

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2009
Council Chambers

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT

Ms. Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, provided a presentation on the recent sustainability management audit. The audit examined Metro's efforts to increase the sustainability of the agency's internal operations.

Ms. Flynn provided a brief overview of the background, needs assessment, results, and accomplishments to date. (Complete report included as part of the meeting record.) She highlighted four recommendations for Metro as the agency moves forward in sustainability management:

1. Develop clear policies and goals;
2. Reduce organizational barriers;
3. Ensure that the necessary tools are available to staff to implement a sustainable business model;
4. Measure progress towards meeting the objectives and disseminate the results.

Management Response

Mr. Jim Desmond and Ms. Molly Chidsey, Metro Sustainability Center Director and Coordinator respectively, thanked the Auditor and staff for their thorough report and thoughtful insight and recommendations. These recommendations, as well as the policy outlined in Resolution No. 08-3931 adopted by the Council in April 2008, will help establish clear goals for the Sustainability Center. In addition, the Council will have an opportunity to review, in further detail, the proposed goals as part of the FY 2009-10 budget.

Council members expressed that the article, entitled "Audit says Metro falls short of green mission" published in the Oregonian on Monday, February 16, 2009 did not clearly reflect article's content. Members expressed that the audit was a positive experience that provided through feedback and should be the template for moving forward.

Council discussion included evaluation of the criteria and use of offsets. The latter discussion entailed dialogue about internal improvements on sustainable practices (e.g. water and energy conservation). Council Burkholder suggested areas for improvement citing one improvement being to reduce the

purchasing of methane gas. In addition, Council requested that staff provide a detailed verbal summary of the full sustainability model when available.

4. REGIONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS PRESENTATION

Ms. Pam Peck, of Metro, provided a brief program description, objectives and benefits of the Regional Travel Options (RTO) program and Resolution No. 09-4018, which would approve the RTO work program and sub-allocate the FY 2009-2010 funding (total of \$1.5M) in local grants.

Ms. Peck introduced four guest speakers on behalf of the RTO Program. Guest Speakers:

- Ms. Jenn Masasa, *Wilsonville SMART*: Approval of Resolution No. 09-4018, would provide Wilsonville SMART with two funding grants; 1) SMART Travel Options Coordinator position and, 2) Individualized Marketing Project. Ms. Masasa briefly overviewed the program/position, objectives, project areas and benefits.
- Ms. Megan Braunsten, *Gresham Downtown Development Association (GDDA)*: Approval of Resolution No. 09-4018, would provide GDDA with two funding grants; 1) Individualized Marketing Project focused on the new Civic Station and, 2) Bike, pedestrian and automobile wayfinding signs for local amenities in the City of Gresham. Ms. Braunsten briefly overviewed the proposed projects.
- Ms. Karen Frost, *Westside Transportation Alliance (WTA)*: Approval of Resolution No. 09-4018, would provide WTA with two funding grants; 1) Annual Carfee Commuter Challenge and, 2) Funding for bike racks for cyclist commuters in Washington County. Ms. Frost briefly overviewed the programs, highlighting the positive public feedback received to date.
- Ms. Susan Remmers, *Community Cycling Center*: Approval of Resolution No. 09-4018, would provide the Community Cycling Center with a funding grant for the “Overcoming Barriers to Bicycling within Minority and Low Income Communities” project. Ms. Remmers provided a brief program history and program goals, social and environmental benefits and demographic targeted.

Council discussion included the Regional Travel Options (RTO) strategic plan implementation, benefits, funding and opportunities for program expansion, and general capital investment in multi-modal transportation projects.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of the February 12, 2009 Council Regular Meeting Minutes

5.2 **Resolution No. 09-4027**, Confirming the Reappointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, Designating the Chair and Appointing a New Metro Natural Resources Staff Person.

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the February 12, 2009 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 09-4027.
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Vote:

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

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1210**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 4.01.050(a) Admission Fees, Effective June 1, 2009.
- 6.2. **Ordinance N. 09-1211**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code, Chapter 12.02 Regional Park Fees, Section 10.02.020, to Adjust Park Entry Fees and Delegate to the Chief Operating Office the Authority to Set All Other Regional Park Use Fees and Rental Fees.
- 6.3 **Ordinance No. 09-1212**, Amending the FY 2008-09 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Recognizing Donations to the Oregon Zoo, Amending the Capital Improvement Plan, and Declaring an Emergency

Deputy Council President Harrington assigned Ordinance No. 09-1212, Ordinance No. 09-1211 and Ordinance No. 09-1212 to Council. The second reading for the above ordinances is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2009.

7. RESOLUTIONS

- 7.1 **Resolution No. 09-4018**, For the Purpose of Approval of the Regional Travel Options Program Work Plan and Funding Sub-allocations for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4018.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilors Burkholder, Collette, Hosticka, Liberty, Park, Deputy Council President Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Mr. Michael Jordan, Metro Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief update on the Lloyd District transitioning to a “green district.” This process would provide an opportunity to address water, energy, etc. consumption and conservation throughout the Lloyd district. More information will be presented shortly.

In addition, Mr. Jordan provided an update on the Zoo bond process and the potential for refinance the loans while the market is offering decreased long-term financing rates. He cited the increased stimulus funding as reasoning.

Council discussion included updating the “Zoo Bond Measure” title to actually reflect and communicate the value of the measure.

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder briefed the committee on the recently adopted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. He outlined the funding categories and funding amounts each state will receive as part of the economic stimulus package.

The Portland metropolitan region is set to receive \$38 million in stimulus funding for transportation infrastructure to be obligated by July 2010. The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) has agreed to allocate the funds through a two phase process; obligating 50 percent of the funding by 2009. Funds allocated through the second phase will be reviewed by the committee to ensure projects selected will provide long-term economic activity in the region.

In addition, Council Burkholder noted that he testified in front of the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on behalf of JPACT requesting that the Commission consider and emphasize equity, extended or amended deadlines, and projects that lead to long-term economic relief as important criteria for projects selected.

Council members thanked Councilor Burkholder and staff for their time and dedication on this topic.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Council President Harrington adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelsey Newell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelsey Newell
Regional Engagement Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
5	Minutes	2/12/09	Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting, Thursday, February 12, 2009	021909c-1
4	Pamphlet	2/19/09	Make the WES connection, "We'll make it easy." Westside Transportation Alliance.	021909c-2
4	Pamphlet	2/19/09	"The Hub," The Community Cycling Center Guide, February 19, 2009	021909c-3
8	Report	2/19/09	Conference Report on H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, February 19, 2009	021909c-4
3	Report	2/19/09	Sustainability Management: Focus efforts and evaluate progress, February 2009	021909c-5