

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 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

Gregory Kord, 529 SE Beaver Creek Lane, Troutdale, Oregon spoke before the Council about waste disposal systems, waste energy facilities, and job creation. President Bragdon thanked him for his input and discussed disposal trends. Mr. Kord said he was not affiliated with anyone but had interest. Councilor Harrington asked about his affiliation. Councilor Harrington said she had a family member employed by Wheelabrator Technologies. Councilor Collette talked about her visit to Stockholm, Sweden. She said garbage was a resource there. He discussed methane capturing and other issues.

### 3. FLEET MANAGEMENT AUDIT

Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, came before the Council to discuss fleet services. She said it was not a part of the regular audit schedule. She said she had been asked to audit fleet services. She said the objective of the audit was to determine whether the fleet operation was managed efficiently and appropriately. She said findings included an array of methods to provide transportation for Metro employees. She said because of the array of methods, there was not a centrally-managed fleet service, which many governments maintained. She said there was not much data or record-keeping. She said contracts were compared to Multnomah County and the State of Oregon. She said once more data was recorded; a better management system could be implemented. She said a central management system and management review model were primary recommendations. She recommended transferring management of fleet services to Metro.

Teri Dresler, Environmental Services Director, explained data tracking for fleet use. She said she recognized the agreement with Multnomah County was not the most advantageous for Metro. She said they have talked about how to move forward. She said audit recommendations were expected, and there were coordination processes under review, including increasing consistency and tracking methods. She wanted to identify best practices and standardize as such.

Councilor Harrington asked about strategies for future work plans. Ms. Dresler said the biggest challenge was to replace existing fleet services. Councilor Harrington said she needed a transition to other options. Councilor Park asked about planning models for fleet movement. Councilor Burkholder recommended looking at Flex Cars to maximize mileage on fleet vehicles. Ms. Dresler talked about Zip Cars and electric powered vehicles in addition.

#### 4. PRELIMINARY RELEASE OF 20 & 50 YEAR FORECASTS

Councilor Hosticka introduced the “Preliminary and updated 20 and 50 Year Forecasts.” He described timelines and processes. He said it was not by numbers, but by decisions that would be made. He described geographical details regarding the 7-county area. He discussed the nature of the forecast, noting it was a range of futures, rather than a solidified single forecast. He presented a Powerpoint presentation relating to the “Executive Summary 20 and 50 year Regional population and employment range forecasts” (see attachments). He said a ranges were important, reflecting that the future was uncertain and the ability to look into the future was uncertain. He discussed range specifics. He discussed population projections.

Councilor Liberty asked what share of the 7-county area was inside the urban growth boundary. Dennis Yee, Metro Chief Economist, said approximately 65% was within the 7-county area. Councilor Hosticka said the Urban Growth Report would provide more concrete answers to that question. He said numbers would not make decisions for anyone. He discussed next steps, and the idea of “accommodating” for the future. He said an analysis of the capacity of the region would be completed. Councilor Harrington asked where people were coming from and what the composition of the population growth was. Mr. Yee said half of the population was comprised of internal births within the region. He said the rest was migration for work or retirement purposes. He said the population pyramid would be comprised of younger and older (retirement aged) residents. Councilor Liberty said he was surprised that gaps were so narrow. He asked what the actual confidence level was for forecasts. Councilor Hosticka talked about transitions in Oregon’s economy. He said employment composition would naturally change and people would continue to be employed. Councilor Burkholder discussed migration to the Portland Metro region from other areas lacking water and other natural resources, and also employment opportunities. He said that was the start of discussions, and these discussions did not happen many other places in the nation. He said it was important to figure out how the future would be different. He requested people join the conversation, and stated it as an opportunity. Councilor Collette asked about accommodation for “climate refugees” and subsequent forecasts. Mr. Yee said it was a mathematical model and was hesitant to include extreme events and sets of numbers. Councilor Hosticka said there was an amount of certainty surrounding current knowledge. Councilor Park discussed forecast strategies. Councilor Liberty said there was a greater ability to “pick” the kind of future we wanted.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of minutes of the March 5, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.

5.2 **Resolution No. 09-4029**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) To Add the US 26 Adaptive Signal System: Ross Island Bridge to SE 52nd Project.

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 5, 2009 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 09-4029.

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.

