

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington (excused), Carl Hosticka (excused), Rod Park (excused)

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Council President Bragdon introduced Teri Dresler, Parks and Environmental Services Director regarding Consent agenda item Resolution No. 09-4047. The resolution proposed adoption of an intergovernmental agreement between Metro and the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District for the management of Cooper Mountain Nature Park. She presented images and a brief Powerpoint presentation. She explained specifics of the joint management process. She discussed maintenance and monitoring strategies, and plan development. She discussed opening dates and open houses.

Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District board members and staff were introduced and expressed gratitude and optimism regarding the partnership. Councilor Liberty thanked board members and staff and said it was an enthusiastic effort between service providers.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. PROCUREMENT CARD PROGRAM AUDIT PRESENTATION

Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, introduced the Procurement Card Program Audit Presentation agenda item. She discussed how the audit was conducted and processes involved in evaluating whether fraud had occurred, and whether appropriate purchases had been made. She said there was no fraud found, however procedures had not always been adhered to (i.e. lost receipts). She talked about recommendations and clarity of procedures. She said procedures regarding food and meal purchases required further clarification.

Margo Norton, Finance Director, and Darin Matthews, Procurement Officer, provided the management response. Ms. Norton thanked the Auditor for her work, appreciated forewarning and identification of issues. Ms. Norton said these issues were taken seriously and recommendations would be implemented. She discussed purchasing policies and strategies to alleviate inefficiencies.

Mr. Matthews shared strategies and solutions for improving the Procurement Card Purchasing Program. He identified problems and discussed subsequent solutions to implement, including timeline parameters.

Councilor Collette shared her experience with meal reporting. Councilor Burkholder appreciated the audit and cooperation. Councilor Liberty appreciated attention to the audit. Michael Jordan, COO, also expressed his appreciation for the audit and said it was his responsibility to guarantee the program worked. He discussed Executive Order 31. He said there would be a much more standardized and transparent policy framework for programs such as the Procurement Card Purchasing Program.

4. QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Jordan introduced the Quarterly Management Report agenda item. He walked Councilors through the report (see attachments). He discussed current projects and general accomplishments. Councilor Burkholder asked about property acquisition and opportunities for program development. He asked about the issue of recovery rates and meeting Department of Environmental Quality numbers. He asked about targets for reducing vehicle fleet costs. Mr. Jordan said he would report back and provide background. President Bragdon asked about composting and food initiatives.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Consideration of minutes of the April 30, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.
- 5.2 **Resolution No. 09-4047**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Enter Into An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District for Joint Management of Cooper Mountain Nature Park.

Motion:

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| Councilor Collette moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 30, 2009 Regular Metro Council meeting and Resolution No. 09-4047. |
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Vote:

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| Councilors Burkholder, Liberty, Collette, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, the motion passed. |
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6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1217A**, 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.

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| Motion: | Councilor Collette moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1217A. |
| Seconded: | Councilor Liberty seconded the motion. |

Councilor Collette introduced the second reading of Ordinance No. 09-1217A. She discussed funding specifics for rate setting, strategies for reasonable rates, budget reductions, and finding new revenue. She discussed specifics of budget restructuring. She said the average rate increase was about 31¢ per month for the average citizen. She discussed increases throughout the region and subsequent affects. She discussed recommendations and fund balance figures. She explained adoption options.

Councilor Burkholder asked about results of actions and whether issues would be reflected in the ordinance. Doug Anderson, Finance Manager, explained the fund balance. He discussed relationships with bond covenants. Councilor Liberty asked for history regarding smoothing out increases in rates. Mr. Anderson said this was the first time there was any significant smoothing of the rate path. He said pressure was due to the loss in tonnage, as relied upon revenue was not there.

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

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

President Bragdon was supportive of the ordinance as amended. He said he felt it was a one-time step. He said there was discussion to be had surrounding the rate-making process. Councilor Burkholder was supportive of Council President Bragdon's comments. Councilor Collette urged an aye vote.

Vote:

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| Councilors Burkholder, Collette, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, the motion passed. |
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7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, recognized Angela Watkin's receipt of an award recognizing her involvement in minority-owned small businesses. Mr. Jordan noted administrative and front counter changes in the building and throughout different centers and departments.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder discussed events in the region. Councilor Collette discussed food policy projects. She discussed opportunities to speak with visitors. Councilor Liberty discussed meetings he had attended and issues involved. He asked about timeliness of a Columbia River Crossing report. President Bragdon provided an overview of anxiety regarding costs, and discussed schedules. Councilor Liberty asked for clarification on tolling timelines. President Bragdon discussed tolling parameters. Councilor Burkholder was concerned about financial assumptions. President Bragdon discussed interchange specifics. Councilor Liberty talked about legislature funding.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
May 7, 2009

| Item | Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|--|--------------------|
| 3.0 | Report | 5/2009 | Procurement Card Program, Improve Communication and Procedures, May 2009 | 050709c-1 |
| 4.0 | Report | 5/7/09 | Metro Management Report At-a-Glance – 3 rd Quarter FY08-09, May 7, 2009 | 050709c-2 |
| 6.1 | Resolution | 5/7/09 | Resolution No. 09-1217A (amended resolution), May 7, 2009 | 050709c-3 |
| 4.0 | Chart | 5/7/09 | Metro Management Report: 3 rd Quarter FY 2008-09 | 050709c-4 |