

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 31, 2003  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. TRANSIT MALL AND SOUTH CORRIDOR UPDATE VIDEO

Richard Brandman, Planning Department, said they would be doing a presentation on alternatives for construction of the transit mall. He introduced the presentation on design options for the transit mall. He provided a history of the light rail process. Ross Roberts, Planning Department, provided a simulation of what the proposed transit mall could look like with the light rail. He talked about the proposed terminus and the Left Side Platform versus the Island Platform design options. It was recommended that the design have the least impact. Mr. Roberts introduced the Left Side Platform design and showed the simulation for this design. Councilor Burkholder asked about stops at major employment centers. Mr. Brandman spoke to issues of station spacing. Council President Bragdon talked about the need to get the trains moving faster and spacing the stops with a bit more distance. Mr. Roberts said the proposed stops would be every four blocks. He spoke to the federal ratings process where transit speed was an important component. Councilor Monroe asked about bus stops and the opportunity to allow buses to leap frog past other buses in the light rail lane. Mr. Roberts continued the simulation presentation and noted sidewalk and art additions. The train operated within the downtown signal system. He explained impacts. Councilor Burkholder asked about assumptions in terms of bus traffic. Mr. Roberts explained the assumption during peak hours. Councilor Newman said the Portland Business Alliance was supportive of light rail on the transit mall but was also supportive of parking on the transit mall. Had they dropped the parking issue? Mr. Brandman explained Portland Business Alliance perspective. They had withdrawn their recommendation on parking on the transit mall. Mr. Roberts then talked about the Island Platform design and the benefits of this design. He also noted significant differences from the Left Side Platform design. Mr. Roberts said there was a third option on the table. He noted the difference in cost. He talked about the Right Side Platform option. Mr. Brandman concluded by updating the Council on the upcoming processes.

Councilor McLain asked about the major differences concerning safety issues. Mr. Roberts said the Left Side Platform option was similar to the current light rail design. There were trade offs with both designs. Councilor McLain asked about complications for the buses with each design. Mr. Roberts said with the Island Platform design there were more challenges and explained some of those challenges. Councilor Newman felt that the simulation was a powerful tool and

suggested doing this kind of simulation in suburbs, outside of the central city. Councilor Monroe said he felt the left side alignment was safer and cheaper. He provided some benefits to this design. Autos should be discouraged from being on the transit mall. Council President Bragdon thought that the Island option looked crowded. He asked about the width of the platform. Mr. Roberts said the width of the Island Platform would be about 15 feet. It was the narrowest of all of the options. Councilor Newman talked about the Market Street Platform in San Francisco and how crowded these areas were during peak hours. Councilor Burkholder talked about the number of buses per hour and the importance of recognizing that this was a transportation facility. He talked about bicycle access and felt the transit mall allowed for more multi-model transportation options.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the July 17, 2003 Regular Council Meetings.

4.2 **Resolution No. 03-3350**, For the Purpose of Approving the Selection of Hearings Officers for Contested Case Hearings Pursuant to Metro Code Chapter 2.05 for the Period Commencing August 2003.

4.3 **Resolution No. 03-3354**, For the Purpose of Confirming Julie Reed to the Metro 401K Employee Salary Savings Plan Advisory Committee.

Motion:

Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the July 17, 2003, Regular Metro Council meeting and Resolution Nos. 03-3350 and 03-3354.
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Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, McLain, Park, Hosticka, Monroe, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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**5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

5.1 **Ordinance No. 03-999**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.05 To include the Wasco County Landfill on the list of designated facilities.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 03-999 to Council.

**6. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD**

6.1 **Resolution No. 03-3346**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Execute a Contract No. 925081 for Management of Retail Operations at the Oregon Zoo.

Removed from this agenda and held over until the August 14, 2003 Council meeting.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660 (1) (d) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIBERATING WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED TO CONDUCT LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.**

Time Started: 2:35 PM

Members Present: Tanya Collier, Roy Soards, Dan Cooper, Michael Jordan, Laura Oppenheimer and council staff.

7.1 **Resolution No. 03-3355**, For the Purpose of Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Laborers International Union (LIU) Local 483 and Metro from July 1, 2003 to June 30. 2006.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-3355.
Seconded:	Councilor Monroe seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder provided an overview of the contract. The negotiations had been completed and adopted by the union. Metro was now considering ratification. He spoke to controlling health and welfare costs as well as cost of living increases. They also wanted to improve Metro's ability to manage employees. The major goals were met through this negotiation. He noted other changes and felt that the negotiations followed the Council's direction. Council President Bragdon added that many of these employees in LIU were on the front lines at the Zoo and at Metro's parks. He was glad to reach this agreement. He felt it was a fair agreement.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Monroe, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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## 8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor McLain complimented Roy Soards on his directorship. She appreciated the 10-day letter he had sent to the Council concerning grant contracting.

Councilor Park announced the Mt. Hood Jazz Festival at Mt. Hood Community College and the Troutdale Cruise-In would both be this weekend.

Councilor McLain talked about green corridors and the issues concerning green corridors.

Council President Bragdon said this was the first day our meeting was broadcast live. He noted the broadcasts would go from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. These would also be repeat broadcast by tape. This would provide more access to the public.

## 9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 31, 2003**

There were none.