

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 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

There were none.

### 3. EXTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, briefed the Council on the External Quality Control Review. She noted that this was where the auditor was audited. She had other auditors come in to look at policies and procedures to make sure the work they did was up to government standards. She wanted to leave a clean shop before she left. They gave a clean bill of health following professional standards. She noted that they applauded her efforts for training staff. Council congratulated her on the peer review. Councilor Newman thanked Ms. Dow for the report. He acknowledged that this was her last report for Metro. He thanked her for the services she had done for the residents of the region and Metro. He wished her luck in her future endeavors.

Councilor McLain added her thanks. They had served twelve years together. She thanked Ms. Dow for her citizen committee. She had done a good job of seeking input from citizens. Council President Bragdon said Ms. Dow had started from scratch in building the Office of the Auditor. The work Ms. Dow did was very important. He provided Ms. Dow with a plaque in recognition of her service. Ms. Dow thanked the Council for the plaque.

### 4. SHAPE OF THE REGION: AG/URBAN STUDY FINDINGS

Councilor Hosticka introduced the presentation. As the Council knew, Metro had embarked on the New Look effort for planning future urban growth boundary decision. This presentation dealt with a lot of edge issues. The Ag/Urban group was looking at the needs for agriculture as well as natural resource features outside of the boundary and what the components of a great community would be to allow communities to have their own integrity. Tim O'Brien, Planning Department, would provide an overview of the initial findings of the Ag Urban Study. They would start an outreach effort based upon these findings. Mr. O'Brien said he was here to do a brief introduction. This work was focused on the lands outside the boundary. He provided a power point presentation on the Shape of the Region (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). There had been an Ag Urban Committee to review the technical work of the group. He spoke of the three analysis elements. He reviewed the agricultural analysis and talked about the objective, methodology, key factors including capability and suitability of the ground inventory. Jim

Johnson from the Department of Agriculture did the inventory and analysis. Mr. O'Brien then addressed the Natural Landscape Feature inventory and analysis. He spoke to the objectives and methodology of the analysis. They identified 27 areas in the region. The third analysis considered Great Communities. He talked about the objectives and methodology for this component of the study. He noted the eight characteristics of great communities such as community design. He talked about current and future investments such as infrastructure and open spaces. He noted that these characteristics needed to be evaluated at different times in the process. Governance and the economy should be looked at, at the beginning of the process. He talked about next steps for the project. He said there would be a symposium on January 19<sup>th</sup>. They would then have to take these three components to see what future policy decision would be coming to Council.

Councilor Hosticka asked if Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) was involved in the work. Mr. O'Brien said they were involved in the technical area of the analysis. Councilor Park talked about the overlays between the natural areas and the agricultural areas. He talked about drinking water for the region and where that drinking water came from. He also asked Mr. O'Brien to talk about what work they were doing with neighboring cities. Mr. O'Brien said he had met with a number of city administrators in neighboring cities. Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO) had met with elected in the neighboring cities. They were aware of the growth that happened here and the impact as well as the growth that happened in their communities and the impact on the region. Councilor Park said he knew that the new Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) Chair, Mayor Fuller, was interested in creating a position on MPAC that would focus on this area. Councilor McLain asked if the reports were public yet. Mr. O'Brien said they were finishing the reports and the reports would be available in a few weeks as well as at the symposium in January.

Councilor Newman said he had also been involved in this discussion and served on the committee. He talked about the future plans based on this work convening a variety of groups to execute the process. Councilor Liberty talked about agricultural lands in the area and the changing markets. We have an interesting challenge due to the successful agricultural lands around the region and the value of that land. Councilor Burkholder asked about differential costs for redevelopment and future infrastructure investments. Mr. O'Brien responded to his question. Councilor Burkholder said he felt the work they had done was very important in making future choices. They were also looking at transportation infrastructure investments and limited funds. They needed to answer the question about the financial implications of their decisions. Councilor Park talked about future infrastructure costs versus agricultural land that was already in production. Council President Bragdon asked about the governance piece of the research. Mr. O'Brien responded that they had not gone to individual jurisdictions and asked them about governance, it was a higher level of analysis. Council President Bragdon talked about annexations and the delivery of urban services. He then asked about the successful neighborhood impact ballot measure and whether this was part of Mr. O'Brien's research and discussion. Mr. O'Brien said that was part of the discussion. Council President Bragdon felt this research was important to future decisions, as the old ways of doing things were no longer working.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 Consideration of minutes of the December 7, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.

