



## METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Jan. 6, 2011

Metro Council Chambers

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Carlotta Collette, Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, and Carl Hosticka

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the regular Council meeting at 2 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Sharon Nassett, 1113 N. Baldwin St., Portland: Ms. Nassett thanked Councilor Robert Liberty for his service. Ms. Nassett addressed the Council on the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project and her work with the Third Bridge Now project which focuses on the economy, safety and the environment. She looked forward to future conversations on the Third Bridge Now proposal.

Ken Smelser, 1801 N. Marine Drive, Portland: Mr. Smelser addressed the Council on the CRC project and his concern regarding membership on the CRC Project Sponsor's Council; he cited project spending and transportation needs as reasoning. He was concerned that the bridge project should focus more on auto transportation, versus light rail and bike travel, which he felt is the backbone of the region's industry, commerce and family mobility.

Council stated that the membership of the CRC PSC is determined by the Oregon and Washington Governors. Council recommended that Mr. Smelser visit the Metro web site and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) webpage for information on the CRC project.

Ron Swaren, 1543 SE Umatilla St., Portland: Mr. Swaren expressed concern with the cost to build light rail systems and offered double-decker bus transit as a more cost effective option to mass transit. He briefly overviewed other international cities that currently use double-decker buses including London, Berlin, Hong Kong and British Columbia. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

### 3. AUDITOR COMMUNICATION

#### 3.1 FY 2010 Independent Financial Audit Results

Mr. Jason Stanley of Metro's Audit Committee provided a brief overview of the committee's purpose, membership and responsibilities.

Mr. Jim Lanzarotta of Moss Adams provided a presentation on the fiscal year 2009-2010 independent financial audit results. His presentation included information on the audit results, sufficient deficiencies for the previous and current years, and best practices and recommendations for the previous and current years. (PowerPoint presentation included as part of the meeting record.)

Ms. Margo Norton of Metro provided a presentation on Metro's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which presents the financial position of Metro as of June 30, 2010. She provided a brief overview of the importance of the CAFR, Metro findings through the audit process, staff and stakeholders involved in drafting and/or contributing to the CAFR and highlighted a few CAFR facts (i.e. tonnage, unemployment rates, park attendance).

#### **4. METRO CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councilor Rex Burkholder provided a brief overview of the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement grant program. The Council collects a 50-cent surcharge for each tonnage of garbage taken to the Metro Central Transfer Station. Funds are then awarded through a competitive grant process to eligible local projects to compensate the community affected by the facility. Councilor Burkholder overviewed the program's history and committee membership. He welcomed two past enhancement grants recipients: Constructing Hope Pre-Apprenticeship Program and Neighbors for Clean Air:

- Ms. Pat Daniels of Constructing Hope provided a brief presentation on the program statistics and partners, the program's classroom and construction components, and apprenticeship opportunities for students. The program, currently scheduled for one-week, will be extended into a three-week program in 2012. (PowerPoint presentation and handouts included as part of the meeting record.)
- Ms. Mary Peveto of the NCA provided a brief history of the program. Funding received from the Community Enhancement Committee allowed for completion of the organization's web site [www.whatsinourair.org](http://www.whatsinourair.org) which empowers communities to get the information they need about air toxics in the region. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

Ms. Karen Blauer of Metro briefly overviewed the 2011 slate of projects which will allocate approximately \$68,000 in funding for local projects and distributed the 2010 outcomes summary report. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

Council discussion included the potential for standardizing the solid waste rate, projects that benefit the region, air toxic hot spots and major contributors, and NCA's web site next steps.

#### **5. COMMUNICATION: OPT IN INTERNET PANEL**

Mr. Jim Middaugh and Ms. Patty Unfred of Metro, and Mr. Adam Davis of DHM Research provided a presentation on Metro's new Opt In online public opinion research tool. Their presentation included information on the project objectives and outcomes, the tool's demographic categories and information and project partners. (PowerPoint presentation included as part of the meeting record.)

