

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington (excused)

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Swaren, Portland, discussed Columbia River Crossing issues including the Freeway Loop plan.

Sharon Nassat, 1113 North Baldwin, discussed Columbia River Crossing issues (see attachments).

3. 2009-10 SLATE OF AWARDS, NORTH PORTLAND ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Councilor Burkholder introduced the “2009-10 Slate of Awards, North Portland Enhancement Grant Program” agenda item. Karen Blauer, Metro Grants Coordinator, provided a presentation and program overview to Councilors (see attachments). Cece Hughley Noel, North Portland neighborhood resident and Portsmouth neighborhood rep on NPEC, provided support for the North Portland Enhancement Grant Program and provided success stories. Mike Malone, Rebuilding Together Portland Executive Director, provided goals and a report on investment returns. He provided real-life accounts of improving inadequate homes. Ms. Noel discussed award results and selections. She said the total allocation was \$35,000. She described who and what organizations would benefit and how (see attachments). Councilor Collette and President Bragdon thanked the committee for their work. Councilor Burkholder described the amazing work accomplished with few resources and thanked the committee again for their work.

4. OREGON ZOO DIRECTOR TONY VECCHIO FAREWELL

Tony Vecchio, Oregon Zoo Director, came before Council before transitioning to a new position in Jacksonville, Florida. President Bragdon reviewed all of Mr. Vecchio’s accomplishments during his tenure as Zoo Director. He thanked Mr. Vecchio for his hard work and regional service.

Councilors Collette, Burkholder, Hosticka, Park, and Liberty expressed their gratitude for Mr. Vecchio’s work with the Oregon Zoo. Mr. Vecchio thanked Councilors for their kind comments. He said he was “all out of stories and moving on.” He thanked his dedicated staff at the zoo for their hard work and their incredible representation of the Oregon Zoo. He was happy for the

opportunity to accommodate underserved audiences during his time at the Oregon Zoo. He thanked the community for their passion and interest.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of minutes of the June 4, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.

5.2 **Resolution No. 09-4057**, Resolution of Metro Council, Acting as the Metro Contract Review Board, For the Purpose of Approving Contract Amendments for the Predators of the Serengeti and Red Ape Reserve Exhibits at the Oregon Zoo.

Motion:

Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the June 4, 2009 Regular Metro Council meeting and Resolution No. 09-4057.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, Liberty, Park, Collette, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

6. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

6.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1218**, Amending the FY 2008-09 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Transferring Appropriation in the MERC Fund for Oregon Convention Center Operations and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 09-1218 to Council, for 2nd reading on June 25th.

6.2 **Ordinance No. 09-1219**, Amending the FY 2008-09 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Oregon Zoo by Transferring Appropriations From Contingency, Recognizing Donations and Other Contributions, Amending The Capital Improvement Plan and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 09-1219 to Council, for 2nd reading on June 25th.

6.3 **Ordinance No. 09-1216**, For the Purpose of Amending and Re-adopting Metro Code 7.03 (Investment Policy) for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 09-1216 to Council, for 2nd reading on June 25th.

6.4 **Ordinance No. 09-1221**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 6.01.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 09-1221A to Council, for 2nd reading on July 9th.

7. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

7.1 Ordinance No. 09-1220, An Ordinance Extending the Metro Construction Excise Tax and Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.04.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1220
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Liberty provided background information and a summary on CET.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1220.

Greg Manning, NAIOP, provided testimony for the record (see attachments).

Councilor Burkholder asked about incorporation of equity concerns in projects. He asked about other related issues. Mr. Manning talked about job growth, and the need for edge planning. He discussed fund uses and needs. President Bragdon evaluated fund limitations and the idea of tying funds to implementation plans and completion. He talked about connections between dollars spent and development occurring. He discussed strategies for moving the development process further. He requested Mr. Manning help in working on criteria and inquired whether such collaboration would ease concerns. He said they were at the table to discuss appropriate use of funds. Councilor Park asked if Mr. Manning’s industry would look more favorably towards an immediate result or a long-term plan and result. Mr. Manning said it was important to address core problems and plan for the future, but also identify and find a balance. Councilor Park discussed making prioritization judgments and talking about industry involvement. Councilor Liberty asked about fund allocation. Mr. Manning discussed concept planning on the edge.