5.2 **Resolution No. 06-3745**, For the Purpose of Accepting the November 7, 2006 General Election Abstract of Votes For Metro.

Motion: Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the December 7, 2006 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 06-3745.

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.

**6. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

6.1 **Ordinance No. 06-1132**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2006-07 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Related to Certain Elected Offices, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 06-1132 to Council.

**7. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

7.1 **Ordinance No. 06-1130**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2006-07 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Provide For a Loan Payable Under the TOD Program and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-1130.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor McLain said this ordinance happened because there were specific things that happened in the departments that required budget amendments. She then further briefed the Council on the ordinance and urged support.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-1130. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Vote: Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Newman, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

7.2 **Ordinance No. 06-1131**. For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2006-07 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Provide For Several Projects at Metro Regional Center, Amending the FY 2006-07 through 2010-11 Capital Budget, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-1131.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor McLain talked about a variety of projects that were happening in the Metro Regional System including a sound system for the chamber and department moves. She asked for approval.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-1131. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Council President Bragdon asked about the status of the district attorney's (DA) office downstairs on the first floor. Mr. Jordan responded to his question. They would be working with the DA and the police department to keep them in the area. He talked about the plan. Councilor Park mentioned the value of the new microphone system in the chamber.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Newman, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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7.3 **Ordinance No. 06-1133**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2006-07 Budget And Appropriations Scheduled Authorizing New Positions for the Natural Areas Bond Work Program, Providing for Expenditures Related to the Natural Areas Bond, Providing for a Land Purchase in the Open Spaces Fund, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-1133.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor McLain said because the voters passed a natural area bond measure, this ordinance would provide for several action in the natural area work program including added space for staff and approval of additional FTEs.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-1133. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing. He reinforced Councilor McLain's comments. The consent agenda included the acceptance of the ballot results.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Newman, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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7.4 **Ordinance No. 06-1134**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2006-07 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Amending the MERC Operating and Pooled Capital Funds and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-1134.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor McLain briefed the Council on the ordinance and said this would support the addition of two FTEs, purchasing and contracts and a temporary employee, the general manager executive search, and the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) capital fund.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-1134. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder asked about support services and keeping the costs down. He wanted to understand how the two new FTE's fit into the scheme. Kathy Taylor, MERC acting General Manager, responded to his question. Council President Bragdon asked about the recruitment of the General Manager and the amount of the contract. Ms. Taylor said they put this number in as a placeholder. They felt they would spend much less. They were doing a comprehensive salary survey. Councilor McLain said this amendment and the budget series were the only times they had a chances to review MERC's dollars. She pointed out that it was extremely important to

continue the cooperative and good integration between Metro and MERC. They were still trying to save money for the public.

Vote: 

Councilors McLain and Liberty voted yes, Councilors Park, Burkholder, Hosticka, Newman and Council President Bragdon vote no. The vote was 2 aye/5 nay, the motion failed.
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Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to reconsider Ordinance No. 06-1134.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Vote: 

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Newman, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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Council President Bragdon thanked Margo Norton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, for bundling these ordinances. The Council recessed the meeting and held an executive session.

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

Time Began: 3:11 pm

Time Ended: 3:44 pm

Members Present: Phil Whitmore, Meganne Steele, Michael Jordan, Dan Cooper, Joel Morton

**8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, said he had nothing to day.

**9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Burkholder talked about the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT meeting this morning. He said Adam Davis provided a report on the Columbia River Crossing. They had looked at the public perception of what the issues were. The public was willing to pay tolls. The number one problem was too much traffic. He supported a multi-modal response to the problem. Councilor Park said he thought there was a lot of good information in the report. He suggested a briefing to Council at a work session.

