

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2007
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Carlotta Collette

Councilors Absent: Rod Park (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Julie Russell, CPO 4B 12662 SW Terraview Dr. Tigard OR 97224 provide the resolution she spoke about. Their CPO passed a resolution urging Metro and Washington County to include Bull Mountain in their planning. She shared the effected Bull Mountain area on a map. She reviewed statistics about North Bethany and the money they received for planning. She noted how much Bull Mountain had received as well. She noted there had never been a comprehensive plan for the area. On behalf of CPO 4B she urged Metro to contribute some additional funding for planning. Funding was always an issue. She suggested including park and open space areas when planning.

Councilor Liberty asked about the nature of agreements that were signed with Washington County. Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO), talked about estimates of excise tax disbursements. Councilors asked clarifying questions about the excise tax disbursements. Councilor Hosticka suggested the Planning Department follow up on this testimony. He felt this testimony was very timely. Councilor Harrington asked Ms. Russell about the geographic areas listed on the slide and which of the areas were covered by the existing Bull Mountain planning area. Ms. Russell responded to her question. Councilors talked about planning in the incorporated areas of Bull Mountain. Councilors Harrington and Hosticka were meeting with the Washington County Commission next week and would discuss this issue.

Lisa Hamilton Treick 13565 SW Beef Bend Tigard OR 97224 said she was a long time resident of Bull Mountain. She talked about the committees that she had served on. She provided her testimony for the record as well as a copy of her power point presentation.

Ed Miller 15336 SW Burgundy St Tigard OR 97224 said he was the chairperson of CPO 4B and served on the stakeholders work group. They planned to take the same story to the Washington County Board of Commissioners. He would be covering the negative impacts. He provided recommendations, which were included in the record. He requested that the Council prepare a resolution supporting the recommendations and pass them along to Washington County. Councilor Harrington asked about Washington County's planning for this area. Mr. Jordan responded to her question.

3. NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, presented the audit on Natural Areas Program. This was the third audit of this program. She provided a history of the previous audits and an overview of her audit (a copy of which is included in the meeting packet). She reviewed her recommendations, which included adopting goals based on the bond measure. They had also looked at communication and lessons learned. The recommendations were provided on page 23 of the audit. She commended the two auditors who work on this audit as well as the Regional Parks and Greenspaces staff.

Jim Desmond, Director of Regional Parks and Greenspaces, noted responses to the audit. They were committed to program improvements. They had come to view the Auditor and her staff as resources. Councilor Harrington asked about evaluating public involvement noted on page 17. She asked if they had specific recommendations about best-case practices. Kristen Lieser, Senior Management Auditor said one aspect of the program required public support so public involvement should continue beyond the refinement process.

Auditor Flynn clarified further her recommendations on public involvement. Councilor Collette said she was impressed with the audit and felt Metro needed to continue this type of audit. She talked about the goals of the bond measure and continuing the communication with our citizens. Councilor Burkholder thanked the Auditor for her work. He looked forward to recommendation #2 having to do with assessing operating costs. He felt it would help create a means to address this issue. Councilor Liberty also talked about recommendation #2 on easements. Auditor Flynn said they were focusing on operational costs.

Councilor Liberty wanted to know about the oversight committee and their reaction. Auditor Flynn said they met with the committee and felt that the audit helped provide guidance to the committee. Mr. Desmond added his comments about the oversight committee. Council President Bragdon suggested flagging the grant program. Because it was a new program, he welcomed the Auditor's suggestions. He noted page 14 on allocation of overhead. He wanted to encourage management to make use of staff that might be charged with other duties. He felt there was another important issue that should be addressed which was overhead overall to this program. He talked about purchase objectives, which might be different dependent upon the site. He then talked about geographic equity and the need for continual monitoring. He felt the audit was very helpful. Councilor Collette said they might be able to look at volunteer support as a piece of the overhead. It was important to keep those volunteers engaged.

4. 2006-07 MINORITY WOMEN AND EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS (MWESB) ANNUAL REPORT

Darin Matthews, Procurement Manager, and Angela Watkins, MWESB Coordinator, provided an overview of the MWESB report (a copy of the power point presentation was included in the record).

