

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 4, 2001

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain, Rod Park, Bill Atherton, Rod Monroe, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the regular council meeting at 2:00 p.m.

PROCESSIONAL OF COUNCILORS-ELECT

Tim Birr, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, played the bagpipes as he escorted Councilors-Elect Hosticka and Burkholder and Councilor Monroe into the Council Chamber.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Justice Ted Kulongoski administered the oath of office to Councilor Monroe and Councilors-Elect Burkholder and Hosticka.

Presiding Officer Bragdon presented the new Metro Council.

1. COUNCIL REORGANIZATION FOR 2001

Presiding Officer Bragdon reviewed the presiding officer election process, a copy of which is included in the meeting record.

1.1 Presiding Officer Nominations and Election

Motion: **Councilor Park** nominated Councilor Bragdon as Presiding Officer.

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

Vote: The vote by written ballot was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Bragdon thanked the council for its vote of confidence.

1.2 Resolution No. 01-3023, For the Purpose of Reorganizing the Metro Council for 2001

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3023.

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

Councilor McLain introduced Resolution No. 01-3023.

Presiding Officer Bragdon reviewed Resolution No. 01-3023 Exhibit A, Council Standing Committee Membership, and Exhibit C, Council Regular and Committee Meeting. A copy of the Metro Council Committee Structure and Resolution No. 01-3023 with exhibits is included in the meeting record.

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

2. PROSE READING "Oxbow Park"

Elisabeth Neely, Metro Park Naturalist, presented "Crow Magic," a short story about a school field trip to Oxbow Park last fall. A copy of "Crow Magic" is included in the meeting record.

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR

Councilor Burkholder introduced his family and thanked his friends, family and supporters for the privilege of serving as Metro Councilor. He said government was good when good people were willing to commit themselves to achieve a common vision, and bad when good people did not care. A copy of his remarks is included in the meeting record.

Councilor Hosticka introduced his family. He said that while he had sense of anticipation about the Metro Council's emergence as a policy leader in the region, he was apprehensive about the challenges facing the region and the threats to the council's ability to meet those challenges. A copy of his remarks is included in the meeting record.

Councilor McLain welcomed the new councilors, whom she described as realistic visionaries. She recommitted herself to the values important to the public: protection and acquisition of open space, wise use of resources, an energized economy, efficient planning, and a sense of neighborhood and community.

Councilor Monroe noted the council's accomplishments during 2000: completion of the Oregon Zoo's Steller Cove project, planning and construction of the airport and Interstate light rail lines, agreement to double the size of the Oregon Convention Center, construction of Expo Center Hall D, further open spaces acquisitions and trail development, and voter approval of a new Metro Charter. He looked forward to the remaining challenges in 2001: transportation infrastructure funding, south corridor transit, outstanding court decisions on Measure 7, Bethany and Stafford, funding to develop parks and open spaces, and further development of relations with Southwest Washington.

Councilor Atherton said the challenge for the new year was to listen carefully, and then use the conflict to create clarity. He described his three main goals: 1) a solid debate about carrying capacity and the cost of growth, 2) development of an integrated systems of paths for exercise and enjoyment of the outdoors, and 3) return Metro to a user-pay process, in which planning pays for itself. He said he would give his report on waste water management for small communities at a future council meeting.

Councilor Park said he hoped the Community Planning Committee would build on last year's successes in the Growth Management Committee. He noted some of the outstanding issues: periodic review and balancing urban development with resource protection. He felt Metro was entering a new era, and moving beyond the numbers. The region was looking for quality, not quantity, and to achieve that vision, Metro would need the public's help.

4. CULTURAL INTERLUDE

Imago Theatre troupe performed "Danse Des Pinquoins al Saluti de Burkholderius et Hostickus," formally presenting the new councilors with their nameplates.

Presiding Officer Bragdon thanked Northwest Natural for its sponsorship of the arts and Imago Theatre's performance. He reviewed Imago Theatre's 2001 season, a summary of which is included in the meeting record.

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REMARKS

Mike Burton, Metro Executive Officer, gave his welcoming remarks, a copy of which is included in the meeting record.

6. AUDITOR REMARKS

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, presented her comments, a copy of which is included in the meeting record.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER REMARKS

Presiding Officer Bragdon introduced his family and former Governor Barbara Roberts. He gave his welcoming remarks, a copy of which is included in the meeting record. He said five or six years ago, the region made a promise to itself to make this the best place in the nation to live. It was now time to decide whether or not they were serious about that promise.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Park said Pat Emmerson, Council Assistant, would be leaving shortly and he would miss her and the work she has done at Metro.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said a reception would follow the meeting, with entertainment provided by the Clinton Street Ceili Band, and an exhibit from the Metro Oregon Zoo Birds of Prey. He thanked Mr. Birr, Justice Kulongoski, Ms. Neely, Imago Theatre and Northwest Natural for their participation in the meeting.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Prepared by,

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Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2001

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

Document Number	Document Date	Document Title	TO/FROM	RES/ORD
010401c-01	1/4/2001	Presiding Officer Election Process	FROM David Bragdon	Council Reorganization
010401c-02	1/4/2001	Resolution No. 01-3023		Council Reorganization
010401c-03	1/4/2001	Metro Council Committee Structure		Council Reorganization
010401c-04		"Crow Magic at Oxbow"	FROM Elisabeth Neely	Prose Reading
010401c-05	1/4/2001	Councilor Remarks	FROM Rex Burkholder	Introductions
010401c-06	1/4/2001	Remarks for Swearing-in	FROM Carl Hosticka	Introductions
010401c-07	1/4/2001	Summary of Imago Theatre's 2001 Season		Cultural Interlude
010401c-08	1/4/2001	Executive Officer Remarks	FROM Mike Burton	Executive Officer Remarks
010401c-09	1/4/2001	Auditor Remarks	FROM Alexis Dow	Auditor Remarks
010401c-10	1/4/2001	Presiding Officer Remarks	FROM David Bragdon	Presiding Officer Remarks