



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
Nov. 8, 2011  
Metro Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilor Rex Burkholder

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 2:02 p.m.

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett referenced a memo written by Mr. Jim Middaugh of the Communications department regarding the effort to use close captioning for televised Metro Council meetings. Councilors reaffirmed their interest in pursuing closed captioning, and discussed how such a service would help Metro in its efforts for public accessibility and transparency. Ms. Bennett also noted the forthcoming Nov 14 event to allow Councilors to meet final candidates for executive director position at the Expo Center.

**2. FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (UNAUDITED)**

Ms. Margo Norton of Metro presented the First Quarter Financial Report, which concludes that despite a difficult economy, the agency's revenue appears to be on track and that the visitor venues such as the Oregon Convention Center are performing above expectations. She summarized the budgetary spending of Metro's Operating and Support Departments, and noted that Metro just received the most recent payment of the construction excise tax.

Ms. Norton provided an additional document which summarized the twelve future budgetary ordinance actions that will be receive a first reading on November 17. These ordinances, approved by Acting-COO Dan Cooper,

**Council Discussion:**

Councilors discussed the possible effects of these ordinances on the budget, noting the creation of FTE positions in many of the proposals. Councilors also asked about the 40% jump in Measure 5 compression loss, the definition of the term "off-shoring" in Ordinance 7, and the importance of establishing greater connections between the agency and local jurisdictions when discussing the local share agreements. Councilor Harrington noted it's important to make sure that both elected officials and staff are included in these discussions.

### **3. 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro discussed the forthcoming Oregon Legislative session set to begin in February. Due to tight limits on bill introductions, Mr. Tucker stressed that he was predominantly working on opportunities to introduce legislation on previously identified Metro priorities, such as the bill for natural area/trail funding, disposition of abandoned burial spaces, and zoo background checks. He noted his work with a co-chair of the House Environment and Energy Committee to potentially introduce the trails legislation, stating that if the Natural Areas legislation is to take place next year, a draft of the bill must be ready for submission by December 5.

#### **Council Discussion:**

The Council thanked Mr. Tucker for his work and asked him to continue moving forward with the aforementioned priorities.

### **4. COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ADOPTIONS TO THE OREGON HIGHWAY PLAN (OHP) AND OREGON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING RULE (TPR)**

Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro presented a slideshow to the Council detailing the proposed adoptions and amendments to the Oregon Highway Plan and Oregon's Transportation Planning Rule. He provided context for the initiative for these amendments, noting the encouragement from the Oregon Transportation Committee (OTC) and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to write legislation for increased flexibility in these rules governing mobility standards and development near state highway facilities. Concerned with how these documents work as potential barriers to economic development, mixed-use development, and do not address non-auto modes, LCDC and the OTC have asked for changes to be implemented by Jan 1, 2012. Mr. Kloster explained the consensus amendments recommended by the Transportation Alternatives Policy Committee (TPAC), and noted that the OTC and LCDC have scheduled hearings in upcoming weeks.

### **5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION**

- Councilor Carlotta Collette introduced Kim Ellis of Metro, who asked the Council to cancel the Dec 2 Joint TPAC/Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) Climate Scenarios meeting. While the initiative is moving forward, Ms. Ellis noted that the initial data and results collected so far are complicated, and that it would be more effective to use existing regional engagement committee meetings to talk to technical staff and policy makers to show the explicit tradeoffs between various climate smart policies. Councilors expressed support for the idea, but noted the importance of continued engagement with regional policy makers and technical staff to shaping the project.
- Councilor Kathryn Harrington provided an update on the regional brownfields scoping project; her memo is included in the packet.
- Councilor Kathryn Harrington provided a draft of a letter written to Ms. Linda Craig, the Chair of the Natural Areas Bond Oversight Committee,
- Councilor Craddick recently attended a meeting for the Zoo Citizen Oversight Committee; councilors expressed enthusiasm for taking a tour of the new animal hospital and potentially hosting a ribbon cutting event.

**ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:56 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOV 8, 2011**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
	Agenda	10/27/11	Council Meeting Agenda	110811cw-01
<b>2.0</b>	Report	N/A	2011-12 First Quarterly Report: July through September	110811cw-02
<b>2.0</b>	Memo	11/08/11	First Quarter Construction Excise Tax Report	110811cw-03
<b>2.0</b>	Document		Summary of Budget Ordinance Actions for Fall Amendment	110811cw-04
<b>4.0</b>	Slideshow		Proposed Amendments to the Transportation Planning Rule & Oregon Highway Plan	110811cw-05
<b>5.0</b>	Document	11/08/11	Regional Brownfield Scoping Project	110811-cw06
<b>5.0</b>	Letter	11/2011	Letter to Linda Craig, Chair, Natural Areas Bond Oversight Committee.	110811-cw07