



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
held Monday, November 23, 1998, for the purpose of meeting with representatives
of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.**

The meeting began at 7:07 p.m. It was held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Council members Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Alan Turnbull Thomas X. White and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, City Clerk and Robert Manzi, City Solicitor

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Michael Rogers, COG Executive Director; Lynn Butter, Acting Director of Public Relations; David Robertson, Director of Human Services; Stuart Freudberg; Director of Environmental Programs; Ron Kirby, Director of Transportation Planning; and Leo Young, Executive Assistant

Mayor Davis began by welcoming the COG representatives to the meeting. Mr. Rogers thanked the Council for the opportunity. Mr. Rogers gave a presentation summarizing COG's activities. He stated that COG's mission is to serve its members. He presented an organization chart and noted the decision making process.

Mr. Rogers highlighted some of the current and emerging issues facing the region, beginning with transportation. Mr. White expressed concern about the designation of being "second to Los Angeles" in terms of traffic congestion. Mr. Roberts expressed concern about the Transportation Planning Board only meeting during the day, which makes it difficult for part-time Council members to attend meetings.

Mr. Rogers continued highlighting issues including: environment, electric utility deregulation, airport noise, human services, workforce development/job access, growth and development, and smart growth.

Next, Mr. Rogers summarized COG's FY 2000 budget request. He noted that COG fees to members were not increasing. Mr. White hoped that COG would consider more public participation and would keep bicycle and pedestrian issues in mind. Mr. Rogers referenced that COG was under-taking a strategic planning process and saw it as an opportunity to look at these issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Moran

City Clerk