

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
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 2:02 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, February 11, 2010, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Liberty commented on the revised housing Ordinance that will be read at Council Regular Meeting on February 11, saying that he is fine with the changes but that the phrasing of some sections may be in need of refinement. He also commented on Agenda item three with regard to performance measures and the RTP process.

2. 2nd QUARTER MANAGEMENT REPORT & QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

COO Michael Jordan oriented Councilors to the Metro Management Report handout detailing the accomplishments of and future plans for the different programs going on at Metro. He discussed what he thought were some of the highlights of the quarter, including the extensive work done on MGP and TOD projects, the new land acquisitions Metro has made, and work done with MERC on Title 6 provisions. He also discussed the cautionary items contained in the report. Councilors and Mr. Jordan conversed on specific items in the report.

Margo Norton, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, gave a report on the financial aspects of the second quarter. She discussed the status of capital projects undertaken or postponed by the agency, as well as the financial forecast for the agency. She touched on expenditure issues and the importance of having a good management strategy for reserve funds so that they are used judiciously. Councilors discussed specifics of financial matters affecting the agency including bonds, zoo revenues, and tonnage issues.

3. RESERVES DISCUSSION: REPORT BACK

Councilor Harrington opened the discussion on the results of Monday's final Core 4 meeting, with John Williams from Land Use Planning and Senior Assistant Attorney Richard Benner also present to answer questions on the reserves process. Councilors were presented with an updated reserves map, which illustrated the remaining "areas with options" which will be discussed bilaterally between Metro and the individual counties. Councilors asked questions to clarify the map and to clarify the reasoning and implications for certain decisions.

Mr. Benner discussed the intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) that were introduced to the Core 4 on Monday. Mr. Benner and Councilor Harrington mentioned changes to the language in the IGAs. Councilors asked questions, mainly on the issue of upzoning and whether there could be land-use changes on designated lands, and whether the language in the IGAs adequately addresses this topic. Councilors continued to discuss the language and phrasing in the IGAs, and other specific topics.

4. MGP WORK PROGRAM: TIMELINE AND KEY MILESTONES

Robin McArthur, Director of Planning and Development, initiated the discussion on the MGP work program, specifically the Capacity Ordinance and Functional and Framework plan aspects of MGP. Malu Wilkinson, Principal Regional Planner, explained how the Capacity Ordinance fits into the MGP plan and that the plan is using an outcomes-based approach. She referred Councilors to a document on the Capacity Ordinance illustrating the 20-year capacity gap ranges identified in the Urban Growth Report (UGR), and Councilors discussed the idea of focusing on the “middle third” of that capacity gap range in structuring the discussion on this project. Councilors also discussed the different assumptions made in the UGR and reserves analysis.

Ms. Wilkinson explained the timeline of activities leading up to a Capacity Ordinance in December 2010 and what specific activities will be done to identify a set of policies and investments that address the 20-year gap and support the region’s ability to meet forecasted growth.

Councilors asked questions on this topic, mainly on how we can prioritize investments, how the capacity issues are affected by zoning changes and changing land values, and how we can communicate with the public and other stakeholders regarding the capacity planning and MGP projects.

Principal Regional Planner Sherry Oeser outlined revisions to Titles 1, 4, 6, 11, and 14 in the Functional/Framework plans and the significance of these Titles to the capacity and MGP planning. The 2040 Growth Concept will also be revised. Ultimately all aspects of this work should be linked to a Regional Investment Strategy and focused on meeting the 6 desired outcomes for the region endorsed by MPAC. Councilors discussed revisions to the Titles and gave specific comments and suggestions related to this topic.

5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

Councilor Hosticka said that the Legislative Special Session is ongoing and that he would forward his communications with Legislative Affairs Manager Randy Tucker onto the Council.

Councilor Liberty handed out copies of a document he received at the New Partners for Smart Growth conference illustrating what different communities are doing with regard to climate change.

Councilor Collette mentioned her visit with JPACT to the Cascade Sierra Solutions facility last Friday.

Adjourn- 4:50 PM

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
February 9, 2010

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	02/09/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, February 11, 2010	020910cw-1
2	Attachment	02/09/10	Metro Management Report At-a-Glance 2 nd Quarter FY 09-10	020910cw-2
2	Attachment	02/09/10	Metro Management Report 2 nd Quarter FY 09-10	020910cw-3
2	Handout	02/10	2009-10 Second Quarter Report	020910cw-4
3	Attachment	02/08/10	Core 4 Reserves Status	020910cw-5
3	Handout	02/08/10	Draft Core 4 Proposal map	020910cw-6
3	Handout	02/04/10	Draft IGAs Metro-Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah Counties	020910cw-7
4	Attachment	02/02/10	20-year Growth work program summary	020910cw-8