

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 16, 2006  
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

Councilor Newman introduced Mayor Alice Norris, Oregon City and Roger Rayda, Superintendent of Oregon City Schools.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. STUDENT PLASTICS PRESENTATION

Councilor Liberty said the First Lego League was an international organization promoting science and engineering among students eight to 14 years of age. Each year they held a statewide competition. The theme for this year's competition, sponsored by Intel, was "Ocean Odyssey." Each team had to select a research topic, develop a team presentation and build and program a lego robot. Out of 331 Oregon teams in the First Lego League this year, The "Pigmice" team of six Southeast Portland sixth-graders won top scores in the state in presentation and research for its "Ocean Plastics" presentation on an enormous gyre, or floating island, of plastics in the Pacific Ocean. They also created and programmed a lego robot, and came in second in the overall team placing. Plastics do not biodegrade readily, and the floating island is now bigger than the size of Texas and 30 meters deep! The team has interesting ideas about what to do about the floating gyre of plastic, and how to re-use it for energy use. All of the Pigmice team went to Edwards Elementary School in Southeast Portland. As sixth graders, they now attend three different schools: Winterhaven K-8 School (Portland Public math and science magnet school)—4 students DaVinci Middle School (Arts magnet middle school)—1 student and Franciscan Montesorri Earth School—1 student

"Pigmice" Team includes: Olivia Bolles from DaVinci Middle School (Arts magnet middle school), Keegan Livermore, Hallie Frost, Flannery Bethell and Morgan Pengelly from Winterhaven K-8 School and team coaches are Kasi Fuller and Greg Banks.

The Intel judges were very impressed with the presentation, and the team was invited to present the closing ceremony of the competition. The judges said that the team had set a new bar for research. The presentation will speak for itself.

### 4. SAGE POPULATION FORECASTING PRESENTATION

Councilor Newman introduced Travis Stratman and Mike King, Sage High School students as well as Chris Clements, Sage High School instructor. He explained the transportation challenges

that these students had living in rural areas. He acknowledged Dennis Yee, Planning Department, for his help on the project. Mr. Stratman and Mr. King provided a power point presentation on the transportation expansion study.. Mr. King provided a history of the project. He said students outside of the Oregon City such as Beaver Creek had no access to transit (a copy of the power point presentation is included in the record). He spoke to project goals, which was to expand transit in outlying areas. Mr. Stratman explained the transportation map and the issues of limited transit. They had conducted a survey among students. He presented the results of the survey. Mr. King talked about their alternative transportation plan as well as local sources of transportation. He noted local cities had worked with their governments to come up with ways to transport individuals. Mr. Stratman talked about the expansion area development in the Beaver Creek area. He noted concept plans in the area. He spoke to the expected growth in the area over the next ten years. They shared the demographics of the area including poverty levels. He also talked about funding for TriMet.

Councilor Newman acknowledged the students and summarized the findings of the study. He noted that there were a lot of people who lived outside of the TriMet service area and the challenges this presented. Mr. Stratman and Mr. King said that the students were coming into Oregon City to go to school. Once the bus dropped them off after school, they were stuck. Most of the feedback came from students. Councilor Burkholder asked about bicycle options. Why weren't more students looking at this option? Mr. King responded to his question. Councilor Liberty talked about bond measures to help support rural transportation. Councilor Park commented on biking in the area and the challenges with road design.

## **5. FREQUENT BUS SERVICE**

Fred Hansen, General Manager of TriMet, said he would be talking about bus service. He provided a power point presentation on the bus system (a copy of the presentation is included in the record). He spoke about frequent bus service and max service provided by TriMet.

