

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE OFFICER INFORMAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2002
Council Annex

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

Councilors Absent:

Others Present: Mike Burton

Presiding Officer Hosticka convened the Council/Executive Officer Informal Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

1. UPCOMING LEGISLATION

There was no discussion on this item.

3. BULL RUN REGIONAL DRINKING WATER AUTHORITY BRIEFING

Mike Burton, Executive Officer, introduced the topic, looking at the regional supply of water. We were currently in Phase 2. He noted Michael Morrissey's participation in the technical area while Dan Cooper and he had attended the policy discussion. He noted the financial issues. Where does Metro want to be?

Mark Knudsen, Portland Water Bureau, gave a power point presentation on key issues and decision points on the proposed Bull Run Regional Drinking Water Agency (a copy of the presented materials and the power point presentation are included in the meeting record). He talked about Phase 1, was this idea a viable concept? That work had been completed the end of 2002. He then introduced Phase 2, which they were in the process of wrapping up. Once they finished Phase 2 they would be bringing recommendations back to the Council.

Why regionalize, competing demands for regional water. The demands included families, fish, farms, factories and fun. There were 23 water systems in the region with competing uses and supplies.

Councilor McLain spoke to ownership issues. Councilors Bragdon and McLain asked about the emergency system. Mr. Knudsen responded that there was no plan yet.

Councilor McLain reminded Council they were accepting the regional water supply plan from the Regional Water Consortium.

Mr. Knudsen talked about the 13 participants, the concept, water sources, key topics including engineering, financial and governmental options issues. He talked about project goals. He indicated that they had settled on an inter-governmental agreement (IGA) and explained further the details of the IGA. He spoke to the next steps in Phase 3.

Mr. Burton talked about ownership and financing. He asked, does Metro want to continue to be at the table? We were the only one on the list that wasn't a water provider. He noted the costs to doing Phase 3.

Michael Morrissey, Council Analyst, talked about opting in and out of Phase 3. He said many did not see a role for Metro in Phase 3. Mr. Knudsen spoke to the mechanism. Presiding Officer Hosticka talked about the kind of agency it would be. Mr. Burton said minimally they ought to follow the process and at the most, Metro should be at the table.

Councilor McLain agreed that she didn't see a role for Metro in Phase 3. She noted that Metro was a member of the Regional Water Consortium. She talked about the public representation and the emergency water supply system. She noted conservation issues and the importance of these to Metro. Mr. Knudsen said part of the challenge was trying to figure out the role of the agency. They need to focus on the relationship of the consortium.

Councilor Burkholder said he felt Metro's role shouldn't be a full participant and explained why. Councilor Monroe added that if we were asked to assist in coordination, we should do that. Councilor Atherton said if they were going to have regional financial stability we should have an emergency system.

Mr. Burton said once they received the report, he suggested formulating questions about where we fit into this process. He noted our regional role and suggested further discussions. Presiding Officer Hosticka concurred with Councilor Burkholder's perspective.

Mr. Morrissey talked about Phase 1 and 2 and made some suggestion as to how Metro proceeds.

2. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Councilor Bragdon talked about the 2002-03 Legislative Agenda (a copy of the issues are included in the meeting record) both state and federal.

Jeff Stone, Legislative Policy Officer, talked about the possible composition of the 2003 Oregon Legislature.

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, spoke to the first four issues, land use, transportation, environmental, and parks. Land use issues included bringing land into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), annexation and clean up, UGB amendment statute change, periodic review issues, flexibility in the land use laws, connection of land use and economy.

Presiding Officer Hosticka talked about the potential composite of the three branches of government and the results of controversial issues.

Councilor Park asked about land use acknowledgement. Councilor Burkholder spoke to infill opportunities zones and explained further the idea. Councilor Park added the issue of aggregation of parcels and economic opportunities. He said if we wouldn't invest in Oregon why would someone else.

Councilor Atherton explained further his 20-year land supply change. He would have a proposal in the next two weeks.

Councilor Monroe talked about state funding for high-speed rail. We needed to watch this in times of economic strife. He also talked about the issue of studded tires and that there should be a tax or ban on these.

Mr. Stone talked about the tire recycling and pool chlorine issues. Councilor Burkholder suggested having REM come up with some suggestions on recycling of batteries, electronics, etc. Mr. Stone continued, he said self-insurance should be considered again. The Oregon Zoo parking lot issue would also probably be considered. Presiding Officer Hosticka proposed asking the legislature to study the revenue sharing issue.

Presiding Officer Hosticka said that Governmental Affairs Committee would be refining the list and coming back to Council with recommendations.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Burton talked about a girl who was run over in the Oregon Zoo parking lot today. He also talked about charitable giving campaign and the compliance requirements. He talked about the Regional Economic Development Partners letter which lists Metro as a partner (get a copy of the letter is in the meeting record) when they were not a partner. He would be contacting them for clarification.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Hosticka adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION.	DOCUMENT NUMBER
3	BULL RUN REGIONAL DRINKING WATER AUTHORITY	9/10/02	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: MARK KNUDSEN, PORTLAND WATER BUREAU POWER POINT PRESENTATION AND MATERIALS ON PROPOSED BULL RUN REGIONAL DRINKING WATER AGENCY	091002CE-01
4	LETTER	9/9/02	TO: CARL HOSTICKA, PRESIDING OFFICER FROM: DON MAZZIOTTI, PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION LETTER CONCERNING THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC PARTNERS	091002CE-02
2	02-03 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA	SEPTEMBER 2002	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: JEFF STONE AND DAN COOPER RE: DRAFT STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 02-03	091002CE-03