



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

July 14, 2011

Metro Council Chambers

Councilors Present: Deputy Council President Carl Hosticka and Councilors Barbara Roberts, Rex Burkholder, Carlotta Collette and Shirley Craddick

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Deputy Council President Carl Hosticka convened the regular Council meeting at 2 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Art Lewellan 3205 SE 8th Ave., Apt. 9, Portland: Mr. Lewellan stated that he was not opposed to the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project, but that the Hayden Island interchange – as currently proposed – is below standards. He was in support of the Hayden Island Concept “D” interchange. He recommended building a southbound bridge only; he cited reduced costs are reasoning. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

Council recommended that Mr. Lewellan forward his comments to the CRC project, as the Metro Council is not involved in the technical design of the bridge.

John Charles, Cascade Policy Institute: Mr. Charles addressed the Council on high capacity transit and Resolution No. 11-4265. Mr. Charles was not in support of the resolution citing lack of consumer demand for HCT, lack of ridership despite Transit Oriented Development (TOD) investments, and Metro’s definition of HCT. He was in support of increased bus service verses HCT. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 30, 2011

Motion:	Councilor Barbara Roberts moved to adopt the June 30, 2011 Council Minutes
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Vote:	Deputy Council President Hosticka and Councilors Roberts, Collette, Craddick, and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution No. 11-4265, For the Purpose of Adopting the Regional High Capacity Transit System Expansion Policy Implementation Guidance.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4265.
Second:	Councilor Rex Burkholder seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced Resolution No. 11-4265. In June 2010, the Metro Council adopted the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan which included a framework for expanding the region’s high capacity transit system. The RTP called for Metro to develop the details and a refined, systematic approach for the system expansion policy. Approval of the resolution would accept the HCT SEP implementation guidance – a report that is intended to prepare local jurisdictions for potential future transit investments and illustrate how local communities can build their capacity to support HCT. While the report does not guarantee funding, the implementation guidance will help inform future decisions in advancing the next HCT corridor when resources become available. The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) unanimously approved Resolution No. 11-4265 on July 14, 2011.

Vote: Deputy Council President Hosticka and Councilors Roberts, Collette, Craddick, and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

4.2 Resolution No. 11-4279, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Metro Chief Operating Officer to Execute an Agreement with the Oregon Zoo Foundation.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4279.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Craddick introduced Resolution No. 11-4279. Over the past year, Metro, the Oregon Zoo and the Oregon Zoo Foundation have work diligently to update the joint operating agreement originally executed in 1985. The agreement, which supports each entity to further the zoo’s mission of “inspiring the community to create a better future for wildlife”, will:

- Establish clearer defined and understood roles and responsibilities that reflect the joint vision of creating a world-class zoo;
- Represent a sincere commitment by the partners to meet specific objectives in a collaborative manner while maintaining autonomy;
- Establish a new fiscal relationship that is mutually supportive of operational efficiency and focused on the achievement of the Oregon Zoo’s mission; and
- Increase accountability and transparency between the two organizations through semi-annual meetings between the Metro Council and the OZF board.

Approval of the resolution would authorize the Metro Chief Operating Officer to execute an agreement between Metro and the OZF.

Council thanked the OZF for their work, contributions to date, and their continued partnership.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Hosticka and Councilors Roberts, Collette, Craddick, and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Mr. Scott Robinson of Metro provided an update on the upcoming ZooLaLa event, recent Diversity Action Team meetings, and the City of Portland's decision to delay action on the Recology composting facility's land use appeal.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Council discussion included updates on the recent Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and JPACT meetings, Oregon City's community development projects, and Metro's Oxbow Park.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Hosticka adjourned the regular meeting at 2:37 p.m. The Metro Council will hold a retreat on July 28. Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, August 4 at 2 p.m. in the Metro Council Chambers.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 14, 2011

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Testimony	N/A	Written testimony submitted by Art Lewellan	71411c-01
2.0	Testimony	7/14/11	Written testimony submitted by John Charles	71411c-02