



## **METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

Sept. 29, 2011

Metro Council Chambers

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilor Rex Burkholder

Council President Hughes convened the regular Council meeting at 2:02 p.m.

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**Don Ebbeson, 5555 N Lagoon, Portland:** Mr. Ebbeson requested that the Metro Council encourage the use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for the region's fleet of automobiles and trucks, citing the environmental impacts and longterm cost savings. He referenced his personal experience in the

Councilor discussion included their experiences with the private sector usage of CNG, the feasibility of constructing CNG refueling stations in the region and the experiences of CNG facilities currently operating in Seattle, Washington. The Council thanked Mr. Ebbeson for his testimony.

**Art Lewellan, 1020 NW 9<sup>th</sup>, Apt. #604, Portland:** Mr. Lewellan addressed the Council regarding his concerns with the Columbia River Crossing's impact on Hayden Island. He submitted to the Council a compilation of plans for the project that would address his concerns about the future freeway interchange. Submitted materials are available on the record.

**Jim Serrill, 22390 SW Pinto, Tualatin:** Mr. Serrill shared with the Council his experiences with cancer, which he believed is linked to his occupational exposure to heavy diesel particulates while employed in the timber industry. He asked the Council to continue to support initiatives, such as the Solid Waste Fleet Emission Reduction Program, to severely limit the amount of air pollution produced.

### **3. TRAVEL PORTLAND/TRAVEL OREGON PRESENTATION**

Jeff Miller of Travel Portland introduced Todd Davidson of Travel Oregon, and they presented to the Council the work of their respective organizations and the economic impact increased tourism advertising brings to the city of Portland and the state of Oregon. Mr. Miller noted that \$8.7 billion in visitor expenditure annually is brought to the city of Portland through tourism, and that the funding of tourism initiatives by the state in 2003 has made Oregon more competitive in the industry. Their research indicates that every \$1.14 invested in tourism and travel advertising has generated an additional trip to the state, and each trip in return brings on average \$193 to the state, including \$5 in state tax revenue and \$3 in local tax revenue. The agencies aim to continue to

expand their outreach efforts to international markets, particularly to countries in Asia. Their presentation is included in the Council Packet.

Councilors discussed the excellent support that Travel Portland has provided to regional initiatives such as the Intertwine, the critical importance of maintaining direct international flights to Portland International Airport, and the potential impact on convention business and tourism of the construction of a large hotel near the convention center.

**4. SOLID WASTE FLEET EMISSIONS REDUCTION PRESENTATION**

Matt Tracy, Planner in Metro’s Sustainability Center, provided an overview of the work to reduce the diesel particulate emissions from the agency’s fleet of waste-collecting trucks. After convening a work group in 2007 to focus on regional respiratory health, Metro developed a plan to implement a retrofit program to install diesel particulate filters (DPFs) or Diesel Oxidation Catalysts (DOCs) on all qualified refuse collection vehicles. Mr. Tracy explained that the project attempts to mitigate the respiratory health risk in Metro neighborhoods by reducing diesel soot emissions a significantly relevant greenhouse gas with substantial effects on global climate change. Multnomah County has been found to have the twelfth highest health risk out of 3,109 counties studied nationwide. His presentation detailed the large economic costs of the negative health impacts associated with this low air quality; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that every dollar spent on the federal Diesel Emissions Reductions Act, \$13 to \$28 of economic benefit are generated by a local economy through avoided health costs.

Mr. Tracy introduced Mike Pati, director of Kenworth Accomplishments, to provide a technical background of the process of retrofitting the diesel trucks for reduced diesel emissions. Mr. Tracy also introduced Kevin Downey, of Oregon’s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), who explained that 95% of residents in the state of Oregon currently are living in areas with dangerous levels of carcinogens. He noted that the return-on-investment in retrofitting Metro’s fleet for improved air quality is only one month. Mr. Downey thanked Metro staff for their help and thanked the agency for the provision of flexible funds to conduct their research.

Councilors discussed with the presenters the efforts made in the private sector to improve the emissions of dangerous carcinogens, the particular adverse health impacts that could be prevented through the reduction of diesel particulates, and the possibility of policy initiatives at the state level that encourage increased retrofitting among other trucks at use in the Metro region. Mr. Tracy noted that currently, there exists no incentive for private sector owners of diesel fleet to install these DPF technologies, and that Metro and their partners have been encouraging other public sector agencies to adopt DPF technology for their fleets as well. Mr. Tracy also provided councilors with sealed containers of the fine diesel particulates emitted by diesel vehicles and displayed to the Council an example of the DPF being added to Metro’s trucks. Mr. Tracy also invited Councilors to see the trucks parked outside of the Metro building after the meeting.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to adopt the consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The regular Council meeting minutes for September 22, 2011; and</li><li>• Resolution No. 11-4295, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President’s Reappointment of Elisa J. Dozono to Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission</li></ul>
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Vote:

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

**6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer Dan Cooper updated the Metro Council on the search for Mark Bosworth. He directed the Council and the public to check out [www.findmark.org](http://www.findmark.org) for more information, and noted that the Metro Council had sent letters of appreciation to the City of Riddle, Oregon in their help conducting the search operations.

Councilor Hosticka provided an update on the September 28<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting. He noted that the Committee moved to recommend adding a requirement that that 1600 acres of expansion in Washington County near Hillsboro be targeted for development at 20 units an acre. MPAC also recommended to study a lower third range of expansion without consideration of the density requirement, and passed a final recommendation asking the Metro Council to consider the extent to which proposed residential expansion is near industrially zoned areas. The committee did not discuss individual areas that should be targeted for growth, but provided what Councilor Hosticka described as a clear focus on where to expand. Councilor Harrington stated that she found it difficult to keep track of the multiple notices of supplemental materials sent out by staff, and suggested that, for future meetings, it would be helpful at the beginning of meetings to overview all of the materials distributed to the group to ensure all MPAC members are aware of each of the letters, staff reports and documents provided to the committee.

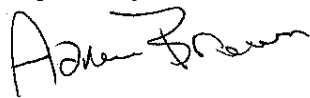
Councilor Hosticka also shared that the public hearing for the growth management decision will be held on October 6 at 5:00p.m. at the Beaverton Public Library, and that there will be a meeting at the Metro Council building at October 13 at 2:00. The final vote on the growth management ordinance will be at the October 20 Council meeting, and a public comment period will precede the final vote.

Councilor Roberts noted that she joined Councilor Hosticka and attended a meeting with the public officials who are involved with the upcoming Southwest Corridor study.

**7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:16 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPT. 29, 2011**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.0	Testimony	9/29/11	Concept #1 "One Bridge" Testimony by Mr. Art Lewellan	92911c-01
3.0	PowerPoint	9/29/11	Travel Portland	92911c-02
3.0	Video	N/A	Travel Portland Vignettes	92911c-03
3.0	Magazine	2011	Travel Portland 2011-2012	92911c-04
3.0	Magazine	2011	Portland: Convention and Meeting Planners Guide	92911c-05
4.0	PowerPoint	9/29/11	Metro Clean Refuse Fleet DPF Retrofit Project	92911c-06
4.0	Video	N/A	Diesel Retrofit Testimonial	92911c-07
6.0	Flyer	9/29/11	Poster for Missing Metro Employee Mark Bosworth	92911c-08