Metro Council chairs

C. CAREY DONWORTH
A member of the citizens’ group that planned and lobbied for the creation of Metro, he was elected first chair of the Metro Council Oct. 6, 1958. A labor relations consultant in private life and a Seattle resident, Donworth served until 1980. In 1995 he continued to work as a consultant.

PENNY PEABODY
Peabody defeated Zimmerman for chair of the council in 1990. A Mercer Island resident, she joined Metro in 1971 as a public information officer and served in a number of staff positions, including a term as acting executive director, leaving the staff in 1980. She resigned as chair in 1992 for health reasons, but has been active on a number of civic boards and in a family business.

DR. GARY ZIMMERMAN
A former Bellevue City councilmember and an educator, Zimmerman succeeded Donworth and chaired the council until 1990. In 1995 he was provost and chief executive officer of Antioch University in Seattle.

TOM KRAFT
A former Bellevue City councilmember, he became Metro’s last chairman and served through the council’s final meeting in December 1993. In 1995, he was a legislative aide to King County Councilmember Bruce Laing.