



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

July 12, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 2:05 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JULY 14, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

The Oregon Zoo has scheduled two open houses on Saturday, August 6 and Monday, August 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. for the public to weigh in on the Zoo's Comprehensive Master Plan.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are hosting a canoe trip and barbeque at the Chinook Landing on July 13.

Recology's Foster Road facility is up for a land use appeal with the City of Portland and will be heard July 13 at 3 p.m.

2. SOLID WASTE ROADMAP KEY ISSUES

Mr. Paul Slyman of Metro and Mr. Dan Pitzler of CH2M Hill provided a progress report on Metro's Solid Waste Roadmap's key system drivers which include technological, economic, and social change, and improved rates of commercial and residential recycling. They also discussed issues that the Metro Council will need to deal with in the near future, issues such as: food waste tip fee, the role of thermal conversion, food waste transfer and processing, and system finance.

Mr. Pitzler briefed the council about the purpose of the Solid Waste Roadmap and the takeaways from stakeholder interviews. Takeaways such as Metro's self-haul policy and recycling options, thermal treatment i.e. mass burn facilities, system financing issues, and the utilization of compressed natural gas for collection vehicles.

Council discussion included the need to further emphasize the collection part of waste management, giving further consideration to Metro's efforts towards minimizing the waste stream, using clear definitions of options so that residents can understand choices and ramifications when considering their garbage and recycling, and learning from the lessons of other regions throughout the country.

Further council discussion focused on the issue of shrinking revenues due to more effective recycling programs, improved recycling rates to allow smaller scale waste to energy facilities,

potential incentives for businesses to recycle more, asking industry innovators to present to council the different models used within the private sector, the importance of jurisdictions incentivizing businesses to recycle more, and the potential benefits a community might get from locating a food waste facility in the community. Council members also expressed a desire for the Solid Waste Roadmap purpose statement to be updated and for the staff team to ensure they don't overlook the two primary resources Metro and the region possess: local communities and the industry itself.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS / COMMUNICATION

Council President Hughes reiterated that a council retreat has been scheduled for July 28 to discuss council projects.

4. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, the council adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Prepared by,

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Chris Myers
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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 12, 2011

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
2.0	Report	7/5/11	2011 Growth Management Recommendations for Metro's Chief Operating Officer	70511cw-01
2.0	Report	7/5/11	Preliminary Analysis of Potential Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Areas	70511cw-02