

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 14, 2002

Council Chamber

Members Present: Councilor David Bragdon (Chair), Councilor Rod Monroe (Vice Chair) and Councilor Rex Burkholder

Members Absent: Councilor Burkholder arrived at 10:08 a.m.

Chair Bragdon called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m..

**1. Consideration of the Minutes**

<b>Motion:</b> Chair Monroe moved to adopt the minutes of the Governmental Affairs Committee meeting of January 24, 2002.
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<b>Vote:</b> The Committee unanimously approved the minutes without revision.
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**3. Resolution No. 02-3154, For the Purpose of Exempting from Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing Release of RFP# 01-R-55-ZOO for Soft Drink and Bottled Beverages at the Oregon Zoo**

Kathy Kiaunis, Deputy Director of the Oregon Zoo, began by recognizing the work of the Zoo's catering staff. She said the Oregon Zoo led the nation among comparable facilities in food and catering revenues for the year 2000.

Regarding the resolution, Ms. Kiaunis requested permission to negotiate with the winning soda contract vendor for a contribution to the Zoo, which would total around \$200,000 over a five-year period. She pointed out that this is a typical practice within the industry and is important to the Zoo because of increasing costs and a tight budget.

Chair Bragdon and Councilor Burkholder expressed their concerns that conditions attached to the gift could affect the overall experience of visitors to the Zoo. They wanted to ensure that visitors would not feel that they had come to a highly commercialized environment where they were aggressively being sold soft drinks.

Ms. Kiaunis responded that they were very sensitive to that concern and she believed they could negotiate favorable terms for the Zoo. She said that the RFP spelled out expectations of what the vendor would receive as part of the contract, such as a vendor day during which a vendor group would receive free admission and some level of name recognition at certain food outlets.

Teri Dresler, Guest Services Manager, added that traditionally soda vendors had been allowed to have their logos visible on self-serve dispensing machines and on souvenir cups, and she believed that they would continue with about the same level of visibility.

<b>Motion:</b> Councilor Monroe moved Resolution No. 02-3154 for approval.
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<b>Vote:</b> The committee unanimously approved Resolution No. 02-3154 without revision. Councilor Monroe will carry the resolution to the full Council.
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**2. Resolution No. 02-3146A, For the Purpose of Encouraging the Procurement of Wood Products from Sustainable Sources and Promoting the Sustainable Forest Product Industry**

Councilor Burkholder reviewed the changes that were made to the original resolution, which encouraged the establishment of programs outside Metro designed to strengthen sustainable forestry; encouraged the coordination of Metro's efforts and procurement policies with other local governments in the region; and eliminated the purchase of products manufactured from uncertified old growth or uncertified tropical hardwoods. He noted that one additional change suggested by Jeff Wartelle of the Certified Forest Products Council should be made to replace the language "sustainably" or "sustainably managed" with the phrase "certified well managed." The committee agreed that this wording should be incorporated into an amended version of Resolution No. 02-3146A.

Chair Bragdon said that his earlier concern that this legislation might disadvantage Oregon businesses by imposing standards on them that were not imposed on their foreign competitors had been allayed and in fact this legislation might prove to be advantageous to Oregon businesses. He mentioned that his other concerns regarding coordinating with local governments to prevent duplication of effort and estimating the fiscal impact have been addressed by the revisions to the legislation.

Joe Keating of the Sierra Club and Oregon Wildlife Federation said he fully supported the revised resolution.

Jeff Lockwood of Rainforest Relief said he supported the change from "sustainably managed" to "certified well managed." He also suggested adding language to the resolution to encourage the use of non-wood alternatives such as recycled plastic lumber for some applications.

Steve Apotheker, Metro Solid Waste Planner, responded that one of the goals of the Certified Forest Products Council was to look at the issue of non-wood alternatives, and that the EPA recently announced a phase-out over the next two years of all treated wood for residential use because of concerns about arsenic leaching into the environment. He believes that these measures will provide additional pressure to support plastic lumber substituting for wood uses, and the committee agreed that the issue of non-wood alternatives would be addressed through these channels.

Jeff Wartelle, Certified Forest Products Council, complimented the committee on its landmark legislation. He said they have been working on similar legislation across the country, and this is the most concise and progressive piece of legislation they have seen. He believes that the "certified well managed" language will create a reference standard that will make the legislation much easier to administer.

**Motion:** Councilor Monroe moved Resolution No. 02-3146A, as amended, for approval.

**Vote:** The committee unanimously approved Resolution No. 02-3146A, as amended. Councilor Burkholder will carry the resolution to the full Council.

**4. Resolution No. 02-3155, For the Purpose of Appointing Donald Olson and Elizabeth Tucker and Reappointing Scott Seibert to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI)**

Cary Stacey, Council Outreach Assistant, explained the process of screening applicants to the MCCI Committee and said that all three nominees were well qualified to serve on the committee. She requested that the resolution be recommended for Council adoption.

Councilor Monroe expressed his pleasure that Donald Olson, whom he has know for several years, had applied for the position and said he believed that Mr. Olson would be a real asset to the committee.

**Motion:** Councilor Burkholder moved Resolution No. 02-3155 for approval.

**Vote:** The committee unanimously approved Resolution No. 02-3155 without revision. Councilor Monroe will carry the resolution to the full Council.

**5. Resolution No. 02-3158, For the Purpose of Exempting from Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing Release of RFP 02-1004-ZOO (Exhibit B of Resolution) for PBX Replacement at the Oregon Zoo**

Kathy Kiaunis, Deputy Director of the Oregon Zoo, explained the need for a new phone system at the Zoo. She said their current system, which was originally Metro Regional Center's phone system, was no longer sufficient for the Zoo's needs. Ms. Kiaunis indicated that, due to changes in telephone system technology, they not only needed to seek the lowest bidder but also to thoroughly examine and evaluate the available options to determine the best system for their needs, whether it be a used system, a new system, or changes to the one they have.

**Motion:** Councilor Monroe moved Resolution No. 02-3158 for approval.

**Vote:** The committee unanimously approved Resolution No. 02-3158 without revision. Councilor Monroe will carry the resolution to full Council.

**Motion:** Councilor Monroe moved approval of an amendment to incorporate the Capital Project Request, a copy of which is attached to this meeting record, so it can be included in the CIP.

**Vote:** The committee unanimously approved the amendment to Resolution No. 02-3158. Councilor Monroe will carry Resolution No. 02-3158A to the full Council.

**6. Committee Work Plan**

Chair Bragdon asked committee members if they had additional changes to the revised committee work plan. There being none, he said he would submit the work plan to the Council for its approval.

**7. Councilor Communications**

Chair Bragdon noted that since there are no action items identified for the February 28 meeting, that meeting will be canceled. Committee members concurred.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Wilton  
Council Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2002

<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>RES/ORD</b>
021402.1	2/14/02	Capital Project Request – Project Detail	

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