

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 2006
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Carl Hosticka (Deputy Council President), Susan McLain, Robert Liberty, Rod Park, Brian Newman

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused), David Bragdon (excused)

Deputy Council President Hosticka convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

2. RECYCLING IN JAPAN

Karen Blauer, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, introduced Elijah Sprints and talked about his preliminary findings from his two-week study trip to Japan. Mr. Sprints originally contacted the Solid Waste and Recycling Department because he believed it pertinent to the update of the Regional Solid Waste Reduction Plan. Ms. Blauer spoke about his study. He was a Mt. Tabor middle school 8th grader in the Japanese immersion program since kindergarten. He planned to tour the transfer stations with Jennifer Erickson, Solid Waste and Recycling Department.

Mr. Sprints shared details of his research residency in Japan. His study topic was recycling. He spoke of his observations, i.e., community garbage bins, frequent pickups, various recycling categories for specific pick up days, garbage disposal for wet waste used for compost for fields, school waste bins for specific waste materials (straws, forks, spoons), public garbage cans with various categories (observed very little litter), vending machines with plastic bottles (recycled at recycling plants and transformed into synthetic material used for clothes), grocery store drop off services (for cardboard boxes, etc.), garbage and recycling bins in Starbuck's, public bathrooms without trash cans and paper towels – blow dryers and personal handkerchiefs.

Councilor Liberty inquired about food mulchers he observed. Was it paid for by the family or was it subsidized by the government? Mr. Sprints wasn't sure. Councilor Liberty addressed the differences between cultures. Councilor Newman thanked Mr. Sprints for his report. He asked about curbside recycling containers – were they similar to the ones we use? Mr. Sprints said they used bags to transport refuse to the community bin. His teacher invited people to visit an exhibit that will showcase the class projects.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the May 18, 2006 Regular Council Meetings.

4.2 **Resolution No. 06-3695**, For the Purpose of Recommending Approval by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission of the Draft 2006 Portland-Vancouver AQMA (Oregon Portion) and Salem Keizer Area Ozone Maintenance Plan.

Motion: Councilor Liberty moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the May 18, 2006 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 06-3695.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

5. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 06-1119**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2005-06 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Recognizing a Donation from the Regional Arts and Culture Council and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-1119.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty provided details about the ordinance. He asked Jeff Tucker, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, to share images of the arts project (a copy of the power point presentation is included in the record). The presentation focused on a marriage of art and the environment utilizing natural materials.

Deputy Council President Hosticka opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-1119. There being none, Deputy Council President Hosticka closed the public hearing.

Councilor Newman asked about thresholds. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said he would get the specific information.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

5.2 **Ordinance No. 06-1120**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2005-06 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Amending the MERC Operating and Pooled Capital Funds and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-1120.
Seconded:	Councilor McLain seconded the motion

Councilor Park provided the details of the ordinance. A copy of his talking points was included in the record. Deputy Council President Hosticka opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-1120. There being none, Deputy Council President Hosticka closed the public hearing.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

- 5.3 **Ordinance No. 06-1121**, For the Purpose of Amending FY 2005-06 Budget and Appropriations Schedule transferring \$350,000 from Contingency to Capital Outlay in the Metro Capital Fund; and Declaring An Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-1121.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Newman provided details of the ordinance. He said the ordinance would transfer \$150,000 from contingency to capital outlay to avoid a work stoppage and keep the construction going forward. Deputy Council President Hosticka opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-1121. There being none, Deputy Council President Hosticka closed the public hearing.

Vote:

Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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- 5.4 **Ordinance No. 06-1122**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2005-06 Budget and Appropriations Schedule replacing Copiers in the Metro Regional Center, Purchasing and Installing Timekeeping Software throughout Metro, Amending the FY 2005-06 Through FY 2009-10 Capital Improvement Plan; and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-1122.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor McLain summarized the details of the ordinance. A copy of her talking points was included in the record.

Deputy Council President Hosticka opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-1122. There being none, Deputy Council President Hosticka closed the public hearing. Councilor McLain noted that 1.3 million sheets per year would be saved.

Vote:

Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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6. RESOLUTIONS

- 6.1 **Resolution No. 06-3686**, For the Purpose of Establishing the Regional Freight and Goods Movement Task Force and Appointing Members.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3686.
Seconded:	Councilor McLain seconded the motion

Councilor Park spoke about the resolution. A copy of his talking points was included in the record. He noted a memo received from Councilor Liberty regarding his concerns about definition and alternatives.

Councilor Liberty spoke about his concerns about Metro's freight study. He suggested making sure that the freight study was understood as a part of the whole. He was anticipating that other

alternatives would be considered to minimize the growth of trucking. He did not want to see it lead to an internal campaign to expand freeways. On land development – where we grow and how we grow will impact freight. He also mentioned oil supply. In addition, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was a means to implement 2040 Growth Concept. He also mentioned concerns about cost/benefit analysis and distributional benefits. He also talked about how freight impacts neighborhoods and socio-economic groups. [A copy of his memo is included in the meeting record] He discussed four points regarding process.

Deputy Council President Hosticka concurred with Councilor Liberty’s suggestion to take a holistic approach to the study. Councilor Liberty asked if this was consistent with the anticipated work of the task force. Councilor Park expressed his appreciation to Councilor Liberty for raising his concerns. He said these concerns would be examined. He also said that there were now 33 people on the committee.

Vote:

Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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6.2. **Resolution No. 06-3693**, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Week of May 31 through June 11, 2006 as Great Blue Heron Week.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3693.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor McLain spoke about the resolution, viewing it as an opportunity to celebrate the biodiversity of the region. It presented an optional opportunity for people to get out and appreciate nature.

