

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 27, 2005
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Rod Park, Brian Newman

Councilors Absent: Susan McLain (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the October 20, 2005 Regular Council Meetings.

Motion:

Councilor Newman moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the October 20, 2005 Regular Metro Council.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, Liberty, Park, Newman, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 05-1070**, For the Purpose of Amending the Urban Growth Boundary To increase Capacity to Accommodate Growth in Industrial Employment in Response to Remand from the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 05-1070 to Council. He noted amendments that had been proposed which Council had received Tuesday. Councilor Burkholder spoke to his proposed Burkholder Amendment #1. Councilor Park mentioned his amendment, which had to do with housing (a copy of these amendments are included in the record). Councilor Hosticka raised the issue about the last amendment on the list. Dick Benner, Metro Senior Attorney, said they had not received information for Division of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) but should be getting it soon.

4.2 **Ordinance No. 05-1089**, For the Purpose of Amending Chapter 3.01 of the Metro Code (Urban Growth Boundary and Urban Reserve Procedures) to Comply With Changes in State Planning Laws, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 05-1089 to Council. He noted discussion occurred at MPAC last night on this ordinance.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 05-3629**, For the Purpose of Formalizing Budget Assumption Guidelines for Departmental Use in Preparing the Fiscal-Year 2006-07 Budget And Directing the Chief Operating Officer to Advise Council of any Substantive Changes in the Assumptions Prior to the Submission of the Proposed Budget to Council for Public Review.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 05-3629.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty said Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator, presented the assumptions at work session on October 11th. The Council had extensive discussions on the proposals at that meeting. There was a follow up meeting two weeks later at the October 25th work session to address questions that were raised at the earlier meeting. The resolution before the Council today formalizes the budget assumption guidelines for FY 2006-07 and directs the Chief Operating Office (COO) to advise the Council of any substantive changes in the assumptions prior to Proposal of the budget.

The assumptions range from all factors that impact personal services (such as cost of living, Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), health & welfare, etc) to general revenue factors such as interest rates to global factors such as allocations of excise tax and central service transfers. They were developed in consultation with a variety of staff including the Human Resources Director, the Labor Relations Manager, the Benefits Manager, and the Classification & Compensation Manager as well as the Investment Manager and the Chief Financial Officer. They have been crafted with the best information available at this time.

We assume no increase over the current year's actual rate for payroll taxes (social security, TriMet payroll tax, state workers' compensation tax) and most fringe benefits. Health & welfare costs assume a 5% increase in the amount Metro will pay on behalf of the employee based on the existing AFSCME collecting bargaining agreement. Proposed PERS rates reflect the recent action to bond the unfunded liability that resulted in almost a 1% decrease in the rate. The Council choose to continue the 6.65% PERS Reserve for an additional year because the impact of the recent court decisions still has not be determined nor reflected in the rates. Most other assumptions or costs were continued either at current year amounts or allowed to increase at a modest 2.5% inflationary factor. Councilor Liberty urged adoption. Council President Bragdon said he would be supporting this resolution. He noted the thoroughness of the budget staff in preparing these assumptions. He spoke to the timeline for the 2006-07 budget. Councilor Burkholder noted that Council acted as the Budget Committee for this agency and explained their review of the programmatic budgeting process. Councilor Park talked about the strategic planning process, which drove the whole process.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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- 5.2 **Resolution No. 05-3627**, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Amendment to An Intergovernmental Agreement With TriMet Concerning Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and Increasing the Level of Transit Service.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 05-3627.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty said Resolution 05-3627 approved an intergovernmental agreement with Tri-Met to continue funding for the TOD and Centers Implementation program. Since this program began in 1998, work had begun on 26 projects throughout the region. Recent research by Portland State University found that residents of the Merrick, one of our TOD projects, were making nearly half (47%) of their trips by transit or walking. This was much better than expected, and demonstrated that people will voluntarily change their travel behavior (and leave their cars at home) when they had good alternatives. This agreement with Tri-Met strengthened the TOD program by increasing the certainty that project funds can be accessed when needed, and by reducing the associated overhead costs. In combination, this increases our flexibility and makes it feasible to do smaller projects. Council President Bragdon talked about the resolution and the kinds of projects that were supported by this program. He was supportive of the resolution.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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5.3 **Resolution No. 05-3616B**, For the Purpose of Updating the Work Program for Corridor Refinement Planning Through 2020

