

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

August 17, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: None

Council President David Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:59 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, [August 19, 2010]/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Lydia Neill, Principle Regional Planner, to discuss the current costs of the construction on the garage with a Memo from Tim Collier, Deputy Director, FRS. There were several questions from the Council regarding the work on the garage including the possibility for any more surprises, what if anything Metro could have done to prevent the surprises, and would Metro have gone through these renovations if the true cost had been understood. Ms. Neill noted Metro is compelled to take the lowest estimate and this may have led to some issues being overlooked, however Ms. Neill expressed confidence that the engineering firm had handled this project appropriately. Ms. Neill expected there would be no more surprises as the project is almost ninety percent complete. Mr. Jordan explained this renovation would have occurred even with the current costs because it is a revenue source for Metro and with current rates the cost will be recouped within four years.

Councilor Rex Burkholder and Mr. Jordan met with Oregon Representative Mitch Greenlick along with Commissioners from Multnomah County to discuss area 51, which was incorporated into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in 2002. The issue discussed was that none of the surrounding areas are willing or capable of providing these services and the area is past the two year deadline set out by the LCDC for service in an area incorporated into the UGB. There are two potential options; one is the area could be taken out of the UGB, but this could possibly subject Metro to Measure 49 claims and the other is to leave it as is, but there is potential for legal action from the residents. The Council offered to work collaboratively with Representative Greenlick on the issue, but made it clear this is not the sole responsibility of the Metro Council; furthermore this is a statewide issue that will need to be dealt with on that level.

2. FISCAL YEAR-END QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT & BALANCED SCORECARD: PRESENTATION

Mr. Jordan provided a brief presentation on the fiscal year-end quarterly management report and balanced scorecard. Mr. Jordan explained the provided handout was broken down into three sections including at-a-glance, end-of-year management report, and the balanced scorecard. Carey Stacey, Internal Communications Manager, explained the balanced scorecard was meant to show Metro's responsibilities and where to improve and where to maintain. This report will be provided annually due to the nature of the information within the report and the fully finished report will be available to the Council once all of the end-of-year numbers are available. Following some questions from the Council, Annierose Vonburg, Policy Coordinator, responded that many of these numbers are an overall average and have not yet been broken down into more specific categories. This will be a goal for next year's balanced scorecard as well as creating a more random sampling in surveys.

3. PIONEER CEMETERIES PROGRAM DIRECTION: DISCUSSION

Rachel Fox, Cemetery Program Manager, and Tim Collier, Deputy Director, FRS, discussed a long-term strategy for the Pioneer Cemetery. Recommendations included increasing fees for burial and

cremations by ten percent a year over the next three years. Following questions from the Council, Ms. Fox and Mr. Collier explained the prices provided are directly comparative to private cemeteries and even with all of the stated recommendations, the program would still be in the red overall though much less so than currently. Ms. Fox explained there is a legal obligation to honor current licenses and keep the cemeteries decently maintained. The Council agreed that they should start to increase prices, but asked if they are subsidizing burial rates, why, and asked the team to work towards finding more ways to be in the black.

4. DAMASCUS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Ray Valone, Principle Planner, introduced Anita Yap and Bill Monahan from Damascus for the purpose of presenting planning efforts and to receive feedback from the Council in preparation for the joint work session on September 15, 2010. Mr. Valone explained the difficulties both financially and politically in finishing the comprehensive plans. Mr. Valone also offered to meet with the Councilors individually in preparation for the joint work session. Ms. Yap gave a brief background of the planning developments in Damascus. The presenters provided two comprehensive planning maps along with a packet providing information on these efforts. Alternative A was developed by Councilor David Jothan of Damascus and aimed to address property rights issues. The plan designates land as "Village Residential" where the base density would be four residential units per acre and all development would be required to be clustered on no more than fifty percent of the site. There will also be Transfer of Development Credits (TDCs) to allow the transfer of unused density to other adjacent properties up to eight residential units per acre. Alternative B builds upon the 2008 Draft Comprehensive Plan Map that was developed from citizen participation. The City Council chose to add villages to help minimize sprawl, preserve open space, and maximize community building. The Council mentioned the difficulty of the terrain for this area and had some concerns with the density and the TDCs. The Council also applauded the effort and looked forward to seeing where these plans will go and noted the opportunities to use more innovative designs and concepts.

5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Carlotta Collette noted there would be a JPACT meeting on September 2, 2010 and neither Councilor Kathryn Harrington nor Council President David Bragdon can attend. Furthermore Councilor Burkholder may not be back in time to be an alternate. Councilor Rod Park offered to be first alternate and if he couldn't make it Councilor Robert Liberty offered to be the second alternate.

Councilor Collette explained to the Council that there were some funding issues for the Portland Milwaukie Light Rail (PLMR) and feedback from the Council would be beneficial before a meeting with JPACT. Dan Blocher, Executive Director of Capitol Projects at TriMet, who is working to inform the Council that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be matching funding for the PLMR at fifty percent. Unfortunately the team had been hoping for sixty percent which means there has been some funding lost. One option is to make up all of the money lost, another is to make cuts to the project to reduce it to the amount of money available, which in turn reduces the amount that is matched, and lastly find a compromise in between whereby some more funding is found, but some cuts to the project still need to be made. Andy Cotugno, Policy Advisor, provided a handout with some of the options for finding funding. Some of the Council had to leave and the rest expressed concern with the options provided. The remaining Council agreed to set up a meeting in September with more time to discuss a solution.

Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Prepared by,

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Kim Brown
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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
August 17, 2010

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	08/17/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, August 19, 2010	081710cw-1
2	Memo	08/16/10	To: David Bragdon, Rex Burkholder, Carlotta Collette, Carl Hosticka, Robert Liberty, Kathryn Harrington From: Tim Collier Re: Parking Garage Resolution 10-4183	081710cw-2
3	Handout	08/17/10	FY09/10 At-a-glance, End-of-year management report, Balanced scorecard	081710cw-3
4	Handout	08/17/10	City of Damascus Comprehensive Plan Packet	081710cw-4
5	Handout	08/12/10	Portland Milwaukie Light Rail Recalibration Overview	081710cw-5