

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 2003  
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Rod Park, Susan McLain, Brian Newman, Carl Hosticka, Rod Monroe, Rex Burkholder

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Informal Meeting at 2:05 p.m. He announced that we would normally meet in annex for the informal meeting.

### **1. ARRANGEMENTS/EXPECTATIONS/LOGISTICS FOR JANUARY 15, 2003 RETREAT**

Council President Bragdon noted a proposed agenda and a map for the Council Retreat (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). Councilor McLain asked about the agenda for tomorrow. She suggested the Council think about prioritization of issues. They had promised MPAC this information by their January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Council President Bragdon suggested talking to the facilitator tomorrow morning about this suggestion

### **2. METRO PRIORITIES FOR 2003 OREGON LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLY**

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said Paul Phillips, PacWest, would be briefing Council on what would be happening in Salem. Jeff Stone had prepared a possible issues list for discussion.

Paul Phillips, PacWest, talked about what might happen today at the legislature and suggested who might be in leadership roles in the Senate. He also introduced PacWest staff. Councilor Monroe asked about the composition of the legislative committees. Mr. Phillips said they had not declared the composite of the committees yet. He said most of the information was rumor at this point. He continued with the organization of the House.

Mr. Phillips said, from the Governor's message yesterday, it was clear the leading issue would be budget. Economic development, land use, permitting would also be driving issues of this legislature. They would also focus on how business relates to government.

Mr. Stone reviewed the list (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). He noted that the Council had not taken positions on any of the issues yet. He asked for feedback on the list. He suggested a Metro day at the State Legislature where Councilors could interact with the legislature. He noted that both parties were willing to work with the Council on land use issues. Mr. Phillips talked about the federal agenda items. He said that they would be working with Senator Smith's office on issues related to Metro.

Council President Bragdon encouraged Council weigh in on the issues. Councilor Burkholder suggested adding compensation as a legislative concept. He asked about the infrastructure finance issue. Mr. Stone responded that he saw this as an additive. How can Metro be of help? Council President Bragdon asked if we were monitoring this or making proposals? Mr. Stone said the Council would need to decide what direction they wished to take. Mr. Cooper added that there was no particular program that they would be monitoring. Council President Bragdon suggested adding Son of Seven to the list. Mr. Cooper said he wasn't sure where this issue stood or how

much steam this had at the legislature. Mr. Phillips said they would track all of the bills and issues.

Councilor Newman said he shared Councilor Burkholder's frustration. He felt some of these issues were very broad. He noted that he was confused about self-insurance as well as pool chlorine and asked specifics on these items. Mr. Stone reviewed the list in more detail. Mr. Cooper explained the Urban Growth Boundary amendments over 50-acre issue and its history. Councilors Burkholder and Newman made some suggestions on briefings they would like to have before Council such as Tri-Met Payroll Tax. Councilors discussed the pool chlorine issue. Mr. Stone and Cooper explained the health self-insurance issue and the pluses and minuses of this insurance.

Councilor Hosticka asked about an initiative on affordable housing and a regional education-funding package. Should they be monitoring these? Mr. Stone said the legislature wanted to consider the education funding issue. Mr. Phillips said they anticipate both items would be considered at the legislature. He felt there were some functional problems such as a definition of region. Councilor Park suggested expanding the list to include land use in general. Council President Bragdon said they were paying PacWest to monitor all of the bills that might affect Metro. Mr. Stone said, as the bills came forward, they would be informing Council immediately. Councilor Burkholder suggested maintaining as many tools as possible in the toolbox. Mr. Phillips said, with a new governor, there would be new initiatives. It was their intent to set up an early warning system to alert Council. He suggested keeping channels of communication open. PacWest was hired to communicate the Council's position. Councilor Newman suggested monitoring departmental budgets that may impact Metro such as Land Conservation Development Commission.

### **3. BRIEFING ON ORGANICS RELEASE FOR PROPOSALS**

Mike Hoglund, Director of Solid Waste and Recycling, said there was a resolution on this issue. They would be bringing this forward to Council on next week's agenda. He talked about the grant process, the Release for Proposal resolution.

