

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 9, 2006  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 4:02 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. GREENSPACES POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GPAC) REPORT

Mike Ragsdale, GPAC Chair, said he was here today to update the Council on the work the committee had done on standards for regional parks and greenspaces. He said their goal was to develop the maps, the physical inventory and strategies as we grow. They will focus on policy or strategy for accomplishing these goals. They had identified that they had to develop a system. They also intended to look at the roles of the partners. Their goal was to talk about institutional structures. He provided some examples of these partnerships and talked about collaborative management issues. They would be looking at institutional relationships as well as Metro's role. They planned to have concrete recommendations on how our regional system ought to work. They would also be looking at financing the system. He said some of the jurisdictions were having trouble with operational expenses. They had been working with New Look staff to make sure there was consistency and collaboration. They were excited about the regional response in helping in this process.

Councilor Newman asked about data collection, rates of System Development Charges (SDCs) as they relate to parks, and if there was analysis or data available? Mr. Ragsdale said they did have some of this data and were updating this data as well. He said some jurisdictions had SDCs and others did not. Councilor Newman suggested an analysis of the trends for private parks. Mr. Ragsdale said they would also be looking at this issue. They would have thoughts on this issue as well. Councilor Liberty suggested taking advantage of the Coalition for a Livable Future research. Mr. Ragsdale indicated they had planned on looking at their research. Councilor Park asked about SDCs or other funds to purchase parks. Mr. Ragsdale said some jurisdictions have SDCs and some have none. They would be looking at minimum standards. He noted that there was currently wide disparity. Councilor Park explained why he asked the question. Mr. Ragsdale said there was desire on the haves and the have-nots both to have a system that worked. Council President Bragdon thanked Mr. Ragsdale and the committee for their work. Mr. Ragsdale said if they had embarked on this issue several years ago it would not have work.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 Consideration of minutes of the March 2, 2006 Regular Council Meetings.

Motion: 

Councilor Newman moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 2, 2006 Regular Metro Council.
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Councilor Liberty asked for a correction to the minutes, on page 4 his motion was to raise the amount of the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program.

Vote: 

Councilors Burkholder, McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed as amended.
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#### 5. RESOLUTIONS

##### 5.1 **Resolution No. 06-3672A**, For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3672A.
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Motion to substitute:	Councilor McLain moved to substitute Resolution No. 06-3672A with Resolution No. 06-3672B.
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Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion
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Vote: 

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, McLain, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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Councilor Hosticka reported that Metro Policy Advisory Committee had met and supported the bond measure; there were only two opposing votes.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 06-3672B.

Mary Ann Schwab, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, 605 SE 38<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland OR 97214 said she was confused about some of the process that were used. She noted that in December the bond measure was \$200 million, in February it was \$220 million and now it was \$227.4 million. She noted that she wanted to make sure voters understood it was assessed value. She wanted the public to vote for this measure. She expressed her concerns about open fields. She was pleased with the local share portion of the measure. She had addressed these issues with neighborhood associations she was involved in. She urged paying attention to our stone gardens as well. She urged people vote for this measure. Councilor Liberty said it was \$22 a year for each household. Ms. Schwab said she was told \$.18 per \$1000 of assessed value.

Tom Wolf, Trout Unlimited, 22875 NW Chestnut, Hillsboro OR 97124, praised Council for all the work they had done. Included in the measure was protection of salmon. He said one of the causes of lost acres was urban growth. It had caused a decline in the fish habitat. Included in the measure were plans to acquire areas that would help maintain fish and wildlife. He said without

clear-headed thinking habitat would be lost. He hoped that Council would look at acquiring Wapato Lake in the future.

Mike Houck, Urban Greenspaces Institute, PO Box 6903 Portland OR 97228 said this action supported sustainability. This measure created an ecological sustainability. He spoke to equity and that this proposal worked across all landscapes. He felt Council could take pride in this resolution. We are taking a giant step in creating a bi-state system. Tonight Clark County was holding its final public hearing on revising their Parks Master Plan.

Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland, 5151 NW Cornell Portland OR 97210 said they expressed their strong support to protect natural areas and habitat. He asked members to stand in support of the measure. He talked about biodiversity in our region. The steps Council was taking today would stem the loss of habitat. The Metro staff had done an incredible job of creating this measure. He spoke to the balance of the measure. He talked about local share and equity. The Nature in Neighborhoods capital fund was a great addition to the measure. He talked about his history with Audubon Society. They had overwhelming response from their members to help with the bond measure.

