

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

July 13, 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 2:01 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, [July 13, 2010]/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, informed the Council the garage renovations would not be completed as early as previously expected due to newly discovered issues on the fourth floor. The total price for the construction will therefore be higher, but the project will still be finished by the end of August. Mr. Jordan also reminded the Council of the response being formulated regarding the USS Ranger highlighting the Council's continuation in the process, while specifying the Council has no obligation in the process.

2. METRO ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Scott Robinson, Chief Information Officer, provided a handout "Metro Management Report At-a-Glance" for the fiscal year 2009-10. The presentation of this report came at a different time than in the past. At this time in the year the Council would normally be given a spotlight report which will be provided in August this year. Mr. Robinson provided some highlights from the report, specifically the significant accomplishments Metro completed during the current economic state. For example Metro added to its policy milestones by adopting the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Metro has worked on the diversity action team as well as the learning center to continue making improvements, and lastly within day to day business Metro has continued to provide great guest experiences and increased its individual volunteer work. Councilor Rex Burkholder asked how this report could be shared with the citizens of the region. Mr. Robinson responded the communications department would be creating a document to be issued outside of Metro. Mr. Jordan reminded the Council this report would be coupled in August with the balanced score card. The Council discussed the idea of making this report into a statement that could serve on the Metro website and help provide more information in the continuous loop of direction and feedback.

3. DISPOSAL SYSTEM ROADMAP: PRESENTATION & DIRECTION DISCUSSION

Mr. Robinson introduced Tom Chaimov, Senior Solid Waste Planner, to present a discussion for improving the solid waste system. Mr. Chaimov reminded the Council this was their second interaction with several more meetings to come. Mr. Chaimov framed the discussion around the year 2020 when all of Metro's major solid waste contracts will have expired. This discussion provides an opportunity to make small changes now while preparing for future changes in the solid waste system. Mr. Chaimov provided context to the handout entitled "Actionable Items to Improve the Solid Waste System" by situating the suggested actions in the framework of Metro's Six Desired Outcomes for the Region. The actionable items from the handout were separated into different categories. Mr. Chaimov began with "Value" which included the suggestion of rate transparency for the regional transfer stations to help improve equity and provide an opportunity to see what waste is worth for information on future rate changes. Under "Services", Mr. Chaimov recommended new performance expectations, specifically raising the bar to "best in class" as well as providing incentives for this new expectation. Council President Bragdon commented on the difficulties in setting an incentive compared to the cost of accomplishing the standard and how this will be a challenge in setting an incentive versus setting a standard. From "Market Transformation", Mr.

Chaimov recommended product stewardship as a longer term investment though this would mean more heavy lifting on the part of Metro. Within this recommendation there is both framework legislation and regulatory approaches that can provide product stewardship to the region. Mr. Chaimov also recommended new measures to the Council from "Performance Measures" to change from looking at waste generation per capita to measuring waste generation per dollar of economic output. This would be more representative compared to per capita especially during an economic recession. Councilor Harrington and Mr. Jordan agreed this new measurement should be included, but added the per capita measurement should stay in order to continue comparing the measurements from the past and future. Lastly, Mr. Chaimov made a specific recommendation for the Metro South Station to move the self-haul service offsite. This would take away the conflict between commercial and individual haul, as well as provide an opportunity to create a location to better serve individuals with self-haul by allowing for education and ease in material recovery. Mr. Chaimov brought the Council back to his original question concerning the specific actions. The Council had general agreement that all of these actions should go forward with a check in on progress for August 3, 2010.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Liberty asked for clarification on the Community Investment Strategy (CIS) and reminded the Council he missed the meeting on May 11, 2010 when the discussion of the Guiding Principles for the CIS had taken place. Councilor Liberty provided a handout of the Guiding Principles for the Community Investment Strategy from May 11th as a reference. The Council agreed the handout reflected what the guiding principles for the CIS represented, but asked for any short hand to be fully outlined. Council President Bragdon reminded the Council the guiding principles can be interpreted differently outside of Metro, but it would be an opportunity to build on success and work towards making the next version an improvement.

Councilor Rod Park asked if the Council would be interested in meeting with the Damascus staff in order to have a dialogue prior to a specific resolution in front of the Damascus Council. Councilor Liberty reminded the Council this resolution was inherently delicate. Councilor Park suggested having a social event before meeting in a more formal manner. The Council agreed to both meetings.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(2)(i)

Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Handout	07/13/2010	Metro Management Report At-a-Glance	071310cw-1
2	Handout	07/13/2010	Actionable Items to Improve the Solid Waste System	071310cw-2
3	Handout	05/11/2010	Guiding Principles for the Community Investment Strategy	071310cw-3