



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary
March 15, 2012
Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

James Lee, 6016 SE Mitchell, Portland: Mr. Lee addressed the Council on the Columbia River Crossing project. He compared the CRC bridge design process to that of the past Willamette River Crossing Partnership process chaired by former Portland Mayor Vera Katz. He stated that unlike the Partnership, the CRC was not a thorough or open process. He was concerned that the project did not allow sufficient clearance over the river. He highlighted potential clearance and alignment issues for the Coast Guard and other maritime users should the project design move forward as currently planned. He cited other local bridges' clearance heights.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR FEB. 23, 2012

Motion:	Councilor Barbara Roberts moved to adopt the council minutes for Feb. 23, 2012.
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Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Burkholder, Roberts, Hosticka, Collette, Craddick and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 12-1272**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.01 to Repeal Provisions Related to Transfer Station Areas.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2012. Councilor Kathryn Harrington was assigned to carry the legislation.

- 4.2 **Ordinance No. 12-1273**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2011-12 Budget and Appropriations Schedule, Recognizing New Grants, Donations and Other Contributions and Amending the FY 2011-12 through FY 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2012. Council President Hughes was assigned to carry the legislation.

5. **RESOLUTIONS**

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 12-4332**, For the Purpose of Approving the 2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-4332.
Second:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced Resolution No. 12-4332. If approved, the resolution would adopt the 2012-15 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), a document that summarizes the programming of federal transportation funding in the region for the years 2012 through 2015 and demonstrates that the use of funds comply with all federal planning and programming regulations. Every two years Metro works collaboratively with its regional partners to select projects that make sense from a regional perspective and allocate federal funding to these projects and programs. Councilor Collette emphasized the work and outreach (e.g. public hearings) completed by Metro and its regional partners over the past several months.

Councilor Collette stated that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), and its technical advisory body the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), approved Resolution No. 12-4332.

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilors Burkholder, Roberts, Hosticka, Collette, Craddick and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

- 5.2 **Resolution No. 12-4333**, For the Purpose of Approving the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-4333.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced Resolution No. 12-4333, the companion legislation to Resolution No. 12-4332. If adopted, the resolution would approve the air quality conformity determination for the 2012-2015 MTIP, demonstrating that implementation of the MTIP's projects and programs do not violate the region's air quality standards. Completion of the air quality conformity determination and consulting with state and federal air quality regulating agencies is required. Councilor Collette stated that both JPACT and TPAC approved Resolution No. 12-4333.

Councilor Burkholder highlighted the region's success in reducing its air pollution over the past few decades in part due to the region's investment in biking, walking and transit. He cautioned that the region's continued success will rely on continued investment in active transportation. Members

addressed the Senate's pending transportation bill, TriMet's current budget challenges, and the benefits the regional light rail system and its continued growth.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Burkholder, Roberts, Hosticka, Collette, Craddick and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .

5.3 Resolution No. 12-4334, For the Purpose of Authorizing General Obligation Bonds and Refunding General Obligation Bonds.

Motion:	Councilor Carl Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-4334.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Hosticka introduced Resolution No. 12-4334 which if approved would:

1. Authorize the sale of new bonds provided by the region's voters through the 2006 Natural Areas Acquisition bond measure;
2. Authorize the sale of bonds provided by the voters in through the 2008 Oregon Zoo Infrastructure and Animal Welfare bond measure; and
3. Authorize refunding of existing bonds under the 1995 Open Spaces and 2007 Natural Areas bond measures.

The resolution authorizes Metro staff to combine the individual bond sales in order to generate higher buyer interest and thereby securing the best rate for taxpayers. Additionally, issuing debt can be expensive and while each element of the sale will have costs, a combined sale allows for sharing of the costs and more efficient work effort by staff. Councilor Hosticka stated that refunding the bonds will save Metro area tax payers \$6 billion over the life of the debt given the expected interest rates. Additionally, he stated that there will be impacts to property taxes and residents will see an increase up to approximately \$0.18 per 1000 of assessed value. However, the bonds are not subjected to compression.

Councilor Hosticka provided examples of projects at the Oregon Zoo – such as the anticipated indoor and outdoor elephant habitat and visitor viewing facilities – and Metro's natural areas – such as Clear Creek – that have been made possible thanks to the multiple voter-approved bond measures.

Councilor Harrington noted that all of the bond measures required the establishment of a citizen advisory committee. Each committee issues an annual report that can be accessed online at www.oregonmetro.gov.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Burkholder, Roberts, Hosticka, Collette, Craddick and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the March 15 Metro Service Award Luncheon, March 15 meet and greet with the final candidates for the vacant Convention Center director position, upcoming work session with TriMet to discuss the transit agency's projected budget shortfall, and

the status of the City of Lake Oswego's application for a minor amendment to the urban growth boundary.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on recent meetings including the Oregon Passenger Rail Leadership Council, and meetings with local city councils and project Steering Committee on the East Metro Connections plan. Upcoming events noticed included the March 20 and March 21 Destination Main Streets workshops.

8. ADIJURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:35 p.m. The Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, March 22 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2012.

No additional new material was distributed at the meeting.