

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Swaren, 1543 SE Umatilla Street, Portland, Oregon discussed earthquake patterns and seismic events in relation to the Columbia River Crossing concept. He talked about designs for bridges that reduce impacts of earthquake scenarios. He discussed the functionality of different designs.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the October 23, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

3.2 **Resolution No. 08-3999**, Amending the Natural Areas Acquisition Refinement Plan For the Forest Park Connections Target Area and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Lease Property to the Audubon Society of Portland, Oregon.

Meryl Redisch, Executive Director of the Audubon Society of Portland, discussed Resolution No. 08-3999. She thanked the Council for protecting nearly 100 acres of habitat and forest restoration activity and connectivity. She looked forward to working with Metro and staff into the future.

Motion:

Councilor Collette moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the October 23, 2008 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 08-3999.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Liberty, Park, Collette, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

4. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1202**, Amending the FY 2008-09 Budget and Appropriations Schedule By Transferring Appropriations From Contingency For the Sustainable Metro Initiative, Adding 1.0FTE Project Manager, Amending the FY 2008-09 Through FY 2012-13 Capital Budget and Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance No. 08-1202 was removed from the November 6, 2008 Metro Council meeting agenda. It was postponed until November 20th, 2008.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution No. 08-4002, For the Purpose of Amending the Capital Budget For Fiscal Years 2008-09 through 2012-13 Increasing Several Currently Approved Capital Projects.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-4002.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Park discussed specifics of the resolution and various projects included, adding that Metro code requires reauthorization for projects when costs increase by ten percent or more. He talked about raised project costs. He said the zoo had raised additional required funds. He said another project was Cooper Mountain Nature Park. He discussed funding specifics and components of the project. He said an additional item was the Stafford Field Office and discussed subsequent funding specifics. He talked about other projects including a boat ramp.

Councilor Burkholder asked about project requests for the Predators of the Serengeti. He said authorization for spending was given, but was wondering what the use of cost increases would be. Craig Stroud, Zoo Finance Manager, discussed reallocation to other zoo improvements with the donor's wishes in mind. Councilor Burkholder talked about using certified sustainable lumber for construction projects. Councilor Harrington asked about Predators of the Serengeti and the operation thereof, and was looking to confirm fund allocations. Mr. Stroud discussed allocation specifics.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, t motion passed.

5.2 Resolution No. 08-3976, Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Non-System License to Waste Management of Oregon, Inc. For Delivery of Putrescible Solid Waste From the Troutdale Transfer Station to the Columbia Ridge Landfill and Riverbend Landfill.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3976.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Park discussed specifics of the non-system license involved in Resolution No. 08-3976. He discussed Metro's disposal contract and tonnage deliveries. He talked about deliveries to Riverbend Landfill in McMinnville, Oregon and said deliveries were rare on occasion. He said there no major compliance terms. Councilor Hosticka said they were issuing a license to haul material and at a separate time would discuss contracts and the designated facility agreement. He said issues with Riverbend were not necessarily addressed in Resolution No. 08-3976. Councilor Liberty asked about proximity of Riverbend Landfill to the Metro boundary. Councilor Harrington asked about revisions to Exhibit A.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, t motion passed.

5.3 Resolution No. 08-3983, Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Non-System License to Epson Portland, Inc. for Delivery of Industrial Solid Waste and Putrescible Solid Waste to the Covanta Waste-To-Energy Facility.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3983.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Harrington explained license specifics of Resolution No. 08-3983. She discussed waste going to energy recovery, rather than to a landfill for disposal. Councilor Liberty asked the reason for action regarding a mild amount of tonnage. Roy Brower, Metro Regulatory Affairs Manager, said the objective was to minimize amount of waste, and that Covanta had applied for the license. He said waste had actually decreased in volume every two years. Councilor Collette commended Epsom for maintaining such a policy in the region. She was interested in touring the Epsom waste-energy facility.

Vote:	Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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5.4 **Resolution No. 08-3984**, Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Non-System License Jointly to Willamette Resources, Inc. and Allied Waste of Clackamas and Washington Counties for Delivery of Putrescible Solid Waste to the Covanta Waste-To-Energy Facility.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3984.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Hosticka opened Resolution No. 08-3984. He discussed similarities to Resolution No. 08-3983, stating geographic location of the facility in Wilsonville was the primary difference of the license application. He talked about the process involved in passing system renewals. He said it applied to wet waste and confidential documents.