He said that Portland metropolitan area was the first in the nation to go with lightrail. It had become part of the signature of Portland. He provided details of ridership growth over the past 17 years. Councilor Liberty asked about ridership and use of frequent bus service. Mr. Hansen responded to his question. He then continued with his presentation and talked about making connections to events and work. TriMet had worked closely with Metro to develop a five-year investment plan. He detailed the result of that plan and how it allowed them to focus their resources and leverage other local dollars. He talked about a transit tracker. He provided details of frequent bus services and why they provided this service. Their goal was to expand the line throughout the whole of the region. Councilors asked clarifying questions. Mr. Hansen reviewed future steps for frequent bus service. He provided some comparison with other cities. Councilor Park asked about the factors that created success of increased ridership. Mr. Hansen said he felt land use was the greatest factor impacting ridership. Councilor Park asked about State support for seniors ridership and the growth in this area. Mr. Hansen responded to his question. He noted that the State provided very little funding for transit. There was also limited cigarette tax that was used for this purpose. Councilor Newman felt the presentation was very helpful. He wanted to make sure that we didn't take operating resources away with new capital projects. Mr. Hansen said operational requirements have to be met. They also had to be able to show 20 years of operating funds to receive federal funds for capital projects so planning for operational costs was mandatory. Councilor Liberty asked about how they would go about designing a polycentric plan and what we should be doing to make the system work. Mr. Hansen talked about connections to centers in the region. He provided a map supporting the connection to frequent service to centers. He felt the partnership was in place.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

### 6.1 Consideration of minutes of the March 9, 2006 Regular Council Meetings.

Motion:

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 9, 2006 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.

## 7. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

### 7.1 **Ordinance No. 06-1113**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2006-07, Making Appropriations, and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency.

Bill Stringer, Chief Financial Officer, presented the power point presentation of the proposed budget (a copy of the power point is included in the record). He talked about fiscal environment, budget priorities and accomplishments over the past several years. He spoke to cost containment measures and growth trends. Councilor Burkholder asked that the reserve funds be looked at for appropriate levels. Council President Bragdon said this would be included in a work session discussion. Mr. Stringer detailed the two drivers behind budget increases, which were health care contributions and Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) expenses.

Council President Bragdon provided an overview of his budget reformed objectives and implementation (talking points were included in the power point presentation). He shared the results of that reformation. He noted the work of the strategic plan and the resulting progress toward Council goals. He talked about the “new and improved” budget, which included involving Council earlier, having councilors express their priorities and management response. He spoke to fiscal and managerial priorities as well as the consolidation of the general fund. He also supported maintaining the training fund. He summarized programmatic priorities. He acknowledged the challenges ahead having to do with Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) facility subsidies, Metro’s role in the solid waste system, the Oregon Zoo’s business model and responding to the increases in pension and health care costs. He provided a summary of the budget. Council President Bragdon thanked Michael Jordon, Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Stringer, the budget staff and the Council for their work. Mr. Stringer summarized the budget calendar and thanked budget staff as well.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 06-1113 to Council and opened a public hearing. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Newman asked about the programmatic priorities and the Master Plan at the Oregon Zoo. Council President Bragdon said it was incorporated in the budget.

### 7.2 Ordinance No. 06-1115, An ordinance creating a new Metro Code Chapter 7.04 establishing a Construction Excise Tax.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 06-1115 to Council

7.3 Ordinance No. 06-1116, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.01 Relating to the Metro Solid Waste Excise Tax.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 06-1116 to Council

**8. RESOLUTIONS**

**8.1 Resolution No. 06-3675**, For the Purpose of Establishing the Metro Council of Economic Advisors.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3675.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Hosticka talked about Metro’s activities to make plans for growth over the next 25 years. All of those plans were based on forecasting. This resolution established the Council of Economic Advisors who would be looking at economy and demography. They were an independent panel of advisors. He detailed what types of issues the Council would look at. He urged support. Councilor Park applauded this move. He supported 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.

**8.2 Resolution No. 06-3676**, For the Purpose of Accepting the Damascus/Boring Concept Plan as recommended by the Damascus/Boring Concept Plan Advisory Committee.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3676.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Park asked Mr. Valone to provide a summary of the concept plan. Councilor Park said in 2002, the Metro Council voted to expand the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the Damascus area. This decision represented a significant change in direction for how the Metro Council fulfilled state land supply requirements to better plan for growth in the region. At 12,000 acres, this was the largest section of land brought in at one time into the UGB and was the largest concept plan of its kind ever developed in the region. Never before had a community in this region had the opportunity to build a city “from the ground up” to best serve the growing needs of the population while preserving the quality of life valued by its residents.

The challenge posed in this process was to preserve the rural feel and natural beauty of the Damascus/Boring area that citizen’s value while developing an urban center with efficient transportation systems and opportunities for jobs. This had been a successful regional collaborative process. That didn’t mean that people haven’t occasionally disagreed – in fact that was part of the process, but it was a process that the entire region had invested in over the past several years and could learn from. Metro staff has worked collaboratively with Clackamas County, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the cities of Damascus, Happy Valley and Gresham to provide technical assistance and convene community and advisory committee meetings. The entire region had supported the concept planning process by allocating \$1.4 million in regional transportation funds.

