

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 7, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

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 Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the January 31, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

3.2 **Resolution No. 08-3907**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Dean Large to the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the January 31, 2008 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 08-3907.
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Vote:	Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Liberty, Park, Collette, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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4. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1173**, Amending the FY 2007-08 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Release Contingency Funds Earmarked For Various Planning Department Projects, Authorizing the Addition of 3.0 FTE, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Ordinance No. 08-1173.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette said this ordinance requested the release and appropriation of the FY 2007-08 portion of funds that had been placed in contingency for Planning Department programs last September through Ordinance 07-1160B. Funding was placed in contingency pending further definition of the projects. This ordinance also requested authorization 3.0 FTE (2 limited duration, one regular) to implement the projects.

The contingency funds in question related to the following projects as noted in the Staff Report:

- 1) Placemaking Initiative
- 2) Urban and Rural Reserves
- 3) Public Investment Strategy

1) Placemaking Initiative

Released \$150,000 of contingency funding to provide for staffing and contracted professional services to implement the Placemaking Initiative; and

Authorized one limited duration FTE for a Public Affairs event coordinator to support the Placemaking Initiative and Infrastructure activities currently planned as part of making the Greatest Place.

2) Urban and Rural Reserves

Authorized one limited duration FTE for a Senior Public Affairs Specialist for Urban and Rural Reserves project to provide public engagement support.

3) Public Investment Strategy

Authorize one regular FTE for an Infrastructure Financing Analyst to provide support to regional financing and infrastructure implementation tasks; and

Release \$95,000 of contingency funds earmarked for the Transportation Finance Ballot Measure to fund the salary of the Infrastructure Financing Analyst and other staff work and program expenses for the public investment strategy.

Councilor Collette said approving this ordinance today was intended to help implement and further the goals of the 2040 vision.

Motion to amend:	Council President Bragdon moved to substitute Ordinance No. 08-1173 with Ordinance No. 08-1173A.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Council President Bragdon said there were no changes in the financial piece of the ordinance. He spoke to organizational goals of working across divisional lines. He felt this was a much better fit for the organization.

Councilor Liberty said he understood that the placement of the FTE was different. Councilor Burkholder asked about the motion to substitute. Councilor Harrington said she had put a lot of thought into the ordinance and the amendment. She spoke of general direction from the Council. She talked about the strategic plan for the Planning Department. She supported the amendment as proposed by Council President Bragdon. Councilor Burkholder asked about the differences in the ordinance and the amended ordinance. Councilor Harrington said it changed the head count allocation in the Public Affairs and the Planning Department. The summary chart was different as well. Councilor Hosticka said he believed “substitute” was important wordage in the amendment. This was why he was not supportive of the amendment. He was concerned that Council was crossing the line into management. Council President Bragdon said the amendment spoke to the type of collaborative organization that the Council was trying to develop. Councilor Park said he would like to get feedback from Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, on the change in the amendment. Mr. Jordan said the reason ordinance was proposed had to do with the discussion amongst Council at their August retreat. He didn’t disagree with any of the management philosophies that Council President Bragdon had put forth. Whoever was in the position could do

the job no matter where they were housed in the agency. He said if he had his druthers, if the position was not in the Chief Operating Officer's office, he recommended it be in the Chief Financial Officer's office. He talked about classification of the position. Councilor Park clarified that the position idea came from a Council retreat. He wondered about where the position should be housed. Mr. Jordan said the primary role of this position would be in support of the Planning Department. Councilor Burkholder said he was swayed by Councilor Hosticka's dialogue about management versus policy direction. He wasn't sure where the right place was for the position. This was a management function not a policy function. Councilor Harrington said she had pulled out the notes from the retreat. She didn't believe there was a lot of discussion on where this position should reside. She said Council was supportive of the direction of the plan as presented but she didn't believe Council's directive included where this position should be housed. Councilor Liberty asked Mr. Jordan about page 4 of the staff report from the original ordinance describing the position. There was a mix of interdepartmental efforts. Mr. Jordan said the emphasis for this position was predominately around planning issues.

Council President Bragdon said this was a very important position and effort. The Council agreed that this effort needed to be integrated with all of the other efforts. Regardless of where the position was placed, they hadn't settled on an organization model. He didn't intend to micromanage the agency with an amendment like this. We were actually trying to move toward a more fluid mission. He appreciated support for this amendment.

