

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 3, 2008
Oregon Food Bank

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 3:10 p.m.

I. COUNCIL WORK LOAD MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION

Council President Bragdon opened the floor for comments. Councilor Burkholder talked about committee assignments and relationships to liaison work. He talked about Councilor Park's role on the Freight Committee and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and thought Councilor Park should be on Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). He also noted Councilor Harrington's work on Urban/Rural Reserves and her work with Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). He felt both of these councilors should continue to serve in those liaison capacities, Councilor Park on JPACT and Councilor Harrington on MPAC. He also mentioned his role with Councilor Park as liaison to Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC). He suggested adding Councilor Park to JPACT and Councilor Harrington to MPAC.

Councilor Liberty asked about the schedule for the Freight Committee. Councilor Park said there was still work to be done. He felt they needed to meet on an as needed basis. Councilor Liberty asked about the future work plan. Councilor Park said as they moved forward with the State RTP, the Freight Committee's input would be valuable. Councilor Harrington asked how the committee was set up. Council President Bragdon said it had been set up as a short-term task force. Councilor Park had mentioned that the committee saw themselves as a task force. The expertise needed to be incorporated into the Greatest Place role. He felt there needed to be a broader discussion about their role but he agreed that they needed to be disbanded when there was no need.

Councilor Harrington talked about their discussion at Blue Lake Park and that she had suggested revisiting roles. She said Washington County had complained about not having representation on JPACT. She felt there was also more work to be done on the land use side.

Councilor Park said he was concerned about Councilor responsibilities and how they connected to the committees such as Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), JPACT, and MPAC. He wanted to understand how they were trying to line themselves up. Councilor Burkholder said Councilor Park had played an important role on the RTP and felt that he should serve on JPACT as they move through the State RTP process. Also, Councilor Harrington as liaison to urban and rural reserves should serve on MPAC.

Councilor Liberty said they were trying to develop a collaborative model but felt that JPACT was not using that model. Councilor Burkholder said he felt there had been a lot of discussion on JPACT. Councilor Liberty said by using the collaborative model, assignments were not as important. Councilor Harrington summarized Councilor Liberty's remarks. Councilor Collette asked about the tradition of serving on the committee. Were they on the committee for specific

projects or for specific durations? Councilor Burkholder felt that Councilor Park had been an important player on the RTP and felt he should serve on JPACT. Council President Bragdon asked if anyone supported this recommendation. Councilor Collette said she was concerned about having representative from Washington County. Councilor Burkholder said his goal was to complete the RTP, which was key to JPACT. He felt being JPACT chair was the way to move this forward. He didn't want to change in midstream.

Councilor Park asked about linking the projects and committees each Councilor served on. He said there was a half/half system. Should they be going in one direction or another? Councilor Collette talked about things she was listed for and she asked did she have enough transportation assignments to be on JPACT? Councilor Harrington said projects changed regularly. Councilor Collette said just because she was liaison to some committees didn't mean she needed to serve on JPACT. Council President Bragdon suggested a written ballot for JPACT members. The following Councilors received votes to serve JPACT: Councilor Harrington – 6 votes, Councilor Burkholder – 5 votes, Councilor Liberty – 5 votes, Councilor Park – 3 votes, Councilor Collette – 1 vote, Council President Bragdon – 1 vote, Councilor Hosticka – 0 votes.

Councilor Harrington said she thought it was a good idea to serve on all committees during each Councilor's tenure. She would like to have experience on multiple committees. She wasn't done with her learnings in Solid Waste even if she was not serving as the SWAC chair. Council President Bragdon reminded Council that they were a seven-member body. Second, these projects were opportunity to specialize and divide the labor but they were not an aggregation of authority. This was not like the legislature. Council President Bragdon said he felt that although he would be chair SWAC, it didn't mean he was responsible for Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP).

