

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 14, 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

Sharon Nasset, 1113 N Baldwin St., Portland, Oregon 97217, discussed the Columbia River Crossing Sponsor Council. She described what the Council did and different roles of the Council. She listed agencies that were members of the Sponsor Council. She mentioned the Council was not meeting and not aware of meetings. She would appreciate organization of citizen input meetings.

Councilor Liberty explained the plan behind Columbia River Crossing public hearings and said there would be meetings beginning in early April, and meetings would be publicized. President Bragdon thanked Ms. Nasset for her input.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Consideration of minutes of the February 7, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.
- 3.2 **Resolution No. 08-3914**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Sarah Adams to the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee (RRC).
- 3.3 **Resolution No. 08-3908**, For the Purpose of Requesting a Referendum On Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Coverage.

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the February 7, 2008 Regular Metro Council, Resolution No. 08-3914 and Resolution No. 08-3908.
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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. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 **Resolution No. 08-3891**, For the Purpose of Approving Portland Regional Transportation Priorities for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3891.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion.

Councilor Burkholder explained specifics of the resolution. He explained changes in the staff report, exhibits, and attachments. He went through monetary and budget specifics including Regional Highway Priorities. Councilor Burkholder explained specific Metro transportation requests. He said they have prioritized and that this was a good regional exercise.

Councilor Collette asked about an unlisted grand total. Councilor Burkholder said they decided not to include a grand total, and instead highlight priorities instead of looking for a concrete total. He said there were issues of presentation. President Bragdon talked about federal funding processes in the region. He asked about the Sellwood Bridge and Councilor Burkholder said it would be addressed in next year's request, as the bridge would require a significant amount of project funding, and the timing to ask for significant funds was not appropriate. He said they would look for a 'big ask' next year. Councilor Liberty talked about investments and money going towards possible responses for future identified needs. President Bragdon had questions about the line-item 'I-5/99W Connector' conjuring pictures of a potential particular facility. He said there has not been any decision about what was needed. He said there does need to be better mobility and access in Tualatin, Sherwood, Wilsonville, etc. He said this does not prejudice any outcome.

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.
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4.2 **Resolution No. 08-3917**, For the Purpose of Endorsing Multnomah County's Bridge Safety Funding Ballot Measure.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3917.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Liberty talked about regional bridges and explained the resolution and discussed the need for upgrades. He explained where funds would go specifically. He explained why the resolution was before the Metro Council instead of Multnomah County, and the specifics of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Metro and Multnomah County. He gave details on the fee involved.

Councilor Hosticka said he had concerns about other governments not being willing to enter into the agreement.

Ian Cannon, Multnomah County Bridge Section Director, said that generating momentum with this project would hopefully aid in changing people's minds.

President Bragdon supported the resolution and thanked Chair Wheeler for his leadership. Councilor Harrington said her district supported endorsing the resolution. Councilor Park said he hoped people would realize that even though these are regional issues, these are issues from the past that we must correct. He said it was important to ask what each individual government agency was doing individually. Councilor Park said it could be an array of bridges that could be worked on. He said he hoped people would change their minds and support. He said it should become a regional discussion, and he found it interesting that discussions such as this were not brought up regarding other infrastructure needs. Councilor Park asked if there were not agreement, would it move ahead? Mr. Cannon said they were looking for unanimous consensus to move forward.

Councilor Liberty thanked Chair Wheeler for his leadership. He talked about regional responsibility and fairness.

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.
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## **5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, talked about business group memberships. Mr. Jordan asked if the Council would want to schedule more time to discuss the topic further. Councilors Park and Burkholder said they would be interested in scheduling ten to fifteen minutes at a work session for this topic.

## **6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Park talked about the report on American's greenest cities in *Popular Science* magazine. He said Portland was ranked the greenest city in the country. He wanted to share the results with Councilors.

Councilor Liberty provided a report on the 'Investing in our Communities' meeting. He introduced the Oliver Jones speaking event on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Harrington said it would be of interest to planners in her district to look into the speaking event. Councilor Park discussed his and Mr. Jordan's meeting with school superintendents regarding land-use decisions and issues. He said they talked about maintenance costs. He talked about the status of schools currently, and said there should be a discussion about schools' roles in the region and in different communities.

Councilor Burkholder updated Councilors on the sustainability resolution. He said two important issues need to be addressed: the development of a regional climate change action plan and a mechanism for sharing information between jurisdictions on sustainability issues. He said any climate change action plan would have to rely on transportation. Councilor Burkholder talked about important items on the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation's (JPACT) meeting list. He said one was a set of principles for guiding the state plan, and another set of principles for the federal plan. He talked about the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement

Program (MTIP) and scheduled meetings for review. He said there was a tight timeframe because of deadlines to request money.

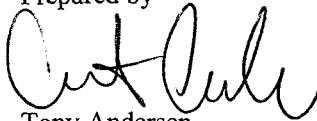
Councilor Harrington made an announcement about a Greatest Place workshop. Councilor Collette talked about presentations she has given recently. She said she attended the Clackamas County Business Association board member meeting and said she was glad she could attend.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Andersen', written in a cursive style.

Tony Andersen  
Deputy Clerk

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 14, 2008**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
3.1	Minutes	2/7/08	Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting of February 7, 2008.	021408c-01
4.1	Resolution	2/7/08	Revised Exhibit A of Resolution No. 08-3891, February 14, 2008.	021408c-02
2	Statement	2/7/08	Statement: 'Who is Involved' RE Columbia River Crossing Project Sponsors Council and Columbia River Crossing Stakeholder participation, February 14, 2008	021408c-03