

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 1, 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

Matt Rossell, In Defense of Animals, 5428 NE 30<sup>th</sup> Portland Oregon 97211 said he was here to talk about the Oregon Zoo Bond Measure. He urged that if we were to ask the taxpayers to expand the on-site Elephant exhibit, it was not a good idea. They were interested in an off-site facility. We should promise the taxpayers that we should have an off-site facility. He also shared concerns about protective contact rather than the use of the bull hook, keeping elephant families together and urged not bringing elephants in from the wild. He noted that he would be emailing all of the Council about their concerns. Council President Bragdon noted that Council would be voting on that bond measure package next week.

Sharon Nasset, 1113 N. Baldwin Portland Oregon 97217 thanked Council for all they were doing for the Columbia River Crossing. She said most important was to take the time to have a good foundation. She provided some history on the Columbia River Crossing. She talked about sponsor agencies. She was asking for a letter from Metro stating how they felt about the Columbia River Crossing and to state whether or not a federal process had been done for a river crossing. She talked about river crossing #14. She noted federal government requirements on scoping and explained further what this meant. She noted that a range of options must be studied. She provided some written documents for the Council's review (a copy of which is included in the meeting record).

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the April 24, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 24, 2008 Regular Metro Council.
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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. 08-1181**, Adopting the Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2008-09 Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon announced that this ordinance was continued from April 17, 2008. He opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-1181.

Director Ruth Adkins, Portland Public School Board, 1160 SE Florida, Portland Oregon 97219 noted a letter that was sent from the Portland Public School (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). She said outdoor schools benefited the education of students. She summarized the letter that was sent. She talked about the Portland Public School budget and that they were stretched. Metro would be part of providing a demonstrated effort towards outdoor schools.

Dan Prince, Multnomah Education Service District, 41029 SE Loudon Rd Corbett OR 97019 said he was the coordinator of outdoor schools for Multnomah School District. He thanked the Councilors who came and visited the outdoor school. He shared information, which might help the decision be put in context. He mentioned other partnerships that outdoor schools were supported by, such as, local universities, businesses, and Metro. He spoke of an event in June to give them a sense of conservation education. He was happy to share anything further they were interested in.

Lee Isaac, 7812 NW Skyline Blvd Portland OR 97229 said he was a six-time student leader with Outdoor Schools. He provided his history with Outdoor School and what it had done for him personally. He felt welcomed, he had become a stronger leader, his self-confidence had improved, and he was comfortable with public speaking now. He got to teach groups of students and found out that through this experience he wanted to have a career working with kids. He felt that all of the kids grew from the experience. He felt the experience was well worth it. Outdoor School made him who he is today. Council President Bragdon thanked him for hosting last week's event.

Sarah O'Donnell, Student Leader, Outdoor School, 1077 SE Dogwood Lane Gresham, OR 97080 talked about why outdoor school was valuable for her and why this experience was important to sixth graders. She wasn't particularly a science person but when she was an outdoor school leader she began teaching science. She now loves it. She shared her experience in teaching and how they used all of the senses. She said outdoor schools were essential for her. Councilor Park said he was curious if it had changed her personal habits such as recycling and sustainability. Ms. O'Donnell said outdoor school had offered her a forum to care about the environment and share her knowledge. She talked about those students who were disadvantaged and how this experience effected them.

Rachel Henrich, Multnomah Education Service District, 3954 NE 38<sup>th</sup> Portland Oregon 97212 said she was a third time student of outdoor school. She said her experience helped her understand their connect between nature and the human race. It was a hands-on environment. She talked of connections that the students made with their environment. Because of her experience, she was planning to study environmental science in college. She said students learn to take care of their earth. She talked about recycling and the increased awareness of protecting their environment.

Andy Stone, 2735 SE Main Portland Oregon 97215 said he sat down and had gone through the Metro Charter. He provided an amendment to the charter. He encouraged Council to look at the statistics and consider the long-term regional effects of supporting outdoor schools. He felt Metro should be involved in this effort. He said this funding would encourage partnerships in the community. He talked about his personal history as a biologist and teacher. The earlier we can start bringing awareness to students the more it is integrated into their lives.

Daniel Towns, Outdoor School Student Leader, 4236 SE Liebe Street Portland OR 97206 said he was a third time student leaders at Outdoor School. He talked about his personal experience as a participant and as a leader. He spoke of the gains in his own life. He was an extreme believe in the powers of outdoor school. He believed people act differently once they have had this experience. They were more caring and thought more in depth about how they take care of the environment. People were encouraged to find out about their world, what it was and how the world worked. He felt by educating the generation of sixth graders and high schoolers we could build a strong foundation.

