# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 1, 2007 Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Robert Liberty,

Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Rod Park, Brian Newman

#### Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

# 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

# 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

#### 3. COMMERCIAL BUILDING MATERIALS ON-LINE EXCHANGE UPDATE

Bryce Jacobson, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, said he leads Metro's destruction and demolition program. He provided a snapshot on the new BoneYard NW website (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). BondYard NW focused on commercial construction recycle materials. It was a database tool for industry to sell and buy commercial construction materials. The program addressed the need for reuse of building materials. He provided a history of the project. He indicated that they would be tracking the number of individuals who visited the site as well as recycle materials advertised and purchased. They were scheduled to launch the tool in February. Councilors asked clarifying questions about the tool. Mr. Jacobson said access to this site was available to anyone. Mr. Jacobson said the users wanted a lot of flexibility with this tool, enabling them to sell one item or many. The intent was for the commercial materials to be used for commercial projects.

Councilor Liberty asked about the design of the site. Councilor Harrington noted that highlighting the commercial building materials would be helpful. She suggested an option on the site, which allowed individuals interested in residential materials to go to another site such as the Rebuild Center. Councilor Harrington asked about the goals of the program. Mr. Jacobson responded to her question. Council President Bragdon suggested site linkages. Mr. Jacobson said this was a future feature they would be looking at. Al Kackman with Elder Demolition talked about the use of the site. He felt that there were a lot of lost opportunities without this outlet. Councilor Burkholder asked why didn't we go national with this site? Mr. Jacobson said they wanted to start out slowly. Councilor Burkholder suggested sharing this tool with other governments and cities. Councilors made additional suggestions for the program. Councilor Burkholder acknowledged Julie Cash, who had received the Steve Roger's Award. He explained the reason for the award.

# 4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the January 25, 2007 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the January 25,

2007 Regular Metro Council.

Vote: Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Liberty, Park, Newman, Hosticka and

Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7

aye, the motion passed.

# 5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 07-1140,** For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2006-07 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Amending the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) Operating Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 07-1140 to Council.

# 6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 07-3762**, For the Purpose of Approving Portland Regional Federal Transportation Priorities for Federal Fiscal-Year 2008 Appropriations.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3762.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder introduced the resolution and talked about recommended earmarking of transit projects. The list was half of what they would be sharing with our Congressional group. The other half of the list was a list of policies that they wanted to see Congress move forward on. He said they had a Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) retreat to discuss the list and they unanimously supported the resolution. This had also brought this region together in a collaborative effort to go before Congress. This approach had resulted in a high success rate. Councilor Newman suggested a change in the total money requested (a technical amendment to Exhibit A). Council President Bragdon said he was supportive of this resolution. He spoke to the new approach, which they could play an influential role in.

Vote:	Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, Harrington, and Council
	President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the
	motion passed with Councilor Liberty absent from the vote

**Resolution No. 07-3764**, For the Purpose of Endorsing Regional Priorities for State Transportation Funding Legislation.

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-3764.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor Newman said this resolution made recommendations to our State delegation about transportation funding. He talked about the metropolitan agenda. He spoke to the three part

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legislative agenda on transportation funding which included the elements of the new revenues for roads and bridges, transit funding, and connect Oregon II. He talked about projects that had been built with no state support. He urged support and felt it was a diverse and balanced proposal. Council President Bragdon asked about the possibility of increases in the gas tax. Councilor Newman responded to his question. He noted that there were a lot of requests for lottery money. Councilor Hosticka suggested that people from this region need to address transportation and the quality of life. Councilor Newman said one other element that was long term was trying to get our regional legislative delegation to think about the metropolitan agenda.

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

6.3 **Resolution No. 07-3770,** Authorizing General Obligation Bonds for Natural Areas, Parks and Streams.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-3770
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Hosticka said we were carrying out an effort that the voters approved to purchase open spaces. This resolution authorized the next step, which was to issue the bonds. There were a number of steps to issuing the bonds. He noted that the plan was to issue bonds in two parts. Councilor Hosticka asked about levying the tax once the bonds were issued. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, responded to his question. Council President Bragdon talked about our favorable bond ratings. Councilor Hosticka asked clarifying questions about issuance of the bond and the tax rate. Councilor Liberty asked about bond rates. Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator, talked about structuring the debt service and bond rates. Councilors asked further clarifying questions which Bill Stringer, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Rutkowski responded to.

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

#### 7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, was not present.

#### 8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Liberty said he spent five days at the American Zoo and Aquarium Association Conference in Houston He attended many workshops while at the conference. He talked about the remarkable amount of work that had been done in species preservation. He said that the Oregon Zoo has been working diligently on species preservation. The Oregon Zoo had been featured widely at the conference.

Councilor Park said he attended the Northwest Agriculture show last night. He urged Councilors to attend.

# 9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 11:33 p.m.

Prepared by

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# ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2007

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.1	Minutes	1/25/07	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of	020107c-01
			January 25, 2007	
3	Snapshot	2/1/07	To: Metro Council	020107c-02
	_		From: Bryce Jacobson, Solid Waste and	
			Recycling Department	
			Re: Snapshot of new website on	
			BoneYardNW	