

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, March 13, 2008/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon reviewed the March 13, 2008 Metro Council agenda. Dick Benner, Metro Attorney, discussed an item on the March 13, 2008 Council meeting agenda. He explained changes in timelines and subsequent reasoning. He talked about who can offer testimony. Councilor Hosticka asked about choices. Councilor Liberty asked if Mr. Benner would help manage information that might surface in testimony. Mr. Benner explained hearing processes, and said he would help answer legal questions. Councilor Harrington asked what stage ex-parte communications would be identified. President Bragdon asked about newspapers. Mr. Benner said decisions should be made on the record. Councilor Hosticka asked about relevant information. Mr. Benner said that that information is part of the record. Councilor Liberty asked about burdens. Mr. Benner said it was the burden of Cornelius to prove their need. Mr. Benner explained options: agree to terms, disagree and revise, send back, or completely reject. Mr. Benner explained legal input would most likely be required. Councilor Hosticka asked if pieces of expansion could be approved and how that would work. Mr. Benner said the Council had the authority to do that. Councilor Hosticka asked about legal process.

Councilor Park asked about available information. Mr. Benner said it was all available in the record. Mr. Benner asked about providing the record to Councilors. Councilor Liberty asked if it could be provided electronically. Councilor Harrington asked about the supplemental staff report. President Bragdon asked about the function of the resolution. Mr. Benner explained the resolution and legislative processes involved. Michael Jordan, COO, said to be prepared for challenges associated with the future urban growth boundary expansion process.

Councilor Harrington asked about timeframes for transit oriented development (TOD) plans and outlined strategies. Mr. Jordan said these would be provided.

1. OVERVIEW AND GOALS OF THE WORK SESSION

Mr. Jordan introduced the proposed budget discussion and explained different handouts and visuals. He introduced Bill Stringer, Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

2. PROPOSED BUDGET IS BALANCED: BRIEF UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Stringer introduced attachment *FY 2008-09 Proposed Budget Expenditures – All Funds*. He went through the attachment and explained different budgetary components. Councilors asked questions specific to various budget components. Looking at tables in the attachment, numbers

were discussed. Councilor Hosticka asked about materials and services. Councilor Liberty asked if there was a general message the Council should take away from the budget discussion. Councilor Park asked about enterprise revenue. Mr. Jordan explained the process of spending money to make money. Councilor Harrington said she would like to see a breakdown of revenue sources. Councilors discussed different clarifications of proposed budget numbers and how they were presented. Mr. Stringer clarified that Councilors were asking for margin numbers, and that these could be provided. Mr. Stringer talked about differences in excise tax numbers. He further went through proposed budget expenditures (see attachment). President Bragdon asked about the zoo excise tax. Mr. Stringer talked about full-time employee (FTE) increases in the budget. He talked about position funding, and long-term FTE trends. Councilors Park and Harrington stated concerns they had with proposed budget visuals and additional information they would like to see. Councilors wanted footnotes to clarify certain increases or decreases in FTE numbers. Councilor Liberty asked about full-time employee numbers in relation to temporary employees.

3. PROPOSED "BUDGET IN BRIEF"

Margo Norton, Senior Finance Manager, reviewed the prototype of the new preview tool to quick-start the budget review. She explained what the handout *Metro Proposed FY 2008-09 Budget in Brief* consisted of. She explained specific proposed budgetary details. Ms. Norton explained the *Proposed "Budget in Brief"* and introduced it as a tool for understanding and providing input for the actual budget. Councilor Hosticka asked about numbers staying the same but effort increasing. Ms. Norton said it was relative to each department. President Bragdon noted the *Proposed "Budget in Brief"* was a very useful tool. Councilor Harrington noted the proposed budget referred universally to budget assumptions. She would appreciate a section specifically referring to "budget assumptions." Ms. Norton and Mr. Jordan said this would be addressed. Councilor Park noted that histories would be relevant for future action.

4. BREAK

5. PROPOSED RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Key questions to be answered:

- 1.) How do you want to approach budget deliberations?
- 2.) What's the time commitment?

Mr. Jordan said the rest of the discussion would focus on process and timelines. He presented the timeline process, and what would happen in future deliberations. President Bragdon talked about individual procedure. He noted the final product would not be a surprise and would be an end result of different "chapters" in the process. Councilor Burkholder said it was important to be responsive and make the amendment process less stressful. Councilor Park asked how to forecast content of the budget. Councilor Hosticka said budget discussions with staff was an appropriate level for discussion. Councilor Collette said it was appropriate to ask if certain specifics were or were not included in the budget. Councilor Harrington said the timeline was unacceptable and she would not support the proposed budget if the presented timeline were implemented. She said the compressed timeline was unworkable and did not provide enough time for reading all budget material. President Bragdon asked about extending different timelines to meet timing needs. Councilors asked how large different literature packets would be, in terms of reading and analyzing for relevance. Councilors and Mr. Jordan discussed manipulating the schedule to accommodate different Councilor and timeline needs.

Councilor Park asked what new outcomes would be in relation to changing timelines. Mr. Jordan said resource allocation could be an outcome change. President Bragdon clarified that Councilors seemed comfortable with the process and approach, but the timeline was still a concern. Councilor Hosticka asked about fund balancing. He also said there should be flexibility in lengthening and altering the schedule if needed.

Councilors talked about specifics regarding timing. Mr. Jordan altered the schedule and presented it to Councilors for discussion. Councilors stated they agreed with Mr. Jordan's altered schedule, with a Council vote on May 6, 2008. President Bragdon talked about additional presentations and that they may be unneeded. Councilor Collette said she might find them useful.

6. TOOLS FOR ANSWERING KEY QUESTIONS

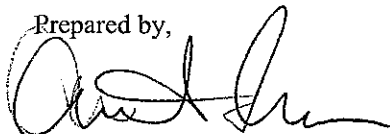
- *Process for Reviewing and Approving Budget by May 1
- *Process for Considering Amendments –Traditional or Alternative?
- *Proposed calendar

7. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Collette asked permission to attend a dinner. Councilor Harrington updated Councilors on current stages in the reserves designation process, and stated the third Reserves Steering Committee meeting would be held April 9th. President Bragdon said Stacey Triplett would attend the March 18th work session meeting to debrief the Nature in Neighborhoods Integrating Habitat Design Competition.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
MARCH 11, 2008

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	3/13/08	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, March 13, 2008	031108cw-1
3	Report	3/11/08	Metro Proposed FY 2008-09 Budget in Brief, March 11, 2008	031108cw-2
3	Graph	3/11/08	FY 2008-09 Proposed Budget Expenditures – All Funds, March 11, 2008	031108cw-3
3	Report	3/11/08	Fiscal Year 2008-09 through 2013, Proposed Capital Improvement Plan, A five-year Capital Budget, New Project Detail Sheets, Unfunded Projects, March 11, 2008	031108cw-4
5	Budget Proposal, Rules of Engagement	3/11/08	Budget Proposal Rules of Engagement, March 11, 2008	031108cw-5
5	Timeline	3/11/08	FY 2008-09 Draft Council Budget Preview Process – New Proposal, March 11, 2008	031108cw-6