

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 2000

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain, Ed Washington, Rod Park, Bill Atherton, Rod Monroe, Jon Kvistad

Councilors Absent: None

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:00 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor McLain presented an award to the Oregon Zoo for its contributions to the National Debate Tournament, which drew students from all over the country and three of the territories. She asked Tony Vecchio, Director of the Oregon Zoo, to come forward to receive the award. She noted that the participants in the tournament had been impressed with the Oregon Zoo, particularly the helpfulness and friendliness of the staff.

Presiding Officer Bragdon invited Mr. Vecchio to share with the Council what has been happening at the Zoo.

Mr. Vecchio announced the Stellar Cove Grand Opening, which began with a gala fundraising event on Saturday, July 8, culminate with the grand opening on Saturday, July 15, 2000. He added that the Zoo had record-breaking attendance this past year in spite of all the construction.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

2. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Burton, Metro Executive Officer, first updated the Council on the City of Fairview negotiations concerning security at Blue Lake Park. He said the conclusions from those negotiations would be presented to the Council as soon as they were complete. Second, he said a staff report on the residuals from the open spaces program would be before the Council soon. Third, he said a draft of the 1997-2017 Urban Growth Boundary Land Need Report had been completed and would be presented to the Growth Management Committee next week. That report updates population forecasts, in-fill and redevelopment rates, zoning, and growth patterns. It indicates that land has been used efficiently as the economy continues to grow. It also suggests the Council will have more work in the future to protect natural resources and to provide transportation services in the face of dwindling funding sources.

3. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Park reported on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting of the previous evening. The primary discussion focused on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The committee recommended the Metro Council delay action for six months. The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) discussed the delay further.

Councilor Kvistad, Chair of JPACT, said that the business and political community in Washington County had requested the six month delay in adopting the RTP because it has not been fully funded and because some growth issues remained unsolved. At the JPACT meeting that morning, the committee considered recommendations put forth by Transportation Policy Advisory Committee, (TPAC), which crystallized the concerns of the business community and Washington County. The recommendations would be taken back to the Washington County Coordinating Committee and the business group, and bring reactions back to JPACT in 30 days. The RTP would then be finalized by at least the second week of September.

Councilor McLain said she had attended the MPAC and JPACT meetings. She agreed with Councilor Kvistad on JPACT's concluding vote, and added more comments made at JPACT and MPAC. She said the issue has two parts. One part is the need to develop a fiscally constrained RTP. MPAC had focussed its discussion on whether level of service needed to be addressed again or whether level of service should be implemented. She said the TPAC recommendations recognized that the document could be adopted to allow the implementation and fiscal issues to be discussed without excluding the concerns of the business community. The document could be changed as needed. She noted that the funding element was crucial not only to the transportation system, but also to the success of the 2040 plan. She said in her view it was not an either/or conversation.

Councilor Monroe said Dave Lohman, Port of Portland, indicated at JPACT that he would be bringing forward language to codify the participation of the Westside Business Community and other groups. That would allow the RTP to be re-opened during the next year. Other language had been restored, which clarified the commitment to parking maximums.

Councilor Kvistad said he anticipates more discussion on those issues where 2040 intersect with transportation issues. He noted that parking maximums might be among them.

Councilor Washington complimented Chair Kvistad for his facilitation of the JPACT meeting that morning, which might have been otherwise divisive. He felt that there was a very strong message.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration of minutes of the July 6, 2000 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: **Councilor Park** moved to adopt the meeting minutes of July 6, 2000 Regular Council meeting.

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

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 **Resolution No. 00-2966**, For the Purpose of Accepting the May 16, 2000, Primary Election Abstract of Votes.

Motion: **Councilor Park** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-2966.

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

Councilor Park said that by law Metro must accept the results of the election of May 16, which affirms that the positions for Council Districts 3, 5, and 6 appeared on the ballot, according to ORS 2555295. The abstracts, which have been in the meeting packet, report that Mr. Carl Hosticka was elected in District 3; Mr. Rex Burkholder in District 5; and Mr. Rod Monroe was re-elected from District 6.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

7.2 **Resolution No. 00-2970**, For the Purpose of Council Approval of the Mt. Talbert Master Plan and Management Recommendations, Pursuant to an Existing IGA between Metro and North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

Motion: **Councilor Atherton** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-2970.

