



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Oct. 7, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Acting Council President Carlotta Collette and Councilors Kathryn Harrington, Rex Burkholder, and Carl Hosticka (via telephone)

Councilors Absent: Councilors Robert Liberty, Rod Park

Acting Council President Carlotta Collette convened the regular Council meeting at 2 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. AUDITOR COMMUNICATION

3.1 *Audit Report: Public Engagement: Strengthen Capacity*

Ms. Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, with assistance from staff Ms. Mary Hull Caballero and Ms. Kristin Lieber, provided a report on a recent audit of Metro's public engagement efforts. The audit's objective, to determine the expenditure for FY2006-07 and FY2008-09 on communication products and services and to evaluate the effectiveness of public engagement efforts, focused on the use of public engagement in the urban and rural reserves process and Metro's web site. Ms. Flynn overviewed the audit's findings and recommendations. (The complete audit and management's response has been included as part of the meeting record.)

Mr. Jim Middaugh of Metro thanked the Auditor and staff for their report and indicated that the Communication Department had also identified many of the same deficiencies and opportunities and that the department has already begun to take action to address these issues. Examples provided included an annual prioritization process, expanded flexible-service contracts and social media tools (i.e. Twitter). (Management's complete response has been included as part of the meeting record.)

Council discussion included the complexity of the tri-county public involvement approach for the urban and rural reserves process and Metro's role and information versus education.

3.2 *Audit Report: Leave Management: Improve Monitoring Capacity*

Ms. Flynn provided a brief presentation on a recent audit regarding the differences in Metro employee leave patterns completed in response to concern expressed on Metro's ethics line. The audit analyzed leave patterns across the agency to see if there were differences among departments, differences among employee categories, and/or patterns of misuse for FY2007-08

and FY2008-09. Ms. Flynn overviewed the audit's measures (loss rate, annual time absent, weekly absent rate), findings and recommendations. (The complete audit and management's response has been included as part of the meeting record.)

Ms. Mary Rowe of Metro thanked the Auditor for her report. Staff has begun to address the audit's recommendations through better utilization of HR information systems (i.e. Kronos and PeopleSoft) and research how Metro's leave practices compare across departments as well as to other local jurisdictions and agencies.

Council discussion included Metro's vacation and holiday leave policies.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, 2010

Motion:	Councilor Carl Hosticka moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the September 30 2010 Regular Metro Council meeting.
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Vote:	Acting Council President Colette and Councilors Harrington, Hosticka and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, the motion passed.
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5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

5.1 Ordinance No. 10-1247, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Sections 2.04.500 through 2.04.580 to Establish Metro's Sustainable Procurement Program

Ordinance No. 10-1247 is scheduled for a second reading and council consideration on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Resolution No. 10-4198, For the Purpose of Adopting Metro's Sustainability Plan and Authorizing the Metro Chief Operating Officer to Implement the Plan.

Motion:	Councilor Rex Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4198.
Seconded:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Burkholder invited Ms. Molly Chidsey of Metro to provide a brief overview of Resolution No. 10-4197. In 2003, the Metro Council identified 5 internal sustainability goals related to greenhouse gas emissions, toxics, waste, water and habit, for Metro facilities and operations. The sustainability plan provides the framework to implement Metro staff's strategies and actions to attain the 5 internal sustainability goals by 2025 – with the exception of GHG emissions which are targeted for 2050.

Council discussion included the potential need to prioritize across goal areas, the importance of formal reporting and tracking system, and collaboration with regional partners on sustainability issues.

Vote:	Acting Council President Collette and Councilors Harrington, Burkholder and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, the motion passed.
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6.2 **Resolution No. 10-4185, For the Purpose of Approving a Supplemental Multi-year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funding for the Years 2015-2027, Funding the Portland – Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project, and Project Development for the Portland – Lake Oswego Transit Project, and the Southwest Corridor and Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to the Existing Intergovernmental with TriMet Regarding the Multi-year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funds**

Acting Council President Collette turned the gavel over to Councilor Harrington for Resolution No. 10-4185.

Motion:	Acting Council President Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4185.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion.

Acting Council President Collette, with assistance from Mr. Dan Blocker and Mr. Dave Unsworth of TriMet, provided a brief overview of Resolution No. 10-4185, which responds to TriMet’s recalibration of the Portland – Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) project due to a funding gap caused by reduced New Starts funds from the Federal Transit Administration. The proposed resolution expands and extends the multi-year stream of regional flexible funds currently committed to TriMet to support three regional high capacity transit priority projects. The supplemental regional flexible funds would be bonded to provide \$27.4 million in additional funding for the PMLR project, \$6 million for preliminary engineering, final design, and environmental studies for the Lake Oswego – Portland Transit project, and \$6 million for alternatives analysis, environmental studies, and preliminary engineering for high capacity transit in the Southwest Corridor.

Councilor Harrington opened the floor for public comment. The following citizens provided testimony:

- **Sue Kiel, City of Portland:** Ms. Kiel expressed her support for the project and urged Council approval of the resolution stating that the project provides important connections for the Portland area. The City of Portland is currently looking internally for opportunities for savings that can be redistributed to other projects.
- **R.A. Fontes, 310 2nd St., Lake Oswego:** Mr. Fontes provided written comments regarding his concern with the Lake Oswego – Portland Transit project’s ridership and bus trip time projections. (A copy of Mr. Fontes testimony has been included in the meeting record.)
- **John Charles, Cascade Policy Institute:** Mr. Charles expressed concern with TriMet’s annual spending and distributed excerpts of TriMet’s 2010 Annual Report.
- **Steve Schopp, 10475 SW Helenius Rd, Tualatin:** Mr. Schopp concern with the PMLR project citing specific concerns with the public engagement and citizen support for the project, and lack of financial resources.
- **Susan Pearce, 3142 SE 25th Ave., Portland:** Ms. Pearce encouraged Council support of the resolution. She cited both regional and local neighborhood benefits the PMLR project provides including connectivity, multi-modal opportunities and bike and pedestrian improvements, jobs and economic development.

Seeing no additional public comment, Councilor Harrington closed the public hearing.

Council discussion included allocation of regional flexible funds, regional benefits of light rail and transit, and the PMLR project's bike and pedestrian elements, job creation, and ability to leverage federal funding.

Vote:

Acting Council President Collette and Councilors Harrington, Burkholder and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, the motion passed.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Mr. Michael Jordan provided a brief update on the Nov. 16 joint Metro Council and Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) meeting and the Urban Land Institute's dinner for Portland metropolitan mayors.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

There were none.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Acting Council President Collette adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m. The Metro Council will convene a budget discussion on Oct. 14 and reconvene the next regular council meeting on Oct. 28, 2010 at 2 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2010

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.0	Minutes	9/30/10	Sept. 30, 2010 Council minutes	100710c-01
6.2	Staff Report	10/6/10	Revised Resolution No. 10-4185, Staff Report.	100710c-02
6.2	Testimony	10/7/10	Citizen testimony provided by R.A. Fontes.	100710c-03
6.2	Testimony	10/7/10	Citizen testimony provided by John Charles	100710c-04
6.2	Testimony	10/3/10	Written comments/testimony from Ed and Iniece Grover via e- mail to Councilor Harrington	100710c-05