Ron Papsdorf, Government Affairs Director City of Gresham, supported Ordinance No. 09-1220. He argued benefits of the adopted ordinance, including expanded resources.

Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends of Oregon, talked about the CET as a mechanism for identifying local aspirations. She noted it was a competitive process.

President Bragdon asked if she had any examples of criteria for development to occur. She talked about design types, and buy-in from local governments. President Bragdon asked her to think of some criteria over the summer. She said it was important to look at projects that succeeded as criteria parameters.

Craig Prosser, City of Tigard City Manager, testified in support of the Construction Excise Tax. He said they did not initially support because of the focus on the edge, but with changes they were in support. He talked about redevelopment in Tigard and other planned projects, including maintaining neighborhood vitality.

Councilor Liberty read a letter from the Mayor of Hillsboro for the record in support of adoption of Ordinance No. 09-1220 (see attachments).

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder discussed process and purpose. He further said there was a lot of need in communities for projects. He said the legislature forced the decision, and he said he felt the Council could not lose the tool to help development occur. Councilor Hosticka clarified what adoption did and asked for clarification on language in the ordinance. Michael Jordan, COO, clarified subsequent agreements. Councilor Collette talked about support statements she had heard. She talked about getting something on the ground, and she supported it if done right and functionally. Councilor Park said it would be nice if there were different tools. President Bragdon supported with some concerns to work out over the summer. Councilor Liberty reviewed the timeline and provided an overview of fund usage. He discussed investment recommendations.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

7.2 **Ordinance No. 09-1215A**, Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1215A including technical amendments.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1215A

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to include Substantive Amendment #11 (see attachments) within Ordinance No. 09-1215A as Ordinance No. 09-1215B
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to include Substantive Amendments #12a and 12b (see attachments) within Ordinance No. 09-1215A as Ordinance No. 09-1215B
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

Councilor Hosticka clarified discussion on technical and substantive amendments. Councilors voted on Ordinance No. 09-1215A to include technical and substantive amendments and be final read on June 25th.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

President Bragdon discussed interfund and budget transfers.

8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

There were none.

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Liberty asked permission to represent Metro at a regional function. Councilors discussed events they had attended and meeting results.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the regular Council meeting of June 11th, 2009 at 4:10 p.m. and resumed Executive Session at 4:20p.m.

ADJOURN

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: COO AND METRO ATTORNEY ANNUAL REVIEW

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
June 11, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2	E-mail and testimony	6/13/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Sharon Nasset Re: CRC Testimony for 6/11/2009 Metro hearing Date: Saturday, June 13, 2009	061109c-1
3	Report	6/1/09	Outcomes Report, 2008-09 funding cycle, North Portland community enhancement grant program, June 2009	061109c-2
6.1	Ordinance	6/1/09	Ordinance No. 09-1218A	061109c-3
6.4	Ordinance	6/10/09	Ordinance No. 09-1221A	061109c-4
7.1	Letter	6/11/09	To: Metro Council From: Gregory J. Manning, President Elect, NAIOP-Oregon Re: Testimony on Extending/Amending Construction Excise Tax Date: June 11, 2009	061109c-5
7.1	Letter	6/11/09	To: Metro Council From: City of Hillsboro, Mayor Jerry Willey Re: Ordinance No. 09-1220, Extending the Metro Construction Excise Tax Date: June 11, 2009	061109c-6
7.2	Memo	6/5/09	To: Metro Councilors From: Margo Norton, Director, Finance and Regulatory Services Re: Final budget amendments Date: Friday, June 5, 2009	061109c-7