

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

December 18, 1997

Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Presiding Officer Kvistad convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

## 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

## 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## 4. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FY 1997

**Alexis Dow, Auditor**, introduced two representatives from Peat Marwick who would be presenting the results of their financial audit.

**Karla Lenox**, Financial Reporting and Control Supervisor for Metro, provided an overview of the financial audit. She called attention to two documents, the "Audit of Federal Awards" and the "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report," which report the audit findings. She explained the purpose of the documents and the organization of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Both of these documents are included in full, as part of the meeting record. She called attention to three items in the Financial Report. One, on page 28, noted an over-expenditure. She explained that this was due to refinancing on a loan to obtain a better interest rate and, thus, was allowed by State law. Another, on page 33, disclosed pension information differently from the way it had been disclosed in the past. This was due to changes in federal standards. The third, on page 63, showed receipt of bond funds for the Oregon Project at the zoo. This was new this year.

**Joe Hoffman**, Audit Partner with KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, introduced his associate, Tiffany Rasmussen, the audit manager. Mr. Hoffman said he and Ms. Rasmussen had worked together on the audit. He said that the financial statements received an unqualified opinion, that the audit went well, and that no problems or disagreements arose. The accounting records were found to be correctly prepared. He noted that the financial statements were Metro's responsibility, and KPMG's responsibility was to audit them for compliance with general accounting principles. Page 2 of the financial sections noted the unqualified opinion.

**Mr. Hoffman** called attention to the smaller document, the "Audit of Federal Awards," and noted that, like the larger audit, this one found no instances of noncompliance. Suggestions for improving internal financial management were too minor to warrant an official letter.

**Tiffany Rasmussen** summarized the suggestions the auditors had made for improvement. She said these were not problem areas, simply ways to improve. One related to the timeliness of employee performance reviews to avoid the need for making retroactive pay increases. Another related to the single audit requirements. The federal government had changed its standards, shifting the focus of audits from reviewing all federal grant money to reviewing just the large projects. However, the expenditure of other federal funds must still comply with the same standards. She noted that Metro has formed an internal committee to oversee these smaller grants.

**Mr. Hoffman** then offered two additional suggestions. One related to the implementation of Metro's new accounting system. He recommended that a post-implementation review of that system be conducted to be sure the system operated as it should. He noted that technological advances sometimes perpetuate problems. The other suggestions related to making sure computer software was compatible with the year 2000. He emphasized that this was more than a computer issue: it was also an organizational issue that involved vendors, clients, partners, and other systems with which Metro's system interfaced.

## 5. MPAC COMMUNICATION

None.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration of the meeting minutes of the December 11, 1997, Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion:** **Councilor McFarland** moved to adopt the meeting minutes of December 11, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

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

**Councilor Morissette** had a correction. He said the phrase that now reads "and he said that he still supported 2040 and right densities," should read "...densities in the right places."

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** said the minutes would be corrected.

**Vote:** The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed and the minutes were adopted as corrected.

## 7. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

7.1 **Ordinance No. 97-710**, For the Purpose of Establishing a Coordinated 2017 Population Forecast for use in Maintaining and Updating Comprehensive Plans.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** assigned Ordinance No. 97-710 to the Growth Management Committee.

7.2 **Ordinance No. 97-719**, Amending the FY 97-98 Budget and Appropriations schedule by transferring \$9,985 from the general fund contingency and transferring .50 FTE from the Office of Citizen Involvement to the Growth Management Department of the planning fund to provide additional committee support, and declaring an emergency.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** assigned Ordinance No. 97-719 to the Finance Committee.

## 8. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

8.1 **Ordinance No. 97-718**, For the Purpose of Granting a Solid Waste Franchise to USA Waste of Oregon, Inc., doing business as Metropolitan Disposal and Recycling Corporation, for the Purpose of Operating a Solid Waste Transfer Station; and Declaring an Emergency

**Motion:** **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Ordinance No. 97-718.

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

**Councilor McLain** said she was pleased with the work staff had been doing on the proposed franchise for the USA Waste Sanifill Forest Grove Transfer Station. This had been going on for the past 2-1/2 years. She asked that Mr. Warner provide a review of this ordinance.

**Bruce Warner**, Director of REM, reviewed the history of this agreement. He said this franchise had involved extensive negotiations between the REM staff and USA Sanifill. He said he believed this franchise reflected Metro's direction and direction received from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). He said all members of SWAC had copies of the franchise and the accompanying staff reports. He introduced Paul Inger, who negotiated the franchise.

