

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE OFFICER INFORMAL MEETING

February 12, 2002

Metro Council Annex

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

Councilors Absent:

Others Present: Mike Burton

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** convened the Council/Executive Officer Informal Meeting at 2:07 p.m.

### 1. INTEGRATED REGIONAL NETWORK ENTERPRISE (IRNE)

**David Biedermann**, Information Technology Director, overviewed Integrated Regional Network Enterprise and introduced Nancy Jesuale, City of Portland, Bureau of Communications and Networks, Director of ComNet. He said that this was a project to research the possibility of local governments having broadband telecommunications network that will carry all voice, video and data communications for the City of Portland and its partners. It is a high capacity, high reliability design that does more and costs less than commercial offerings. Metro had signed an Intergovernmental Agreement to participate in the project. This was regional project to bring together diverse data connections (a copy of the brochure is part of the meeting record). Not all agencies will be on the network but will have access to each other.

**Ms. Jesuale** briefed the Council on the project. This project was started by the City of Portland about 3 years ago. She spoke to financial concerns. They concluded that they needed to put together a regional government network. She noted goals included having the transport network available so they could move into e-government services. They were trying to serve local governments.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** asked about ownership.

**Ms. Jesuale** responded Portland will build it, own it and offer services to Metro and other partners. They would be selling the debt and creating the capital project. She shared the benefits to both partners.

**David Biedermann** said this would be run at cost.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** said there was currently a glut of bandwidths.

**Mr. Biedermann** said there was a glut but the fiber was not in areas where people wanted to use it. They would be focusing on the region. This was not a private business network.

**Councilor Burkholder** asked about capital costs.

**Ms. Jesuale** said the city over the past ten years had implemented some requirements to support the project. The base costs were much lower because of this.

**Mike Burton**, Executive Officer, asked about resources.

**Ms. Jesuale** said it had been the city's policy to ask companies to provide extra conduits which were available to the city.

**Mr. Burton** asked if this would connect to all of the off-sites for Metro such as the Zoo, Solid Waste Facilities, etc.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** asked about fiber outside the City of Portland.

**Mr. Biedermann** said there were other partners in the network like ODOT and TRI-MET which allowed further reach.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** asked who owned the project.

**Mr. Biedermann** said this part of it was owned by the City of Portland.

**Ms. Jesuale** spoke to the layers of partnerships.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** asked how they would access the regulatory risks?

**Ms. Jesuale** responded that the Oregon Public Utilities Commission had granted a license as a carrier to the city. Being a carrier allowed them to sell their services to other governments. Incumbent carriers were not happy.

**Councilor Bragdon** asked about school involvement.

**Ms. Jesuale** responded that the Portland School District and many colleges were partners in the project.

**Councilor Atherton** asked about public rights of way. Councilor Atherton said the reason he brought this up was because of our regional trail system.

**Ms. Jesuale** said this was a good suggestion and encouraged further study.

**Councilor McLain** asked about being a user of the system and costs.

**Mr. Biedermann** said they were making no financial commitments at this time. There were costs involved if they wanted to hook up to sites.

**Councilor McLain** spoke to budgetary decisions and issues. She did not want to assume that we were going the next step.

**Mr. Biedermann** said this provided an opportunity to solve some problems. If we were to make no change, Metro had no need to purchase this service. He noted the benefits to off-sites such as the Oregon Zoo.

**Ms. Jesuale** said Metro did not lose any ability to choose. The agreement allowed participation in the regional strategy.

**Councilor Burkholder** spoke to the need for the Zoo to use Peoplesoft and the potential for this partnership to support that need.

**Councilor McLain** said she wanted to proceed cautiously and make no commitments until they were ready.

**Mr. Biedermann** spoke to the possibilities and opportunities of this project.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** asked for clarification on the IGA.

**Mr. Biedermann** clarified the IGA participation.

**Mr. Burton** said this provided information for us to consider the next step.

**Ms. Jesuale** said the City of Portland really wanted Metro's participation. She said during this planning layer, they were looking for regional partners.

**Councilor McLain** noted our limits and commitments to our programs.

**Mr. Biedermann** said it was a five-year commitment to be at the table, that was all.

**Councilor Bragdon** said his focus was as a user and as a coordinator. The regional scope was primary.

**Mr. Biedermann** said they were not making an investment in the network. He believed Metro could help facilitate information sharing.

**Councilor Park** asked about the five-year commitment.

**Mr. Burton** clarified Metro's commitment to the project.

## 2. CONFERENCE - AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

**Mike Hoglund, Director of Regional Planning**, overviewed the Let's Talk Conference.

**Pam Peck, Senior Public Affairs Specialist**, spoke to marketing and scholarships plan. Ms. Peck noted that many of the Councilors were offering scholarships for the conference. They were gathering all of the applications for scholarships. She encouraged applications for the scholarships. She gave an overview of marketing for the conference.

**Councilor McLain** asked how many had registered and how many had applied for scholarships?

**Mr. Hoglund and Ms. Peck** said they were contacting groups and individuals and encouraging them participate. About 20 had registered and another 30 had applied for scholarships.

**John Donovan**, Council Outreach Officer, gave a pitch to encourage people to attend.

**Councilor Park** suggested targeting Yard, Garden and Patio Show at OCC and the Homebuilders Show at Expo to market the conference. He thought Metro already had a booth at OCC.

