

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2008
Oregon Zoo, Skyline Room

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none

3. STOP OREGON LITTER AND VANDALISM (SOLV) PRESENTATION

Jack McGowen, SOLV Director, thanked the Council. He was here to provide an update about SOLV. He introduced Tom Koecher and Adam Winston, SOLV Board of Director members. He talked about what they had been able to do with partnerships. This would be the last time he would be addressing the Council as Director of SOLV. He had lead SOLV for the past 18 years. He provided some of his past history. SOLV galvanized people from across Oregon to be true Oregonians. Their oldest government relationship was with Metro. He approached Metro for assistance, and they rose to the occasion. He provided a synopsis of what SOLV had done over the past 20 years. He spoke of illegal dumping in many of the ravines. He talked about the scope of the problem. He shared how many volunteers had participated in SOLV, how many trees had been planted, and that they had sent 13,790,000 pounds of debris through the Metro transfer station. He said Metro believed in the citizens of this region. He noted some of the projects that they had done. He thanked Metro for the Nature in Neighborhood grant awards. He talked about the beach clean ups and that it was now an international effort. For every public dollar, SOLV rolled it over for \$64.80. Tom Koecher talked about the efforts of the Board of Directors. He felt really positive about the new director, Diana Smiley.

He invited all to attend the self-sustaining breakfast next week. Adam Winston said Waste Management of Oregon had been a strong supporter of SOLV since 1998. They supplied the garbage receptacles for the clean up efforts. Waste Management had been a sponsor for Project Oregon. He explained what Project Oregon efforts were all about. He commended Jack McGowen for his leadership. Mr. McGowen said years ago in 1978 he was one of the first Metro employees hired. He was employee #120. His job was at the Washington Park Zoo, where he was the public relations director. He had suggested the first Zoo concert, All that Jazz.

As a citizen of this beloved state, he strongly hoped that the Metro Council would consider the Zoo Bond Measure resolution. It had been a great ride.

Councilor Collette said people know about SOLV because of the clean ups. She thanked Mr. McGowen for his leadership. Mr. McGowen said 62 watersheds had been cleaned up in the Metro area.

Councilor Park talked about the spirit of volunteerism. He asked what got us to that level of volunteerism. Mr. McGowen said people were hungry to be engaged. People were gravitating to do something good for their community and families. The spirit of volunteerism existed throughout the state.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Consideration of minutes of the May 1, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.
- 4.2 **Resolution No. 08-3930**, Amending the FY 2007-2008 Capital Improvement Plan and Approving the Addition of the Streaked Horned Lark Project.
- 4.3 **Resolution No. 08-3932**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Warren Shoemaker to the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

Motion:

Councilor Liberty moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the May 1, 2008 Regular Metro Council and Resolution Nos 08-3930 and 08-3832.

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.

5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

- 5.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1185**, For the Purpose of Annexing Lands on the West Side of SW 229th Avenue South of Tualatin Valley Highway to the Metro Jurisdictional Boundary.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1185 to Council.

- 5.2 **Ordinance No. 08-1186**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Establish Metro’s Solid Waste Disposal Charges and System Fees for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

David White, Tri-County Council, 1739 NW 156th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97006, provided his testimony for the record. Councilor Park talked about our education functions that are provided by Solid Waste funds. He shared some examples. Mr. White said they support those programs and paid for them.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1186 to Council.

Motion to substitute:	Councilor Burkholder moved to substitute Ordinance No. 08-1186 with 08-1186A.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said this was an amended ordinance to support the outdoor school. It was an increase of \$1.00 for the tip fee. Councilor Liberty echoed Council President Bragdon’s comments about voting no and why. Councilor Collette said she was also one of the votes against

the dollar fee increase; it was not how we should be doing business. Councilor Burkholder urged support of the substitute ordinance.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Harrington, Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye/3 nay, the motion passed with Councilor Liberty, Collette and Council President Bragdon voting no.

5.3 **Ordinance No. 08-1187**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.01 Relating to Excise Tax, Regarding Exemptions and Calculations.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1187 to Council.

Motion to substitute:	Councilor Burkholder moved to substitute Ordinance No. 08-1187 with 08-1187A.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, explained that the purpose of the "A" version for Ordinance No. 08-1187 was to create an effective date. Council President Bragdon said this was a housekeeping measure.

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. **RESOLUTIONS**

6.1 **Resolution No. 08-3944**, For the Purpose of Approving Funding for 2008-09 Nature in Neighborhoods Grants.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3944.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Park said this was the third round of funding for the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program, and he talked about the program. \$250,000 was allotted for eleven projects for ten organizations. He explained the value of the program.

