

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 2, 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 2:02 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Charles Ormsby, Birdsill CPO, PO Box 1073, Lake Oswego, OR 97034 said he was here to deliver two resolutions passed by the Birdsill Community Planning Organization (CPO). He summarized the resolutions (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). The resolutions had to do with Willamette Shoreline trolley. He indicated that the CPO was not being consulted about complex boundary issues. Councilor Liberty said it sounded as if Mr. Ormsby had substantive concerns. He was concerned about water drainage and impacts on their area. Mr. Ormsby explained further water runoff issues. He was concerned that the transportation project would worsen the problem. He also talked about the bike trail. Councilor Newman asked about the CPO's concerns and their recommended options. Mr. Ormsby said he was not opposed to bus options. He said the one option that had not been considered was the Association of Rail and Transit Advocates (AORTA) option. He felt their proposal was one of the better ones on the table.

### 3. STOP OREGON LITTER AND VANDALISM (SOLV) UPDATE

Council President Bragdon introduced SOLV and its executive director, Jack McGowan. He provided a brief history of SOLV. Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, said as part of the SOLV family, there was a group from Clackamas High School that were attending this session. These students were actively engaged in preserving and restoring the environment. Metro appreciated what they did. They were a great example of volunteerism and commitment to our environment.

Jack McGowan, SOLV Director, thanked the Council. He introduced Tom Keckeran, a board member. He introduced other members of SOLV. He talked about citizen engagement and ownership of their community. He also served on the advisory committee for the upcoming greenspaces initiative. They hoped the ballot measure would pass. He provided a history of the creation of SOLV. 16 years ago, Metro and SOLV created a strategic relationship. Metro region was going to be impacted by a huge number of people moving into the region. Metro and SOLV worked cooperatively to address three strategic relationship 1) SOLV IT, the largest earth day clean in the United States. He noted information that he had provide to Council (a copy of which is included in the meeting record) He noted the illegally dumped debris that SOLV had cleaned up. He talked about this past SOLV IT event, on Earth Day Saturday. He spoke to the number of volunteers that participated in the event and the number of pounds of garbage that they collected.

They had marshaled the volunteers to address these concerns. 2) Washington County Clean and Green event was a huge success with 2400 volunteers working at 50 locations, planting trees, removing invasive plants and removing garbage. They were expanding this event into the Latino community. They want to become Oregonians and be engaged in this event. 3) Metro, City of Portland and Portland General Electric worked with SOLV to form a coalition to clean up watersheds. The eight-year prescribed plan identified the watershed needs and took a multifaceted approach to clean up.

Mr. Keckeran said he felt the board helped guide SOLV and was also responsible for the financial solvency of SOLV. It was easy to get passionate about SOLV. He said the citizenship of tomorrow was engaged. He hoped every member of the Council was a SOLV member. Mr. McGowan talked about their experience working with General Motors (GM) in Michigan. GM came to Portland to look at how SOLV was successful at civic engagement. They published a report, which he wanted to share with the Council. He then presented a public service announcement about SOLV. Council President Bragdon congratulated Mr. McGowan for his Governor's citizen award. Councilor McLain said this organization worked because of dedication. Volunteerism was hard to control and manage. Mr. McGowan deserved a lot of recognition for organization and motivational skills.

Councilor Park asked Mr. McGowan about the Nature in Neighborhood grants and the value of in kind services. Mr. McGowan said many times a community was primed and by receiving a small grant it allowed them to move forward to accomplish. The concept was to guide the volunteers, motivate them and train them. The multiplying effect was huge. He also noted Waste Management's contribution to help small communities. The grant program that Metro provided was seed money to accomplish more than most would believe. Councilor Park asked about the return of illegal dumpsites. Mr. McGowan said signage helped alleviate the return of illegal dumps.

#### **4. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN ADEQUATE: BETTER COMMUNICATION NEEDED**

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, said she was Metro's independent auditor. She explained her mission. They undertook a study about the Solid Waste and Recycling Department and how well they were prepared to respond to an emergency. Robert Snoddy, Senior Auditor presented the Emergency Response Plan audit. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on the audit (a copy of which is included in the meeting record), which provided the objective of the audit, the definition of emergency, goals of the emergency management plan, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Guidelines. He talked about Metro's Emergency Management Plan, the steps in the plan and procedures in place. He then provided their recommendations to make the plan more effective. He noted Solid Waste and Recycling Department management had agreed to the recommendations.

Council President Bragdon asked about drills for emergencies. Mr. Snoddy said they have drills at the transfer stations. Ms. Dow added that the Solid Waste and Recycling Department had regular training sessions for staff. Councilor Park asked about our responsibility in terms of management of the transfer stations. Mike Hoglund, Solid Waste and Recycling Director, said they had agreements with the station's management to work with transfer stations to send debris to the stations. He explained further their disaster debris management plan. Councilor Park wanted to know who was responsible for shutting off valves for water and gas. Mr. Hoglund responded to his question. Councilor Liberty talked the Katrina disaster and the disposal issues

with refrigerators. He asked about a triage system for the waste. Mr. Hoglund responded to his concerns. He talked about best management practices. Councilor Liberty talked about communication to citizens. Councilor McLain thanked the auditors for their report. We can't be too prepared. She talked about the Regional Water Consortium and their coordination in case of a disaster. She felt our agency had taken this as a serious leadership role to bring coordination to the region.

