

## **MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, April 3, 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. FUNCTIONAL PLAN COMPLIANCE PROCESS**

Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, presented the findings of the audit they had recently completed on the Functional Plan Compliance Process. She indicated that Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, had suggested the audit last year. She spoke to the Planning Department's intent as they moved forward with revising the program. The Planning Department's thought was to make the program voluntary. The local jurisdictions did not recommend voluntary compliance. The Auditor had also looked at how the State of Oregon implemented their compliance process. She noted their award for the audit on Natural Areas. Mr. Cotugno felt the audit was very helpful. It was timely and helped inform future direction of the plan. They were looking at moving towards a performance-based plan. The current plan had certain mandates, which were helpful but other information was simply for reporting. Chris Deffebach, Planning Department, provided next steps for the redesign of the compliance plan and system. She noted the seven audit recommendations and their response to the recommendations. She thanked the Auditor. She felt the audit was very helpful.

Councilor Liberty thanked the Auditor and the department for the work. He called out several gaps in data that was not being reported by the jurisdictions. Mr. Cotugno said the point was that certain things would be left in place and reporting required, but there were also certain things that did not need to be reported. Councilor Liberty said there was a need for a shared sense of responsibility. Councilor Harrington talked about the respondents concerns. When this plan revision moves forward, she was hopeful that this audit information would be shared with jurisdictions. Mr. Cotugno asked if they could include this report in their next Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) agenda. Councilor Collette said absolutely. Council President Bragdon added his comments about taking this document to MPAC. Mr. Cotugno said there was value in providing a history of the plan as well as the audit.

### **4. NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT SHOWCASE**

Janelle Geddes, Nature in Neighborhoods Program, said this was the third spotlight of the Nature in Neighborhoods Grant program. They would be awarding the next round of grants in May. She introduced Dick and Gyrid Towle, East Columbia Neighborhood Association, Children's Arboretum and Amy Mortison and Molly Berry, Willamette Riverkeepers, Rinearson Ravine

Restoration. She said both of these projects met the goals of the program. She also acknowledged Council's support of this program. Mr. Towle provided a power point of their Columbia Slough project (a copy of which is included in the record). He thanked Council and appreciated Metro's participation immensely. Councilor Burkholder expressed his appreciation of all of the work that had been done. He talked about the history of the arboretum. He felt this was quite a wonderful spot, approximately 26 acres. Councilor Harrington appreciated Mr. Towle sharing the before and after. It was important to re-develop a healthy ecosystem. There was great value in their efforts.

Amy Mortison shared a power point presentation of the Rinearson Ravine Restoration effort (a copy of which is included in the record). This was an urban stream restoration. She acknowledged the partnership that had come together to work on this restoration project and that this partnership contributed to the sustainability of the project. Ms. Berry shared with the Council her experience in removing invasive plants as one of the Ivy Warriors. The project had really grown. The partnership was working on how we can grow the project for the entire watershed. They had new landowners and new partners coming on board. She also thanked Council for their involvement. Councilor Collette said she had been hearing about the project for the last two years. She introduced Hal Busch who was running for her position on the city council.

Council President Bragdon thanked Councilor Park for the idea of the program. Councilor Park said one thing to recognize was that the funding sources were from solid waste. With a little bit of money, there could be a lot of movement. He wanted to continue the movement. He asked the drainage district person about their source of funding and their support of the project. Mr. Bob Eaton, Multnomah County Drainage District Director talked about improving the culverts with bridges.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Consideration of minutes of the March 27, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.
- 5.2 **Resolution No. 08-3915**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Emma Nollette to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI).
- 5.3 **Resolution No. 08-3933**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Non-System License to AGG Enterprises, Inc. for Delivery Of Source-Separated Pre-Consumer Vegetative Food Waste to the Natures Needs Facility for Composting.

Motion:

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 3, 2008 Regular Metro Council and Resolution Nos. 08-3915, 08-3933.
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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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## 6 ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1181**, Adopting the Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2008-09, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency. Council President Bragdon announced that Ordinance No. 08-1181 was assigned to Council and asked Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, to provide an overview.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 08-1181.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO), presented the proposed 2008-09 Budget. The entire budget was also on the web today. He provided a power point presentation (a copy of which is included in the record). He provided an overview of the budget. He highlighted the program budgets including the Oregon Zoo, Planning, Regional Parks and Greenspaces, Solid Waste and Recycling, Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, Support Services and Capital projects. He then focused on the Performance Measure project. He noted the reframed Council goals and objectives. He spoke to critical success factors, which were operational values.

