

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 29, 2003
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Brian Newman, Carl Hosticka, Rod Park, Rod Monroe, Rex Burkholder

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:06 p.m.

1. SALEM LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, reported that the Governor signed the transportation package. The periodic review bill amendments should be passed out of committee today. The sub-regional bill was still under consideration but nothing had moved thus far. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, spoke to a draft letter to US Environmental Protection Agency concerning Implementation of 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). He talked about the impacts on Metro and on the region. Councilor McLain asked about the Hillsboro landfill bill. Mr. Cooper said he would find out about this bill. Councilor McLain asked about the sub-regional bill and the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) work. Mr. Cooper said he had explained to the Senator the work that the MPAC sub-committee was doing and the difficulties they were having. Councilor McLain expressed concern about having the sub-regional bill go forward. Council President Bragdon concurred with her concern.

Mr. Cotugno addressed the letter to EPA commenting on the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard. He spoke to the process and asked for the Council's concurrence. He spoke to the issues in the letter and how that impacted the region. Deputy Council President Park asked about violation of the standard. Mr. Cotugno responded to his question. The impact fell heaviest on industry. He noted transportation implications. Councilor Monroe asked about the new classification and the impact on federal dollars. Mr. Cotugno said we would get less C M Air Quality dollars. Richard Brandman, Planning Department, said it was approximately \$9 million less for the region. Councilors asked how they could impact this rule making. Councilor Park asked Council to provide comments to him or the Council President by the deadline. Mr. Brandman spoke to the TriMet Payroll tax, which was still stalled in the House. He encouraged individuals to have private sector individuals contact the Speaker of the House. He spoke to the impacts on Metro funding. Mr. Cotugno noted some additional issues on conformity and potential rule making.

2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JULY 31, 2003.

Council President Bragdon reviewed the July 31st Council agenda. He said the August 7, 2003 time would be used for possible follow-up from the Council/Chief Operating Officer Retreat.

3. 2004-05 BUDGET AND CIP DISCUSSION

Mike Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO), introduced the topic. Casey Short, Chief Financial Officer, and Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Manager, presented their draft proposal for the budget timeline. They were looking at the financial management processes including budget and Capital

Improvement Plan (CIP). They had sought feedback from financial groups in the agency. They had requested clearer direction from the Council. He spoke to short term and long term financial planning. They were trying to anticipate where they could be going in terms of long term. He noted the handout in the Work Session packet and the four questions that Council needed to consider. He spoke to the tie in between budget and the CIP processes. Ms. Rutkowski talked about the conceptual timeframe aligning the CIP with the budget. Mr. Jordan reiterated that this proposed timeline was draft. Ms. Rutkowski walked through the timeline including Council involvement, capital improvement plan activity, annual budget activity, continued activity for capital improvement plan and budget and major holiday week, which impacted the timeline and the process.

Councilor Burkholder said one of the issues that kept coming up was that by the time we got to adoption of the budget, information was dated and sometimes stale. Ms. Rutkowski said they used basic financial assumptions, which haven't varied much except for Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The other piece was operational and what happened to the economy. There was always opportunity during the process to request changes. Councilor Newman asked about the Council Strategic Policy discussion. Mr. Jordan said this issue would be discussed at the next retreat. Councilor Newman asked about documentation of this discussion. Councilor McLain said she felt Council involvement at the front end was very useful. She expressed concern about the COO and Council President being able to review the budget for two months but the Council had only one month. She felt Council needed more time for review. Councilor Hosticka concurred with Councilor McLain. He felt that there should be time before the Council received the budget to discuss judgments that the Council President and COO were making or struggling with. Councilor Newman talked about last year's process and making the process more useful. Council President Bragdon asked about Council Strategic Policy discussion and Council Policy Direction Received. What did that look like? Mr. Jordan said they would be discussing this as well at the retreat. Council President Bragdon spoke to budget briefings and that it would be more beneficial to him to do them earlier in the process. Councilor Hosticka spoke to doing issue identification early on before the full budget review. Council President Bragdon said they would discuss issues early to give guidance to the budget preparation. Councilor McLain said it also gave better context for choices that the Council President was making. Councilor Burkholder suggested looking across the board at different departments not just at discrete departmental budgets. Councilor Park said they were still breaking out of the previous model. Councilor McLain added her comments about the CIP process and strategic planning.

4. GOAL 5 ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND ENERGY (ESEE) SUMMARIES

Chris Deffebach, Planning Department, talked about the Regional Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Program and ESEE Update (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). She briefed the Council on the ESEE analysis and what it was supposed to do. She spoke to Metro's ESEE approach and ESEE analysis methods. She talked about the definition of conflicting uses and zoning implied varying disturbance activities. Councilor Park asked about zoning and disturbance activities. Ms. Deffebach said there were difficulties in zoning and varying different activities. She then reviewed the economic issues and consequences. She spoke to the five key economic issues. Councilor McLain said there were some issues about some oddities in property values. She addressed development values and ecosystem values. Mr. Cotugno suggested thinking about the dynamic as short term and long term and gave an example of this. Either development or restoration had impact over time. Ms. Deffebach spoke to the economic consequences of allow, limit and prohibit.

