

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING) RESOLUTION NO. 99-2785A
RESOLUTION NO. 97-2552A TO) INTRODUCED BY PRESIDING
ESTABLISH A REVISED PROCESS) OFFICER ROD MONROE
FOR CALLING EVENING MEETINGS))
OF THE METRO COUNCIL)

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 97-2552A to maximize public involvement in the Council's deliberations;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has continually demonstrated a willingness to hold evening meetings to accommodate public testimony on major policy issues before the Council,

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has received testimony at evening meetings from hundreds of individuals and organization on the important growth management, environmental and transportation issues facing the region,

BE IT RESOLVED,

The Metro Council amends Exhibit A of Resolution No. 97-2552A to give the Presiding Officer maximum flexibility to call evening meetings of the Council.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 13th day of May 1999.

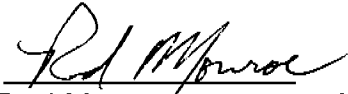

Rod Monroe Presiding Officer

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 99-2785

The language in Exhibit A to Resolution No. 97-2552A relating to "Council Evening Meetings" and "Recognition of Volunteers' Contribution" is amended to read as follows:

Council Evening Meetings

"The Council shall hold periodic council meetings so that people who work during the day are able to participate in council deliberations. ~~The frequency of evening meetings will be quarterly the fourth Thursday of February, May, July and September and they will commence at 7:00 P.M.~~ The frequency, timing and location of such meetings shall be determined by the Presiding Officer in consultation with members of the Council. Factors to be considered in calling an evening meeting may include the level of public interest and the potential effect of the proposed agenda items.

Recognition of Volunteers' Contribution

An annual recognition event will be scheduled to honor all citizen members of Metro's advisory committees.



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METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-2785A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 97-2552A TO ESTABLISH A REVISED PROCESS FOR CALLING EVENING MEETINGS OF THE METRO COUNCIL.

Date: May 5, 1999

Presented by: Councilor Washington

Committee Action: At its May 5, 1999 meeting, the Metro Operations Committee voted 3-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 99-2785A. Voting in favor: Councilors Atherton, Kvistad and Washington.

Council Issues/Discussion: Resolution No. 99-2785A continues Metro practice of making night meetings available to the public during the course of the year. However, rather than calling out specific months during which the meetings would be required to be held, this resolution directs that the presiding officer have the flexibility to determine the dates for evening meetings.

Kay Durtschi, MCCI chair, also testified on this matter. She supports the basic tenet of the resolution, believing for example, that the evening meetings should be held when important matters, likely to bring large turn-outs, are before the council. She also asked that a further amendment be made to resolution 97-2552A (and hence 99-2785). Her desire is to clarify that the annual recognition event held to honor Metro advisory committee members, be held only for citizen members. Her rationale is that elected officials who are advisory members have other opportunities for Metro recognition, and that local jurisdiction staff who are Metro advisory committee members are recompensed for their time. Therefore, she believes, it would be appropriate for Metro to hold an event which focuses on those who are truly donating their time, gratis.

The committee agreed with this approach, making Resolution 99-2785 an "A" version.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO RESOLUTION 97-2552A

MAY 3, 1999

CHANGES PROPOSED BY KAREN WITHROW (x1539)

BACKGROUND

During recent meetings between MCCI Chair Kay Durtschi, Executive Officer Mike Burton and MCCI staff, discussion has ensued concerning the annual volunteer recognition event described in Resolution 97-2552A.

After some discussion, Chair Durtschi would like to propose, on behalf of MCCI, that Metro's volunteer recognition event be restructured slightly to focus on citizen volunteers only. Metro recognizes our local partners (local elected officials) through other methods and has opportunities to honor and interact with them throughout the year. Local jurisdiction staffs are also very appreciated but generally receive some financial compensation for participating at Metro.

MCCI would like to increase focus in this event to specifically honor those who are giving of their time with no other reward except the satisfaction of taking part in their region and its decisions. We envision that this may benefit Metro by giving citizens a stronger sense of our appreciation for their unique contribution. This should create an increasingly positive interaction, which we hope will lead to additional citizen participation.

A specific recommendation for amended language would be as follows:

Recognition of Volunteers' Contribution

An annual recognition event will be scheduled to honor all **citizen** members of Metro's advisory committees. (proposed language in **bold**)

The above change would mean inviting approximately 110 people to the recognition event rather than 500 as in years past. This should allow Metro to honor citizen volunteers more significantly using a more strategic focus.

MCCI thanks you for your consideration of this additional amendment to Resolution 97-2552A.

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