

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 30, 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

James B. Lee, 6016 SE Mitchell, Portland, discussed the Sellwood Bridge.

Roger Long, 756 Evergreen Road, discussed salmon issues and the Salmon Festival.

Ron Swaren, 1543 SE Umatilla Street, Portland, discussed Columbia River Crossing issues. He talked about a three-arch bridge concept over the Columbia River. He discussed accommodations for different bridge concepts.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the April 16, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 16, 2009 Regular Metro Council.
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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 – SECOND 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 opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1215.

Nancy Willmes, SOLV Program Coordinator, provided testimony on the Metro-SOLV relationship and SOLV's role in Metro's budget. She discussed SOLV's commitment to create partnerships and communicated that Metro's funding helped make it happen.

Ramsay Weit, Community Housing Fund, discussed the Community Housing Fund. He discussed Councilor Amendment 3A regarding affordable housing investment. He talked about the regional fund. He said additional funding from Metro was critical, and a different role for Metro as far as policy investment.

Councilor Hosticka asked how revolving loan funds were paid back and what repayment periods were like. Mr. Weit said loan terms were approximately two years. He said there was need for investments in projects around light rail. Councilor Liberty talked about land-making and construction loans. He asked if there was demand for all three uses of investment funds. Mr Weit said once major lenders were back on board, hopefully things would be back on track. He talked about revolving loan funds.

Jim Labbe, Audubon Society of Portland, discussed habitat enhancement projects around communities and the region. He discussed local stewardship and regional vision for the program and subsequent successes. He said the grant program had improved over time.

Lea Ann Easton, SOLV Board Secretary, asked for continued financial support for SOLV. She highlighted SOLV successes and provided an argument for continued investment by Metro. She talked about service leveraging.

John McCalla, WARN Industries, provided support for SOLV and the Metro voucher program. He said SOLV work days made a difference in the community.

Mary Ann Aschenbrenner, Friends of Pier Park, discussed her experience with SOLV clean-up events. She provided descriptions of specific sites that benefitted from SOLV and voucher events.

Kathy Fuerstenaw, Cully Association of Neighbors, discussed waste collection numbers from waste clean-up events. She talked about components involved in successful clean-up events. She said donation and fundraising was essential, but so were guaranteed funds.

Preston Polasek, City of Wood Village, discussed benefits of the SOLV and Metro voucher program. He said the City of Wood Village required funding. Councilor Park asked about partnerships with waste management. Mr. Polasek discussed subsidy specifics. Councilor Burkholder asked about municipal service structure and folding the service into the rate structure. He said if efforts were implemented region-wide, there might be more incentive to hop on the bandwagon. Mr. Polasek said vouchers pay for about half of the program. Councilor Harrington said there were multiple cities and jurisdictions that sponsored clean-up days throughout the region.

Jane Rosenstein, Roseway Neighborhood Association, discussed her role in waste reduction and conservation in the region. She said the voucher program helped in curbing illegal dumping throughout the region. She talked about partnerships arising from neighborhood events and the successful outreach that result.

Gretchen Kafoury, 1500 SW 5th #1906, Portland, testified on funds allocated towards affordable housing. She said there were plenty of ways to make a small amount of money work effectively to generate revenue for affordable housing efforts.

Marilee Tillstrom, Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood, discussed the expansion of clean-up events in her community. She said the voucher program was vital in these efforts and events. She said

people wanted to volunteer and these events provided great opportunities. She said vouchers were vital.

Martha McLennan, Executive Director of Northwest Housing Alternatives, discussed the challenges of providing affordable housing. She said even though it was a small amount of funding, it was still an opportunity to make a statement. She said the process could be managed efficiently because of the willing players involved in affordable housing investment. She discussed current housing projects and their regional role. Councilor Liberty asked about funding significance and leveraging potential. Ms. McLennan said organizational capital was often used and some often provided by different cities. She said that sort of funding was very important.

Michael Anderson, Executive Director of the Oregon Opportunity Network, provided his testimony in support of affordable housing fund allocation. He discussed revolving fund financing strategies and the need for housing investment.

Russ Dondero said housing was a regional problem and not a jurisdictionally specific problem. He talked about his background, and in regard to Metro's mission and commitment, affordable housing was very relevant to Metro's mission. He said Metro's investment was a great redevelopment fund and a strategy for partnership in collaborative housing investment.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilors finalized and approved technical budget amendments by department/center for inclusion in budget Ordinance No. 09-1215A.

Dept./Center Technical Amendments

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder 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 passed.

Councilors opened discussion on Councilor amendments for motions to include and amend the FY 2009-10 budget and Ordinance No. 09-1215.

Councilor Burkholder discussed specifics of the Climate Change amendment – Councilor amendment #1 (see attachments). He discussed fund allocation and distribution. Councilor Harrington asked how it would proceed, as there were funds for “Climate Prosperity” and “outreach and events” – she wanted to know how funds would be allocated and utilized. She asked about fund direction. She wanted the benefit of discussion on best investment of funds. President Bragdon appreciated the leadership on the issue, as answers were local and regional.