Joe Parvankin, Parent of Outdoor School Students, 1077 SE Dogwood Lane Gresham, Oregon 97215 said he was a parent. He shared two stories of the Outdoor School and the change of behavior in his children based on Outdoor School. He talked about changing the car motor oil and seeing his father begin dumping oil down the drain. He said he came unglued when he saw his father doing this. He realized he was educating his father on proper disposal of oil. His second story came from his daughter. Someone was throwing something into the garbage that they shouldn't have. His daughter scolded this person for disposing of something in the garbage. She said "they make it so simple, there was a big container that you put stuff in to recycle". He was also a sixth grade teacher.

Rowan Floyd, 1526 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave Portland OR 97214 said was now a sixth time Outdoor School leadership. He talked about his outdoor school experience. He was shy before his experience and was totally blind to what was outside our city. Since then he had waited every year to become a Outdoor School leader. The waiting helped, when he was finally allowed to become a leader, he appreciated it even more. Outdoor school taught them about how nature worked, what our role was in that nature as well as our role in a group. He spoke of the dynamics of Outdoor School. He noted that it was also fun. He talked about the positive impacts on the community.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Mike Hoglund, Solid Waste and Recycling Director, responded to Council President Bragdon's request about what had been spent to date and what was planned to be spent on Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) in the future. He spoke to a hand out that broke down the RSWMP activities over the last four years. He provided costs for our staff as well as contractual costs. He noted what other costs they were trying to obtain including local government costs and Office of Metro Attorney costs. Councilor Harrington asked about the charts. Was the interim waste reduction part of the RSWMP? Mr. Hoglund said it was. She also asked about the public comment period. Mr. Hoglund said they were under no regulation for the time period. But the agency had adopted public involvement plan for review of documents. Councilor Harrington talked about the framework for public involvement. Councilor Park asked about FTEs and how many employees this was part of? Mr. Hoglund said 14 employees. Councilor Park asked about private side expenditures around the RSWMP. Mr. Hoglund said he thought the numbers were low. He talked about prep and travel time and the figure should probably be doubled. Councilor Park said it appeared to be a large effort. Mr. Hoglund talked about what factored into the cost.

He talked about the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and staff resources that were used. Councilor Park asked if these activities would be going on even if we were dealing with RSWMP? Mr. Hogle said yes. He indicated RSWMP would go to Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) in June and was planned for consideration by Council the end of June.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Liberty moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181 with Department Technical Amendments and Department Substantive Amendments (a copy of these amendments are included in the meeting record).
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Vote to Amend: 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.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Burkholder moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181 with Solid Waste 1, Budget Note 1 (a copy of this amendment is included in the meeting record).
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Council President Bragdon explained the amendment having to do with diesel retrofit project. They had asked staff to develop a program plan. Councilor Harrington said she was satisfied with how the budget note worked. Councilor Park added his comments about Metro's role in reducing the amount of routes that were run. This was an indicator of how much the trucks were run during a day.

Vote to Amend: 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.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Collette moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181 with Bragdon 1, Budget Note 2 (a copy of this amendment is included in the meeting record).
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Council President Bragdon explained the budget note on Nature in Neighborhoods was to integrate opportunities to build green. Councilor Harrington asked about removing barriers for green development. She wanted to understand what we would ask staff to do. Council President Bragdon suggested the Chief Operating Officer provide that information in June. Removing barriers was part of a work plan already. He explained the intent of the budget note. Councilor Liberty said in an earlier discussion they had talked about building a project. He hoped they planned an outcome of building some green buildings. Councilor Collette added her comments about being inspired by these designs. She hoped we would use these design and translate this to building one of our light rail stations green.

Vote to Amend: 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.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Burkholder moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181 with Burkholder 1 (a copy of this amendment is included in the meeting record).
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Burkholder said this spring Metro Council passed a resolution on sustainability. This was a funding mechanism to help in the climate change effort. He spoke of the challenges that we face in reducing green house gases. They were looking for leadership and not duplicating others roles. He felt there was a lot more interest but there was a lack of resources. Council President Bragdon added his comments on this issue. Councilor Burkholder closed and urged support.

Vote to Amend:	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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Motion to amend:	Councilor Burkholder moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181 with Burkholder 2 (a copy of this amendment is included in the meeting record).
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion.