Councilor Harrington wondered what they attributed the improvement to. Mr. Matthews responded that it was a number of things such as contracting for the Open Space Bond Measure. Management and Directors have been very supportive. He also recognized Angela Watkins and her skills and abilities working with the program. Councilor Harrington said utilization this last fiscal year was 16%. She wondered what context this was in? Mr. Matthews said they were measuring the contract dollars awarded. Councilor Liberty talked about the utilization history graph and the spikes. Mr. Matthews responded to his question. Ms. Watkins said the smaller

contracts helped the MWESBs statistics. Councilor Collette said as a former Women Owned Business, Metro had an accessible website for signing on as a contractor. She still got notices as a contractor. She wondered in Metro notified contractors. Mr. Matthews said they did notify contractors by email. Councilor Collette said if they were dealing with people that might qualify, some hand holding and encouragement to get qualified would be good. Ms. Watkins said they both notify and encourage. Mr. Jordan said the Business Design Team had looked at business processes. They had made contracting recommendations. He felt that those contracting recommendations were being implemented well.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Consideration of minutes of the November 8, 2007 Regular Council Meeting.
- 5.2 **Resolution No. 07-3880**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2006-2009 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the 2008-11 MTIP to Include the Interstate 5: Wilsonville Road Interchange Project.
- 5.3 **Resolution No. 07-3884**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Michelle K. Poyourow as Multnomah County Citizen member to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC).
- 5.4 **Resolution No. 07-3881**, For the Purpose of Approving a Sole Source Contract for the Collection and Analysis of Financial Trend Data.

Motion:

Councilor Liberty moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the November 8, 2007 Regular Metro Council and Resolution Nos. 07-3880, 07-3884 and 07-3881.
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Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Liberty, Collette, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

6. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 07-1168**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.21 (Claims under ORS 197.352) to Implement Ballot Measure 49 and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 07-1168 to Council.

7. RESOLUTIONS

- 7.1 **Resolution No. 07-3831**, For the Purpose of Approving the Federal Component of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Public Hearing)

Councilor Burkholder introduced the resolution. Kim Ellis, Planning Department, provided a power point presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 07-3831.

Jim Edelson, and Sister Pat Negle, Oregon Interfaith Power and Light, 2836 SE 19th Portland OR 97202 provided their testimony for the record.

Councilor Liberty asked if the members of the coalition had a chance to look at the list of projects. Mr. Edelson said some members had looked at them but they had not seen an analysis of the projects and impacts of green house emissions.

Don Baach, SW Trails Hillsdale Neighborhood, 6495 SW Burlingame Place Portland OR 97239 provided his testimony for the record and summarized his remarks.

Councilor Liberty asked Mr. Baach to talk about the Islet structure. Mr. Baach responded to his request and talked about the severe impacts when the project began.

Peter Decrescenzo, 6516 SW 33rd Place Portland OR 97239 said he was one of those million people who had moved to Portland. They had just bought a house. He supported the work of the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association. They had moved up from San Francisco area. They researched their move for several years. They studied neighborhoods that had town centers with good bike and transit access. They settled on Multnomah Village because it met those requirements. He then talked about missing sidewalks in this area. If one chose to walk or bike, a common feature of the southwest area was there weren't a lot of sidewalks. He was supportive of sustainability. Pedestrian access should be first.

Karen Frost, Westside Transportation Alliance, 12725 SW Millikan Way #300 Beaverton OR 97005 provided her testimony for the record.

Tamara DeRidder, Sullivan Gulch Corridor Trail, 1707 NE 52nd Ave Portland OR 97213 said she was a long term resident. She was in support of adding back the Sullivan Gulch Corridor Trail to the constrained Regional Transportation Plan. She said this trail was I-84. It would connect three different centers. It would reduce the increase in green house gases. It complied with the RTP goals. It provided activity for bicycle travel off street. They had worked with City of Portland Parks to finish their master plan. They were hoping to be added back into the constrained RTP.

Kay Durtchi, Multnomah Neighborhood and Metro Technical Advisory Committee, 2230 SW Caldwell, Portland OR 97219 deferred her comments to allow Marianne Fitzgerald to testify. She then encouraged Councilors to come to the area and get acquainted with her area. She talked about the Barbur Boulevard issues and the viaduct by Multnomah. It needed to be finished. It was the one and only north south connector from the top of the hill to I-5. They needed to improve pedestrian and bicycle access. She also said that if anything happened on I-5, traffic used Barbur, which created huge congestion. It was a major connector, which needed pedestrian and bike access. She urged a corridor study for this area.

