

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL GREATEST PLACE WORK SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Objectives:

- Review 2009 Metro Council Making the Greatest Place calendar
- Provide budget overview
- Confirm Councilor Hosticka's Role
- Identify key milestones/products/purpose of "local aspirations" work
- Council direction to Councilor Harrington on Urban and Rural Reserves
 - Adoption of updated Council guiding principles given project progression
 - Direction on county recommendations for urban and rural reserve candidate areas

Agenda

- I. Overview – Robin McArthur (15 minutes)
 - Recap of Council decisions made to date
 - Objectives for today's meeting
 - 2009 Metro Council MGP calendar (attached)

Councilor Hosticka and Burkholder made comments about the calendar

- II. MGP budget summary (15 minutes)

Robin McArthur, Director Planning and Development, went over the budget handouts and how to read the key on the graph. She also described caveats throughout the budget and how these budgets are not 100% accurate due to employees such as Jim Middaugh and Jon Coney, Communications, doing work for the planning and not charging the department.

- Urban Growth Report (UGR) (Malu Wilkinson)

Malu Wilkinson, Principle Regional Planner, described the responsibility of the charter to manage the growth. Ms. Wilkinson explained the budget increases over the three years. Councilor Burkholder asked what services will be covered and why do we need to go outside of Metro for work, as we look to spend another couple hundred thousand dollars on gathering information, what are we looking for and why do we need to go out there, while we are 'doubling' our staff resources.

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Kim Ellis)

Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner, over the four year period they expect to spend 2.3million dollars. Through the MTP program they expect to provide around 9 million dollars in transportation money. Councilor Collette asked if it took four years to complete this Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), does it mean that in November when we finish that we start another plan. Ms. Ellis explained that yes it is an ongoing process that needs to be completed in a timely manner in order to keep getting funds from the state and federal governments. Councilor Harrington said the 22nd of April there is a work session where they will demonstrate the work

they have accomplished. Councilor Park talked about his 'Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation finance' and Councilor Burkholder's 'living within our means' ways of looking at regional planning.

- Reserves (John Williams)

Mr. Williams talked about the URR work program and how they won't need to do it again for another decade. The 1.5million includes a \$500,000 grant that they were trying to get from the state and they did not get it. So the actual budget is only around \$250,000 from Metro. The actual FTE number is going to be closer to 6.4 for the data analysis and modeling this year which is lower than what is in the handout. Michael Jordan Metro Chief Operating Officer said that it will be a major concern and part of the discussion with management teams. President Bragdon asked about the change in FTE number why it changed. Mr. Williams explained that there are employees that are not full-time or here the full year.

Reference Material: Planning and Development budget charts, UGR Work Program Summary, RTP Work Program Summary, and Reserves Work Program Summary (attached)

III. Confirm Councilor Hosticka's Role – Councilor Hosticka (15 minutes)

(Material sent under separate cover)

Councilor Hosticka presented to the Council a written version of what his position will be as the Council liaison. The Council all agreed that he need not go into detail as it is consistent with what they are looking for and having it on paper was the key issue. Each Councilor voiced concern about how we need to be very careful with the way we carry this out and how we make decisions throughout the process. Councilors in attendance gave their approval of the process.

IV. Status of Local Aspirations Work/Next Steps -- Stephan Lashbrook, Chris Deffebach (60 minutes)

Local Aspirations is not a one way track of thinking it is an engagement strategy. Mr. Lashbrook introduced himself as a new employee here at Metro and gave some background information on his experience.

- Why are we asking for local aspirations and what are we doing with the information?

Mr. Lashbrook spoke about Local Aspirations being real tool for making multiple things happen. He then presented the Placemaking Activities map, describing the potential of growth in multiple cities in the region that don't need to make changes to their boundaries or zoning laws it is just a matter of 'will it happen' for those cities. The set of aspirations are constantly evolving over time. Mr. Lashbrook stated moving this agenda forward it is important to have a strong political standing. There always will be the ability to move past current comp plans.

- Highlight potential investment opportunity areas emerging from local aspirations work to inform RTP, High Capacity Transit, Urban Growth Reserves and Metro technical/financial assistance priorities.