Councilor Burkholder talked about environmental challenges that we have in our lives. We must have a well-educated and environmental sensitive citizenry. Our children will suffer and will have to take action if we don't take action. The financial impact was less than a half percent of the solid waste budget. Outdoor School was a proven way to inspire our children and take action. Outdoor School had a potential to reach 20,000 students in our region. In ten years this was a total of 200,000 people that would be reached. Currently, there were 6000 of the 18000 sixth graders who don't get any outdoor school. Outdoor school was one of the most effective efficient ways to reach those kids. This was not unusual for Metro to partner in this way. We use our regional system fee to put dollars out into the community. Every dollar we put in leveraged 3 to 5 times that amount in terms of matching fund such as conservation education. Metro was looking at a conservation education program that reached all students not just sixth graders. He also thanked those who spoke at the public hearing. Council President Bragdon felt Outdoor School was a great opportunity. He said it was sad what had happened with our school districts. The issue was that we would be launching a large program. He was concerned about the planning and scrutiny in committing over \$1.4 million to this program. He felt that the school districts needed to be responsible and accountable. Second, he talked about how he felt we should be approaching solid waste programs. We had not compared this with other waste reduction programs. He would not be supporting this amendment but if it passed he would be helping make the program successful and make it work. Councilor Harrington said she supported this measure. She thanked Councilor Burkholder for bringing forward this idea. As we have programs that focus on reduce, reuse and recycle, we must educate our young. This would help ensure future generations protect our environment.

Councilor Park said at first he was skeptical when this program was being suggested. They had worked through many of the issue. He now found himself in support of the concept. We do spend a lot on our hazardous waste program and other programs that we continue to pay for in attempting to get to our goal of recycling. It was not just recycling but pairing down the tonnage of garbage. This provided an opportunity to change behavior. He talked about the bottle bill and the effect of creating a movement and changing peoples attitudes. He felt this would help the sustainability effort. He also felt equity was important. He talked about multiple outcomes. He was also surprised about how much the teachers got out of the program. He talked about kids' attitudes and felt that the Outdoor School had turned attitudes around. This was about future

generations and changing mindsets. He hoped this was an investment in the future. This was a good way to get started. He hoped this would be successful. He asked about the equity issue. Councilor Burkholder said the discussions they had been having was doing it as a reimbursement activity. He said the idea would be open to the full region. This was to be used as an incentive. Every school district would have that choice to take advantage of the program.

Councilor Liberty talked about his own experience in school and that many students didn't have an opportunity to participate in this type of program. This region was one region. What he was concerned about was the funding sources and its connection to the program. He was also concerned about our organic program. He shared other concerns and why he would be voting no on this amendment. He felt this was the wrong tool for this program.

Councilor Collette said she shared Councilor Liberty and Council President Bragdon's concerns about this amendment. Outdoor School was to be commended. She had the same issue, was it Metro's role to add to the region's tipping fee to fund one program? She would prefer to look at the best way to use the money. She didn't feel that we were there yet so she would not be supporting this amendment.

Councilor Hosticka explained why he would be voting yes. He recognized the value of this program. He thought this may not be the best proposal but he felt you should do what you can when you can. It was a valuable program.

Councilor Burkholder appreciated all of the councilors comments. He appreciated that they saw the value of the program. He talked about management of the program and equity.

Vote to Amend:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Harrington, and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye/3 nay, the motion passed with Councilors Collette, Liberty and Bragdon voting no.
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Motion to amend:	Councilor Park moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181 with Park 1 (a copy of this amendment is included in the meeting record).
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion.

Councilor Park said if this amendment passed it would support the fourth year of the program. He shared statistics about the program thus far. He said there was still an interest in water quality improvements and environment education. Councilor Hosticka said he was happy to support this. This was a great example of a similar discussion about the use of these funds. He said this had engaged many and improved our environment. He talked about taking risks.

Councilor Harrington said she would be supporting this budget amendment. It was her understanding that when the Nature In Neighborhoods grant program was put in place it was done with the support of the solid waste partners. She recognized the solid waste partners in continuing to support this program. Councilor Park said he appreciated Councilor Harrington's comments.

Vote to Amend:

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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Motion to amend:	Councilor Hosticka moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181 with Hosticka 1 (a copy of this amendment is included in the meeting record).
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Hosticka said these funds would support Metro’s effort to look at how we grow in the region differently. He explained further what this amendment would do. Councilor Harrington wanted to know why it wasn’t a technical amendment. Councilor Hosticka said the earlier amendment was for \$75,000, this amendment was for \$100,000. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, said \$75,000 of the funds was included in the carrier over budget. This would add another \$100,000 for next year.

