

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 26, 2009  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Robert Liberty

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. CONSENT AGENDA

### 3.1 Consideration of minutes of the February 19, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.

Peter Brandom spoke about his appointment and looked forward to future opportunities. President Bragdon thanked him for his service and looked forward to working with him.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the February 19, 2009 Regular Metro Council.
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Vote:	Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Park, Collette, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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## 4. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

### 4.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1210**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 4.01.050(a) Admission Fees, Effective June 1, 2009.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1210.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette said fee increases would help guarantee the best possible visitor experience, provide upgrades, and would adequately cover operational and labor costs. She said the fee increases were to help bridge labor and operational costs. She said even increased fees were lower comparable to the nation. She explained entrance fee specifics, including increases.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1210

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

4.2 **Ordinance No. 09-1211A**, 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 Officer the Authority to Set all Other Regional Park Use Fees and Rental Fees.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1211A.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Park explained fee increase specifics:

- The ordinance would amend Metro Code Section to increase entry fees to Oxbow and Blue Lake Parks. The increase would offset the costs associated with operating facilities, and sure fees were commensurate with the State of Oregon Parks.
- The ordinance delegated the Chief Operating Officer (COO) authority to periodically set and adjust user fees and rates to make it possible to increase or decrease user fees and rates to adjust for seasonal demands and economic market shifts, without amending the Metro Code in each instance.
- The proposed increases would raise the cost for a passenger vehicle by \$1 (from \$4 to \$5). The increase would go into effect on June 1, 2009.
- Once authorization was granted, the COO would increase fees for overnight camping in group camp sites from \$15.00 per night to \$20.00 per night beginning January 1, 2010, commensurate with current State of Oregon Parks camping fees.
- Park entry fees and campground fees had not been increased since 2003. Since that time, costs had increased.

He discussed facilities and amenities installed as a result of fee increases. He said he spent a lot of time at Blue Lake as a kid and appreciated the property. He further discussed permits.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1211A.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder talked about the importance of urban resources, and raising fees was not an easy thing, but facilities and properties did cost money and it was a reality to balance the budget. He said there was a responsibility to make places better and the need for resources to maintain high quality facilities was a reality. He said the price was well below anywhere else. Councilor Collette said the zoo would be opening two huge new displays.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

- 4.3 **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.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1212.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette explained donation specifics and said it was great news. She said major chunks would go towards animal exhibits and animal enrichment.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1212

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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- 5.1 **Resolution No. 09-4020**, Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Purchase Certain Property in the Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluffs Target Area Under the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure and Subject to Unusual Circumstances.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4020.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Collette discussed specifics of property acquisition. She said bond money from 2006 would be used to acquire the land. She said there would be a total of 158 acres, utilized for conservation and restoration efforts.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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## 6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

There were none.

## 7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

President Bragdon discussed budget schedules in March and April 2009. Councilor Harrington thanked staff for recording Making the Greatest Place work sessions. Councilor Park talked about meetings he had attended and regional implications. He talked about discussions on return on investments regarding infrastructure. Councilor Harrington asked about a "pathway city" versus a "regional market."

Councilor Park introduced Chris Billington to the Council meeting. He talked about job functions Ms. Billington had carried out through her previous 13 years of service, and her ability to balance and keep operations on track. He said she would be very missed. Councilor Harrington thanked Ms. Billington for all her hard work coordinating meetings throughout the region. President Bragdon said Ms. Billington made everything work and took rookie Councilors under her wing. He said she had a warm heart and he

appreciated it and thanked her. Councilor Collette talked about how Ms. Billington took care of her when she was a new Councilor.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Prepared by

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

Tony Andersen  
Council Operations

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
3.1	Minutes	2/19/09	Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2009	022609c-1
4.1	Staff Report	2/25/09	Revised Staff Report: Ordinance No. 09-1210, February 26, 2009	022609c-2
4.2	Ordinance and Staff Report	2/26/09	Amended Ordinance No. 09-1211A and Staff Report for Ordinance No. 09-1211A, February 26, 2009	022609c-3