Curt Schneider, St. Johns Neighborhood Association, 7232 N. Kellogg St Portland OR 97203 thanked Councilor Burkholder for attending their neighborhood association meeting. They were in strong support of this measure. They supported acquisition along with the Willamette River. He suggested certain property purchases to extend a trail in the Eastbank Esplanade. He also suggested areas near Cathedral Park.

Francie Royce, North Portland Greenway group, 1854 NW Aspen Portland OR 97210 stated that they had been working to support a trail along the Willamette Greenway. She talked about public and private efforts to create this greenway. Her group would work hard to pass the bond measure.

Daniel Lyons, 326 N Lombard Portland OR 97217 said he was supportive of open spaces since its inception. He said the open spaces program would help fund neighborhood parks, protect habitat and natural resources. He suggested including campgrounds in the measure. He felt they needed more campgrounds within or close to the region and explained the benefits of these sites. He would support this bond measure.

Anne Pernick, field organizer of Oregon League of Conservation Voters, 3205 SW Stark Suite 530 Portland OR 97204 said they supported the opinions of several agencies such as Audubon Society in supporting this bond measure.

Dick Schouten, Washington County Commission, 155 N. First Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124 said he was here today representing 25,000 people in Washington County. He supported the measure. He reminded the audience and council of what still needed to be done to get the measure passed. They needed to run a strong campaign. He urged people get involved. He commended the Council and the Council President for the hard work they had done. He also complimented Councilor Park on his work with the farmers. He noted the support of the business community. He said preservation of greenspaces made the region special. The bond was part of making the region special. He spoke to investments today and the impacts on the future. Councilor Park said Councilors McLain and Liberty worked with the farm community as well. Council President Bragdon recognized Commissioner Schouten's work on the acquisition of Mt. Williams and Tualatin Hills Nature Park. Commissioner Schouten acknowledged Washington County staff's work.

Michelle Bussard, Executive Director of Johnson Creek Watershed, 1900 SE Milport Milwaukie OR submitted her testimony for the record. There would be great harm if this measure were not passed. She talked about performance measure related to habitat recovery. She felt that the bond measure provided significant grant opportunities. She asked the audience what they could do to ensure the passage of the measure, the success of promises made and promises passed. Council President Bragdon noted that her expressed concerns about Johnson Creek tributaries were included in the measure.

Zephur Moore, 13665 SW Larch Place #19 Beaverton OR 97005 said through his business, AmsOil, you conserved oxygen and good things for the plants. He said for those who use AmsOil, he would donate to this effort. He talked about invasion non-native plants and asked if Council had plans to eliminate these types of plants. Councilor Burkholder talked about grants for restoration of habitat.

Richard Meyer, 13340 NW Marina Way Portland OR said he lived on the north edge and work on the west edge of the Urban Growth Boundary. He was here because the Audubon Society invited him to speak. He was involved in the original blue ribbon committees. Greenspaces were an absolute necessity for livability. He thanked Metro staff for their operation and care of greenspaces. He noted that they had limited resources and did a good job even with those limits.

Nathalie Darcy, 9355 SW Brooks Bend Lane Portland OR 97223 said she supported the measure. She talked about the extension of experience. A copy of her comments is included in the record.

Jim Emerson, Forest Park Neighborhood Association, 13900 NW Old Germantown Rd Portland OR 97231 thanked Council and staff for bringing the proposal forward. He urged including areas that buffered Forest Park. In addition to habitat and clean water, the human element was important. Greenspaces within the urban area was extremely important. This was a good value for a very little amount of money.

Sue Marshall, Tualatin River Keepers, 12360 SE Main St. Tigard OR 97223 said she had submitted written comments. Tualatin River Keepers were wildly supportive of the measure. She felt this had been a great process and that it had moved right along.

Linda Laviolette, Executive Director of the Portland Parks Foundation, 888 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Portland OR 97204 provided her comments in writing and summarized those comments.

Pam Arden, 40 Mile Loop Land Trust, 1517 N Winchell Street Portland OR 97217 suggested closing the gaps including the Springwater Corridor Trail. The Willamette Greenway was also on the list. She said the 1995 bond measure included the Peninsula Crossing.

Geoff Roach, Trust for Public Land, 506 SW Broadway Portland OR 97205 talked about their organization. He felt this measure was very timely. He applauded the Council's leadership. He felt the process was well done. He emphasized the need to protect both natural areas and habitat.

Linda Robinson, 1115 NE 135<sup>th</sup> Portland OR 97230 said she had worked on both of the two previous bond measures. FAWNA was a group getting the public involved in the campaign. She was excited about the Nature in Neighborhoods capitol grant component. She thanked Councilor Liberty for his efforts in working with the neighborhood associations.