**Paul Inger**, Senior Engineer on the REM staff, summarized the major objectives of the negotiations: 1) obtain savings similar to those if the waste were sent to the Columbia Ridge landfill under the terms of amendment 7; 2) provide an alternative to the formalize rate review process that has caused problems with AC Trucking in the past. He noted that the process needed to be changed, because under the new franchise, the transfer site, the trucking and landfill would be owned by the same company. The old process would not be effective; 3) ensure that the transfer station would provide services consistent with a regional transfer station according to a matrix developed by SWAC; 4) obtain a designated facility agreement with the River Bend Landfill, to better monitor what was happening with regional wastes; 5) ensure a fair and reasonable rate to the operator of the transfer station.

Mr. Inger said all the objectives were met. He said to accomplish those objectives, the REM staff developed a new fee, called the "metro differential fee," of \$5/ton, tied to the Metro tipping fee. This fee could be adjusted as tipping fees rise or fall. The new franchise also prevented unequal treatment of any user, and it limited the amount of waste that could be disposed of at a general purpose landfill to 10% of the region's waste. This would allow Metro to meet its contract obligations with Oregon Waste Systems. Mr. Inger said the new franchise increased recycling at the transfer station and included a provision for Metro to collect hazardous waste.

The contract was for a 5-year franchise, with automatic renewal as long as they did not default on the terms of the franchise. With this, the franchise terminated with AC Trucking. USA Waste has agreed to enter a designated facility agreement with Metro for use of the Riverbend Landfill.

Mr. Inger mentioned two other issues that have arisen. One was the issue of vertical integration. He said vertical integration had been in practice for some time in Metro's waste contracts. He also addressed a concern raised by Councilor Naito in previous discussions about a confidentiality clause. He said that clause allowed confidential industry information to be provided to Metro.

**Councilor Naito** asked Marvin Fjordbeck about the confidentiality issue. She said it seemed to be a broad clause. She asked how it would provide protection.

**Marvin Fjordbeck**, Metro Legal Counsel, said these provisions were included in the minimum reporting requirement section, section 7, of the franchise. They were designed to deal with the kind of information Mr. Warner's staff now obtained concerning tonnage and recycling information. This provision allowed the franchise holder to mark as confidential, information considered proprietary to the business. Metro, in turn, must keep that information confidential until it received a request to disclose that information.

**Councilor Naito** said she did not see anything in clause 7.6 that limits the information to this agreement. She said she was concerned that this gave the franchise holder the right to stamp any information as confidential and expect it to be treated as such.

**Mr. Fjordbeck** said the document did allow any information to be labeled "confidential." The intent, however, was to limit that information to the reporting requirements in section 7.

**Councilor Naito** said that was fine, but the document did not say that.

**Mr. Fjordbeck** responded that Metro had not experienced in previous franchises, documents not related to the franchise, having a claim of confidentiality. Further, if such a document were claimed confidential, it did not mean the government could not act on that document nor did it mean it would never be distributed. It meant that distribution would have to be in response to a request for the document from outside the government and that the franchise holder would need to be informed of that request.

**Councilor Naito** asked whether Metro would be able to take action if it noticed suspicious activity, or would Metro have to wait until an outside party requested information before giving notice.

**Mr. Fjordbeck** said nothing precluded action by the government if it believed the franchise-holder was acting improperly. It also did not require Metro to wait until a third party requested the document before taking action. It was simply designed to deal with the tonnage and other proprietary information in a confidential manner.

**Councilor Naito** asked if the words "tonnage" could be inserted in the agreement, to make the application clear.

**Mr. Fjordbeck** said he had anticipated this inquiry and had called USA Waste on this issue. He was waiting for a response. He said he, personally, would not object to adding that language.

**Councilor Naito** said she really had no problem with the intent of the language; it simply looked too broad.

**Mr. Warner** said he had been able to talk with representatives from USA Sanifill while the discussion was taking place and they had no problem with modifying the section as requested.

**Councilor Naito** suggested adding language like “information submitted as required by this section,” or words to that effect.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** asked Daniel Cooper, Metro Legal Counsel, whether changing the agreement as suggested would require holding the matter over. Mr. Cooper said no.

**Motion to  
Amend the**

**Main Motion:** **Councilor Naito** moved to amend Ordinance No. 97-718 to limit confidential information to that submitted under the terms of Section 7 of the agreement.

