

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 28, 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 2:06 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 3.1 Consideration of minutes of the May 21, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: 

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the May 21, 2009 Regular Metro Council meeting.
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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.
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### 4. RESOLUTIONS

#### 4.1 **Resolution No. 09-4039**, For the Purpose of Proclaiming the Week of May 27 Through June 7, 2009 as Great Blue Heron Week

Mr. Mike Houck of Urban Greenspaces Institute provided a brief historical overview of the establishment of "Great Heron Week," highlighting the annual celebration as an opportunity for the community to evaluate the past year's achievements while identifying existing challenges in the region (e.g. green infrastructure).

Mr. Houck encouraged the Council and attendees to review the "Great Blue Heron" week brochure for a complete list of events and trip calendar. In addition, he thanked the Council for their participation and continuing to recognize the importance of nature in the City.

Council discussion included the completion of the Blue Heron mural at the Portland Memorial Mausoleum and the recent Marine Board public hearing regarding a no wake zone in the Columbia Channel.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4039.
Seconded:	The motion was seconded by acclamation.

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.
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4.2 **Resolution No. 09-4051**, For the Purpose for Approving Intergovernmental Agreement No. 929262 with Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority (C-TRAN) for Administration and Operation of Vanpools

As of May 1, 2009, C-TRAN has transitioned to an in-house vanpool program for Clark County, Washington and discontinued its involvement with Metro's program. Approval of this resolution would transfer funds from C-TRAN to Metro for Metro's costs previously incurred in management and funding of Washington vans between January 1, 2007 and April 30, 2009.

Ms. Pam Peck announced that the final film presentation of the Drive Less Save More video challenge is scheduled for tonight, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hollywood Theater at 7 p.m. Ms. Peck encouraged the Council and attendees to attend.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4051.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded to adopt 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.
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**5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Scott Robinson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief update on the Oregon Zoo. He announced that Mr. Mike Keel has been appointed the interim Director, assuming the position soon to be vacated by Mr. Tony Vecchio. Currently, a nationwide search for a new director is underway and staff are updating the position's description and responsibilities. Both Human Resources and the COO office will complete exit interviews with Mr. Vecchio.

Mr. Robinson thanked the Council for their participation in the Metro's recent all staff meeting on sustainability; emphasizing the great feedback and participation received.

Lastly, Mr. Robinson stated that Metro staff person Mr. Aaron Pruitt passed unexpectedly on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This is the third Metro staff death in the past year. To honor these individuals, Metro will rename and reestablish the eco-roof as a memorial.

**6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Harrington stated that she attended the Westside Economic Alliance presentation with speaker Bill Wyatt, of the Port of Portland, on economic support for the region. She emphasized

consistencies in the messages presented by Mr. Wyatt with those of the Council related to upcoming land use actions.

Councilor Burkholder spoke on his recent visit to a program site on Sauvie Island. The program connected and educated elementary school children on wildlife, natural areas and farming. He encouraged the Council to consider using the house as one of the "Four Parks in Four Years" idea for the North Portland area.

In addition, Councilor Burkholder briefly updated Council members on a recent conference on high speed rail between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia; highlighting development of a coalition, challenges with leadership, and funding.

Councilor Collette stated that she provided a presentation to Clackamas County Community College on her recent trip to Sweden regarding sustainability. She emphasized the good discussion related to the Portland metropolitan region and sustainability.

Council President Bragdon stated that he met with Congressman Defazio. Topics discussed included the Columbia River Crossing and costing of the project; and the Transportation for America's release of the "The Route to Reform: Blueprint for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Federal Transportation Program," specifically metropolitan mobility.

Councilor Liberty departed the meeting at 2:15 p.m. in order to attend a meeting concerning the choice of Willamette River bridge design for the Portland to Milwaukie light rail line.

## **7. ADJOURN**

Council President Bragdon recessed the regular Council meeting, and reconvened the Council for work session at 2:31 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF**  
**May 28, 2009**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
4.1	Great Blue Heron Week	5/28/09	Great Blue Heron Week brochure	052809c-1