

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 11, 2010  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

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

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

James B. Lee, Portland, provided testimony on Sellwood Bridge issues.

Sharon Nasset, Portland, provided testimony on Columbia River Crossing issues.

### 3. TRACKING TRANSPORTATION PROJECT OUTCOMES: PRESENTATION & REPORT

Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, discussed the audit of transportation plan implementation. She discussed processes, assessments, and methodology. She talked about outcomes and lack of certain information for concrete findings. She discussed data available that could provide outcomes. She recommended the Council look at establishing a clear evaluation function at Metro for planning projects.

Robin McArthur, Planning and Development Director, provided the management response to the audit. She provided an overview of Planning accomplishments, the project portfolio and outcomes-based transitions. She discussed investment tracking, and project effectiveness and evaluation.

Councilor Collette wanted to build up evaluation tools and receive feedback on whether planning goals had and would be met. Tom Kloster, Planning Manager, discussed planning project evaluation processes and system feedback. Councilor Hosticka said he was dismayed how the press picked up the audit and its results. He asked about opportunities for collaboration and institution building outside of Metro Regional Center. Councilor Harrington discussed outcomes and taking stock of maturation of methodologies and measurement systems. She asked about current status of phases. Councilor Liberty discussed usefulness of cost-benefit analysis on the front-end of projects. Councilor Burkholder asked about lack of screening for 2040 project compliance. Councilor Burkholder asked about data collection related to setting up an accountability and outcomes-based process. He asked about required resources and implementation. Councilor Park talked about criteria relation, efficacy, and comparisons to other regions.

President Bragdon discussed lack of desired clarity, and also scope parameters. He discussed responsibility and political will. Councilor Liberty discussed project prioritization and evaluation – most importantly for the sake of the public’s tax dollars. He said briefings might be helpful.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

4.1 Consideration of minutes for the February 4, 2010, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the February 4, 2010 Regular Metro Council meeting.
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Vote:	Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Collette, Hosticka, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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**5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

5.1 **Ordinance No. 10-1234**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2009-10 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Add 1.0 FTE Natural Resources Technician to Support Stabilization Activities on Newly Acquired Chehelam Ridge Natural Area and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 10-1234 for action and hearing on February 18, 2010.

**6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

6.1 **Ordinance No. 10-1231**, For the Purpose of Determining that Providing Financial Resources to Increase the Supply of Affordable Housing is a Matter of Metropolitan Concern.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Ordinance No. 10-1231A.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion, and approved moving the A version.

Councilor Liberty introduced Ordinance No. 10-1231A. He discussed specifics of the ordinance, including the importance of regional affordable housing and housing equity. He discussed background. Councilor Liberty made a minor language revision.

President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-1231.

Tom Cusak, Portland, provided written testimony for the record (see attachments). He discussed affordable housing funding programs. Councilor Collette asked about matching funds.

President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Harrington discussed language usage and the importance of accuracy in the ordinance. Councilors made friendly amendments to ordinance language of the A version, approved by Councilors Liberty and Hosticka.

The final ordinance for Council vote, after friendly amendments and Council support, was Ordinance No. 10-1231B.

Vote: 

Councilors Burkholder, Park, Collette, Harrington, Hosticka, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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6.2 **Ordinance No. 10-1233**, For the Purpose of Establishing an Audit Committee and Amending Metro Code Section 2.15.080 External Audits and Adding a New Metro Code Section 2.19.250 Audit Committee.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 10-1233.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Park introduced the ordinance and discussed Audit Committee procedure and appointments. He discussed roles of the committee. He talked about checks and balances, and best practices.

President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-1233.

President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Park closed discussion on the ordinance and urged an aye vote.

Vote: 

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

7.1 **Resolution No. 10-4123**, For the Purpose of Approving the Portland Metropolitan Regional Federal Transportation Priorities for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4123.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette discussed the resolution and priority specifics. She provided background and processes. She said approval of the resolution would endorse the list (see meeting packet). Councilor Collette closed discussion on the resolution.

Vote: 

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

7.2 **Resolution No. 10-4124**, For the Purpose of Endorsing a Regional Position on the Authorization of the Surface Transportation Act of 2009.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4124.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced the resolution and discussed project priorities and processes. She provided background and descriptions of the project list before Council. Councilor Liberty and President Bragdon discussed connections to the Columbia River Crossing and stated their approval of Resolution No. 10-4124 had no direct or specific connection to the Columbia River Crossing as a specific project, or policy stance. Councilor Burkholder noted the resolution outlined project proposals for federal assistance. Councilor Collette closed discussion on the resolution.

Vote:

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

**8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, provided information on organizational changes within the agency and MERC. Councilor Park noted the public might appreciate background information. Mr. Jordan discussed business practice studies and context information. President Bragdon asked about organizational structure.

**9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Hosticka provided a legislative update on Senate bills and Metro's recommendations. Councilor Park asked about House Bill 3648 and any complications. Randy Tucker, Metro Legislative Affairs Manager, described bill specifics and current happenings. Councilor Hosticka reported on Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) outcomes from the previous night. Councilors discussed events and meetings they had attended.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
6.1	Ordinance	2/11/10	Ordinance No. 10-1231A	021110c-1
6.1	Testimony	2/11/10	Metro Council Comments, Tom Cusak, February 11, 20[10]	021110c-2