

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2006
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Susan McLain (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:05 p.m.

1. DISCUSS INVESTMENT SCENARIOS

- Discuss findings of “low” and “medium” investment scenarios

Robin McArthur, Regional Planning Director, explained her memo to Dick Bolen, Data Resource Center (DRC) Manager, dated August 7, 2006 titled “Utilizing DRC Resources to Inform and Test New Look Policy Elements” (a copy is included in the meeting record).

- Council direction on inputs for “high” investment scenario

Dick Bolen and Paul Couey, Planning Department, outlined the issues on scenarios further. Mr. Couey distributed the “Investment Scenarios Discussion Guide” dated 11/2/06 (a copy is included in the meeting record).

Sonny Conder, DRC, discussed traditional land form and transportation costs. Council President Bragdon thanked Sonny Conder for his presentation which he said was excellent and should be turned into a public information piece.

Dennis Yee, DRC, discussed charts on display from the Discussion Guide and the capture rate. Mr. Yee distributed a color pie chart “Overview of New Households Expected in Greater-Portland Region: 2000–2035” (a copy is included in the meeting record).

Mr. Couey said staff was thinking about running the scenarios so far under the current Urban Growth Boundary. The Council and staff discussed various modeling scenarios.

Council President Bragdon called for a recess at 2:45 p.m.

The Council Work Session reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

2. INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Council direction on draft strategy
- Council direction on draft employment lands - Research questions
- Status of comparative infrastructure analysis

Malu Wilkinson, Planning Department, explained the “Investing in Our Communities Strategy Outline – Discussion Draft” dated November 9, 2006 (a copy is included in the meeting record). She said staff was hoping for confirmation from the Council about the direction staff was headed in at this time.

Councilor Newman said the work provided was very helpful on the demand side and wanted to know more about the supply side. Councilor Liberty discussed different boulevards as design examples. Councilor Burkholder said the tax question would be good to look at. Chief Operating Officer Jordan discussed the Transit-Oriented Development Program and the products people want from it. Councilor Bragdon discussed a trip recently taken to Canada by some of the Council and staff. Councilor Newman asked how employment lands compete with centers.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paulette Copperstone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paulette Copperstone
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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 15, 2006**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Scenarios	8/7/06	To: Dick Bolen From: Robin McArthur Re: Utilizing DRC resources to inform and test New Look Policy Elements	111506c-01
1	Scenarios	11/2006	To: Metro Council From: Paul Couey Re: Investment Scenarios	111506c-02
1	Scenarios	undated	To: Metro Council From: Dennis Yee Re: Overview of New Households Expected in Greater Portland Region: 2000-2035	111506c-03
2	Investment	11/9/06	To: Metro Council From: Malu Wilkinson Re: Investing in Our Communities Strategy Outline	111506c-04