

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 8, 2003
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Brian Newman, Rod Park, Rod Monroe, Rex Burkholder

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

1. SALEM LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, reported that the Transportation bill got sent back to the Senate Revenue Committee with seven proposed amendments. He spoke to some of these amendments and indicated that they would provide a list of legislators that needed to be contacted about the bill. Councilors asked about the specifics of some of the amendments and where Senate leadership stood. The lobbying group was urging the Council to stick with the package as it stands. Mr. Cooper said there was also a bill related to Forest Park that has surfaced again. There were six amendments to this bill. He shared some concerns about the bill. The periodic review bill was now in front of the Senate Rules Committee and had been renumbered as a Senate bill. The set of amendments appeared to be fine with Metro. He further explained some of those amendments. He explained what the bill would provide. The sub-regional bill passed the Senate last week. They were working on clarifying language for that bill. He then spoke to the Hillsboro Landfill bill. They had learned that the bill was co-sponsored by DEQ and explained further the water issues. They didn't want liquid waste going into certain landfills. He had directed Doug Riggs to make sure he carried the message about the liquid waste. Mr. Riggs would continue to follow this bill. Councilor McLain explained further her concerns. Councilor McLain asked about the EFU land split bill. Mr. Cooper provided the history of the bill. Councilor McLain shared her understanding of the bill. She then asked about the tire bill. Janet Matthews, Solid Waste and Recycling, said it had been very quiet so she assumed the bill was dead.

2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JULY 10, 2003.

Council President Bragdon reviewed the upcoming Council agenda (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). He noted that the Zoo resolution delayed until a future date.

3. SOLID WASTE POLICY DISCUSSION

Council President Bragdon introduced the topic. Mike Hoglund, Director of Solid Waste and Recycling, passed a sheet out concerning the Councilors values, goals, and priorities. This was the fourth session focusing on solid waste policies. He spoke to the questions that Councilors had requested answers. They were focusing on existing policies in RSWMP and in the Strategic Plan and how it relates to the disposal system and the relationship to upcoming licenses and franchises. He would be focusing on the current policies and the trade offs. He spoke to the future discussions concerning policy paths. He noted that they were focusing on the goals for Council action (a copy of the Solid Waste and Recycling Policy Issues is included in the meeting record). He noted the key programs with defined process or clear goals for Council action. He noted outstanding issues, which included economic viability and role of the Metro transfer stations

(included in the Solid Waste and Recycling Policy Issues document). He spoke to the Work Session worksheet (a copy of which is included in the meeting package). There were two main concerns: continued consolidation in the industry and Metro's tonnage down from 70% of market to less than 50% since 1995. He then spoke to the major decisions that were up coming. He talked about the Solid Waste and Recycling Department Councilor Values, Goals, Priorities (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). They wanted to come back with options at the next session to line up some options for Council decision-making.

Councilor McLain talked about the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) goals including safety, recycling rate, public access, and cost and competition. She wasn't sure the goals listed captured the RSWMP goals. Councilor Burkholder said he saw a mix of outcomes and strategies to achieve the outcomes. He would separate out the outcomes and strategies to reach those outcomes.

Janet Matthews, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, gave examples of the goals. Councilor Burkholder clarified the outcome concerning protecting the economics of independent haulers. Mr. Hogle said the idea was that Council directed them as to which goals were appropriate? Council President Bragdon suggested agreement on the terms and the use of the goals documents. He asked how they would like to frame the conversation. He suggested fleshing out what was meant by the policies. He asked if the Council shared these top priorities. Councilor McLain said she didn't think that the values were reflective of the system. She said you were talking about tools, goals and strategies. Councilor Monroe said the basic question was whether Metro should continue to own transfer stations or should we sell them. Previous Councils had always supported continuing owning transfer stations. He felt the question was, did they want to keep the transfer stations? If we were going to keep the transfer stations viable, did we want to put caps on other transfer stations? Councilor Newman said he felt that everything should be on the table for discussion. Council President Bragdon said Councilor Monroe raised the basic questions that needed to be answered over the next 18 months.

Ms. Matthews continued with the values, goals and priorities review. Mr. Hogle said the goal was to try and get into interpretation. They wanted to understand if there were more or less goals. Ms. Matthews spoke to the public access goal. She then spoke to protecting the economics of independent haulers. Councilor McLain talked about the value or goal of having access to the public and why it was an important value. Councilor Newman said preserving access for the public facility was a goal. We could also regulate haulers to provide that access without owning the facilities. Council President Bragdon reframed the decisions they would have to make over the next 18 months. He was trying to have the Council have a conversation about the goals. Councilor Burkholder clarified that this paper mixed strategies and outcomes.