**Seconded:** **Councilor McLain** seconded the amendment.

**Vote on Motion  
to Amend the**

**Main Motion:** The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** called a public hearing on Ordinance No. 97-718A. No one requested to be heard, so Presiding Officer Kvistad closed the public hearing.

**Councilor McFarland** said she would not support this franchise, because she thought it was environmentally unsound to grant landfills or enlarge existing landfills in areas of high rainfall when alternatives were available.

**Councilor McLain** thanked the staff for their work on this franchise. She said she supported this franchise for several reasons. First, the differential rate equalized treatment between people. Second, the new franchise offered much improved recycling and hazardous waste disposal than had been available in western Washington county. Third, the new agreement would avoid the difficult rate-review process that had marked the past. The designation out of the Riverbend Landfill helped address the concerns raised by Councilor McFarland about locating landfills in environmentally sound areas. Riverbend was an established landfill--not a new one--and met all Department of Environmental Quality standards.

**Vote on the**

**Main Motion:** The vote was 6 aye/ 1 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed with Councilor McFarland voting no.

## **9. RESOLUTIONS**

9.1 **Resolution No. 97-2559A**, For the Purpose of Adopting the 1997 Inventory of Buildable Lands and the 1997 Housing Needs Analysis.

**Motion:** **Councilor McLain** moved to amend Resolution No. 97-2559A to replace Exhibit A with a revised version, titled Final Draft of the Urban Growth Report dated December 18, 1997, to add Exhibit B, Mix of Housing Types and Actual Density, and to add exhibit C, the Final Draft of the Housing Need Analysis dated December 18, 1997.

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

**Discussion:** **Councilor McLain** said Exhibit C also included the amendments of the housing need analysis recommended by the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) at their December 10, 1997 meeting.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** noted that the changes were technical, and he agreed with them. He asked for discussion on the resolution.

**Councilor McCaig** asked for an explanation on eliminating the fair share numbers.

**Councilor McLain** said at the MPAC meeting there was a discussion on the fact that the document contained two tables that suggested three possible ways of reaching fair share targets. Discussions at a Growth Management Committee meeting and at MPAC revealed that none of the examples seemed doable. The targets were therefore eliminated from this document to allow the technical committee to deal with the issue at greater length.

**Councilor McCaig** asked if this meant the document would remain silent on the issue.

**John Fregonese**, Director of Growth Management, said originally MPAC had asked for the examples. However, no one could agree on any of the examples. The solution was to eliminate the examples while leaving the process in place. Estimates for the total amount of assisted housing remained in the document as well as those for kinds of assisted and affordable housing. But their distribution among jurisdictions remained to be determined by a process that was part of the policy rather than part of the need analysis.

**Councilor McLain** added that Presiding Officer Kvistad's memo of December 16, 1997, pointed out that the Regional Framework Plan contained a fair share commitment in terms of policy. It also recognized the role of the Affordable Housing Technical committee in the creation of an affordable housing functional plan for including fair share targets for each jurisdiction and for devising a fair share strategy.

**Mr. Fregonese** said he, personally, recommended removing the specific targets. He felt the process needed to be in place before conclusions could be reached, and it would be counterproductive to leave such contentious examples in. He said MPAC had expressed concern that draft numbers might become "law." He said the memos, the data, and the methodology still existed and they could serve as a starting point for the technical committee.

**Councilor McCaig** questioned the value of eliminating information because it was divisive. She said people needed something to work with. She then asked for clarification on what the resolution being considered contained.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** said Resolution No. 97-2559A if amended, would include the new and revised exhibits and be Resolution No. 97-2559B.

**Councilor McCaig** asked how she could vote against eliminating just the fair share housing targets, but not against the rest of the resolution.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** said she could vote no on the replacement. Alternatively, that part could be severed and the Council could be asked to vote on each separately.

**Motion to**

**Amend #1:** **Councilor McLain** moved to separate Exhibit C from Exhibits A and B.

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

**Councilor Morissette** commented that the Housing Need Analysis had densities that were too high and estimates of buildable lands inside the Urban Growth Boundary that were too high, also.

**Councilor Naito** asked which part of the severed resolution the vote would be on.

**Councilor McLain** said it would be on Exhibits A and B.

**Vote to**

**Amend #1:** The vote was 6 aye/ 1 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed with Councilor Morissette voting no.

**Motion to**

**Amend #2:** **Councilor McLain** moved to amend Resolution No. 97-2559A to include Exhibit C, Final Draft of the Housing Needs Analysis dated December 18, 1997.

