INTRODUCED BY: Scott Blair

Proposed No.: 82-293

MOTION NO. 5477

A MOTION relating to the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (METRO); and commenting on the proposed METRO 1983 Water Quality Budget and 1983 Transit Budget.

Whereas, the Metropolitan Council, which includes the County Executive and County Councilmembers as representatives of King County, is scheduled to adopt a 1983 Budget for METRO on June 3, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of METRO has proposed a 1983 Budget of \$127.8 million in expenditures (including \$21.8 million for operations, \$71.4 million for capital expansion, and \$34.6 million for debt service, financing cost and bond reserve) and \$177.1 million in total revenues (including \$50.3 million of operating revenue, \$70 million of new revenue bond issues, \$17.3 million of capital grants, and \$39.5 million balance forward from 1982); the excess of proposed revenues over proposed expenditures (39 percent) results in a minimum 1983 ending balance of \$49.3 million; and

WHEREAS, according to the METRO financing plan METRO's sewer charges are projected to increase from \$47.80 per single family house in 1980 to \$165 per year in 1986 and METRO's bonded indebtedness is projected to triple between 1982 and 1986, increasing the METRO "mortgage" on future generations of rate-payers from \$334 million (\$199 million remaining) for the original system plus the Stage II expansion by an additional \$127 billion for the State III expansion of \$531 million; and

WHEREAS, this ambitious program will require large and rapid growth in METRO's budget and organization, from total water quality spending in 1981 of \$32.9 million to a proposed \$127.8 million in 1983 - a near quadrupling in two years; and

WHEREAS, such rapid growth in any organization is likely to cause inefficiencies and additional budget scrutiny will be required by the Metropolitan Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

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\$31	mil	lion	(the	estimated	l first	quarter	1984	capital	spending)	
ratl	ner	than	\$49.3	million	as req	uested by	y the	Executiv	ve Director	

- B. The debt service budget should be \$19 million (reflecting the actual 12.4 percent interest recently obtained) rather than the \$22.7 million requested by the Executive Director.
- C. The operating expenses budget should be \$21.5 million rather than the \$21.78 million requested by the Executive Director. The \$290,000 Public Relations Initiative should be cut.
- D. The capital project cost estimates for specific projects such as the Water Quality Laboratory should be recognized for budget planning purposes; but should not be construed as approved funding levels.
- E. The 1983 Metro sewer rate should be \$5.65 rather than \$6.00 requested by the Executive Director, reflecting the changes expressed herein.
- F. The Executive Director should be requested to prepare a contingency plan for compensating for 1983 State contributions which may be lost if the Sales Tax on food is repealed and not replaced by an alternative tax source.

PASSED this 1st day of June, 1982.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman Kortle

ATTEST:

Deputy flerk of the Council