Councilor amendment #1

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty 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 passed.

Councilor Liberty discussed the infrastructure amendment – Councilor amendment #2 (see attachments). He said it was important for the region’s future.

Councilor amendment #2

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Collette 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 passed.

Councilor Hosticka discussed investment appropriations and the Development Opportunity Fund – Councilor amendment #3 (see attachments).

Councilor Liberty amended Councilor Hosticka’s amendment. He talked about the source of money for the regional housing fund. Councilor Harrington asked about specifics of the motion to amend, and discussed differences in fund allocations. She said she understood where some funds came from, but not others. Councilor Liberty said there was no double-dipping. He said decisions could be made at a later date readjusting fund allocation. Councilor Harrington asked about the Development Opportunity Fund and similar fund components. Councilor Burkholder asked about discrepancies in overspending resources. Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator, described reasons for discrepancies in resource representation. Councilor Liberty discussed fund transfer specifics. Councilor Burkholder said it was important to understand that if one was done, another could not. He had concerns about scale. He asked and said he did not want to be symbolic, and wanted tangible regional results. He said he wanted implementation to have regional impact. He said he had concerns about the amount. Councilor Liberty said it was not a matter of symbolism. Councilor Park asked about amending current programs. He asked about broadening and changing the focus of the program. Councilor Hosticka clarified regarding revolving funds. President Bragdon asked about inclusion of the limited duration position. Ms. Rutkowski said the amendment proposed by Councilor Liberty did not add any additional staff. Councilor Hosticka talked about position continuance clarifications compared to Councilor Liberty’s amendment. Ms. Rutkowski explained staff funding. Councilor Liberty talked about administrative costs. He explained staff position specifics and separately budgeted items.

Councilor Liberty moved to amend Councilor Hosticka’s (Councilor amendment #3) amendment to budget Ordinance No. 09-1215.

Councilor amendment #3A

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Vote:

Councilors Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, 3 nay, the motion passed.

Councilor Hosticka motioned to include Councilor Liberty's amendments to Councilor amendment #3, and motioned to include Councilor amendment #3 and amend Ordinance No. 09-1215.

Councilor amendment #3

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Park 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 passed.

Councilor Burkholder discussed benefits of conservation education and what Councilor amendment #4 would fund. He discussed benefits and partners (see attachment).

Councilor amendment #4

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Collette 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 passed.

President Bragdon discussed the regional system amendment – Councilor amendment #5 (see attachments). He said this amendment would allow regional system work to continue. There was a partnership of a variety of agencies he noted.

Councilor amendment #5

Motion:	Council President Bragdon moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty 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 passed.

Councilor Park discussed the Nature in Neighborhoods grant amendment – Councilor amendment #6 (see attachments). He said it was important for people to see the difference they could make in terms of monetary amounts. He said it was important to work on how to better leverage funds. He said he was hoping to yield more, even though it was significantly less than the original program.

Councilor Harrington asked if administration staff was covered. Councilor Hosticka asked if SOLV was supported by these funds in the past. President Bragdon was supportive of work completed. Councilor Burkholder discussed application specifics. Councilor Park talked about community efforts.

Councilor amendment #6

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
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 passed.

President Bragdon discussed the importance of improvements to the Lone Fir Cemetary – Councilor amendment #7. Councilor Burkholder supported.

Councilor amendment #7

Motion:	Council President Bragdon moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Collette 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 passed.

Councilor Hosticka discussed the SOLV sponsorship amendment – Councilor amendment #8. He said it was appropriate to invest in the program, as it helped invest in the same goals as Metro, and much more efficiently through volunteers and community activities. He said they were able to remedy illegal dumping. He said it benefitted everyone in the region. Councilor Park asked about potential multiple sources. Councilor Burkholder said it was a really smart investment and said it would cost 3 million dollars to accomplish the same goal. President Bragdon appreciated management’s initial recommendation and that there was a second look, and that there would be a focus of funds on dumpsites and cleanups.

Councilor amendment #8

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington 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 passed.

Councilor Collette discussed her budget amendment regarding recycling and waste diversion, specifically Neighborhood Cleanup disposal voucher activity – Councilor amendment #9. She said the amendment needed to be regionally equitable. She described funding sources. Councilor Park said cleanup served natural areas instead of private property. He said it was an opportunity for neighborhood cleanups to avoid public spaces. Councilor Liberty supported the amendment because he saw the positive effects in his district. He said it was a highly cost effective use of money. Councilor Harrington said cleanup events were convenient and worthy as things were disposed of properly. She was concerned if vouchers weren't supported that illegal dumping would be more prevalent. Councilor Burkholder said it was a major issue in communities – the issue of getting rid of things that normal trash services would not. He asked if there was a response like the City of Wood Village. President Bragdon was supportive. Councilor Park said there were programs across the region.

Councilor amendment #9

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1215
Seconded:	Councilor Park 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 passed.

Councilor Park talked about efforts surrounding the Salmon Festival.

