

MINUTES OF THE METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 19, 2000

Gresham Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Rod Monroe, (Chair), Bill Atherton (Vice Chair), Ed Washington

Councilors Absent: None

Also Present: David Bragdon, Peggy Coats

Chair Monroe called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Motion: **Councilor Atherton** moved to adopt the minutes of the July 5, 2000, Metro Operations Committee meeting.

Vote: There were no amendments to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 00-2929, For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters an Amendment to the Metro Charter Abolishing the Office of Executive Officer, Creating the Office of Council Chair Making Related Changes

Chair Monroe explained the procedure with regard to this resolution. Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel, would explain the resolution proposed by the Executive Officer, as well as the amendments proposed by Councilors. A public hearing would be held, and Councilor Washington would move the resolution and all proposed amendments to the full Council for action.

Mr. Cooper read the Executive Officer's Charter amendments (which are included in the meeting packet.) He then read changes to the Executive Officer's amendments from Councilor Monroe's Amendment No. 1, attached as a permanent part of this record. Next, he read changes as submitted by Councilor Atherton's Amendment No. 1 which are attached as a permanent part of this record. Lastly, he read changes from Councilor Atherton's Amendment No. 2, attached as a permanent part of this record. There were no questions asked of Mr. Cooper.

Chair Monroe opened a public hearing at 4:05 p.m.

Ken Gervais, 2212 NE 11th, Portland, OR 97212, spoke in opposition to Resolution 00-2929. He said the resolution was rushed to be placed on the November 2000 ballot, and there was not sufficient public discussion. He said a special election or an odd year election would allow for a more public focus. He said this resolution was going in the wrong direction; that the strongest structure was with an executive officer that had veto power. He suggested the Council consider a strong, regionally elected executive officer, stating great reservation regarding a manager form of government.

Ray Phelps, 16 Touchstone, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, spoke to his proposed amendment which was put forth as Councilor Atherton's Amendment No. 2. His written testimony is attached as a permanent part of this record.

Councilor Atherton asked Mr. Phelps if he felt similarly to Mr. Gervais -- that this process was being rushed.

Mr. Phelps said with reapportionment and the term limit of the executive officer, the timing was good.

Chair Monroe closed the public hearing at 4:15 p.m.

Councilor Bragdon asked if the committee was aware of any amendment dealing with the Auditor's status.

Mr. Cooper responded that the amendments before this committee in relationship to the Auditor only concerned salary as related to the circuit court judge salary rather than the non-existent district court judge salary.

Councilor Washington moved Resolution No. 00-2929 and all of the proposed amendments be referred to Council for action.

Vote: The Committee voted 3/0, unanimously passing Resolution No. 00-2929 and proposed amendments. **Councilor Washington** will carry the resolution to the full Council.

3. Resolution No. 00-2973, For the Purpose of Authorizing Amendments to Certain Personal Services Contracts of Environmental Auditors and Surveyors for the Metro Open Spaces Acquisition Division

Councilor Atherton moved Resolution No. 00-2973.

Charlie Ciecko, Director, Parks and Open Spaces, said this legislation allowed for amendments to certain contracts so environmental audits and surveying work could continue as part of the department's due diligence process in land acquisition. The department utilizes contractors to provide due diligence services, including appraisals, environmental auditors, surveyors and other such services and is about to release an updated RFQ/RFP list. This legislation is an interim measure until the new list is released.

Vote: The Committee voted 3/0, unanimously passing Resolution No. 00-2973. **Councilor Atherton** will carry the resolution to the full Council.

