

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 25, 2002
Metro Council Chamber

Members Present: Councilor David Bragdon (Chair), Councilor Rex Burkholder

Absent: Councilor Rod Monroe (excused)

Chair Bragdon called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes

Vote:

Chair Bragdon and Councilor Burkholder voted to adopt the minutes of the June 26, 2002, Governmental Affairs Committee as presented. Councilor Monroe was absent. The vote was 2/0, and the motion passed.
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2. Ordinance No. 02-960, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19 to Modify the Term Limitation Provisions Applicable to Metro Advisory Committee and to Enlarge the Membership of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

John Houser, Council Analyst, presented Ordinance 02-960 on behalf of Councilor Susan McLain. He explained that the ordinance addressed two provisions of the Metro Code Chapter 2.19 that related to Metro advisory committees. Metro Code currently limits terms of office to two two-year terms. This ordinance would exempt representatives of associations, cooperatives, or other non-profit groups from the term limitation as long as the groups continued to re-nominate their designated representative every two years.

Chair Bragdon distinguished between industry groups and citizen advocacy groups and said that for industry groups, consistency of views was important, and it should be left to those being represented to choose the best representation.

Mr. Houser explained that the second element of the proposed ordinance added a Clark County hauler as a non-voting member to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). He noted that over the past few years Metro and Clark County solid waste systems have become increasingly intertwined.

David White, Chair of the Tri-County Council and representative for haulers in the Metro area, said that he supported the ordinance and asked the committee to recommend Council adoption.

Councilor Burkholder agreed that industry groups should be able to choose their representatives, but he added that at some time in the future he would like to examine why certain organizations are guaranteed a seat on committees while others are not.

Motion:

Councilor Burkholder moved to recommend Council adoption of Ordinance No. 02-960.

Vote:

Chair Bragdon and Councilor Burkholder voted aye. Councilor Monroe was absent for the vote. The vote was 2/0, and the motion passed.
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Councilor McLain will carry the ordinance to the full Council.

3. Resolution 02-3216, 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

Scott Moss, Assistant Director of Administration, reported that his office had been looking for a new tenant for the Metro Plaza Building, which had been vacant for several months, and was currently negotiating a lease with Big Town Hero. He requested input from the committee before presenting a final lease to the full Council on August 8, 2002. He listed some of the main provisions of the lease: The square foot charge would be \$16.50, with an automatic increase after the third and fifth years; Metro would provide six months of free rent in return for the lessor installing two ADA-compliant restrooms; and the lessor would be responsible for insurance, utilities, property taxes, and all permitting fees. The lease would be subject to lessor receiving the necessary permits to run a restaurant. The expected date of occupation would be October, 2002.

Chair Bragdon and Council Burkholder said that they were looking forward to the convenience of having a restaurant on the Metro premises.

Motion: Councilor Burkholder moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution 02-3216.

Vote: Chair Bragdon and Councilor Burkholder voted aye. Councilor Monroe was absent for the vote. The vote was 2/0, and the motion passed.

Councilor Burkholder will carry the ordinance to the full Council.

4. Oregon Convention Center Expansion Briefing

Scott Moss provided committee members with a handout outlining Oregon Convention Center (OCC) expansion progress along with the Expansion Advisory Committee's semi-annual evaluation. Both documents are attached to this meeting record.

Dave Garske, Project Manager for Hoffman Construction, updated the committee on the OCC construction. He said they were 17 months into a 26-month construction period, with a completion date of April 15, 2003, and that they hoped to finish 30 days early. He added that they were on budget and on schedule.

Scott Moss continued the update in the areas of approved change orders, budget, diversity, sustainability and safety, and he said that, despite a few challenges, the process had gone fairly smoothly. One of those challenges had been acquiring permits from the City of Portland; another had been clarification regarding appropriate expenditures for the 1% for Art Program. He said that Metro had been documenting the problems and would be working to resolve them. Chair Bragdon asked to see the documentation when available. Mr. Moss then went over the semi-annual evaluation report and praised the work of the Expansion Advisory Committee, which is comprised of about a dozen project managers or construction leaders.

Councilor Burkholder and Chair Bragdon both expressed interest in a tour of the expansion site, when convenient.

5. Councilor Communications

There were no councilor communications.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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ATTACHMENT TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF July 25, 2002

Agenda Item No.	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4	OCC Expansion	7/25/02	OCC Expansion – Governmental Affairs Committee Discussion Points	072502GA-01
4	OCC Expansion	5/15/02	Memo to Jeff Blosser and Scott Moss from the OCC Expansion Advisory Committee re May 2002 Project Review	072502GA-02

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