Vote to amend:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Hosticka voted against the motion. The vote was 3 aye/4 nay, the motion failed with Councilor Liberty, Harrington and Council President Bragdon voted aye.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-1173. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Liberty asked if Metro was planning for some regional finance measure He understood this position was primarily for the transportation finance agenda. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, said Councilor Liberty was correct in his assessment. Councilor Liberty asked about Placemaking and the selection of 5 sites to illustrate how development could occur. Was the staff bringing forward any other strategies for getting development in corridors and centers? Robin McArthur, Planning Department, said this initiative was not just about making projects happen on the ground. Councilor Liberty asked if there would be any more content in terms of corridors and centers. Ms. McArthur responded to his question. Councilor Liberty asked about the money that would be spent on corridors and centers. Ms. McArthur responded to his question. Council President Bragdon talked about the staff report and what was reflective of the position. Councilor Park asked about the operations side. Mr. Cotugno said the operation and maintenance component was tied to the projects and could not be separated. Mr. Jordan added Metro's efforts had been around transportation operations. One could anticipate in their work with the Greatest Place program that Metro would run into issues with their partners. Councilor Park explained that this was important where there was no requirement about how something would be maintained once it was built. Councilor Liberty asked for clarification that there were 5.0 FTE for centers and corridors. Mr. Cotugno said that was correct. Councilor Liberty asked if these FTEs included the Transit Oriented Development program. Ms. McArthur said no, they would be coming back to Council to discuss local aspirations. Council President Bragdon said they started this conversation with the possibility of a ballot measure. There was also a consensus about connecting this FTE with other work. Second, he thanked staff for putting together the staff report. They had done a lot of good planning and it took an investment strategy to back that up. He would be voting for

this ordinance. He talked about the comparative question; different types of growth depend upon different types of investments. Would this help Metro settle this type of comparative dynamic so that other jurisdictions, or Metro, could make more of a comparison as to the effectiveness of investments? Ms. McArthur talked about return of investment and comparative infrastructure costs. Councilor Burkholder talked about the communication piece. They recognized that on the financial side Metro couldn't do everything. He felt the communication piece was the key part to figuring out how to turn Metro Code into a general message that the public could relate to. People were concerned about the future. He was hopeful this would allow the public to better understand the vision and how to solve these problems. He was supportive of the outreach work. Ms. McArthur said she thought the idea was to make 2040 relevant. It was important they target the audience on those folks who needed to be engaged at specific times. Councilor Burkholder said he thought those people were reached by going out into the region. Councilor Harrington said they had put staff through the ringer to get the funding for a challenge that they asked staff to take on. Staff embraced that challenge through the programmatic budget. There were additional resources needed. They asked staff to refine the plans before the funds were released. She looked forward to having the dollars put into practice. Councilor Collette said she shared her fellow councilors' excitement about getting the package going forward. Metro could inform and help shape the stories. She urged support.

Vote on the Main
Motion:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(e).
DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED TO NEGOTIATE REAL
PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.**

Members Present: Paul Garrahan, Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Dan Cooper, Carrie Belding, Hilary Wilton, Ashley Hohlmer

Time Began: 2:54 p.m.

Time Ended: 3:02 p.m.

5.1 **Resolution No. 08-3906**, Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Purchase Certain Properties in the Clackamas River Bluffs and Greenway Target Area Under the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3906.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion.

Councilor Harrington talked about the pre-approved criteria for the refinement plans. Due to the nature of the properties, they believed the properties being considered should be allowed an exception to the pre-approved criteria. She urged support.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, reiterated a suggestion he made at work session. He encouraged Council to have a discussion about the COO's performance and the role of the COO. He thought it would be an important discussion to have.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder shared information about the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) Retreat and the six deliverables on transportation finance and governance. He was pleased that they had a substantive discussion about ownership and turf. It provided Metro good direction on what they could do to help the whole region. He was pleased by the level of engagement by their partners. He thanked the COO for facilitating the discussion.

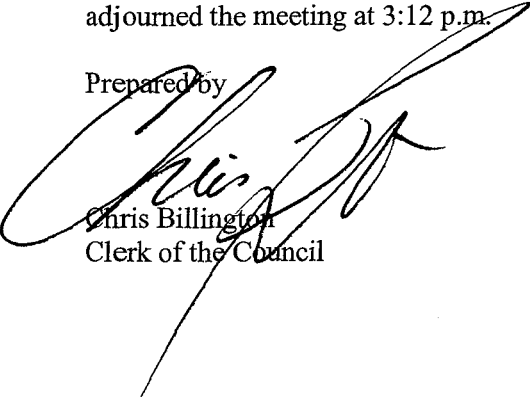
Council President Bragdon thanked Councilor Burkholder for the preparation and groundwork that he had done to prepare for the JPACT retreat. He talked about the Columbia River Crossing discussion and the impact on the Expo Center. Council needed to be looking at their role as a property owner.

Councilor Hosticka said he attended a meeting of the risk analysis panel of a group who was looking at the cost benefit analysis of the Columbia River Crossing. He was participating as a professor who had some knowledge of cost benefit analysis and was not making a judgment about the merits of any alternative. Councilor Liberty added his comments about the work that Councilor Hosticka was involved in. Councilor Hosticka further explained his role.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Prepared by



Chris Billington
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
 FEBRUARY 7, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	1/31/08	Metro Council Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2008	020708c-01
4.1	Amendment	2/7/08	Ordinance No. 08-1173A , Amending the FY 2007-08 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Release Contingency Funds Earmarked For Various Planning Department Projects, Authorizing the Addition of 3.0 FTE, and Declaring an Emergency.	020708c-02
5.1	Amended staff report	2/7/08	To: Metro Council From: Kathleen Brennan Hunter, Regional Park and Greenspaces Department Re: Amended staff report for Resolution No. 08-3906	020708c-03
4.1	Memo	1/29/08	To: Metro Council From: Council President Bragdon Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 08-1173.	020708c-04