

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Ellmyer, Portland, provided testimony on public housing issues. He provided testimony for the record (see attachments).

3. INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT FOR FINANCIAL ACTIVITY DURING FY 2008-2009: PRESENTATION

Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, introduced the audit process and provided background for the external audit presentation. She introduced staff involved in the audit and described legislation to come before Council for a vote in the following weeks – one resolution to accept the external financial audit (presented), and one ordinance to revise Metro code language regarding the formation of an audit committee. Audit results were presented. A Powerpoint presentation was presented.

Councilor Burkholder asked about standards and implications, and retroactive values dating back to 1980 – and the importance of “doing it right.” Councilor Liberty asked about schedule of expenditures for federal awards. Councilor Park asked about transparency in federal transactions.

Margo Norton, Finance and Administrative Services Director, provided a summary of the audit and next steps, including timelines and budget processes. She discussed the budget as a policy, plan, and aspiration. Ms. Norton discussed financial planning in relation to Metro plans and on-the-ground implementation of various projects and programs. Ms. Norton discussed accounting procedure and processes, including a summary of the audit report. She thanked staff for their hard work and success. Councilor Collette thanked Ms. Norton for her and staff’s hard work. She said it was validated. Councilor Harrington thanked Ms. Norton for their hard work. Councilor Park discussed insurances and assurances regarding fund use and transparency. Councilor Liberty noted the importance of audit responses.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes for the January 21, 2010, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Collette moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the January 21, 2010 Regular Metro Council meeting.

Vote: Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Liberty, Collette, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

5. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1229**, Amending Metro Code Title VI, Chapter 6.01; Metro Code Chapter 2.02 Personal Code, Section 2.02.010; and Metro Code Chapter 2.04, Section 2.04.024 Metro Contract Policies, Relating to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.

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| Motion: | Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1229. |
| Seconded: | Councilor Collette seconded the motion. |

President Bragdon introduced discussion on the ordinance. He discussed the functional role of the ordinance, and specifics involved in ordinance and changes in code language. He talked about oversight, supervision, and restructuring. He discussed the Metro and MERC relationship currently and into the future.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1229.

President Bragdon closed the hearing.

Councilor Park discussed proper market competition as an agency and regarding MERC operations. He discussed efficiency. Councilor Burkholder asked about the authority relative to guiding the COO within code changes. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said it was specific to operation of facilities. He said it was specific to contracting and other facility operations.

President Bragdon closed discussion on the ordinance.

Vote: Councilors Burkholder, Park, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, discussed budget items and future work sessions, including the Council and MERC joint meeting.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors discussed meetings and events they had attended.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Andersen', written in a cursive style.

Tony Andersen
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
JANUARY 28, 2010**

| Item | Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
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| 2.0 | Testimony | 1/28/10 | Testimony of Richard Ellmyer, January 2, 2010 Metro Council meeting | 012810c-1 |