

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 24, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Carlotta Collette (excused), Carl Hosticka (excused)

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor Burkholder introduced Freda Sherburne, Waste Reduction Educator, and the recycling award she and Metro received for waste reduction education. Councilor Burkholder discussed the importance of the program and the ability to document and measure behaviors and improvements directly related to the program. Ms. Sherburne read a letter from a sixth grader addressing Outdoor School. She noted staff involved in program success. Councilor Harrington thanked Ms. Sherburne and noted the important decision to fund Outdoor School.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Gerik Kransky, Bicycle Transportation Alliance, discussed transportation issues. Councilor Liberty asked about regional spending.

Mara Gross, Policy Director Coalition for a Livable Future, discussed regional flexible fund and active transportation issues. She discussed funding cycles and hoped to not see decreasing funds. She hoped the Metro Council would support higher percentages related to active transportation funding.

Charles Ormsby, Portland, provided testimony on Birdshell neighborhood issues. He provided Councilors an update of Birdshell Neighborhood Association actions and issues. Councilor Liberty addressed his concerns on availability of public documents.

3. COMMUNICATION PROJECTS PRESENTATION: NATURAL GARDENING

Carl Grimm, Natural Gardening Specialist, provided a presentation to Councilors on Metro's Natural Gardening program. He provided a Powerpoint presentation and discussed different plant species with Councilors (actual plants were provided and their tangible uses were discussed). He talked about target audiences, program strategies, collaboration, communication strategies, and deliverables. Heather Nelson Kent, Nature in Neighborhoods (NiN) Program Manager, discussed aligning NiN goals with the Natural Gardening framework. Councilor Liberty asked about changing attitudes. Mr. Grimm said it was key to work with nurseries and individual retailers in addition to other partners to create regional tools for sustainable landscaping. Councilor Park discussed nursery business and efforts of the program. Councilor Harrington noted the excellent array of planned and coordinated events including Washington County events. President Bragdon asked about the budget for the program and how they were measuring achievements.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Consideration of minutes for the June 17, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.
- 4.2 **Resolution No. 10-4164**, For the Purpose of Accepting the May 18, 2010 Primary Election Abstract of Votes For Metro,
- 4.3 **Resolution No. 10-4165**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating officer to Issue a Non-System License to Pride Recycling Company For Delivery of Food Waste to the Pacific Region Composting Facility For Composting.

Motion:

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the June 17, 2010 Regular Metro Council meeting and Resolution Nos. 10-4164 and 10-4165.

Vote:

Council President Bragdon and Councilors Liberty, Park, Harrington and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

There were none.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors discussed events and meetings they had attended and future regional events.

President Bragdon opened the floor for discussion on regional flexible fund issues. He said it was the last opportunity for Council to discuss before the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) met on July 8th. Councilor Burkholder discussed process and funding allocation. Councilor Harrington discussed funding categories and the process of narrowing. Councilor Harrington said she approved of the two-step approach and they had done a good job of learning from prior cycles. She said policy areas were very effective. Councilor Liberty discussed performance criteria and refinement. He said he would like to see the maximum amount allotted to active transportation. Councilor Park discussed dedicated funding sources, the two-step process, and project prioritization and allocation. He talked about efficiency in systems approaches and said it was important to also address shortfalls. He said he was comfortable with the higher percentage. President Bragdon said it was important to align with jurisdictions with similar policy points of view. He said he was in favor of a higher percentage for active transportation, but there needed to be a clear statement on return of investments.

President Bragdon summarized: Councilors favored the two-step approach moving forward. He said Councilors favored the 75%/25% allocation scenario, but if it came down to a 60%/40% scenario that could be accommodated as well and would not be detrimental or necessary to place barriers in the process. Councilor Harrington noted most freight projects could not be funded through other sources. Councilor Liberty noted the importance of using criteria and project delivery strategies to fund good projects. Councilor Park noted

tensions across the region in local jurisdictions because of lack of funds throughout the region. He said it was important to help fund shortfalls or at least maintain local and regional responsibility.

Councilor Harrington provided a quick summary notation of Council direction for the MTIP (Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program) RFFA (Regional Flexible Fund Allocation) Policy Framework, noting these items would need to be carried to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) by Council representatives, rather than Metro staff.

1. **Continue the Two Step process**
2. **Step Two Project Focus Areas:**
 - a. *Continue with the two proposed areas:*
Green Economy/Freight Initiatives & Active Transportation/Complete Streets
 - b. *Funding targets:*
Push from maximum level achievable for AT/CS (much more comfort with 25/75 vs. other mixes of 40/60)
 - c. *Bolster the 'proposed priorities factors' of environmental justice impacts, changing from 'considered' to some stronger addressed/implemented/achieved language*
 - d. *Return on Investment focus:*
Ensure policy framework areas utilize a return on investment orientation/focus
 - e. *Achieving outcomes:* require a system such that once projects are built, the applicant must demonstrate how the project met or demonstrated the 'performance target outcome' as embodied in the 'performance target outcomes' of this (to be adopted) policy framework.

7. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Prepared by



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Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
			No attachments to the public record	