

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 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 2:01 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

1.1 Response to Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission questions

1.2 2nd and 3rd Quarterly Reports

Bill Stringer, Metro CFO, introduced key issues in the 2nd and 3rd Quarterly reports. He said the reports discussed current standings of key capital projects. He talked about various revenue increases and subsequent sources of revenue increases. He said excise taxes were at predicted numbers. He discussed the need to not overstate grant revenues. Councilor Burkholder talked about systemic issues involved in over-budgeting grant funds. Councilor Harrington asked about summarizing the methodology for the FY 2008-09 budget. Margo Norton, Deputy CFO, discussed the process for determining realistic assessments. Councilor Liberty asked about appropriated balances.

Ms. Norton asked for feedback on the budget before sending material to the Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission (TSCC). Councilor Liberty asked about infrastructure funding. Councilors went through various language and clarification issues.

Michael Jordan, COO, introduced his memo “Quarterly Management Report: Highlights” (see attachment).

2. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND COUNCIL GOALS

Jeff Tucker, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, introduced his discussion and agenda. He talked about indexes and subsequent measures. He talked about goals and objectives in regards to a sustainability lens. Councilor Harrington asked about current and prior Council goals and objectives. Mr. Tucker identified goals and objectives on the handout he distributed (see attachment “Metro Council Goals”). Councilor Burkholder asked about outliers in goals and objectives. Mr. Tucker talked about performance measures projects, and about communicating value and visions when discussing goals. Councilor Park talked about gauging aspirations when setting benchmarks for goals. He said compromises would have to be made. President Bragdon talked about timelines for goal-setting. Mr. Tucker discussed comparing measures. Councilor Burkholder talked about using broad measurements linked to different specific areas. He talked about ensuring different programs were consistent with Council goals.

3. BREAK

4. MILWAUKIE SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Councilor Liberty introduced the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) agenda item. Councilor Collette stated her excitement about progress on the project.

Bridget Wieghart, Planning Department, and Richard Brandman, Deputy Planning Director, introduced the DEIS discussion. Ms. Wieghart went through a Powerpoint presentation on the DEIS and the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail project (see attachment). Councilor Harrington asked about comparable ridership numbers. Councilors asked how buses and light-rail share the same track. Ms. Wieghart talked about different light-rail alignment options. Councilors asked about square footage and geographic locations. Councilors discussed incentive for development in proposed Milwaukie light-rail areas. Councilor Burkholder asked about the light-rail alignment heading east on McLaughlin Boulevard instead of swinging west toward the Willamette River. Ms. Wiegart said there were definitely environmental concerns with the alignment heading west towards the river. Councilor Burkholder asked about the Council's role in the light-rail project.

Councilor Burkholder talked about the outdated role of "Park and Rides." He asked how to get away from sprawling Park and Ride developments. Councilor Collette agreed with finding alternatives to Park and Ride scenarios. Councilor Park said Park and Rides acted as transition points. Councilor Harrington was interested in relative successes of different Park and Rides. Councilor Liberty noted it would also be interesting to note catchment areas of Park and Ride locations.

Councilor Hosticka asked about cost-per-rider numbers. Councilor Burkholder noted he had concerns with trolley-trail impacts.

5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Burkholder distributed a handout "Senate Bill 566 & Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Report." He discussed its contents. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, further explained specifics. Councilor Harrington and Mr. Cotugno discussed options revisiting the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Councilor Park discussed agricultural revenue numbers. Councilor Collette discussed enhancement grants.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Andersen".

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Budget Quarterly Report	5/20/08	Fiscal Year 2007-08 Quarterly Report Third Quarter, January through March 2008	052008cw-1
2	Measure Table	5/20/08	Proposed <i>Critical Success Factor</i> Measures	052008cw-2
2	Agenda	5/20/08	Agenda: Performance Measurement and Council Goals, May 20, 2008	052008cw-3
1	List	5/20/08	TSCC Commissioners List, May 20, 2008	052008cw-4
2	Memo	5/20/08	To: Metro Council From: Michael Jordan, COO Re: Quarterly Management Report: Highlights Date: May 20, 2008	052008cw-5
4	Powerpoint	5/20/08	Powerpoint Presentation: Portland- Milwaukie Light Rail Project, Metro Council, May 20, 2008	052008cw-6
4	Flier	5/20/08	Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project flier, May 20, 2008	052008cw-7
5	Memo	5/1/08	To: NWACT, JPACT, TPAC From: Rian Windsheimer, ODOT – Region 1, Policy and Development Manager Re: Senate Bill 566 & Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Report Date: May 1, 2008	052008cw-8