Lee Barrett, Solid Waste and Recycling, said this issue was key to reaching their 62% goal of recycling. This grant program dealt with food waste, 20% of the landfill was food waste. He spoke to the tonnage that needed to be recovered and detailed the food waste recovery and processing capacity development grant program fact sheet (a copy of this information is included in the meeting record). He spoke to the City of Portland joint partnership. He talked about what they were trying to do with the program, which was to take food waste out of the waste stream.

Councilor McLain talked about the Criteria and Evaluation Overview (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). She said staff had prepared scoring criteria and felt this was positive. She talked about the history and her experience of the point system. She suggested Council give input on the scoring. Councilor Newman asked about the reduced tip fee, was it an incentive to divert food waste from the waste stream? Mr. Barrett said that was the goal but there were additional costs and explained further what the costs would be. Councilor Newman asked about the grant program and where the money was intended to go. Would there be dedicated boxes? Mr. Barrett said yes, the haulers would provide these. Councilor Newman asked about Metro's facilities and could they accommodate the recycling of organics? Mr. Barrett said they have been talking with their facilities concerning this issue. It was a regional program. He talked about the City of Portland's pilot programs to collect food waste. There were a lot of people who were eager for this program to go forward. Councilor Burkholder asked about timing of the program. Mr. Barrett

said currently there was a company who could accept 10,000 tons. There was a safety valve. He said they thought there were people who could accept this food waste. Mr. Hoglund added that this was not the first program in the country. They had learned much from other states. There was a high demand for this recycled waste.

Councilor McLain talked about the scoring guide. She felt that Councilor Newman's questions were good and reflective of questions they themselves have asked in the past. Council President Bragdon asked about their deadlines. Mr. Barrett said they would bring the resolution forward next Thursday.

#### **4. PREVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT TASK FORCE REPORT**

Councilor Monroe outlined the history of the task force. He detailed the goals and criteria for the task force. They had a poll administered. The results were used carefully in the recommendations that Mr. Waldron would be presenting on Thursday. Mr. Waldron would be talking about the recommended specific projects and how Metro could proceed.

Richard Brandman, Planning Department, gave a power point presentation previewing the Transportation Task Force Report, "Building a Transportation System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (a copy of which is found in the meeting record).

Councilor Monroe talked about the future processes and that all of the projects were in the Regional Transportation Plan. Councilor Hosticka asked about who would be attending on Thursday. Mr. Brandman said he was not sure if Washington County would be in attendance. Councilor Newman asked about the acceptance of this report. He was pleased with the recommendations but wanted to clarify that we were just accepting this report and thanking them for their work. He noted no representation of the environmental community. Councilor Monroe said Mike Burton has made up the list. He felt that the membership was primarily composed of the business community but that many were environmentalists. Mr. Brandman said Mr. Burton had made a conscientious decision to have no interest groups. Councilor Newman asked about the perceptions of the task force. Councilor Monroe said if they tinkered with the package very much, it would no longer be the business community recommendations. Council President Bragdon said he would like to keep this community engaged but felt that Council could have input to the projects and the process. Councilor Newman asked about Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program funds.

#### **5. STATUS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO) SEARCH**

Lilly Aguilar, Human Resource Director, said Bob Murray and Associates had been conducting interviews with Councilors concerning the job requirements for the Chief Operating Officer. They have put together an ad and a brochure. She talked about where the ads were being placed. She also talked about the attributes of the Chief Operating Officer. Councilor McLain asked about how Council was going to be informed. Council President Bragdon said this was the process. Councilor McLain asked if there was some agreement among the Councilors about the job description. Councilor Park asked about notices to non-profits. Ms. Aguilar said she would follow up on this suggestion. Councilor Burkholder asked about COOs' compensation. Councilor Newman asked about the interview process. Council President Bragdon said it was a nomination by the Council President. It was his intention to involve Councilors in the final interviews. He asked Mr. Cooper to clarify the process. Mr. Cooper said Council would confirm Council President Bragdon's appointment. He also talked about the termination process. Mark Williams,

Chief Operating Officer, made suggestions about other ways that the Council could be involved in the process. Council President Bragdon said it was his intention to involve the Council in the final processes prior to the appointment. He didn't want the Council to be surprised by his appointment. Councilor Monroe explained the process they had gone through at the Governmental Affairs Committee. Council President Bragdon talked about his goals in the search process.