Citizens had regularly participated in open houses (3 open houses and 6 public forums) and provided input on the concept plan as it developed over the past two years. The project advisory committee, broad-based groups made up of 26 residents, government and business representatives, met for almost 2 years to achieve the product you see today. The cities of Damascus, Happy Valley and Gresham were taking over the more detailed implementation phase of the concept planning process, moving from regional collaboration to local control. Metro and other regional partners would continue to provide support as needed, but this work and future decisions belonged to the citizens of the Damascus area.

Councilor Liberty asked Metro Attorney, Dan Cooper, about endorsing the concept plan. Mr. Cooper said this concept plan was a recommendation from the advisory committee not an action by the Damascus City Council. He provided additional details on Title 11 planning.

Mr. Valone provided a power point presentation of the Damascus/Boring Concept Plan (a copy of which is included in the meeting record) and a google fly over. He thanked Kim Ellis, Planning Department and Lori Jennings, Nature in Neighborhoods, for their extraordinary work. He also thanked Michael Jordan for his daily support. Councilor Liberty asked about cost estimate for infrastructure. Mr. Valone said they had calculated those costs. Councilors asked clarifying questions.

Councilor Park said concept planning, making decisions about what our communities will look like and how they will grow, was never easy – it was hard work. The concept plan was not an end product but a first – and very important – step toward developing the community. A concept plan was a collection of concepts, of ideas, the “big picture” of what the citizens of Damascus want their future to look like. Now the really hard work begins of taking that “big picture” outline and filling in the details. This was a process that may take several more years and it becomes the responsibility of all the citizens of the Damascus area to work with the cities of Damascus, Happy Valley and Gresham to fill in those details and create a plan that works for everyone. Each of us may have different ideas about what was best, but the challenge of living in a community is to find solutions that we can live with and that create a place that we’re all proud to call home. Although much more detail remains to be worked out by the local jurisdictions with the help of their citizens, the Damascus/Boring Concept Plan recommended by the advisory committee is truly an inspiring community vision that the Metro Council can be proud to support. Councilor Liberty said he was impressed with the work. He said landscape and values would influence the plan. He felt this was path breaking. He expressed concerns about employment capacity, affordable housing, and the parkway. He was glad to praise and accept the work that had been done. Councilor Newman was eager to support this plan. He felt it was a representation of Council’s values.

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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## **9. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordon, COO, had nothing to say.

## **10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

There were none.

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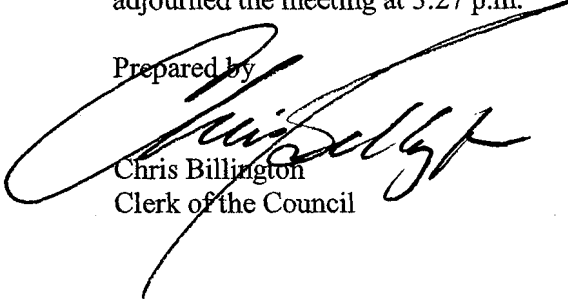
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**11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2006**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
6.1	Minutes	3/9/06	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2006	031606c-01
7.1	Power Point Presentation	3/16/06	To: Metro Council From: Council President Bragdon and Bill Stringer, CFO Re: Proposed Budget 2006-07 Fiscal Year	031606c-02
4.0	Power Point Presentation	3/16/06	To: Metro Council From: Travis Stratman and Mike King, Sage High School Re: "Get on Board" power point presentation	031606c-03
5.0	Power Point Presentation	3/16/06	To: Metro Council From: Fred Hansen, TriMet General Manager Re: Frequent Bus Service	031606c-04
8.2	Power Point Presentation	3/16/06	To: Metro Council From: Ray Valone, Planning Department Re: Damascus/Boring Concept Plan power point presentation	031606c-05
8.2	Maps	3/16/06	To: Metro Council From: Ray Valone, Planning Department Re: Set of 5 maps illustrating Damascus/Boring Concept Plan	031606c-06
5.0	Frequent Service documents	3/16/06	To: Metro Council From: Fred Hansen, TriMet General Manager Re: Frequent Bus Service fact sheets and map	031606c-07