Mike Houck, representing Urban Greenspaces and Audubon Society of Portland, spoke about the celebration and encouraged people to attend a wide variety of events. He noted his attendance at a meeting in Chicago. He emphasized the importance of adding to natural areas. He shared a poem to close – *Spirit of Place*.

Councilor Liberty asked about the origin of Great Blue Heron Week. He asked whether Mr. Houck has observed a change in attitudes about urban wildlife. He said he has observed a huge shift in the progressive planning circle in the region. Before, preservation was based on expanding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) (we cannot afford to set any land aside within the boundary); but this attitude was changing. There was still a long way to go. Councilor McLain closed by saying that public values reflected the need to be close to nature, to have nature close to the neighborhood. The public cared, but the challenge was to navigate between conflicting values and balancing preservation and economic opportunity. The task would never really be finished, but it was one that required continued hard work.

Vote:

Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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6.3 **Resolution No. 06-3702**, For the Purpose of Proclaiming the Grand Opening of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge on June 3 and 4, 2006.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3702.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor McLain provided background about the resolution and the event. Deputy Council President Hosticka mentioned Metro's joint ownership of property in the refuge area. The public would now be able to experience the refuge up close.

Vote:

Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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7. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

7.1 **Resolution No. 06-3698**, For the Purpose of Approving the Release of a Request For Proposals and Award of Contract for Design and Engineering Services For Public Access Facilities at the Cooper Mountain Natural Area.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3698.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor McLain spoke to the resolution – a partnership between Metro and Washington County Board of Commissioners. Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, noted an error in the resolution (page 2, be it resolved...proposed a change in the language after the name of the “ with the most advantageous proposer.” He also noted that cost was part of the evaluation process. Deputy Council President Hosticka applauded the cooperative effort. He said this was a multi-jurisdictional effort.

Vote:

Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Deputy Council President Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, reported about Andy Cotugno's, Planning Director, testimony at the Oregon Task Force on Land Use Planning (a copy of the handout is included in the meeting record)

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Deputy Council President Hosticka spoke about Metro Policy Advisory Committee's (MPAC's) concern to charge people to attend the New Look Forum. He suggested not charging and cover the cost in the Metro budget; or charging people for lunch only; or waiving the fee for people who expressed an inability to pay. Councilor Liberty said he preferred not to charge anyone. However, he supported the last option, as did Councilor Newman. Councilor McLain added that most people expected to pay for their own food, so she supported option 2 or bring their own lunch. Councilor Park asked Sherry Oeser, Planning Department, to speak about the impact on the budget. She said the budget for the entire forum was \$50,000 half of which was already allocated for an outside consultant. She cautioned that the Oregon Convention Center would not allow people to bring their own food into the facility. Councilor Hosticka mentioned an option to opt out of payment for lunch (attendance only). Another option was scholarship. Councilor Newman

said ease of administration was optional. Ms. Oeser summarized the discussion: charge a fee to attend, but don't let the amount (\$30.00) inhibit people from coming.

Councilor Liberty referred to two articles in the Oregonian today, i.e. Downtown Vancouver's plan. He also referred to the Headquarters Hotel article. Councilor Park mentioned that Reed Wagner, Council Office, testified about the Council President's intent. His main concern in talking to the folks involved was how it related to the Lloyd District. He said a much broader discussion needed to take place, rather than simply addressing the idea for a headquarter hotel in and of itself. Councilor Liberty also mentioned his attendance at a Portland Oregon Visitors Association meeting. Councilor Park responded by saying there was going to be time over the next 90 days to discuss some of the issues.

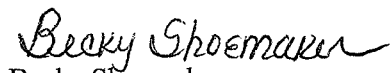
Councilor Newman mentioned a Streetcar Committee. It focused primarily on the eastside. After discussion at work session a few weeks ago, he said on July 20th Metro was scheduled to take action on a locally preferred action. The first group takes action next week, with a host of meetings to follow before consideration on July 20. If anyone had concerns, Councilors needed to share their ideas and concerns as soon as possible. Richard Brandman, Transportation Planner, would be available to discuss this today.

Councilor Hosticka mentioned the agenda for the Council work session on Tuesday, May 30. On June 1, the first of Metro's Measure 37 public hearing was scheduled.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Council President Hosticka adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2006

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4	Minutes	5/18/2006	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2006	052506c-01
5.1	Ord. 06-1119	5/2006	To: Metro Council From: Jeff Tucker, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department RE: PowerPoint Presentation on Smith-Bybee Art (submitted on a CD)	052506c-02
6.1	Res. 06-3686	5/25/2006	To: Councilor Rod Park and Metro Councilors From: Councilor Robert Liberty Re: Memo Concerning Freight Study	052506c-03
6.2	Res. 06-3693	5/2006	To: Metro Council From: Mike Houck, Urban Greenspaces and Audubon Society of Portland Re: Great Blue Heron Week Brochure	052506c-04
9	Public Comment	5/24/2006	To: Oregon Task Force on Land Use Planning From: Andy Cotugno, Metro Planning Director Re: Remarks	052506c-05
6.1	Talking points	5/25/06	To: Metro Council From: Councilor Park Re: Talking points for Resolution No. 06-3686	052506c-06
5.2	Talking points	5/25/06	TO: Metro Council From: Councilor Park Re: Talking points for Ordinance No. 06-1120	052506c-07
5.4	Talking points	5/25/06	To: Metro Council From: Councilor McLain Re: Talking points for Ordinance No. 06-1122	052506c-08