

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 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 2:01 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 11, 2009/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon reviewed the June 11, 2009 Metro Council agenda. Councilor Harrington mentioned she would not be in attendance at the Council meeting. Michael Jordan Chief Operating Officer, discussed recruitment of the new director of the Oregon Zoo. Councilor Hosticka asked to schedule time in a work session to discuss legislative outcomes from Salem.

2. REVIEW OF FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Margo Norton, director, Finance and Regulatory Services (FRS) and Karen Feher, capital projects coordinator, discussed the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Final Budget Actions. Ms. Norton went through in detail the last month of the budget process. She then talked about substantive budget amendments, construction excise tax and blue lake golf and learning center. Councilor Burkholder asked Ms. Norton how the bonds would be repaid. Councilor Liberty asked her about how the reserve dollar amounts were calculated. Ms. Norton discussed the recommended best practices for debt repayment services, and then explained how FRS used that equation to find the recommended amount before Council. Councilor Harrington expressed concern that the budget was dipping into the same reserve funds twice.

Ms. Feher discussed the capital projects that are included in the FY 09-10 budget process. She talked about the financial policies that Metro continually works to achieve. Renewal and replacement is still fully funded which was previously funded until 2019 is now funded until 2024, due to planning over a twenty five year range and the Oregon Zoo Bond passing. Councilor Harrington asked about the capital budget and an old estimate of cost for services and buildings. Ms. Norton explained that list was up to date and all facilities are committed to great business practices.

3. BREAK

4. COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING (CRC) PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Council President Bragdon introduced the discussion and presentation from Andy Cotugno, director planning and development and Ross Roberts, Deputy Director planning and development. Council President Bragdon discussed the issues around tolling, or not, the Columbia River Crossing bridge. Mr. Roberts discussed the process that took place for pieces of the projects like the Marine Drive interchange. He said that the cost was too high for the interchange and small changes would be made to accommodate the high pricing. Council had a discussion around the funding of the crossing and the role that Metro can now play with the addition of the alternative transportation need to lower the cost of the project. Councilor Harrington asked about the future project dates and how they fit with legislature sessions. Council discussed the demand management problem with the price of tolling, the area of interest for growth, the size of the bridge, and the interchange plans. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Cotugno said there is about six months until the CRC performance measures are adopted but the CRC Project Sponsors Council. Councilor Liberty said he is concerned about where the money is going to come from for this project. Councilor Hosticka expressed concern about the dollar amounts in the presentation for council whether or not they were real or just estimates. Mr. Roberts explained the survey done on people that explained preconstruction tolling was widely accepted if it would reduce debt services.

5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Harrington said she would not be present at the council meeting Thursday June 11, 2009. Councilor Liberty discussed the Oregon Zoo Foundation meeting and the zoo cards in Uganda; he hoped that council may have the gentleman in charge of that project visit Metro to give a presentation.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon recessed the meeting to executive session at 3:55 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	06/11/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, June 11, 2009	060909cw-1
2	Handout	06/09/09	FY 2009-10 Final Budget Actions	060909cw-2
2	Handout	06/09/09	FY 2009-10 Approved Budget; Budget Notes	060909cw-3
2	Memo	06/05/09	To: David Bragdon, Council President; Rex Burkholder, Councilor, Kathryn Harrington, Councilor; Carl Hosticka, Councilor; Robert Liberty, Councilor; Carlotta Collette, Councilor; Rod Park, Councilor From: Margo Norton, Director, Finance and Regulatory Services Subject: Final budget Amendments	060909cw-4
4	Worksheet	06/09/09	Presentation Title: Columbia River Crossing Project Update and Performance Measures	060909cw-5