



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Nov. 17, 2011

Metro, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Councilors Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Shirley Craddick, Rex Burkholder and Barbara Roberts

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilor Carl Hosticka

Councilor Carlotta Collette convened the regular Council meeting at 2 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Darla Castagno, 15175 NW Perimeter Dr., Beaverton: Ms. Castagno addressed the Council on the Bethany Boulevard expansion project located in Washington County and specifically the impacts the project will have on her community, Oak Hills. She was concerned that citizens' comments were not heard throughout the public engagement process. She emphasized the uniqueness of the Oak Hills community, highlighting it as a livable, historic place. She offered set of possible alternative solutions focused around reducing the project to 3 lanes. Additional comments addressed the lack of a current traffic study, and potential impacts to transit, school access and children's safety, and the local retirement community. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

Amy Barton, 2950 NW 151st Place, Beaverton: Ms. Barton's testimony expanded on Ms. Castagno's testimony regarding the Bethany Boulevard project. She highlighted the benefits of reducing the project to 3 lanes such as no adverse impacts to historic resources and no impacts to sequoia trees. She too emphasized Oak Hills' uniqueness and the need to save the community. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

Council thanked Ms. Castango and Ms. Barton for their testimony. Councilors offered other existing systems – including the State Office of Historical Preservation, court system and Land Use Board of Appeals – as resources for the Oak Hills community. Council expressed that these resources could provide better support and more influence than the Council on this issue. Additional comments included the need for a community-based solution.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to adopt the consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Minutes for Nov. 10, 2011; • Resolution No. 11-4306, For the Purpose of Appointing Additional Members to the SW Corridor Plan Steering Committee; and • Resolution No. 11-4312, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President's Appointments to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC).
Second:	Councilor Barbara Roberts seconded the motion

Vote:	Councilors Collette, Craddick, Harrington, Roberts and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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Council welcomed Mr. David Eatwell. Mr. Eatwell has been appointed to serve as a community representative on TPAC beginning Jan. 2012.

4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 11-1265**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2011-12 Budget and Appropriations Schedule, Recognizing New Grants, Donations and Other Contributions, Authorizing New FTE, Amending the FY 2011-12 Through 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan, and Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance No. 11-1265 is scheduled for second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote on Dec. 1. Council President Hughes has been assigned as carrier for the legislation.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 **Resolution No. 11-4297**, For the Purpose of Amending the Natural Areas Acquisition Refinement Plan in the Rock Creek Headwaters and Greenway Target Area, Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Acquire Land Subject to Unusual Circumstances, and Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hillsboro.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4297.
Second:	Councilor Barbara Roberts seconded the motion

Councilor Kathryn Harrington introduced Resolution No. 11-4297. The Council has a unique opportunity to acquire land, through a partnership with the City of Hillsboro, for a nature park. The property is located within the City and is bisected by Rock Creek and an unnamed tributary to Rock Creek. In 2006 the property received preliminary approvals for a residential development known as Orenco Woods. However, in 2009, in lieu of foreclosure, the developer conveyed the property to its lender via the deed. The property was then listed for sale.

Of the 42-acre parcel, 31-acres in the northwest section would be reserved for the nature park. A joint master plan of the property and the adjacent city park would be completed. Councilor Harrington highlighted the parcel's natural amenities and the numerous benefits including access to transit, local schools, and trails. She also noted that Metro is looking forward to being a good

neighbor with the Hillsboro Elks Lodge. The remaining 11-acres would be sold for urban development and proceeds will be equally divided (50%) between Metro and the City. Proceeds from the sale will be used for planning and development of the nature park. If any of Metro's 50 percent share of the proceeds are not used, the remainder will be returned to the bond program.

Councilor Burkholder noted that while this was a spectacular opportunity, the purchase would be expensive. He highlighted concerns with the additional transaction terms outlined in the staff report – specifically #6 which addressed how the net proceeds of the sale of the remaining 11-acres would be used. He remind council of their previous decision, during the last budget cycle, to direct staff to develop a portfolio of Metro's open spaces in order to provide Council information needed for a policy discussion on future development, council priorities, etc. This document is scheduled for Council discussion on Nov. 22. He stated that while he was in support of the motion, he wanted to recognize that Council action would commit regional funds recovered through sale of the property and develop another regional park prior to having a more deliberate discussion and strategy. As an example, he stated that out of the 4 park projects committed to in 2003, the final park in St. Johns has yet to be completed.

Ms Kathleen Brennan-Hunter and Mr. Jim Desmond of Metro highlighted some of the unique features of the property (e.g. sensitive habitat and restoration opportunities), the partnership with the City, and specifics of the intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Steve Gregor of the City of Hillsboro confirmed that the Hillsboro City Council approved the IGA on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Vote:

Councilors Collette, Craddick, Harrington, Roberts and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion passed.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett of Metro thanked councilors for participating in Metro's Charitable Giving lunch and reminded staff that Nov. 30 is the deadline to submit charitable giving forms.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Council updates included recent quarterly exchange meetings with Forest Grove and Hillsboro, Lake Oswego revitalization workshop, NAIOP event, Association of Counties annual meeting, tour of the St. Vincent DePaul's Lane County mattress recycling facility, Oregon Transportation Commission hearing on the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule, and upcoming Wilsonville Bike Tourism workshop. Council recommended work session time be scheduled to discuss the City of Troutdale's recent vote not to support Title 13, and a presentation from Michelle Reeves on downtown revitalization tools.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:46 p.m. The Metro Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOV. 17, 2011

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
	Agenda	11/17/11	Revised 11/17/11 Council agenda	111711c-01
2.0	Testimony	11/17/11	Written testimony submitted by Darla Castegno and Amy Barton	111711c-02
3.1	Minutes	11/10/11	Council minutes for 11/10/11	111711c-03
4.1	Legislation	N/A	Revised Ordinance No. 11-1265 and attachments	111711c-04