

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Kathryn Harrington, Rex Burkholder, Carlotta Collette, Rod Park, Carl Hosticka, Robert Liberty

Councilors Absent: Council President David Bragdon (excused)

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes for the April 22, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion:

Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 22, 2010 Regular Metro Council meeting.
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Vote:

Deputy Council President Collette & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Hosticka and Liberty voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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4. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 10-1239**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.01 to Modify the Amount of Net Solid Waste Excise Tax Generated and to Repeal the Additional Solid Waste Excise Tax.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 10-1239.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor Park introduced the ordinance and discussed tax specifics, rates, and fund allocations.

Deputy Council President Collette opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-1239.

Deputy Council President Collette closed the public hearing.

Councilor Harrington discussed her opposition to the ordinance, and explained economic ‘hits’ to businesses and individuals. She discussed the necessity of improved programmatic

budget planning. Councilor Burkholder asked if Councilor Harrington would like to recommend an amendment. Councilor Liberty discussed offsetting processes. Doug Anderson, Parks and Environmental Services Manager, discussed tax increases and fund allocations. Councilor Liberty asked about savings.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Collette & Councilors Burkholder, Park, and Liberty voted in support of the motion. Councilors Hosticka and Harrington opposed. The vote was 4 aye, 2 nay, the motion passed.
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4.2 **Ordinance No. 10-1237**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Establish Metro's Solid Waste Disposal Charges and System Fees for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 10-1237.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor Park introduced the ordinance. He discussed tip fees and dates fees would occur. He discussed increased fee and rate specifics. He touched on rate processes, including factors involved in increases.

Deputy Council President Collette opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-1237.

Deputy Council President Collette closed the public hearing.

Councilor Hosticka discussed his opposition to the previous ordinance and current discussion. He said he would support the current motion for the sake of the budget process. Councilor Burkholder discussed relative cost of disposal.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Collette & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Liberty, and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

5. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 10-1235**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes and Declaring an Emergency.

Deputy Council President Collette opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-1235.

Deputy Council President Collette closed the public hearing.

Deputy Council President Collette opened the Council floor for budget amendments.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion:	Councilor Liberty moved to adopt technical and departmental budget amendments en bloc for inclusion in Ordinance No. 10-1235A.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Councilor Liberty discussed Metro budget technical amendments and explained specifics.

Vote: Deputy Council President Collette & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Hosticka and Liberty voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

HARRINGTON AMENDMENT 1

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt budget amendment HARRINGTON AMENDMENT 1 for inclusion in Ordinance No. 10-1235A.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor Harrington discussed her motion for departmental substantive budget amendments. She discussed brownfields program funding and subsequent needs and increases for and within the program. She discussed the importance of brownfield development and subsequent program development. She discussed program funding and noted budget cuts. She said it was important to keep the program going and that the proposed amendment funds were not a hugely significant amount. Councilor Hosticka said it was important in growth expansion discussions, as well as a collaboration effort between Metro and local governments. He discussed the importance of visualization tools. Councilor Park discussed his support for the amendment.

Vote: Deputy Council President Collette & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Hosticka and Liberty voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

BURKHOLDER 1

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt budget amendment BURKHOLDER AMENDMENT 1 for inclusion in Ordinance No. 10-1235A .
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder discussed his proposed budget amendment, funding specifics, and associated allocations and intended results. Councilor Liberty asked about needs for additional funds. Councilor Burkholder said additional funding created data modeling and expanded research opportunities. Mike Høglund, Data Resource Center Director, discussed specifics of the project and outputs and deliverables regarding greenhouse gas research and other research components of the project including compact development. He said funding would provide models to build scenarios. Councilor Harrington discussed work scope and funding specifics, including contingency fund utilization. Michael Jordan, COO, said there would not be an onerous impact on the general fund. Councilor Burkholder said it was

important to figure out how to capture information and then apply that information. He said this first step was essential.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Collette & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Hosticka and Liberty voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

PARK 1

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt budget amendment PARK AMENDMENT 1 for inclusion in Ordinance No. 10-1235A.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor Park introduced and discussed his proposed budget amendment. He talked about the Nature in Neighborhood program and grant programs involved. He discussed funding ranges. He discussed organizations, projects, and programs that would benefit. He said he hoped to fund it another year and wished to find a more stable funding source in the future. Councilor Burkholder said he thought this was one of the best programs Metro had ever engaged in. Councilor Harrington noted restoration was happening with or without the amendment. She said she wished there was a permanent program and permanent funding source. She said she was happy the level of reserve funding was discussed. Councilor Park closed the Nature in Neighborhoods budget amendment discussion.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Collette & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Hosticka and Liberty voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

Councilor Collette discussed the budget process, timeline, and asked that all proposed budget amendments be included in the annual FY 2010-11 budget ordinance, Ordinance No. 10-1235A, to carry over and assigned to June 10th with final budget adoption on June 17th.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 10-4145**, For the Purpose of Approving the FY 2010-11 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4145.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion

Deputy Council President Collette noted this resolution transmitted Metro's FY 2010-11 budget to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) on June 3rd at 12:30pm in the Metro Council Chambers.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Collette & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Hosticka and Liberty voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

Councilor Collette revised the agenda to allow for additional 'Citizen Communications' opportunities:

Eddy Day, Gresham, provided testimony on property and Title 11 issues. Councilor Burkholder asked about the geographic location Mr. Day discussed. Councilor Liberty asked about current businesses on the property. Mr. Day discussed selling his property. Councilor Park discussed zoning and economic realities and government's role within those parameters. Mr. Day discussed losses in property value and discrepancies in zoning and land designations. He thanked Councilors and staff for their accommodation of his testimony.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, invited Robin McArthur, Planning and Development Director, and Dick Benner, Senior Metro Attorney, about the rural and reserve rule-making process. Ms. McArthur discussed issues and timelines. Councilor Hosticka discussed rule implications. Mr. Benner discussed the meeting of the reserves project team. Councilor Park asked about functioning timelines. Councilor Harrington noted the hard work involved in ensuring that elected officials had the opportunity for common information and a common understanding.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors discussed events and meetings throughout the region and ones they had attended. Councilor Harrington noted the occurrence of the Coalition for a Livable Future's Regional Livability Summit and Metro's sponsorship of the event. Councilor Hosticka gave a review of the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting from the previous night. Councilors discussed content of the meeting. Councilors discussed comprehensive plans and Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) issues.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Council President Collette adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
APRIL 29, 2010**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Testimony	4/29/10	E-mail and business card: E-mail: To: Sharon Nasset From: Steve Stuart Re: RE: Response to Sharon Nasset Date: January 16, 2010	042910c-1
5.1	Table	4/29/10	FY 2010-11 Adopted Budget, Summary of Amendments and Actions as of April 29, 2010	042910c-2
5.1	List	4/29/10	FY 2010-11 Proposed Amendments, Impact on General Fund Ending Reserves	042910c-3