

COUNCIL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
of January 17, 1983

Committee Members Present: Councilors Banzer, Bonner, Deines, Kirkpatrick, Oleson, and Van Bergen.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Other Councilors Present: Councilors Etlinger and Kelley.

Also Present: Executive Officer Rick Gustafson.

Staff: Donald Carlson, Ray Barker, Kay Rich, Tom O'Connor, Jack Bails, Jennifer Sims, Sue Klobertanz, Andrew Jordan, Dan LaGrande, Dennis Mulvihill, and Norm Wietting.

The meeting was convened at 5:40 p.m. by Chairman Jack Deines.

1. Zoo and Solid Waste Legislative Guidelines.

Tom O'Connor, Legislative Assistant, presented his memo of January 24, 1983 to the Committee. (A copy of the memo is attached to the agenda of the meeting.). He requested guidance and direction from the Councilors regarding legislation pertaining to the Zoo and Solid Waste.

Zoo

There was general discussion regarding the maintenance of funding for the Zoo and potential legislation for additional sources of revenue for the Zoo, as well as what Metro's role should be in securing resources not only for the Zoo but the overall organization.

Councilor Kelley suggested that the Committee get copies of the proposed revenue packages so they could study them in order to determine what the options were.

Solid Waste

Mr. O'Connor informed the Committee that a task force set up by DEQ with representation from OEC, recycling people, DEQ staff, haulers, landfill operators, League of Oregon Cities, Associated Oregon Counties, and Metro was meeting weekly to look at all the DEQ legislation and hash it out before it came up in committee. He said the task force was a very useful tool for

Metro to get feedback on what's going on and the position of the different organizations.

Councilor Banzer stated that while specific bills should be monitored, Councilor's Bonner's recycling task force needed to bring back some proposed guidelines and policies as soon as possible. Councilor Deines agreed and said Metro needed to be more assertive about where it stood and make some suggestions to the legislature based on Metro's experience.

Mr. O'Connor stated he would be uncomfortable if Metro waited to develop a solid waste recycling policy because the legislation may happen before that policy was developed. He asked the committee to consider the specific bills for recommendation.

Councilor Bonner suggested that his Recycling Task Force could take on the study of alternative financing for recycling as one of its priorities in order to get something before the legislature.

Councilor Deines pointed out that Metro does have some adopted policy, the Waste Reduction Plan, for instance, which Mr. O'Connor could use to determine Metro's position on specific bills.

Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer, inserted that the Waste Reduction Plan laid out a five year program of voluntary recycling. He said the question was really what position did the Council wish to take if, for instance, legislation was introduced which would mandate curbside service or would attempt to prescribe some sort of mandated service--was Metro opposed or neutral because the Plan said voluntary. He said a position was going to need to be taken on specific bills.

Councilor Deines suggested that maybe a full day session was needed in order to address the specific bills in light of current programs and plans.

Councilor Banzer asked Councilor Bonner if his task force could bring something to the Council which provided background and a basis on which to begin discussion. Councilor Bonner responded that it would be fairly easy to get back to the Council within six months with a recommended 5-year recycling program, but that it was going to take a sense of urgency on the part of both the Council and the staff to do that. Councilor Banzer asked Councilor Bonner if he come to the Council in a couple of weeks with recommendations on some of the specific general

policies which Mr. O'Connor was outlining. Councilor Bonner stated there was no framework to work within to take a position one way or another on the specific legislation. He said until the Council came to a decision on a 5-year recycling program which was relatively specific and was agreed to, the Council was going to have problems addressing specific legislation.

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked Mr. O'Connor if the Waste Reduction Plan provided him with any direction. Mr. O'Connor responded that it gave some general direction in terms of a voluntary program outside of the legislative process but it didn't speak to promoting specific programs through the legislative process. He said he needed feedback, not in terms of a full solid waste recycling policy, but on some of the key legislative issues.

The Committee then spent some time discussing the Waste Reduction Plan and using it to form positions on legislation.

Councilor Deines stated that there probably wasn't going to be any majority opinion expressed on the proposed legislation before them and again suggested that a work session be set up.

Councilor Van Bergen asked to receive copies of the bills so he can see the actual language. He said he could be more responsive if he could see the bills.

Councilor Kelley agreed with Councilor Van Bergen and asked for additional background information. She said she thought the workshop idea was a good one.

Councilor Deines said he would have Mr. Barker work on setting up a special session of the Committee to spend time looking at the legislation.

Councilor Banzer suggested that the legislative group already set up could be expanded to involve more Councilors.

Mr. O'Connor stated that things move very quickly down at the legislature and if a work session was going to be set up it would need to be done soon.

2. Consideration of FY 1983-84 Budget Schedule.

Jennifer Sims, Budget & Administrative Services Manager, presented the staff report, as contained in the agenda of the meeting.

Chairman Deines stated since there were no objections, the schedule was approved, as submitted.

3. Implementation of Resolution No. 83-385.

Councilor Kelley presented a proposed questionnaire to aid in the implementation of Resolution 83-385, which set up a citizens group to evaluate candidates for appointment to Council vacancies. She then went over an evaluation form to be used by the citizens and a list of questions to be asked each candidate.

