

METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

Sept. 20, 2011 Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Deputy Council President Carl Hosticka and Councilors Shirley Craddick,

Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Barbara Roberts

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilor Rex Burkholder

Deputy Council President Carl Hosticka convened the Metro Council work session at 2:02 p.m.

1. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS</u>

Mr. Dan Cooper of Metro addressed the missing person case of long-time Metro employee Mark Bosworth, as well as the ongoing search efforts being conducted by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Bosworth, who went missing Friday, Sept. 16, was volunteering for the annual Cycle Oregon event. The Sheriff's Office recently declared a need for volunteers, prompting a bus load of Metro employees to depart for central Oregon the morning of Set. 20. Mr. Cooper spoke further to steps Metro is taking to support staff who would like to volunteer and to broaden the scope of media communication regarding Mr. Bosworth's disappearance.

2. OREGON ZOO BOND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Ms. Kim Smith and Mr. Craig Stroud of the Zoo presented the Oregon Zoo's Comprehensive Capital Master Plan (CCMP) as developed by multi-disciplinary consulting team, contracted by Metro in Oct. 2010. The CCMP includes numerous capital improvements such as an expanded elephant habitat, improved polar bear exhibit and upgrades to facilities to conserve water and energy.

Ms. Smith provided a brief history of the voter approved Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-96, outlining its intent to enhance animal welfare, increase access to conservation education and conserve water through capital improvements. Progress throughout the design and planning processes of the CCMP have been shared and presented with stakeholders such as the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee to affirm direction.

Mr. Stroud concluded by outlining the conservative approach taken in the budgeting process and mentioned that the final reports show the full costs of improvements, including staffing, construction and projected inflation.

Council Discussion:

Council asked clarifying questions regarding the construction timeline, the redesigns to the Washington Park to Oregon Zoo train and the benefits of implementing natural substrates in animal quarters. Ms. Smith emphasized the integrity of the CCMP and cited zoos, such as Philadelphia's, experiencing success with comparable developments. Council expressed interest in expanding the

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zoo's public outreach efforts to draw attention to teachable moments throughout the implementation process and to better demonstrate future improvements to the zoo.

3. BREAK

The Council chose not to break at this time.

4. 4TH QURARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (UNAUDITED)

Mrs. Margo Norton of Metro overviewed the 2010-11 4TH Quarter Financial Report and gave opinions regarding the trajectory of Metro's revenues, expenditures and overall budget. Mrs. Norton specifically identified Metro departments, such as the Oregon Zoo, that have maintained essential public services while responsibly managing expenditures, highlighting efforts which have preserved financial integrity throughout the national economic downturn.

Councilors expressed appreciation to Mrs. Norton's attention to significant financial details and how said circumstances will affect future Metro projects.

5. 2011 GROWTH MANAGEMENT DECISION

Mr. Tim O'Brien of Metro presented a recommendation from the Sept. 14 MPAC meeting calling for large site industrial land UGB expansion in Forest Grove North – Purdin, Tonquin and Hillsboro North. Mr. John Williams of Metro overviewed a MPAC recommendation from Sept. 14, which called for the inclusion of Sherwood, Tigard, Wilsonville and Cornelius expansion areas into 26-29 noticing of potential UGB expansion for residential purposes. South Hillsboro and South Copper Mt. expansion areas were previously recommended to be notified by the Metro COO.

Council Discussion:

Council questioned whether or not to follow the MPAC recommendation to send UGB notices to additional neighborhoods. Furthermore, councilors discussed ways in which notices could be interpreted by residents, how they can be made clearer and more illustrative of UGB expansion on a regional scale.

Council expressed apprehension regarding an increase in UGB notices distributed to neighborhoods recommended by MPAC because of additional mailing costs and an increase to the Metro staff work load. Furthermore, Council discussed the implications of mailing UGB notices to additional areas and citizens that need not be concerned by UGB inclusion. Ultimately, Council accepted the MPAC recommendation for additional expansion areas to be notified.

6. **COUNCIL BRIEFING / COMMUNICATION**

Councilor communications included information on:

• Confirmation of joint meeting with City of Damascus

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Hosticka adjourned the Council work session at 4:06.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPT. 20, 2011

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	Doc Date	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
	Agenda	9/22/11	Council Agenda – Revised	92011cw-01
2.0	Slide	9/20/11	Bond Project Implementation Plan – Summary of Bond Funding – Revised	92011cw-02
5.0	Memo	9/16/11	Summary of September 14 MPAC Meeting	92011cw-03