



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Feb. 23, 2012

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Rex Burkholder

Council President Tom Hughes convened the regular council meeting at 2:04 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. SOLVE PRESENTATION

Ms. Melisa McDonald, Ms. Nancy Willmes, Ms. Rachael Pecore, and Mr. Steve Kennett provided a presentation on SOLVE, an action-oriented non-profit that provides annual resources to Oregon counties focused on cleanup, native planting, invasive plant removal and environmental maintenance projects. The presentation included information on the organization's SOLV IT, SOLV Beach and Riverside Cleanup, and Team up for Watershed Health programs. Presenters overviewed the background and mission, 2011 highlights and achievements, public involvement, and Metro contributions (e.g. staff or funding) for each of the three programs. Additional information presented included relocation of the non-profit's headquarters and updated organization name (SOLV to SOLVE).

Council discussion included the non-profit's leadership, reputation as a collaborator, and its high credibility around the region. Councilors highlighted SOLVE's ability to mobilize communities and establish partnerships. Councilors asked how contributing organizations, like Metro, are recognized for their funding contributions. Presenters highlighted multiple means for recognizing contributing organizations, both online such as social media, Opt in, or the new to-be-launched web site; and in person at volunteer trainings or onsite signage.

4. METRO SOUTH HAZARDOUS WASTE REUSE TEAM: GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Enrique Vargas and Mr. Don Stephens of Metro provided a presentation on Metro South transfer station's reuse program. The program began in 1992 at both Metro Central and Metro South transfer stations. Hazardous waste technicians sort material received at the transfer stations – everything from household cleaners to plant food –and redistribute the products to local community groups around the region. In 2011, the reuse program diverted nearly 156,000 pounds of material for a total cost savings of approximately \$122,700. Mr. Vargas and Mr. Stephens' presentation provided examples of materials reused and donated to local organizations and

businesses including household, gardening, art, printing, automotive, and health and safety supplies. Examples of local benefactors include Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, Dignity Village, and local high schools and colleges.

Councilors emphasized the large community benefit provided and requested that staff write a newsfeed article about the program.

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR FEB. 16, 2012

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| Motion: | Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to adopt the council minutes for Feb. 16, 2012. |
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| Vote: | Council President Hughes, and Councilors Roberts, Hosticka, Collette, Craddick and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion passed. |
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6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the recent Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) and NAIOP meetings.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on recent meetings including the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, WEA breakfast, Congressman Merkley's town hall, East Portland Action Plan meeting, and Michelle Reives' tour of North Mississippi street for Lake Oswego business leaders. Highlighted upcoming meetings included the Feb. 23 Tualatin River launch study open house, Feb. 23 Clackamas Cities Association meeting, and Feb. 23 meeting to discuss art for the Sellwood Bridge.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3 p.m. The Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT WITH ORS 192.660(2)(i) TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PERFORMANCE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ANY PUBLIC BODY, A PUBLIC OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OR STAFF MEMBER WHO DOES NOT REQUEST AN OPEN HEARING.

Council reconvened in an executive session held pursuant with ORS 192.660(2)(i).



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 23, 2012

| Item | Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
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| 3. | Handout | 2/23/12 | SOLVE Metro Council Presentation – Team up for Watershed Health Program | 22312c-01 |
| 3. | Mailer | N/A | SOLV IT flyer | 22312c-02 |
| 3. | Flyer | N/A | SOLV Beach & Riverside Cleanup | 22312c-03 |
| 4. | PowerPoint | 2/23/12 | Metro South Hazardous Waste Reuse Team: Giving Back to the Community | 22312c-04 |
| 5. | Minutes | 2/16/12 | Council minutes for Feb. 16, 2012 | 22312c-05 |