Councilor Park asked if storm water was included. Councilor McLain said storm water had been seen as step 3 after Goal 5. Mr. Cotugno said there were storm water benefits to Title 3. Whatever Council did beyond Title 3 would be added benefits. Ms. Deffebach then addressed the key social issues including cultural heritage and sense of place, public health, educational opportunities, public safety, land supply, property rights, and intergenerational equity. Councilor Burkholder suggested combining 1 and 7 on key social issues. Ms. Deffebach then addressed energy issues including transportation and temperature regulation. Councilor Burkholder added that the only option for finding additional housing was not Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion. Ms. Deffebach talked about the energy consequences for allow, prohibit and limit. Councilor Burkholder said he felt there was a bias running through this analysis. Mr. Jordan asked about balance of priorities. Councilor McLain spoke to the bias as well. Mr. Cooper added that the legal requirements that the Council would be involved in, was making up the lost capacity. Council could consider measures or expand the boundary. Mr. Jordan said he was searching for a tool to communicate this to the public. Ms. Deffebach said this illustrated that the level of analysis was not much to go on to make a decision. The program options should give more guidance. Ms. Deffebach addressed the environmental issues and the consequences of allow, limit or prohibit.

Councilor Park asked about the base line. Mr. Cotugno responded that allow was the baseline. Mr. Cotugno talked about resources. Councilor Newman asked about the hassle factor of having a citizen look into what they had to do to find out how to do business. Councilor Hosticka said he thought they needed more analysis when you get to property values for single-family property. Mr. Cotugno said there was recent information on this issue. Ms. Deffebach summarized that this was an update of the analysis. They had to continue to look at these ESEE impacts. They were not making conclusions. They felt there were more findings they could draw from this work. In the next two weeks, they wanted Council to look at what would be taken out to the public. Councilor McLain wanted to know what the focus was for next week. Ms. Deffebach said they would discuss trade-offs. Councilor McLain said she would like to look at the incentive and regulation tools and how these integrate. Councilor Burkholder said he felt that the public outreach materials should go through Kate Marx in Public Affairs. He would like some time to look these materials over. Councilors suggested continuing the discussion about Goal 5 during their retreat. Councilor McLain suggested having the Tualatin Basin come and present to the Council before September.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were none.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Mr. Cooper talked about the Oregon Zoo Retail Operations Contract (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). He felt this version of the contract was close to the language that the Council would consider at this Thursday's meeting. Council President Bragdon expressed concern about the issue not being firm until this Thursday. He would turn to Mr. Cooper for input about the contract. Council President Bragdon spoke to the sub-regional bill. Councilor Park talked about Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) issues and legislation. Councilor McLain shared information about families in Washington County and the video as well as the agricultural issue. She also talked about the Solid Waste tours and the regional system fee credit program.

Chris Billington, Council Operations Manager, asked for input on a 10-day letter concerning moving grant funds to Killin Wetlands project. Council had no objection.

7. UPDATE ON LIVE BROADCAST

Kate Marx and Pam Peck, Public Affairs and Governmental Relations Department, said they were going live with cable television. She spoke to citizen access. She introduced Stephanie Stickland, Channel 8 Health Reporter. Ms. Stickland talked about preparing for live television (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). Ms. Peck explained some of the issues for going live, planned for August 14th Council meeting. She spoke to future planning for interactive processes.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:48p.m.

Prepared by,

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Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 29, 2003

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Draft Letter	7/29/03	To: US Environmental Protection Agency From: Councilor Rod Park and Council President David Bragdon Re: Implementation of 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard	072903c-01
7	Tips and techniques	7/29/03	To: Metro Council From: Stephanie Stickland, Channel 8, Re: Preparing for Live television	072903c-02
3	Chart	7/29/03	To: Metro Council From: Financial Planning Staff Re: Conceptual Financial Management Process for FY 2004-05	072903c-03
4	Update on Goal 5	7/29/03	To: Metro Council From: Chris Deffebach, Planning Department Re: Regional Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Program ESEE Update	072903c-04
2	Memo and draft contract	7/29/03	To: Metro Council From: Teri Dresler, Oregon Zoo Re: Retail Operations Agreement with Aramark	072903c-05
6	10-Day Letter	7/24/03	To: Metro Council From: Roy Soards, Director Business Support Re: 10-Day Letter for moving grant funds to Killin Wetlands project	072903c-06
2	Council agenda	7/31/03	Metro Council Meeting Agenda for 7/31/03 Council meeting	072903c-07