

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE OFFICER INFORMAL MEETING

May 15, 2001

Metro Council Annex

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

Councilors Absent: Bill Atherton

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the Council/Executive Officer Informal Meeting at 2:06 p.m. and indicated that the Port of Portland Master Plan would be discussed first on the agenda.

2. PORT OF PORTLAND MASTER PLAN

Presiding Officer Bragdon introduced Mike Thorn, Port of Portland Executive Director, and his Port team and explained the relationship with the Port. He felt it necessary to have a greater understanding of how Metro and the Port fit together.

Mr. Thorn spoke to the upcoming issues that the Port was facing and benefits of the Port; 1) the channel project, 2) NMFS restoration issues, 3) financial impacts including state and bi-state matches, 4) cost benefit analysis of the study, 5) container operations of the Port, 6) Portland as a market center for this state. He noted the savings by having a Port in the Portland area and who was served in the local market. He also spoke of connectivity with rail, the I-5 corridor connection, joint investments and trying to get better use of inter-modal facilities available in the area. He acknowledged the area as the lowest tax supported corridor in the United States. As part of their annual strategic initiative, he also talked about the Portland harbor clean-up, noting that there were over 70 responsible parties. He spoke to how important the coordination with the city and Metro was as well a working together on restoration issues. He then talked about the airport, how the hubs and spokes worked with each of the airlines. One of their long term strategies was to focus on expanding service to Asia.

The final strategic initiative had to do with the overall transportation system. The pressures on system had to do with high value cargo such as chips for Intel, in those areas where time sensitivity was high, demand-pricing techniques didn't always work. The transportation system had become the inventory control system in this country.

Mr. Thorn talked about the noise issue, the ongoing air travel operations, long term outcomes of making airplanes less noisy, the small plane freight haulers and changing their approach patterns. Another challenge has to do with residential in-fill by the airport.

He noted their work with the Port of Vancouver and the Gateway project particularly the container terminal facilities. He also talked about small airport activities and the interface with the Port. The congestion of the I-5 rail bridge and the need for commercial rail investments in the area.

He talked about their environmental policy (a copy of which is provided in the meeting record).

Councilors asked questions about container operations, harbor clean-up, funding sources for the Port, bi-state relationships, I-5 corridor, transportation demand management, balancing freight movement and peak commuter hours, the noise issues, joint land use planning with the Port of Vancouver for industrial

sites, small airport use/access, the congestion point at the I-5 rail bridge and how to keep the Port healthy in the future.

3. FAIRVIEW IGA

Charlie Ciecko, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director and **Pete Sandrock, Chief Operating Officer** talked about the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Fairview for police services for Blue Lake Regional Park and Chinook Landing (a copy of the staff report and IGA may be found in the meeting record). They spoke to the budget impact of services and the need for services over and above what was provided currently. **Mr. Sandrock** noted the three concerns the councilors had expressed previously including cost, current services provided and setting a precedent for paying for base level services. **Mr. Sandrock** said the police currently provided about 90 minutes of service per day, 25 minutes of this represented the base level service. He explained how they came up with the \$28,000 annual cost for the IGA. He suggested some improvements in the facilities such as better lighting to bring down the need for police services. **Mr. Sandrock** spoke to contractual agreements with other Metro facilities such as Expo and OCC.

Councilors asked about the definition extraordinary costs, the number of visitors and nature of facilities, impact of events and the need for additional services for those events. **Councilor McLain** expressed concern about additional services, costs and the history behind the initial agreement. She spoke to the original commitment of Multnomah County to provide services and expressed concern about other agencies wanting funding for services provided. **Councilor Hosticka** asked about our agreement with Multnomah County and payment of other the park providers. **Councilor Monroe** discussed de-annexation of Blue Lake Park. **Councilor McLain** asked about changing the environment of the park and taking look at the current facility uses and possible changes in those uses. She was concerned about precedent setting and who else would be lining up at the doors. She felt that policing was a public service and that Metro should not be taking on additional services. **Councilor Park** asked about similar circumstances at Expo. **Councilor Burkholder** echoed Councilor McLain's concerns about precedent setting and made some suggestions about seasonal charges rather than annualizing the charges in the IGA.

