

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2000

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Rod Monroe (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain, Ed Washington, Rod Park, Bill Atherton, David Bragdon, Jon Kvistad

Councilors Absent: None

Presiding Officer Monroe convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:09 p.m.

1. COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Presiding Officer Monroe reviewed the rules for the 2000 Metro Presiding Officer Ballot (a copy of which may be found in the permanent record of this meeting).

1.1 Presiding Officer Nominations

Motion: **Councilor Park** nominated Councilor Bragdon as Presiding Officer.

Seconded: **Councilor Kvistad** seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote by written ballot was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Bragdon thanked Councilor Monroe for the dignity and civility which he brought to the Council as Presiding Officer in 1999. A written copy of Presiding Officer Bragdon's speech is included in the meeting record. He then reviewed committee assignments for 2000 (a copy of which may be found in the organization resolution, Resolution No. 00-2886). He asked each of the Councilors to review the events of 1999 and give their vision for 2000.

1.2 **Resolution No. 00-2886**, For the Purpose of Reorganizing the Metro Council for 2000.

Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-2886.

Seconded: **Councilor Washington** seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed.

Councilor Monroe said last year, it was his great pleasure to be asked by the new Council to serve as Presiding Officer for 1999. He highlighted a number of the Council's achievements in the last year, such as adoption of the state's highest ethics code, improved relations with the region's 24 cities and 3 counties, and improved relations and credibility with the State Legislature. He mentioned a number of outstanding issue which the Council needed to address in 2000. First, the dilapidated Hall D at the Expo Center needs to be rebuilt. In order to achieve a good bond rating for the Expo Center construction and save taxpayers \$1 million, however, Metro needs to shore up its general fund reserves. Second, the Council needs to complete its work on the urban growth boundary, which was delayed due to the federal listing of Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Third, the Oregon Convention Center

needs to be expanded in order to stay competitive and capture larger conventions. The Council needs to work closely with the City of Portland and Multnomah County to ensure that the expansion happens as planned. Fourth, Metro needs to resolve the issue of a stable funding base for its services. He complimented staff on its excellent work on the parks and open spaces program, and said during the next year the Council needs to consider how to manage the properties it has acquired, and how to provide access to them, when appropriate. He said for the Council to succeed in 2000, David Bragdon needs to succeed as Presiding Officer. He asked the other Council members to join him in pledging to work closely with Presiding Officer Bragdon and each other to resolve these issues and to help the public better understand Metro and its importance.

Councilor Kvistad thanked a number of people for their hard work during 1999. He thanked Portland City Mayor Vera Katz, the car and auto rental industry, the hotel/motel industry, and Metro staff for their work on the Oregon Convention Center expansion. He thanked the Home Builders Association, 1000 Friends of Oregon, and the Coalition for a Livable Future for their work on growth planning. He said Metro's work was difficult, and he respected anyone who was willing to sit through the process and do the work, whether or not he agreed with their positions. He thanked the Oregon Zoo Foundation and the staff of the Oregon Zoo for working to build a world class facility. He thanked Metro's staff, the Auditor's office, and Executive Officer Mike Burton for their work. He said while he and Executive Officer Burton did not always agree on policy, it was an honor and a pleasure to work with him as a team.

Councilor Kvistad said that, other than finishing the expansion of the Expo Center, his number one priority for 2000 was transportation planning. He noted that there was a \$9 billion need to fix current transportation infrastructure, but less than \$1 billion available. He said a major decision for the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), which he will continue to chair in 2000, will be finding a way to fund transportation projects. JPACT's goal will be to coordinate a regional vision that took into account the individual needs of each community. Metro needs to work with its partners in the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the State Legislature to maximize the value of the projects that are going forward, while minimizing the cost of those projects. Councilor Kvistad concluded by saying that he was a regionalist. He had met personally with both Mr. Sizemore and Mr. McIntire, and had told them that he did not support their proposals to eliminate Metro. He believed that not having a regional vision would make the region a poorer community.

Councilor Washington said Councilors Monroe and Kvistad and Presiding Officer Bragdon already said many of the things he was going to say. He noted that last year he chaired the Metro Operations Committee, which addressed issues relating to the Oregon Convention Center, the Expo Center, the zoo and the parks department, as well as the Regional Environmental Management Committee, which addressed solid waste. He said despite anything that appeared in the media, he believed the Council did the best it could last year, under the circumstances. He said the Council will continue resolving solid waste issues in 2000, with support from Metro staff and from the industry. He noted that the problems were complex and numerous, much more so than was reflected in the media. Councilor Washington said he would continue to support the work on affordable housing. He said it was a pleasure to work with the other Councilors and with staff. He was first elected to the Metro Council in 1992, and it was the most challenging part-time job he has ever had. He thanked Presiding Officer Bragdon for asking him to serve as Deputy Presiding Officer in 2000. He said he looked forward to working with Presiding Officer Bragdon.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said it was indisputable that Councilor Washington was the nicest among the seven councilors. It was also indisputable that no one worked harder for her community and for the Council than Councilor McLain. He asked Councilor McLain for a review of 1999 and a look forward into 2000.

