

## MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: July 13, 1979

GROUP/SUBJECT: Ways and Means Subcommittee

PERSONS ATTENDING: Councilors: Corky Kirkpatrick, Jack  
Deines, Donna Stuhr, Betty Schedeen, Mike  
Burton, Cindy Miller

Executive Officer, Rick Gustafson

Staff: Denton Kent, Charlie Shell, Michele  
Wilder

Visitor: Mike Maurice

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

Chairman Corky Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and opened discussion on long-term financing issues. The review of the memorandum presented by Rick Gustafson at the July 31, 1979, meeting was continued. The committee focused on two main issues: first, development of substantive proposals for long-term financing of MSD and, second, establishing public support for a specific course of action. The committee discussed several strategies for forming citizen advisory committees to both develop proposals and establish public support for those proposals.

The committee recognized the importance of having a proposal before the voters by May, 1980, for continued financing of the Zoo. To meet this deadline and resolve a strategy for continued MSD funding and Zoo financing in the short-run, a recommendation from a citizens committee would be needed by December, 1980. All alternatives for a citizen committee were weighed against the problem of meeting this deadline. The committee would continue to work on the financing issues involving the Boundary Commission and Tri-Met, after submittal of the initial report.

The committee considered the option of reconstituting the Tri-County Local Government Commission. The problems identified with this approach were the difficulty of maintaining Council control over such a group, the size of the commission as previously formed, and the difficulty of meeting a short timeline for developing proposals.

The committee turned to consideration of a finance task force appointed by the Council. Coun. Stuhr expressed her expectation that the task force would develop a list of options with pros and cons for each option. Such a list would include proposals for continuing the zoo levy, establishing a tax base for the whole organization, continuing the dues assessment of local governments or requesting an appropriation from the state.

The committee discussed the question of the necessity for a recommendation by December, and the need to establish a committee large enough to build support among key community interest groups. Key groups identified were state legislators, local officials, zoo representatives, citizens, academic leaders, labor officials, League of Women Voters, business leaders, churches, press, and a tax expert. The committee could be as large as 16 to 20 members.

The Executive Officer commented that formation of such a large group may make it impossible to meet the December deadline. He recommended keeping the membership down to 12 members plus the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. The groups to be represented -- with four members from each group -- would be the Oregon Legislature, local government and the general citizenry. Mr. Gustafson explained that selling a specific financing proposal to the public would come later.

The committee requested that Coun. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Gustafson suggest specific names for a committee of this size, and prepare a memorandum to the Council explaining the strategy for the task force. The staff was requested to draft a charge for the task force which would include the areas of the zoo levy, a long-range financial package (including consideration of merger with Tri-Met) and an identification of recipients of MSD service benefits.

On a matter brought before the Committee by staff, it was recommended that the State be requested to draft legislation to provide for continuation of MSD as the agency responsible for A-95 reviews for transportation, criminal justice planning and urban planning.

The committee moved to executive session at 7:05 p.m.

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