Council supported and were excited about the new online tool. Discussion included recruiting organizations and participants to ensure diverse representation, the importance of tracking the participation rate, the public's privacy (i.e. contact information), legal requirements for public outreach, project partners, and publicity opportunities for the new tool (i.e. libraries, computer

labs, transit). In addition, Council wanted to ensure that constituents that are not online would still have an opportunity to participate in polling.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to adopt the consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The regular Council meeting minutes for December 16, 2010</li><li>• Resolution No. 11-4221, For the Purpose of Adopting Employee Salary Savings Plan 2010;</li><li>• Resolution No. 11-4224, For the Purpose of Metro Council's Acceptance of the Results of Independent Audit Report for Financial Activity During Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and</li><li>• Resolution No. 11-4225, For the Purpose of Electing the Deputy Council President for 2011.</li></ul>
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Vote:	Council President Hughes and Councilors Collette, Burkholder, Harrington, Craddick, Liberty and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**7. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

7.1 **Ordinance No. 11-1251**, For the Purpose of Amending the Metro Code in Order to Reassign the Duties of the Clerk of the Metro Council.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration of Ordinance No. 11-1251 is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 12, 2011.

7.2 **Ordinance No. 11-1252**, For the Purpose of Amending Title 11 (Planning for New Urban Areas) of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration of Ordinance No. 11-1252 is currently scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011 pending deliberations by the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) Housing Planning Subcommittee and MPAC's recommendation to the Metro Council scheduled for Jan. 11 and Jan. 12 respectively.

**8. RESOLUTIONS**

8.1 **Resolution No. 11-4222**, For the Purpose of Improving the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Regional Solid Waste Management System, Protecting the Environment, and Conserving Natural Resources by Supporting Statewide Legislation to Eliminate Single-use Plastic Bags in Retail Checkout.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4222.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Councilors Burkholder and Craddick, with assistance from Mr. Andy Sloop of Metro, introduced Resolution No. 11-4222. If approved, this resolution would express Metro's support for state legislation currently under consideration that would prohibit retailers from providing single-use

bags at checkout. Metro has been a strong supporter of reducing problems caused by plastic bags in facility recycling systems and the wider environment and wildlife.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing to receive testimony on Resolution No. 11-4222:

- Nastassja Pace, The Surfrider Foundation Portland Chapter: Ms. Pace was in support of the legislation. The Surfrider organization is dedicated to protecting the health of the world's oceans and beaches and its Oregon Chapters have focused a large portion of their service on Rise Above Plastic campaigns. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

Seeing no further comment, Council President Hughes closed the hearing.

Council expressed support for the resolution citing its direct impact on Metro and the agency's mission with regards to operations, wildlife and open space. Discussion included the united response from environmental and grocer organizations.

Vote:

Council President Hughes and Councilors Collette, Burkholder, Harrington, Craddick, Liberty and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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#### **9. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan announced that Metro received a \$75,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente to run the *Vamanos!* project in the Cornelius/Forest Grove/Hillsboro area which addresses bike and pedestrian travel options.

#### **10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Council discussion included the Jan. 11 MPAC Housing Planning Subcommittee discussion on Title 11 and the Metro Council retreat held on Jan. 5.

#### **11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. The Metro Council will convene a follow-up retreat on Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. Council will reconvene for the next regular council meeting is scheduled on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chambers.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2011**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.0	Handout	N/A	Testimony received from Ron Swaren	10611c-01
3.1	PowerPoint	1/6/2011	FY 2010 independent financial audit presentation provided by Jim Lanzarotta, Moss Adams	10611c-02
4.1	Report	12/2010	2010 Outcomes Summary	10611c-03
4.2	PowerPoint	N/A	Constructing Hope presentation provided by Pat Daniels	10611c-04
4.2	Misc. Handouts	N/A	A set of handouts from on the Constructing Hope program	10611c-05
4.2	Misc. Handouts	N/A	A set of handouts from the Neighbors for Clean Air	10611c-06
5.	PowerPoint	1/6/11	Opt In Online Participation Tool provided by Jim Middaugh, Patty Unfred, and Adam Davis	10611c-07
5.	Handout	N/A	Opt In: Portland -Vancouver Area Online Panel	10611c-08
7.2	Exhibit	N/A	Exhibit B to Ordinance No. 11-1252	10611c-09
7.2	Staff Report	N/A	Staff report to Ordinance No. 11-1252	10611c-10
8.1	Testimony	1/6/2011	Written testimony submitted by Nastassja Pace	10611c-11