

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE OFFICER INFORMAL MEETING

February 13, 2001

Metro Council Annex

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

Councilors Absent: Rod Monroe

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the Council/Executive Officer Informal Meeting at 2:02p.m.

1. UPCOMING LEGISLATION

- ◆ Presiding Officer announced a second public hearing on the budget.
- ◆ Mr. Jeff Stone said he had given recent updates on events in Salem.

2. JOHNSON CREEK RESTORATION PLAN

Executive Officer Mike Burton noted that Metro had received funding from the Federal Government to work on the restoration.

Mr. Dean Marriot, Director of Environmental Services of City of Portland, said that there was a draft plan that had photographs and maps of the Johnson Creek area. He prepped the Council members about a video that would show the history and issues about Johnson Creek. He said the main goal was to cope with flooding and the Endangered Species Act. Mr. Marriot then showed the video.

Executive Officer Burton continued and said the video told the story of the need and history. He said there were 8 priority items that were identified in the plan that would cost 100 million dollars to implement. He noted that the individual jurisdictions would not be able to come up with the money.

Ms. Maggie Skendarin, City of Portland, explained the financial background of the plan and conveyed the future goals of the plan.

Presiding Officer David Bragdon asked how much of the protective environment was on private property and how important was acquisition?

Ms. Skendarin said that it was almost all private property. She added that they had identified the areas that were most appropriate to acquire.

Deputy Presiding Officer Susan McLain noted that the incentive on Goal V was very similar to this strategy.

3. OREGON CONVENTION CENTER UPDATE

Mr. Scott Moss, Metro ASD, introduced Carl Schultz, Jeff Blosser, and Tom Stein. He noted that they would be able to answer any questions that arose.

Mr. Jeff Blosser, OCC, showed the construction video of the exterior and interior of the convention center.

Presiding Officer Bragdon asked if anyone had questions.

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain asked what the timeline for construction was?

Mr. Schultz said they started on February 5, 2001 and the groundbreaking was scheduled for February 8. He explained that they had two phases planned, the first phase was to strip off the asphalt. He said in April they would build a foundation for the parking garage and convention center that would allow the garage to be finished in 2002. He noted that the contractor had planned a completion date of April 15, 2003. He mentioned that the project budget was \$116 million dollars and that they had received cash from the bond measure with the City of Portland that amounted to \$99.2 million. He said they are trying to create cost savings in different areas and they had continued to document all budgetary items.

4. **SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Mr. Terry Peterson, Director of REM, gave an update on the strategic plan with an introduction to the framework. The framework would give criteria for decisions. He said the danger in strategic planning was that it would be too broad.

Ms. Janet Matthews, REM Policy Program Manager, gave an overview of the strategic plan outline (a copy of which can be found in the record). She said the strategic plan should answer three questions – where are they, where do they want to be and how would they get there. She said that before the process began in October, Terry and she interviewed the Executive Office and the Council on particular concerns. She noted that they were done with phase I, based on strengths/weaknesses and trends. They had moved on to phase II that was on critical policy choices and fundamental questions. She said phase III was on strategy development. She said they estimated the end of May or June for the completion of phase III.

Councilor Rex Burkholder questioned what would happen to the approaching monopoly by the private sector and how that affected Metro's role.

Mr. Peterson observed Councilor Burkholder question and restated it as how the industry changed over the past ten years and how it was projected to change.

Councilor Susan McLain listed a number of concerns that included starting with not having to choose between being a service provider or regulator but to be both. She suggested to start with a ground level issue, flow control. She said that this plan was a complicated system that should be made simple. She noted integration of the review and added that they could not review the one question of whether they were a regulator or service provider without looking at what the status quo was. She stated that the status quo was that Metro owns two transfer stations and had a public responsibility for those stations. She brought out that they have stalled in the region on waste reduction. She said a stable rate was of importance to her because, no matter where you live, you should be paying the same fee for the same service.

Councilor Bill Atherton commented on local integration, he asked if there was a way to rephrase it by saying one of the key goals was to take advantage of natural competition to keep rates down.

Executive Officer Burton responded by stating that the Council would need to decide what their strategy would be.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said that the strategic plan was about Metro but it also needed to be about the objectives they want to achieve. He said it was important to have overall system cost and efficiency. He said that after six months they could explain why they had become a regulator or service provider.

Councilor Burkholder asked about the transfer station applications Metro had facing them. He asked if the June finish date would allow enough time.

Mr. Peterson said the Council would have to notice the applications.

Councilor Atherton said that he had found consensus on those issues.

Councilor McLain commented on Councilor Burkholder's concern and said that it was a living document that will change as the status quo changed. She said they would always have applications in the system and have a plan to meet the need of the status quo.

5. REDISTRICTING ISSUES

Presiding Officer Bragdon introduced redistricting and conversion from seven districts to six. He said the criteria needed to make sense and to be clear to the public. He stated that John Houser, Council Analyst, pulled the criteria that was used for the last redistricting and put together a proposed ordinance. He said a task force of the Council would consist of the three councilors that were not up for election in year 2002. He noted that Councilor Rod Monroe had agreed to initiate that. He said there would be some citizen review and public hearings in the future.

Mr. Marv Fjordbeck noted the legislative timeline was three months following the receipt of the 2000 census, the Council would have to come up with a reapportionment plan. He said that if the Council were not able to keep in that timeline, the decision would default to the Executive Officer. He said the task force would hold at least four meetings around the region and any amendments would be drafted before June 1st.

Mr. John Houser reviewed the projected redistricting schedule (a copy of which can be found in the record). He noted that the reapportionment ordinance would come back for consideration by the whole Council at the March 15, 2001 Council meeting.

Presiding Officer Bragdon asked if the July 1st deadline was a charter deadline or could they prolong it another week.

Mr. Fjordbeck said there was a charter deadline and a practical deadline. He explained the charter deadline was within three months of receiving the census data. The practical deadline was also within that same time to allow any legal challenge to the reapportionment plan and still have the plan in place by the first filing date of September 1, 2002 primary.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Executive Officer Burton said he had a letter that the Council needed to sign. He said that he would be at the State Land Board talking about the Wilsonville Tract offer. He said that the land

board had said the appraised price was \$2,307,000 and they may move to reject our offer. The land board will then counter-offer at agreeable price and give Metro two weeks to respond.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2001

TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Johnson Creek Restoration	November 2000 Draft	Brochure	0213201inf-01
Solid Waste Strategic Plan	February 13, 2001	Outline	021301inf-02
Redistricting Schedule	N/A	Schedule	021301inf-03
Reapportionment	February 12, 2001	Letter	021301inf-04