Bill Stringer, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), provided an overview of the proposed budget by numbers, including revenue, taxes, expenditures, debt services, contingency and ending reserves for all funds. Mr. Jordan provided concluding remarks. He noted we had established reserves to cover risks if there was a problem. He reviewed next steps.

Councilor Harrington talked about the responsible operations goal. Councilor Collette asked about the Strategic Plan for Information Technology (IT). Councilor Park asked about the archiving system and he assumed that this would be part of the IT Strategic Plan. Mr. Jordan responded to their questions.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-1181. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

## **7. RESOLUTIONS**

### **7.1 Resolution No. 08-3919, For the Purpose of Adopting the Regional Travel Options 2008-2013 Strategic Plan.**

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3919.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Harrington introduced the resolution and talked about the Regional Travel Option (RTO) Strategic Plan. Pam Peck, Planning Department, provided a power point presentation on the RTO program (a copy of which is included in the meeting record) included programs and priorities within the RTO program.

Councilor Burkholder said he wanted to make sure that the audience knew about the programs that had been mentioned in the presentation and how the public could find out about this was through [www.metro-region.or/traveloptions](http://www.metro-region.or/traveloptions). He talked about the past success of the program. Metro was now the service provider for all of these programs. He appreciated Ms. Peck's leadership on this program. Councilor Liberty talked about the budget for this program and noted what results were produced for \$3 million. Councilor Collette talked about spending a minimal amount of money, which was being used to save the planet. Councilor Harrington said MPAC and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation had reviewed this plan.

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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7.2 **Resolution No. 08-3920**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Coordinated Public Involvement Plan for Urban and Rural Reserves.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3920.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor Harrington provided context for the resolution. She said the urban and rural reserves program was a collaborative effort between Metro and the three counties. These entities were working with all of the jurisdictions in order to find a new system as to how we will handle new growth for the next 50 years. She said today they were considering adoption of the involvement plan. This plan had been worked through Metro Committee on Citizen Involvement (MCCI) as well as the Committees for Citizen Involvement for the three counties as well as the Citizen Advisory Committee at the State level. Ken Ray, Public Affairs Department, described the components of the public involvement plan. Council President Bragdon asked at what stage would local city councils take a vote. Mr. Ray responded to his question. Council President Bragdon said he wanted to make sure there was clarity. Councilor Park said the plan was well laid out. He found himself in opposition because he felt agriculture was underrepresented. He felt their input was important. Councilor Harrington said they had a lot of discussion at the Metro Council level as well as with the partners. She said it was incorrect to say that agriculture had only one seat on the committee.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed with Councilor Park voting no.
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7.3 **Resolution No. 08-3931**, For the Purpose of Adopting a Definition of Sustainability to Direct Metro's Internal Operations, Planning Efforts, and Role as a Regional Convener.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3931.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said this had been a group effort. Councilor Burkholder talked about language in Metro's mission and how it related to sustainability. Metro was a place where problems were solved. They had focused on collaborative efforts to solve problems and issues that many were working on. He was hopeful that the results would create a coordinated strategy among many regional partners. There was quite a bit of interest from all sectors of our society. Metro had a large impact on the environment so part of this was to up our efforts of sustainability.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 08-3931

Susan Ziolk, Clackamas County, 9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd Clackamas, OR 97015 shared Clackamas County's support of this resolution. They had adopted their own plan. She provided an overview of their efforts over the past year and their future plans. Clackamas County Coordinating Committee had worked in this arena to jointly promote sustainability.

Christine Caurant. Sierra Club, 2950 SE Stark Street Suite 100 Portland OR 97214 said the Sierra Club applauded Metro's leadership for sustainability and climate change. She talked about Sierra Club's efforts in this area. Those they had worked with had committed to reducing overall carbon emissions. They encouraged Metro to marshal resources towards acting as the central hub for information to create the regional momentum. The Sierra Club looked forward to helping.

Molly Chidsey, Multnomah County Sustainability Program, 501 SE Hawthorne Portland OR 97214 provided their support for this resolution. Their program had been around since 2001. She talked about their program and that they were looking forward to working with Metro. She supported sustainable business operations as well. She supported this resolution.

Jeff Stone, Oregon Association of Nurseries, 29751 SW Town Center Loop Wilsonville, OR 97070 supported this resolution. He spoke of the Nursery Association and their efforts. They were undertaking a lot of efforts to encourage sustainability. He spoke to their effort to save energy and water. He provided some details of what nurserymen were doing in their sustainable efforts.

Councilor Harrington wondered if he had information about our counties nursery efforts in sustainability. Mr. Stone provided some examples in Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah County. Councilor Park said Metro had a fairly aggressive organics program. Did he think there was potential to work with this program? Mr. Stone responded to his question.