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

**Vote to**

**Amend #2:** The vote was 6 aye/ 1 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed with Councilor McCaig voting no.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** noted that with the amendments, Resolution No. 97-2559A became Resolution No. 97-2559B. He opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 97-2559B.

**Kelly Ross**, Home Builders Association, spoke to the Housing Needs Analysis. He said his comments would also represent the position of the Oregon Building Industry Association, as requested by Jon Chandler. Mr. Ross apologized for raising this point so late in the process, but he explained that an important factor affecting housing cost and affordability just occurred to him yesterday, and it did not appear in the document. The factor was that available land was normally referred to in total acres, but the characteristics of that acreage was not normally taken into consideration. He said that the per unit production had dropped in Oregon because land left had a larger percentage of unbuildable terrain.

Mr. Ross said another problem related to costs. He said subdivisions were smaller now. Economies of scale could not be realized. Some costs associated with developments were fixed, such as design costs and approval costs, regardless of the size of the subdivision. Larger subdivisions spread those costs over more units, lowering the cost of each unit.

**Councilor Morissette** said he agreed with Mr. Ross.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** closed the public hearing and opened the floor to general discussion.

**Councilor Morissette** said a study done in 1996 by Center for Urban Studies at Portland State University resulted in a report. He read from that report that recommended adding considerable margin for error in estimating density, home ownership, infill, and redevelopment rates, which were found to be greater in reality than the estimates reflected. Regarding mixed-use development, the land supply estimates assumed a greater rate of mixed-use development than

had actually taken place. Lack of experience in mixed-use development contributed to a lack of confidence in the ability of land in mixed-use zoning to meet residential and employment targets.

The report said that higher densities could be achieved only with higher land and housing prices, which would induce more people to locate outside of the UGB and would also price more people out of the housing market. Councilor Morissette said he thought some of the report's predictions had already begun to come true.

The report also addressed low-income housing, noting that normally low-income housing could be found in older housing stock. However, when prices rose in general, higher-income people also compete for existing stock. New construction, then, targets higher-end houses. The report questioned Metro's conclusion that the market would provide single-family housing dwellings at or around \$100,000.

Councilor Morissette said he was disappointed that his years of experience as a home builder had not had more effect on the outcome of the Council's decisions. Also, he said, he predicted the sprawl and the growth of Clark County as consequences to the decisions that had been made. He said there was no way the current UGB would allow enough room for citizens to have choices in housing. He said people would drive farther out to get what they wanted. He said the purpose of the housing needs analysis was to produce findings for the anticipated housing needs for the growth projections for the region. The report used the adopted variable of 21% for underbuild. This variable was wrong. The report used the adopted variable for five-year time frame for our local partners to adopt and apply 2040 growth concepts. This variable was still wrong. He reminded the Council that this referred to 1995. The report maintained that infill and redevelopment provided for 28.5% of all needed housing until 2017. This variable was also wrong. The report assumed all farm-use assessed land within the UGB would be developed. This variable was not only wrong, it was crazy to keep a good quality of life.

Councilor Morissette said he had maintained all along the Council was headed in the wrong direction. The citizens of the region did not know the consequences to their neighborhoods of the Council's decisions. He said he believed land needed to be used better. Innovative housing types should be encouraged to help minimize the need for expansion. However, the proposals before the Council pushed too hard. He warned that when the general population understood the impact on their own neighborhoods, they would rebel. He noted as examples the sentiments in Multnomah Village, a recent vote in West Linn, and the recall of elected officials in Milwaukie.

He said he would not support the resolution. He said his vote served to remind the Council it was making a mistake. He asked them to remember that the UGB was one-third of one percent of the state's land. He said Metro was pushing too hard.

**Councilor Naito** asked staff whether something could be inserted to take into consideration Mr. Ross's concern about housing development size. She said she believed there was a relationship between number of units built at one time and housing price.

**Mr. Fregonese** said such an addition could not be done in time for Council adoption. He said his staff had had that information, and it was correct that the average size of development property within the UGB had dropped. However, 4500 acres would be added soon and the average lot size would then be larger. He said to consider not only what was in the boundary but also what would be added in the very near future. He said the average lot size in the reserves was nine acres, and parcels were being consolidated.



**Councilor Morissette** said his comments had been well recorded. He said the majority of first-tier urban reserves were already well-developed and at current consumptive rates would yield only a year and a half at most of relief. He said that although he recognized that densities were going up, he wondered if the units per acre were also going up.

