

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2007
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, Rod Park, Brian Newman, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 10:32 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

Council President Bragdon introduced Judge Patricia Shaw, Commissioner Frank Bettencourt, Commissioner Michael Weimar, and Court Administrator Leanne Durfey.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. GILLIAM COUNTY METRO PARTNERSHIP

Judge Patricia Shaw thanked the Council for the invitation. She talked about the Metro/Gilliam County Partnership and its history with Metro. She noted the benefits of the partnership. They wanted to maintain a clean sustainability environment. Gilliam County had the space to provide a state of the art landfill. She said the landfill provided 200+ jobs for Gilliam County. She said the landfill provided opportunities for their young people. The site provided jobs and increased other services for the County. All of Gilliam County benefited from the landfill. She provided details on how the County and cities in the area benefited from the landfill revenue. She invited all of the Council to come to the Gilliam County, visit the landfill and the sites around the county. She urged keeping the partnership strong (a copy of her full remarks is included in the meeting record).

Council President Bragdon thanked Judge Shaw for coming with her colleagues. He talked about his stay at Condon last summer. Councilor Newman added his thanks for coming to the Council meeting. He talked about his experience going to Gilliam County and visiting the landfill. He looked forward to continuing the strong partnership. Councilor Park included his welcome. He talked about the possibilities of return hauls of gravel and rock, which would benefit the region. He was also impressed with the wheat facility in Gilliam County. He was delighted to see agriculture continuing to evolve in the county. Councilor Liberty talked about his experience in Condon. He was pleased to see Gilliam County prosper. He asked if the County had a similar relationship with King County. Judge Shaw said they did have a relationship with King County but Metro's partnership was much stronger. Councilor Harrington introduced herself and said she was Chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. She looked forward to continuing that strong relationship. Council President Bragdon talked about the transport contract to Gilliam County and that they would want the Commission's input and help on this issue.

4. FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

Bill Stringer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Quarterly Report, Third Quarter FY 2006-07. He noted their forecasting efforts. He said they had been reorienting the budget so they have a forecasted budget. Margo Norton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, said they were on track with their plan but would need to make some minor adjustments. She talked about the planning grants and the underachieved revenues. They also had some overachieved revenues such as property taxes and interest earnings. She also noted Zoo attendance had been spectacular. She noted issues with the Natural Areas bond measure precedes. They saw no anomalies in the third quarter data. She explained several budget amendments, which would be before the Council later in the month. She said the third quarter review confirmed that they were looking good. The fund balances were robust. She talked about using the quarterly report to look forward.

Councilor Harrington asked if the document would be posted on the website. Ms. Norton said it would be posted this afternoon. Councilor Harrington asked what MTOCA meant. Mr. Stringer said it stood for Metro Tourism Opportunity and Competitive Account. He further explained what this fund did. Councilor Hosticka asked about the year-end fund balance. Ms. Norton responded to his question. Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, noted carry-over funds.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Consideration of minutes of the May 3, 2007 Regular Council Meeting.
- 5.2 **Resolution No. 07-3805**, Approving a Settlement Agreement with Lowell E. Patton Regarding Metro Notice of Violation No. NOV-139-05.
- 5.3 **Resolution No. 07-3814**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Chris Duffy, Robin Plance, Michael Salvo, and Doretta Schrock to the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC).

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the May 3, 2007 Regular Metro Council and Resolution Nos. 07-3805 and 07-3814.
Vote:	Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka, Park, Newman, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 07-1146**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Establish Metro’s Charges for Household Hazardous Waste, and to Establish Metro’s Solid Waste Disposal Charges and System Fees for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 07-1146.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Park introduced the ordinance, which set the rates for solid waste for the coming year. The tip fee and the regional system fee would go up. The excise tax would decrease. The transaction fees would stay the same. Changes were due to costs. He also provided details about household hazardous waste charges. The Rate Review Committee unanimously recommended the household hazardous waste changes. He noted self haul issues and that the Committee

recommended no changes in self haul fees. He acknowledged Councilor Harrington's attendance at the Rate Review Committee. Councilor Liberty asked about section 2, Household Hazardous Waste and the change in structure. Jim Quinn, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, responded to his question. Councilor Harrington said this ordinance was dealing with the garbage network and the fees that worked through that network. She also commented on household hazardous waste such as light bulbs, household chemicals and how to dispose of this waste.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 07-1146. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder asked if there was a comparable rate chart to other regions. Mike Hoglund, Solid Waste and Recycling Director, said they did know that the tip fee in Seattle was considerably higher. Councilor Park talked about our solid waste system and that the region did a good job of recycling. They continued to work with the local governments to help them set their rates and reach the recycling goal.

Vote:

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

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 07-3789, For the Purpose of Approving the Year 18 Metro and Local Government Annual Waste Reduction Plan (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-3789.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Harrington said Metro and its local government partners developed a 12-month plan to achieve the region's recycling goals. Mr. Hoglund thanked Councilor Harrington for her work. Lee Barrett presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Annual Waste Reduction Plan (a copy of which is included in the meeting record).

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 07-3789.

Scott Keller, City of Beaverton, Solid Waste Program Manager, 2323 NE Schuyler St. Portland OR 97212 briefed the Council on one of their programs, the multi family recycling program. He talked about their efforts in this area. They provided a tool which was a red bag explaining what could be recycled. Apartment residents increased their recycling by 24% through the use of the bags. They would be continuing to educate Beaverton residents about this program. Councilor Liberty asked if they worked with on-site managers or property management. Mr. Keller said it varied. He explained that apartment dwellers moved a lot and so there was need for reeducation in those apartment complexes. Councilor Harrington said the City of Beaverton was committed to recycling. She wanted to know what percentage of their average workweek did they spend at Metro. Mr. Keller responded, an average of once a week for a couple of hours. Councilor Park asked about their recycling program and how much could we push such as mandatory recycling. Mr. Keller said he felt there was room for growth in recycling. He felt mandatory recycling would be a tough sell but there was room for increasing recycling. Council President Bragdon asked if the red bag program existed in other parts of the region. Mr. Keller responded that there were other regions in the United States that were doing this but no other city in this region was doing

this kind of program. Councilor Harrington suggested that they look at this kind of program for businesses.

