

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2001

Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rod Monroe (was excused but arrived at 3:32 p.m. for the meeting)

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

**Councilor Burkholder** introduced Ms. Darcy Hitchcock, AXIS Performance Advisors, Inc. Consultant. Ms. Hitchcock gave a presentation on Metro Environmental Audit and Sustainability Management System report (enclosed in the meeting record). She noted how well Metro modeled eco-efficiencies and sustainability and then made suggestions for improvements (a copy of her presentation may be found in the meeting record).

**Councilor Atherton** expressed appreciation about the report and asked what role population growth had on sustainability.

**Ms. Hitchcock** said the Natural Step framework did not address population growth directly.

**Councilor Atherton** asked why it was not in the report. How was this population issue going to be addressed?

**Ms. Hitchcock** said it was not part of their task to address this issue but noted that it was an important issue.

**Councilor Burkholder** felt this report would be important information for Metro's regional facilities.

**Councilor Park** asked about the impact on Metro parks.

**Ms. Hitchcock** said this report focused on four facilities only but noted the value in looking at Metro's parks.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 4. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

**5. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**6. PACWEST COMMUNICATION REPORT ON THE 2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Mr. Paul Phillips and Mr. Doug Riggs**, PacWest Lobbyists, briefed the council on the issues and bills considered at the 71<sup>st</sup> Oregon Legislature and noted future plans (a copy of their power point presentation and report were included in the meeting record). They also noted some lessons they learned about starting earlier and future issues, which needed to be addressed. Mr. Riggs explained the binder, which included bills that PacWest tracked.

**Councilor Atherton** noted how impressive the report was, he shared his experiences being involved in various state legislatures. He felt Metro had a real role in the process and the leadership.

**Mr. Phillips** agreed with Councilor Atherton and said he felt that the legislature did a better job at giving advanced briefings than ever before. He felt Metro had a great opportunity in this part of the process from an information, research and leadership position.

**Councilor McLain** echoed her appreciation of the PacWest team's efforts. She suggested some improvements concerning communication and a more proactive role of the council.

**Mr. Phillips** acknowledged Councilor McLain's suggestions and felt they were worthy items to consider.

**Councilor Atherton** spoke to the issue of partnering and asked about the League of Oregon Cities.

**Mr. Riggs** responded that cities, counties and the league partnerships worked well together as a team.

**Councilor Burkholder** asked about the legislator's perspectives of Metro.

**Mr. Riggs** felt there was still a legacy of Metro, which was incorrect. When legislators took the time to sit down with Metro, the legislators' views of Metro changed for the better. Education was essential and PacWest and Metro had made successful strides.

**Mr. Phillips** added that there were two negatives aspects, the down state legislators and the legislators that are in this region. Once these legislators figured out that there was a cooperative spirit most perspectives changed for the better. He felt there was less Metro bashing this time than ever before.

**Mr. Dan Cooper**, General Counsel, added a historical perspective of previous legislatures. In the current session there was much less negativity.

**Councilor Park** said Metro was not a council of governments. He doubted that there would have been consensus if we had been a council of governments. He noted that we were a regional government.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** observed that Metro's system worked well as noted in the RTA process. Max Williams, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, which dealt with the Measure 7 issue, pointed out that Metro had been invited to participate with the committee. He complimented Metro and Mr. Cooper for their tremendous contribution, particularly the respect Mr. Cooper held.

**Councilor McLain** said she was very satisfied with the job done and felt there were always areas of improvement.

**Mr. Riggs** said if there was one improvement that could be made in the next session it would be to get the council down to Salem more often during session. He added that an awful lot of these issues were becoming not just state issues but federal issues. He felt the federal delegation appreciated Metro's role.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** felt that the personal outreach was essential in the process.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Consideration of minutes of the July 12, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion:** **Councilor Park** moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the July 12, 2001, Regular Council meeting.

**Vote:** The vote was 6 aye/ 0 nay/ abstain, and the motion passed with Councilor Monroe absent from the vote.

## 8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 **Resolution No. 01-3088**, For the Purpose of Creating a Green Ribbon Committee to Examine and Nominate Certain Metro Greenspaces Sites to Open and Operate for the Public.

**Motion:** **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3088.

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

**Councilor McLain** expressed excitement about this resolution. She noted the history of the green spaces both in 1988 and 1995. We now had purchased over 7000 acres. She also spoke to the local share contribution. She said today was our next step in the process. This resolution helped set up the next conversation, the Green Ribbon Committee, which would give guidance to opening the spaces which Metro had already purchased. She added that there needed to be a list of park sites, which have been purchased and should be opened.

**Mr. Pete Sandrock**, Chief Operating Officer, delivered Mr. Mike Burton's remarks and noted a letter to the council concerning the committee (a copy of which may be found in the meeting record). He supported the idea of the committee. Mr. Sandrock noted Mr. Burton's letter and the technical questions that he and the Presiding Officer had discussed. The most important part of the package was the maintenance of the existing park structure and how to open the sites. He said the Parks Department had come forward with some recommendations concerning funding.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** acknowledged his conversations with Mr. Burton.

**Councilor Burkholder** expressed appreciation for moving forward on this issue, noting both the operating deficits and the need to open these beautiful sites.

**Councilor Hosticka** supported the idea of the committee as well, he felt looking at the needs first and then follow with the funding discussion was the right way to proceed. He felt this was a cleaner process, he supported the resolution.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** agreed that the committee would be looking at the need first. He felt Metro had done a fabulous job in starting to redeem the promise. Some real gems had been set aside. In 1995 acquisition was the most urgent issue, in his opinion, now it was time to open these sites and allow the region to better appreciate that which had been purchased. Access was very important; getting people to appreciate these sites was allowing them to use them. Specificity was important in fashioning this committee. He concluded by saying this was a long-term project and this was just one step along the way.

**Councilor Park** echoed the Presiding Officer Bragdon's and Councilor Hosticka's remarks. In terms of building a great community, parks were extremely important. They were facilitating and articulating the dream 10 to 20 years down the road.

**Councilor Atherton** noted the timeline and the Parks staff's review of the background. He looked forward an informative process.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** said part of the timeline was based on the previous work done by the Parks Department and the Zehren Report.

**Councilor McLain** thanked the Parks Department and all of the volunteers for providing maintenance to these sites.

(Councilor Monroe arrived for the vote.)

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

## **9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

There were none.

## **10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2001**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b>
<b>METRO ENVIRONMENT AUDIT AND SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</b>	<b>7/19/01</b>	<b>POWER POINT PRESENTATION</b>	<b>071901c-01</b>
<b>METRO ENVIRONMENT AUDIT AND SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</b>	<b>JUNE, 2001</b>	<b>REPORT</b>	<b>071901c-02</b>
<b>METRO AND THE 71<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE, A PROGRESS REPORT</b>	<b>07/19/01</b>	<b>POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY PAC/WEST COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>071901c-03</b>
<b>METRO 2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD</b>	<b>JULY, 2001</b>	<b>BINDER INCLUDING STATUS OF ALL BILS BEFORE THE 2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION</b>	<b>071901c-04</b>
<b>MINUTES OF 7/12/01 METRO COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>07/12/01</b>	<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>	<b>071901c-05</b>
<b>MIKE BURTON'S LETTER TO COUNCIL ON GREEN RIBBON COMMITTEE</b>	<b>07/19/01</b>	<b>GREEN RIBBON COMMITTEE LETTER</b>	<b>071901c-06</b>