**6. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**Ordinance No. 09-1214**, Amending the FY 2008-09 Budget and Appropriation Schedule Recognizing a Donation For Blue Lake Park, Amending the Capital Improvement Plan, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 09-1214 to Council. Councilor Park would carry the ordinance the following week.

**7. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

7.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1213**, Amending the FY 2008-09 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Transferring Appropriations For the Repayment of an Outstanding TOD Loan, Moving Appropriation Authority For the Integrated Mobility Strategy and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1213.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Liberty discussed property specifics regarding the ordinance and amendment impacts.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1213.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder asked about other options and opportunities. Meghan Gibb, Transit Oriented Development Manager, discussed budget specifics.

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. RESOLUTIONS**

8.1 **Resolution No. 09-4032**, For the Purpose of Approving the Recommendation of the Policy Advisory Group regarding the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Sellwood Bridge Project.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4032.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty talked about the current condition of the Sellwood Bridge. He said it was built poorly and held very little safe capacity for pedestrians or cyclists. He discussed public outreach processes and questions posed such as how to accommodate various transportation modes on the bridge. He said the project could be phased.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 09-4032.

Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Chair, expressed gratitude to Metro staff and Councilors, including Councilor Liberty's active participation. He said the funding challenge was ahead. He said it was important to locate funding to provide the locally preferred alternative.

Councilor Collette discussed the exciting and collaborative aspects of the Sellwood Bridge project. She talked about stimulus funding connections and wondered if Chair Wheeler had looked into options. Councilor Burkholder noted the danger and cost of delay. He said it was important to guarantee regional services helped serve all Oregonians. He said it was important to make needs clear and that all jurisdictions were investing in those needs and expectations. Chair Wheeler agreed with cautionary notes and guidance. Councilor Park discussed forming "special pots" to work through the plan. President Bragdon noted the need for additional collaboration into the future. He discussed the complexities of ownership of the bridge. He said everyone was going to have to contribute to the project. He discussed various techniques with construction management and design build strategies, and subsequent trade-offs of phased approaches versus replacement approaches. Chair Wheeler discussed phase approaches, and discussed the singularity of most bridges, whereas the Sellwood Bridge provided additional complexities. Councilor Harrington shared bridge scenarios from across the country. She thanked Chair Wheeler and Councilor Liberty for great information and input. Councilor Collette talked about the Highway 46 Interchange.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Liberty thanked Chair Wheeler and Metro staff.

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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8.2 **Resolution No. 09-4017**, For the Purpose of Allocating \$67.8 Million of Regional Flexible Funding For Years 2012-2013, Pending Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4017.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder discussed fund allocation specifics and program recipients. Councilor Liberty talked about funding categories specific to Metro. Councilor Park thanked Councilor Burkholder for his time and effort. Councilor Hosticka asked what "next corridor" meant and how it was determined where that money would actually be. Ted Leybold, Regional Planning, said it was a corridor planning project. Councilor Harrington asked about specifics of the two-step process, and the status of how the two-step process worked for various jurisdictions. President Bragdon reflected on the progress made throughout the years on the process. He appreciated leadership on the project.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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## 9. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, said the Metro budget would be available for Council review. He discussed specifics of the document and major changes. He said individual briefings were available.

**10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Burkholder talked about "Transportation for America" (see attachments). President Bragdon talked about revenue generation. Councilor Liberty noted the table in the "Transportation for America" attachment (see attachments). He said everything was linked and that sort of acknowledgement had not been recognized at the federal level until currently. He said pieces could be borrowed for bills for dealing with local climate change. President Bragdon said he, Councilor Harrington, and Tony Andersen, Council Operations, would review legislative processes in the coming weeks. President Bragdon discussed waste reduction programs and associated costs. Councilor Harrington talked about reserves open-house information to be distributed to Councilors.

**11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:05 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  
March 19, 2009**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
3.0	Report	3/1/09	Fleet Management: Implement agency-wide management, March 2009, A Report by the Office of the Auditor	031909c-1
4.0	Powerpoint presentation	3/19/09	Updated 20- and 50-year forecasts, Metro Council Discussion, March 19, 2009	031909c-2
4.0	Report	3/1/09	Executive Summary, 20 and 50 year, Regional population and employment range forecasts, March 2009 Draft	031909c-3
10	Handout	3/1/09	Transportation for America, March 2009	031909c-4