Councilor McLain thanked Councilor Bragdon for his comments. She distributed a memo detailing the actions taken in 1999 and the outstanding work items facing the Growth Management Committee in 2000. A copy of the memo is included in the meeting record. She thanked Elaine Wilkerson, Mark Turpel, and the rest of the Growth Management staff for their extraordinary work in 1999. She added that as the chair of the Budget/Finance Committee, she will work to quickly prioritize Metro's current funds so that departments can begin their work. She urged the Transportation Planning Committee to look at collector roads as it determines funding for the Regional Transportation Plan, because if the collectors do not work, nothing will work. She also asked the committee to look at the possibility of using railroads for urban uses. She concluded by saying that she plans to work hard in 2000 to ensure a successful integration of Goal 5 regulations with existing Title 3 regulations.

Councilor Park thanked Councilor Monroe for his leadership during the last year and said it was a good transition. He thanked his fellow Councilors for their tolerance as he began his role as a Metro Councilor. He also thanked Council staff for their work and flexibility during the last year as they adjusted to different Councilors every two years. He thanked Councilor McLain for her work as chair of the Growth Management Committee last year. He said he understood that it must be difficult to hand over the reins to the new kid, and he appreciated her support and help.

Councilor Park said the most important task in 2000 will be to finish the urban growth boundary (UGB) work for which Metro received a 10 month extension. He is developing a work plan for 2000 that will serve as the roadmap from now until October 2000, and will hopefully get Metro off of bean counting and back into building the types of communities in which people want to live. In the process of preparing the year 2000 work plan, he realized that most of Metro's upcoming responsibilities are not wholly within Metro's control. Instead, they are reactions to federal regulations, such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, or state law, which dictated which lands to develop, the process to use, and how to protect natural resources. He said Metro has little control over its own destiny other than to get the job done. He hoped that in 2000, the newly formed Federal/State Legislative Committee would be able to get a handle on the situation so that Metro could return to building livable communities. He concluded by saying that he looked forward to the challenge and to the help from the Growth Management Committee, his fellow Councilors, and those people previously mentioned by Presiding Officer Bragdon and Councilor Kvistad. He said he agreed with Councilor Washington that Metro has the best constituency because of their participation.

Presiding Officer Bragdon asked Councilor Park to bring the Growth Management Committee work plan back to the full Council for discussion.

Councilor Park said the plan is for the work plan to be passed through committee and then forwarded to full Council for ratification.

Councilor Atherton said it had been an enjoyable year learning to work with one another. He said despite his hearing impairment, he was learning to listen, and had listened very closely to each Councilors' comments. He agreed with Presiding Officer Bragdon that Metro will have to be grounded in reality. He said his main priority for 2000 was money: how to account for it, how to spend it, and how to raise it. He noted that a key element in all of the Council's deliberations

was how to pay for growth. He proposed sending the question to a public vote, and said he hoped the Council would consider and debate his proposal. He said another major issue related to money is Metro's structure. He said he looks forward to the budget process and a review of the services provided by Metro. He added that in order to create livable cities, people can no longer live in the country and exploit the cities. He said a central process to that was carrying capacity, and he planned to make a proposal to the Council in the future. He concluded by saying that he has enjoyed his time with his fellow Councilors and looked forward to the next year.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor Washington introduced Andrea Stone and her mother Jennifer Satalino, the daughter and wife of Jeff Stone, Council Chief of Staff.

Councilor Park introduced his mother, Roxanne Park.

Presiding Officer Bragdon introduced his mother and father, Nancy and Paul Bragdon, and his friend, Mary Winch.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Burton, Executive Officer, congratulated David Bragdon on his election as Presiding Officer. He thanked Councilor Monroe for his year as Presiding Officer. While they did not always agree on policy, their discussions were always open and civil. He said 2000 will be a critical year for Metro in a couple of ways. First, Metro is reaching the cusp of its ability to meet its mission of maintaining the region's livability and protecting the environment. Second, he was in the process of preparing an extremely difficult budget. He thanked the Council for all of its work in the last year.

5. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Kvistad noted that Jill Thompson has left *the Oregonian* newspaper. He acknowledged her fine work and participation in the coverage of Metro.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Prepared by,

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Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2000

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
Presiding Officer Nominations	1/6/2000	Election of Presiding Officer speaking notes
	1/6/2000	Written ballots for election of presiding officer.
Resolution No. 00-2886	1/6/2000	Resolution No. 00-2886
	1/6/2000	Presiding Officer Bragdon's speaking notes
	1/6/2000	Memo from Susan McLain to Metro Council RE: 1999 Actions and 2000 Work Items