be severely inhibited were it to be adopted by ordinance. He asked that funding sources be assigned for each particular activity.

Ms. Gail Brown-Arend made the following recommendations:

- 1) Criminal justice and housing planning functions should be continued.
- 2) The A-95 Review process should be strengthened and developed.
- 3) Metro should participate in or facilitate a regional forum for human services agencies.
- 4) The possibility of providing technical support for human services agencies should be explored.
- 5) The expansion of Project Health to a regional basis should be facilitated.

Of her recommendations, she gave top priority to the A-95 Review process.

Duane C. Lemley, speaking on behalf of David Lawrence, Director of the Multnomah County Department of Human Services, asked that human services needs be addressed in planning activities and suggested that Metro assist in establishing Project Health on a regional basis. He felt it would be inappropriate, however, for Metro to become involved in delivery of human services.

Mr. Frank Chown spoke in support of the development of spectator facilities for the region and advocated that this issue be given a higher priority than that presently assigned in the Plan.

Mr. Donald Ballinger, Executive Director of the Tri-County Community Council, asked that reference be made to the value of relating human services to physical planning. He also felt a commitment should be made to working with the Tri-County Community Council and Northwest Oregon Health Systems.

Coun. Mike Burton reiterated the concerns expressed in his memo of June 10 to the Coordinating Committee, emphasizing his conviction that adoption of the Five Year Plan by ordinance would severely limit the Council's flexibility. His ordering of priorities was unchanged, and he suggested that involvement in human services at this time be limited to coordination.

Mr. Phil Bogue commended Metro for developing the Plan, commenting that the section dealing with areas in which no involvement was contemplated was particularly valuable. He was concerned, however, that while it is desirable to coordinate economic development, attempts to do so are likely to prove futile unless there is some form of attendant fiscal control.

Mr. Carl Halvorsen supported Mr. Bogue's comments. He suggested that in the course of addressing air quality, the potentials of utilizing cable television within the context of a regional two-way communications

system be explored. He also suggested that Metro look seriously at taking over the functions of the Boundary Commission.

Eleanor Smith, Acting Director of the Urban Indian Council Health Program, emphasized the importance of incorporating health and human services needs into the five year plan, with special attention to maintaining water quality.

There being no other persons present who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed. There was a short recess.

Members of the Committee asked for an opportunity to study the testimony before making a recommendation to the Council. Accordingly, a work session was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, for the purpose of discussing and making a recommendation on the operational plan.

VI. Other Matters of Concern

There was brief discussion of the status of the contract negotiations with the Friends of the Washington Park Zoo.

Mr. Kent brought to the Committee's attention a proposed personnel change aimed at alleviating problems with switchboard overload and responding to citizen requests for information. The changes would be implemented on a temporary basis initially, and would involve an increase in expenditure of approximately \$15,000. He requested that members of the Committee review the proposal and respond individually in time to take a recommendation to the Council at their meeting of September 4. The Committee agreed to the request.

There being no further public business, the Committee went into executive session in accordance with Oregon statutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Written by Cynthia Wichmann