



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

Sept. 22, 2011

Metro Council Chambers

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

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilor Rex Burkholder

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

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Michael O'Connor, 3123 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland: Mr. O'Connor encouraged the Council to purchase the former Blue Heron site located at the Willamette Falls. He cited the cultural significance of the site to the Native American people as reasoning. He offered to help raise funding at the local, national and international levels for this project. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPT. 15, 2011**

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to adopt the Sept. 15, 2011 Council minutes.
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Vote:	Deputy Council President Hosticka and Councilors Collette, Roberts, Craddick, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**4. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD**

4.1 **Resolution No. 11-4284**, Resolution of the Metro Council, Acting as the Metro Contract Review Board, For the Purpose of Approving a Sole Source Contract for Coalition Building and Communications for Parks, Trails and Natural Areas in the Region, The Intertwine.

Deputy Council President Hosticka closed the regular council meeting and opened the Metro Contract Review Board meeting.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4284.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Craddick, with assistance from Mr. Jim Desmond of Metro, introduced Resolution No. 11-4284. The resolution, if adopted, would approve the sole source contract for coalition building and

communications for The Intertwine. Councilor Craddick provided a brief historical overview of the The Intertwine.

Mr. Mike Wetter of The Intertwine Alliance provided a presentation on The Alliance. As of July 1, 2011, The Alliance is an independent non-profit organization comprised of local agencies, organizations and non-profits that work on acquisition, active transportation, conservation, conservation education and the regional system. Mr. Wetter overviewed the coalition of partners and examples of The Alliance's current projects including development and launch of a new integrated online site with information on the region's parks, trails and natural areas, and the draft Intertwine Atlas of Biodiversity.

Ms. Judy Bluehorse Skelton and Mr. Doug Menke of The Intertwine Alliance board expressed their support for The Alliance. Ms. Skelton addressed the potential for strengthening the coalition by including the Native American tribes. She emphasized of The Alliance's effect on the economic, environmental, and social sustainability for the local tribes and region. Mr. Menke discussed trails as a transportation mode and importance of environmental education.

Council expressed their support for The Intertwine Alliance and their desire to stay engaged.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Hosticka and Councilors Collette, Roberts, Craddick, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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Deputy Council President Hosticka closed the contract review board meeting and reconvened the regular council meeting.

## 5. **RESOLUTIONS**

5.1 **Resolution No. 11-4290**, For the Purpose of Endorsing a Consortium Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4290.
Second:	Councilor Craddick seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced Resolution No. 11-4290. While the Portland metro region is known for its regional sustainable development, gaps still exist when it comes to regional equity, access to housing, and access to opportunities such as housing and transportation. These gaps limit the region from developing the sustainable communities it desires. The grant, a partnership with Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation (DOT), and Environmental Protection (EPA) is intended to assist regions like the Portland metro area – areas who have already adopted a regional sustainable development plan – address these gaps and develop more detailed strategies for execution. As a result of the grant, the consortium hopes to:

- Create new partnerships with local government, foundations, service providers, business and community-based organizations;
- Increase capacity for community engagement;
- Better align local, state, regional, and federal investments that support housing needs of the future; and

- Develop a new framework to guide investments that promote equity and opportunity.

The grant would target two pilot communities in east Portland/Rockwood and McLoughlin South Center. A pilot project in Aloha-Reedville was awarded funding through the 2010 HUD grant.

Deputy Council President Hosticka opened the meeting for public comment on Resolution No. 11-4290:

- Jane Leo, Portland Metropolitan Association of Relators (PMAR): Ms. Leo expressed concern that the private sector, specifically PMAR and the Home Builders Association, were not included in the consortium. She stated that the relators originally expressed support in 2010, but had been told that due to the tight timeframe had not been included on the grant application. She could not confirm that PMAR would be a partner on 2011 application due to the tight timeframe, but did express interest to say involved in the process.

Council apologized for the oversight and expressed their desire for the private sector to be included. Staff indicated that their deadline could be extended to include HBA and PMAR on the application, but if possible would also like a financial commitment from the organizations. Staff indicated that the larger the coalition partnership the stronger the grant application.

Seeing no additional citizens who wished to comment on the resolution, Deputy Council President Hughes opened the resolution for council discussion.

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro highlighted that Council support for the resolution would commit local match funds (e.g. through staff support), and support the establishment of an executive committee comprised of six public officials and six community-based leaders. The executive committee is charged with making decisions on the delivery of grant work program and establishing conclusions and recommendations resulting from the grant. The six public officials positions would be drawn from the Metro Council, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) membership.

Council discussion included opportunity mapping and Washington County's success utilizing the tool, the magnitude of the housing survey, regional equity, and building a livable, prosperous community.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Hosticka and Councilors Collette, Roberts, Craddick, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion passed.
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5.2 **Resolution No. 11-4292**, For the Purpose of Approving the Oregon Zoo Bond Implementation Plan.

Motion:	Councilor Craddick moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4292.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Craddick introduced Resolution No. 11-4292. At the General Election held on November 4, 2008, the Portland metro area voters approved Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-29, entitled "Bonds to Protect Animal Health and Safety; Conserve and Recycle Water." The measure outlined a series of

capital improvements that would enhance animal welfare, increase access to conservation education, and improve the zoo campus sustainability. Metro contracted with a world-class team of architects, animal experts and engineers to develop the Zoo's comprehensive plan.

