

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2001

Metro Council Chamber

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

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

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:06 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

Alexis Dow, Auditor, presented her audit on Metro's Financial Trends from 1993 to 2000. She noted the focus and purpose of the report. She introduced **Mr. Mark Ulanowicz**, Auditor, who gave a presentation about the report which had been posted on the Metro website (a copy of the presentation may be found on the Metro website, a copy of the report itself may be found as an attachment to the meeting packet).

Councilor Park asked about excise taxes disincentives.

Mr. Ulanowicz said it removed the disincentive.

Councilor Park explained the excise tax incentives/disincentive issue.

Councilor McLain clarified what the report was all about.

Mr. Ulanowicz said it was a positive discussion of what the financial reports were.

Councilor McLain clarified that the report was a statistical abstract.

Ms. Dow pointed out the reason for the report and the unique approach using an electronic technique and posting it to the Metro website.

Councilor Atherton summarized by saying that Metro was founded as a user pay organization and with the exception of parks and planning, the user pay system was working.

Ms. Dow said she did not think you could come to the conclusion that everything was user paid and explained why.

5. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Officer Bragdon said MPAC had met the previous night. There was a presentation from Mayor of Corvallis on the Willamette Valley Livability Forum and a review of the polling information already seen by the council. He noted that the MPAC meeting for August 22nd would be cancelled.

Councilor McLain noted Jim Zehren's important contribution about the Functional Plan. She recognized Mr. Zehren's active participation on MPAC.

Councilor Park said paperwork was important but what was being done on the ground was more important. He spoke to the interconnection of decisions being made in our region and the effect in the valley.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration of minutes of the July 26, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: **Councilor Park** moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the July 26, 2001, Regular Council meeting.

Councilor Park said that on page 6 there was a comment he made that the mapping part "would" slow down the greater part of the riparian corridors; he clarified that "could" was what he meant.

Vote: The vote was 4 aye/ 0 nay/ 1 abstain, and the motion passed with Councilor Atherton abstaining from the vote.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 **Resolution No. 01-3093**, For the Purpose of Approving the Nomination of Walt Hitchcock as Chair of the Green Ribbon Committee.

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3093.

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

Presiding Officer Bragdon spoke to Resolution 01-3088 which provided for the creation of the Green Ribbon Committee and his nomination of Walt Hitchcock. He opened a public hearing and spoke to Mr. Hitchcock's credentials, including his serving three terms as mayor of Sherwood. He advocated approval of this nomination.

Mr. Hitchcock thanked the council and said he felt that this was one of the most important things that Metro could and was doing in this region. He said that livability occurred with greenspaces and he was committed personally to this goal throughout his life.

Councilor McLain said Mr. Hitchcock had served in many capacities.

Councilor Monroe said he felt that this was a great appointment.

Councilor Atherton pointed out that Mr. Hitchcock was married to Kristy Hitchcock who had served as Lake Oswego City Recorder for many years.

Vote: The vote was 5 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed.

Presiding Officer Bragdon presented Mayor Hitchcock with a green ribbon as a memento to his service.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Presiding Officer Bragdon noted that the committee membership was being finalized and the committee schedule and site selection criteria would be available in the next couple of days.

Councilor Atherton pointed out that he was absent from the last Council meeting to attend the Clackamas County Retreat at Timothy Lake. It was the first time they had invited a Metro Councilor and he was honored to attend. The upshot of the Retreat was that Clackamas County would look to Washington County as a coordinating committee model. Second, the tire recycling bill was signed yesterday by Governor Kitzhaber, which required a formation of a task force. They would be looking for nominations for that task force and he would be forwarding nominations.

Councilor McLain said she and Councilor Atherton had met with Mayor Dodds of West Linn that morning regarding issues of livability and the need to define and maintain what that meant to communities and neighborhood. Second, she reminded the council of the Budget Committee next week. Finally, she had suggested that the MCCI principles would be posted in the chamber. She noted some suggestions for where and how they would be posted.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said he and Councilor McLain had also attended the Governor's signing of the animal abuse bill at the Oregon Zoo.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2001

TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NUMBER
METRO'S FINANCIAL TRENDS 1993-2000	JULY 2001	A REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR ON FINANCIAL TRENDS	080901c-01