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

Councilor Atherton said that Metro had entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District in 1977 to develop a master plan for the Mt. Talbert area, which had been jointly purchased by the two jurisdictions. This resolution would confirm the master plan, which would preserve the area as a natural area. Uses would be restricted to foot traffic only, with all dogs on leash. He urged support of this resolution.

Presiding Officer Bragdon opened a public hearing.

Mike Henley, Director of the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation, 11022 SE 37th Ave, Milwaukie, Oregon, urged support for the master plan. He said months of planning had gone into the effort. He said the plan reflected the community values as well as the intent of the green spaces bond measure. He noted that the citizen-based steering committee, formed to work on this master plan, had been so successful that the district had decided to retain the committee intact to act as the project manager for the capital improvement program. A number of volunteer citizen groups had already lined up to work on trail improvements. He added that the district would be considering a local option in the November election. A survey of citizens indicates that preservation of open spaces continues to be a priority. He concluded by praising the Metro Greenspaces staff for its part in this process.

Presiding Officer Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Atherton closed by urging an aye vote.

Councilor Monroe added that this was just another example of the success of the greenspaces program. He was pleased that the area would be kept as a natural area, for the sake of the wildlife.

Councilors Washington, Kvistad and Park indicated their support of this resolution.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Resolution No. 00-2974, For the Purpose of Declaring Support for Metro’s Open Spaces Program.

Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-2974.

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

Councilor Monroe said he had requested that this resolution be drafted. He reviewed the background to the greenspaces program and its successes. He noted Metro had purchased more than 6250 acres in 14 different target areas, more than the minimum acreage goal. Furthermore, more than \$41 million out of \$135 million left with which to buy more property. He noted one particularly successful purchase—the “hole” in Forest Park. The city of Portland had tried to purchase that property for 20 years but had not been successful. The Metro staff was able to close the deal, making the Park contiguous in that area. He praised the professionalism of the staff for that success. This resolution recognizes the success of program and the efforts of the staff.

Charlie Ciecko, Parks and Open Spaces Director, thanked the Council for expressing its confidence in and support for the program. He said two factors have been key in the success of the program. One was developing the bond measure itself, which specified what would be accomplished and what voters would get in return. The second was the implementation work play that allowed staff to operate in the challenging real estate market in the Portland metropolitan area. Finally, the 22 refinement plans that were worked on cooperatively. The policy guidance provided by the Council has been valuable.

Mr. Ciecko recognized the staff, whose professionalism, enthusiasm, and passion for the program have been key in cultivating the 192 willing sellers found to date. The lands purchased generally have not been on the market, so the owners needed to be contacted and sold on the long-term value of selling their property as part of this program. The staff’s passions has been key in accomplishing that. He noted that the office of general counsel had also been key.

Councilor McLain expressed her appreciation for the resolution, which recognized a program that exemplifies Metro’s success. She noted that in her conversations with local jurisdictions, individual staff members connected with this program have been highly praised for their professionalism. She thanked Mr. Ciecko and his staff.

Councilor Kvistad congratulated the department and thanked the staff for a job well done.

Councilor Park said he had voted for the measure as a private citizen. He said that the success needed to be viewed in terms of the overall program. He likened it to a golf game, where the final score determines the success of the game, not the score on each individual hole. He said the department in those terms was currently shooting under par.

Councilor Washington added his thanks.

Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel, said that in all his years as an attorney, he was as proud of the work in this program as anything he had ever done.

Councilor Atherton also praised the staff and the legal counsel. He those who might be concerned about the high price of land should address their concerns to the state legislature. The state had propped up the speculative value of bare land through its failure to require that developers pay the full cost of growth through systems development charges.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said it had been at least 50 years since a plan with this kind of vision had been implemented. He said that the thanks the department was receiving today would pale in comparison to what would come for hundreds of years to come.

Councilor Monroe asked those present who had been involved in the program to stand and be recognized.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed.

Mr. Ciecko thanked the Council again.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Park invited the Council to come and listen to the presentation on Land Supply Report at next week's Growth Management Committee.

Councilor Atherton said that the idea Councilor Kvistad had suggested as an aside of providing for a 20-year supply of greenspaces deserved consideration.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said Commissioner Saltzman from the city of Portland would be at the Metro Operations Committee next week to present his ideas for increasing the city's contribution to the Convention Center by doing a "green" roof.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:53 pm.

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