Councilor Liberty was concerned that the neighboring cities would be neglected. Councilor Harrington said the neighboring cities were going to have their kick off on January 12th. She noted that John Williams had accepted the position as the Emerging Communities Manager. Councilor Hosticka asked about the responsibilities of this position. Council President Bragdon said he felt they were handling the neighboring cities and urban and rural reserves issues at the staff level. Council President Bragdon suggested that all of the Council had not been enlisted. Councilor Liberty said he was worried that that urban/rural reserves would get a lot of attention and didn't want the neighboring cities to get lost in the process. Councilor Harrington felt that having this resource on board (the new manager) would help move the project forward. Councilor Park talked about neighboring cities. Even though it was housed in urban rural reserves he felt it should be connected back to performance based growth and Councilor Hosticka's work. Councilor Burkholder asked about the Clark County connection. Were they part of the neighboring cities? Councilor Harrington said they were not part of the neighboring cities. Councilor Burkholder asked how they tied in the Clark County area to Metro issues such as performance measures growth. Councilor Harrington said staff wasn't here to talk about those connections. She suggested setting Councilor's expectations high.

Councilor Liberty felt that they might want to designate Councilors for neighboring cities. Council President Bragdon said neighboring cities were connected to Councilors Park, Collette, Harrington and Hosticka. Councilor Hosticka felt they needed a better work program before they could make a decision.

Councilor Park addressed Exhibit A. He noted that Councilor Burkholder mentioned he should be a liaison on the Convention Center Headquarters Hotel. Councilor Harrington said the

headquarters hotel resolution did not include the discussion on the convention center gap. Councilor Park suggested extending the timeline on the headquarters hotel. He also suggested that the convention center gap should be left open. They continued discussing the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) gap. He suggested a sunset date of December 2008. Councilor Liberty suggested changing the name for housing supply to housing choice task force. Councilor Park asked about the Nature In Neighborhood's (NIN) grant program. The original liaisons were Councilor McLain, Hosticka and Park. There was still some need for oversight. Councilor Hosticka said the Chief Operating Officer (COO) was to report to the Council on the state of the NIN progress in the region, the overall ecological state of the region. Councilor Harrington suggested a laundry list of issues that Council was interested in hearing about from the COO.

Councilor Liberty felt there had been a lot of time and energy on Title 13 and 5. He wasn't sure they had had a status report on the progress of Metro. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, talked about the Total Maximum Daily Load (TDML) program and tying these into Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Councilor Harrington asked if there was a relationship between the TMDL and Goal 5 work. Mr. Cooper said there was a connection. Councilor Park asked if Metro had the authority to regulate on Title 3. Mr. Cooper responded to his question.

Councilor Collette said she was on the Transit Alternative Analysis Steering Committee and South Corridor Committee. Mike Wetter, Council Office, said they were trying to include all of the committees. Councilors made additional suggestion on clean up of the exhibits. Councilor Park asked about the construction excise tax initiative. He asked what level of participation would occur if they wanted to extend. Councilor Harrington suggested hearing back from the COO to report back on the construction excise tax. They also suggested talking with Andy Cotugno about what committees Councilors served on in the planning area.

Council President Bragdon asked about the relation to the MERC Commission. They had talked about having a Councilor participate in the Commission meetings. Councilor Park suggested designating someone as a liaison to MERC. Councilor Harrington felt there was value in listing Council President Bragdon as the MERC liaison. Councilor Collette offered to be Metro Community for Citizen Involvement (MCCI) liaison. Councilors also talked about the Regional Emergency Management Committee.

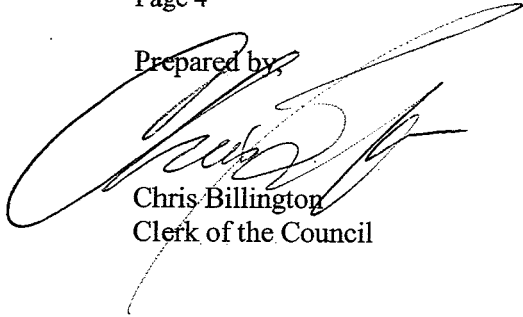
Council President Bragdon said the key was, was there a political or policy reason to serve on a committee? Councilor Collette asked for clarification on the Investing in Our Communities II.

II. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Harrington talked about the MCCI meeting, which met last night. They went to talk about the urban/rural reserves and public involvement. She provided a summary of their concerns. Councilors provided updates on some of the committees they had attended.

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

Prepared by,



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Clerk of the Council

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