

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2000

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain, Ed Washington, Rod Park, Bill Atherton, Rod Monroe, Jon Kvistad

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

## 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

## 3. RECYCLE VIDEOS

**Nina Deconcini, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**, and German Marshall Fund Environmental Fellow, presented a recycling video from Great Britain, "Are You Doing Your Bit?" An article from the Business Journal, "Sustainability creates new international environment," includes information presented by Ms. Deconcini and is included in the meeting record.

**Sebastian Degens, Port of Portland, Marine Planning and Development**, showed a video of the deconstruction of Terminal 4, which resulted in the recycling of old growth timber.

## 4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

## 5. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

## 6. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Consideration of Minutes of the December 7, 2000, Regular Council Meeting

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** moved consideration of the minutes of the December 7, 2000, council meeting to the December 14, 2000.

## 8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 **Resolution No. 00-3014**, For the Purpose of Placing the Portland Gateway Project in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

**Motion:** **Councilor Kvistad** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-3104.

**Seconded:** **Councilor Monroe** seconded the motion.

**Councilor Kvistad** presented Resolution No. 00-3014. A committee report to the resolution includes information presented by Councilor Kvistad and is included in the meeting record. He urged an aye vote.

**Councilor Washington** said help was unquestionably needed to improve the traffic problems in the area. He also urged an aye vote.

**Vote:** The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2 **Resolution No. 00-3019**, For the Purpose of Approving the Expo Center Master Plan and Authorizing Staff to File the Plan with the City of Portland, Office of Planning and Development

**Motion:** **Councilor Washington** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-3019.

**Seconded:** **Councilor Monroe** seconded the motion.

**Councilor Washington** invited George Bell, Mark Williams, and Clark Worth to review the resolution.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** opened a public hearing.

**George Bell, Chair, Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC)**, 102 Garibaldi Street, Lake Oswego, reviewed the Expo Center master plan, a copy of which is included in the meeting record. The plan was the result of many public meetings, and was a very good compromise that met the needs of the center while taking into consideration the issues raised by neighborhoods and local groups. He urged support of the plan.

**Mark Williams, MERC General Manager**, reviewed Expo's history. He commented that few public facilities complete fund their own capital like Expo. He said this master plan process was entered into voluntarily and in agreement with the neighbors. Separate from the master plan was continued and positive contact with the Port of Portland to negotiate a swap of the plan's designated environmental preserve for some land on Smith and Bybee Lakes.

**Clark Worth, Barney & Worth, Inc.**, 1211 Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, said the purpose of the master plan was to anticipate all of the development that would take place over the coming decade, and look systematically at the types of impacts that might be generated. He reviewed some of the proposed changes and their impacts, including the lightrail station and links to the 40-mile loop trail. The Expo Master Plan Fact Sheet contains information presented by Mr. Worth and is included in the meeting record. Mr. Worth reviewed the public process for the application, an outline of which is included in meeting record.

**Peter Teneau, Audubon Society of Portland**, 2715 North Terry, Portland, read from written testimony, a copy of which is included in the meeting record.

**Troy Clark, President, Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes**, 2821 Northeast Klickitat, Portland, submitted a memo to the Metro Council concerning the replacement of the lost parking with a parking structure. He asked for stronger language in the master plan to guarantee permanent protection of the environmental reserve. He spoke to the importance of preventing vehicle headlights from shining on Force Lake in the evenings, disturbing waterfowl.

**Joseph Annett, Kenton Neighborhood Association**, 1849 North Kilpatrick Street, Portland, spoke about the southwest parcel of the master plan. The Kenton Neighborhood Association felt the Expo master plan was moving too quickly, without sufficient advisory committee meetings. They have not had time to reach an agreement with Expo and MERC staff about parking before the master plan is presented to the planning bureau and the city council.

**Sharon L. Laughlin, The Fishwife**, 5328 North Lombard, Portland, asked why the council would build new buildings without adequate parking? Light rail would not meet the needs of the people attending events at the Expo Center. The current amount of parking was insufficient.

**Larry Penberthy, Penberthy's Gourmet Foods**, Post Office Box 1233, Gresham, said he attends a number of shows at the Expo Center, and parking has been a serious problem this year. While he appreciates the extra parking that has been planned, still more is needed. He doubted light rail and busses would alleviate the problem, due to the heavy, bulky packages people carry out from Expo shows.

**Gerald Klinger, Chair, Portland Swap Meet Committee**, 1027 Northwest First Street, Gresham, said his group has hosted an annual car event for over thirty years, which attracts visitors worldwide. The major problem they face each year is lack of parking. He asked the council to approve the parking portion of the master plan.

**Christine Palmer, Palmer/Wirfs & Associates**, 4001 Northeast Halsey, Portland, said her company has produced antique shows at the Expo Center for the last 22 years, and a Christmas bazaar for the past 19 years. She added her concerns about the lack of parking at the Expo Center.

**Councilor Kvistad** agreed that over the past few years, more than 500 parking spaces have been lost at the Expo Center. He stressed the importance of balancing environmental concerns with the need for more parking.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** closed the public hearing.

**Councilor Park** responded to Mr. Clark's concern about permanent protection of the environmental reserve. He asked Mr. Williams if he was correct that Metro was considering a swap with the Port of Portland to assure protection.