Councilor Liberty talked about the MPAC discussion on the Regional Transportation Plan.

Council President Bragdon said Councilor McLain had been an example to all of the present Councilors. He remembered asking Councilor McLain why she wanted to serve. He summarized what she had described. She said she saw things that were happening in her community without citizen involvement. She had joined Friends of Washington County to get better input from citizens. He said others had encouraged her to run for office. The two characteristics that he valued most: 1) citizen involvement including going to where the citizens were and make it convenient for them and 2) the work ethic that doesn't quit. This was a way of life for her in terms of being a true public servant.

Councilor Newman said he started his first term when Councilor McLain started her fourth term. She played a role as the Council historian and shared institutional knowledge. The other role she played was the conscience of the Council particularly having to do with citizen involvement. He also talked about the county fairs and engagements with the citizens. He had enjoyed her friendship and the distance she had driven to and from Metro. She was a walking embodiment of regionalism.

Councilor Liberty said he knew about Councilor McLain before he ever met her because he had also run in 1990 but lost his race. 16 years in this institution was remarkable. He acknowledged the tremendous contribution by her family. It took a team to succeed.

Councilor Burkholder said Councilor McLain was always gracious. She would always thank those who had something to say.

Councilor Park said when Councilor McLain leaves he became the most senior member of the Council. She had participated in the first bond measure. He also recalled a group of angry farmers that weren't feeling very gracious. He echoed Councilor Liberty's comments about her family support.

Councilor Hosticka echoed his colleagues about Councilor McLain's quality of service. She was an inspiration to others who wanted to seek running for public office. The power of involving the citizens and then maintaining the continuous contact was a quality that all of them respected.

Councilor McLain said she had served with 38 other councilors. This particular Council had been the best feel as far as team members and working in such a way that was truly good public service. She then introduced a new video about Metro: your regional governments (a Metro video 101).

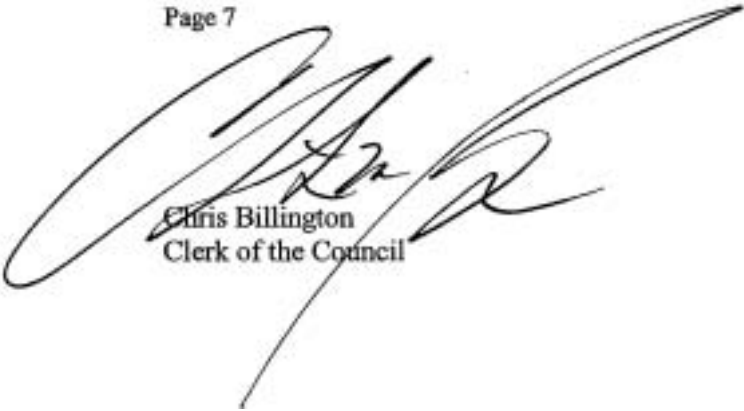
Council President Bragdon provided Councilor McLain with a plaque and a frame picture of her nameplate.

Councilor McLain said this was a graduation. She shared public pearls of wisdom; the Council had the most active and important ride to be part of, including finishing a Regional Transportation Plan and Urban Reserves. This was a big responsibility. She knew they would involve the public at the right time and in the right way. She got a call tonight about household hazardous waste. They worked hard on the recycle issue. They had a responsibility to listen to their citizens. They had a lot to do in the solid waste area. Finally, they were able to build onto Expo and the Convention Center as well as the Oregon Zoo. Lastly, green spaces were very important, Metro had a lot of responsibilities in this area. She then talked about Metro staff and how extraordinary they were. They were truly ambassadors. They counted. She then acknowledged her family and their contribution. You have to have a family that cares to be successful. She also thanked Dan Cooper, the Metro Attorney. He has made Metro tick.

## **10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Prepared by

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Billington', is written over the typed name and title.

Chris Billington  
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
DECEMBER 14, 2006**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
5.1	Minutes	12/7/06	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2006	121406c-01
4.0	Power Point Presentation	12/14/06	To: Metro Council From: Tim O'Brien, Planning Department Re: Shape of the Region PowerPoint presentation	121406c-02