4. Update on Blue Lake Park Alternative Plan Scenarios

Mr. Ciecko stated this item was an informational briefing on the Blue Lake Park Master Plan. The presentation today was a summary of what had occurred to date, including a mission statement and goals, completion of a market and demographics survey including 400 randomly selected households and 25 stakeholder interviews, the establishment of a 15-member project advisory committee and a 15-member business panel, and an operation and maintenance practices review to identify operational cost reductions. There is currently a \$400,000 difference between revenues generated and actual costs. There is substantial interest in two areas: increasing the revenue generating potential at the park, and reducing costs, thereby shrinking the deficit. Four scenarios had been developed for presentation. **Heather Nelson Kent**, Manager, Planning and Education, introduced **Jane Hart**. **Jane Hart**, Associate Regional Planner, Parks Department, presented four park alternative scenarios and the preferred scenario. The entire presentation is attached as a permanent part of this record, and used a system of colored dots, red or green, indicating opposition or support. Scenario A did not generate much public interest; Scenario B generated a good deal of public interest as did Scenario C. Scenario D did not generate much support. The final scenario, the "Preferred Scenario" was a combination of the successes of each of the other scenarios. As operational opportunities are being sought to reduce the cost deficit at Blue Lake Park, the specific details of the presented scenarios are not totally clear at this time. She indicated the need for this committee's policy direction regarding the promotion of the preferred scenario. **Chair Monroe** stated his concern over how this project was going to be financed. **Ms. Hart** said they would be seeking private/public partnerships.

Councilor Atherton asked about the boating opportunities available. **Ms. Hart** replied that there is a boating concession renting pilot boats and canoes. During off-season, visitors can bring in small motor boats. In response to the kinds of fish available, **Mr. Ciecko** responded that trout is stocked in the cold months, and bass, crappie and blue gill in the warmer months. It is unlikely that the lake could sustain trout for the long term.

Chair Monroe thanked staff for the presentation and said there would be further dialogue.

5. Consideration of an Eco-Roof as a Component of the OCC Expansion Project.

Dan Saltzman, City of Portland Commissioner, thanked the committee for the opportunity to make this presentation. He introduced Elizabeth Allen Ramirez of Zimmer, Gunsul Frasca Partnership, architects for the Oregon Convention Center, and Tom Liptan, Environmental Specialist for the City of Portland Environmental Services, a senior landscape architect. **Mr. Saltzman** acknowledged the Staff Report prepared by Council Analyst Peggy Coats as an excellent summary. It is attached as a permanent part of this record. The OCC expansion project will create an approximately 270,000 square foot roof space, and the City of Portland has been exploring the possibility of installing an eco-roof on approximately 100,000 square feet of that roof, mostly on the perimeter. There are financial benefits, including stormwater management, reduction of ultraviolet radiation, and increased energy efficiency. Another benefit would be the advancement of sustainable technology, and a highly visible demonstration project for the Portland area. He said it was possible for this to be accomplished for about \$5.00 -

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\$6.00 per foot, totaling about \$500,000 - \$600,000 for a 100,000 square foot area. The City of Portland was also ready to provide funding to help make this happen, with a commitment of up to \$200,000. His further comments are attached as a permanent part of the record. **Mr. Liptan** made a slide presentation. He said the facts would become clearer as work progressed. He said there are many types of plantings that could be used, depending upon the “look” the client wanted and amount of money the client wanted to spend. Structural modifications to the building would need to be addressed since the type of plantings were directly related to the weight and amount of the soil used. **Elizabeth Ramirez** said there are many structural implications that will need to be addressed by using an eco-roof. **Councilor Atherton** asked if research had been done to identify local vendors who might be willing to do a demonstration project. **Ms. Ramirez** responded that if this suggestion met with approval, it would provide impetus to further dialogue. Brochures were distributed to the Councilors. **Chair Monroe** responded that the Council is interested in continuing these discussions, and acknowledged Peggy Coats to be the lead contact person. He thanked them for their presentation. **Councilor Bragdon** indicated his support for this project.

4. Councilor Communications

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter
Council Assistant

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2000

Document Number	Date	Document Description	RES/ORD
071900.01	7/14/2000	Councilor Monroe Amendment No. 1	Resolution No. 00-2929
071900.02	7/14/2000	Councilor Atherton Amendment No. 1	Resolution No. 00-2929
071900.03	7/14/2000	Councilor Atherton Amendment (At the request of Ray Phelps) No. 2	Resolution No. 00-2929
071900.04	7/19/2000	Testimony of Ray Phelps	Resolution No. 00-2929
071900.05		Blue Lake Park Master Plan Presentation	
071900.06		Oregon Convention Center Potential Eco-roof Project Submitted by City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services	
071900.07	7/19/2000	Staff Report: Consideration of an Eco-Roof as a Component of the OCC Expansion Project by Peggy Coats	