

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2001

Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: None.

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 PM.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Burton, Executive Officer, spoke of the conference he had attended in Ottawa, Canada. The Government Finance Office Association, made up of our peers, recently ranked our finance section. We earned two awards this year. We won the Distinguished Budget Presentation award for the 5th time, and the Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 8th time. He recognized key budget staff, Tony Mounts, Kathy Rutkowski, Cherie Yasami, Karin Feher, Sarah Follett, Claudia Wilton, and the key financial reporting staff, Don Cox, Karla Lenox, Estelle Mazurkiewicz as the people who deserved credit for these awards.

Councilor Atherton thanked the personnel who had earned the award. He asked how many agencies had received this award.

Mr. Burton thought it was about 1% of the agencies that receive these awards annually. It was a very detailed review of the process.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said they had acknowledged the good work of staff at the budget meeting earlier in the week.

Councilor McLain presented the awards to the Financial Planning and Accounting staff.

Councilor Park commented on Mr. Duany and the urban growth boundary. Its original design was to separate those areas we were going to urbanize and not urbanize and it has served that function. However, it was not originally designed as a tool to determine how to utilize the land within that urban boundary. He suggested that some history might help him better understand our goals.

Councilor Atherton noted the importance of receiving these awards. He also mentioned a new rule from the Government Accounting Standards Board #34 which dealt with renewal and

replacement accounts. A report will be made to the Council and Task Force about the process of this ground breaking way of doing business.

Councilor Monroe commented at the TSCC hearing. TSCC gave high praise to Ms. Jennifer Sims, Chief Financial Officer, and her staff for their budget preparation and assistance. The budget was in excellent shape.

4. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, shared that the auditor's office received the Knighton Award for excellence. NALGA recognized the best audit report and the best special project award.

This year Metro's Auditor's Office received both awards. She spoke to the criteria that the judges used to make the award. She then reviewed which audits received the awards and why.

Councilor McLain congratulated Ms. Dow and her staff for the awards. She suggested doing more contract audits.

5. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Officer Bragdon said MPAC had not met since the last council meeting. Their next meeting would be Wednesday, June 27th at 5:00 PM.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jeff Stone, Chief of Staff, reviewed legislation which was being considered at the state legislature. He said the Senate continues to act on Conservation Incentives. House Bill 3002B on Salmon Recovery will be taken up in the house and will appoint a task force to define recovery of the species. All the changes that the Council had adopted for RTA appeared to be in the RTA language. The Senate passed House Bill 2142 on Transportation Funding. Measure 7 was still being worked on by Mr. Dan Cooper, General Council.

Councilor Atherton said House Bill 2460 had passed and was now before the governor. This bill was a protection of the citizens to speak out and not be restrained by the threat of lawsuits. He asked that the Council endorse sending a letter to the governor urging his support in signing this bill.

Motion: Councilor Atherton moved to have the council support the bill by sending a letter urging the governor's support.

Seconded: Councilor Monroe seconded the motion.

Councilor Atherton indicated that he would prepare the letter. He also pointed out that if this bill were passed it would also provide the defendant the ability to collect on attorney fees.

Councilor Park remarked that the bill also safeguarded against people being shielded when they knowingly said something false. It allowed more public involvement and still protected the rights of all individuals involved.

Presiding Officer Bragdon also supported the idea of a letter.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Consideration of minutes of the June 14, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: **Councilor Burkholder** moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the June 14, 2001, Regular Council meeting.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed.

8. ORDINANCES- SECOND READING

8.1 **Ordinance No. 01-891A**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-2002, making appropriations, and levying ad valorem taxes, and declaring an emergency.

Presiding Officer Bragdon announced that there was no need for a motion as this ordinance had been carried over from last week's council meeting.

Councilor McLain reviewed the budget process, the public hearings, and the upcoming amendments.

Motion to

Amend: Councilor McLain moved to amend Ordinance No. 01-891A with a budget amendment packet (which may be found in the meeting record).

Seconded: Councilor Atherton seconded the motion.

Presiding Officer Bragdon clarified that these amendments were technical in nature.

Councilor McLain summarized the types of amendments before the Council, such as grant funds, amendments to move funds from one account to another, and to clarify the budget.

Councilor Park asked for clarification about the correction for the Clean Water Services agency name change.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed.

Presiding Officer Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 01-891A. No one came forward to testify. Presiding Officer Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Hosticka asked for clarification about the bond series.

Presiding Officer Bragdon noted that the bond issue would be considered in resolution later on the agenda.

Ms. Jennifer Sims, Chief Financial Officer, said that since the budget had already been approved these savings would be reflected in the following year.

Councilor McLain closed by saying that we would continue to refine the budget to reflect our goals and our mission.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said that the Council harmony on this issue was the result of the groundwork by Council and Committees going back to last Fall.

Councilor Monroe noted that for the second year in a row there had been a unanimous vote on the budget, something that had not occurred in his previous tenure – ever.