Vote to Amend:	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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Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator, asked about the diesel retrofit program and an additional amendment.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Harrington moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181 with the Diesel Retrofit project adjustment (a copy of this amendment is included in the meeting record).
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion.

Vote to Amend:	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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Ms. Rutkowski explained next steps. Council President Bragdon expressed his appreciation of Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, for how he had prepared the budget. Mr. Jordan thanked a variety of staff for their participation in budget preparation.

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 08-3939**, Approving the FY 2008-09 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC).

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3939.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Council President Bragdon said this resolution would send our budget to TSCC for their review. Councilor Harrington asked why Metro must send this budget to a citizen committee for review. Ms. Rutkowski explained Oregon budget law requirements. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, provided some history as to why a citizen review committee was established. Ms. Rutkowski said TSCC served as Metro’s citizen committee. Councilor Park asked a clarifying question about Gresham. Ms. Rutkowski responded to his question.

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, congratulated the Regional Travel Options (RTO) staff on the front-page article in *The Oregonian* on carpooling. He provided statistics on the carpool match increases. *The Business Journal* nominated Bill Stringer as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the year. The winner will be announced on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cooper said he selected Alison Kean Campbell to be his deputy. Councilor Burkholder asked if Mr. Jordan had set a date to review the annual budget process. No date had been set. Councilor Burkholder asked if there should be a council project on climate change.

## 7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Harrington announced that Metro had a new website, oregonmetro.gov.

Councilor Liberty thanked Ina Zucker and Emma Stocker for their work on the Lents event last Saturday. They did an outstanding job. He talked about the event. Second, he reported that the agency had received a national excellence award for the Transit Oriented Development program from the American Planning Association in Las Vegas, Nevada. He also touched basis with planning individuals in Las Vegas and talked about some of their growth issues.

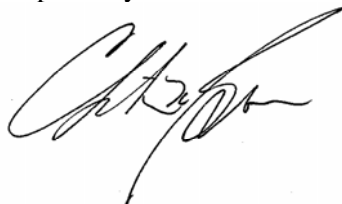
Councilors Burkholder and Harrington had attended the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) meeting. They had discussed land use and transportation in reducing vehicle transportation miles. They were there to request an extension of a year for the State Regional Transportation Plan. LCDC approved the extension.

Council President Bragdon said staff completed the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Milwaukie. Next week Council would meet at the Oregon Zoo for their Council meeting and the following meeting would be held in Forest Grove.

## 8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Prepared by



Chris Billington  
Clerk of the Council



**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
MAY 1, 2008**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
3.1	Minutes	4/24/08	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2008	050108c-01
2.0	Columbia River Crossing materials	5/1/08	To: Metro Council From: Sharon Nasset Re: Columbia River Crossing materials for the record	050108c-02
4.1	Letter	4/28/08	To: Metro Council From: Carole Smith, Superintendent of Portland Public Schools, Dan Ryan Co-Chair and Dilafruz Williams, Board of Education Re: Supporting Outdoor Schools	050108c-03
4.1	Metro Charter	5/1/08	To: Metro Council From: Andy Stone Re: Outdoor Schools and Metro Charter	050108c-04
4.1	Compendium of budget documents	4/24/08	To: Metro Council From: Margo Norton, Deputy CFO Re: Compendium of budget documents	050108c-05
4.1	Summary of Amendments	5/1/08	To: Metro Council From: Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator Re: Summary of Budget Amendments for FY 2008-09 Proposed Budget	050108c-06
4.1	Fiscal impact summary	5/1/08	To: Metro Council From: Kathy Rutkowski Budget Coordinator Re: FY 2008-09 Impact Summary Amendments to Proposed Budget	050108c-07
4.1	Memo	4/30/08	To: Metro Council From: Margo Norton, Deputy CFO Re: Draft Budget Notes	050108c-08
4.1	Memo	4/30/08	To: Metro Council From: Margo Norton, Deputy CFO Re: TSCC Questions for June 5 hearing	050108c-09
4.1	Chart	5/1/08	To: Metro Council From: Mike Hoglund, Solid Waste and Recycling Director Re: Phases of RSWMP Update Project and contract costs associated with RSWMP	050108c-10
4.1	Letter	5/1/08	To: Metro Council From: Terry Kneisler, Superintendent of Reynolds School District Re: Supporting Outdoor Schools	050108c-11