

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Neil Shannon, Sherwood resident, provided testimony on City of Sherwood Brookman Road Concept Plan issues.

Dr. Robert James Claus, Sherwood resident, discussed environmental issues in Sherwood including wildlife refuge issues and addressed the Council.

Sharon Nasset, Portland, discussed Columbia River Crossing issues (see attachments).

3. CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX (CET) ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: BRIEFING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Shaw, Infrastructure Finance Manager, updated and provided an administrative rules summary to Council. He discussed Metro committee input, including Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) comments. He discussed timelines and future processes. He discussed jurisdictional collaboration regarding rules. He discussed processes for adding criteria.

President Bragdon opened a public hearing on CET administrative rules.

President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder asked about funding for new and expansion areas. President Bragdon said it was a regional plan, but used for local planning efforts and subsequent implementation. He discussed incorporated language, and discussed strategic investments. Councilor Liberty thanked staff for all of their work. Councilor Park commented on government involvement and subsequent reasons for the necessity of government involvement.

4. DRAFT REGIONAL FREIGHT AND GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN: BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION

Councilor Park introduced the "Draft Regional Freight and Goods Movement Plan: Briefing and Discussion" agenda item. Bridget Wieghart, Planning Manager, introduced the freight plan and process. She introduced Deborah Redman, Freight Planner. Ms. Wieghart and Ms. Redman

presented a Powerpoint presentation (see attachments and refer to audio recording). Various regional stakeholders provided background and input on the draft regional freight plan.

Councilor Liberty talked about system management strategies, effectiveness of each, and discussions regarding priorities. Councilor Harrington was interested in connections to regional economic issues. She discussed review of numerous projects on the project list and effective utilization of resources. Councilor Collette discussed trade statistics and their significance. Councilor Burkholder discussed implementation and direction when Metro does not actually control the system. President Bragdon discussed levels of service, strategic investment, and prioritization. He discussed movement of freight and automobile mobility. Councilor Park closed by summarizing primary points.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of minutes of the August 6, 2009, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the August 6, 2009 Regular Metro Council meeting.

Vote:

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

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 09-4050**, For the Purpose of Approving Second Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4050.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty introduced Resolution No. 09-4050 and introduced grantees and present stakeholders (refer to audio recording). He provided a background on the grant program and project requirements. A Powerpoint presentation was presented proposing projects for grant funding. Benefits of funding were also discussed.

Councilor Collette talked about her view of a “passion for place” inherent in grant funding requests. Councilor Burkholder asked about getting to the outcome of limiting project selection. Councilors provided closing comments and gratitude to the work of the selection committee. Councilor Liberty provided closing comments thanking applicants and the success of the review process.

Vote:

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

7. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

7.1 Ordinance No. 09-1221B, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 6.01 Regarding the MERC General Manager and Declaring an Emergency.

Councilor Park moved to amend Ordinance No. 09-1221B to Ordinance No. 09-1221C. Councilor Burkholder supported and there were no objections.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1221C.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion.

Councilor Park introduced Ordinance No. 09-1221C and highlighted changes (see packet and attachments).

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1221C.

Jeff Miller, Travel Portland, provided testimony regarding support for Ordinance No. 09-1221B. Councilor Liberty asked what he thought the “C” version would inhibit. Mr. Miller said it allowed a larger conversation about what MERC does while still providing Council control.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Michael Jordan, COO, addressed differences between the “C” version and “B” version and provided key points from his recommendation to Council. Councilors discussed their views on differences in the versions and their opinions on forward direction. Councilor Park closed with identified change components and described next steps as part of the recommendation presented by the COO.

Vote:

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

8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, introduced Jim Middaugh, Communications Director, to discuss additional Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Making the Greatest Place (MGP) public hearings in September and throughout the fall.

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors discussed events and meetings they had attended.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Andersen', written in a cursive style.

Tony Andersen
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
 August 13, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
7.1	Memo	8/6/09	To: Metro Council From: Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer Re: Recommendation for Improving the Metro/MERC structure Date: Thursday, August 6, 2009	081309c-1
4	Powerpoint	8/13/09	Regional Freight Plan, Effective multimodal investment in a sustainable regional economy, August 13, 2009	081309c-2
2	Map/Report	8/13/09	Third Bridge Corridor, "The Port to Port Connection," testimony by Sharon Nasset, August 13, 2009	081309c-3
6.1	E-mail	8/11/09	To: Metro Council From: Theodore P. Toll Re: WL Chamber Support for White Oak Savanna on agenda on Thursday Date: August 11, 2009	081309c-4
6.1	Letter	8/12/09	To: Metro Council From: Shane T. Bemis, Mayor of Gresham Re: Property acquisition Date: August 12, 2009	081309c-5
5.1	Minutes	8/6/09	Minutes of the Metro Council meeting, Thursday, August 6, 2009	081309c-6