

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Carlotta Collette (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, MAY 8, 2008/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon reviewed the May 8, 2008 Metro Council agenda. Councilors discussed the zoo ballot measure. Councilor Burkholder discussed monetary specifics related to solid waste disposal charges and system fees. He talked about strategies to set fees and current processes. Councilor Burkholder and President Bragdon talked about the need for the budget to match revenue. Michael Jordan, COO, talked about revenue aligning processes in synch with the budget. Councilor Harrington asked about fee review timelines. Councilor Park talked about fees consistent to inciting behavior to reduce waste. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, talked about legalities involved in amending Ordinance No. 08-1186 and subsequent timelines.

Mr. Jordan talked about energy audits at Metro Regional Center. Councilor Liberty asked about different energy efficiency standards. Mr. Jordan said conservation measures would be more effective than focusing on where and who energy was purchased from.

2. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TWO-STEP PROCESS

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, introduced current Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) processes. He talked about amendments and authorizations of revenue sources. He said amendments could occur by way of different decision-making bodies. He presented feedback from the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC). President Bragdon asked about different steps. Mr. Cotugno talked about bike and pedestrian projects, and guaranteed funding of approximately \$7 million. Mr. Cotugno talked about prioritization of projects. He talked about bridge projects, specifically the Sellwood Bridge. He said the MTIP process was not necessarily meant for bridge maintenance. Mr. Cotugno talked about parameters for the application process. He said there was overall general support for the package.

Councilor Liberty was interested in people's feedback. He discussed supplemental allocations to the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program. Councilors talked about program funding through different programs in relation to the MTIP process. President Bragdon talked about MTIP as a demonstration mechanism. Councilors discussed eligibility for MTIP funds. Councilors expressed approval of current funding and administration. Councilors discussed allocation of funds for different projects and the subsequent equitable distribution process.

Mr. Cotugno talked about the second step in the MTIP process. Three primary recommendations from TPAC included:

- 1) Minimum allocation to Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects included \$7.2 million.

- 2) TOD, RTO, TSMO programs not eligible for funding in step 2.
- 3) On-street transit, diesel retrofit, and bridge projects are eligible for funding in step 2.

Ted Leybold, MTIP Manager, went through the memo 'Step 2 technical evaluation process for local project applications' (see meeting packet). He went through different categories of projects. He noted comparisons between very different projects could commence (i.e. a trails project compared to a TOD project). Councilor Liberty talked about aligning the MTIP process to environmental justice issues. Mr. Leybold said he and Mr. Cotugno were presenting TPAC recommendations, so a meeting could be arranged. Councilor Liberty talked about comparing projects based on investment returns and performance measures. Councilor Burkholder asked about Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) performance measures and whether models could be applied to MTIP projects. Mr. Cotugno discussed MTIP 'first-cut' timelines. He further discussed resolution language, timelines, and prioritizations. Councilor Harrington asked about targets. Mr. Leybold said two hundred percent was traditional.

3. WASTE ALLOCATION UPDATE

Mike Hogle and Doug Anderson, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, introduced the discussion on waste allocation. He discussed talking to the community and overall organizing principles for waste allocation. Mr. Hogle introduced Doug Anderson. Mr. Anderson discussed the handout "Waste Allocation Project Update" (see attachment). He talked about complexities involved in waste allocation. He reintroduced the waste allocation process and improved service distribution. He talked about tonnage allocations and capacity utilization (see attachment). Destination-choice issues and the Metro rate model were also discussed. President Bragdon asked about methodology, and noted that Metro was representative of the public and should therefore set rates accordingly. Councilor Park asked about moving capacity around, and wanted to ensure caps were adequately sized for specific geographical areas. He asked about waste-shed allocations.

Councilor Burkholder asked about cost components. He asked about allocation mechanisms, such as auctioning. Mr. Hogle said auctioning was an option listed in the attachment. Mr. Anderson continued to go through the handout he passed out (see attachment). Councilor Liberty asked about vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions as a direct environmental benefit. Councilor Hosticka discussed the scenario that if price reductions and rate reductions were not the same, costs would be assumed by someone other than the ratepayer.

Councilor Hosticka noted language discussing maximizing benefit needed included. Councilor Liberty asked about looking at allocation issues from a "very beginning" perspective. Councilor Hosticka talked about self-regulating methods. Councilor Park asked about information availability to set rates. Mr. Hogle said stakeholders had been included, but there was no Council liaison yet. Councilor Park asked about self-haul. Mr. Hogle provided background information on self-haul.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilors Hosticka and Harrington updated Councilors on meetings they had recently attended and subsequent meeting content and conversations. Councilors discussed current happenings and issues.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Prepared by,

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

Tony Andersen
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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
MAY 6, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	5/6/08	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, May 8, 2008	050608cw-1
3	Report	5/6/08	Waste Allocation Project Update, Agenda; Summary of Issues and Findings, Planning Statement, Next Steps, May 6, 2008	050608cw-2