

COUNCIL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting  
of December 13, 1982

Committee Members Present: Councilors Banzer, Bonner, Burton, Deines, Oleson, and Schedeen.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Other Councilors Present: Councilors Etlinger, Kirkpatrick, and Williamson

Also Present: Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer.

Staff: Don Carlson, Jennifer Sims, Dolug Robertson, Dan Durig, Norm Wietting, Ray Barker, Doug Drennen

Testifiers: Pat Stryker, Portland Recycling Team  
Gil Henderson, Fred S. James Company

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Chairman Jack Deines.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the meetings of October 18 and November 15, 1982 were approved as submitted.

2. PRT Management Report

Ms. Pat Stryker, Portland Recycling Team, announced that since PRT had been able to negotiate some rate reductions and other economies which would allow them to continue their operation for several months, they would not be going out of business January 1st as previously believed. She also indicated that PRT had ceased negotiations with PRROS because it was their feeling that PRROS was not responsive to their concerns for a very long term commitment to the continuation of recycling.

Ms. Stryker indicated that PRT had available for the staff the responses to a questionnaire they had sent out regarding the curbside recycling experiment they had undertaken. She briefly commented on some of the responses.

Ms. Stryker then distributed to the Committee copies of PRT's Management Report for November, stating it had been a very low volume month for them. (copy of the report is attached to the agenda of the meeting).

3. Employees' Association.

Mr. Doug Robertson, Chairman of Metro's Employees Association, presented the Committee with a letter regarding a COLA for the downtown employees. He said the Association wanted the Council to keep in mind the possibility of a Cost of Living Adjustment during the FY 83-84 budget process. (Copy of the letter is attached to the agenda of the meeting)

4. Annual Report on Insurance

Jennifer Sims, Budget and Administration Services Manager, stated that the Annual Report on Insurance had been distributed previously and that Gil Henderson of the Fred S. James Company was present to go over highlights of the report. (A copy of the Report is attached to the agenda of the meeting) She said that between the Zoo and General Fund there had been a 20% savings in costs for the year and that they were moving insurance coverage to run on a fiscal year basis to keep its timing consistent with the budget.

Mr. Gil Henderson then reviewed highlights of the annual report and recommendations for Council's consideration.

5. Consideration of citizens to serve with Coordinating Committee during FY 83-84 budget process.

Chairman Deines stated there had been a total of five names submitted by Councilors to serve. He said he would submit the names to the Council after the first of the year for approval.

6. Appointment of Michael Holstun to Approved List of Hearings Officers.

Don Carlson, Deputy Executive Officer, presented the staff report, as contained in the agenda of the meeting.

Motion and Vote: Councilor Bonner moved that the Committee recommend Council approval of Michael Holstun's appointment to the list of approved Hearings Officers. Councilor Banzer seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Legislative Update

Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer, outlined his recommendations for a legislative process for Metro during the 1983 legislative session, as contained in his memorandum to the Coordinating Committee (a copy of the memo is attached to the agenda of the meeting). His primary recommendations were:

- That Metro expend no funds for general Metro interests, but a legislative group comprised of Don Carlson, Ray Barker and Dan LaGrande would coordinate activities to accomplish Metro's interests.
- That a more direct effort was needed for the zoo and solid waste and he was recommending that \$10,000 in each fund be set aside for lobbying purposes.
- That such lobbying effort be accomplished a) by contracting with an outside person, or b) using in-house personnel. He said he was recommending that Tom O'Connor be assigned the legislative liaison position to lobby on behalf of the zoo and solid waste departments.

Councilor Bonner expressed reluctance to mount such a lobbying effort and a preference that existing staff and Councilors conduct the effort.

Councilor Burton said he thought the Executive Officer's recommendation was a good attempt to give Council direction. He suggested that someone from the Council should sit with the legislative group to ensure a coordinated effort and an information flow.

Councilor Kirkpatrick stated that the Coordinating Committee should be responsible for the coordination between the legislative group and the Council. She also reminded the Committee that the Council had not yet adopted a legislative program and that such a program was essential to set a policy framework for the staff. She agreed that someone was needed in Salem to track items of interest to Metro and that Councilors should testify when appropriate.

There was then considerable discussion regarding the need for a legislative liaison, who should fill the role, and the need for coordination between the staff, Executive Officer and Council.