Chris Deffebach, Metro, presented the toolkits that are used to asses where cities are and what they are looking for. There have been 15 cities in our region and 2 neighboring cities that have all weighed in on their local aspirations. Councilor Harrington noted that there are mixed messages coming from the cities as they do talk about what they want at other meetings. Ms. Deffebach mentioned the six cities that are currently the greatest investment opportunities. All of the next level areas were along the 'corridors.' Councilor Harrington inquired about the desire for sustainability with growth. President Bragdon asked about cities like Gladstone who don't have the resources to carry out a study or even voice their desires. Councilor Park expressed the need to provide the cities with even more tools than we have in order for them to accomplish their own aspirations. Ms. Deffebach explained the need to tailor resources to cities as their aspirations are vastly different.

- Milestones and next steps

There have been four HCT/Local Aspiration Workshops with 42 participants over the last week. Councilor Harrington said that understanding what is at the parcel level helps us understand the local level and vice versa. Leila Aman, Metro Associate Planner, described the Lake Oswego Case Study. Ms. Aman exhibited what changes Lake Oswego needs to make in order to support HCT in their community. The Council requested the information from the planning department regarding who attended the four workshops held last week. Councilor Burkholder asked how easy is it to demonstrate to participants and in the future will we be able to demonstrate 3D models. He stated that the need to present them as a whole is important in removing the fear from citizens. Councilor Liberty discussed the findings of the study he did which was similar and how the combination of both can be beneficial. Councilor Harrington requested clarification regarding the tool that will be sent to communities, and noted the findings from the Hillsboro crossing. Councilor Park asked how confident we are the local elected officials being congruent with their awareness and aspirations. Councilor Harrington asked to hear the aspirations across the region and have them shared with neighboring cities so they can know where each other are, and how do we get through to the cities.

Reference Material: Stephan Lashbrook memo on “Moving from Policy Framework to Implementation”, Local Aspirations Work Program Summary (attached)

V. Break (10 minutes) returning at 4:14

VI. Direction on Urban and Rural Reserves – Councilor Harrington, John Williams (60 minutes)

- Proposed updated Council Guiding Principles on Urban and Rural Reserves Designation and Analysis (attached)

Councilor Harrington discussed three proposed additions to the policy guidelines. Councilor Hosticka asked about the wording on the addendums to the guidelines, noting that it is important to have the quality not the quantity pertaining to ‘the right size’. Councilor Liberty mentioned his discomfort with the vague wording of guidelines because they are not numbers based, allowing for performance based studies. Councilors Liberty and Park discussed the rural and urban reserves and their soil quality. Councilor Collette expressed concerns over the unincorporated lands that don’t want to take part in the reserves at all and what this will mean for them. Councilor Hosticka would like to instead of fighting every five years for a fifty year plan, lets fight once for a solid fifty year plan. Everyone agreed to the three additions that Councilor Harrington outlined but wanted the word “existing” to be removed from the proposed principle 1a.

- 2009 Metro Council Reserves agenda items (see 2009 Metro Council MGP calendar listed in #I above)

Mr. Williams said that milestones one and two have already been accomplished and we have moved on to the third and final milestone. The Council asked Councilor Harrington to carry these messages to the appropriate reserve forums.

- Direction on county recommendations for urban and rural reserve candidate areas (attached)

Mr. Williams explained the schedule for the rest of the calendar year. With phase three of the milestones ending in July. Councilor Liberty asked how we ‘build-in and when’, do we show the general public the cost and effectiveness for them.

Reference Material: Urban and Rural Reserve Work Program Summary; draft Rural Reserve Candidate Areas for Evaluation map, and draft Urban Reserve Candidate Areas for Evaluation map (attached)

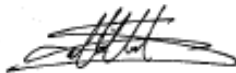
Mr. Williams presented the Urban and Rural Reserve candidates area map and the Urban and Rural Reserve evaluation areas. He also presented the composite maps of all counties in the region. Councilor Burkholder requested documentation showing why there are areas next to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) that are in no threat of being added to the boundary. There was lengthy discussion by all members of the council into how to approach each county, how to better word the discussion, how to actuate these boundaries that are decided on and how to come to one set position on the boundary. Councilor Park asked why are we leaving off the areas south of the Willamette River and around Canby.

VII. Summary and Next Steps

None presented.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Prepared by,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
March 18, 2009

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	03/18/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, March 19, 2009	031809cw-1
1	Handout	03/18/09	2009 Making the Greatest Place Council Calendar	031809cw-2
3	Handout	03/18/09	Carl Hosticka; Making the Greatest Place Councilor Lead Roles and Responsibilities	031809cw-3
6	Map	03/18/09	Urban and Rural Reserves Study Area(s)	031809cw-4