

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2009  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rod Park (excused)

Council President David Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

## 1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 2009, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Bragdon commented that if Resolution No. 09-4077 is adopted on Thursday Andrew Longergan will be the final member appointed to the Investment Advisory Board.

The council discussed the process for putting items into the consent agenda.

COO Michael Jordan briefed the Council on his recent retreat with the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commissioners. The purpose of the retreat was to talk about the role of the commission and proposed amendments that would change Title 6, which mandates the commission's role. The commission was particularly focused on the interface between the commission and council. President Bragdon commented that the Council can be more proactive in appointing future members to the MERC commission. Councilor Harrington requested more information on the roles and responsibility discussion at the retreat.

## 2. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Jordan laid the framework for the budget discussion at today's work session. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of a discussion that began two weeks ago at the Council work session. We've identified a snapshot of things that need to be looked at, and today we want to talk about the "so what?" aspect of budget ideas and concerns. What kind of changes in strategy does the Council think Metro ought to consider?

The council responded to with the following comments:

- Workload today and in the future suggests an increased level of activity on an ongoing basis (DB);
- Local governments is losing capacity to perform duties (RB);
- Metro should to identify actions that will improve resiliency to economic forces (RB);
- Metro should lead on government reform (RB);
- Urbanization and stewardship are topics that should be pursued with the intent of transformational results (KH);
- Metro should provide leadership models in order to put planning into implementation (CC);
- Metro needs to raise or realign its financial capacity (RL);
- Metro should provide leadership in design and model developments (RL);
- Transportation tools should be made known to private sector and local governments (RL);
- Dollars should be aligned to be more effective in specific places (RL);
- Metro will likely play a facilitator role in the operational transformational that sustainable development demands (CH);
- Retrofitting is already happening, so how can Metro play a role in accelerating the effort? (KH);

- Local officials *and* staff will be important resources (DB).

Mr. Jordan commented that the thematic he is hearing is how to build the 2040 plan by working with local governments to implement planning policy on the ground and leveraging investments we have already made.

The council continued, making the following comments:

- Metro should identify areas where a regional approach can assist in financing energy conservation projects (RB);
- Is there a strategic role Metro can play in the exploration of waste to energy and distributed energy methods? (CC);
- Metro should think about consumption generally, not just in energy but in all materials (RL);
- Metro can play a role in linking local strategies in financing energy reduction (CC);
- A regional energy model would influence local models and convene the region around the goal (CC);
- Am not confident that the region is prepared for another energy crisis, how can we address this in the budget (RB);
- Need to ensure that the region is resilient and able to adapt and evolve (KH);
- Metro should be proactive in preserving the urban food supply (CC);
- Need to explore how to integrate health impact assessment into decision making processes (RB);

Mr. Jordan commented that with all of the discussion around energy, the council has identified another theme in the budget conversation. To act on these energy ideas will require some “heavy lifting” but could potentially go a long way. Metro will never be an expert in energy, because of utilities focus on the subject, but could think about formulating partnerships that could progress energy conservation agenda. Some of the ideas mentioned point to Metro playing a community development role in making local governments resilient, specifically in regards to energy conservation and the economy.

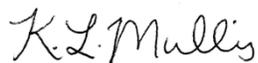
### **3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION**

There were none.

With no further business, Councilor Harrington adjourned the meeting at 3:14 PM.

Adjourn

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