

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2003
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

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

1. SALEM LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jeff Stone distributed a list of bills being tracked in Salem and asked the Councilors to flag any of particular interest to them. He noted that there would be a vote on PERS on Wednesday, and he reviewed other matters upcoming in hearings this week. Council President Bragdon said there were some standing positions from last session that should continue to be watched. Mr. Stone asked the Councilors to review the LC__ draft and get back to him or Mr. Benner with comments and/or changes. He noted that there was an interest in the electronics waste issue in Salem. Councilor McLain noted that a staff person, Scott Klag, had been working on electronic waste since last year, and had done some interviewing on national basis. Council President Bragdon noted that Mr. Hoglund was going to marshal that from Mr. Klag.

Mr. Stone continued, regarding federal issues, that Doug Riggs was in Washington DC and had had a very positive meeting with Senator Blumenauer's office regarding emergency funding. He said Tripwire President/CEO, Wyatt Starnes, had asked about Metro's interest in federal funding for cyber security, which is an emerging business cluster. More information will be forthcoming for councilor review. Councilor Monroe asked if there was anything on pool chlorine; Mr. Stone said a bill had been pre-session filed, but nothing yet. Councilor Park suggesting contacting Chris Kirby regarding pool chlorine issues as he had done some work on the issue. Councilor Newman asked about a legislative concept he had heard might be introduced, possibly be Clackamas County or a County legislator, requiring incorporation of all incorporated lands within all metro boundaries. Mr. Stone said that had not come up yet, but he would check into it.

2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 30, 2003

Council President Bragdon reviewed the agenda for the next Council meeting and had staff clarify any questions for the Councilors. He commented that he liked Mr. Williams' e-mail report to the councilors. Mr. Williams noted there would be monthly management staff meetings, at which councilors would be welcome to come and ask questions, or they could contact him directly.

Council President Bragdon said, as a follow up to the retreat, he had discussed with Ms. Coats and Mr. Williams ways to make sure councilors had the ease to introduce legislation and take initiative on things that matter to them, and to take advantage of the resources throughout the agency. He noted a good example of how that should work was how Councilor McLain had been working with solid waste staff in the past week, developing a resolution. Ms. Coats distributed documents relating to the legislative review process and a schedule for processing legislation (see copies included with the permanent record of this meeting). She reviewed the process and

answered questions. The council discussed the process and ways to work on sensitive legislation, as well as staff generated legislation. Some adjustments to the form were suggested.

3. COUNCIL AGENDA SETTING WORK SESSION

Councilor Monroe suggested a bit more structure to the informal meeting agendas so interested citizens and special interest representatives would know when their particular interests were going to be discussed. Councilor McLain noted that some folks have other commitments and need some certainty to know when their issues would come up at an informal council meeting. There was council discussion about the best ways to keep flexibility and still be able to deal with issues as appropriate, but with advanced notice. Council President Bragdon noted some special meetings to review the budget during March and said there might need to be some additional ones added on Wednesdays as well. The legislative process was discussed and suggestions were made to refine it in relation to advisory and technical committee procedures.

In response to a question from Council President Bragdon regarding priorities, Councilor Park said his priorities included how to wisely use resources for Task 3 and Goal 5, the RTP, MTIP, solid waste and recycling, the Convention and Expo Centers, the Zoo, and the budget. Councilor Newman's priorities included the Centers initiative, the South Corridor/Transportation Task Force, Task 3 as related to industrial lands, and the whole issue of regional revenue sharing and equity issues, and parks operation/maintenance, which he felt was more important than a discussion of the next round of capital purchases. Councilor McLain included Goal 5, and making sure the budget allowed finishing up the ESEE analysis, transportation funding, finishing Task 3 in as limited a way as possible so it could get done in a year, Centers in general, solid waste issues, and parks maintenance and master planning in her priorities. Councilor Monroe said his priorities included the Zoo budget and finding ways to encourage people to use the MAX to get to the Zoo, the Convention Center after the expansion is complete, and getting to resolution on TriMet issues. He would like to see MERC placing more emphasis on promoting side trips to zoo as part of their Convention Center fun. He commented on the upcoming conversion of the Bi-State Transportation Committee to the Bi-State Coordinating Committee with some land use authority. He wanted to see a closer relationship between Metro and MERC. He said he was talking to people in Salem about the Transportation Task Force. He was interested in Expo Phase 3 and when that would happen. He agreed with Councilor McLain that there needed to be permanent operations money before going for a Phase 2 on the bond measure for purchasing more open spaces. Councilor Hosticka said finishing with the fish and wildlife habitat was a high priority for him. He felt the Damascus planning process should not be led by Metro. He asked for a discussion about economic strategy before and during the process of dealing with industrial lands and the agriculture discussion. He said he was interested in working on regional fiscal issues and felt there should be ongoing discussion regarding the organizational culture of Metro. Councilor Burkholder was most interested in looking at the budget, and long term, at a stable general fund, which was not necessarily based on enterprise activities. He wanted a review of the code in regard to advisory committee structure and a strategic plan for organization. He said fiscal issues were critical externally, as was equalization of urban services and Centers and how that relates to other issues. He included the RTP update, MTIP, South Corridor, and the Bi-State Committee conversion in his list of issues.

Council President Bragdon reviewed the comments, including that he had not heard a lot of emphasis on Damascus or urban reserves, but that operations and maintenance was more important than acquisition in parks; that the budget is the number one priority in terms of shaping the agency, and that the Councilors are willing to commit Wednesday afternoons as long as

needed to work on the budget. Council President Bragdon asked Councilor McLain to marshal the SWAC reports for the upcoming council informal meeting; and asked Councilor Hosticka to keep track of Goal 5, ESEE, and exploration of the programs; and Councilor Monroe to continue to work as the liaison to the Transportation Task Force; and Councilor Newman to work on Centers as he had expressed an interest. He asked Councilors Burkholder and Hosticka to work on revenue sharing. Councilor McLain noted that hi tech and ag futures had not been mentioned. She said she had started a small group in District 4 that could be a model to work with others besides MPAC on what being successful means. Council President Bragdon said he was working on some park operations and maintenance issues which he would bring back to the next meeting, and commented on the progress of the Chief Operating Officer search. There are currently 5 applications.

4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD
 FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2003**

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC. NUMBER
1.	LEGISLATION	1/28/03	2003 – 72 ND OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – REGULAR SESSION METRO REVIEW LOG AS OF 1/28/03 10:50 AM (PROPOSED) SENATE/HOUSE BILLS	012803CI-01
1.	LEGISLATION	N/A	LC ___ - TALKING POINTS	012803CI-02
1.	LEGISLATION	N/A	HB 2100 – TALKING POINTS – DRAFT	012803CI-03
1.	LEGISLATION	N/A	HOW LEGISLATION IS PROCESSED IN COUNCIL OFFICE – A TIP SHEET FOR COUNCILORS	012803CI-04
1.	LEGISLATION	N/A	SCHEDULE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION	012803CI-05
2.	COUNCIL AGENDA	1/30/2003	AGENDA FOR JANUARY 30, 2003 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING	012803CI-06
1.	LEGISLATION	N/A	LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PROCESS FLOW CHART	012803CI-07
3.	REORGANIZATION	1/6/2003	MEMO TO COUNCILORS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRAGDON RE: ORGANIZING OURSELVES TO VET THINGS DONE	012803CI-08
1.	LEGISLATION	1/28/2003	TESTIMONY OF PAUL PHILLIPS ON BEHALF OF METRO REGIONAL SERVICES, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE, HB 2137	012803CI-09