

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused), Robert Liberty (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:01 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2008/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon reviewed the October 9, 2008 Metro Council agenda. The meeting was canceled.

Scott Robinson, Deputy COO, introduced a budget amendment encompassing the Sustainable Metro Initiative. He described the handout he distributed and broke down specifics of the budget amendment (see attachment). He asked for Council feedback. Councilor Collette said she assumed Human Resources already performed many of the trainings involved in the budget amendment. Mr. Robinson said trainings were similar, but skill development was not included in traditional trainings. Councilor Collette asked if it was a fixed-term project. Councilor Harrington asked about concrete objectives and goals. She asked about materials available for new managers and new senior staff. She asked about the performance management project, and stated she was fully supportive of the Sustainable Metro Initiative. She said there was disconnect between trainings and what trainees needed, and she wanted to ensure that there was not a drain on staff time. Councilor Park asked about additional pieces involved in spending so much money. Michael Jordan, COO, said consulting was a large expense, as well as hiring a full-time staff person. Mr. Robinson described budget items that would be ongoing and also one-time. Councilor Park asked about the Regional Leadership Initiative and connections to the Sustainable Metro Initiative.

President Bragdon discussed skill development involved in the Regional Leadership Initiative. He talked about the success of staff ownership in the agency. Councilor Park talked about future budget implications. Councilor Harrington said she would like a reminder about the different parts and phases of the Sustainable Metro Initiative.

2. VARIANCE PROCESS AND VARIANCE REQUESTS AT LAKESIDE AND HISLLBORO LANDFILLS

Scott Robinson, Deputy COO, and Roy Brower, Regulatory Affairs Manager, introduced the work session agenda item. He talked about agreements involved and subsequent timelines. He went through purposes and intent (see meeting packet). He described specifics of variance requests (see meeting packet) including timelines. He talked about monthly construction reports. Councilor Hosticka asked if the purpose and intent was specifically stated anywhere. Michelle Bellia, Office of the Metro Attorney, described recovery, purposes, and intent. She described specifics of performance standards. Councilor Park discussed economic incentives and advantages. He talked about unprocessed waste kept onsite and was curious about inspection

mechanisms, as well as checks-and-balances. Mr. Brower discussed usage of the Designated Facility Agreement. Councilor Harrington was interested in the cause-and-effect of Solid Waste issues, and mentioned work completed in the past. She was interested in potential affects this decision could have on other players in the process. Mr. Robinson discussed flow, direction, and distance from a capacity perspective to address "waste ecosystem" components. He discussed Enhanced Dry Waste Recovery Program (EDWRP) standards and designated facility agreements.

Councilor Park asked about non-system licenses, and taking waste to alternative facilities. Councilor Harrington asked about distribution of waste according to non-system license agreements. She asked about residual material recovery. President Bragdon asked about evaluating requests for variances, and whether there was anything in Metro code that addressed the issue. Councilor Hosticka asked about specifically outlining purpose and intent, so different parameters could be specifically understood by applicants. Councilor Harrington said she understood Lakeside Landfill was seeking variance in order to accept unprocessed waste. Mr. Robinson said that was correct. Councilor Park asked about set pricing by county.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Park talked about a seminar he attended discussing urban amenities. Councilor Harrington asked about increasing urban living infrastructure throughout the entire region, and whether the seminar touched on the topic. Councilor Hosticka talked about a design seminar held in Tigard. Councilor Harrington talked about her visit with the House Committee on Agriculture in Salem.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Andersen', with a stylized, cursive script.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
OCTOBER 7, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Budget Amendment	10/7/08	Sustainable Metro Initiative, Budget Amendment and Proposed Scope of Work, October 7, 2008	100708cw-1