Councilor Kirkpatrick requested that Council members not present at the Committee meeting receive copies of the questions and questionnaire before the Council meeting on January 18th at which time the Council would be determining the process it would use in selecting a new Councilor.

4. Consideration of Citizen Involvement in the Budget Process for FY 1983-84.

Mr. Ray Barker, Council Assistant, presented the staff report, as contained in the agenda of the meeting. He also distributed to the Committee a memorandum regarding Citizen Appointees to the Budget Committee which listed names recommended by Councilors or people who had expressed an interest in serving on the committee. (A copy of the memorandum is attached to the agenda of the meeting.)

There was Committee discussion of the recommended names.

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved that James Bowles, Ron Cease, Alice Dingler, Gary Spanovich, and Chris Tobkin be appointed to serve with the Coordinating Committee on the budget; and that John Danielson be appointed as an alternate. Councilor Banzer seconded the motion.

Vote: By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Big Fir Landfill.

Chairman Deines presented a draft letter addressed to Mr. MacPhee (a copy of the letter is attached to the agenda of the meeting)

Motion: Councilor Bonner moved that the Committee recommend Council approval and signature by the Presiding Officer of the letter addressed to Mr. MacPhee. Councilor Oleson seconded the motion.

Councilor Kirkpatrick suggested that a paragraph might be added that technical data regarding solid waste flow was available from the staff. Mr. Wietting, Solid Waste Department, suggested that the waste generation information prepared for the ERF could be attached to the letter. Councilor Banzer suggested that a sentence could be included which stated that staff was available to respond to technical questions.

Councilor Van Bergen said he liked the letter the way it was presented and didn't see the need to volunteer the staff to aid an individual. Councilor Deines agreed and pointed out that each time the staff responded to a proposal, it cost time and money.

Councilor Banzer suggested a new paragraph begin where the sentence "If your proposal is approved by Yamhill County..." began.

Vote: By voice vote, the motion to recommend Council approval of the letter to Mr. MacPhee, as submitted, carried unanimously.

6. Report on Criminal Justice Program.

Don Carlson, Deputy Executive Officer, presented his memorandum of January 14th regarding the Status of the Criminal Justice Planning Program (a copy of the memorandum is attached to the agenda of the meeting). He said Jack Bails, Director of the Criminal Justice Planning Department, Leslie Haines of the Tri-County Youth Consortium, and Sue Klobertanz, Management Analyst, were available to answer any questions the Committee might have.

Mr. Carlson said the conclusions, as outlined in the memo, were that the current level of staff be continued to meet contractual obligations; that discussions with the Youth Consortium and granting agencies be entered into regarding additional payment for overhead services rendered; and to work with the Criminal Justice staff and Council during the FY 1983-84 budget process to make a decision on the future goals, objectives and programs for the department.

Mr. Bails added that an additional \$37,000 from the University of Illinois would probably come through to carry out existing obligations under the Detention Alternatives Project through July. Chairman Deines asked if the money would cover Metro costs. Mr. Bails responded that the \$37,000 would support the program and staff through the end of the fiscal year.

Councilor Bonner inquired what decision was being asked of the committee. Mr. Carlson responded that earlier it had looked like the committee would be asked to make a recommendation to appropriate funds from the general fund to the planning fund to continue the program in the current fiscal year. He said that an analysis conducted by Sue Klobertanz indicated that the program will be able to continue to the end of the fiscal year at the current level of expenditures. He said the issue was not yet settled because the Council needed to decide what sort of program they wanted in that area and where the resources to fund it would come from.

Councilor Bonner stated that Metro should press on in the area of Criminal Justice, particularly with the initiatives the Counties were making regarding detention facilities. He said it was a clear role for Metro. He said if the question was whether Criminal Justice or some other program should receive general fund money, he didn't see how they could decide that without knowing what the trade-offs were. Mr. Carlson responded they were not asking that question at this time.

Chairman Deines stated it had gone from a budget decision which might have had to occur immediately to a decision which had now been postponed to the FY 83-84 budget process.

Councilor Oleson commented that instead of looking at ways to cut back the program, they should be looking at ways to expand it.

Councilor Banzer stated before they starting committing to expansion of money, that they should first decide what kind of program they wanted.

Councilor Oleson commented that it would be a good idea to spend a little more time on the program before the budget process began, and asked Mr. Bails to coordinate with Tom O'Connor the legislative activities in Salem because there might be some opportunities which could be capitalized upon.

Councilor Van Bergen then asked several questions regarding the program and staff. He commented that he liked the programs

described in the report but disagreed with the contention that jail houses were the answer to the criminal problem.

7. Council Reorganization Proposal.

Councilor Oleson distributed to the Committee a proposal for Council reorganization (copy of the proposal is attached to the agenda of the meeting). He said it was an effort to address some of the organizational problems which had been discussed by some of the Councilors. He said he was not going to push it unless there was an interest to do so. Councilor Van Bergen stated he had had the opportunity see the proposal previously and said he was in disagreement with it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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