Greg Schifsky, 4131 SW Lee Street Portland OR 97221 provided his comments in writing and summarized his comments for the record.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Newman said he was thrilled to support this measure. He felt it would do much good for the region. He thanked Metro staff for their work. He felt this would have a lasting legacy for the generations after us. He would be doing his part to make this measure successful. There was still much to be done to support the measure. Citizens can participate in the grant process. The regional share and local shares were both very important for the region and the local jurisdictions. There was more work to be done.

Councilor Burkholder shared some emails (a copy of which is included in the record) that asked him what was in it for them? He responded that the Columbia Slough, Johnson Creek Watershed, Forest Park connections, and Willamette River Greenway were areas in his district that would benefit. The neighborhood capital grant program would also be a benefit to his district. There was a lot in the measure for all of the citizens. He recognized Council President Bragdon's leadership in this effort.

Councilor Hosticka said it was a pleasure to vote for this Metro bond measure.

Councilor Liberty talked about talking to citizens who were originally skeptical, both who lived in different areas of the region. Councilor Liberty shared components of the measure and felt instead of two no votes he might have two maybe votes. He thanked Council President Bragdon for his work. Who we are depends on our place. We would not be the place we are unless we keep greenspaces around us.

Councilor Park said they had tried to address concerns of the farmers. He had also talked with Mayor Becker, one of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) no votes. He said when they go through the refinement process they would be doing an assessment of the most important areas. He thanked Council President Bragdon for his efforts. He felt that we would all be richer for these efforts.

Council President Bragdon acknowledged the people he worked with. He acknowledged the former Executive Officer, Mike Burton, and his efforts, which made the program a success. He then recognized the Regional Parks and Greenspaces staff, Lia Waiwaiole, Jim Desmond, Jim Morgan, Chris Carlson, Ken Ray in Public Affairs, and Joel Morton, Sharon Martin in the Metro Attorney's Office. These folks were representative of many of the other Metro staff. He then thanked the Metro Council. The quality of the discussion and the commitment they have shown had been blended with practicality. They were a great team. He explained why he had chosen Councilor McLain to lead the debate.

Councilor McLain said it was an honor to be the last speaker on this measure. She talked about passion. One of the happiest times of her life was to go with her father down to the meadow. They were trying to make sure the natural system existed and survived. It was not easy to balance the needs of all of the communities. They would be doing the balancing in the refinement process. The bond measure would provide for more acquisition, restoration and grants. They were helping keep Oregon, Oregon. They were here today because they loved this place.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, McLain, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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**8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordon, COO, congratulated the Council.

**9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Burkholder reported about Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation.

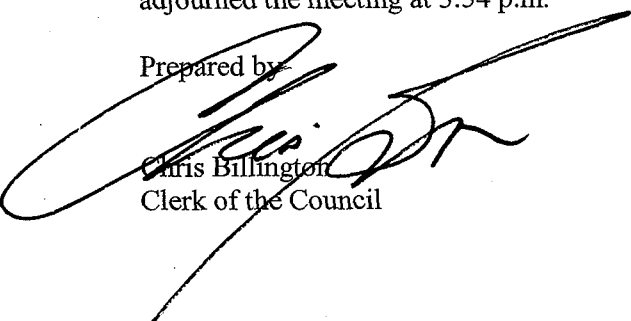
Councilor Newman reported on the MPAC vote for the Expansion Area Planning Fund.

Councilor Liberty said MPAC had its fourth presentation on the Housing Choice Task Force.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Prepared by

  
Chris Billington  
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2006**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
4.1	Minutes	3/2/06	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2006	030906c-01
5.1	"B" version of resolution	3/9/06	<b>Resolution No. 06-3672B</b> , For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection	030906c-02
5.1	Letter	3/9/06	To: Metro Council From: Wendy Kroger, Chair THPRD Trails Advisory Committee Re: Open Space Bond Measure	030906C-03
5.1	Email	3/9/06	To: Metro Council From: Ken Ray Re: email from Lara Uskovich	030906c-04
5.1	Letter	3/9/06	To: Metro Council From: David Fuks and Linda Laviolette Re: supporting bond measure	030906c-05
5.1	Testimony	3/9/06	To: Metro Council From: Michelle Bussard, Johnson Creek Watershed Council Re: support bond measure	030906c-06
5.1	Testimony	3/9/06	To: Metro Council From: Greg Schifsky Re: support clean water and acquisition of greenspaces	030906c-07
5.1	Letter	3/9/06	To: Metro Council From: Zephur Moore Re: support bond measure and will contribute	030906c-08