

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, March 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 5:01 p.m.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the February 22, 2007 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: 

Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the February 22, 2007 Regular Metro Council.
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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.
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**4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**4.1 Ordinance No. 07-1143**, For the Purpose of Annexing Land on the West Side of Highway 47 to the Metro Jurisdictional Boundary.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 07-1143 to Council.

**5. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

**5.1 Ordinance No. 07-1141**, Amending the FY 2006-07 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Providing For Expenditures Related to the Natural Areas Bond and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 07-1141.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Hosticka introduced the ordinance and explained the need for the budget amendment. He noted that this process had taken a bit longer than expected. This extended the authority. He explained that we were transferring the authority to spend money. He urged support.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 07-1141. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder asked for a description of why the amount of money was chosen.

Jim Desmond, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director, said they were planning for the property of our dreams and wanted enough money to cover such a purchase.

Vote: 

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Harrington, Newman, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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5.2 **Ordinance No. 07-1142**, Amending the FY 2006-07 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Recognizing Donations to the Oregon Zoo, Providing Appropriation For Fleet Replacement and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Ordinance No. 07-1142
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty said this was an ordinance to recognize donations of \$108,000. They received \$96,000 from the Oregon Zoo Foundation to cover fleet replacement. He noted the additional donation from the Allergy and Dermatology Veterinary Referral Center, \$12,500 was for veterinarian services.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 07-1142. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing. Councilor Liberty urged support of the ordinance.

Vote: 

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

6.1 **Resolution No. 07-3766A**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Purchase Property With Accepted Acquisition Guidelines as Outlined in the Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-3766A.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor Harrington provided a brief overview of the resolution. She shared some of the history of Natural Areas Bond Measure. With these bond measure funds, Metro would be able to purchase lands for protection of natural areas. This resolution provided guidelines for the work plan as well as due diligence guidelines. The language had been tightened up and had been incorporated into the amended version of the resolution. She urged adoption.

Councilor Park asked for definitions of certain terms such as “public interest”. Was that defined in the document or in the Metro Code? Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said the term public interest was not defined in the document but explained further the meaning of public interest. He was

using the term for guidance to the Chief Operating Officer. He noted additional tests for public interest were included in the four bulleted acquisition parameters. Councilor Park asked about the term “significantly”. Mr. Desmond responded that significantly was not defined. He provided an example when purchasing property. Councilor Park said he felt it was important to call these terms out. Councilor Liberty felt the original language was awfully open ended. He felt the new language made it narrower. He talked about checks on spending more: political, oversight committee and interest in making the money stretch as much as possible.

Councilor Burkholder asked if there was appropriate balance to allow action when it was critical. Mr. Desmond said he was comfortable with the balance. He reminded that the transactions were willing sellers. He provided an example of negotiations and the need for an exception. Councilor Harrington felt this was a strong program and urged support for the resolution as amended.

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.
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## **7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, had nothing to say.

## **8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Newman updated the Council on the Nature in Neighborhood Design competition. They had already raised \$80,000 and were anticipating two additional donations. They invited renowned individuals to be part of the jury. He then talked about the Centers project in downtown Milwaukie. They had received three very strong proposals. There would be a public open house on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. He noted the three companies that had submitted proposals.

Councilor Harrington said she participated in an Economic Trends Workshop sponsored by the City of Hillsboro. She reported on Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), which met last night. They reviewed the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Updated. MPAC voted to endorse chapter 1 of the RTP Update.

Councilor Burkholder said Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) met this morning. That group also approved the RTP Update Chapter 1 in a slightly different form. They did not pass the resolution. They just accepted the resolution and move on to Phase 3 of the project. He also noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) resolution would be considered at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. JPACT had endorsed Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee’s recommendation with a slight modification. He said the Columbia River Crossing Task Force met last Tuesday and approved four alternatives. There was a separate subcommittee to consider the fourth alternative and to define that alternative. Councilor Burkholder noted he would be co-chairing that subcommittee. Councilor Newman asked Councilor Burkholder if he could share the subcommittee’s recommendation.

Councilor Hosticka said HB 2051 was unanimously approved by the House Committee on Environment and would move to the full House. He also reminded that the Council would meet next week in Sherwood. He invited the public to attend.

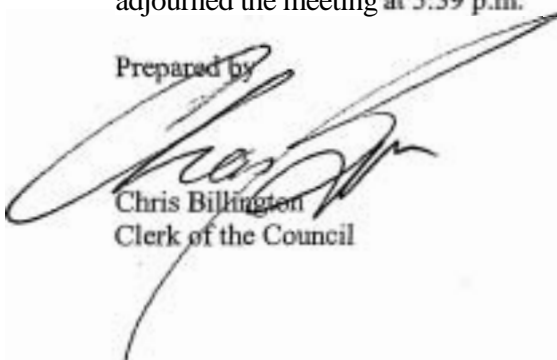
Councilor Liberty said the Johnson Creek Watershed would be holding a volunteer watershed event. He reported that the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Steering Committee met and that Council would be receiving a seven-day letter on repayment and investment. They also talked about targeting.

Councilor Park thanked staff for their hard work on the RTP Update. He particularly thanked Councilor Burkholder for his leadership. He talked about the Nature in Neighborhood grant process and where we were. He also said the Freight Committee was still working hard and would be reporting back to Council.

## 9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
MARCH 1, 2007**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
3.1	Minutes	2/22/07	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2007	030107c-01
6.1	"A" version	3/1/07	<b>Resolution No. 07-3766A</b> , For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Purchase Property With Accepted Acquisition Guidelines as Outlined in the Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan.	030107c-02