**Mr. Fregonese** referred to a chart in Exhibit B. He said that although a number of assumptions went into these analyses, two items could be established as fact. One was the number of units actually built. The second was units per gross acre of vacant land. He said this was an overall efficiency rate. The average from 1992 to 1996 was 4.4. In earlier years it was 3.4. Last year it was 5.1.

**Councilor Morissette** said the problem for developers was that the land was easier to develop at those densities previously, because there was more flat land. Not as much flat land remained. He said with regard to net units per acre, we were not much ahead of where we were overall. He said higher densities were being built, but there were also more set-asides and more unbuildable areas per net acre.

**Mr. Fregonese** said even though more unusable land was increasing, densities were also going up.

**Councilor Morissette** said that fact supported his contention and that of the Urban Studies Center's report, that Metro's assumptions on the amount of buildable land were incorrect.

**Mr. Fregonese** said that to meet the 2040 Growth Concept or the goals of 2017 Urban Growth Report just adopted, densities would need to be increased by 20% in the UGB and the urban reserves. He said, however, Councilor Morissette's concern about diminished efficiency of remaining lands was justified and would need to be monitored.

**Councilor Morissette** asked how much acreage had been used over the past five years.

**Mr. Fregonese** said we had used 9601 acres for residential development. The total acreage used totaled about 11,000.

**Councilor Morissette** said that worked out to be a little over 2000 acres a year. He asked what estimates were for future land consumption.

**Mr. Fregonese** said 1800 to 1700 acres per year.

**Councilor Morissette** said he did not believe the urban reserves would be as productive as Mr. Fregonese did.

**Mr. Fregonese** said the urban reserves were unknown in terms of acreage. He said 3200 units of capacity were needed, but the acreage wouldn't be known until it came time to add the actual land.

**Councilor Morissette** said the conclusion was that either densities would need to be dramatically raised to meet the targets, or the Council would need to be more realistic in expanding the boundary.

**Councilor Naito** said she had been working on a resolution that hadn't yet been finalized, which asked staff to inventory the land in terms of its productivity. This should give us a better idea of

how many units per acre could realistically be expected, and therefore how many acres would actually be needed. She said the decision was based on number of units needed, as required by state law.

**Councilor Morisette** said that the decision on the number of units required almost one new home for every two that currently existed, and that was just a fraction of what the future growth would be outside the UGB. The majority would be on the inside.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** said he agreed with Councilor Morisette's comments. He did support the Regional Framework Plan in spite of some concerns he had about it. He did think the Housing Needs Analysis was flawed and he would not support it. He was concerned about low and moderate income people being able to afford homes in this region. He was concerned that these actions could limit the opportunity for some people to own homes.

**Councilor McLain** recommended looking at the minutes of the growth report on October 23, 1997 and reading her comments. She said those minutes would summarize her answers to many of the issues Councilor Morisette just raised. She answered two new points Councilor Morisette raised. One related to Clark County. She said the portion of growth going to Clark County was smaller now than in 1992, 1993, and 1994. Regarding the price of homes in relation to the UGB, she said the price of homes was going up outside the UGB in towns such as Banks, Gaston, and McMinnville at about the same rate as that of homes in Forest Grove and Cornelius. Referring to the land consumption rates, she said that when looking at that figure, you must consider changes in the Functional Plan in 1996 and 1997 that had been implemented. Those included air rights and other creative strategies to increase densities, in addition to new transit opportunities that would be available from Portland to Hillsboro.

Councilor McLain also addressed Councilor Morisette's comments on recent happenings in West Linn and Milwaukie. She said she had talked to the city counselor who projected the West Linn vote. He indicated this was not a comment about Metro, but more about the meaning of local control. She said she did not think that vote had to do with this document. With respect to the recall of elected officials in Milwaukie, she noted only 37% of the voters turned out for the election.

Councilor McLain also addressed Mr. Morisette's comments on the efficiency of the urban reserves. She referred to a memo dated December 16, 1997, which listed as the first task of 1998 the Urban Reserve Analysis of Productivity of the Urban Reserves. She said Metro code 3.01012 C3 to modify the 2040 Growth Concept would be completed by March of 1998, with designation of regional design types. The design types must be known in order to be able to predict the efficiency, regardless of the size of the development. Those two pieces of work would determine the efficiency of the reserves.