Councilors moved Ordinance No. 09-1215A (with above amendments included) to Council on June 11, 2009.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 **Resolution No. 09-4042**, Approving the FY 2009-10 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4042.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington 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 passed.

6. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

6.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1217**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Establish Metro's Solid Waste Disposal Charges and System Fees for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

(note: agenda item moved because of dependence on outcome of budget amendment motions and outcomes)

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1217.

Dave White, Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association (ORRA), provided testimony on solid waste charges and rate setting policy.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilors discussed rate changes, and revisions in implementation numbers and dates. Council President Bragdon moved revised and amended Ordinance No. 09-1217A to the May 7th, 2009 Council meeting agenda.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, thanked staff for their hard work in budget preparation, especially in difficult economic times.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Hosticka provided a brief legislative update. He talked about Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission (TSCC) bills before the legislature. Councilor Collette discussed a briefing on green home building. She wanted to give recognition. Councilor Liberty discussed meetings he had attended. Councilor Harrington reported on reserves open houses. Councilor Park discussed his absence and future events.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:50 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
April 30, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.1	Budget	4/30/09	Written Testimony, for the Public Record and Review, April 30, 2009 cover page	043009c-1
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/28/09	To: Councilor Kathryn Harrington From: Tualatin River Watershed Council, April Olbrich, Council Coordinator Re: Continued Metro funding and voucher program for SOLV	043009c-2
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/28/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Gillian Floren, Greenlight Greater Portland Re: Climate Prosperity initiative	043009c-3
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/28/09	To: Kathryn Harrington From: April Olbrich, Tualatin River Watershed Council Re: Voucher funding and SOLV sponsorship	043009c-4
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/28/09	To: Kathryn Harrington From: Dave Johnson Re: Cleanup voucher program	043009c-5
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/28/09	To: Kathryn Harrington From: April Olbrich Re: Metro funding for SOLV and the voucher program	043009c-6
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Lea Shapiro, Southeast Portland resident Re: Neighborhood cleanups	043009c-7
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Jennifer Seamans, Southwest Portland resident Re: Support for the Disposal Voucher Program	043009c-8
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: President David Bragdon From: Liz Gatti Re: Disposal Vouchers and Neighborhood cleanup support	043009c-9
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Nancy Stewart Re: Support for the disposal voucher program	043009c-10
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: President David Bragdon From: Kate Swabey Re: Support for SOLV and	043009c-11

			neighborhood cleanup vouchers	
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Karen Johnson, SOLV Litter Patrol coordinator Re: Disposal voucher program	043009c-12
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Council President Bragdon and Councilor Liberty From: Tom Grinnell Re: Metro voucher program	043009c-13
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Council From: Karen Stolzberg Re: Neighborhood cleanup programs	043009c-14
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Rick Seifert Re: Neighborhood clean-up voucher program	043009c-15
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Council President Bragdon From: Gabriela Downey Re: Tipping Fee Voucher Program	043009c-16
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Council From: Chris Burt Re: Disposal Voucher Program	043009c-17
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Council From: Steve Nassar Re: Disposal Voucher funding for Neighborhood Cleanups	043009c-18
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Council President Bragdon From: Linda Hughes Re: Vouchers	043009c-19
4.1	Budget/E-mail	4/27/09	To: Metro Council From: Mark White Re: Disposal Voucher Program	043009c-20
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/29/09	To: Council President Bragdon From: City of Wood Village, Mayor David Fuller Re: Disposal Voucher Program	043009c-21
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/30/09	To: Metro Council From: Portland Development Commission, Bruce Warner, Executive Director Re: Support for Climate Prosperity Project	043009c-22
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/30/09	To: Metro Council From: Susan Anderson, Director, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Re: Support for the Climate Prosperity Project	043009c-23
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/28/09	To: Councilor Burkholder	043009c-24

			From: Dave Robertson, Portland General Electric, Director of Government Affairs Re: Funding for SOLV programs	
6.1	Handout	4/30/09	Ordinance No. 09-1217, FY 2009-10 Solid Waste Rates, Quick Facts	043009c-25
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/29/09	To: Rob Bennett From: Michael Northrop, Program Director, Rockefeller Brothers Fund Re: Climate Prosperity Project	043009c-26
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/30/09	To: Metro Council From: Affordable Housing Advocates, Gretchen Kafoury, Deborah Kafoury, and Micky Ryan Re: \$850,000 for Integrated Approach to Development	043009c-27
4.1	Poster	4/30/09	Hosford-Abernathy Clean-up, Saturday, May 2 nd "Rain or Shine"	043009c-28
4.1	Budget/Testimony	4/30/09	Testimony before Metro Council regarding Ordinance No. 09-1215, April 30, 2009	043009c-29
4.1	Budget/Spreadsheet	4/30/09	FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget, Councilor Amendment Proposals	043009c-30
4.1	Budget/Letter	4/30/09	To: Metro Council From: Rob Bennett, Executive Director, Oregon Sustainability Institute Re: Climate Prosperity Project (CPP)	043009c-31