

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 6, 2003
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rod Monroe (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Howard Hansen, former Metro employee, 16915 SW Theodore Way, Beaverton, OR 97006 spoke to Metro's transition (a copy of his letter is found in the meeting record).

3. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) introducing Don Cox, Accounting Manager, and the outside auditors from Grant Thornton LLP, Gary Holmsley and Ray Barlow. She spoke to the importance of the CAFR, its goals and objectives. She noted that these financial statements were a joint effort. She acknowledged Mr. Cox and Karla Lenox for the quality of work they have done. She noted that they had received awards for their efforts for many years.

Mr. Cox talked to the financial statements and how they were different this year. He recognized Ms. Lenox for her contribution to the CAFR. He talked about compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the report itself. He summarized each section for the Council and talked more specifically about the general obligation bond on page 36. He noted the report was on Metro's website and that they had saved much in printing costs by putting on the report on the web.

Gary Holmsley thanked the council for the opportunity to work with Metro. He noted that Metro's staff had done an excellent job in preparing for the independent audit. Ray Barlow, Senior Manager, summarized the audit itself; providing an overview, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the new format and reporting module. Metro received an unqualified opinion. He noted the lack of a management letter. It had been received in draft form. Metro staff was currently reviewing it.

Councilor Burkholder asked them to summarize what changed from last year to this year. Mr. Barlow talked about GASB 34, the primary financial statements, and the change in detail for each fund. Most of the changes were on pages 35-54. Mr. Cox talked about the change in reporting assets. Mr. Barlow added that Metro's fixed assets had been reported where many agencies had not reported this item previously.

Ms. Dow explained the purpose of GASB 34. There was a lot of valuable information in the CAFR. Councilor Burkholder asked about Foundations, were those folded in this year and will they be included in the future? Mr. Cox responded that there was a new way of structuring that information into the report. Oregon Zoo Foundation would be required to show in our financial statements but Friends of Portland Center for the Performing Arts (PCPA) was not required to be included in the financial statements.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the January 30, 2003 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the January 30, 2003, Regular Metro Council meeting. Councilor Newman seconded the motion.
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Vote:	Councilors Park, Hosticka, McLain, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion with Councilor Burkholder abstaining from the vote. The vote was 5 aye/0 nay/1 abstain, the motion passed.
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5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution No. 03-2374, For the Purpose of Eliminating Unclassified Job Classifications of Council Assistant I, Council Assistant II, Council Assistant III, and Council Clerk/Administrative Analyst; adding new classified job classifications of Council Support Specialist and Council Clerk; and Placement of Council Assistant I duties as revised on Existing Classified Job Classification of Administrative Assistant II.

Motion:	Council Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-3274.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Council President Bragdon spoke to the reason for the resolution. Councilor Hosticka noted the process they had gone through. This put into place a number of things they had discussed over the past few months. Councilor McLain said the Council Support Specialist position included some analytical work. She felt this was very important. She noted the additional responsibilities that the Administrative Assistant II would be taking on.

Councilor Park concluded by speaking to the necessity for the reorganization and the importance of these positions.

Vote:	Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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5.2 Resolution No. 03-3277, For the Purpose of Confirming Tim Crail as a Citizen Alternate for Multnomah County to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC).

Motion:	Council Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-3277.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said Council President Bragdon was bringing Mr. Crail forward for confirmation to replace the citizen alternate member for MPAC. Council President Bragdon said Mr. Crail was unable to be here but the nomination letter from Diane Linn was attached. Alan Hipolito was the citizen member for MPAC who had been serving for several years. Mr. Crail would be the alternate in that position. He urged support.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor McLain talked about the briefings on the interchange at Jackson School Road. She expressed concern about the design. She noted Washington County Commissioners were not acting on it for at least two weeks. She talked about some of the details of the design. She also indicated that she had been receiving letters of concern. Council President Bragdon said he had received a letter from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) but had not yet been briefed. Councilor McLain said Senator Starr had worked hard to get the interchange but there were safety issues that were not being addressed. She made some suggestions about possible adjustments to the plan. Council President Bragdon suggested Councilor McLain take the lead on this.

Councilor Newman reminded, on next Tuesday at the Council Informal, that he would be bringing forward for discussion the supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement for the South Corridor Project. He said he would be meeting with the interdepartmental team that makes up the Centers Initiative. It was a retreat to brainstorm the direction staff was interested in going in. The retreat was at the Oregon Zoo tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. He invited the Council and said he would be reporting back to the full Council. He talked about the public hearings on the South Corridor project. The hearings have been well attended and positive.

Councilor Hosticka said he had been meeting with staff to discuss the fish and wildlife habitat protection issues. They were trying to prepare an outline of the issues as well as a timeline. He said he would appreciate the Council's feedback.

Councilor Park announced that the Yard, Garden, and Patio show was starting at the Oregon Convention Center tomorrow. He talked about the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) scheduled for the next two years. He would be bringing this schedule to the Council.

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said there was a hearing on the pioneer cemeteries at the state legislature.

Councilor McLain asked about an opportunity at an Informal to review departmental work plans. She asked Mark Williams, Chief Operating Officer, if they would have an opportunity to review these work plans. Mr. Williams said it was their intent that through the budget reviews, they would get input from Council, which would be folded into the departmental work plans.

Councilor Burkholder said the Eastside Street Car Advisory Committee met yesterday. Their charge was to come up with a basic proposal. He noted that there was a lot of interest by business owners. Congressman Earl Blumenhauer was also interested in this issue.

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7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6,
2003

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC. NUMBER
4.1	MINUTES	1/30/03	METRO COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2003 SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL	020603C-01
2.0	LETTER	2/6/03	LETTER TO METRO COUNCIL FROM: HOWARD HANSEN RE: METRO TRANSITION	020603C-02