

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING (DRAFT)

Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington (excused), Rex Burkholder (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 23, 2009/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon reviewed the April 23, 2009 Metro Council agenda.

Councilor Hosticka covered the legislature review House Bill 3298 carried by Clem of Marion County, the issue being that when the UGB process finished, it read that Metro needed to use at least 50% of the reserves prior to expanding or getting new reserves. Councilor Park said that he had heard of this change to the bill but had heard it would not move. Councilor Hosticka said the Chair person was believed to be helping it move forward in order to have a part of the reserves decisions. Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, said that the Council should inform the committee that they tentatively agreed to a percentage. The Council agreed to report to Randy Tucker based on Mr. Jordan's suggestion. Councilor Liberty discussed the Jobs and Transportation bill and how it appears to have been broken into pieces where the parts have become amendments. Councilor Collette said the trails bill did not look bad. Councilor Liberty talked about the process of earmarking projects, and how such a large amount of money had been spent to design the regional funding plan. The idea of sending people to Salem every two years to fight for money is not the right way to do things. The Councilors decided that the bill lacked substance or the direction being taken to send people to Salem was not the right way.

2. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Margo Norton, Finance Director, discussed the departmental technical amendments, also describing the process that took place. The intention was to move all the amendments as a block so they could be moved as a group, this would take place on the 30th. President Bragdon said that they would have to put them in a block and any issues that arise would take place in the next week.

3. COUNCIL DISCUSSION: INITIATIVES AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Jordan discussed the budget amendments and the management responses to the amendments. Pages 2 and 4 had comments regarding the amendments as to how they affect Metro, the region, and the budget. He talked about the comments that have been given to each amendment and about the Councilors' timing, partnerships, election staging and opportunity costs. Councilor Park talked about the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program and how to leverage this with the capital grants program. President Bragdon read the preferences from Councilor Harrington regarding budget amendments. He then discussed each Councilor amendment proposal and his stance on each of them. Councilor Collette gave her reactions to the amendments and the regional collaboration need to have more partner groups. She agreed that Nature in Neighborhoods should

not solicit new applications until the following year. She was also in support of the Construction Excise Tax and lone-fir improvements funding- not necessarily the full amount. She also commented that the connecting regional system was 'very smart', and she supports the development opportunity fund as well. Councilor Liberty discussed the Construction Excise tax and why it was so important to the agency and region. He was in support of the various discussed off-ramps if things did not go as planned. He then covered memos of support from regional leaders regarding the housing amendment.

Councilor Hosticka said the housing fund was in conflict with the development opportunity fund which he thinks was an issue. He supported the CET amendment, he would go either way with Nature in Neighborhoods. Regarding Connecting Green, Councilor Hosticka was concerned that Metro already had enough staff and analysis. Councilor Liberty said he was concerned with the Connecting Green and regional conservation asking his fellow Councilors whether or not there was enough money to steer a 'big ship?' He said he would like to have a better understanding as to how much money Metro has, before he could fully give feed back or be supportive of the amendments. President Bragdon said that he would like to work through the break time as the Council was close to coming to agreements on the amendments.

President Bragdon asked Ms. Norton about the base budget and with regards to the climate change and the \$185,000 that was marked as an amendment. Jim Desmond, Director of the Sustainability Center, answered the question stating that although it was continually changing, \$40,000 would go to the data side of things, and explained the other two \$75,000 pieces. President Bragdon also added that the amendment for Lone fir restoration was able to be trimmed. Councilor Hosticka asked about why Metro could not use the same education staff that it had instead of bringing on new teachers. Mr. Desmond described the talents of the nature education teachers and what was being asked in the budget, explaining the teachers that would be brought in were for different purposes than how Metro utilized their educators. Councilor Liberty expressed concern about the gap analysis on conservation education. President Bragdon provided a story about Oklahoma on compromise and its applicable nature to the budget voting process. He then passed out the 'David's Proposed Budget Amendments Reconciliation' handout and explained what he proposed for each amendment. Councilor Collette asked for clarification on which opportunity funds would be tapped for the proposed reconciliation. Councilor Liberty asked about the \$150,000 from the Future Vision Set Aside, he proposed adding \$500,000 that was held from the matching money, and \$250,000 from remodeling, and \$100,000 from Future Vision, and give all \$850,000 to the development opportunity fund on top of the \$500,000 already in the budget. Councilor Park asked where construction would take place. Councilor Liberty said the goal of the Council was to improve the region, with the down economy, and with low prices there were a lot of opportunities. Councilor Hosticka asked why the numbers changed in the materials and services category of the proposal. Megan Gibb transit oriented development manager, explained a few of the options that would be funded by this money. Ms. Norton clarified the amount given to the development opportunity fund that Councilor Liberty proposed.

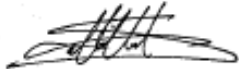
President Bragdon discussed SOLV and the Voucher program issues. Councilor Park said he wants to retain the two programs. Councilor Liberty did not like the ice cream social comment but does think they were cost effective. Councilor Collette asked about the ability to move Outdoor School money. Ms. Norton explained that was not possible due to the projected enrollment in the program. Councilor Park asked 'If the reconciled amount was close to the amount Metro could afford?'

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Park asked President Bragdon to sign two forms per ethics processes. He then briefly discussed energy demand and the rate increase for the future of the region.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Prepared by,

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
April 21, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Handout	04/21/09	Agenda: Metro Council Work Session, April 21, 2009	042109cw-1
2	Memo	04/14/09	To: Metro Council From: Margo Norton, Finance Director Re: Councilor Amendments to FY 09-10 Proposed Budget	042109cw-2
2	Memo	04/17/09	To: Metro Council From: Michael Jordan, COO Re: Management Response to Councilor Amendments	042109cw-3
3	Budget/E-mail	04/21/09	To: Robert Liberty From: Bill Van Vliet Re: Estimated Loan Administration Cost	042109cw-4
3	Budget/E-mail	4/21/09	To: Robert Liberty From: Ed McNamara Re: Estimated Loan Administration Cost	042109cw-5
3	Budget/E-mail	4/20/09	To: Robert Liberty From: Ramsay Weit Re: Estimated Loan Administration Cost	042109cw-6
3	Budget/E-mail	4/21/09	To: Robert Liberty From: Bill Van Vliet Re: Proposed Use of Reserved \$1 million for regional Revolving Housing Choice	042109cw-7
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3	Handout	4/21/09	David's Proposed Budget Amendments Reconciliation	042109cw-9