

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

Council President David Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:01 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, May 6, 2010, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon noted that although the appointment of Metro Councilor Rod Park to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC) as an ex-officio member does not require Council confirmation, the Council will acknowledge the appointment.

COO Michael Jordan mentioned that MERC would meet on Wednesday, May 5.

Kim Ellis, principal transportation planner, discussed items related to Thursday's agenda item 5.2, including the recommendations on the Tualatin bridge crossing, and how the southern and northern arterials in the area are addressed in the Regional Transportation Plan.

2. 2040 GROWTH CONCEPT MAP BRIEFING

Chris Deffebach, Long Range Planning Manager, indicated that changes to the 2040 concept map have been proposed and that the Council will be voting on those changes in December as part of the capacity ordinance.

3. CENTER DESIGNATION CHANGE REQUESTS

Ms. Deffebach introduced staff from the Cities of Hillsboro, Happy Valley, Cornelius and Tigard to discuss each of their proposed changes to the 2040 concept map.

Michael Walter, Economic and Community Development Director for the City of Happy Valley, discussed his city's proposal to shift its designated center to another part of the city. Councilors asked questions on the intent behind the center re-designation and encouraged Happy Valley to work with the neighboring city of Damascus to complement each others' development efforts.

Colin Cooper, Planning Supervisor for the City of Hillsboro, discussed his city's proposal to establish the Tanasbourne/AmerGlen regional center within the 2040 growth concept, whereas the Tanasbourne area is currently designated as a town center. Councilors discussed this proposal, mainly with regard to the fact that there are already three regional centers within Washington County and how adding another might affect those existing ones.

Richard Meyer, Development Operations Director for the City of Cornelius, discussed his City's request to change its main street designation to a town center designation. Councilors asked questions to clarify the request and the reasons behind it.

Mayor Craig Dirksen of Tigard and Ron Bunch, Community Development Director for the City of Tigard, were also present to update Councilors on their City's plan to expand the town center boundary, although this expansion does not require Metro Council action. Councilors discussed details of the plan.

4. BREAK

5. FOCUSING DEVELOPMENT IN CENTERS AND CORRIDORS

Sherry Oeser, Principal Regional Planner, indicated that revisions are being made to Title 6 of the Urban Growth Management Function Plan (UGMFP), which calls for local assessments and strategies to improve centers. Richard Benner, Senior Metro Attorney, described the revisions to Title 6, namely that it would now focus on both centers and corridors, and it would now tie planning to incentives and investments. Mr. Benner discussed the details and implications of the changes to Title 6, with Councilors asking questions mainly on how corridors are defined.

6. MPAC EMPLOYMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Malu Wilkinson, Principal Regional Planner, and Ted Reid, Associate Regional Planner, updated the Council on the activities of the MPAC employment subcommittee, whose focus was to recommend strategies on how to best support the traded sector economy. Ms. Wilkinson outlined the Committee's recommendations, which center on increasing the supply of development-ready large-lot industrial sites and ensuring that they are supported by infrastructure, while also protecting current sites and redeveloping brownfields. Councilors discussed related topics including land banking and what land is available for development, land metering, and actual versus perceived need for land parcels.

7. EMPLOYMENT TOOLKIT UPDATE

Miranda Bateschell, Associate Regional Planner, updated the Council on the upcoming volume of the Community Investment Toolkit that will be launched in the fall. The toolkit will focus on high-performance infrastructure, 21st century design, and redevelopment and reuse. Councilors briefly discussed the toolkit and noted that it has been useful to communities in the past and should be promoted.

8. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

Councilors noted that they would like to have more discussion on the proposed changes to the 2040 map and discussed this issue further.

Councilor Collette mentioned that she had attended the Oregon MPO Consortium meeting, where there was much discussion about increasing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Councilor Park mentioned that work is continuing on the East Metro Connections study.

Adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
0	Agenda	05/04/10	Revised Work Session Agenda	050410cw-1
1	Agenda	05/04/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, May 6, 2010	050410cw-2
2	Attachment	04/12/10	2040 Growth Concept Map: Changing Center Designations: Guidance for local jurisdiction requests	050410cw-3
3	Attachment	05/2010	City of Happy Valley existing and potential City Center maps	050410cw-4
3	Attachment	04/27/10	To: Metro Council From: Ron Bunch Re: Tigard Town Center Boundary Expansion Proposal	050410cw-5
3	Handout	05/10	City of Happy Valley Land Use Zoning map	050410cw-6
3	Handout	05/10	City of Cornelius Town Center proposal	050410cw-7
3	Handout	05/10	City of Hillsboro proposal packet	050410cw-8
5	Attachment	04/23/10	To: MTAC From: Chris Deffebach, Sherry Oeser, Dick Benner Re: Title 6 (Centers) Revisions	050410cw-9
5	Attachment	04/23/10	Draft 7, Exhibit K: Title 6	050410cw-10
6	Handout	05/05/10	To: MPAC From: MPAC employment subcommittee: Re: Final report to MPAC on addressing large-industrial-site demand	050410cw-11