

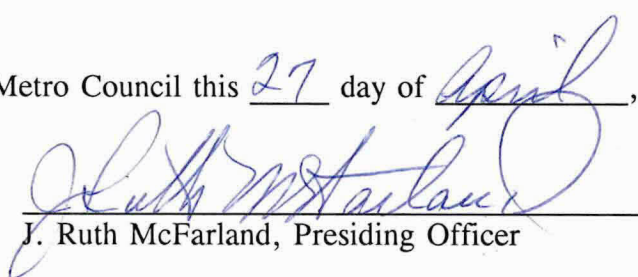
~~Council. The Office of Government Relations is not a department of the District. All contracts authorized for Government Relations Services shall be managed through the Office of Governmental Relations.~~

~~2.11.030010 Duties Legislative Representative: The Government Relations Officer Legislative Representative shall be appointed by the Executive Officer, and subject to confirmation by the Council, shall have the following duties:~~

- (a) Responsibility for managing the District's State Legislative Program including:
 - (1) Assembling the District's legislative program for review and approval by the Council following a process established by the Council;
 - (2) Insure District representation before legislative committees with individual legislators both during a legislative session and in interim periods and with other interested persons;
 - (3) Development and implementation of a system to monitor and inform the Council and Executive Officer of District- related legislation; and
 - (4) Preparation of a final legislative report analyzing District-related legislation.
- (b) (5) Responsibility for communicating District programs and policies to local, state and federal governmental officials, and task forces, commissions, and rule making bodies.
- (e) (6) Responsibility to monitor and communicate to the Council and Executive Officer programs and policies of other governments and special interest groups which affect or impact functions or activities of the District.


~~2.11.040 Advocate for District Policies(d):~~ In carrying out the duties of the Office, the ~~Government Relations Officer or subordinate employees~~ The Legislative Representative of Metro shall not represent or advocate the position of any single Metro elected official or group of elected officials. ~~The Government Relations Officer or subordinate employees~~ A Legislative Representative shall advocate only on matters which have been approved or adopted by the Metro Council or any task force or committee authorized by the Council to represent the Council on legislative matters and which have been approved by the Executive Officer. For any matter in which the Council or any task force or committee authorized to represent the Council on legislative matters and the Executive Officer disagree, ~~the Government Relations Officer and subordinate employees~~ a Legislative Representative shall not represent or advocate for either the Metro Council or the Executive Officer.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 27 day of April, 1995.



J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Recording Clerk

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STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 95-591,
RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, AMENDING
CHAPTER 2.11 OF THE METRO CODE

Date: February 6, 1995

Presented by:
Executive Officer Mike Burton

PROPOSED ACTION

This Ordinance would amend Chapter 2.11 of the Metro Code to eliminate the separate Office of Governmental Relations. The Ordinance continues the lobbyist function as a Legislative Representative appointed by the Executive Officer and confirmed by the Council. The Ordinance would leave unchanged the present provisions governing how the Metro lobbyist function is carried out with the mutual approval of matters by both the Council and Executive Officer.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

A merger of Public Affairs and Government Relations occurred July 1, 1994, reporting to both the Executive Officer and the Metro Council. The function of this Office is to build stronger relationships with local governments in the region, and increase Metro's visibility. The Department of Public and Government Relations also provides public and government relations services for all Metro departments, and acts as in-house public relations and government affairs agency for both the Executive Officer and the Metro Council.

These activities can best be managed with direct accountable oversight from the Executive office.

All legislative functions would continue to be a completely joint endeavor between the Council and the Executive. The Executive will take full responsibility for assuring the Council that Council public relations are appropriately and efficiently delivered.

This Ordinance will allow the Executive to streamline the functions of Metro, designate the Legislative Representative, subject to Council approval, and organize the governmental relations and public affairs functions of Metro as a department, with direct, ongoing accountability.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 95-591.

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DATE: April 28, 1995
TO: Mike Burton, Executive Officer
FROM: Cathy Ross, Assistant to the Presiding Officer
RE: Transmittal of Ordinance No. 95-591

Attached for your consideration is a true copy of the ordinance referenced above adopted by the Council on April 27., 1995.

If you wish to veto the ordinance, I must receive a signed and dated written veto message from you no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 1995. The veto message, if submitted, will become part of the permanent record. If no veto message is received by the time and date stated above, this ordinance will be considered finally adopted.

Please complete the acknowledgment below and return to me.

Thank-you.

I, *Neil Barts*, received this memo and a true copy of Ordinance No. 95-591 from the Assistant to the Presiding Officer on *1 May '95*