

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Sharon Nasset, 1113 N Baldwin St. Portland OR 97217 said she was talking once again about the Columbia River Crossing. Since the Crossing has gone forward, she wanted to make several points. Metro was the only elected officials in Oregon overseeing this project. The only Oregon entities in this situation were TriMet, Metro and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). She said Metro had heard from her about National Environmental Protection Act. She noted some who had said there were more questions than answers. She talked about the salmon issue and the impact of the Crossing on fish. She said this agency should stop and request an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Metro itself will be the agency that would be going against Environmental Protection Agency. She did not know of one reputable group who had stood up for this project. She urged Council to reconsider their decision and asked for an EIS.

3 INTEGRATING HABITATS PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Councilor Collette introduced the Integrating Habitats People's Choice Award winner in Category 2- Commercial development and lowland hardwood forest habitat is: "Urban Ecotones" From: GreenWorks PC, Bruce Rodgers Design Illustration, Ankrom Moisan Associated Architects, ESA Adolfson, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Portland, Ore. Congratulations to team members: Jason King, Brett Milligan, Bruce Rodgers, Scott Thayer, Michael Great, Justin Hunt, John Gordon, Christie Galen, Coral Mirth Walker and Kim Gould.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the August 7, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the August 7, 2008 Regular Metro Council.

Vote:

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

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 **Resolution No. 08-3971**, For the Purpose of Designating a Council Project and Lead Councilor for the Climate Change Action Plan.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3971.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder introduced the resolution. This project involved the entire Council with Councilor Burkholder being the lead councilor on the project. Councilor Burkholder provided a power point presentation on the Action Plan (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). He noted Vehicle Miles Traveled was one of the major causers of green house gas emissions. He shared that compact communities were greener. He noted the two strategies, which would impact climate improvement. He spoke of the partnerships involved in this effort including cities and counties, private and civic sector. He provided the elements of the Regional Climate Action. He felt this was the challenge of our generation. He urged approval of the project proposal.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, was not present. Margo Norton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer said they had just received the draft report of their actuarial on self-insurance. She was pleased to report that Metro was doing very well. The actuarial report showed claims had dropped.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Liberty wanted to see if Council wanted a briefing on the Sellwood Bridge project. He spoke to cost ranges for the project and issues about the streetcar. Councilors agreed that they would like a briefing.

Councilor Collette reported on the High Capacity Transit workshops. She said the workshops were very interactive. She noted that they made an effort to talk about the fact that they were trying to make great places. She reminded the audience that they could go online and add their comments.

Councilor Liberty wanted to know if the Council would have the opportunity to do this exercise as well. He also suggested providing scenarios to those who had attended the workshops. Councilor Harrington felt the workshops were well done and that they included providing information about land use and transportation planning. She highlighted that there was good context information provided which helped engaged the citizens. She suggested using the words “interactive” workshops. Councilor Collette said another thing that helped was media attention. It encouraged people to engage.

Councilor Harrington said she had her quarterly exchange with the City of Hillsboro. They were appreciative of Metro’s collaborative work going on with the communities. She had also met with Westside Economic Alliance. Every one seemed to be echoing their appreciation of Metro Council’s efforts to be collaborative.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Prepared by

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

Chris Billington
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
AUGUST 21, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
5.1	Exhibit A	8/21/08	Resolution No. 08-3971 , For the Purpose of Designating a Council Project and Lead Councilor for the Climate Change Action Plan Exhibit A (revised)	082108c-01
5.1	Power Point Presentation	8/21/08	To: Metro Council From: Councilor Burkholder Re: Regional Climate Action	082108c-02