

## **MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, January 12, 2006  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rod Park (excused), Susan McLain (excused)

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

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Henry Kane, 12077 SW Camdon Lane, Beaverton, OR 97008 said he had filed his written testimony (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). This coming week he would be filing articles as well. He spoke to the Hwy 217 issue. He felt there had been inaccurate information due to the lack of engineering on the Hwy 217 toll lanes. He suggested the cost of toll lanes was grossly understated. He suggested that Council have the plans reviewed to make sure alternatives had validity.

### **3. PORTLAND STREETCAR DEVELOPMENT IMPACT PRESENTATION**

Richard Brandman, Deputy Planning Director, provided a status report on the Portland Streetcar development analysis. He shared maps of the streetcar design. They were analyzing transit options. They were also looking at existing streetcars lines. They were looking at potential ridership as well as land uses that these projects would serve. They had done a detailed economic analysis. Councilors asked questions about the proposed designs.

Tess Jordan, E.D. Hovee and Company Lead Analyst provided a brief overview of the Portland Streetcar Development Impacts (a copy of the report is included in the record). They had analyzed development patterns and spoke to potential barriers. They also looked at rate of development. They had looked at density on the west side, which was organized by distance from streetcar. She said there had been a jump in density since 1997 on the west side. They had looked at commercial versus residential. They then looked at the potential of the streetcar on the eastside utilizing the same criteria. Councilors asked questions about development on both sides of the river. Councilor Liberty questioned how much development the streetcar was causing and how much would have developed in the area anyway? Councilor Burkholder suggested that the transit mall effected development as well. He asked about the effect of changing parking ratio and suggested this might be a component of a refined study. Mr. Brandman clarified the charts on quantification of existing streetcar impact and what the data represented. Development was beginning to cluster toward the streetcar rather than randomly as it had done prior to the streetcar's existence. Ms. Jordan talked about new development, which occurred after the streetcar was built. She then reviewed the east side potential for redevelopment. The big impact on re-development on the east side was the rate established through the west side. They also looked at density. Finally, they had allocated a use to the square footage. 66% was in residential use on the west side. She spoke to projection of streetcar impacts on the east side. Councilor

Burkholder asked if density was consistent with City of Portland's 2040 plan. Mr. Brandman responded to his question. Councilor Burkholder talked about housing capacity versus industrial use on the east side. He talked about the east side industrial sanctuary and the desire of the East Side Industrial Committee to maintain that sanctuary. Mr. Brandman summarized the data. Ms. Jordan suggested that the Council's questioning of expected development was appropriate. There were many factors that enhanced the west side streetcar, which might not be true on the east side. Council President Bragdon talked about impacts of light rail on east side redevelopment and effects on the east side streetcar. Councilor Liberty said relationships were complex. He reminded that tastes also change.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **4.1 Consideration of minutes of the January 5, 2006 Regular Council Meetings.**

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the January 5, 2006 Regular Metro Council.
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Vote:	Councilors Burkholder, Liberty, Newman, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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#### **5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

##### **5.1 Ordinance No. 06-1098, Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.01 and 5.05 and the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to Impose a Temporary Moratorium Until December 31, 2007, on Certain New Non-Putrescible, Mixed Solid Waste Material Recovery or Reload Facilities, and Certain Non-system Licenses; and Declaring An Emergency.**

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 06-1098 to Council.

##### **5.2 Ordinance No. 06-1099, Amending Metro Code Section 5.02.075 Regarding Waivers of Fees for Disposal of Solid Waste from the Metro Region.**

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 06-1099 to Council.

#### **6. RESOLUTIONS**

##### **6.1 Resolution No. 06-3654, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Todd Irvine and Adam C. Winston to the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee.**

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3654.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Council President Bragdon spoke to the resolution. Mr. Irvine and Mr. Winston had been nominated. He urged support.

Vote:

Councilors Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

## **7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO) COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordon, COO, said Metro was in the process of transitioning our printer/fax system in the building to provide efficiencies. The printer reconfiguration was based on a suggestion of one of the employees. He noted savings to the agency. He thanked Joe Gross, Richard Ames and David Biedermann for their efforts. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said last Thursday Council approved the Tryon Farm conservation easement. They were now completed the transaction.

## **8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Council President Bragdon announced that the COO and he had met with the Board of the Business Improvement District. They would bring a report about Metro's participation to the Council at a later date. He also talked about air rights over the Metro parking lot. He would be talking with Mr. Jordan about whether we wanted to revisit this issue.