Values that the Council wants to achieve that will help to shape the up coming decisions:

1. Affordable (reasonable) rates
2. Preserving convenient public access to public customers
3. Ensure safety and environmental stewardship
4. Achieving environmental sustainability
5. Regional equity and convenience, access to the system throughout the Metropolitan system
6. Protecting the public's investment in the transfer stations
7. Maintaining Metro's funding source
8. Maintain the viability of the system
9. Maintain the fiscal integrity of the regional system
10. User pays in and out of system

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, suggested identifying the top two to three. Mr. Hoglund said they would create a trade-off matrix.

Two most important to each Councilor

Burkholder: protect public investment and pay to play
Monroe: protect public investment and environmental sustainability
Bragdon: Environmental sustainability and pay to play
Park: Public investment and Pay to play
McLain: protect public investment and convenient public access
Newman: Environmental sustainability and protect public investment

Two least important

Newman: affordable rates and maintaining funding source for Metro
McLain: affordable rates and regional equity
Park: affordable rates and regional equity
Bragdon: affordable rates and funding source for Metro
Monroe: affordable rates and regional equity
Burkholder: affordable rates and funding source

Mr. Jordan said there were three issues that were important to the group and two that were less important. Councilor Park talked about creative use of those goals. Council President Bragdon suggested taking these values and outlining implications for these decisions that were coming up. Councilor Park suggested a regulatory framework versus economic framework. Mr. Jordan said there might be more questions at the next sessions. Councilor Burkholder suggested looking at the system as it is based on these values. Mr. Hoglund said they had to react fairly quickly for some of these decisions.

4. GREEN RIBBON UPDATE

Council President Bragdon introduced the possibility of bringing back the Green Ribbon Committee. He spoke to the upcoming tours and selling the program to local officials and community leaders. He said they had just completed a brochure called Promises made, promises kept.

Jim Desmond, Parks and Greenspaces Director, spoke to the upcoming tours (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). The sites speak for themselves and sell themselves. He talked about the brochure. They wanted to do a piece that was permanent. They had 5000 to distribute. Heather Nelson-Kent, Parks and Greenspaces Department, detailed the first tour. Council President Bragdon said the point was to invite individuals who hadn't been involved before. The tours start at 9am. Councilor Newman expressed that he would like to go on as many of these tours as possible. Ms. Kent indicated that they would bring maps for each orientation.

Councilor Monroe asked about Hogan Butte. Mr. Desmond said he would check on this for him.

Council President Bragdon said these tours were an attempt to reconstitute some excitement. He said he was asking for the concepts. Councilor McLain suggested not starting the committee until the Council had some agreement on what they were looking at in the future. Councilor Newman said he felt it would be good to discuss the charge. Councilor Monroe reminded that the \$1.00 a ton would sunset at the end of this year. Mr. Desmond said they had prepared a resolution and staff report. Councilor McLain asked we had committed ourselves to a bond measure. Councilor

Newman said we didn't want the polling to drive the decision but to supplement the decision. Councilor Monroe said the \$1.00 per ton was a safety net, which should be extended at least one year. Mr. Jordan said on July 31st he would be bringing to Council "the big rocks", planning issues that realize the vision. Where were we headed as a Council? Councilor McLain said the Minnesota presentation provided food for thought. Councilor Newman said he wanted to make sure they had the conversation before the Council meets. Mr. Jordan felt that the Council's collective discussion would provide the scope for committee.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were none.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Council President Bragdon said they had met with Maria Rosa DeStephie about easements. Mr. Desmond spoke of space issues for the cemetery archives. Councilor Burkholder said there was a move to have the City help Center Stage move into the old armory. He said in the short term it was good. He expressed concern about the long-term commitment to the arts with the City.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 8, 2003

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2	Council Agenda	7/10/03	Council Agenda for the July 10, 2003 Council meeting	070803c-01
3	Values, Goals and Priorities	7/8/03	To: Metro Council From: Mike Hoglund, Director of Solid Waste and Recycling Re: Solid Waste and Recycling Department Councilor Values, Goals and Priorities	070803c-02
3	Policy Issues	7/8/03	To: Metro Council From: Mike Hoglund, Solid Waste and Recycling Director Re: Solid Waste and Recycling Policy Issues	070803c-03
4	Tours	7/8/03	To: Metro Council From: Jim Desmond, Parks and Greenspaces Director Re: Open Space 2003 tours	070803c-04
4	Brochure	July 2003	To: Metro Council From: Parks and Greenspaces Department Re: Promises made, promises kept	070803c-05