## **5. AMERICAN ZOO AND AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION (AZA) CONFERENCE**

Councilor Newman briefed the Council on the AZA Conference. Councilor Newman said he went to the conference because they were doing an Oregon Zoo Master Plan and he wanted to learn about what other Zoos were doing. Another reason he went was that Metro was hosting this conference in 2009.

Tony Vecchio, Oregon Zoo Director, talked about the 2009 conference. He had been contacted in 1998 to host the conference. Portland hosted a conference in 1986. They wanted to come back to Portland. The theme was sustainability and green practices. They wanted to learn about our sustainability efforts and hold up the Oregon Zoo as a model. Councilor Newman said this would bring a lot of national attention. He showed a video of an AZA's branding effort, similar to our Oregon Zoo's effort. Councilor Newman talked about AZA's mission and the opportunities to teach people about conservation at Zoos. Mr. Vecchio talked about why AZA was going through a branding effort.

## **6. OREGON ZOO PREDATOR EXHIBIT**

Mr. Vecchio talked about the Predator's exhibit. He shared a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). They were bringing lions back to the Zoo. The Oregon Zoo Foundation Board decided to raise funds to build a lion's exhibit. They decided to raise \$5 million to bring the Predators of the Serengeti to the Zoo. Kim Freed, Oregon Zoo Foundation Board Member, shared their plans for the exhibit and how they were going to raise the money. Lee Campbell, Oregon Zoo Capital Construction Project Manager, shared an aerial view of the Zoo and where the project area would be at the Zoo. She spoke to the remodel for the Predators exhibit. She noted project phases. She talked about the green building goals for the exhibit, which also supported the Zoo's strategic plan to be a green organization.

Chris Pfefferkorn, Oregon Zoo Curator, said he was responsible for the animals at the Zoo. He introduced the predators that would be at the Zoo. The predators included lions, wild dogs, cheetahs, caracals, rock python, and dwarf mongoose. Mr. Vecchio talked about the education and conservation interpretive messaging for this exhibit. He felt this would be an extremely popular exhibit. He thanked Council for their support. He spoke to the three-dimensional model of the exhibit. Councilor Liberty talked about the opportunities at the Zoo to make the connection to Africa. Mr. Vecchio talked the conservation projects in Africa. Councilor Park commented about the conservation efforts inside and outside the region. Mr. Vecchio said we needed to find way to connect people to conservation. Conservation starts at home but was a worldwide issue.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

7.1 Consideration of minutes of the October 26, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.

7.2 **Resolution No. 06-3738**, Approving a Settlement Agreement with

Randolph and Debora Slipher Regarding Metro Notice of Violation  
Nos. 158-06 and 160-06.

Motion:

Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the October 26, 2006 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 06-3738.

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.

Councilor McLain talked about the consent agenda and Resolution No. 06-3738.

**8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, had nothing to share.

**9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Council President Bragdon said there was very little material for next week. There may not be a meeting next week. He talked about the budget strategies work session and the upcoming work session on the budget. He suggested having Council talk about their priorities.

Councilor Liberty commented on the budget work session and setting financial priorities for projects.

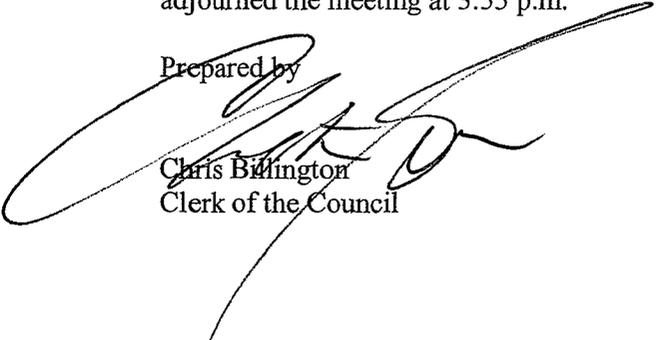
Councilor Hosticka said they would be having a work session on November 16<sup>th</sup> with a Panel of Economic Advisors.

Councilor Burkholder said Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) listening posts would start November 9<sup>th</sup>. They needed public input.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
 NOVEMBER 2, 2006**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
4	Report	October 2006	To: Metro Council From: Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor Re: Emergency Response Plan Adequate: Better Communication Needed	110206c-01
7.1	Minutes	10/26/06	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2006	110206c-02
3	Packet of materials	11/2/06	To: Metro Council From: Jack McGowan, SOLV Director Re: SOLV brochures and materials	110206c-03
2	Birdsill CPO Resolution	8/8/06	To: Metro Council From: Charles Ormsby Re: Resolution Prohibit Stops and/or Station in Birdsill CPO	110206c-04
2	Birdsill CPO Resolution	8/8/06	To: Metro Council From: Charles Ormsby Re: Resolution Institute Citizen and/or Neighborhood Data Validation Processes	110206c-05
4	Power Point Presentation	11/2/06	To: Metro Council From: Robert Snoddy, Senior Auditor Re: PowerPoint Presentation on Emergency Response Plan Adequate	110206c-06
6	Power Point Presentation	11/2/06	To: Metro Council From: Tony Vecchio, Oregon Zoo Director Re: PowerPoint Presentation on Predators of the Serengeti	110206c-07