

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 30, 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 2:01 p.m.

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

COO Michael Jordan said that MERC had met to start discussions on strategic planning and understanding the venues and their respective challenges.

2. CURRENT RATE SETTING PROCESS & RATE REVIEW METHODOLOGY

Council President Bragdon gave a brief overview of the waste rate setting process. Doug Andersen, Solid Waste Policy and Compliance Manager, was present to introduce the solid waste rates. He outlined the reforms adopted last year and discussed this year's process for rate-setting. He also described trends in tonnage and what policies have been adopted to manage changes in tonnage, as well as the drivers of changes in solid waste rates. Councilors discussed specifics of rate setting, including the timeline for the process, how the Paint Care program has affected rates, and how tonnage forecasts affect the rate-setting process.

Angie Sanchez Virnoche of the FCS Group consulting firm was present as the independent reviewer for the rate setting process. She described areas in which Metro's process had performed well and areas for improvement. Councilors engaged in a brief question and answer session with Ms. Virnoche.

3. RECOLOGY TRANSFER STATIONS CONTRACT: FORUM FOR QUESTION & ANSWER DISCUSSION WITH RECOLOGY SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Representatives of Recology, the waste management firm who will operate Metro Central solid waste transfer station, gave a presentation to the Council on the practices and goals of their firm. Councilors engaged in a question and answer session with Recology management.

4. BREAK

5. MGP: IMPLEMENTING URBAN AND RURAL RESERVES

Councilor Harrington opened the conversation on implementing the urban and rural reserves decisions through intergovernmental agreements (IGAs). Sherry Oeser of Planning gave an overview of the timeline for the implementation process. Dick Benner of the Office of Metro Attorney answered Councilor's questions, including how appeals to the Land Conservation and

Development Commission's ruling would affect Metro's growth management decision, details on the LCDC's decision-making process, and whether objections to the reserves designations could be made based on the language in the statute.

Mr. Benner outlined significant issues with regard to Title 11, which refers to concept planning. Councilors and Mr. Benner engaged in a discussion on these issues and on other topics related to the ongoing reserves designation process.

6. MTIP POLICY UPDATE & DISCUSSION: PROCESS & REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUND ALLOCATION

Councilor Collette introduced a discussion on looking at revisions to the process of allocating regional flexible funds. Ted Leybold and Amy Rose of Planning were present to brief the Council on the revisions being proposed. Mr. Leybold outlined the timeline for the revisions process and the reasons that staff thinks the process should be revised. His main questions for the Council were, should Metro be soliciting projects under the existing funding categories and funding them either at historical levels or adjusted targets; how does freight mobility fit into the allocation framework; can we take advantage of changes to the federal transportation bill that may yield funds; do we continue allowing applications in the innovative practices/special projects category? Councilors discussed these questions and gave general comments about the allocations process. This topic will be discussed at the April 2 JPACT retreat.

7. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

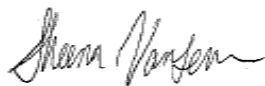
Councilor Liberty mentioned that the Capital Excise Tax grant screening Committee had met and begun reviewing applications for CET grant funding.

Councilor Collette mentioned that she had attended an event by PDXplore on the Columbia River Crossing, and that it is possible to obtain copies of the presentation that was given.

Councilor Park mentioned that he had met with U.S. Representatives Schrader and Peterson and discussed mainly exotic pests and their effect on agriculture.

Adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
March 30, 2010

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	03/30/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, April 1, 2010	033010cw-1
2	Attachment	03/30/10	DRAFT rate ordinance 10-1237	033010cw-2
2	Handout	03/30/10	Preview of the Proposed FY 2010-11 Solid Waste Rates	033010cw-3
2	Handout	03/30/10	Outline of Independent Review of Metro Solid Waste Disposal	033010cw-4
2	Handout		FCS Group brochure	033010cw-5
4	Attachment	03/10	Ordinance 10-1238	033010cw-6
4	Attachment	03/19/10	DRAFT Exhibit B to Ordinance 10-1238	033010cw-7
4	Attachment	03/22/10	DRAFT Exhibit D to Ordinance 10-1238	033010cw-8
4	Attachment	03/23/10	Changes to the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan	033010cw-9
4	Handout	03/10	Map: Exhibit A to Ordinance 10-1238	033010cw-10
6	Attachment	03/15/10	DRAFT Policy Questions for JPACT Consideration and Direction on MTIP funds	033010cw-11
6	Memo	03/29/10	To: JPACT and Metro Council From: Ted Leybold and Amy Rose Re 2012-15 MTIP Policy and 2014-15 Regional Flexible Fund allocation process	033010cw-12
6	Handout	03/10	Federal and State capital investments in the Portland Metropolitan region	033010cw-13