

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 4, 2007
Oregon Zoo, Skyline Room

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

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused), Carl Hosticka (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:08 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Matt Rossell, In Defense of Animals, 5428 NE 30th Portland OR 97211 and Connie Durkee, In Defense of Animals, 5428 NE 30th Portland OR 97211 summarized their testimony (a copy of which is included in the record) Councilor Newman asked about the facilities that she mentioned and the recommended size of acreage for the Oregon Zoo. Ms. Durkee responded to his question. Councilor Liberty asked about the size of the herds at the sanctuaries. Mr. Rossell and Ms. Durkee provided further details of the two facilities. Councilor Newman talked about the mortality rate of the sanctuaries. These facilities didn't share statistics about their sanctuaries nor do they have medical care. Mr. Rossell spoke of the mortality statistics and said he would provide additional information on these sanctuaries. Councilor Newman said the Council just allocated monies for an elephant facility in Texas. Mr. Rossell noted the packet of information provided to the Council. They were hopeful to meet with Councilors individual.

Jane Bicquette, In Defense of Animals, 3291 NE Irving, Portland OR 97232 said she was here in support of the elephants. Elephants were huge elegant creatures. They were not domesticated like other animals. She talked about the sanctuary, which provided 142 acres for the elephants. She urged allowing the Oregon elephants be moved to a sanctuary. She suggested transforming their area for other animals. You don't need to see an elephant to learn about these creatures.

Vegansid Most, 4509 N Montana Ave Portland OR 97217 spoke of her experience in animal rescue. She asked when you look at the animals did they look sad. She felt they did. She spoke of her history attending the Zoo. In the 1980 children were able to touch the elephants at the Zoo. Their habitat around the world was being taken away. She summarized materials that were provided to the Council. Councilor Harrington asked about children being allowed to touch the elephants in the 1980s. Ms. Most talked about her experience. She suggested considering improving the education of the Zoo and letting the elephants be in a more natural setting.

Ninette Jones, 7637 N Interstate Portland OR 97217 said she spoke for the elephants. She was an animal lover. She talked about the proposed expansion of the elephant exhibit. She said the elephants were suffering from foot and joint problems. She didn't feel that having elephants would benefit the Zoo experience. She suggested simulations of elephants. She urged teaching the truth about these animals. She talked about Rose Tu and the abuse she had received previously.

She urged that the Zoo send the elephants to a sanctuary. She said these were close nit sensitive creatures.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the September 27, 2007 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the September 27, 2007 Regular Metro Council as amended.

Council President Bragdon asked that the minutes be amended on page 6 to say Council President Bragdon asked if patches of Savannah Oaks site were scientifically recommended. On that same page amending a sentence to say Council President Bragdon wondered what amount would be given to the City of West Linn under the local share program. He asked if City of West Linn planned to contribute to the Oak Savannah. Councilor Liberty indicated it was Councilor Burkholder who has talked about priorities in the community.

Vote:

Councilors Harrington, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 07-1163**, Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19 to Establish the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 07-1163 to Council.

4.2 Ordinance No. 07-1164, Amending Metro Code Sections 2.01.010 and 2.20.030 and Repealing Metro Code Section 2.01.200 to Require Metro’s Chief Operating Officer to Prepare and Submit the Metro Budget.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 07-1164 to Council.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 **Resolution No. 07-3871**, For the Purpose of Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of Metro Councilor For Council District No. 2.

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-3871.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Newman said this resolution fulfilled the requirement that we declare a vacancy. It was an easy decision. He urged approval. Council President Bragdon said he had started the clock, which was a four-week clock. Individuals had four weeks to submit their applications. Councilor Liberty said “bummer dude”.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Newman, Harrington, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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5.2 **Resolution No. 07-3872**, Amending the 2007 Council Organizing Resolution and Council Project Resolution Nos. 06-3666 and 07-3815.

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-3872
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Newman said this resolution reassigned Councilor Newman's responsibilities on projects to another liaison or lead. He reviewed the delegated responsibilities. He urged support.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Newman, Harrington, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO) COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, talked about the Ordinance which amended the Code to allow the COO to prepare the budget. Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, has several amendments about preparation of her budget. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, spoke about the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) budget being presented to the Council President similarly. Council President Bragdon said the budget staff needed to have the Auditor's budget at the same time as the other budgets were submitted.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Council President Bragdon said he would need to appoint a citizen to Metro Policy Advisory Committee. He was looking for suggestions. The successor needed to reside in Multnomah County.

Councilor Newman said the dedication of the Mt Talbert open space, which included the interpretive information was set for Saturday, October 6th. This was the first of four projects to be completed. The dedication would be 10:00 a.m. That would be his last official action for the Metro Council.

