

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2009  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

### **1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Liberty announced that he will not be present for the Council Meeting on Thursday September 18, 2009. There was no further discussion.

### **2. OVERVIEW OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE**

COO Michael Jordan gave a brief overview of each segment of the COO recommendation for Making the Greatest Place (MGP) and described how the information is being presented to the public. The recommendation is a comprehensive look at the region and thus incorporates many different elements that all have a mutual effect on each other. The three overriding themes of the recommendation are:

- Investments are crucial in shaping the region;
- The Urban Growth Boundary should be expanded as little as possible;
- We must create an economy that provides jobs for people in the region.

He then discussed the following topics related to the MGP recommendation:

- *Forecasts*, including the range methodology used in this cycle's Urban Growth Report;
- *Regional Transportation Plan*, which includes the Transportation System Management Operations Plan and the Regional Freight Plan;
- *Criteria for moving the Urban Growth Boundary*;
- *Performance Measurement*, including performance against the 6 agreed upon outcomes;
- *Urban and Rural Reserves*, which in the recommendation are qualitative in nature and allocate 6,000 acres for employment and 15,000 acres for housing;

The council discussed the need to look more closely at the jobs and housing balance in areas suggested for reserves. Councilor Collette questioned whether there is a new infill ratio being used as the basis for assuming development will be more compact in the future.

### **3. ENGAGEMENT OUTREACH**

Mr. Jim Middaugh of Metro briefed the Council on the engagement strategy being used for the Making the Greatest Place public comment period. The Making the Greatest Place webpage on the Metro website has been updated to reflect the COO Recommendation, including all related

documents in electronic form, and the dates for various engagement committees that will be reviewing the recommendation. After each engagement committee meeting a Metro staff person will post notes from the meeting for the Council and the public to view. Citizens can comment directly through the Metro website or can attend a series of Open Houses and Public Hearings where there will be the opportunity for public testimony and written comments. After the comment period, all citizen comments and summaries will be compiled and made available on the Metro website.

Councilor Hosticka confirmed that citizens will be able to comment on specific resolutions and ordinances related to MGP as well. Councilor Liberty requested that at the Open Houses Metro staff be very clear about how the COO Recommendation relates to Reserves decisions to be made by the County Commissions and the Metro Council collectively. Councilor Bragdon commented that the length of time to comment on proposed amendments to the language is not long enough given the significance of the document. Metro staff responded that the deadlines are based on flows through Council advisory committees, but that they will work to extend the period to as long as possible.

#### **4. HOW INVESTMENT STRATEGY MEETS KEY OBJECTIVES**

Mr. Andy Shaw of Metro briefed the Council on the investment strategy portion of the COO recommendation for Making the Greatest Place (MGP). Because we know infrastructure guides how the region will grow, investments will be focused so that the range of infrastructure costs outlined in the recommendation can be at least half funded through current revenue streams. Investments will be targeted so that they are linked with local aspirations. Also, if investment is linked to accommodating growth within the Urban Growth Boundary, they will leverage other goals of MGP like protecting farm and forestland and creating jobs close by. In the past, street utility fees have been raised to accommodate growth and bonds have been passed to create and maintain parks.

#### **5. HOW THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN MEETS KEY OBJECTIVES**

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro briefed the Council on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) portion of Making the Greatest Place (MGP). The RTP includes the Regional Freight Action Plan, the Transportation System Management Operation plan and the RTP project list. This RTP aims to improve efficiency of the system and create a desired environment for citizens to live in by addressing needs. Each component of the RTP looks at linking regional investments to local investments and aligning these with land use leverage. In addition to ensuring mobility across the region, the RTP will support the local economy through throughway efficiency and reach targets related to the reduction of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled and delay.

#### **6. HOW THE URBAN GROWTH REPORT FRAMEWORK ACHIEVES KEY OBJECTIVES**

Ms. Malu Wilkinson briefed the Council on the Urban Growth Report (UGR) component of Making the Greatest Place (MGP). The UGR uses two measurements of capacity: zoned capacity and zoned capacity that may not be used to the maximum zoning allowed. The UGR focuses on current communities and local aspirations as they relate to supporting a strong regional economy. Ms. Wilkinson then outlined the following differences between this year's UGR and past reports:

- Cluster analysis in employment demand forecast;
- Large-lot analysis;

- General changes to strategies and analysis.

The final analysis projects a gap between capacity and demand. This UGR will determine the focus of work related to the UGB in 2010.

Councilor Liberty discussed about cost-burden household assumptions.

## **7. HOW URBAN AND RURAL RESERVES FRAMEWORK ACHEIVES KEY OBJECTIVES**

Mr. John Williams of Metro briefed the Council on the Urban and Rural Reserves component of Making the Greatest Place. Reserves recommendations complement the key themes outlined in Mr. Jordan's recommendation. The Urban and Rurual Reserves document describes how the range, capacity and demand for employment and residential reserves land have been defined. Prioritizing lands will help complete communities, accommodate an urban form, support key economic opportunities and protect key farmlands outside the UGB.

The council then discussed undesignated areas outside the UGB and potential problems the designation could cause.

With no further business Councilor Bradgon adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

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### **ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF September 15, 2009**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1	Agenda	09/03/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, September 17, 2009	091509cw-1
2	Flyer	09/15/09	Making the Greatest Place 2009 Advisory Committee Schedule	091509cw-2
3	Flyer	09/15/09	Making the Greatest Place Public Comment Period information	091509cw-3