

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

February 15, 2001

Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rod Monroe (excused), Carl Hosticka (excused)

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the regular council meeting at 2:04 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Officer Bragdon noted that the Executive Officer was in Salem this afternoon on Metro business.

4. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

5. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Officer Bragdon said the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) met last night and discussed its 2001 work plan. The committee watched an interesting presentation about town center and regional center development throughout the area.

Councilor Burkholder noted the critical need for public infrastructure funding for full development of mixed-use centers.

Councilor Park added that one facet of the issue was the allocation of funding, both existing and new. The presentations highlighted the many positive developments in the region.

Councilor Atherton asked if MPAC discussed the wisdom of each town center taking responsibility for itself. He did not believe town center development was a regional responsibility.

Councilor Burkholder said there was no answer to the philosophical question of responsibility. The more successful redevelopment sites did have urban renewal funds, and therefore were receiving locally generated dollars. The debate did not focus on the source of the money; it focused on the region's inability to meet its goals because of lack of funding.

Councilor McLain said the discussion at MPAC reaffirmed that there were no answers to the funding question. MPAC debated whether to continue its funding subcommittee, or whether the discussions should occur at a different level. She added that this was the first MPAC meeting in years in which members proposed new items of regional concern.

Councilor Atherton asked if, during the discussion of infrastructure funding, MPAC discussed a regional sharing of new commercial and industrial tax base.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said no, the issue was not discussed at MPAC.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jeff Stone, Chief of Staff, briefed the council on Senate Bill (SB) 907, Metro's self-insurance bill, House Bill (HB) 2837, park land on exclusive farm use zoned lands, and the animal cruelty bill.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Consideration of Minutes of the February 8, 2001, Regular Council Meeting

Presiding Officer Bragdon noted that Councilor Monroe was absent. Councilor Hosticka was in Salem on Metro business with the State Land Board, with regard to real estate transactions.

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the February 8, 2001, regular council meeting.

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

Vote: The vote was 4 aye/0 nay/1 abstain. Councilors Hosticka and Monroe were absent. Councilor Atherton abstained. The motion passed.

8. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - PUBLIC HEARING

8.1 **Ordinance No. 01-891**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-02, Making Appropriations, and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency

Presiding Officer Bragdon opened a public hearing. No one appeared to speak with regard to Ordinance No. 00-891. Presiding Officer Bragdon closed the public hearing. He declared that consideration of the ordinance would be continued.

Councilor McLain briefed the council on the most recent Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1 **Resolution No. 01-3029**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Relinquish Title to Metro Property to the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services.

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3029.

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

Councilor McLain presented Resolution No. 01-3029. A committee report to the resolution contains information presented by Councilor McLain and is included in the meeting record.

Vote: The vote was 5 aye/0 nay/0 abstain. Councilors Monroe and Hosticka were absent. The motion passed.

9.2 **Resolution No. 01-3030**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Nomination of Chris Noble to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee

Motion: **Councilor Park** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3030.

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

Councilor Park introduced Chris Noble, citizen nominee from Metro District 1 to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee. He reviewed the responsibilities of the committee, the process for appointment, and Ms. Noble's credentials. He recommended approval of the resolution.

Ms. Noble said she looked forward to serving on the committee and felt passionate about greenspaces and open spaces and the human connection to those places.

Councilor Park added that former Metro Councilor Ruth McFarland had called in support of Ms. Noble's nomination.

Vote: The vote was 5 aye/0 nay/0 abstain. Councilors Hosticka and Monroe were absent. The motion passed.

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor McLain said the next two Budget and Finance Committees meetings were scheduled for February 27 and 28, at 2 p.m. The committee would hear beginning departmental briefings.

Councilor Park said he missed yesterday's Budget and Finance Committee because he was in Salem at a meeting of the Willamette Livability Forum Steering Committee. He noted that the Willamette Livability Forum was scheduled for April 26, 2001, at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said Councilor Hosticka and Executive Officer Burton were meeting with the State Land Board to discuss the Wilsonville Tract property. He noted that Melissa was leaving Tualatin Valley Cable Access, and he thanked her for her assistance over the years.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Prepared by,

Chris Billington
Clerk of the Council

Attachments to the Public Record for the Meeting of February 15, 2001

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

| Document Number | Document Date | Document Title | TO/FROM | RES/ORD |
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| 021501c-01 | 2/8/2001 | Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting | TO Metro Council/ FROM Chris Billington | Consent Agenda |
| 021501c-02 | 2/15/2001 | Natural Resources Committee Report, Resolution No. 01-3029 | TO Metro Council/ FROM Susan McLain | Res. No. 01-3029 |