**Mr. Hoglund** said he felt that the conference was coming along well. He reviewed the timeline before the conference. He passed out the 2002 Let's Talk Conference Elected Officials Roles plan for the councilors (a copy of which is in the meeting record). They would have a practice session on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Facilitator training was happening on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Ms. Peck** introduced Walt Roberts, who was involved in audience response technology, designing sessions, and working with interactive audiences.

**Mr. Roberts** said he worked with a group called Performance Center. His interest was integral design. How did we organize so that the conference fit into the larger plan. They would be using integrated,

deliberative, interactive, participative, multiple perspective approaches to the conference. He talked about the workshops on Friday that included transportation, green and growth issues. He spoke to the process flow including table group work and polling. He emphasized the dimensions that form a regional basis which include the local, specific, neighborhood, micro perspectives as well as regional, macro system perspectives.

**Ms. Peck** said this process would be repeated at the Saturday workshops out in the community.

**Councilor Burkholder** asked about polling and coming up with consensus.

**Mr. Roberts** said that was the ultimate question. The facilitator would be listening to capture the information at each table and note differing opinions.

**Mr. Hoglund** suggested a keypad polling of supplemental questions.

**Councilor Park** asked about the UGB workshop. He wondered if it was being phrased correctly. It was the effect not the cause.

**Mr. Hoglund** said the UGB workshop was purposely third because they wanted people to think about transportation and green space before the UGB issue.

**Councilor McLain** agreed with Councilor Park, you can't divide the issues. Using them separately was not constructive.

**Sherry Oeser**, Senior Manager for Planning, explained that they were looking at the big picture first and then narrowing the scope but maintain interconnection.

**Mr. Hoglund and Mr. Roberts** said they were trying to balance the decisions in all arenas. They started with regional, then went to specifics such as transportation, green space and growth.

**Councilor Park** spoke to capture rate issues and satellite cities.

**Councilor Burkholder** asked about capturing people's opinions that didn't have a keypad. He wanted to assure the alternative perspectives.

**Ms. Peck** said they wouldn't be using the keypads at the Saturday workshops.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** asked if there was a strategy for adding questions?

**Mr. Hoglund** said they talked about an open-ended question on the supplemental questions.

**Mr. Donovan** suggested Councilors would be collecting those questions as well.

**Councilor McLain** asked about the feedback form. She suggested a facilitator summary sheet as well as an opportunity to collect and capture comments.

**Mr. Roberts** said it would be a challenging timeline.

**Councilor Park** asked at what point did we recap 2040?

**Ms. Peck** said it would be part of an opening video but not as extensive as what Councilor Park was talking about.

**Councilor Park** shared his concern.

**Karen Withrow**, Associate Public Affairs Specialist, said it would also be in the participant's guide that they would be receiving before the conference.

**Mr. Roberts** explained the beginning of the conference and how these issues would be addressed.

#### 1. UPCOMING LEGISLATION

**Mr. Donovan** reviewed what would be at the Council agenda on 2/14/02. He said PacWest would be providing a report on the special session at the Oregon legislature. He reminded Council that they would not be meeting on 2/21/02.

**Councilor Park** asked about the St. John's Landfill contract.

**Councilor Monroe** said the Oregon legislature raised the bonding cap on the 2142 money, which would free up additional money for roads and bridges. The Oregon Transportation Commission had discretion over these moneys.

#### 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATION

He had none.

**Councilor Burkholder** asked about the Bybee Howell House. What were the next steps?

**Mr. Burton** said he was having the staff and Mr. Cooper look at our options. He gave a history of what had happened to date with the house.

**Councilor Park** asked if there was anything that Metro owned that was not regional in nature.

**Mr. Burton** responded that most everything was regional. He felt that the Howell House was a historic site not a regional park.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** said they needed to have that policy discussion.

**Councilor McLain** said she thought there was value to the property.

#### 4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

**Councilor Burkholder** said he would be introducing a resolution referring a ballot measure. He suggested contacting MPAC partners.

**Mr. Donovan** suggested issuing a revised agenda after this meeting. They had called the chair of MPAC and were waiting to hear from Chair Jordan. He suggested councilors calling MPAC members. He also suggested issuing an email to all of the mayors and commissioners.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** asked the Council if they should move ahead on this item?

**Councilor Monroe** asked about timing for submission to the ballot.

**Councilor Burkholder** said they had a month before the voter's pamphlet.

**Councilor Atherton** suggested another option was to draft an ordinance.

**Councilor Park** asked if anyone was going to be troubled by the resolution?

**Councilor Monroe** concurred with Councilor Park. Unless we have something on the ballot it may not counter the movement.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** asked for consensus on the resolution.

**Councilor Atherton** asked about the ordinance.

**Councilor Park** responded that staff was working with the issue right now, it would be addressed as part of an entire clean up.

**Councilor Atherton** suggested taking the high ground.

**Councilor Bragdon** asked about the next 48 hours and suggested a unified voice.

**Councilor Burkholder** suggested to word “alternate measure” rather than “counter measure”.

**Presiding Officer Hosticka** announced that there would be a retreat on February 26<sup>th</sup> for Councilors to talk about communication issues.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Hosticka adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2002**

TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NUMBER
INTEGRATED REGIONAL NETWORK ENTERPRISE	NONE LISTED	BROCHURE OVERVIEWING IRNE PROVIDED TO METRO COUNCIL FROM CITY OF PORTLAND	021202CE-01
2002 LET'S TALK CONFERENCE	NONE LISTED	METRO ELECTED OFFICIALS ROLES FOR THE 2002 LET'S TALK CONFERENCE	021202CE-02