

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Larry Tuttle, Director Center for Environmental Equity, asked Council to consider labeling fluorescent products including compact fluorescent lights.

3. REPORT ON STATUS OF RESEARCH CENTER

Mike Hoglund, Research Center Director, provided an update on the Research Center. He went through a Powerpoint presentation (see meeting packet). He provided Research Center organizational frameworks and explained current research projects. He discussed the evolving role of the Research Center and prioritizing resources for various research projects, including different challenges.

Councilor Hosticka asked about shared research. Mr. Hoglund provided examples of research partnerships, including collaboration with the State of Oregon and Portland State University. Councilor Hosticka asked about marketing research models. Mr. Hoglund said database information was sold and generated revenue. Michael Jordan, COO, said tools were utilized. Councilor Liberty asked about differences in valuable information – including the regional indicators project. He said success was in demand from outside government and business partners for research tools and data. Councilor Park discussed challenges regarding data and defending facts against counter-arguments. He said it was important to guarantee information was solid when forecasts and assumptions were challenged.

Unrelated to the “Report on Status of Research Center” agenda item, Mr. Hoglund discussed the “Letter of commitment for SHRP@ C10...” addressed to Neil F. Hawks (see attachments). He said the letter represented a commitment for model development. Councilor Liberty asked about price and behavior driven models. Mr. Hoglund discussed competition for funds. Councilor Liberty asked about behavioral information included in pricing studies.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the April 2, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 9, 2009 Regular Metro Council.

Vote:

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

5. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING (NO ACTION)

5.1 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 opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1215.

Marie Phillippi, Portland, discussed voucher programs and neighborhood clean-up programs. She said events were a way to clean up and recycle items that could not be placed curbside for disposal. She discussed the importance of keeping “stuff” out of dumpsters. Councilor Liberty asked how important community building (i.e. ice cream socials) were compared to actual neighborhood clean-up events in regards to funding specifics. Councilor Collette talked about community beautification and asked Ms. Phillippi to elaborate on improving community aesthetics.

Martin Tull, FORMOS/Climate Prosperity Project, discussed the Climate Prosperity Project. He talked about successes in convening stakeholders and also meeting the needs of Chamber of Commerces and economic development stakeholders. He said he helped to build awareness by providing presentations to different business and government groups. President Bragdon asked about business associations willing to step up financially for this effort and become more fiscally involved. Mr. Tull talked about the complexities of full financial support.

Dianna Smiley, Executive Director “Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism” (SOLV), thanked the Council for their support over the years. She asked for continued financial support of the Metro voucher program. She provided background on the program. She provided her testimony for the record.

Wayne Lei, Portland General Electric Director of Research and Development, discussed the Metro voucher program. He provided stories regarding his experience with the program and SOLV clean-ups. He said it was rare that any government agency had such an impact in mobilizing citizens for such a productive and proactive cause. He said there were cost-effective methods to continue support of SOLV and other clean-up programs.

Susan Egnor, Chair of Homestead Neighborhood Association, asked for continued funding for Metro’s voucher program for non-profit organizations. She discussed community clean-up guides and their importance as a tremendous resource. Councilor Collette asked if there was a neighborhood clean-up program to organize volunteers. Ms. Egnor said yes, and it was organized by SOLV.

Sylvia Bogert, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc., supported Metro’s disposal voucher program. She discussed connections to Metro goals and objectives. She outlined partnerships. She said without Metro vouchers, many clean-ups could not continue in their current successful capacity. Councilor Liberty asked about data on collection. Ms. Bogert said tons of materials were collected and donation materials filled trucks. Councilor Liberty asked how many vouchers were used each time. Ms. Bogert said approximately 18 vouchers.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 09-4037**, For the Purpose of Adopting the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4037.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor Collette provided background on the Unified Planning Work Program (see meeting packet).

Vote:

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

6.2 **Resolution No. 09-4038**, For the Purpose of Certifying that the Portland Metropolitan Area is in Compliance With Federal Transportation Planning Requirements.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4038.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Vote:

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

6.3 **Resolution No. 09-4043**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add New Projects to Receive Funding From the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Allocated By the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4043.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder discussed specifics. Councilor Liberty discussed projects on the list and saluted members of the community who supported sidewalks. Councilor Park discussed projects that affected traffic flow.

Vote:

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

7. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

- 7.1 **Resolution No. 09-4048**, In Consideration of Resolution No. 09-4048 of the Metro Council, Acting as the Metro Contract Review Board, For the Purpose of Approving a Contract Amendment For the Repair of the St. Johns Landfill Bridge.

Paul Ehnger, Program Director, discussed structural repairs on the St. John's landfill bridge. He said bids were lower than expected and there was enough money in the budget to provide additional sealing and improvements to the bridge. He asked Council for their feedback and support. Councilor Collette asked about budget specifics. Councilor Park talked about opportunities to save. President Bragdon said the bridge crossed the Columbia Slough and was important to guarantee public health and safety.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4048.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Vote:

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

There were none.

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Collette provided an update on Urban and Rural Reserves open houses. Councilor Hosticka informed of other open houses. Councilor Liberty discussed updates on legislation specifics. President Bragdon went over the Urban and Rural Reserves open house schedule.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
April 16, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.1	Minutes	4/2/09	Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting, Thursday, April 2, 2009	041609c-1
3.0	Memo	4/9/09	To: Neil F. Hawks From: David Bragdon, Metro Council President & Carlotta Collette, JPACT Chair Re: Letter of commitment for SHRP2 C10: Partnership to Develop and Integrated, Advanced Travel Demand Model and Fine-Grained, Time-Sensitive Network Date: April 9, 2009	041609c-2
2.0	Testimony	4/16/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Laurence Tuttle Re: Compact fluorescent lights Date: April 16, 2009	041609c-3
5.1	Testimony	4/16/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Dianna Smiley, Executive Director of SOLV Re: Continued financial support of SOLV and the voucher program Date: April 16, 2009	041609c-4