

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2009  
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 2:01 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. OREGON CONVENTION CENTER LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) SILVER DESIGNATION

David Woolsen, Chief Executive Officer for Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Center (MERC) said he was here to present the Silver Leeds Certificate. He noted MERC's effort to provide sustainable practices. Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center (OCC) Director, presented the Metro Council with a Certificate for the LEED-EB Designation. He talked about OCC's Green Marketing efforts and business they had gotten in the Green industry. He noted a list of 30 conventions that were green events at OCC (a copy of which is included in the meeting record.). They had also hired a Sustainability Coordinator. He spoke about the green energy program and the savings to MERC. Councilor Harrington asked about the Green Events Report. Mr. Blosser responded that this was a list of those conventions that chose Portland because of the LEEDs designation.

Councilor Park asked Mr. Blosser to explain the LEEDs Certification. Mr. Blosser explained the different LEEDs designations and what had to be done to the facility to be LEEDs certified. We were the first convention center to be certified as well as recertified. It was about how you run the facility. Councilor Park asked about the scaling system to weigh waste. Mr. Blosser explained the processes the Convention Center went through to determine waste use. Councilor Park said the Convention Center was a microcosm of what we were trying to do in the region. Councilor Burkholder mentioned encouraging conventions to limit the materials they brought so there was less recycling that needed to be done. He spoke to the ease of promoting OCC to groups because of the sustainable efforts at OCC. He also talked about the Green Wall which detailed the kind of sustainability work being done at OCC. Councilor Collette praised OCC for their sustainability accomplishments. She asked if OCC worked with conventions to limit their carbon footprint. Mr. Blosser talked about the formula that was used to identify the carbon footprint and what the Sustainability Coordinator would be doing. Councilor Liberty talked about the Rain Garden at OCC. It was a very handsome design. He had encouraged visitors to look at the garden. Mr. Blosser talked about the articles in local magazines which addressed the efforts of OCC.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the December 18, 2008, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: 

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the December 18, 2008 Regular Metro Council.
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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.
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**5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

5.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1209**, Amending the FY 2008-09 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Transferring Appropriations From Contingency For the Integrated Mobility Strategy, Adding 1.0 FTE Project Leader and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 09-1209 to Council.

**6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

6.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1204A**, For the Purpose of Determining That Implementing Transit-Oriented Development is a Matter of Metropolitan Concern.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Ordinance No. 08-1204A.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion.

Councilor Liberty said Metro and TriMet have had an ongoing intergovernmental agreement (IGA) regarding the exchange for funds for the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program for the past 12 years. He explained the TOD program, an effort to implement the 2040 map with development in centers and corridors. This fall, TriMet and Metro negotiated a new funding IGA with the following notable changes: The IGA, if approved by Metro, will be automatically renewable and will not need to be approved by either elected body every two years as has been past practice. If the TOD program secured Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) funds, the fund exchange details will be stipulated by Memorandum. Metro has been operating the TOD program for the past 12 years under TriMet’s delegated authority. In order to have the program operate under Metro’s authority, Metro Council, after seeking advice from Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), must assume the TOD Program function by ordinance by designated it “of metropolitan concern.” This item was on MPAC’s agenda for December 17, 2008, though that meeting was cancelled due to snow, so it went to MPAC last night, January 14, 2009. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Metro Council had a first reading of the Ordinance, and we will now have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance and Resolution approving the IGA.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-1204A. No one came forward to testify. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Park said last night at MPAC they had discussed this item. Ms. Megan Gibbs, Long Range Planning, provided a history of the program at MPAC. There were no objections to the ordinance. Councilor Liberty explained the TOD achievements. He felt the program had been a tremendous asset to the region.

Vote: 

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

## 7. RESOLUTIONS

### 7.1 Resolution No. 09-4015, For the Purpose of Reorganizing the Metro Council in 2009.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4015.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Council President Bragdon noted the appointment of the Deputy Council President, Kathryn Harrington and committee assignments. He also noted that one of Councilor Harrington's strengths was in organizational management. They would be working together closely on this issue.

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.