Janelle Geddes, Nature in Neighborhood Program, said this afternoon Council would be awarding grant programs. She thanked the Council on the behalf of those who had been awarded monies. Councilor Park talked about a list of projects. Councilors announced projects in or near their districts.

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.

6.2 **Resolution No. 08-3927**, For the Purpose of Approving the Year 19 Metro And Local Government Annual Waste Reduction Plan (Fiscal Year 2008-09).

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3927.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Council President Bragdon introduced the resolution and provided a summary of the staff report. Jennifer Erickson and Meg Lynch, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, provided a Power Point presentation on the program (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). Councilor Liberty had expressed concern about the organics program and wondered how things were shaping up. He wanted to make sure we had enough resources. Ms. Erickson said staff had been working to provide some scenarios. They were working in partnership with Cedar Grove to site a facility in our region.

Councilor Harrington talked about maintaining the existing program. She noted Exhibit A and that this was the only note about the use of roll carts. She said it wasn't reflected in Appendix A-1. Ms. Erickson responded to her concern.

Jeff Murray, Far West Fibers, 9914 SW 29th Place Portland OR 97219 said he supported the Year 19 plan. There were two things important for his company, quantity and quality. He talked about direct successes in quantity. He then spoke to quality issues. Education was very important to the quality. Washington County rolled out the carts in March, and were seeing good increases in recycling.

Bruce Walker, City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development, supported this program. He highlighted how Metro was working together with their jurisdiction to improve waste reduction. He talked about boosting the organics program. He also mentioned increased costs. He noted the residential roll cart program that they had just started last week. They were looking to make positive steps to increase recycling. All efforts required additional staffing and outreach efforts. He was excited about the City of Portland's ambitious 75% recycling goal. He also talked about the diesel retrofit program. Councilor Burkholder said this related to the discussion about raising the system fee to support an educational program. Mr. Walker said the cart program would be an additional \$2.60. Councilor Burkholder said we were providing lots of opportunity for recycling but tonnage continued to rise. He asked about how we can work with citizens to reduce their waste. There were two sides to the coin, recycling and waste reduction. Mr. Walker said Metro had been an effective partner in getting out messages about recycling. He talked about the challenges of waste reduction. Council President Bragdon asked about food waste and how much did the City think we could increase the food waste program? Mr. Walker said they were looking to bring forward collection with both businesses and residents. It was dependent upon a facility being located in this region. Council President Bragdon said if we had the facility, tonnage would go way up.

Theresa Koppang, Washington County Solid Waste Program, 155 N First Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124, highlighted what this plan meant to local government. She noted the number of people who benefited from this plan. She talked about what they planned to do in Year 19. She talked about challenges such as increasing outreach to the Latino population. They had plans to promote a program to use durable bags. She also mentioned the multi-family plan and doing outreach to property managers as well. They would help fund a green building. She said this program leveraged their efforts.

Jennifer Erickson talked about the organics tonnage. Councilor Park asked Mr. Walker about using the agricultural community in terms of organics program as well as Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction through some form of franchise system. He was wondering if Mr. Walker had

any thoughts. Mr. Walker responded to his question. He said it was not a simple issue. They were looking to move to more sustainable requirements.

Ms. Erickson reviewed how they did their measurement. She said their recovery was down. She talked about the regional waste reduction program. Council President Bragdon urged support.

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.

Tony Vecchio, Oregon Zoo Director, said they were honored to have special guest, Dr. Mayberry, the Zoo's first veterinarian. They played a DVD about Dr. Mayberry, who delivered Packy. Mr. Vecchio said when he started in the Zoo business there were very few zoo vets. He presented a plaque to Dr. Mayberry. Dr. Mayberry said it had been a great life; there was something about animals that hits you in the heart. He missed what he did as a vet. Shana Alexander, who wrote about Packy's birth, life was changed. He let nature take care of itself. The most important part of birth was the first few days after birth, which came from the mother and aunties. The Zoo was now 50 years old. The use and abuse by people and animals created a great problem. We were fortunate in having a great executive and a group of people who were devoted to the Zoo. The Zoo needed expansion. He suggested getting the elephant on dirt. This would help their foot problems. He urged not losing any more elephants. Mr. Vecchio concluded his remarks.

6.3 **Resolution No. 08-3945**, For the Purpose of Submitting to the Metro Area Voters a General Obligation Bond indebtedness in the Amount of \$125 million to Fund Oregon Zoo Capital Projects to Protect Animal Health and Safety, Conserve and Recycle Water, and Improve Access to Conservation Education; and Setting Forth The Official Intent of the Metro Council to Reimburse Certain Expenditures out of the Proceeds of Said Bonds Upon Issuance.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3945.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty talked about his memory of when Packy was born. He said in 1962, the Zoo was very different than what it was today. He provided some history of the Zoo doing more with less. They had been supplementing the Zoo to help them get caught up on Zoo maintenance. He acknowledged the Oregon Zoo Foundation. After 50 years there were limits on what further could be done. He noted that former Councilor Newman had asked the Council to consider a bond measure.

