



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

June 21, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Tom Hughes (Council President), Rex Burkholder, Carlotta Collette, Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None.

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/ COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JUNE 16, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Metro Chief Operating Officer Dan Cooper noted the passing of Mr. Steve Apotheker, a thirteen-year employee of the agency who Mr. Cooper noted was the “father of recycling in the state” of Oregon. Councilors observed a moment of silence in memoriam.

2. FINAL ACTION FOR FY 2011-12 BUDGET ADOPTION ON JUNE 23

Ms. Margo Norton, Director of Metro’s Office of Financial presented the B version of Resolution 11-1253. This version of the ordinance includes the changes made at the previous work session on June 14. Ms. Norton also stated that Metro’s staff prepared a document responding to Councilor Burkholder’s amendment, and noted that a full time employee (FTE) position would be necessary for all of the responsibilities listed for the climate change coordinator position in the amendment. She concluded by briefing the councilors of the proceedings for passing the budget resolution for Thursday’s meeting. Councilor Kathryn Harrington noted minor discrepancies between the budgetary figures listed on the FY 2010-11 handout provided to Councilors and a pamphlet about Metro distributed by the Communications department.

The Metro Council discussed Councilor Rex Burkholder’s first budgetary amendment, written to create a permanent Climate Change Coordinator position within the agency. Councilor Kathryn Harrington asked questions about the potential of the position to be reclassified as “Limited Duration,” and Mr. Cooper noted that if the position was funded for only one year, the position would need to be approved by vote during next year’s budgetary process. Councilors discussed the history of the position, and explained that the coordinator had been funded as a temporary position to help fulfill specific needs related to Metro’s involvement with the Oregon House Bill 2001. Councilors Burkholder and Barbara Roberts reminded the council of the importance of the regionally designated Six Desired Outcomes, noting that preparing for and ameliorating the effects of climate change remain a top regional priority, and that the agency’s budget should reflect these goals.

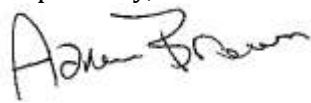
The Council continued with their discussion, analyzing Councilor Carl Hosticka’s amendment to study the construction of a canoe launch on the Tualatin River Trail. Councilor Hosticka began by providing copies of the Executive Summary of the 2001’s Green Ribbon Committee’s findings on sites for recreational development, noting that the document supported the creation of a Metro-run nonmotorized boat launch on the Tualatin River. Mr. Jim Desmond, Director of Metro’s Parks and

Environmental Services (PES) department, noted that the proposal could be phased with a smaller investment; for \$100,000, Metro could conduct a study to determine the actual site for selection, but would instead wait to conduct the actual design and engineering of construction. Mary Anne Cassin, of Metro, explained the potential for Metro to apply for grants from state agencies such as State Parks and Marine Parks to help fund the project. Mr. Desmond also provided the outline of a technical report due to the Metro Council by October 15, which will inventory the agency's portfolio and provide clarity for the department's current holdings, commitments and capacity. Mr. Desmond was careful to note that this document would not reflect public input on needs for parks and recreational services, but would rather help Metro's PES department remain accountable to themselves and facilitate a strategic conversation about the future. Councilors noted that difficulty of balancing the budget and the potential problems associated with spending money on these amendments when revenues (particularly those provided by the federal government) may decline in the months and years ahead.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder briefed the Council on the recent meeting of the State Transportation Strategy (STS), noting their work on developing scenarios for the state's transportation system for climate change adaptation. Councilor Shirley Craddick expressed gratitude to Metro staff for facilitating the trip to the landfill in Gilliam County. Councilor Roberts briefed Metro about the plan to add a representative of Multnomah County to the advisory committee for the Southwest Corridor project.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF June 21, 2011

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	6/23/11	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, June 23, 2011	62111cw-1
2	Ordinance	6/23/11	Ordinance No. 11-1253B	62111cw-2
3	Memo	6/16/11	To: Tom Hughes, Metro Council From: Dan Cooper Re: Recommendation for Councilor Amendments	62111cw-3
4	Memorandum	6/21/11	To: Metro Council From: Dan Cooper Re: Supplemental information on Councilor Amendments	62111cw-4
5	Document	10/16/01	Executive Summary: Green Ribbon Committee Recommendations	62111cw-5
6	Chart	6/23/11	FY 2011-12 B-Version Budget: By the Numbers	62111cw-6