



## **METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

April 5, 2012

Metro, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilor Carlotta Collette

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

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Art Lewellan, 3205 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Apt. 9, Portland: Mr. Lewellan congratulated Metro on its improvements to the Oregon Zoo, such as the light rail station. He also addressed the Council on the Columbia River Crossing Project. He stated that the latest bridge design was not functional or structurally sound. He stated that a southbound-only bridge, proposed as part of alternative Concept #1, should be reconsidered and the study completed. He also expressed support for investing in railroad track down river.

### **3. PACKY'S 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Ms. Krista Swan of the Oregon Zoo provided a presentation on upcoming events surrounding Packy's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 14. Her presentation highlighted the campaign's media kit which includes television, print and radio ads, and publications that share information ranging from Packy's birthday festivities to conservation to the Oregon Zoo's new elephant habitat. Packy's birth, on April 14, 1962, made international headlines and called attention to the Zoo and the Portland area. Ms. Swan stated that Packy's milestone birthday presents an opportunity to celebrate the local community's years of overwhelming support, and how Packy's presence has helped the Oregon Zoo become a global leader in elephant care. Information on Packy's birthday festivities is available online at [www.oregonzoo.org](http://www.oregonzoo.org).

Council thanked Ms. Swan for her presentation and staff's work on the upcoming events.

### **4. 2012 OREGON ZOO BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Deidra Kryss-Rusoff, chair of the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee, provided a presentation on the committee's 2012 annual report. Her presentation overviewed the committee's membership, mission, and reporting requirements to:

- Assess the Oregon Zoo's progress in implementing the bond's project improvements;
- Report on spending trends and current cost projections and independent auditors' report;
- and

- Consider and recommend project modifications intended to account for increases in construction costs in excess of budget estimates.

Highlighted 2011-12 accomplishments included, but were not limited to, the completion of the new Veterinary Medical Hospital, Penguin Life Support System Upgrade, and Comprehensive Capital Master Plan. The committee did not recommend any project modifications at this time. (Complete report included as part of the meeting record.)

Council thanked Ms. Krys-Rusoff for her work and emphasized the importance of the oversight committee. Discussion included the diverse expertise on the committee including professional land use, finance and construction representation, and the complexity of the bond projects. Committee information, including minutes and full annual report, is available on the Oregon Zoo web site at: [www.oregonzoo.org](http://www.oregonzoo.org).

**5. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 22, 2012**

Motion:	Councilor Carl Hosticka moved to adopt the council minutes for March 22, 2012.
Second:	Councilor Barbara Roberts seconded the motion.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Burkholder, Roberts, Hosticka, Craddick and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**6. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 12-1276**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 3.09, Local Government Boundary Changes, to Conform to New Legislation and to Improve the Boundary Change Process.

Second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for April 12, 2012. Councilor Roberts was assigned to carry the legislation.

**7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett of Metro announced that Mr. Scott Cruickshank accepted the Oregon Convention Center executive director position. She also announced that Metro received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting; she congratulated Finance and Regulatory Services staff.

Additional updates included the April 12 enforcement hearing on Title 13 of the Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan concerning the City of Troutdale. Ms. Bennett indicated that the City has submitted their plan to the Dept. of Land Conservation and Development. As such, she recommended the Council consider continuing the hearing to June 14, 2012.

**8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor updates on recent meetings or events included Recology Nature's Needs facility tour, NAIOP forum, MERC meeting, Oregon Zoo Foundation meeting, and a recent visiting delegation from Philadelphia. Additional updates included launch of the Oregon Zoo's new web site.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:54 p.m. The Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2012**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.	Testimony	N/A	Written testimony from Art Lewellan	40512c-01
3.	PowerPoint	N/A	50 years of Packy	40512c-02
4.	Report	2/2012	Revised Oregon Zoo Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Report	40512c-03
5.	Minutes	3/22/12	Council minutes for Feb. 2, 2012.	40512c-04