Councilor Burkholder talked about Metro's sponsorship of the Illahee Lecture Series, which was coming up soon. He was working with a Council intern on a symposium about water issues.

Councilor Liberty said he had distributed a memo to Council about the Hwy 217 Corridor study (a copy of the memo is included in the meeting record). He said Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) was to take up consideration of the corridor study next week. He said there were basic policy issues concerning this corridor study. He felt he would benefit from more conversation on this issue. Council President Bragdon wondered how widespread these concerns were among the Councilors. Councilor Burkholder talked about amending the RTP and asked for direction from the Council to JPACT. Councilor Hosticka suggested there be discussion about what would change if they accepted the resolution as written. He agreed with Councilor Liberty that there were a number of questions about this corridor. Mr. Brandman said the question was what was the result of adopting the resolution before JPACT and Council. The resolution would accept and adopt the recommendations of the Policy Advisory Committee. He detailed the membership of the committee. He reviewed the aspects of the study. The recommendations for the preferred Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) would be to include toll roads in the Hwy 217 corridor. This was not in the constrained RTP. Mr. Brandman explained the difference between the preferred RTP and the constrained RTP. The added lane was in the preferred RTP. What this resolution would do was to include a toll road as part of the added lane. Councilor Hosticka clarified the resolution would include other amendments. Mr. Brandman said yes, in the preferred RTP.

Bridget Wieghart, Planning Department, clarified what the resolution would do beyond the toll lane option. Councilor Newman summarized the impact of passage of the resolution on the preferred RTP. Councilor Liberty said he wanted to be clear about what they were doing if the Council adopted the resolution. Councilors were concerned about impacts if they adopted the resolution. Mr. Brandman responded that there were various stages that happened before a road was built. He talked about what the Advisory Committee had looked at and their conclusions. When we go into the Environmental Stage they would normally start with the recommendation of the Committee. They would still consider public input. Councilor Burkholder said updates to the RTP could change the Environmental Impact Study. Mr. Brandman agreed. Councilor Hosticka

said the question was that by accepting the report would they commit ODOT, TriMet, Metro and local jurisdiction to the recommendation? Mr. Brandman responded to his question. He said Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) had had a rigorous discussion and had not concurred with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. Councilor Hosticka wondered if by accepting a report were they bound by the recommendation made by an Advisory Committee. Mr. Jordan said they were not bound by the recommendation.

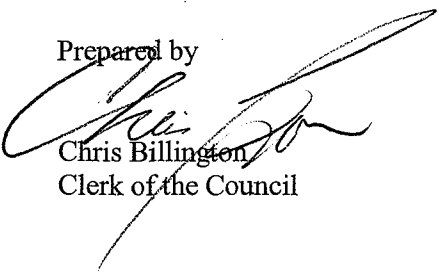
Councilor Liberty said he felt here was a technical issue with the process. He felt the public would regard accepting the report as adding toll roads. He felt they were sending a pretty clear signal. He thought they should take the time to discuss the merits of the study.

Council President Bragdon suggested that their challenge today was to provide guidance to their JPACT delegates. Councilor Hosticka said he voted in favor of the report. He did suggest talking about the statewide commitments. Council President Bragdon said he wasn't sure if he would amend the resolution. He would communicate his personal concerns about the project. His concerns were about the unfunded nature of the mega projects, cost relative to benefits, and was the evaluation of other strategies in terms of what questions you asked at the beginning which were such things as, does this serve the Centers? They needed to understand how transportation facilities served particular places. Councilor Newman appreciated input from the Council. His thoughts were consistent with the Council President. He summarized Councilor Liberty's concerns, which he felt were more fundamental than what had been expressed by the Council President. Councilor Burkholder said he was looking for specific amendments. He saw these concerns to be more fundamental to the RTP. This was input into that issue. He felt it was consistent with the RTP guidance about no more than six lanes. He was comfortable with the language in the resolution especially with the representative from that part of the region. Council President Bragdon summarized what he had heard from all of the Councilors. Councilor Liberty clarified his position and his fundamental concerns.

## 9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2006**

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.1	Minutes	1/5/06	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2006	011206c-01
2.0	Memo and additional information	1/12/06	To: Metro Council From: Henry Kane Re: Hwy 217 corridor study	011206c-02
3.0	Report	November 2005	To: Metro Council From: Hovee and Company Re: Portland Streetcar Development Impacts	011206c-03
8.0	Memo	1/12/06	To: Metro Council From: Councilor Liberty Re: Council Discussion of Highway 217 Corridor Study Recommendations to JPACT and Metro Council – Prior to JPACT	011206c-04