Marianne Fitzgerald, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc 7688 SW Capital Hwy Portland OR 97213 provided her testimony for the record.

Councilor Liberty asked about the South Portland improvements project. He had received four letters on this project. He asked what Councilors should know about this project. Ms. Fitzgerald talked about the earmark of the project. She said Naito Parkway worked well for cars but was awful for pedestrians.

MJ Coe, Sullivan Gulch Corridor Trail Committee, 43 NE Meikle Place Portland OR 97213 thanked Metro for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) process. The Trail had been omitted from the RTP financially constrained list. He was here to ask that it be put back on the list. They didn't understand how the list was developed. Timing for their project was critical. Through the MTIP process they would be allocated funds for the master plan. Their committee had asked the City of Portland Parks Department to advance funding and jumpstart the master planning process. It was possible that the master planning could be done by the time the MTIP money would be released. They were asking that Portland Department of Transportation reconsider their decision and recommend that the trail be added back.

Curt Schneider 7232 N Kellogg Street Portland OR 97203 did not testify.

Jon Putman, 1216 NW 25th Portland OR 97210 said he was here to present a proposal to help with elderly and disabled transportation. A copy of his testimony was included in the record.

Councilor Liberty asked for clarification on his proposal. Mr. Putman said Council needed the support of the largest minority in the region, the elderly and disabled. They needed a person to focus on this area and some funding to support this group. Councilor Burkholder liked the idea of a program proposal. Could he see this on the land use side? Mr. Putman said he managed small public transit systems. He noted that Councilor Burkholder's comments about contiguous places were important. Metro needed to look at the next cities over.

Bill Barber, Central Northeast Neighborhood Inc 4415 87th Portland OR 97220 provided his testimony for the record.

Councilor Burkholder asked about corridor studies in Sandy Blvd and 82nd Blvd. Mr. Barbur acknowledged the need.

Jan Secunda, 11505 NW St. Helens Rd Portland OR 97231 did not testify but provided written testimony for the record.

Mara Gross, Coalition for a Livable Future (CLF), 310 SW 4th Portland OR said she was here representing CLF. They had submitted written comments. The needs of people and not the needs of vehicles should be the primary focus of the RTP. Walking and biking should be focused on. She urged protecting the investments we had already made such as public transportation, rail, bike and pedestrians. Through the RTP Metro had recognized the most needy population.

Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends of Oregon, provided her testimony for the record indicating she would email her testimony to the Clerk of the Council.

Amanda Fritz, Coalition for a Livable Future, 4106 SW Vacuna Portland OR 97219 provided her testimony for the record.

Ian Slingerland, Community Alliance of Tenants, 2710 NE 14th Portland OR 97203 provided his testimony for the record.

Council President Bragdon asked Ms. Gross about the projects and if they were contrary to some of the objectives. Ms. Gross said they had looked at many of the sections of the plan and appreciated the approach that Metro had taken. She could not tell if the projects were consistent

with the criteria. Councilor Liberty said they had been following the development of the policy section and asked if the projects side was clear. Mr. Slingerland said he had not. Ms. Fritz said she felt it was rushed. Ms. McCurdy said much had come out about what the contribution of transportation made on green house gas emissions. They were recommending looking at this now. Metro had a lot of that data here. It was hard to evaluate green house gases and the specific projects. Councilor Liberty said Metro had a lot of that data. Councilor Collette said she had been involved in working on the project list but wasn't as well versed on the policy part of the process when she was a city councilor. She felt they needed to make a tighter connection between the values that were expressed and the projects.

Robert Hamilton, Hillsdale Neighborhood Association, 7110 SW Burlingame Ave Portland OR 97219 urged bike and pedestrian inclusion of his southwest area. He said they were prepared to offer that there was a great deal of interest in trails and sidewalks. One of the things they will do would be to promote the use of trails and sidewalks. They would also help build those trails.

Brad Perkins Sullivan Gulch Corridor Trail Committee, 1722 NE Schuyler, Portland OR 97212 did not testify.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder said they would address some of the issues that had been raised today. They will address the policy process and the project list. He thanked Council for listening. He explained the next steps.

