

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes for the April 29, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

3.2 **Resolution No. 10-4149**, For the Purpose of Acknowledging the Council President's Appointment of Metro Councilor Rod Park to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC) as an Ex-Officio Member.

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 29, 2010 Regular Metro Council meeting and Resolution No. 10-4149.

Vote:

Council President Bragdon & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Hosticka, Liberty and Collette voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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4. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 10-1241**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with State Law; To Add the Regional Transportation Systems Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; To Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; To Amend the Regional Framework Plan; And to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan.

Councilor Burkholder moved the ordinance. Councilor Collette seconded.

Councilor Burkholder noted the four-year timeline and noted primary objectives and overall themes of the plan. He discussed iterations and noted the revolutionary nature of the plan, both for the region and on a national level. He noted its utility and its role as a model for the rest of the country.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-1241.

Mara Gross, Policy Director, Coalition for a Livable Future, provided testimony on future plans and specific recommendations on the Regional Transportation Plan. She said the Council should revisit the project list, and maintain equity as a primary theme throughout. She discussed health, safety, and affordability. Councilor Collette asked about addressing the project list. Councilor Liberty asked about bus operations.

Roger Arerbeck, Portland, provided testimony on RTP goals and pedestrian vision. He said safe pedestrian access was key and that safety should be an urgent priority in corridor development. He touched on the importance of funding allocation for under-represented groups.

Garik Kransky, Bicycle Transportation Alliance, provided testimony on state-mandated greenhouse gas reduction goals. He said the RTP could do more to increase transportation choices and decrease the necessity to drive. He said overall, though, the bicycle portion of the RTP was very strong.

Marianne Fitzgerald, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc., provided testimony on the importance of regional investment in multi-modal systems. She supported increased livability standards and ensuring the Barbur corridor was planned correctly.

Reba Tobey, Tualatin, provided testimony on specific projects regarding Tualatin Ferry Road and the Tualatin community. She noted the importance of Tualatin's parks and open spaces.

Christine Tunstall, Tualatin, provided testimony regarding support of Tualatin City Council's removal of specific projects involving Tualatin Ferry Road. She noted the importance of the current parks and open spaces in the area. She noted the need for increased citizen involvement in the Tualatin area.

Kathy Newcomb, Tualatin, provided testimony regarding project 10731. She said citizen involvement was completely inadequate in Tualatin. She was concerned that Tualatin was the most underserved Tri-Met area in the region. She discussed the formation of a traffic advisory committee.

Cathy Holland, Tualatin, provided testimony regarding removing project 10731. She discussed complex issues related to the city of Tualatin. She discussed specific areas and traffic management alternatives and noted the need for true cooperation and collaboration. She requested immediate action. Councilors Collette and Liberty thanked individuals for their thoughtful testimony and excellent organizational efforts.

Dolores Hurtado, Tualatin, provided testimony regarding removing project 10731. She discussed Tualatin's public involvement process and noted how nice it would have been to receive relevant information on the project and plan earlier on. She discussed organizational efforts and park protection.

Katy Brooks, Port of Vancouver, provided testimony on freight inclusion in the RTP. She discussed the importance of freight in transportation planning and the increased importance of looking at freight functionality on both sides of the river. Councilor Park discussed timelines for different projects.

Jason Barbour, Portland, provided testimony on increased funds for public transit and transportation rather than large capital projects. He talked about fund allocations for services and prioritization. He discussed transportation fares and discrepancies in who pays and how much. Councilor Liberty asked Mr. Barbour what he would do as the Tri-Met General Manager. President Bragdon discussed the idea of specific metrics for services and route details. Mr. Barbour discussed listing details in the RTP and investment plan. Councilor Burkholder discussed maintenance and operations issues.

Toni Anderson, Tualatin, provided testimony regarding the I-5/99W Connector project. She discussed highway lanes and congestion issues.

Dennis Wells, Tualatin, provided testimony regarding project 10731 or the “Bridge over the park.” He discussed personal relationships with the park and its important role in the community. He said there wasn’t simply opposition, but a legitimate exercise in community organizing. He said it was an emotional item in Tualatin.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing and assigned Ordinance No. 10-1241 to June 10th, 2010.

Kim Ellis, Metro Transportation Planner, discussed specific project removal from the RTP including project 10731. She said reevaluations had taken place. Councilor Burkholder discussed cost discrepancies and project priorities. Councilor Burkholder asked about project processes and connection to the RTP project list. Ms. Ellis provided detailed update and policy framework specifics.

President Bragdon revised the agenda to accommodate additional Citizen Communications.

Mark Richmond, Portland, provided testimony on Metro’s janitorial contracts. He said Metro had canceled a janitorial contract. He said it was hard to believe in Metro’s mission after individuals had been laid off. He discussed the importance of good jobs and livable wages.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 **Resolution No. 10-4148**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Amend An Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Forest Grove for Trail Development.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4148.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Harrington introduced the resolution and described specifics of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). She noted trail alignments and natural area siting

logistics. She discussed trail review and safety in addition to access to nature. She said it was a partnership with the city of Forest Grove.

Vote:

Council President Bragdon & Councilors Burkholder, Park, Harrington, Liberty and Collette voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed. Councilor Hosticka was excused.
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5.2 **Resolution No. 10-4150**, For the Purpose of Approving the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

No action taken. Resolution assigned to June 10th, 2010.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 10-4150.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, discussed agency issues including an update on the Construction Excise Tax grant process and subsequent legal matters. He noted hiring processes for different Metro vacancies.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors discussed events and meetings they had attended.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
MAY 6, 2010**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.1	Testimony	5/6/10	Testimony; To: Metro Council From: Coalition for a Livable Future Re: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan update	050610c-1
4.1	Letter	10/15/09	To: Metro Council and JPACT members From: Bicycle Transportation Alliance Re: Regional Transportation Plan	050610c-2
4.1	Testimony	5/6/10	To: Metro Council and JPACT From: Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. Re: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan	050610c-3
4.1	Testimony	5/6/10	To: Metro Council From: Dolores Hurtado, Tualatin Re: Project 10731 and the 2035 RTP	050610c-4
2.0	Testimony	5/6/10	To: Metro Council From: Mark Richmond Re: Metro's janitorial contract	050610c-5