

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, November 3, 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 1:05 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 10, 2009, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

President Bragdon noted that a memo has been distributed regarding item 6.1 on Thursday's Council meeting agenda. Also, there will likely be some parties testifying in regards to solid waste and recycling.

COO Michael Jordan announced that he will be appearing at the City Club this Friday with Mayor Jerry Willey of Hillsboro. He will have 17 minutes to give context to the region's land use, explain what brought us to the current policy approach and describe the Making the Greatest Place proposal. Mayor Willey will then talk about the same topics from the local government perspective. The discussion will not be about a particular issue or point in the decision making process.

Mr. Jordan also noted that the Senior Leadership Team is reviewing SMI issues again and discussing budget for the upcoming year. These topics will come to work session after Thanksgiving.

President Bragdon noted that he met with a group from Travel Portland in order to quantify the flows of hospitality related fees and taxes in the region and how they are spent. There will likely be a summit held in January to discuss a strategy for the Convention Center, now that the headquarters hotel will not be built.

2. SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) & RATE REVIEW DISCUSSION

President Bragdon introduced Doug Anderson and Matt Korot, who are working on the Solid Waste & Recycling policy and process update. This update is specifically related to rate-making at Metro's two stations, which are currently out of date and not up to best practices standards. President Bragdon noted that this kind of change is difficult but that he is confident it is the right decision. The council has already received a detailed paper on this matter, so the discussion will go straight to questions.

Councilor Harrington asked, in regards to committee formation, why non governmental parties are non-voting on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). Mr. Korot responded that this model is more effective for SWAC than an entire voting committee. Public officials will make decisions but will be informed by private knowledge. President Bragdon added that this measure is an attempt to ensure credibility of the advisory process, since companies with their own corporate agendas often sit on SWAC.

Councilor Liberty clarified that the diagram in the handout illustrates two entities, the SWAC and the rate review committee, and three options for how the rate review process could work. Councilor Harrington confirmed that the pool of independent reviewers in the region is broad and deep enough for our needs. She also clarified that the "balance of interest" discussed in Option 1 refers to metro's interest as an

operator of facilities, not necessarily as a regional authority. Councilor Hosticka noted that there are several jurisdictions included in the proposal that are not in Metro's boundary. Mr. Korot confirmed that they would clarify in the language that this plan applies to the entire three county area.

3. CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL BALLOT MEASURE PROPOSALS

Mr. Jordan introduced the agenda item, saying that Metro would like to create an overall context for how we respond to ballot measure proposals. The memo distributed should serve as a starting point for the discussion. Even though the memo uses a specific example we would like the conversation to be generic.

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro briefed the council on proposed criteria for regional ballot measures. The most important question is, "should we be a flow through agency for someone else's measure?" Beyond that the discussion should be around whether a measure furthers Metro's mission. The direction being suggested here takes into account the following "ingredients":

- Legal construct of measure;
- Includes appropriate accountability;
- Is in line with council direction;
- Has minimal fiscal issues;
- Has good chance of passing.

With these criteria, Metro can still be a flow-through agency but there will still be issues behind priorities.

Councilor Collette commented that if Metro were a flow-through agency it would require staff advice, oversight and accountability, which is not a small role. Councilor Harrington clarified that even though Metro's mission could stay the same, goals evolve over time based on the needs of the region. President Bragdon commented that he feels acting as a flow-through agency is a legitimate use of Metro's authority, but that this does not mean we should be the provider of services in those ballot measures. He added that there needs to be strong accountability between Metro and those who are providing services through a Metro ballot measure. Councilor Hosticka commented that what constitutes regional concern is up to the council and that there is no generic answer for every ballot measure.

Dan Cooper, Metro attorney, commented that whenever there is an issue (for example Metro does not want to carry a particular ballot measure, but the parties involved will still send it to vote) it is always an option to work with those pushing the measure or to put out a defensive version of the measure.

Councilor Liberty commented that it would be useful for groups to see this criteria if they plan on asking Metro to carry a ballot measure. The council agreed. Mr. Jordan suggested that it be posted on the Metro website in a section titled "Issues to be considered if you want to collaborate with Metro," or something along those lines.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder handed out a memo which proposes a potential amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He also noted that the Council has not agreed on how they want to review these and determine which amendments will go to JPACT.

Councilor Collette asked whether the Council wanted a work session briefing on the Sunrise Corridor before it goes to vote. The council agreed that it is not necessary, unless it would help land it in a good community serving context.

With no further business, President Bragdon adjourned the work session at 2:34p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	11/5/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, November 5, 2009.	110309cw-1
2	Worksheet	11/3/09	Metro Council work session worksheet: Changes to the Solid Waste Rate Setting Process.	110309cw-2
3	Memo	11/2/09	To: Metro Council From: Strategy Center Re: Summary of Ballot Measure Criteria	110309cw-3
4	Letter	11/3/09	To: Tom Brian, MPAC and Carlotta Collette, JPACT From: Rex Burkholder Re: RTP Amendment	110309cw-4