

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, 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 2:01 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, March 18, 2010, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Senior Assistant Attorney Marvin Fjordbeck was present to discuss the Kemper Drywall case that will come before Council at the Regular Council Meeting on March 18. Mr. Fjordbeck explained that a hearings officer would present his findings to the Council, and he discussed the procedure for voting on the resolution to adopt the hearings officer's findings.

Matt Korot, Program Director of Resource Conservation and Recycling, updated Council on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee's (SWAC) decision to focus on organics and start with a broad sustainability approach, then later narrowing the focus to more specific areas such as food waste. Councilors indicated their support for this approach, especially with regard to waste reduction strategies. Mr. Korot also asked Councilors how they would like to be more engaged with SWAC. Councilors discussed their suggestions and views on SWAC activities.

2. MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE (MGP):

• DRAFT ELEMENTS OF MGP INTEGRATED INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Robin McArthur, Director of Planning and Development, initiated a discussion on the Making the Greatest Place (MGP) initiative, specifically on elements of the Integrated Investment Strategy, placemaking activities, the capacity ordinance, and RTP/MGP implementation. She briefly outlined the framework for performance based growth management and how it supports MGP implementation. Councilors discussed topics including whether the MGP work being done can serve as a framework for future processes, and implementation of MGP projects.

Megan Gibb of the Development Center discussed Placemaking and Development Opportunity Fund activities as examples of MGP implementation. Councilors discussed the details of these projects.

Patty Unfred of Communications gave a brief overview of opportunities for community engagement on MGP work. She explained the concept of "2040 work teams" that have been developed as a way to improve engagement with communities and coordinate Metro's engagement efforts. There was also discussion on how Metro staff can better engage and communicate with the Metro Council on MGP efforts.

COO Michael Jordan presented an overview of recommendations he will make on projects and actions to implement the MGP program and meet the six desired outcomes adopted by the Metro Council. He emphasized that Metro will engage with communities to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations to target public investment and address themes of jobs, investing in what we have, protecting our natural resources, maintaining infrastructure, and other themes which can be knit together into one “story” that illustrates the key messages of Metro’s MGP program. This “story” will help Metro demonstrate to communities that we are now shifting from the planning phase into the implementation phase of MGP. Discussion centered mainly on how to focus communities on the next steps for MGP project implementation and harness their energy and interest to most effectively implement these projects and leverage investments.

- **CAPACITY ORDINANCE: ANALYTICAL APPROACH AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK**

Malu Wilkinson of Planning presented on the topic of capacity and how Metro is developing a growth management plan that will support the region’s ability to meet forecast growth while maintaining livable, prosperous communities. She indicated that there is a capacity gap range between 20-year forecasted demand and current zoned residential and large-lot industrial land capacity. This gap can be narrowed by identifying policies and investments to promote more efficient use of land within the urban growth boundary (UGB). Ms. Wilkinson described this approach to closing the residential capacity gap. Brian Harper of Planning discussed how this approach works in practice. He used the City of Tigard as an example of where Metro is making efforts to understand how communities’ aspirations and actions, including zoning changes, providing financial incentives for higher-density development, investing in infrastructure and community assets, and other actions, affect the residential capacity gap.

Ms. Wilkinson also described the approach to addressing the capacity-gap for large-lot industrial land. Councilors discussed topics related to the capacity issue, mainly on the notion of the capacity gap range and how planning depends on what capacity estimates are used, as well as what assumptions were made in assessing future residential capacity needs, and whether the range is a political issue.

3. BREAK

4. MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE (MGP):

- **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Councilors decided to forgo this discussion as most had already heard presentations during JPACT or MPAC.

5. PORTLAND TO MILWAUKIE LIGHT RAIL: GENERAL PROJECT UPDTAE, LEGISLATION REVIEW & DISCUSSION

Ross Roberts of Planning introduced the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) attached to Resolution 10-4133 that Council will vote on at Thursday’s Regular Meeting. The IGA commits

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) funds to implementing the Milwaukie Light Rail and Commuter Rail Funding Plan. The resolution has gone through TPAC and JPACT already.

Dave Unsworth of Trimet briefed Council on the progression of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project. He discussed costs and the finance aspects of the project, past and future milestones, and the general project schedule. He also discussed the Conceptual Design Report, a guide to the light rail project for the public. Bridget Wieghart of Planning outlined the details and timeline for the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the project. There was brief discussion on why the new bridge that will allow the light rail to cross the Willamette will not allow cars, and other topics.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

Councilor Harrington noted that at Thursday's Regular Council Meeting there would be recognition of staff who contributed to the reserves process.

Adjourned at 4:36

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sheena VanLeuven", written in a cursive style.

Sheena VanLeuven
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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
DATE, 2010**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	03/16/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, March 18, 2010	031610cw-1
2	Handout	03/16/10	Annotated Agenda: Making the Greatest Place Work Session	031610cw-2
2	Attachment	03/10/10	Making the Greatest Place 2010 Decisions	031610cw-3
2	Handout	03/10	Development Center MGP activities	031610cw-4
2	Handout	03/10	DRAFT COO recommendation	031610cw-5
2	Attachment	03/09/10	Regional Investment Strategy: 2010 Capacity Ordinance	031610cw-6
2	PowerPoint	03/10	Tracking Additional Capacity	031610cw-7
4	Memo	03/10/10	From: Kim Ellis To: Metro Council Re: RTP Adoption and Link to Local Implementation of the 2040 Growth Concept to Create Great Communities and Address Climate Change	031610cw-8
5	Attachment	03/10	Resolution 10-4133	031610cw-9
5	Attachment	03/10	Staff Report: Resolution 10-4133	031610cw-10
5	PowerPoint	03/16/10	Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project: Metro Council Update	031610cw-11