

METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary Jan. 20, 2011 Metro Council Chambers

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Shirley Craddick,

Kathryn Harrington and Carl Hosticka

Councilors Excused: Councilors Carlotta Collette and Rex Burkholder

Council President Tom Hughes convened the regular Council meeting at 2 p.m. Council President Hughes reorganized the printed agenda; additions included Resolution No. 11-4229 as Agenda Item 4.3.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

2. <u>CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS</u>

<u>Ken Smelser, 1801 N. Marine Drive, Portland</u>: Mr. Smelser expressed safety concerns with the current Columbia River Crossing bridge; specifically the bridge's need for seismic and structural retrofitting. He supported retrofitting the current bridge now, prior to constructing a new bridge.

<u>Art Lewellan, 3205 SE 8th Ave., Apt 9, Portland</u>: Mr. Lewellan was in opposition to Columbia River Crossing project as currently proposed. He expressed his support for the southbound I-5 only project, *Concept #1*. He cited Hyden Island Interchange improvements as reasoning.

3. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

Motion:	Councilor Carl Hosticka moved to adopt the consent agenda:				
	 The regular Council meeting minutes for January 13, 2011; and 				
	Resolution No. 11-4227, For the Purpose of Declaring a Vacancy in the				
	Office of Metro Councilor for Council District No. 6.				

Vote:

Council President Hughes and Councilors Harrington, Craddick, and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, the motion <u>passed</u>.

4. **RESOLUTIONS**

4.1 **Resolution No. 11-4223**, For the Purpose of Endorsing Regional Policy and Funding Priorities for 2011 State Transportation Legislation.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4223.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Councilor Harrington introduced Resolution No. 11-4222, which if approved would adopt three high-level principles to guide the region's participation in transportation discussions in the 2011 legislature: (1) support for jobs and economic recovery, (2) preserve and expand local options, and (3) support multimodal investment. Councilor Harrington briefly highlighted a few of the specific 2011 regional transportation recommendations including the Columbia River Crossing project, mileage-based fee, and High Speed Rail. The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) approved this resolution on Jan. 13, 2011.

Council discussion included High Capacity Transit – specifically related to the Southwest Corridor and Lake Oswego Streetcar projects.

Vote: Council President Hughes and Councilors Harrington, Craddick, and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, the motion <u>passed</u>.

4.2 **Resolution No. 11-4226**, For the Purpose of Endorsing a Regional Position on the Authorization of a Surface Transportation Act in the U.S. Congress and Approving Regional Transportation Priorities for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriations.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4226.
Second:	Councilor Carl Hosticka seconded the motion.

Councilor Harrington introduced Resolution No. 11-4226, which if adopted would endorse a regional position on the authorization of the Surface Transportation Act of 2009 and approve a set of regional transportation project priorities for the federal fiscal year 2012 appropriations. Councilor Harrington highlighted the legislation's key elements: (1) encourage Congress to adopt a new transportation authorization bill that supports livable metropolitan communities; (2) endorse a policy framework that includes a call to invest boldly in transportation investments that spur economic recovery, adopt of a six-year authorization bill, increase programs, and protect key public interests; and (4) endorse a set of authorization and FFY 2012 appropriation project requests. JPACT approved Resolution No. 11-4226 at their Jan. 13 meeting.

Vote: Council President Hughes and Councilors Harrington, Craddick, and Hosticka voted in support of the motion. The vote was 4 aye, the motion <u>passed</u>.

4.3 **Resolution No. 11-4229,** For the Purpose of Organizing the Metro Council and Confirming Committee Members.

Council President Hughes turned the gavel over to Deputy Council President Hosticka to officiate the Agenda Item 4.3.

Motion:	Councilor President Hughes moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4229.	
Second:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.	

Council President Hughes introduced Resolution No. 11-4229 which if adopted would confirm councilor committee and liaison appointments for 2011.

Council discussion included the current councilor vacancy for district 6 and the need to revisit the committee assignments when the position is filled.

Vote:

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

5. <u>CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION</u>

Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan provided a brief update on the flood damage to Oxbow Park and reminded the Council that a follow-up retreat has been scheduled to continue discussions on the council liaison system, relationship of MPAC/JPACT and Metro Compass.

6. <u>COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION</u>

Council discussion included the City of Beaverton's State of the City address, the City of Forest Grove's Annual Town meeting, joint Westside Economic Alliance and Clackamas County Business Alliance forum titled "Building Tomorrow's Jobs," and the current Metro Council councilor vacancy for district 6.

7. <u>ADJOURN</u>

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:37 p.m. and reconvene in an Executive Session pursuant with ORS 192.660(2)(d), deliberations with persons designated by the governing board to carry on labor negotiations.

Council will hold a retreat on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chambers.

8. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT WITH ORS 192.660(2)(d).</u> <u>DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TP CARRY ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS</u>

Council convened the executive session.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2011

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	1/13/2011	Council Minutes for Jan. 13, 2011.	12011c-01
3.2	Letter	1/13/2011	Resignation letter from Councilor Robert Liberty	12011c-02
4.3	Resolution	N/A	Resolution No. 11-4229 and Exhibit A	12011c-03