Councilor Park thanked the staff. He noted special thanks to Councilor McLain for her work on the budget, especially moving into the new system in 2003.

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1 **Resolution No. 01-3075**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of George Bell to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.

Motion: **Councilor Park** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3075.

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

Councilor Park reviewed the staff report for this resolution and noted George Bell's commitment, leadership and qualifications.

Councilor Atherton seconded Councilor Park's remarks.

Councilor Monroe noted Mr. Bell's dedication.

Presiding Officer Bragdon enjoyed working with Mr. Bell, his background in business and interest in the arts added to his MERC commitments.

Councilor Park urged an aye vote.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed.

9.2 **Resolution No. 01-3076**, A resolution of the Metro Council Authorizing General Obligation Bonds, 2001, Series A.

Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3076.

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

Councilor Monroe said this resolution would refund the Metro Oregon Convention Center bonds which will save the property tax payers over \$4 million. He thanked Ms. Sims and her staff for understanding the potential for savings and for bringing this to us. He urged support by all members of the council.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed.

9.3 **Resolution No. 01-3080**, For the Purpose of Declaring that July 16-27, 2001, be "Car Free and Carefree 2001" to encourage citizens to commute to work by bus, carpool, Max, bike or walking.

Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3080.

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

Councilor Monroe was pleased to bring forward the declaration. The resolution spoke to one of Metro's goals. He said it encouraged our citizens to take alternate forms of transportation other than one person in one car, as well as increased fitness, and keeping the air clean.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said that we would post a copy of the resolution at the Council reception area.

Councilor Burkholder wondered if car free also meant light truck free.

Councilor Hosticka pointed out that the opening of the Portland streetcar occurred during this period so we may want to recognize it as well.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said July 20th was the opening of the streetcar.

Councilor Atherton expressed a desire to see Metro build a regional trunk bike pathway that was safe in order to enhance the car free resolution.

Councilor McLain mentioned that Metro encouraged employees to use alternate transportation all year round even to the extent of having awards. She encouraged Council and staff to continue to find alternate forms of transportation.

Councilor Atherton shared with Council how many European countries have increased bike use to nearly 25%. He urged that the United States should strive for these numbers.

Councilor Monroe said despite the fact that we are behind European countries, Portland had been rated as the most bicycle friendly city in the United States. We could still do better and provide more and better routes.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed.

9.4 **Resolution No. 01-3081**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Craig Dye, Kent Squires, Walter Mintkeski, Terry Peters, Randy Stinson, Sue Marshall, Rob Burkhart, Bill Fujii, and Dave Jarrett to the Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee.

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3081.

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

Councilor McLain spoke to the qualification of each of these individuals. They had been volunteering and attending meetings even prior to being confirmed.

Councilor Hosticka urged support.

Councilor McLain said that we take appointments seriously and although there was a delay, it had been resolved and the Council was happy to welcome these folks aboard.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed.

9.5 **Resolution No. 01-3074**, For the Purpose of Appointing Jim Kimball to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement.

Motion: **Councilor Burkholder** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3074.

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

Councilor Burkholder spoke to the committee's responsibilities. He noted Mr. Kimball's qualifications.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed.

10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Park wished Councilors Bragdon and Hosticka happy birthday.

Councilor Burkholder said Metro was a co-sponsor of the 16th Annual Hazardous Materials Management Conference on Household and Small Business Waste. This was a 4-day conference in Portland. Dr. Doug McKenzie Moore would be the keynote speaker, to be held September 6th. He requested that Council members try to attend. (A copy of the brochure may be found in the meeting record).

Second, **Councilor Burkholder** said three members of MCCI, Bill Merchant, Jerry Penk, and, Aleta Woodruff, retired from the committee.

Councilor McLain also acknowledged the MCCI commitment to Metro and suggested that we put up citizen involvement principles in the chamber.

Presiding Officer Bragdon spoke to the forthcoming charter reform. The council office would be absorbing new functions. In order to maximize the efficiency of the existing office and facilitate successful change the process would start with the Council. To this end, he and Councilor McLain had chosen consultants with public sector backgrounds, and had developed a proposal. The consultants would start by interviewing the councilors and staff.

Councilor McLain added that the consultants would be looking for refinement. She emphasized the need for commitment by the Council and pointed out the limited time frame to make this a successful transition.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said to expect this transition to be a multi-step process. By starting with Council we can learn a workable process and model things to ease the transition for the rest of the agency.

Councilor Burkholder thanked the Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer for taking the lead on this. You need leadership to take the first step to have effective change.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said they would have an Informal.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2001

TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NUMBER
RESTRUCTURING/TRANSITION OF COUNCIL	6/21/01	MEMO TO COUNCIL MEMBERS RE RESTRUCTURING	062101-01
2001-02 ANNUAL BUDGET	6/19/01	SPREADSHEET OF COUNCIL ACTIONS TO APPROVED BUDGET	062101-02
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE		BROCHURE ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONFERENCE	062101-03