

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 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 2:02 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 30, 2009/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon reviewed the April 30, 2009 Metro Council agenda.

Councilor Hosticka gave a legislative update of bills that have an effect on Metro projects. Michael Jordan Metro Chief Operating Officer and Clackamas County Commission Chair Lynn Peterson gave further explanation to these bills and questions the Council had.

2. SUNRISE PROJECT S.D.E.I.S. BRIEFING

Councilor Collette introduced the Sunrise project to the Council. Chair Peterson gave the Council history on the project and introduced and Mike Baker, consultant of David Evans & Associates. Mr. Baker talked about why this project was important and what the design options were for the project. He also discussed the preferred alternatives that had surfaced from the public comment. Councilor Liberty asked about the funding of the project which ranged from \$1.3 to 1.6 billion when completed. Councilor Harrington asked how this connected with Damascus and the projects that had and would take place there. Mr. Baker presented the summary of findings that he and his company found through studies of the Sunrise project corridor. Councilor Hosticka asked where the percent increase of transportation use in the region would come from.

Mr. Baker explained the number came from the basic state and region growth predictions, the new population growth report for the region and the likeliness for industrial growth in that area. Councilor Collette asked if the presenters could explain the substantial improvement that would come from 'flow through improvements.' Councilor Park asked about the relationship between the county and Oregon Department of Transportation and how their plans differ. Councilor Harrington asked for a brief summary of the phases that had been approved in the initial plan that had been passed. Councilor Liberty shared concerns about the projects and how the numbers in the projects were broken into smaller

numbers with intentions of ‘tweaking’ them. Councilor Hosticka asked if Damascus is ‘built-out’ as planned, then does Metro still expect the citizens of that community to work in Portland or in that community. Ms. Peterson explained the current situation with the Federal Highway Administration and how they would not sit down to the table if there were talks about a phasing process.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder passed out a memo to the Council with regards to Multnomah County and their budget process. The Council discussed making changes to the memo before it would be signed. Councilor Harrington talked to the Council about being able to tour businesses in the City of Hillsboro on the first of June. Councilor Collette gave an update on the High Capacity Transit process in order to keep the Councilors informed prior to the release of the newest information. Councilor Liberty talked about the Vancouver Tour that would take place the second weekend of June. President Bragdon talked about the update on the budget amendment process. President Bragdon asked about the stance on the disposal voucher program among the Council. The Council had discussion about the funding capabilities and whether or not it was beneficial to the region or just for particular areas. The Council discussed the ability to support SOLV and or the voucher program in any matter. The Council then discussed the Nature in Neighborhood Grants, how the proposal has changed, and the amount of money that would be needed for the current budget amendment. Councilor Park asked about the ability to take a small amount from one budget which would give the needed amount for the Construction Excise Tax amendment. Mr. Jordan answered questions that President Bragdon had regarding comments and concerns that were expressed in the past. Councilor Burkholder asked if the amendments would be handled individually or voted on as a package. The Council had a lengthy discussion about the Development Opportunity Fund amendment. They again discussed capabilities to fund the voucher program and or the SOLV programs. Councilor Park gave an update to a current nature in neighborhoods project.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
April 28, 2009

| Item | Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
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| 1 | | 04/30/09 | Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, April 30, 2009 | 042809cw-1 |
| 2 | Worksheet | 04/28/09 | Work Session Worksheet | 042809cw-2 |
| 2 | Packet | 04/28/09 | Sunrise Project, power point and materials | 042809cw-3 |
| 3 | Budget/Handout | 04/28/09 | Nature In Neighborhoods Grant Programs | 042809cw-4 |
| 3 | Budget/Handout | 04/23/09 | Council President Bragdon's Revised Budget Amendment Proposal | 042809cw-5 |
| 3 | Budget/Handout | 04/28/09 | Council Liberty Revised Amendment Proposal with the concurrence of Councilor Hosticka | 040809cw-6 |
| 3 | Letter | 04/28/09 | To: Mayor Sam Adams, County Chair Ted Wheeler From: Metro Council Re: Headquarters Hotel | 040809cw-7 |