Matt Korot, City of Gresham, Solid Waste Manager, 1333 NW Eastman Pkwy Gresham, OR 97030 talked about the partnership with Metro. They really valued the partnership and it was critical to the success of the recycle programs. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan was the region's plan, not just Metro's plan. He talked about the regional system fee and how they could leverage this fee. He provided details on the recycle at work program. They had also been able to leverage external partnership such as PGE and the Energy Trust. The \$31,000 that Metro contributed was being multiplied many fold. He talked about the food waste program and their school program. The work of the Recycling Information Center was essential to their local program. He also noted the healthy lawns program. Councilor Park talked about the 65-gallon roll carts that the City of Gresham was going to. Were they expecting increased recycling? Mr. Korot said they were thrilled to see the City of Beaverton's success. The City of Beaverton had set the bar for other jurisdictions. Councilor Park asked about mandatory recycling. Mr. Korot said they had a lot to do to meet the 90% diversion goal. They needed to get the business sector to participate more in recycling. They were also working toward food waste recycling in their jurisdiction. Councilor Park asked about a large deconstruction project in the Rockwood area. Mr. Korot shared that they were getting this property ready for redevelopment and the deconstruction company recycled 97% of the materials. Councilor Liberty said there was a lot of innovation and leadership at the jurisdictional level. Mr. Korot talked about the challenges of changing behavior.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder asked how did they motivate those folks who were resistant to recycling and what percent were they? Mr. Hoglund responded their plan was to get to 64% recycling by 2009. They were doing waste composition studies and household studies to find out how many people recycled. He said 84% of the respondents said they recycled. They needed to continue to advance recycling as markets changed. They were looking for behavior changes and the processors were looking for clean material such as paper. He felt there was more progress that could be made.

Councilor Liberty asked about the arrangement with Cedar Grove and building a facility in our region. Mr. Barrett said the contract called for Cedar Grove to investigate three sites once they reached a threshold. Cedar Grove had begun looking for sites. They found a site on Marine Drive two years ago. The neighbors were not excited about having a site in that area. Cedar Grove was trying to find a site in the region that was inexpensive. Jennifer Erickson, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, said they were looking at a smaller site in the region. They had looked at public owned industrial sites. They were also looking at Clark County for sites. She felt that Cedar Grove was committed to having a site in the region. Councilor Park said originally they had looked at going to central Oregon for this site. He suggested that there might be other opportunities with Gilliam County. Ms. Erickson said Department of Environmental Quality was reviewing the regulations in this area. Councilor Park made further suggestions.

Councilor Harrington said the Waste Reduction Plan was an opportunity to increase our recycling efforts. She detailed other goals of the program. She noted Year 18 goals and responsibilities.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Newman, Harrington, Hosticka, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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7.2 **Resolution No. 07-3815**, For the Purpose of Designating Council Projects and Confirming Lead Councilor and Council Liaisons for the Regional Transportation Funding Project.

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-3815.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor Newman said they were working on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This fall they would be constructing the financially constrained transportation plan. They were confident that there would be a financial shortfall. The conversation about new revenue needed to happen. Metro was part of this conversation and should be a leader in this process. They would be developing a financial plan. This project was to initiate research on whether the region should support a regional transportation fund ballot measure. He would be coming back to the Council with a specific work plan and framework for guiding the dialogue. There was a budget amendment listed in the exhibits that was only for illustrative purposes. He agreed they would be doing some public opinion research and asking their partners to contribute to this effort. He urged support. Councilor Harrington said her district supported raising revenue for transportation. Councilor Burkholder appreciated Councilor Newman's work on this issue. Councilor Park added his support and said they might have to look at a combination of state and regional funding. Despite some reservations, Councilor Liberty applauded his colleague's willingness to take this on. However, he expressed concerns that this effort be integrated with New Look thinking, and that new projects and programs should be considered for funding, not just the existing project list. They needed more money for maintenance and operations of the transportation system. He felt they didn't have a full menu of what we needed in the region.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Newman, Hosticka, Harrington, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, had nothing to say.

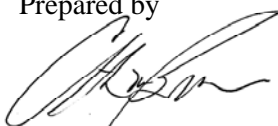
9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder reported on the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation meeting this morning suggesting a change in the RTP timeline. Council President Bragdon suggested this be brought forward by resolution on the May 24th agenda.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
MAY 10, 2007**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	5/5/07	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2007	051007c-01
4.0	Report	Third Quarter 2006-07	Fiscal Year 2006-07 Quarterly Report Third Quarter January through March 2007	051007c-02
7.1	Power Point Presentation	5/10/07	To: Metro Council From: Lee Barrett, Solid Waste and Recycling Department Re: Annual Waste Reduction Plan (Year 18)	051007c-03
3.0	Talking points	5/10/07	To: Metro Council, Michael Jordan and Dan Cooper From: Lake McTighe Re: Judge Patricia Shaw's Talk to the Council	051007c-04
8.0	Memo	5/8/07	To: JPACT Members and Alternates From: Andy Cotugno, Planning Director Re: RTP Update Schedule Options	051007c-05