

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 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 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Chris Billington, Clerk of the Council, introduced Gail Grier, Office Intern.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the April 5, 2007 Regular Council Meeting.

3.2 **Resolution No. 07-3801**, Approving a Settlement Agreement with Juventino Avila Estrada DBA Avila Drywall Regarding Metro Notice of Violation No. Nov-161-06.

Motion:

Councilor Newman moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 5, 2007 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 07-3801.

Vote:

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

4. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 07-1144**, Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08 Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency.

Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator, briefed the Council on budget law and the use of reserve funds. She noted a chart and table, which she provided to the Council (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). She said that once Council approved the budget and sent it off to Tax Supervising Conservation Commission (TSCC), there was a limit of no more than 10% adjustment. Once adopted, there was a restriction of the aggregate amounts that can be used without a supplemental budget. She said if there was need to amend the budget, a special notice was required. She provided some examples of limitations to amending the budget.

Council President Bragdon asked about the words contingency or reserve. He asked for clarification on these two budget words and how these were used in terms of business practices. He spoke to access of reserve funds and if that undermined the attempt to use these words more precisely. Ms. Rutkowski responded that we tend to use these terms with different meanings. She clarified the definition of reserves and contingency.

Council President Bragdon said he and Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO), had talked about clarifying the use of reserves and suggested budget notes. Ms. Rutkowski said budget notes provided clarity to the budget.

Councilor Park asked about the 15% limit and was this by category or was this by each individual fund? Ms. Rutkowski said the limitation was 15% of the total budget. She explained further the specifics of the budget.

Council President Bragdon noted that this ordinance had already been moved and seconded at a previous meeting.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 07-1144. No one came forward to testify. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Removed from the agenda.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO), suggested that Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, talk about SB 2011. Mr. Cooper shared that he and Randy Tucker, Public Affairs Department, had a meeting with groups interested in SB 2011. They were moving toward a general consensus on four amendments clarifying parts of the bill. Much of the amendment language had to do with clarifying particular words such as "sustainable community." He provided further details on the issues of urban and rural reserves. They were working to prepare the four amendments. They would also be meeting next week with a variety of stakeholders to support SB 2011 and amendments. He was hopeful to get it out of committee on schedule. Councilors asked clarifying questions.

Councilor Newman said he was thrilled with the results of these discussions; every iteration seemed to make the bill better. Councilor Liberty asked who was participating in the project management group. He suggested being thoughtful about this group. Mr. Jordan thought the group was increasing rather than decreasing. Councilor Park talked about the next steps and how other lands outside the rural reserves played in this process. Mr. Jordan talked about the need for certainty. Councilor Burkholder asked if the counties were specifically named. Mr. Cooper responded to his question.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Council President Bragdon said Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) had an off-site meeting with their new management this morning. He was glad to participate. One of the topics was recruitment and vacancies on the MERC Commission and the need to recruit with a mind for diversity. He also announced there will be no Council meeting on April 19, 2007.

Councilor Harrington updated the Council on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting last night. They discussed the Regional Transportation Plan update and Enhanced Disposal Waste Recovery program. This program was targeted at increasing our recovery rate and this program was focused on construction dry waste. She noted that the resolution had been modified. She spoke to Washington County's concerns.

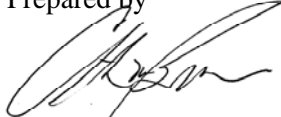
Councilor Burkholder said he had attended an education program at an elementary school on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. He then updated the Council on the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT). He shared jurisdictional priority rankings concerning transportation projects. He said the mapping was a visual indication of concerns from JPACT and MPAC. Councilor Harrington asked about the instructions for the mapping. Councilor Burkholder said the instructions were to look at regional issues. This mapping provided a sense of the broader issues that the region faces. Councilor Liberty expressed his concerns with the mapping process. Council President Bragdon provided his observations about the mapping process and the limitations on this kind of exercise.

Councilor Newman said MPAC voted to endorse SB 891. He asked Council if they supported submission of a letter concerning design in Centers. Council President Bragdon supported the idea. Councilor Burkholder said he would need to think about this before moving forward and was this contrary to our goals? Councilor Newman responded that there was no objection from the Home Builders Association.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Prepared by



Chris Billington
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
APRIL 12, 2007**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	4/5/07	Metro Council Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2007	041207c-01
4.1	Chart/Table	4/5/07	To: Metro Council From: Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator Re: Reserve information for budget	041207c-02