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to substitute Resolution No. 05-3616B with Resolution No. 05-3616A.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty said last week he had proposed an amendment. He explained his amendment. He said there was concerned raised by colleagues about what that might mean and the impact on the corridor studies. He said they had discussed this at work session and concluded that a letter would be sent to Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) expressing the Council's intent (a copy of the draft letter is included in the record). Council President Bragdon said he was supportive of the "A" version and explained his vote. Councilor Burkholder expressed his appreciation to the Council for their discussion about the amended resolution. Councilor Park suggested a formalized resolution instead of a letter in order to lie out policy issues. Councilor Newman said the draft letter looked good to him. He felt it was important to start the dialogue. Councilor Liberty said he felt the conversation among Councilors had been really good. He said it was worth the time to have the discussion and share the intent with JPACT.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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Consideration of Resolution No. 05-3616A, For the Purpose of Updating the Work Program for Corridor Refinement Planning Through 2020

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved adoption of Resolution No. 05-3616A.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Vote on Main Motion: Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordon, COO, said there might be an amendment to Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 05-1089.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Park talked about the Rate Review Committee meeting that occurred today.

Councilor Liberty talked about the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting last night. He provided an overview of their discussion.

Councilor Burkholder announced the Get Centered event tonight in the district of Hollywood. He reported on the meeting of the JPACT Finance Subcommittee that occurred this morning. They were starting a discussion about toll roads, the Hwy 217 project and three ODOT projects.

Councilor Park suggested another Get Centered event around the "entertainment center".

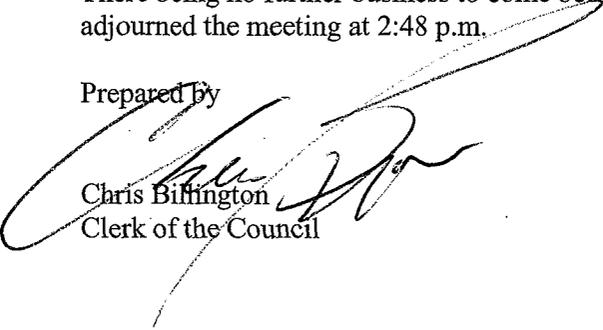
Councilor Liberty said there needed to be discussion around the worthiness of certain transportation.

Council President Bragdon said the Council meeting on November 3rd was cancelled. They will meet November 2nd and continue the discussion on the New Look.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Prepared by


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Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2005

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	10/20/05	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2005	102705c-01
5.3	Resolution No. 05-3616B	10/27/05	Resolution No. 05-3616B , For the Purpose of Updating the Work Program for Corridor Refinement Planning Through 2020	102705c-02
5.3	Resolution No. 05-3616A	10/27/05	Resolution No. 05-3616A , For the Purpose of Updating the Work Program for Corridor Refinement Planning Through 2020	102705c-03
4.2	Ordinance No. 05-1089 Exhibit A	10/27/05	Ordinance No. 05-1089 , For the Purpose of Amending Chapter 3.01 of the Metro Code (Urban Growth Boundary and Urban Reserve Procedures) to Comply With Changes in State Planning Laws, and Declaring an Emergency.	102705c-04
5.3	Draft Letter	10/27/05	To: JPACT Chair Burkholder and JPACT From: Council President Bragdon Re: Letter to JPACT concerning Resolution No. 05-3616A	102705c-05
4.1	Proposed amendments	10/20/05	To: Metro Council From: Dick Benner, Metro Senior Attorney Re: Proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 05-1070	102705c-06