

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 1997

Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Jon Kvistad (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain, Patricia McCaig, Ed Washington, Lisa Naito, Don Morissette

Councilors Absent: Ruth McFarland

**Presiding Officer Jon Kvistad** called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

## 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

**Art Lewellan, L.O.T.I., 3205 SE 8th #9, Portland, OR 97202**, reviewed his current LOTI project. He still believed it to be a vital alternative to Light Rail. He felt that Metro should have better transit on the east bank of the river. He did not believe that the Light Rail met all of the needs for commuters. The time waiting for transfers was part of the debate.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** thanked Mr. Lewellan and said that his plan would be forwarded to the Transportation Planning Department for review.

**Aleta Woodruff, 2143 NE 95th Place, Portland, OR 97225** spoke about MetroLink. She indicated that when she received the MetroLink, many meetings in the newsletter were already past. She said when Metro sends something out it is important the meetings in the newsletter be in the future, not the past. She added that the Open Spaces HotLine was still talking about the May 8th event, it needed to be updated, it was now May 15th. The public hated to get notices of meetings in the past. She requested that Metro mails these newsletter earlier.

**Councilor Washington** noted the article on Aleta Woodruff in the paper, a well deserved recognition.

## 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

**Mike Burton, Executive Officer**, said that the MetroLink Ms. Woodruff referred to was the last issue of the MetroLink. He believed that the Council would be taking this responsibility over. There were a lot of official notices that go out about meetings, however, MetroLink was not for this purpose. The MetroLink was an internal document.

He indicated he would be doing a presentation on the Urban Growth Report, Housing Needs Analysis at next week's Council meeting. The Framework Plan, a public plan involvement strategy, would kick off May 22nd, utilizing the same kind of format as the 2040 process. He asked the Council for input on the process.

He noted that Techtronix gave a \$85,000 grant to the Zoo.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** asked about any legislative issues that the Council should be appraised of.

**Mike Burton** said Metro's bills were all moving through the process. The revenue forecast would come out this week.

**Councilor McCaig** asked about the bills to abolish Metro.

**Mr. Burton** said that two measures had been filed, one to abolish Metro putting it to a state-wide vote and establishing a committee to dispose of the assets. There was nothing in the legislation about disposing of liabilities.

**Councilor McCaig** requested formally that Legal Counsel review the statewide implications on the measure on the charter. She also asked that the Council get a copy when it was filed.

**Mr. Burton** responded that they had made a formal request into Legal Counsel concerning this issue.

**Councilor McLain** said she had asked for the same information. If there were liabilities and legal responsibilities, what were the laws and policies that would take on this endeavor. The public should have a clear understanding of what they would be considering.

**Mr. Burton** said that it did afford the opportunity to explain what Metro was doing. There was an opportunity to demonstrate what Metro had provided to the region.

#### **4. OPEN SPACES BOND PRESENTATION**

**Jim Desmond and Jim Morgan, Open Spaces Acquisition Division**, presented Metro's Open Spaces Land Acquisitions, indicating on the map what had been purchased. They had acquired 55 properties for a cost of \$23,246 million. Mr. Desmond reviewed the history of the purchases. Mr. Desmond and Morgan presented a slide show of lands that Metro had purchased, 14 target areas and 6 trails to greenways. They showed slides starting with Tryon Creek and moving clockwise around the region of lands that Metro had purchased. Slides included Clear Creek Canyon (393 acres purchased of riparian corridor and uplands), East Buttes/Boring Lava Domes, Forest Park Expansion (seven parcels have been acquired, 311 acres), Newell Creek Canyon, Rock Creek Greenway, Tonquin Geologic Area, Tryon Creek Linkage (4 properties purchased with community restoration areas occurring), and Tualatin River Access purchases. Included as well were the Willamette River Greenway including Canemah Bluff, Willamette Cove, Multnomah Channel, and Willamette Narrows, Sandy River Gorge, Columbia River Shoreline, Gales Creek, Cooper Mountain, and Dairy/McKay Creek. Metro had focused on restoration, reforestation, protection of wildlife and riparian areas in these sites. (A copy of the report may be found in the permanent record of this Council meeting).

Mr. Desmond spoke to the trails that Metro had purchased and continued to negotiate. These trails include Peninsula Crossing Trail, Fanno Creek Greenway, Clackamas County Greenway, Beaver Creek Canyon Greenway, OMSI to Springwater Trail, Burlington-Northern Rails-to-Trail.

Local Share Projects included Hagg Lake and Clackamette Park with handicap access, picnicking, and improved recreation were highlighted. Mr. Desmond added that there were additional areas purchased which were noted in the report. A total cost of \$27,096,944 had been expended of regional share allocation, with less than 10% utilized for administrative costs. The majority of the sites purchased by Metro were in the Urban Growth Boundary. The Local Share projects were almost entirely inside the Urban Growth Boundary. He highlighted the financial part of the report.

**Councilor Morissette** asked if any of the purchases were off the map. Were there any significant habitat areas with contaminants presenting a problem?

**Mr. Desmond** responded no. Both situations were being monitored.

## 5. POTENTIAL ISSUES REGARDING STATE LEGISLATION

(Legislative issues were reviewed under the Executive Officer Communication. Councilor Naito had nothing to add.)

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration of the Minutes of May 8, 1997 Metro Council Regular Meeting.

**Motion:** **Councilor Washington** moved the adoption of the minutes of May 8, 1997 Metro Council Regular Meeting.

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

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** The vote was 6 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

## 7. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

7.1 **Ordinance No. 97-696**, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 1996-97 budget and appropriations schedule for the purpose of transferring \$12,000 from materials and services to capital outlay in the building management fund to provide for modifications to the Metro Regional Center; and declaring an emergency.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** assigned Ordinance No. 97-696 to the Finance Committee.

## 8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** said there was a Work Session scheduled for next Thursday, May 22nd directly following the Regular Council meeting to present the first draft of the Regional Framework Plan, the Urban Growth Report, Urban Growth Boundary review, MPAC's role and the timelines. This will be an open meeting to discussion these issues and the policy implications.

**Councilor McLain** added that she had received a call from Peggy Lynch and a MPAC sub-committee dealing with the role of MPAC from their perspective. They were delighted that the Council was having this work session to reaffirm some of the comments and support that the

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Council had given at Growth Management and with Council actions. They also indicated that it would be helpful to them that as the Council discusses items on the Work Session agenda that the Council indicate as a Council or individual Councilors what the Council thought about MPAC's role in the documents being presented and reviewed. It had been an important perspective on their part that they know how the Council utilized their work and what the Council expected from them.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** noted the ballot measure coming before the voters and suggested that the Council might want to have a conversation about this.

## 9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Prepared by,

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Clerk of the Council

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT TITLE	TO/FROM
051597c-01	5/15/97	Executive Communication	Mike Burton
051597c-02	5/5/97	Minutes 5/8/97 Council Mtng	
051597c-03	May 1997	Metro Open Spaces Land Acquisition Report to Citizens	