

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 5, 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 2:00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Larry Tuttle, Center for Environmental Equity, discussed hazardous waste projects conducted by the Center for Environmental Equity. He distributed a hand-out (see attachments). He requested help with hazardous waste collection and Council support in no longer accepting certain light bulbs.

Councilor Burkholder asked how disposal bans would work. Mr. Tuttle said he did not know exactly what happened to materials when they reached landfills. He talked about businesses that did take materials back. Councilor Liberty asked who was taking bulbs back and offering replacements. Mr. Tuttle was not sure. President Bragdon said the Council was in the middle of rethinking waste reduction strategies and would like to collaborate further.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the February 26, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.

3.2 Resolution No. 09-4031, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Marc Fovinci to the Investment Advisory Board For the 2009-2011 Term.

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the February 26, 2009 Regular Metro Council meeting and Resolution No. 09-4031.
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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.

4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 09-1213 to Council.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution No. 09-4022, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add Projects to Receive Funding From the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4022.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder introduced agenda item 5.1. He discussed amendment specifics. Andy Shaw, Infrastructure Finance Manager, introduced chosen project specifics. He discussed transportation specifics and handouts (see attachments). Councilor Liberty said all the projects were “smart” but it was important to differentiate between different projects regarding prioritization. He went through pie charts and explained investment specifics. Councilor Burkholder asked about distribution by population. Mr. Shaw said allocations matched up very well.

Ted Leybold, Regional Planning Manager, discussed technical reviews and providing feedback to agencies. He talked about project lists and subsequent revisions. He discussed review processes, including conformation with air quality and pollution laws. He talked about obligation funds and the need for an influx of funds. Councilor Harrington asked for clarification on the Port of Portland’s role. Mr. Shaw said there were three included projects considered in the Port’s interest. President Bragdon said some geographic correlations did not capture regional dependence. Councilor Liberty asked about the geography of Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) “slices” in pie charts (see attachments). Councilor Liberty asked if we ended up with a lower distribution. He said except for the Springwater Corridor, there were no projects for east Portland pavement – and he felt there were equity issues. He said the region needed additional sidewalks. Mr. Leybold talked about notifications to interested parties explaining allocation of funds. He talked about public comment responses. Mr. Shaw said using job creation estimates, 1,400 jobs would be created directly and 2,100 induced and indirectly.

Councilor Collette thanked Mr. Shaw and Mr. Leybold for their work. She said it was a great undertaking for the region and local governments. She felt very comfortable adopting the resolution. Councilor Park discussed local versus regional issues, and talked about layering on the fact that Portland housed primary ports. He said there were three layers, and it was important to understand the region has three different responsibilities and priorities jurisdictionally. Councilor Liberty talked about total amount of projects and asked about jobs for the Metro area. He asked about jobs per dollar. Mr. Shaw said there was not analysis on that, but he said they could be underestimating job creation numbers. Councilor Harrington said she was hopeful everyone would be held accountable for explaining return on investment. She thanked staff and local partners. Mr. Leybold said there would be federal rules for reporting standards. Councilor Harrington said challenges provided opportunities.

Councilor Burkholder discussed accountability specifics and said it was a key priority. He said it was important to analyze mixed investments. He said it was an opportunity. He talked about Port of Portland functions – which he compared to other industrial areas in the region. He said, however, the “port” function did maintain a different and unique role. He said he felt the region was not getting enough, and where economies were primarily fueled needed identification. He said it was a collaborative decision. He said discipline was required; it needed to be done rapidly and equitably.

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.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, discussed Metro 101 meetings. Councilor Harrington asked about the invitation list.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

President Bragdon reported on Columbia River Crossing. He said 12-lanes would be linked to a framework discussion on tolls. He stated his skepticism. He said demand management and pricing mechanisms needed set in place. Councilor Burkholder talked about an oversight committee and asked about current discussions. President Bragdon discussed lack of substantive collaboration with local communities during current processes.

Councilor Liberty provided a briefing of prior weeks' Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meetings. He said there were big picture discussions. Councilor Harrington discussed reserves meetings. She said intentions were to share information and provide direction. Councilor Hosticka reported that the I-5/99W Connector project group had their last meeting and considered the three-arterial option, presented at a prior work session. He said the committee advanced Alternative 7. Councilor Liberty asked if information was ever prepared on impacts on I-5. Councilor Hosticka said yes, but impacts would happen inevitably, rather than as a result of creating a connector. Councilor Burkholder reported on testimony given to the State House Committee on Transportation. He discussed products of discussions.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Prepared by

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

Tony Andersen
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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
March 5, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	2/26/09	Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting, February 26, 2009	030509c-1
2	Handout	3/5/09	Center for Environmental Equity, "Clean-to-Green Project" March 5, 2009	030509c-2
4.1	Memo	3/4/09	To: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and Metro Council From: Pat Emmerson, Metro Public Affairs Re: Public comment on transportation projects eligible for federal economic stimulus funding Date: March 4, 2009	030509c-3
4.1	Handout	2/26/09	Potential State Highway System Projects for an Economic Stimulus Package, Reduction Option 2	030509c-4
5.1	Memo	3/4/09	To: Metro Council From: Margo Norton, Director, Finance and Administrative Services Re: Response to Initial Budget Questions Date: March 4, 2009	030509c-5
5.1	Graphs	3/5/09	Federal Transportation Stimulus Oregon Allocation (millions), March 5, 2009	030509c-6