**Mr. Williams** said yes. The master plan was a ten-year planning document, so it planned for the foreseeable future. Nothing prohibited Metro, in its negotiations with the Port of Portland, from imposing a restriction on the deed, requiring that the land be managed as a reserve.

**Councilor Monroe** thanked Councilor Kvistad for his work on the Expo Center during his career at Metro. He pledged to continue Councilor Kvistad's efforts.

**Councilor Kvistad** noted that he originally opposed Metro's acquisition of the asbestos-coated cattle barns that made up the Expo Center. Now, six or seven years later, the region owns two state-of-the-art

facilities, and the option to build one of the premier exhibition spaces of any city on the West Coast. He noted the broad support for the master plan in general, and how Metro abandoned the amphitheater project in response to neighborhood opposition. He said the current plan was a good compromise. He said Metro has been able to complete two state-of-the-art buildings under budget, at less than \$15 million each. The final phase of the Expo Center will cost between \$25 million and \$30 million, and provide 100,000 to 120,000 square feet of facility, with light rail, a plaza, and walkways. He commended Councilor Washington for successfully convincing the Smithsonian Museum not to cancel its exhibition in Hall E of the Expo Center three years ago. He encouraged the council to support the project. He thanked Councilors Monroe and Washington for their support over the years.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** commended Mr. Bell and the MERC Commission and their staff for their work on the master plan, including extensive citizen involvement.

**Councilor Washington** closed by commending Councilor Kvistad for his leadership on the projects at the Expo Center. He said the most important aspect of any decision is finding a sense of balance, so that everyone receives a piece of what they need for a project that will benefit the entire region. He said Metro worked with the neighborhood associations and met a number of their requests: 1) a master plan was produced, 2) the pavilion was abandoned, 3) an events management plan for traffic control was developed, 4) a 6.8 acre environmental reserve will be created, 5) there will be no riverfront development by Expo in the near future, and 6) there will be no bus transfer station at Expo. He noted that the master plan would go to the city next, where there will be further opportunity for public testimony. He urged the Council to give an aye vote to move ahead.

**Vote:** The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

8.3 **Resolution No. 00-3020**, For the Purpose of Considering a Request by Specialty Transportation Services, Inc. for Consent to a Change of Control and Ownership

**Motion:** **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-3020.

**Seconded:** **Councilor Kvistad** seconded the motion.

**Councilor McLain** presented Resolution No. 00-3020. A committee report to the resolution contains information presented by Councilor McLain and is included in the meeting record.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** opened a public hearing.

**Jeff Bachrach, Gilliam County**, 1727 Northwest 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, said Gilliam County Judge Laura Pryor had asked him to comment today. She supported adoption of the resolution, and anticipates that Gilliam County will adopt something similar in their county for STS. She wanted to remind the council that Gilliam County places great stock in its partnership with Metro on all aspects of the landfill operation.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** closed the public hearing.

**Councilor Washington** thanked Councilor McLain for her presentation. He thanked the staff and Judge Pryor for their participation and acknowledged Mr. Goldberg from Churchill Environmental & Industrial Equity Partners for the effort and integrity he brought to the process.

**Councilor Kvistad** agreed that STS had been a good partner for a long time and hoped the relationship would continue with Churchill.

**Councilor Park** echoed the thoughts regarding Mr. Goldberg's assistance. He said he was satisfied that the agreement reached between STS, Churchill, and Metro provided adequate protection for the citizens of the region.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** said he supported the resolution.

**Vote:** The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

## 9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

**Councilor Kvistad** welcomed John Donovan, Council Public Outreach Coordinator, to the council staff.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** noted that he would sign the letter of application for a community access grant to improve the cable television capabilities in the Metro Council Chamber.

## 10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Prepared by,

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Clerk of the Council

The following documents were submitted to the record at this meeting:

| <b>Document Number</b> | <b>Document Date</b> | <b>Document Title</b>  | <b>TO/FROM</b>  | <b>RES/ORD</b>         |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| 121200c-01             | 8/18/00              | Sustainability creates new international environment   | FROM Nina Deconcini   | Citizen Communications |
| 121200c-02             | November 2000        | Expo Center Conditional Use Master Plan  | By Barney & Worth, Inc., Yost Grube Hall Architecture, and Kittelson & Associates | Res. No. 00-3019       |
| 121200c-03             | November 2000        | Expo Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center Master Plan – Fact Sheet  | Submitted by Clark Worth  | Res. No. 00-3019       |
| 121200c-04             | 12/12/00             | Public Input Opportunities and Outreach, Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center, September 1998 - December 2000 | Submitted by Clark Worth  | Res. No. 00-3019       |
| 121200c-05             | 12/12/00             | Written testimony - Parking area at Expo   | TO Metro Council/<br>FROM Peter Teneau  | Res. No. 00-3019       |
| 121200c-06             | 12/5/00              | Written testimony - Draft Expo Master Plan, with attached photographs  | TO Metro Council/<br>FROM Troy Clark  | Res. No. 00-3019       |
| 121200c-07             | 12/11/00             | Regional Environmental Management Committee Report on Resolution No. 00-3020                                     | TO Metro Council/<br>FROM Susan McLain  | Res. No. 00-3020       |