Ms. Kim Smith and Mr. Craig Stroud of the Oregon Zoo provided a presentation on the Zoo's comprehensive master plan. Their presentation included a brief historical overview of the project, summary of bond fund allocations and total project cost, revised project schedule, and sketches/renderings of the of the new or update exhibits. Highlights included a new veterinary hospital, conservation discovery zone building, and visitor circulation center, and new and/or updated penguin, polar bear, primates, rhino, condors, and Asian elephants' exhibits and related infrastructure. In addition, staff previewed a video thanking voters for their support of the bond measure. (Presentation and video included as part of the meeting record.)

Approval of the resolution would direct Zoo staff to move forward with securing land use permits, and construction. Council thanked the Zoo team and oversight committees for their work on the plan. Councilors emphasized the professional, transparent, and open process, and expressed confidence in staffs' ability to deliver on the project.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Hosticka and Councilors Collette, Roberts, Craddick, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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5.3 **Resolution No. 11-4293**, For the Purpose of Amending the Natural Areas Acquisition Refinement Plans for the Clackamas River Bluffs and Greenway, Columbia Slough, Lower Tualatin River Headwaters, Rock Creek Headwaters and Greenway, Tonquin Geologic Area, Westside Trail, and Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluffs Target Areas.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4293.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Harrington introduced Resolution No. 11-4293. After the citizens of the region passed the 2006 Natural Areas bond measure, the Council spent 9 months developing priorities for each target area identified in the bond. Each of the 26 regional target areas were recorded in individual refinement plans. In 2007, after the Council finalized the refinement plans, Council adopted a confidential tax lot map for each target area. As long as a property within a target area supports achievement of the refinement plan goals, is on the confidential tax lot maps, and conforms to the requirements of the natural areas work plan, staff can proceed to acquire property without further authorization by the Council. In the four years since then, Metro has acquired over 3,000 acres and over 20 trail agreements. With more knowledge about each target area, potential adjustments to the map are proposed. The Council has reviewed each proposed addition in executive session. In order to maintain confidentiality for real estate negotiations, the staff report to the resolution identifies the target areas and describes the additions, but does not include the map. Approval of the resolution would authorize staff to add additional parcels to the confidential tax lot maps for potential natural area bond acquisition.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Hosticka and Councilors Collette, Roberts, Craddick, and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**6. WILLAMETTE FALLS GREENWAY OPPORTUNITY**

Mr. Desmond provided a broad overview of the Willamette Falls Opportunity. The 22-acre heavy industrial site is located adjacent to the City of Oregon City. Staff stated that while the loss of the Blue Heron is disappointing, the region is presented with an opportunity to rediscover the falls. He highlighted the Falls' historical and cultural significance for the Native American people, revitalization potential for the City, job creation, and fish and wildlife habitat restoration as reasoning. Bids for the Willamette Falls site are due October 19 to the Bankruptcy Trustee. Mr. Desmond emphasized the complexity of the project and stated that should Metro move forward with acquisition the public would be engaged in the site's visioning process. He emphasized the multiple partners and stakeholders that would be included in the process.

Deputy Council President Hosticka opened the meeting for public comment on the Willamette Falls Opportunity:

- Mike Falia, Portland: Mr. Falia was in support of the acquisition, citing the cultural significance of the site as reasoning. He recommended that the site be developed as a tourist attraction, similar to Multnomah Falls, stating that the attraction would create jobs. He also noted Metro's experience working with regional partners on natural resource protection.

**7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Dan Cooper of Metro provided an update on Metro's recent purchase of a Nissan Leaf, a fully electric vehicle. He also updated the Council on the continued search for missing Metro staff person Mark Bosworth.

**8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Council updates include the final "It's Our Nature" event scheduled at Cooper Mountain, and the Council's annual kayak race.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Hosticka adjourned the regular meeting at 3:53 p.m. The Metro Council reconvened into an executive session pursuant with ORS 192.660(2)(e). The Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. at Metro Council Chambers.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT WITH ORS 192.600(2)(E). TO CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERING BODY TO NEGOTIATE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Council convened an executive session related to the Willamette Falls Greenway Opportunity, for the purpose of deliberating with persons authorized to negotiate real property transactions, as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(e), and for the purpose of considering confidential and privileged legal advice exempt by law from public inspection, as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(e). Representatives of the news media, designated staff and other specified persons were allowed to attend the executive session. News media were specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, expect to state the general subject of the session as announced. Council reminded attendees that no decision maybe made in executive session.

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Kelsey Newell,

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPT. 22, 2011**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
	Agenda	9/22/11	Revised Council 9/22/11 agenda	92211c-01
2.0	Testimony	9/22/11	Testimony submitted by Michael O'Connor	92211c-02
3.0	Minutes	9/15/11	Council minutes for 9/15/11	92211c-03
4.1	PowerPoint	9/2011	The Intertwine	92211c-04
5.1	Resolution	N/A	Revised Resolution No. 11-4290.	92211c-05
5.1	Handout	N/A	Portland metro area housing, equity and opportunity strategy proposed consortium	92211c-06
5.2	Staff Report	N/A	Resolution No. 11-4292, Revised staff report	92211c-07
5.2	PowerPoint	N/A	Oregon Zoo Bond Implementation – Revised slide summary of bond fund allocation	92211c-08
5.2	PowerPoint	N/A	Oregon Zoo Bond Implementation – Revised project schedule	92211c-09
5.2	Video	N/A	Oregon Zoo Bond Measure	92211c-10
6.0	PowerPoint	N/A	Willamette Falls opportunity	92211c-11