

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 5, 2002
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Bill Atherton (excused)

Presiding Officer Hosticka convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:06 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. METRO'S NEW WEBSITE

Mike Burton, Executive Officer, gave an overview of the history of Metro's website. He said our site had been recognized as one of the best government websites in the region. He acknowledged those who had been involved in creating the new website. We received about 2000 visits on the site per day. The new website would be launched this weekend. He highlighted the benefits and the new features including e-commerce.

Sue Gemmel, Creative Services, gave a power point presentation on how the new site worked (a copy of her presentation is included in the meeting record). She spoke to the new home page, the design of the website, the dynamics of the database, how revision and development of web pages occurred, linkage to related pages and other websites, how to navigate within the site, and the online store.

Councilor Burkholder asked about park permits. Ms. Gemmel said this was not yet available. They were adding a few online items at a time to see how it worked. Mr. Burton added that they had had internal discussions about online items. They were still working out some of the processes. He thanked all of the staff who participated in the redevelopment of the website.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Burton talked about the letter he and the Presiding Officer would be putting out on the transition. It would give staff an opportunity to asked questions. He spoke to where Metro was in the process.

He talked about the local government officials tours on September 20th and 27th concerning the Urban Growth Boundary potential expansion. He noted that one of the tours had been moved from September 13th to allow individuals to go to a meeting in Klamath Falls to talk about economic strategies for the region and the State.

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Art Lewellan, 3205 SE 8th, Portland, OR 97202, said he had spent time this summer on a stream bank on the Willamette River. He noted materials he had found combing the bank including batteries, electronic gear, non-recyclable materials, and grease globs from ships. He suggested

that the only way that we were going to influence people to recycle their batteries was to have a tax and refund on batteries. He talked about the conditions of the banks on the eastside of the Willamette River. The riverbed was eroding and the condition of the foliage and vegetation by the Springwater Corridor was worsening. He noted a proposal by Jim Howell for access to the trail.

Presiding Officer Hosticka suggested that Mr. Lewellan’s idea for recycling batteries be proposed to the State legislature. Mr. Lewellan thought this was a good idea and thanked the Council for their time. Councilor McLain talked about dredge spoils and how they would be dealing with that in our solid waste system.

5. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Officer Hosticka said Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) met last week. They discussed the Urban Growth Report. There were concerns expressed about the numbers, particularly buildable land and land for schools. Councilor Park said they had that discussion in the subcommittee. Councilor McLain added that the capture rate, infill and redevelopment numbers were also discussed. Presiding Officer Hosticka said there were no formal votes taken but a head nod was given that we undertake Task 3 under Periodic Review to complete work on the sub-regional issue.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration of minutes of the August 8, 2002 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion	Councilor Bragdon moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the August 8, 2002, Regular Council meeting
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Vote:	Councilors Bragdon, Monroe, Park, Burkholder, and McLain voted aye. The vote was 5 aye with Presiding Officer Hosticka abstaining from the vote, the motion passed.
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7. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

7.1 **Ordinance No. 02-962**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2002-03 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Transferring \$72,000 from the Planning Fund Contingency to Capital Outlay to Provide Appropriation Authority for the Carryover and completion of the Transims Computer Purchase; and Declaring an Emergency.

Presiding Officer Hosticka assigned Ordinance No. 02-962 to Budget and Finance Committee.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 **Resolution No. 02-3216A**, For the Purpose of Declaring the Plaza Building Surplus Property, Exempting the Tenant from Paying Excise Tax, and Authorizing the Execution of a Lease with Big Town Hero.

Motion	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 02-3216 and substitute Resolution No. 02-3216A.
Seconded:	Councilor Bragdon seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder explained the resolution and then asked Scott Moss to give specific on the lease and use of the building.

Scott Moss, Property Services, explained the lease to Big Town Hero including current rates, expenses, and improvements to the building including handicap access bathrooms. He noted that the Council was taking three actions; approving the lease, exempting the tenant from paying excise tax and declaring it surplus property.

Councilor Burkholder was supportive of this resolution.

Councilor McLain asked about the sub-leasing issue. She asked if there were amendments to the lease, would they have to come before Council. Mr. Moss said yes. Councilor McLain asked about the use of the square area. Mr. Moss explained the specifics. Mr. Moss said Big Town Hero would also contribute to landscaping of the area. Presiding Officer Hosticka asked about uses and changes in the lease. He assumed these would need to be brought back to the Council. Mr. Moss said yes. Councilor Park asked about a liquor license. Mr. Moss said no, there was no such license nor would there be. Councilor McLain talked about signage approval and review. Councilor Burkholder urged support.

Vote:	Councilors Park, Burkholder, McLain, Bragdon, Monroe, and Presiding Officer Hosticka voted aye. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Monroe invited all of the Council to his 60th Birthday party.

Councilor McLain said the Regional Water Consortium met last night. She said they would be talking about the Bull Run water source issue at the Council Informal next week. She talked about some of the issues on the regional water supply plan.

Councilor Park talked about the notices of the proposed Urban Growth Boundary expansion. He gave the specifics on numbers as well as where the first two hearings would be: Forest Grove and Beaverton.

Presiding Officer Hosticka said at the next Council/Executive Officer Informal they would be discussing the legislative agenda. He encouraged Councilors to submit their ideas. Councilor Bragdon said most councilors had already submitted ideas.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Hosticka adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER

5, 2002

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC. NUMBER
2	METRO'S NEW WEB	9/5/02	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: SUE GEMMEL, CREATIVE SERVICES METRO WEB PROGRAM - NEW WEBSITE	090502C-01
8.1	RESOLUTION NO. 02-3216A	9/5/02	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: SCOTT MOSS "A" VERSION OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-3216A INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO EXHIBIT A	090502C-02