## **6. UPDATE ON TRANSITIONAL PERSONNEL DECISIONS**

Ms. Aguilar updated the Council on the overall schedule for the transitional process (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). Council Operation Officer Coats said they would be reporting back to Council on the reviews they had completed. Councilor Hosticka asked if they were required to approve these positions. Council President Bragdon explained his thinking on bringing these positions forward by resolution. Ms. Aguilar continued with the timeline. Councilor Newman asked about Council staff positions and the savings. Mr. Williams said if they added staff, it could have budget impacts. Ms. Aguilar said these were key steps and key activities with this year's budget in mind. Councilor McLain talked about the flow of work. She asked for clarification on where they got this information for the timeline. Ms. Aguilar said these were tasks that needed to be completed. They were in the middle of the review piece. Councilor Hosticka asked for clarification on the appointments last week. Mr. Williams said they had not attached "acting" to the positions but there were three positions where individuals had indicated they were not interested in seeking the position permanently. Mr. Cooper clarified titles and positions qualifiers. Councilor Burkholder asked about an External Affairs Director position. Mr. Williams explained that he had directed the Public Affairs Director to identified positions and functions of that department. Councilor Park asked about a resolution for new classifications and who initiated this? Mr. Cooper said the ordinance in the Code describes who can introduce ordinances and resolutions. Councilor Park asked about eliminating a classification. Mr. Cooper and Ms. Aguilar explained the process. Council President Bragdon summarized the next steps. He talked about what they would be dealing with at the Retreat tomorrow.

## **7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor McLain thanked both Ms. Aguilar and Ms. Coats for their work. She then handed out her end of the year reports for Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Chair of the Natural Resource Committee (a copy of which is found in the meeting record).

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 JANUARY 14,  
2003**

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC. NUMBER
1	COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING	1/15/03	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRAGDON RE: PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 15,2003 COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS COUNCIL ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR	011403CI-01
2	LEGISLATIVE AGENDA	JAN 2003	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: JEFF STONE RE: 2003 METRO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA DRAFT	011403CI-02
3	FACT SHEET	JAN 2003	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: LEE BARRETT, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPT. RE: FOOD WASTE RECOVERY AND PROCESSING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM	011403CI-03
3	CRITERIA AND EVALUATION OVERVIEW	FY 2002-03	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: LEE BARRETT, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPT. RE: ORGANIC WASTE PROCESSING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM CRITERIA AND EVALUATION OVERVIEW	011403CI-04
3	DRAFT GRANT PROGRAM	12/12/02	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: LEE BARRETT, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPT. RE: FY YEAR 2002-03 ORGANIC WASTE PROCESSING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM	011403CI-05
6	SUMMARY ACTIONS AND TIMELINE	1/14/03	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: LILLY AGUILAR, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR RE: METRO COUNCIL OFFICE TRANSITION SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND TIMEFRAME FOR POSITION DETERMINATIONS	011403CI-06
7	McLAIN COUNCIL COMMUNICATION	1/14/03	TO: SUSAN McLAIN, CHAIR 2002 NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE FROM: MARK TURPEL, LONG RANGE PLANNING MANAGER RE: SUMMARIZED WORK OF COMMITTEE IN 2002	011403CI-07
7	McLAIN COUNCIL	1/10/03	TO: SUSAN McLAIN, SWAC CHAIR FROM: JANET MATTHEWS, SOLID	011403CI-08

	COMMUNICA- TION		WASTE POLICY AND PROGRAM MANAGER RE: SUMMARY OF 2002 REM-RELATED COUNCIL ACTION, DEPT ACHIEVEMENTS, AND ANTICIPATED ISSUES FOR 2003	
4	POWER POINT PRESENTA- TION	1/14/03	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: RICHARD BRANDMAN, PLANNING DEPT. RE: POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE REPORT.	011403CI-09