

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 18, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President David Bragdon, 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

Councilor Liberty introduced friends from New Orleans, Louisiana who have been largely involved in important New Orleans planning projects. Councilor Harrington introduced Metro staff and others involved in the urban and rural reserves process and decision. She discussed background and work involved and thanked Metro staff from Planning, Communications, Data Resource Center, Office of the COO, and the Council Office.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes for the March 4, 2010, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Liberty moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 4, 2010 Regular Metro Council meeting.
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Vote:

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

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 **Resolution No. 10-4133**, For the Purpose of Endorsing a Multi-year Commitment of Regional Flexible Transportation Funds for the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project and Supplemental Commitment to the Beaverton to Wilsonville Commuter Rail Project.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4133.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Collette introduced discussion on the resolution. She said the resolution committed action for funding and was very exciting.

President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 10-4133.

John Charles, Cascade Policy Institute, provided testimony on transit project issues and funding discrepancies. He provided testimony for the record (see attachments).

Councilor Liberty asked about transportation specifics. Councilor Harrington asked about general fund references. Councilor Park asked about labor costs.

President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Collette closed discussion on the resolution and described benefits the resolution and projects provided to the region.

Vote:

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

4.2 **Resolution No. 10-4135**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Hearings Officer's Proposed Order Regarding Metro's Notice of Violation NOV-193A-09 Issued to Kemper Drywall, Inc. and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Final Order.

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4135.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Doug Cox, Metro's Hearings Officer, provided background information on violations and Metro's proposed order. He discussed taxes and fees involved and subsequent incidents. Marv Fjordbeck, Metro Senior Attorney, provided process specifics. Mr. Cox described respondent processes and submitted materials. Councilor Burkholder noted there was a request for an amended payment plan due to financial hardship. He said he did not see the usefulness of accommodation. Mr. Fjordbeck said they had failed to meet economic hardship criteria. Councilors discussed evidence.

Councilor Liberty motioned to admit submitted evidence into the Council and hearings officer's final decision. Councilor Burkholder seconded. The motion passed 7-0 with no one opposed.

Councilor Liberty spoke to his motion. Councilor Park said all competitors were under the same pressures, including economic and financial pressures. Councilor Hosticka asked about payback guarantee for debt collection.

Vote:

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

4.3 NATURAL AREAS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Natural Areas Oversight Committee Annual Report was presented to Council. Committee members discussed meeting processes, natural areas discussion and familiarity, and the fortunate availability of advanced committee experience. They discussed grant application review, screening, and equity across grant decisions. They discussed program efficiency and effectiveness, and correlations to bond measure goals and objectives.

President Bragdon introduced other committee members.

Councilor Collette discussed recommendations. Councilor Burkholder discussed awarded grant locations and asked about metrics utilized. He said a piece of property within a neighborhood has a great piece of value. Councilor Liberty discussed regional application. He discussed non-governmental partners, facilitation roles, and grant application development. Councilor Harrington appreciated feedback and added value. Councilor Park discussed wise investments. He asked about performance measures. President Bragdon thanked Chair Crane for his work developing a new and innovative committee, creating focus, and implementing direction. He provided Mr. Crane with a certificate and framed picture.

4.4 **Resolution No. 10-4134**, For the Purpose of Approving Third Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4134.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Hosticka introduced discussion on the resolution. He provided background information on the capital grants program and name changes and processes over time. He discussed results of funding, and noted that projects should be capital improvements or land acquisitions. He discussed the programs role as a competitive program.

An outline of awarded grants and recipients was provided. Performance measures and criteria clarification were discussed. Committee members provided a presentation on awarded projects. They provided information on habitat benefits, restoration information, and project specifics (refer to meeting packet for projects and scope).

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 10-4134.

Gabriel Sheridan, Portland, provided testimony on the Baltimore Woods area and future visions.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Burkholder was excited about the projects. He said it was a great linkage in the area. Councilor Harrington asked about learning experiences from the past and applications for the future and to continuously evangelize the programs. Councilor Collette discussed excitement for projects and having a model for habitat integration into the built environment. Councilor Park noted regional collaboration and expansion of conservation. Councilor Liberty wanted everyone to have the ability to experience nature in their

neighborhood throughout the region. President Bragdon discussed regional citizens and their deep connection and appreciation for nature and regional natural resources. Councilor Hosticka thanked individuals for their work and closed discussion on the resolution.

Vote:

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

5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, discussed budget items.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors discussed events and meetings they had attended.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
MARCH 18, 2010**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.1	Testimony	3/18/10	Testimony before the Metro Council, Regarding Agenda Item 4.1, Resolution No. 10-4133, John A. Charles, Jr., March 18, 2010	031810c-1