

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Swaren, 1543 SE Umatilla Portland said he spoke at Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and made some comparisons to other states that have freeway crossings across bodies of water. Portland was behind the curve. He was not in favor of auto commuting. He was in favor of bus transit and commuter transit. He felt there was a need for another route. He was concerned about the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Task Force proposals. They should examine the western arterial route.

Sharon Nasset, 1113 N Baldwin Portland OR 97217 noted materials she has shared with the Council. She thanked the Council for recommending an oversight committee for the CRC. There were jurisdictions that supported this recommendation. She kept coming back to Metro Council every week because it stated in the federal registry that Metro would prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). She spoke of the need for a better public process. She spoke of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and provided information on the West Arterial. She noted how you met the NEPA requirements, which was required for funding. Metro was responsible for meeting these requirements. She ending by saying that a thorough study had not been done before Metro could proceed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the June 5, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the June 5, 2008 Regular Metro Council and amended the minutes by striking the last paragraph from page 2 of the minutes and on page 13 XXXX seconder.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, Liberty, Park, Collette, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

- 4.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1188**, Amending the FY 2007-08 Budget and Appropriations Schedule For the Oregon Zoo By Transferring Appropriations From Contingency and Recognizing a Donation From Ikea and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1188 to Council.

- 4.2 **Ordinance No. 08-1189**, Amending the FY 2007-08 Budget and Appropriations, Transferring Appropriations in the MERC Fund For Oregon Convention Center Operations and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1189 to Council.

- 4.3 **Ordinance No. 08-1190**, For the Purpose of Amending and Re-adopting Metro Code 7.03 (Investment Policy) for Fiscal-Year 2008-2009 and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1190 to Council.

5. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

- 5.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1181A**, Adopting the Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2008-09 Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Hosticka moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181A with the proposed technical amendments to the FY 2008-09 Approved Budget
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Margo Norton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, said there were no changes except the planning amendment that was recommended changed on Tuesday had occurred and so that budget was reduced.

Vote to amend: Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Liberty moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181A with General 8, which created the Deputy Chief Operating Officer (COO) position in the Council/COO office transferring resources from IT and Contingency.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Vote to amend: Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Liberty moved to amend Ordinance No. 08-1181A with General 9, Integrating Habitats
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Liberty explained the changes in the Integrating Habitats amendment. Council President Bragdon supported the amendment and the changes to that amendment.

Vote to amend:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 08-3950**, For the Purpose of Designating Council Projects and Confirming Lead Councilor and Council Liaison For Employment and Economic Trends Work.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3950.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Park said they had several discussions about this project at work sessions. This project was part of the Greatest Place initiative. Having jobs was a component of creating the Greatest Place. This was an attempt to work on policy questions that had risen about employment and economic trends. He provided further details on some of the specifics of the project. He also noted outcomes they were trying to achieve. The budgeting was \$75,000. They might have to find some additional funding once they knew the scope of the project. There was a fairly short timeline.

Councilor Hosticka said he was also interested in our attempt to segregate what was knowable and unknowable in the future. There was another element, which was a different way of dealing with the employment land by using reserves.

Councilor Liberty suggested adding different components to the project. He said population forecasting had been accurate in the past but the land consumption had not been. He also talked about planning for uncertainty. The level of uncertainty around employment needed to be addressed. Finally, the information given to Council on infrastructure had a component about how employment was changing. He felt this was important to integrate into the project.

Councilor Burkholder posed a question. Availability of land had been the big consideration, now the cost of transportation was of greater consideration. We should be looking at this differently.

Council President Bragdon echoed Councilors Liberty and Hosticka comments. He spoke of the past and the consideration of this issue. This proposal recognized the importance of employment in the economy. He talked about job clusters that would grow and others that would diminish. The factors that were making job clusters grow were many that this agency worked on. He thanked Councilor Park for his leadership.

Councilor Park acknowledged all of the good thoughts that he had heard from fellow councilors at work sessions. He noted Councilor Hosticka's comments about the knowns and unknowns. He also thought this was important to our local partners. This would provide an opportunity across the region to have the debate. He also acknowledged staff's efforts in developing this project and urged support.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council
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President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, mentioned the financial audit, the external auditors had recommended a tracking system for fixed asset so we could be compliant with the fiscal audit. He also planned to arrange a presentation on efforts around sponsorship for different events that go on around the region. Staff had been working on this issue and he would be arranging for the presentation to Council. He would be gone next week so would be missing next week's work session.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Collette reported on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting. The group approved the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) and the companion regulatory ordinance. Council President Bragdon and Judie Hammerstad had provided a presentation on the Big Look. They also discussed the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) performance work. There was a report on the forecast.

Council President Bragdon said on June 14th there would be a celebration of Zooliner train's 50th year of service at the Oregon Zoo.

June 26th Metro was hosting an event at the Governor Hotel on Regional Transportation Finance Experts panel.

Council would not meet on June 19th.

Councilor Burkholder summarized action at JPACT on the RTP performance measures. Councilor Collette said two of the more interesting question were 1) information on if Vehicle Miles Traveled could be provided by our transportation models and 2) are there ways that we can measure impacts on existing characters of the communities and how transportation projects will effect them.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Prepared by



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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
JUNE 12, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.0	Minutes	6/5/08	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2008	061208c-01
5.1	Amendment Packet	6/5/08	To: Metro Council From: Margo Norton, Deputy CFO Re: Technical and Substantive Amendments to the FY 08-09 Budget	061208c-02
2.0	Packet of Information	6/12/08	To: Metro Council From: Sharon Nasset Re: Columbia River Crossing information packet	061208c-03