BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

)	RESOLUTION NO. 07-3763
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)	Introduced by Council President David
)	Bragdon
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WHEREAS, the Metro Council's success in serving the region depends in part on the laws and policies of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Council's interests need to be effectively represented during the 2007 session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, while Council staff in the Public Affairs and Government Relations Department and the Office of the Metro Attorney will represent the Metro Council's interests in day-to-day activity during the legislative session, strategic guidance and periodic presence by the agency's elected officials is also desirable; and

WHEREAS, the fast pace of legislative activity requires that specific Councilors be appointed to serve as liaisons for communication with the Council and to represent Council interests in instances when there is not time for staff to engage the Council as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Council President makes appointments subject to Council confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the Council President has appointed Councilors Carl Hosticka and Brian Newman; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby concurs in designating Councilors Carl Hosticka and Brian Newman to serve as the Metro Council's liaisons to the Oregon Legislature in 2007 as specified in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 4th day of January, 2007.

David Bragdon, Council President

Gesetzlich Verabschiedet

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

Regionaler Gemeinder

Exhibit "A"

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Metro Council Project Proposal / Work Plan

Part One: Council Project Proposal

1) Project Title

2007 Oregon Legislative Assembly

2) Council Liaisons

Councilor Carl Hosticka and Councilor Brian Newman

3) Project Begin Date

January 2007

4) Estimated Date of Completion (Project Automatically Sunsets) July 2007

5) Project Description (What issue/problem will be addressed?)

The Metro Council's success depends in part on conducive State of Oregon policies and state law. The Council's interests need to be effectively represented during the 2007 Oregon Legislative Assembly. While day-to-day activity in Salem will be accomplished by Council staff in the public affairs and attorney's office, strategic guidance and periodic presence by the agency's elected officials is also desirable. Therefore it is desirable that lead Councilors (Hosticka and Newman) be designated as staff's initial "quick response" point of contact on behalf of the Council as a whole.

6) Policy Questions (What major policy questions must be answered?)

Major policy issues will be determined by the Council as part of a resolution directing staff regarding the agency's legislative priorities. This resolution should be developed and introduced by the end of January. Councilors Hosticka and Newman will assist staff in preparation of the agenda and then perform the "first point of contact" liaison role on behalf of the Council and agency's interests.

7) Outcomes (What must be in place for policy development to be considered complete?)

After legislative adjournment, staff will review the results with Council.

8) Connection to Council Goals and Objectives

State laws, budget, regulations, and programs relate to all of the Council's goals and objectives.

9) Resources Required / Budget Implications

Existing budgetary resources exist at the staff level. This project proposal merely authorizes Councilors Hosticka and Newman to serve as liaison to those existing staff efforts, at no additional cost.

End Here for Council Project Proposal – This Portion is Adopted by Resolution

- Part Two: Work Plan Element -

10) Project Manager

Randy Tucker (with some participation by Dan Cooper and Ken Ray)

11) Metro Council Role (What is the agency's role and the role of Metro councilors?)

Metro Councilors are to be called in to testify or meet directly with Legislators on particular issues, as circumstances and relationships best dictate Councilors be so deployed. Councilors Hosticka and Newman as liaison will serve as Mr. Tucker's guide and "quick response" first point of contact on behalf of the other five Councilors.

12) Stakeholders (Who are the major stakeholders and implementing parties? How will stakeholders and the public participate in the project?)

Metro Councilors and staff work on an as-needed basis with other parties who have aligned interests before the legislature. A sub-committee of MPAC has already been formed for this purpose. At times the Metro Council will have its own interests which are independent of those multi-jurisdictional interests.

13) Major Milestone

Mid-January: Adoption of resolution encapsulating Council's legislative agenda.

Mid-January: Inventory of Councilors' contacts with legislators.

On-going: Weekly email reports from staff to Council

September: Re-cap of session.

14) Communications (What is the communications plan? If incomplete, how and when will it be developed?)

This project is in and of itself a communication plan. Staff will develop a series of issue papers, letters, proposed legislative language, testimony, etc., as required on a variety of legislative issues. Councilors Hosticka and Newman will provide general and particular strategic guidance to staff and will report back to the other six Metro Councilors on legislative issues. Mr. Tucker, Mr. Cooper and Councilors Hosticka and Newman will use their judgment to enlist other Metro Councilors to make visits to legislators, deliver testimony, etc. as most effectively as possible.