Penny Serrurier, Chair Oregon Zoo Foundation (OZF) Board, talked about her personal experience with the Zoo. She helped co-chair the Future Vision Task Force. She introduced the future chair of OZF, Jon Kruse. Mr. Kruse thanked Council as a board member and a citizen on this journey. They had talked at length about the Zoo Bond Measure. It was the right time to have the right package. He touched on why he was involved with the Foundation. His family had a love for the Zoo and it was a place that they had spent a portion of their lives as a family. He introduced his daughters. His daughters talked about why they liked the Zoo.

Tony Vecchio recognized the Zoo staff and the volunteers who worked so hard. Folks were striving to make this a better Zoo for the community and the animals. He shared some of the findings of the Future Vision Task Force. A Power Point presentation was included for the record

as Mr. Vecchio talked about the needs of the Zoo and the project lists. Craig Stroud, Finance Manager for Oregon Zoo, reviewed the fiscal impact of the bond. He also noted accountability requirements. Mr. Vecchio said they had been talking a lot about performance measures. They had looked at attendance and revenues regularly. It took a big investment to keep a 50-acre campus running.

Mitch Finnigan, Oregon Zoo Veterinarian, shared the major deficiencies of the hospital and quarantine barn. Council President Bragdon asked if he would be involved in the design of the facilities. Mr. Finnigan said he was involved in the design.

Dave Thomas, Oregon Zoo Senior Primate Keeper, said he started as a volunteer. He provided his history at the Zoo over the last 35 years. Councilor Collette asked if we were still part of the chimpanzee-signing program. Mr. Thomas said that they were no longer part of the program.

Any Cunning, Oregon Zoo Senior Keeper for Great Northwest Exhibit, advocated for the bond measure. Her specialty was polar bears. The care the bears received here was the best in the country.

Mike Keele, Oregon Zoo Deputy Director, said he just returned from the American Zoological Association's (AZA) Survival Elephant Care conference. He talked about their green efforts and the Zoo spaces available around the United States. He talked about the current elephant facilities and the needs in this area. He encouraged the Council to adopt the resolution. Councilor Liberty asked what increasing space would mean to the elephants. Mr. Keele responded to his question.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 08-3945.

Kregg Hansen, OZF Board Member spoke in support of the resolution. He provided his history with the Zoo. He had served on the board for five years. He thanked Metro for their leadership and the commitment that they had made toward the Zoo. This was a great Zoo. We were nationally known for endangered and protected species, and there were numerous high quality exhibits. They had the largest volunteer force of any zoo in the United States. Over 100,000 kids had participated in the Conservation Education program. Children need the opportunity to participate in nature. He noted the benefits of the bond measure. The Oregon Zoo Foundation Board believed this measure was critical.

Brian Newman, Oregon Zoo Foundation and Future Vision Committee member said he missed the Council. When Metro set out to do the master plan update they knew they were starting with a great asset. This community loved the Zoo. They knew the whole effort was about implementation. He focused on the sustainability efforts existing throughout the measure. Being the greenest zoo was very important, and this bond measure tackled the infrastructure issues. He talked about saving water and separation of storm water from the sewer system. This measure was good for the health and safety of the animals.

Nancy Shaw, 2707 Falk Rd Vancouver, WA 98661 talked about her love for the elephants. The animals deserved better; the welfare of the animals came first. She suggested an expanded habitat for the elephants. She urged stopping the breeding. She urged letting the elephants go.

Berk Moss, retired teacher, talked about the Zoo's role as an education partner in this community. He shared his history as a teacher who brought teachers to the Zoo. He had worked extensively on a program which used the Zoo as a real science laboratory. The Zoo was an important asset for

conservation and science education. He said the major stumbling block was the lack of facilities. He urged training more teachers.

Becky Houck, Biology Professor, said the University of Oregon supervised college students doing behavioral studies of animals at the Zoo. She said the Oregon Zoo was an education facility. She was pleased to support the bond measure for all of its goals but particularly for conservation education.

Many volunteers stood in support of the bond measure.

Jamie Kline, former Zoo Teen, said on behalf of teen volunteers she supported the bond measure.

Phil Prewett, Oregon Zoo Keeper, addressed the Council. He had been a keeper at the Zoo for many years. He thanked the Council for their support. Councilor Burkholder said he felt this group had the accountability to deliver what they had been promised.

Matt Rossell, In Defense of Animals, 5428 NE 30th Portland OR 97211, provided his letter for the record. Councilor Park asked whether the organization opposed the bond measure Mr. Rossell responded to his question. They did not plan to actively discourage people.

