

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 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 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

James Lee, 6016 SE Mitchell, Portland commented on the \$200 million cost overrun on the new proposed Sellwood Bridge. He discussed cost specifics for the Sellwood Bridge, including county estimates. He talked about lane scenarios. He disagreed with the current Sellwood Bridge Locally Preferred Alternative. Councilor Liberty discussed the need to fund more affordable projects. Mr. Lee discussed current spending and fund allocations.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Consideration of minutes of the March 26, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.
- 3.2 **Resolution No. 09-4033**, Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement With the City of Portland and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Regarding the Purchase and Management of Property in the Johnson Creek Target Area Acquired Pursuant to the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure
- 3.3 **Resolution No. 09-4034**, Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Contribute One-Third of the Purchase Price Toward the Purchase of Property in the Johnson Creek Target Area Under the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure and Subject to Unusual Circumstances
- 3.4 **Resolution No. 09-4041**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointments of Christine Duffy, Robin Plance, Michael Salvo and Doretta Schrock to the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC)
- 3.5 **Resolution No. 09-4044**, For the Purpose of Approving a Communication Site Lease Agreement at the Portland Expo Center
- 3.6 **Resolution No. 09-4049**, Authorizing Metro to Apply For a Local Government Grant From the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Delegating Authority to the Chief Operating Officer to Sign the Application

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 26, 2009 Regular Metro Council meeting and Res. Nos. 09-4033, 09-4034, 09-4041, 09-4044, 09-4049.
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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 Ordinance No. 09-1215, Adopting the Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2009-10, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 09-1215 to Council.

Michael Jordan, COO, introduced the FY 2009-10 budget agenda item. He introduced major organizational changes, including the Sustainable Metro Initiative (SMI). He discussed management standards and performance standards. He went through timelines for different agency projects and programs and their inclusion in the budget. He discussed future vision and regional engagement. He said it was important to create ownership of the region's future. Mr. Jordan discussed hiring policies and pay freezes for the FY 2009-10 proposed budget. He said core programs and projects would maintain solid funding and resources. He presented a PowerPoint presentation (see attachments) with Margo Norton, Finance Director.

Councilor Collette asked what a "wider range network" meant. Mr. Jordan and Councilor Harrington said it essentially meant "bandwidth." Councilor Liberty asked about webcasting Metro meetings. Scott Robinson, Deputy COO, said there were opportunities. President Bragdon asked about renewal and replacements, and reserves. Mr. Jordan discussed Metro's ability to successfully invest capital. Councilor Park asked about property ownership. Ms. Norton said the budget was more conservative than ambitious and she further went through the PowerPoint presentation (see attachments). Councilor Park discussed trend lines in different economic conditions. Councilor Harrington discussed expenditure limits and caps. She said it played a significant role in how Metro conducted business. Councilor Hosticka asked how debt obligations were met if tax collections were not sufficient. Councilor Park discussed enterprise operations and movement in full-time employment (FTE) numbers. Councilor Burkholder said taxpayers chose to make wise investments. Councilor Park asked about total asset base and what debt reflected. President Bragdon asked about increases in lodging taxes. Councilor Burkholder said he disagreed that the budget was not ambitious. He agreed it was conservative, but he noted it also was ambitious. He thanked staff for their work.

Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, introduced her budget discussion and talked about the mission of Metro's budget. She presented Powerpoint slides (see attachments). President Bragdon talked about Ms. Flynn's work leading to cost-effectiveness and savings. Councilor Harrington noted Ms. Flynn's role as an elected official and that residents of the region were benefitting.

Gary Reynolds, Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC) Commissioner, and David Woolson, MERC CEO, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the MERC budget (see attachments). Mr. Woolson noted that MERC was primarily an enterprise organization. He discussed profitability of the convention business. Councilor Burkholder asked about trends in mixes of conventions. Councilor Harrington said even though the facilities were located in Portland and Multnomah County, there were regional fiscal benefits. Mr. Woolson discussed MERC's economic analysis of MERC facilities. He addressed Councilor Park's question about renewal costs. Councilor Burkholder asked for a report in the future about changes on account of hiring a sustainability coordinator. President Bragdon asked about the

“Travel Portland” contract regarding value for the money. Councilor Harrington thanked Commissioner Reynolds and Mr. Woolson for their work. Mr. Jordan closed the budget presentation by outlining primary themes of the proposed budget, including future vision.

President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1215.

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Councilor Burkholder discussed budget timelines.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 09-4040**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Enter Into Intergovernmental Agreements Establishing the Roles, Responsibilities, and Funding For the Johns Landing Refinement Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement For the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4040.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty provided background on the geography of the area addressed in the resolution and also alignments. He discussed transit options and various phases of the project. He talked about transit investments and subsequent concerns. He said, as a regional project, it was important to identify the length of travel time and that there was need to create a regional project, rather than jurisdictionally specific. He said it was important to keep an open mind throughout the process.

Councilor Hosticka was interested in the parties involved in the agreement. He asked how those citizens got an opportunity to participate in discussions. Ross Roberts, Planning and Development, said there would be opportunities.

Councilor Collette said it was important to set high standards. Councilor Park said it was important to make clear there were certain standards to seek and maintain. He said he hoped it continued to be a product the Metro Council could stand behind. Councilor Harrington said it was a shift in methodology.

Councilor Burkholder presented an amendment to Resolution No. 09-4040.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4040A.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

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 to amend passed.

Resolution No. 09-4040A was submitted to Council as amended.

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

There were none.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Hosticka provided a legislative update. Councilor Liberty discussed expanding conservation education work. Councilor Harrington provided a handout titled "Tanasbourne/Amberglen" (see attachments). She discussed the "State of the Centers" report.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Andersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Tony Andersen
Council Operations

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
April 2, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
5.1	Res. No. 09-4040A	4/2/09	Resolution No. 09-4040A, amended resolution	040209c-1
5.1	Res. No. 09-4040A	4/2/09	Resolution No. 09-4040A, amended resolution, redline version	040209c-2
5.1	Res. No. 09-4040A	4/2/09	Amended language to Resolution No. 09-4040.	040209c-3
7.0	Timeline	4/2/09	Tanasbourne/Amberglen, Area Planning Timeline	040209c-4
4.1	Powerpoint presentation	4/2/09	2009-10 Proposed Budget, Budget Presentation, April 2, 2009	040209c-5