

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 15, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: None

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

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

Councilor Harrington brought up best practices for grant enhancement programs. Councilor Burkholder mentioned that the newly formed Solid Waste Advisory Committee could take up this topic.

The Council discussed the Regional Transportation Plan, which will be voted on at Thursday's Council meeting.

2. CLIMATE INITIATIVE UPDATE

Heidi Rahn of Metro updated the Council on the Climate Initiative. The initiative began when Council approved an investment in climate change analysis and coordination in order to meet Oregon greenhouse gas reduction goals set in 2007 by the state legislature. Ms. Rahn provided key updates them on the following topics:

- *Greenhouse gas analysis tools and scenario planning*- Next steps involve moving forward with technical improvements for greenhouse gas impact analysis. Strategies will be coordinated with local governments to determine how to do models on a project level.
- *Regional Collaboration*- Metro is working with regional partners to identify best management practices and opportunities for collaboration. The Climate Prosperity Initiative is a diverse working group that has been convening over the past few months to discuss these issues. An internal review committee is being put together to see how Climate Prosperity can be integrated into Metro goals.
- *Project Investment*- There are a few projects currently on the ground that seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions including diesel retrofits of 75-80 regional garbage trucks, a feasibility study of district energy, plans for the Lloyd center eco-district and the Metro Sustainability Plan.

Councilor Harrington questioned how she should be seeing that local governments are collaborating on this effort, because in her district she sees no evidence that mayors and city councilors are participating. Councilor Liberty suggested that somehow local governments should be made more aware of the requirements of HB 2001. The Council then discussed the differences and advantages of adaptation vs. mitigation in terms of climate change. Councilor Harrington requested a general model to help Councilors illustrate the enormity of the climate change issue, preferably using scenarios.

3. URBAN AND RURAL RESERVES DISCUSSION

Mr. John Williams of Metro briefed the Council on new updates in the urban and rural reserve discussion. He started by outlining the Multnomah County Commission's recommendations for Multnomah county. Councilor Burkholder commented that rural undesignated areas are a bad idea and that area in the Northwest portion of the county need to be designated so that they do not have to be dealt with every five years. Councilor Collette commented that at the 20 year check in period undesignated areas can be reconsidered. Councilor Liberty clarified designations in the Sandy river gorge area.

Mr. Williams then outlined updates to the Clackamas County reserve recommendations. Councilor Collette commented that Commissioner Lehan prefers that Stafford be undesignated and has proposed UR-9 from urban designation to either rural or undesignated. Councilor Collette also commented that citizens around the urban areas in Clackamas county need to know that urban reserves doesn't automatically equal 15 dwelling units per acre. Councilor Liberty followed up saying that he is concerned that there is a retreat from the 15 dwelling unit per acre standard, because it is difficult to make up for low density areas when it is 1,000 acres or more being proposed. Councilor Harrington requested that staff come up with examples of 15 units per acre developments to bring to reserves meetings.

Councilor Harrington said that there aren't any new developments in Washington County reserves that the Council has not already been briefed on. She suggested that the Bragdon/Hosticka map and the Liberty/Burkholder/Park map be available at the Core 4 meeting and that numbers be applied to each of the orange areas.

Councilor Hosticka brought up the issue of whether to forecast for 40 years or 50 years. The Metro Council prefers a 40 year forecast, which will be reiterated at the Core 4 meeting.

Councilor Liberty handed out proposed revisions and comments to the outline and text of the 2010 Urban and Rural Reserves ordinance draft. He suggested the text of the Metro Council six objectives be included to reinforce that counties know they are adopting more than a map. Councilor Harrington suggested that Robert's added language be included in Reserves materials at Thursday's council meeting. President Bragdon agreed but cautioned that one county has already expressed opposition to outcomes based language in the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA).

Councilor Collette requested that the language on page 2 of the IGA under agreement item #2 be clarified. Councilor Harrington commented that the schedule for public open houses and hearings is being finalized.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

There were none.

President Bragdon adjourned the work session at 4:26p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	12/17/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, December 17, 2009.	121509cw-1
2	Handout	N/A	Robert Liberty's Proposed Revisions and Comments to the Outline and Possible Text of the 2010 Urban and Rural Reserves Ordinance.	121509cw-2