Vote:	Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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5.5 **Resolution No. 08-4001**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Study of Lands to Complete a Suitability Analysis in Anticipation of Designating Urban Reserves and Rural Reserves.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-4001.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Harrington opened discussion on Resolution No. 08-4001. She said this was following up on the Council's commitment in collaborating with regional partners. Tim O'Brien, Metro Planning, discussed the Urban and Rural Reserves study area map. He discussed the five-mile boundary and what had happened during reserves open houses. He said the study area consisted of over 400,000 acres. He said adoption of the resolution correlated with reserve milestones according to the urban and rural reserve timeline. He talked about other milestones for public input through 2009.

Councilor Burkholder was concerned with costs of study areas, and asked about processes involved in gross level analysis, and how different levels of analysis were executed. Mr. O'Brien talked about the filter analysis process. He said looking at both the urban and rural studies borrow from other studies including forestry and Great Community studies. He said providing infrastructure in an efficient manner

was also an important level of analysis. He discussed ease of providing various services. Councilor Harrington added there was Council review of staff recommendations and there was currently a second-step proposal which would be brought before the Council in order to provide feedback and advisement. Councilor Burkholder was worried about running out of money or running out of time because of the large geographic area. He said the Council would be there for support. Councilor Park said rural reserves might not be universally on the outer edges of the region. He said a large portion of land might be listed in neither category. Councilor Liberty expressed concerns the area was too large. He said rather than having three categories, as he preferred, there were only two. He said it was also important to include geographic partners as well. He said it was important to keep attention there.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, 0 nay, 0 motion passed.
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6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, talked about topics discussed at the Senior Management Retreat including training on change management. He said there was some degree of anxiety throughout the agency because of the agency-wide reorganization. He said Senior Managers “graded” themselves and also evaluated the team. He said he felt team benchmarking was a productive exercise.

He talked about his visit to the Community Development Forum. He discussed looking forward to the next legislative session and talked about issues, including water storage and long-term water supply plans. He also talked about tax-credit programs with the state. He said the group anticipated continuing to meet. Councilor Liberty asked how deep a recession was forecasted. Mr. Jordan said the billion dollar range could be a reality, and were based on a service-level budget. He said cuts might be made before June 31st. Councilor Harrington asked if there was discussion about who would pull together information on water resource plans. Mr. Jordan said feasibility studies were conducted, but groundwater studies were more difficult to do. Councilor Harrington talked about regional jurisdictions extracting groundwater and other water resource strategies.

President Bragdon congratulated Mr. Jordan on the passage of the zoo ballot measure. Mr. Jordan said the bond market discussion would occur mid-November.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder talked about events he attended, including transportation delivery events. He distributed handouts (see attachments). He talked about the Government Working Group’s recommendation. Councilor Park discussed Rail-volution. He discussed strategies that were discussed at the conference, including scales of retrofitting transit and public transportation. He talked about the importance of making neighborhoods as lively as possible. He talked about leaving the region to gain perspective every now and then. Councilor Burkholder said Rail-volution would be held in Portland during 2010. President Bragdon said the Lone Fir event set records for attendance. He said it was very well organized and successful. He talked about the Columbia River Crossing Sponsors Council and subsequent meetings. President Bragdon said he would continue to be present on the Council. Councilor Collette congratulated newly elected local leaders in the region and invited them to the joint Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting at the Convention Center. She said it was important to look at from a transportation perspective.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Prepared by

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

Tony Andersen
Deputy Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 6, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	11/6/08	Revised Council agenda, November 6, 2008	110608c-1
5.2	Exhibit	11/6/08	Revised Exhibit A to Resolution No. 08-3976, Metro Solid Waste Facility Non-System License, November 6, 2008	110608c-2
5.5	Map	11/6/08	Urban and Rural Reserve Study Areas, Attachment A, November 6, 2008	110608c-3
2	Map	11/6/08	Historical seismicity patterns, November 6, 2008	110608c-4
7	Flier	10/24/08	Build for America, November 6, 2008	110608c-5