Mr. Ciecko said there were about 1 million cars a year going to Blue Lake Park, this proved to be a greater impact on the area than initially anticipated. He also talked about some of the Interlachen neighborhood issues. He added that a lot of the police calls had to do with the Chinook Landing area and talked about the possibility of an automated gate for the landing area as a solution. He said both areas were well managed, Multnomah County had lived up to all of their commitments in the IGA. The visitation at the facilities had not increased since it came over to Metro. There hadn't been a huge increase in calls but there had been a growing inability of Fairview to provide services without shared costs.

Mr. Burton responded to the possibility of a user fee and de-annexations issues. **Mr. Sandrock** spoke to the deterrent patrol package, the level of service and the inadequacies of the current service. **Mr. Burton** added that he had turned the request down twice but felt that the \$27,000 IGA would accommodate both entities.

Presiding Officer Bragdon expressed concern about other properties and possible policing at these sites. **Councilor Park** shared those concerns but recognized the uniqueness of Blue Lake and Chinook Landing. He suggested possible changes to the IGA and the need for clarity if this IGA was approved.

Mr. Ciecko then spoke to how the shared cost would be paid for if the IGA were approved. Chinook Landing wouldn't be a problem, it would pay for itself with no change in fees but entry fees would need to

be increased at Blue Lake during the summer months. Half of the cost of the IGA would be covered by fee increases at Blue Lake the other half would be covered by Marine facilities.

Councilor Park suggested tightening the policy points so there were no future loop holes. **Councilor McLain** reiterated her concerns and the changes needed in the IGA.

1. UPCOMING LEGISLATION

Jeff Stone, Chief of Staff, briefed council on the Oregon legislative bills as of May 15, 2001 and gave a legislative update of those bills effecting Metro which included HB 3909-Tire Recycling, SB 906-Self Insurance, HB 3540-Zoo Parking Lot, HB 2731-Freedom to farm act, HB 3400-Real Estate Transfer Tax - Affordable Housing, HB 2502-Site of parks in rural areas, HB 3057-Riparian Tax Incentive, HB 3564-Habitat Conservation Plan tax exemptions, HB 3026-School siting on EFU lands and the RTA-List of Principles (a copy of the Oregon legislative bills, the team's legislative update and transportation amendments may be found in the meeting record).

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Executive Officer Burton had no additional comments.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Hosticka asked about possible audits, he would be meeting with the auditor shortly.

Councilor McLain noted she would not at Community Planning, Solid Waste or Natural Resources Committees next week but would be in Japan with her daughter.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, **Presiding Officer Bragdon** adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 15, 2001

TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Oregon Legislative Bills as of 4/2/2001	4/2/01	List of Oregon Legislative Bills and Legislative Team recommendations to Council	051501c-01
Transportation Bill Amendments	5/14/01	Proposed Amendments to HB 3408	051501c-02
Legislative Update	5/15/01	Update from Legislative Team to Council on Oregon Legislative Bills 2001	051501c-03
Environmental Annual Report 2002	2000	Port of Portland Environmental Annual Report to Council	051501c-04
SEI Science Panel presentation	no date	SEI Science Panel: Columbia River Channel Improvement Reconsultation	051501c-05
Columbia River Channel Improvement Reconsultation Project	no date	Scientific Panel	051501c-06
Executive Summary	December 2000	Port of Portland Executive Summary on Container Transportation Cost-Benefit Analysis	051501c-07
Commission Environmental Policy	no date	Port of Portland Environmental Policy	051501c-08
Proposed Staff Report and Contract	3/21/01	Staff report and contract concerning City of Fairview IGA for Policy Services	051501c-09