

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2005
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Rod Park, Rex Burkholder, Brian Newman

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused), Robert Liberty (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

1. **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 18, 2005/ ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Bragdon reviewed the Metro Council Agenda for August 18, 2005.

• **RELEASE FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)**

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, said Councilor Burkholder had brought forward a suggestion about prioritizing what was in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) utilizing realistic financial resources, similar to the price of government idea. What was the most effective use of those resources? Mr. Cotugno talked about the public involvement component. The fundamental objective of having a financially realistic approach was something new for the RTP and new to the region. They thought it was important to have an up front scoping process. This RFP would be for the full scope of work. They thought it was important to get this started. He then spoke to the budgeting issues. Originally they thought they would be getting Transportation Growth Management (TGM) funds to help with the scoping. Tom Kloster, Planning Department, said their concern was to meet the federal deadline. He noted what he was looking for in the scoping process. He provided some history of the RTP. He asked for feedback from Council on the scope of work. Councilor Burkholder explained that they thought they would have a discussion this Thursday, table the resolution until there was a thorough discussion and then act on it when they were ready. They were going to try to save some money by collecting public comments on several issues: transportation and growth.

Councilor Newman talked about the public outreach component and how it could be used in concert with the 2040 reengagement tying in growth and transportation. Councilor Park noted Councilor Liberty's written comments. Was there a way to leverage the outreach piece to get background data to tie in to other pieces? The region was going to have to make some hard choices. Councilor McLain said the last time they talked about this with citizens they used maps. She suggested explaining what a limited pot of money meant as well as raising the equity issues. Councilor Burkholder said they were looking for help to get to the point to make decisions. Mr. Kloster said they would keep 2040 as part of the focus. Council President Bragdon felt this idea was great idea. Reframing the argument in terms of the money we really had made it much more real. They were changing the paradigm. He asked about the type of consultant they would engage. He asked about the division of work and how it fit with Metro's work. Mr. Kloster responded that they were looking for a consultant who helped elected officials make difficult choices. They would be relying on Metro for the transportation expertise. He was concerned that the elected officials had a comfort level with what the public would weigh in on. Mr. Cotugno said they

wanted to marry their transportation expertise with the prioritization expertise. Councilor Park said they were taking a different approach to go down a different path.

2. REGIONAL CONSERVATION PLAN

Tony Vecchio, Oregon Zoo Director, provided an update on the regional conservation efforts and was also requesting feedback from the Council. He provided a history of the regional conservation plan. He teamed up with some of his conservation friends to get Zoos involved in conservation efforts. They developed a model where they would work together regionally to introduce conservation on a bigger scale. They agreed to create a consortium with the goal of being more effective in conservation. The group was still setting goals including better communication, identifying projects that they could work on together and to be the facilitator in creating a conservation plan. He asked Council how much they could work together and what that meant. He felt that Nature in Neighborhoods was timely and set the scene for this type of plan. What was the role for Metro, how much of our resources could we bring to the table? Councilor McLain talked about the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department's conservation plan. She felt that they wanted our Metro programs to be given credit. Councilor Park asked what the trade-offs were. Mr. Vecchio said other things would dry up if we focused on the region. Unless there were more resources available, some programs would be cut or reduced. Council President Bragdon said he worried that we weren't taking care of our assets.

Internally, the Parks Department was promoting a biodiversity strategy. He felt that there was tie in for the Zoo. Councilor Burkholder said the outcomes were useful. His recommendation was looking at who was out there. They needed to figure out what was the big picture. Councilor Newman said he thought there were two types of activities: sharing of collaborative efforts and leading initiatives. He wanted to make sure that they knew what they were forgoing in those areas such as deferred maintenance. He felt regional conservation was more important than international conservation. Councilor McLain said they were talking about the size of the program. Councilor Park asked Mr. Vecchio what his recommendation was. Mr. Vecchio said he was sensitive to the Zoo's challenges but the first expenditures would be in planning and facilitating meetings. They don't have a lot of cash but he wanted to offer skills and expertise from Metro yet those staff didn't work for him. He felt they could bring expertise to the group. Council President Bragdon suggested in kind contributions but large-scale involvement might be iffy. Mr. Jordan talked about looking at the skills and abilities we had at Metro and scoping the effort. His sense was that the Council was interested in this but there was a need for the cost benefit analysis. Councilors made suggestions about how they could use interdepartmental efforts to help this program. Mr. Vecchio summarized what he had heard from the Council.

3. FIVE-YEAR WELLNESS PROGRAM PLAN

Kerry Gilbreth, Benefits Manager, provided an overview of the Wellness Committee and the five-year wellness program. She tied the program into Council's goals and objectives. She spoke to return on investment for supporting a wellness program. She talked about current and future plans for the committee. She noted the outline in the work session packet. They were currently doing social messaging. She noted the Focus on Fitness effort. She said the Benefits Fair provided information on high-risk health issues such as exercise and stress. She noted other programs they offer such as yoga and chair massage. They were also subsidizing the vending machines with healthy foods encouraging employees to making healthier choices. She added that Metro had purchased a defibrillator, a demonstration was provided. She spoke to next steps.

4. BREAK

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(i) AUTHORIZED TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE EMPLOYMENT RELATED PERFORMANCE OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Time Began: 3:42 pm

Time Ended: 5:15 pm

Members Present: Michael Jordan and Council

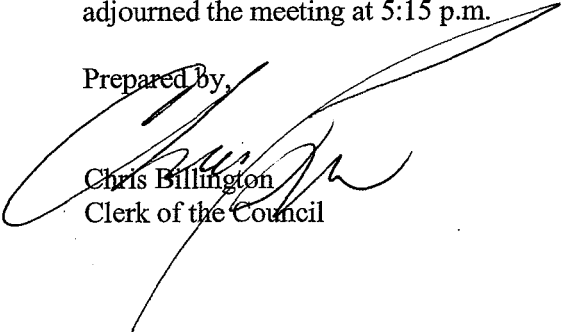
The Council requested that this executive session be audio taped only.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2005

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	8/18/05	Metro Council Agenda for August 15, 2005	081605c-01
1	Memo	8/12/05	To: Metro Council From: Councilor Liberty Re: RFP for Financially Constrained Regional Transportation Plan	081605c-02