8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, updated the Council on Bull Mountain and where they were in the process. They were currently in the signature phase of the agreement. It laid out a two-year process for planning upon approval of the agreement. He noted the requirements that were laid out in the Intergovernmental Agreement. He didn't have the application for the money.

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Liberty said he attended a CE program. One of the topics was a comprehensive ethics plan. Mr. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said they would provide this information to Council before recess.

Councilor Harrington reported on MPAC. They were briefed on the RTP.

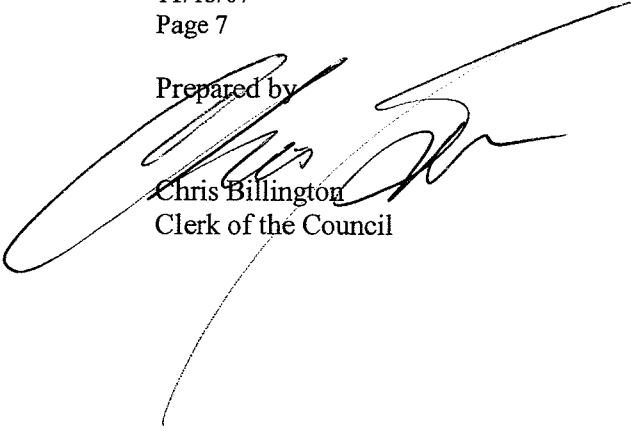
Councilor Burkholder said a speaker, Michael Repogle, would be coming from Environmental Defense on Monday morning at 10am to talk about Transportation in the 21st Century; Improving mobility, reducing environmental footprint. He also talked about a convention that they were able to retain. He said they needed a headquarters hotel.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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5.1	Minutes	11/8/07	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2007	111507c-01
7.1	Email	11/14/07	To: Metro Council From: Gregory Ewer Re: RTP Comments	111507c-02
7.1	Letter	11/15/07	To: Jack Klinker, President Ashcreek Neighborhood Association Re: RTP Comments	111507c-03
7.1	Letter	11/9/07	To: Metro Council From: Tom Coffee, Community Development Director City of Tigard Re: RTP Comments	111507c-04
7.1	Letter	11/15/07	To: Metro Planning Department From: Bill Barber, Central Northeast Neighbors Inc. Re: RTP comments	111507c-05
2.0	Resolution	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Ed Miller and Julie Russell, CPO4B Re: Citizen Participation Organization Resolution No. 07-01 on Bull Mountain planning	111507c-06
2.0	Power Point Presentation	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Ed Miller and Lisa Hamilton Treick Re: West Bull Mountain concept planning	111507c-07
4.0	Power Point Presentation	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Darin Matthews and Angela Watkins, Procurement Division/FAS Re: Metro MWESB Program FY 2006-07 Utilization	111507c-08
7.1	Letter	11/14/07	To: Metro Council From: Jan Secunda Re: RTP comments	111507c-09
7.1	Testimony	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Ian Slingerland Re: RTP Comments	111507c-10
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7.1	Testimony	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Marianne Fitzgerald, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. Re: RTP Comments	111507c-14
7.1	Testimony	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Karen Frost, Westside Transportation Alliance Re: RTP Comments	111507c-15
7.1	Fax	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Tom Imeson, Public Affairs Director, Port of Portland Re: RTP comments	111507c-16
7.1	Letter	11/7/07	To: Councilor Park and Metro Council From: Ken Love, South Portland Neighborhood Association, Jim Gardner, former Metro Council and John Perry Architect Re: RTP Comments	111507c-17
7.1	Testimony	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Jim Edelson, and Sister Pat Negle, Oregon Interfaith Power and Light Re: RTP Comments	111507c-18
7.1	Testimony	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Mary Kyle McCurdy, CLF Re: RTP Comments	111507c-19
7.1	Letter	11/15/07	To: Metro Council and JPACT From: Dick Pedersen, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Re: RTP Comments	111507c-20
7.1	Letter	11/15/07	To: Council President Bragdon and Councilor Hosticka From: Mark Ottenad Executive Director Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce Re: RTP comments	111507c-21
7.1	Letter	11/15/07	To: Metro Council From: Ann Gardner, Chair Portland Freight Committee Re: RTP comments	111507c-22