

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE OFFICER INFORMAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 2002
Council Annex

Councilors Present: Carl Hosticka (Presiding Officer), Rex Burkholder, Bill Atherton, Rod Park, David Bragdon, Rod Monroe

Councilors Absent: Susan McLain (excused)

Others Present: Mike Burton

Presiding Officer Hosticka convened the Council/Executive Officer Informal Meeting at 2:08 p.m.

1. UPCOMING LEGISLATION

Presiding Officer Hosticka said the Oregon Legislature voted 15 to 15 against the budget package. He noted the transition ordinances and resolution that would be considered at Council this week. Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, said the Financial Statement Audit Management Recommendations from KPMG were in the councilors' boxes. She planned a presentation in August on the recommendations. Presiding Officer Hosticka noted the maps that were provided to the elected officials concerning the May 2002 Primary Council President's race and the 26-29 and 26-11 ballot measures. He said that Metro's Ballot Measure 26-29 won everywhere. He announced that tomorrow the Budget and Finance Committee would be meeting in Rm 370A/B and the Natural Resources Committee would be in the chamber. He said they were expecting a large crowd for the wildlife public hearing on Resolution No. 02-3177.

2. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

David Biedermann, Information Technology Director, said Councilor McLain had requested a presentation on Information Technology (IT) and what IT was all about. He had provided a presentation to the Regional Facilities last year. He gave a power point presentation on Information Technology (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). He gave an overview of the goals of the department. He then talked about strategies for department. He spoke of the IT infrastructure including PeopleSoft, the email system, and intranet. He talked about the importance of the internet. He noted that in 2002, Portland had the third largest percentage of user of the internet in the nation. He said the number of people accessing our web site daily was over 2000. Councilor Hosticka asked who was checking our web site. Mr. Biedermann responded that the highest percentage was job inquiries. He provided a snapshot of what our new web program would look like. He offered a tour of the computer room. He noted the notoriety of the TRANSIM program. Councilor Burkholder asked about implementation and training. What was the extent of training? Mr. Biedermann said Jeff Booth and Robin Brooks have spent time looking at how to implement training in the agency as a follow-up to the work and recommendations that the IT Steering Committee had done on training. They want to extend training beyond the computer. Presiding Officer Hosticka asked how staff would learn about what we are missing? Mr. Biedermann responded that teaching people how to reach for information was part of their goals. Their hope was to provide the knowledge of how to go about pursuing information.

Mike Burton talked about web casting through Portland State University. He noted the cooperation that has occurred under the leadership of the IT Director, Mr. Biedermann.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Park talked about the open houses on the urban growth boundary process. He said there was a workshop in Oregon City and Sherwood tonight. Councilor Atherton asked how we dealt with communities that didn't want to come into the boundary. He talked about the 20-year land supply law. He felt they should be having a conversation with the State of Oregon about reforms. He felt what we were doing right now was not working. He reiterated that there were many who did not want to be part of the Urban Growth Boundary. He felt they needed to be able to respond to those individuals. He suggested framing a proposal to DLCD to change the rules and add tools. He noted the changes in our Charter. Presiding Officer Hosticka said they would be considering legislative issues at next month's Informal. He said if they wanted changes in the law, they needed to get started on putting a package together.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Hosticka adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2002

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION.	DOCUMENT NUMBER
II	IT PRESENTATION	6/25/02	POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT PRESENTED TO METRO COUNCIL BY DAVID BIEDERMANN	062502CE-01