Motion: Councilor Burton moved that the Committee recommend Council approval of the Executive Officer's recommendation for a legislative review process, with the added recommendation that the Deputy Presiding Officer and Presiding Officer serve as liaison between the legislative group and the Coordinating Committee, and that the Executive Officer submit time and expenditure reports to the Coordinating Committee monthly on funds spent from the Solid Waste and Zoo budgets.

Councilor Schedeen seconded the motion.

Councilor Bonner inquired if it was the intent of the motion to include Tom O'Connor as the legislative liaison and if so, would there be a confirmation meeting regarding his appointment.

Councilor Burton responded that the intent of his motion was to include Mr. O'Connor as the legislative liaison and said that since questions regarding Mr. O'Connor had arise that a confirmation meeting be held prior to the December 21st regular Council meeting.

Mr. Gustafson agreed to set up a confirmation meeting for the Council.

Vote: The vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Banzer, Burton, Deines, Oleson and Schedeen.

Nays: Councilor Bonner.

Motion carried.

Councilor Etlinger asked when a legislative program was going to be considered and adopted by the Committee. Chairman Deines stated that another meeting would have to be set up to look at the legislative program and asked Mr. Barker to make sure it was on the next Coordinating Committee meeting agenda. He also said that he hoped the other Council committees would review the legislative package for items which may be of concern to their committee and come back to the Council with recommendations.

8. Consideration of memorandum directing the Executive Officer to take certain actions regarding solid waste program.

Chairman Deines stated that this item was taken care of in the budget revisions and that he didn't see any need for Committee action at this time.

9. Budget Revisions for FY 82-83.

Jennifer Sims presented an overview of the proposed changes in the budget (contained in the agenda of the meeting).

Chairman Deines said he understood there were funding problems with the Criminal Justice program and asked how it stood. Don Carlson responded that a program audit was being conducted and a report and recommendation would be prepared for the January Coordinating Committee meeting.

Dan Durig, Solid Waste Department Director, presented the staff report on the Solid Waste budget revisions, as contained in the agenda of the meeting.

Councilor Bonner commented that he was pleased with the staff's quick response to the Council's policy change in the solid waste program. He also remarked that the Council needed a policy on development expenses, or a formula for how much money should be spent by Metro in upfront costs for development, and encouraged the Committee to pursue such a policy. He also felt a general time table was needed to get a decision made on the solid waste program so that questions and proposals coming in could be responded to. He said the Services Committee should work on that program. Councilor Bonner then asked when the Blue Ribbon Committee would complete and present their report. Doug Drennen, Solid Waste Department, responded that the report would be printed within the next week and before the Council by the first of the year.

Motion and Vote: Councilor Banzer moved that the Committee recommend Council adoption of Ordinance No. 82-150, an ordinance relating to the FY 1982-83 budget and appropriations schedule; eliminating three energy recovery facility funds; eliminating the drainage fund, creating a sewer assistance fund, and amending Ordinance No. 82-132. Councilor Schedeen seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

10. Big Fir Landfill

Councilor Banzer informed the Committee that she had received a letter from Russ Fetrow, the consulting engineer working on the Big Fir Landfill proposal. She said she was going to respond to the letter by stating that the Council was basically neutral on the issue. Councilor Bonner commented that Metro wasn't neutral because if the Wildwood Landfill was finally approved, Metro could not provide the volume of waste that the Big Fir proposal required and therefore could not support it.

11. Filling of Council Vacancy

Ray Barker, Council Assistant, distributed materials regarding the Council vacancy. (Copies attached to the agenda of the meeting).

Councilor Banzer stated she had received a communication from Councilor-elect Van Bergen who had indicated his strong opposition to the appointment of Councilor Williamson to the District 3 vacancy without a public process for filling the vacancy. Councilor Schedeen commented that it would be a sham to go through a public process to fill the District 3 vacancy when it was the Council's intention to appoint Councilor Williamson to the District 3 vacancy because reapportionment had left him representing a district he did not live in and appointment to District 3 would put him in his proper district.

Councilor Banzer also indicated she had received a letter of intent to resign from Councilor Williamson if he was assured appointment to the District 3 position.

There was discussion regarding the process for filling the vacancy, and the schedule. It was agreed that the schedule proposed by Ray Barker be adopted, with the deletion of the nominating committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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