Scott Black, Conservation Education, did not testify.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder explained why he supported this resolution. It was a key link in our conservation education. The Zoo was falling apart and facilities in Metro Council's care needed to be upgraded. The other piece was that even if you didn't attend the Zoo, you benefited from conservation education away from the Zoo. He also noted the endangered species efforts at the Zoo. It was important to maintain the experience and functionality of the Zoo.

Councilor Collette said she was very much in favor of the measure. She was honored to take Brian Newman's place on the Council. She talked about her experience in the past at the Zoo. She said the Zoo was such a treasure. She noted that the money for the off site facility was in the bond. They were committed to building the best site for the elephants. The care that they wanted to see for our animals was in the measure.

Councilor Park talked about when Packy was born and his family's experience. He spoke of what he learned at that young age. He said when you were engaged was when you learned the most. He spoke of their accountability as public servants and what they gave to the following generations. He was happy to support the bond measure.

Councilor Harrington said she was elected as a Metro Councilor in 2006. She canvassed door to door. She said many commented on the Zoo and its quality. The Oregon Zoo management, the employees, the Oregon Zoo Foundation and volunteers were to be commended. She and the region thanked them. Why were we making the investment now? The need for support and investment was important, and the animals and keepers had been patient and brave without asking. The Metro Council didn't make these decisions lightly. She felt there was a critical need now. She would be supporting this measure.

Council President Bragdon echoed what everyone had been said. He thanked the staff and the outside experts for the development and honing of the measure.

Councilor Liberty closed by thanking those who had contributed to the measure as well as all of the volunteers at the Zoo. It made sense to recommend a modest investment in the Zoo. He said they were in this together with the animals. It was doing the right thing for the animals and for the planet.

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.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, reminded the Council that a fair number of senior staff would be off-site.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Liberty said he assisted with the Aida Opera last night. He talked about a very large fake eagle that was available to anyone at the Zoo. If they didn't find a taker it would end up in the landfill.

Councilor Burkholder reported on Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), which focused primarily on the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) process. The two-step process was adopted. He and Councilor Collette chaired the Transit Alternatives Analysis Committee. He talked about what they were doing on the committee.

Councilor Collette talked about designing the south side of the City of Milwaukie and having a true master of urban design to do this.

Council President Bragdon reminded Council that the next Council meeting would be in Forest Grove.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Prepared by



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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
MAY 8, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.0	Fact sheet	5/8/08	To: Metro Council From: Jack McGowen, SOLV Director Re: Fact Sheet on SOLV May 8, 2008	050808c-01
4.1	Minutes	5/1/08	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2008	050808c-02
5.2	Testimony	5/8/08	To: Metro Council From: David White, Tri-County Council Re: Ordinance No. 08-1186A May 8, 2008	050808c-03
5.2	"A" version	5/8/08	Ordinance No. 08-1186A, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Establish Metro's Solid Waste Disposal Charges and System Fees for Fiscal Year 2008-09.	050808c-04
5.3	"A" version	5/8/08	Ordinance No. 08-1187A, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.01 Relating to Excise Tax, Regarding Exemptions and Calculations.	050808c-05
6.1	Exhibit B	5/8/08	Resolution No. 08-3944, For the Purpose of Approving Funding for 2008-09 Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Exhibit B.	050808c-06
6.2	Chart	5/8/08	To: Metro Council From: Meg Lynch, Solid Waste and Recycling Department Re: Washington County Annual Tonnage May 8, 2008	050808c-07
6.2	Power Point Presentation	5/8/08	To: Metro Council From: Jennifer Erickson, Solid Waste and Recycling Department Re: Annual Waste Reduction Plan (Year 19) May 8, 2008	050808c-08

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6.3	Exhibit A	5/8/08	Resolution No. 08-3945, For the Purpose of Submitting to the Metro Area Voters a General Obligation Bond indebtedness in the Amount of \$125 million to Fund Oregon Zoo Capital Projects to Protect Animal Health and Safety, Conserve and Recycle Water, and Improve Access to Conservation Education; and Setting Forth The Official Intent of the Metro Council to Reimburse Certain Expenditures out of the Proceeds of Said Bonds Upon Issuance. Exhibit A	050808c-09
6.3	Letter	5/7/08	To: Metro Council From: Sarah Tauber Re: Zoo Bond Measure May 7, 2008	050808c-10
6.3	Testimony	5/8/08	To: Metro Council From: Matt Rossell, In Defense of Animals Re: Zoo Bond Measure May 8, 2008	050808c-11
6.3	Letter	5/8/08	To: Metro Council From: Ariel Zimmerman, Cornell University Entomology Re: Zoo Bond Measure May 8, 2008	050808c-12