

COUNCIL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
AUGUST 15, 1983

Committee Members Present: Councilors Banzer, Etlinger, Hansen, Kafoury, Kirkpatrick, and Oleson.

Other Councilors Present: Councilors Deines, Kelley, Van Bergen, and Williamson.

Staff Present: Andrew Jordan, Donald Carlson, Ray Barker, Jennifer Sims, and Tom O'Connor.

A regular meeting of the Council Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chairperson Kirkpatrick at 5:40 p.m.

1. Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- 1.1 Minutes of the meetings of April 4, April 6, April 13, April 17, and June 13, 1983.
- 1.2 Legislative Liaison's Time & Expense Reports for June and July.
- 1.3 Summary Affirmative Action Report--July 1983.

Motion: Councilor Kafoury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda. Councilor Oleson seconded the motion.

Vote: By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 83-426, for the purpose of continuing the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee.

Councilor Hansen, a member of the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee, explained that the Committee would provide a valuable information exchange forum and should be continued.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved that the Committee recommend Council adoption of the Resolution. Councilor Oleson seconded the motion.

Councilor Kafoury asked who the members of the Committee were and what were the Committee's long-range plans. Councilor Hansen responded that the Committee discussed mostly transportation issues and the coordination thereof, although they had

discussed some solid waste issues. He cited some of the names of the members of the Committee.

Vote: By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Guidelines for Council Expenses.

Chairperson Kirkpatrick presented the staff report, as contained in the agenda of the meeting. She also had distributed the following materials: Previous informal guidelines of the Council, a draft of the City of Portland's guidelines for Allowability of Miscellaneous Expenditures, and an excerpt from the 1982 RIA Master Federal Tax Manual (copies are attached to the agenda of the meeting)

She said her intent was to go through the options outlined in the staff report, discuss them, and then ask staff to draft guidelines for Council consideration. She indicated that Councilor Banzer had also submitted a memorandum regarding Council expenses (a copy of the memo is attached to the agenda of the meeting).

Councilor Etlinger stated he wasn't sure why the Committee was discussing the issue and felt the status quo was acceptable. Chairperson Kirkpatrick responded that there were no formal guidelines adopted by the Council and that several Councilors had indicated a desire for more formal procedures. She said as Committee Chair she wanted to bring the issue before the Committee for discussion. Councilor Oleson indicated that it was appropriate to have a pro and con discussion regarding the issue. Councilor Hansen said he also wasn't sure why they needed to discuss the issue and that he felt the status quo was acceptable.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved that the issue of Council Expenses be tabled. Councilor Oleson seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Banzer, Etlinger, Hansen, and Oleson.

Nays: Councilors Kafoury and Kirkpatrick.

Motion carried.

4. Consideration of Contracts for Workers' Compensation and Employee Health Benefits.

Jennifer Sims, Budget and Administrative Services Manager, presented the staff report as contained in the agenda of the meeting. She indicated that to continue the Kaiser and Great West Health Plans at the same level of benefit would increase the employees' fringe rate over 30%, exceeding the budgeted rate by 2.4 percent. She said the increase in the fringe rate was due to rate increases by both Kaiser and Great West.

She said the recommendation was to continue the two health plans for the current fiscal year and to conduct a study prior to the 1984-85 budget process to determine cost-saving options available.

Councilor Etlinger suggested that a cap per employee be considered when studying cost-saving options.

Motion: Councilor Kafoury moved that the Committee recommend Council approval of employee health benefit contracts with Great West and Kaiser, and that a study be conducted prior to the next fiscal year's budget process to determine cost-saving options.

Vote: By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sims then outlined the options available for Workers' Compensation coverage as required by ORS Ch. 656. She said the recommendation was to continue the contract with SAIF.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved that the Committee recommend Council approval of continuation of the contract with SAIF for Workers' Compensation.

Vote: By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Status of Pay and Classification Plan Study.

Ms. Sims presented a report on the status of the Pay and Classification Plan Study (see memorandum attached to the agenda of the meeting). She indicated that the Council Coordinating Committee would be reviewing a proposed plan in December.

5a. Sublease of Metro Office Space.

Ms. Sims indicated that she was presently negotiating with Columbia Research Center to sublease approximately 3,000 square feet of Metro office space. She outlined some of the contract terms being negotiated and indicated that if a contract was agreed to by Columbia Research, the contract would be presented to the Council for approval at the August 25th meeting.

6. Legislative Briefing--Special Session.

Tom O'Connor, Legislative Liaison, reviewed with the Committee some of the Tax Relief Proposals which may be considered by a Special Session of the Legislature. He outlined four proposals in depth: 1) Sales Tax/Expenditure Limitation; 2) Homestead Exemption; 3) Super HARRP/Rate Limit; and 4) "Son of Three", a 1-1/2% property tax limitation.

Donald Carlson, Deputy Executive Officer, indicated that if a Special Session was held, Mr. O'Connor would cover the Session for Metro.

Councilor Etlinger explained his vote regarding the Council Expenses agenda item.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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