**Councilor Morisette** challenged Councilor McLain to investigate the home-building industry to understand what he had been trying to say. He said the citizens must understand that about 210,000 more houses must be fit inside the UGB. He said this would be tough to do and still allow people to have choices in housing types, with the option of having a reasonable back yard. He said he believed choices like that were important to people in West Linn and Milwaukie. He said to look, for example, at the target figures for Lake Oswego. He said the number was large, and that the area was already pretty well built out. He said opportunities for infill and redevelopment there simply did not exist except in a few small areas. He said he believed the Council has soft-peddled the impact of its decisions. He believed the decisions would negatively

affect the region. He said he did not expect to influence the coming decision, but he wanted it on record how he felt about it.

**Councilor McLain** closed the discussion by reminding the Council of what the document was and how it related to state law and to Metro's other work. She referred to a memo to Mr. Fregonese from Larry Shaw, Metro Legal Counsel, which talked about compliance with House Bill 2493's deadline and other state laws. She said it was important to remember that we were not talking about land consumption patterns of the past, but we were preparing for the future and ensuring that the goals of the 2040 Growth Concept were met. She said work must continue toward reaching the goals in a practical and positive way and one that improved the livability of this region. She said we all like back yards. Back yards would not be disallowed, but different configurations would be designed and made available.

**Vote on  
the Main**

**Motion:** The vote was 5 aye/ 2 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed with Councilor Morissette and Presiding Officer Kvistad voting no.

## 10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** said the past year represented a lot of work accomplished, including completing the urban reserves, the framework plan, the urban growth report, the urban growth boundary decisions, functional plan, and adding thousands of acres of open and green spaces. He noted Metro had reduced taxes on solid waste tonnage thereby benefiting everyone in the region. He said that transportation funding this past year was disappointing, but it had resulted in improved working relationships with local jurisdictions. He said that in spite of the fact that all work with the state legislature had not been successful it had been one of the best years ever in working with the legislature. He congratulated the Council on its hard work.

Presiding Officer Kvistad then spoke to the recall of Mayor Lomnicki in Milwaukie. He said he understood the public's frustration with politicians, but he thought they had made a mistake by recalling the mayor. He said Mr. Lomnicki has worked hard on behalf of his community, he was an outstanding public servant, and he would be sorely missed.

**Councilor McCaig** added that Jean Schreiber and Don Trotter had also been tremendous public servants who had served their communities for many years. She said in her view this was an unbelievable misuse of the recall process. However, the entire election was only 35 days long and ballots went out only 14 days after the petition was filed. No truly informed discussion about density or light rail could have taken place. She also said Milwaukie was not the bell wether for the region. It was only 10 precincts out of hundreds and hundreds. So, although she thought it was a tragedy, she did not think this action would affect the futures of the officials involved. They would do fine.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** noted the gifts of reindeer that his father made. He announced that a thank-you party for Metro volunteers would be held that evening in the Metro foyer. He invited those present to attend.

**Councilor McLain** asked the Council to thank Rosemary Furfey for her work on the storm water project design contest. Three winners of that contest were from Clark County and three from this region--Wilsonville, Aloha, and Washington County. She invited the Council to sign up for the

stream- and flood-plain-protection planned workshops scheduled for January 17, 20, 27, and 31. She also wanted to be sure everyone had received a copy of the memo dated December 16, 1997, which included a schedule for addressing 1998 growth management issues. In addition to the Analysis of Urban Reserves referred to earlier by Councilor Naito, other issues would be Urban Concept Planning, Title III Functional Plan Quality Water and Flood Mitigation work, and performance measures for review of the UGB.

**Councilor Washington** thanked Councilor Morissette for the holiday gift.

**Presiding Officer Kvistad** wished everyone a happy holiday season.

## 11. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Prepared by,

Chris Billington  
Clerk of the Council

| Document Number  | Document Date    | Document Title  | TO/FROM   | RES/ORD                |
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| 121897c-01   | 12/18/97         | Housing Needs Analysis Speech   | TO: Metro Council<br>FROM: Don Morissette               | Resolution No. 97-2559 |
| 121897c-02   | Year end 6/30/97 | Audit of Federal Awards Performed in Accordance with US Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133                        | TO: Metro Council<br>FROM: KPMG Peat Marwick LLP        |                        |
| 121897c-03   | Year end 6/30/97 | Comprehensive Annual Financial Report   | TO: Metro Council<br>FROM: Don Cox, Accounting Services |                        |
| 121897-documents related to Urban Growth Report/Housing Needs Analysis | 12/18/97         | All documents for the Urban Growth Report/Housing Needs Analysis are catalogued and housed separately in the Council Archives |   |                        |

