

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 15, 2006
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Robert Liberty (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 17, 2006/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon reviewed the August 17, 2006 Metro Council agenda and the August 16, 2006 work session agenda.

2. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Randy Tucker, Public Affairs and Government Relations, presented information on the 2007 Metro legislative agenda. There were only a few contested open seats statewide, so he expected that the balance of the Oregon Legislature would likely remain similar to the current one. He had done some outreach to the two gubernatorial campaigns. He talked about some of the ballot measures. Councilor Hosticka commented on the condemnation measure; we needed to be aware of potential impacts. Mr. Tucker stated that he had not observed an organized campaign against this measure; it would probably sail through. Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney, explained the two parts of the measure: 1) to give property owners who were being condemned a potential defense, if they could determine that the intent of the government was to turn the property over to another owner; 2) to change the benchmark for attorneys' fees; the new benchmark would be the first offer made on the property. Council and staff discussed various scenarios and what the impacts on government agencies might be.

Councilor Newman had some questions about the spending limit measure; Mr. Tucker said he would provide more information on it. He then mentioned some other measures with possible Metro impacts, such as campaign finance reform and term limits. He was still coming up to speed on the TABOR ("Taxpayer Bill of Rights") measure. If this were to pass, it might affect future transportation measures. Mr. Tucker said that the Big Look task force was likely to have limited legislative implications for next session. He has participated in many meetings over the past several months with regional leaders to discuss the New Look and transportation funding issues. He and other Metro staff and Councilors have attended numerous legislative committee meetings. The Oregon house land use committee has unanimously introduced a bill to extend the urban growth boundary (UGB) evaluation cycle from 5 to 7 years.

Mr. Tucker then reviewed the upcoming timeline and process. Council adoption of Metro's legislative agenda would be the last step. He and Council went over six of the issue identification sheets from the agenda packet. They discussed the best strategies to use to approach the Legislature, the use of state lottery funds, and potential partners. On the issue of addressing the Zoo's animal quarantine facilities, a range of options was available, from a minimal upgrade to retain accreditation to an entirely new facility. Tourism would be the main appeal for the state.

Council and staff then discussed the System Development Charges (SDCs) for Parks issue. Councilor McLain was concerned that Metro did not end up pitting parks against schools; these issues should be integrated. Councilor Newman shared some information about the way other SDCs had worked out. He wanted to keep the door open to potential compromises. Mr. Tucker agreed to bring more information, including Parks staff, before Council. Councilor Hosticka thought perhaps there was still time for this issue to mature. Councilor McLain felt that the earlier Council had input into the process, the better. Council President Bragdon suggested that Mr. Tucker come back with some general principles around this issue. He felt there were many ways in which it supported Metro goals and objectives.

On the issue of electronic waste (e-waste) management, Mr. Tucker referred to a bill that had recently passed in Washington State. He mentioned some of the different plans that had been implemented, and various ways to fund the plans. Councilor Park supported the philosophy of product stewardship. Councilor McLain wondered how the success of Oregon's bottle bill could lend itself to the e-waste problem.

Mr. Tucker described the next issue, of prevailing wage rates, as a defensive stance to maintain the status quo. Lastly, the desirability of extending the UGB expansion cycle from 5 to 7 years had been fully discussed over time.

Council expressed appreciation for Mr. Tucker's labors.

3. DIVERSITY PLAN

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Michael Jordan said this was a statement about Metro Council's ability to be a leader on the diversity issue. He introduced the three team members—Karol Ford (Human Resources), Cinna' Mon Williams (Contracts), and Pat Emmerson (Public Affairs and Transportation). They distributed the Diversity Plan (a copy is included in the meeting record). The three major elements of the work were purchasing and contracting, recruitment and retention of employees, and Metro advisory committees. We wanted to enhance our diversity practices in these as well as other areas. He said how much he appreciated the work of the team, especially in creating business and community relationships. In addition, Mike Hogle, Solid Waste Director, had participated in many discussions with the waste management industry. There were two items scheduled for the Council meeting on August 17. One was the adoption of the plan; second was a \$17,500 adjustment to the budget that had been overlooked.

Ms. Ford touched on workforce development. She talked about Metro's efforts to recruit women and minorities. Ms. Williams said that procurement continued to reach out to minority businesses. She talked about upcoming events and emphasized the importance of Council. Ms. Emmerson talked about her efforts in Public Affairs; they were trying to increase diversity on their advisory committees, to improve recruitment and outreach. In transportation planning, they have focused on environmental justice regulations, using targeted, meaningful, and effective outreach.

Councilor McLain said she was grateful for the staff work. She referred to the day's newspaper headlines; Oregon's diversity has been increasing. Metro needed to keep pace. We had good connections with the schools and businesses. Councilor Burkholder mentioned that TriMet broke up their large contracts to gain diversity, giving a chance for smaller companies to pick up part of the work. We ought to do something similar. Ms. Williams said she had heard similar feedback, which had been well-received. Mr. Jordan said we did not have projects the size of TriMet's; the

construction and maintenance was the area we had had the most success in. Councilor McLain thought that partnering with nonprofits could help. Councilor Burkholder would like to see more young people on the advisory committees. Ms. Emmerson agreed and spoke about some of her thinking along those lines. Councilor McLain mentioned groups that we've used before, such as speech and debate groups. She talked about some projects she was familiar with.

Mr. Jordan said, in regard to the budgetary issue, this was a chance to incorporate some performance measures into the budget. Council President Bragdon said we wanted everyone to feel welcome when they walked in the door. Mr. Jordan said Ms. Ford would be doing some training around those issues. Councilor Newman asked about the applicant pool; would the diversity of the non-Oregon Convention Center (OCC) applicant pool provided better data? OCC might inflate the success of our statistics. Ms. Ford said she would take that into consideration. She talked about some of the instruments we had to measure our progress. Mr. Jordan talked about the budget, at some point we might need a warm body to help in that area. He thanked Karen Feher for her work on the budget.

Council President Bragdon said, speaking of old and white and male—it was important to honor the elderly. So Council wished Mr. Jordan a Happy 50th Birthday and provided cupcakes.

4. BREAK

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(e),
DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED TO NEGOTIATE REAL
PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

Time Began: 3:15 p.m.

Time Ended: 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hillary Wilton, William Eadie, Jim Desmond, Dan Cooper, Curt Zonick

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor McLain said she'd been receiving a lot of frustrating phone calls regarding changing the delineated flood plains in Forest Grove. They wanted to change the UGB for the flood plain. Mr. Jordan said we had not received an official request yet; more studies were being done. He would share any information as soon as he received it. Councilor McLain wanted to make sure we set a firm line.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
AUGUST 15, 2006**

| Item | Topic | Doc Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Agenda | 8/17/06 | Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, August 17, 2006 | 081506c-01 |
| 3 | Diversity | July 2006 | To: Metro Council From: Karol Ford Re: Diversity Plan | 081506c-02 |