Bill Jackson, Urban Development Partner, 1727 SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave Portland OR 97215 said he was developing a project which when completed would be the most sustainability development effort. He asked Metro to participate in educating the region on sustainability. He also urged Metro to establish quantifiable sustainable benchmarks.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Hosticka mentioned that the way the Metropolitan area was laid out had a huge impact on the kind of issues we were talking about. He said our top goal was to talk about green regions. Councilor Collette said she was also supportive of this measure. Metro's role was critical to getting a region-wide perspective and effort. Councilor Park thanked Councilor Burkholder for taking the lead on this subject. He noted some of what Metro does currently in its sustainability efforts. He would be supporting this resolution. Councilor Harrington said she appreciated her colleagues pulling this together as a first step. She looked forward to developing a regional action plan as well as facilitating the sharing of plans and details. Councilor Liberty said the timing couldn't be better because we have some big decisions on transportation coming up. He was hopeful we looked at those projects through a sustainability lens. This was about entering a new era. Councilor Burkholder thanked the testifiers. The interest was out there. We wanted to work better together. He also thanked the staff that had put a lot of work into this. He noted some budget implications.

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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7.4.1 **Resolution No. 08-3902A**, For the Purpose of Entering an Order Denying the Application of the City of Cornelius to Expand the Urban Growth Boundary By Major Amendment.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3902A.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor Park said they had an extensive public hearing last week. The hearings officer had recommended approval of the major amendment. He noted the findings that were included in the resolution. Councilor Hosticka said he had an opportunity to read through the hearings officer report, read the minutes and the record. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said he felt that with that, Councilor Hosticka's was prepared to vote if he chose to participate. Councilor Hosticka said he would participate.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 08-3902A. Chris Crean, 3103 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Portland OR 97212 did not have anything to say. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Hosticka said with his review of the record he was comfortable with the findings. The application did not demonstrate the need for land. Councilor Liberty provided rational for his thinking on the issue. Councilor Park said he was looking forward to the additional information and the process they were planning to embark on.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed with Councilors Collette and Harrington voting no.
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## **8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, said he had nothing to add.

## **9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Harrington talked about the reserves program. She distributed a new chart to the Council. There was no new information but rather a different representation to help individual understand the multi-year plan.

Councilor Park passed out a letter from Mayor Weatherby, City of Fairview, on Sellwood Bridge (a copy of which is included in the letter). He appreciated that Metro was being looked at as a regional problem solver.

Councilor Liberty suggested having a conversation about whether we plan to continue to spend money in Damascus.

Council President Bragdon said this Saturday was the annual competition for the Recycling Art Program kickoff.

## **10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Prepared by



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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
APRIL 3, 2008**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
5.1	Minutes	3/27/08	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2008	040308c-01
6.1	2008-09 Proposed Budget	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Michael Jordan, COO Re: 2008-09 Proposed Budget (3 volumes)	040308c-02
6.1	Budget Timeline	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator Re: FY 2008-09 Council Budget Preview Process	040308c-03
6.1	Power Point Presentation	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Michael Jordan, COO and Bill Stringer, CFO Re: Power Point Presentation on FY 2008-09 Proposed budget	040308c-04
4.0	Flyer	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Gyrid Towle, Columbia Slough Watershed Council Re: Columbia Children's Arboretum, Pedestrian Bridges and Interpretive Signage Project	040308c-05
4.0	Spotlight	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Janelle Geddes, Nature in Neighborhoods Program Re: Spotlight on Nature in Neighborhoods Enhancement Grant Projects	040308c-06
7.1	Power Point Presentation	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Pam Peck, Planning Department Re: 2008-2013 Strategic Plan Regional Travel Options	040308c-07
7.3	Partnership list for Sustainability	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Councilor Burkholder Re: Sustainability in Metro's Partner Governments	040308c-08
7.4	Resolution No 08-3902A	4/3/08	<b>Resolution No. 08-3902A</b> , For the Purpose of Entering an Order Denying The Application of the City of Cornelius to Expand the Urban Growth Boundary by Major Amendment.	040308c-09
9.0	Letter	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Mike Weatherby, Mayor, City of Fairview Re: Multnomah County Bridges	040308c-10
9.0	Key	3/1/08	To: Metro Council	040308c-11

	Milestones		From: Councilor Harrington Re: Coordinated Reserves Work Program Overview	
4.0	Power Point Presentation	4/3/08	To: Metro Council From: Janelle Geddes, Nature in Neighborhood Program Re: NIN grant spotlights power point presentation	040308c-12