### 7.2 Resolution No. 08-3888, For the Purpose of Approving the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District's (THPRD) Natural Resource Management Plan as it Applies to Certain Natural Area Property Owned By Metro.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3888.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Hosticka provided the background about the Fanno Creek Trail. He explained that this particular resolution required the Metro Council approval of the management plan. The plan had been submitted to Council and THPRD was ready to move forward on the approval. The staff had reviewed the plan and they assured the Council that the plan met Metro's requirements. Councilor Burkholder suggested they see a map where this trail fit and where the gap was in the trail. Councilor Hosticka said this was a crucial piece to completing the gap. He explained where the trail went. Councilor Harrington talked about the policy makers' bike event where they had ridden along most of the existing trail.

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.

### 7.3 Resolution No. 08-4013, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Transportation For America Position on Reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation ACT: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-4013.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said this was one of three parts which would put forward a regional package for transportation federal dollars. It gave direction to work with the national group. Councilor Liberty said one of the things that struck him was that Metro had regional responsibilities whether they asked for it or not. Transportation is key to the national package. He talked about leading by example and the importance of this document. Councilor Burkholder was looking for opportunities to share the story. He urged support.

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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7.4 **Resolution No. 09-4014**, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement With TriMet Providing the Funding Coordination For Metro’s Transit-Oriented Development and Urban Centers Program.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4014.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty explained that previously they had had an annual IGA with TriMet. He said what was different about this IGA was that it was self-renewing.

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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**8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, reported on the extension of consideration of the Headquarters Hotel project. They had the services of Cheryl Twete to manage the project. This would free up some of Dan Cooper’s and Reed Wagner’s time. Council President Bragdon asked about the Expo Center work that Ms. Twete had done. He suggested updating the Council on this issue.

**9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Council President Bragdon said they had a lot of things they were going to have to accomplishment this year. He spoke about the MPAC meeting last night and the high level of energy. They were tightening up some of the procedures. He would be working closely with Deputy Council President Harrington. There were several deliverables within the next weeks, related to Urban Reserves project, Urban Growth Report, and the Regional Transportation Plan. They would be working on a Council calendar. There would also be a recap of the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting on Making the Greatest Place (MGP). February 4<sup>th</sup> would be the next MGP work session.

Councilor Harrington said on Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Metro Council had been invited to host some individuals from Canada’s Leadership Delegation. She explained a bit about the program. Second, on Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> the State of Clark County was occurring. This conflicted with the Metro Council meeting. Last, she reported on the January monthly meeting of the Regional Reserves Steering Committee. They had gotten information from the County Coordinating Committee on rural reserve candidates. She wanted to do a process check with regard to the county information and was Council getting the information.

Councilor Park said he was able to make the Reserves Steering Committee meeting. He talked about the need for a calendar. He also echoed what the Council President said about MPAC. He talked about the energy in the room at the MPAC meeting.

Councilor Liberty invited the audience to an event on Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Thomas Sanchez would be presenting Equity in Regional Transportation (a copy of the announcement is included in the

meeting record). Second, he would be making a presentation on the Housing Need Analysis to the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). Finally, he invited Councilor Burkholder to discuss the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting today.

Councilor Burkholder talked about the JPACT meeting. They looked at the High Capacity Transit (HCT) Plan, the Federal Reauthorization of the Transportation Bill and the Joint meeting of MPAC and JPACT. There was a lot of discussion about land use. They also discussed where were the best places to put our transportation investments. He talked about the challenges we face around the region. Councilor Liberty said one of the things that struck him was Chair Peterson from Clackamas County and the discussion about trade-offs to serving new areas. It had been nice to see MPAC wade into transportation issues and JPACT talk about land use.

Councilor Collette talked about what was happening with High Capacity Transit and presentations that were occurring. She was excited to see how all of the pieces were coming together. She talked about linkages and benefits for the public.

Councilor Hosticka said the State Legislature started last Monday. As the legislative session evolves, he intended to report to the Council weekly during Councilor Communication.

Councilor Harrington noted a letter about the Riverbend Landfill about the Designated Facility Agreement (DFA). She asked the Chief Operating Officer what happened next. Mr. Jordan explained the specifics of Council's intent.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Prepared by

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

Chris Billington  
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
JANUARY 15, 2009**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
3.0	Green Event Report	1/15/09	To: Metro Council From: Jeff Blosser, OCC Director Re: Green Event Report for OCC	011509c-01
9.0	Flyer	1/28/09	Dr. Thomas Sanchez Equity in Regional Transportation announcement	011509c-02