Councilor Liberty reported on the Sellwood Bridge Policy Advisory Group. It was an interesting meeting. The alternatives were narrowed down considerable. He represented the Councilors recommendation. He talked about the alternatives. They were down to a new or rehab bridge with an existing centerline. He also detailed information about the cross sections. He spoke about a new item they were considering about separate bike and pedestrian bridge. He noted that Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Commission Chair attended. They would be having a discussion about bridge closure. Councilor Park asked about the discussion on light rail or streetcar. Councilor Liberty reviewed the recommendations. He talked about access issues.

Councilor Harrington talked about the joint MPAC/Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting next week. She thanked Councilor Park in advance for co-chairing that meeting. They had not had an MPAC meeting in a while. After this meeting, the next MPAC meeting would be October 24th. She asked about the October 16th work session. She understood that Councilors Park, Liberty, Hosticka and she would be at that meeting.

Councilor Park talked about the Sunrise Corridor Phase I and the alternatives. Councilor Harrington said one of her constituents had raised the issue of noise. She wondered if this was part of the criteria. Councilor Newman said noise usually came up at the project level.

Council President Bragdon talked about the hearing on October 25th. He would call the applicants in random order, give them each five minutes, time for Councilors to asked questions. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said the Code required a public hearing. Comments could be confined to a brief period. Council President Bragdon asked about specific questions that would be asked. Councilor Liberty wanted to know about what was happening on the Headquarters Hotel. Mr. Jordan said they were meeting next week with COO types from the local jurisdictions that were involved to talked about how to engage with their elected and how we engage this commitment. They would be arranging meetings with key players along with Councilor Park and Council President Bragdon. They had talked about the State but he did not think it was practical to expect a commitment from the State at this time. Councilor Park said they recognized that there was not enough time for governments to take formal action. He was suggesting a letter from the jurisdictions. He wondered if this satisfied the Councilors concerns. Councilor Liberty said on the \$600,000 he would like to find two other partners and split that commitment three ways. Mr. Cooper said the developer was working on a fee for services basis. Councilor Liberty talked about if it doesn't go. He would rather not leave the bag with Metro alone. Mr. Cooper said there had been suggestions that \$600,000 was not enough to cover the costs. Council President Bragdon talked about focusing on the construction costs. Councilor Park said there was another problem in that these jurisdictions would have to take formal action to share cost.

Council President Bragdon said he had enjoyed working with Councilor Newman. Councilor Newman's values were the kind he wanted to see. He felt he had learned on the job and had grown in the job. He looked forward to working with Councilor Newman in any capacity. He provided a framed plaque of Councilor Newman's dais nameplate.

Councilor Liberty provided additional gifts for Councilor Newman. He had enjoyed working with Councilor Newman. Councilor Newman was one of the reasons he joined the Council.

Councilor Park noted his gift and said he had enjoyed working with him. It had been a good ride, his only disappointment was he was leaving before him. He felt he would do well.

Councilor Harrington thanked Councilor Newman. She would miss him tremendously. She appreciated his energy. She looked forward to working with him in a different capacity.

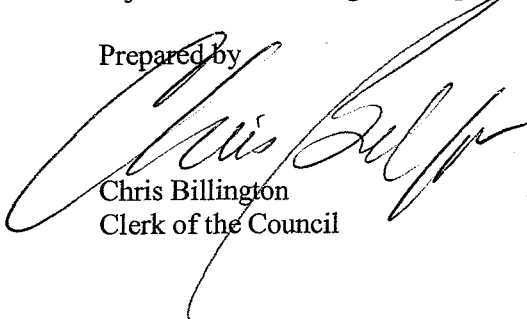
Councilor Newman thanked Michael Jordan for his kind comments. He also acknowledged the wonderful reception that the staff had organized. He thanked the COO and the Metro Attorney. He had learned a lot from both of them including management of the staff. He appreciated his good cheer and wisdom. The two had been mentors to him. It had been a fun five years. The Council was a team but independent. They didn't work for each other. He couldn't think of a better group that he had a chance to work with. It was nice to come to Metro and work with a group that respected each other. He had learned a lot from all of the Councilors. He particularly thanked David Bragdon. The Council President had encouraged him to run for office. He had set the right tone for the Council. It had been a great experience. He was hopeful to continue to work with the Council. He felt good about this decision.

8. ADJOURN

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There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Prepared by

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Billington". The signature is written over the printed name and title.

Chris Billington
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	9/27/07	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2007	100407c-01
2.0	Testimony and additional materials	10/4/07	To: Metro Council From: Matt Rossell and Connie Durkee, In Defense of Animals Re: Testimony and materials on elephants	100407c-02
2.0	Memo	10/4/07	To: Metro Council From: Eileen Stark Re: Oregon Zoo Elephant Exhibit Proposal	100407c-03