



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

April 19, 2012

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Rex Burkholder convened the regular council meeting at 2:01 p.m.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve the April 19, 2012 consent agenda which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consideration of the Minutes for April 12, 2012;</li><li>• <b>Resolution No. 12-4335</b>, For the Purpose of Certifying that the Portland Metropolitan Area is in Compliance with the Federal Transportation Planning Requirements and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Unified Planning Work Program; and</li><li>• <b>Resolution No. 12-4342</b>, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Steve Joiner, Shawn Decarlo and Anisha Scanlon and the Reappointment of Jeff Bissonette to the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC).</li></ul>
Second:	Councilor Barbara Roberts seconded the motion.

Vote: Deputy Council President Burkholder and Councilors Roberts, Hosticka, Craddick, Collette and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion passed.

**4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

- 4.1 Metro Chief Operating Officer, Acting as a Budget Officer, Presents the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget and Budget Message to the Metro Council Acting as the Budget Committee.

Ms. Martha Bennett of Metro provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-13 Metro budget. Her presentation included information on the budget message, key decision-making tools, and budget deliverables. Ms. Bennett stated that the budget is an opportunity to ensure that the agency is aligning its spending with its strategic plan and priorities.

Ms. Margo Norton of Metro provided a presentation on the budget specifics including the percentage change between the FY 11-12 and 12-13 budgets, changes in projected and current five-year general fund forecasts, current revenues and sources (e.g. enterprise revenue, excise tax, property tax), total current expenditures, the 10-year expenditure and total agency FTE histories, charter limitations on spending, debit service obligations, and property tax levies.

Ms. Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, provided a brief overview of the proposed FY 12-13 budget for the Office of the Metro Auditor. Her presentation included information on the office mission, FY 11-12 accomplishments to date, upcoming Metro audits, and proposed FY 12-13 budget and its comparison to previous years.

Mr. Chris Erickson, budget chair for the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC) and Ms. Teri Dressler of Metro, provided a presentation on the MERC venues including the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Center for Performing Arts and Expo Center. Their presentation included information on Oregon lodging statistics for Sept. 2009 through Dec. 2011, weekly leading indicators, the economic and business climate, significant budget impacts, total projected revenue and expenditures for FY 12-13, upcoming major capital projects, and use of funding reserves.

Mr. Doug Anderson of Metro provided a presentation on the annual solid waste rate cycle and proposed rate increases for FY 12-13. His presentation include information on funding sources (i.e. regional system fee, tip and transaction fees and recoverable waste tip fees), amount raised from fee rates, how rates are set, market drivers, current and proposed tip and transaction fees, and impacts to residential and commercial rate payers. More information can be found in *FY 2012-13 Solid Waste Rate: A Methodological Statement and Review of Solid Waste Disposal Charges* reports. Both reports are available on Metro's web site at [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov).

Ms. Bennett provided staff's final comments including issues for further Council deliberation, and process and schedule for Council's consideration and vote on the FY 12-13 budget. (Full budget presentation is included as part of the meeting record.)

Council discussion included funding for the Metro Export Initiative, PER reserves and rates for 2013, the decline in the general fund, estimated fuel prices FY 12-13, status update on the community planning grants funded by construction excise tax monies, and general discussion on the proposed solid waste rates and those fees competitively driven by the market. Council flagged the difference in proposed solid waste rates for debris generally disposed of by residents versus commercial haulers for future discussion. Some councilors expressed concern that the fee rates for types of goods generally disposed of by residents (e.g. clean wood or yard debris) were higher than the fee rates for goods generally disposed of by commercial haulers (e.g. clean drywall or rubble).

Council also recommended that the difference in the current and proposed tip fees be written as a percentage; staff will distribute this information to Council.

4.1.1 **Ordinance No. 12-1274**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year FY 2012-13, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Authorizing an Interfund Loan.

Deputy Council President Burkholder opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-1274:

- Shirley Stageberg, Milwaukie Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie: Ms. Stageberg addressed the Council on Nature in Neighborhoods grant program. Ms. Stageberg's church, the Milwaukie Presbyterian Church, was a recipient of a 2009 NIN grant. She emphasized the importance of the grant program and specifically the benefits it provides to smaller organizations such as grant writing assistance and staff support. Ms. Stageberg emphasized the partnerships created and collaboration with local jurisdictions and community groups during and after the conclusion of the church's project. She encouraged the Council to continue the NIN program.

Council applauded Ms. Stageberg and the Church for their work. Councilors emphasized that the Church's project went above and beyond the grant requirements and really tapped into the local community.

- Roberta Schwarz, 2206 Tannler, West Linn: Ms. Schwarz addressed the Council on the NIN restoration and enhancement grant program. She emphasized that restoration work provides an opportunity for community volunteers to connect with their surroundings and develop friendships. She stated that investing in restoration projects is a good use of the public's resources and money. She spoke to a past NIN grant used at the White Oak Savannah and shared a photo collage of volunteers' experience doing restoration work at the Savannah. She encouraged the Council to continue the NIN program.

Councilors thanked Ms. Schwarz for her passion, persistence and advocacy for restoration projects.

Seeing no additional citizens who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed. Additional public hearings on Ordinance No. 12-1274 are scheduled for April 26 and May 3. Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for May 3.

4.2 **Ordinance No. 12- 1277**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Establish Solid Waste Disposal Charges, Recoverable Solid Waste Charges, and System Fees for FY 2012-13; To Modify the Structure and to Standardize the Administration of the Recoverable Solid Waste Charge; and to Establish the Effective Date for the FY 2012-13 Solid Waste Excise Tax Rate.

Second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for April 26, 2012. Council President Hughes was assigned to carry the legislation on April 26.

5. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Bennett provided an update on:

- Thanked councilors for their participation in the monthly service awards luncheon;

- Announced that she will be participating in the *Best Practices* trip to Cleveland, Ohio April 24 – 27, 2012; and
- Announced that the Department of Land Conversation and Development staff has recommended the Land Conservation and Development Commission remand the Urban Growth Boundary decision on four technical points. Staff will provide an update to Council at the May 1 work session.

**6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor updates on recent meetings or events included the East Metro Connections Steering Committee, Intel STEMposium, and Oregon Active Transportation Summit. Upcoming meetings or events highlighted included the April 19 Michael Freedman presentation on *Remaking strip commercial corridors and transforming business parks: Community design and urban innovation for a knowledge economy* and April 25 *Regional Trails Fair: Exploring The Intertwine*.

**7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Burkholder adjourned the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m. The Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, April 26 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2012**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
3.1	Minutes	4/12/12	Council minutes for April 12, 2012	41912c-01
4.1	PowerPoint	4/19/12	FY 2012 - 13 Proposed Budget	41912c-02
4.1	Report	N/A	2012-13 Budget in Brief	41912c-03
4.1	Handout	4/17/12	FY 2012-13 Budget by the Numbers	41912c-04
4.1.2	Testimony	4/19/12	Written testimony from Shirley Stageberg	41912c-05
4.2	Memo	4/19/12	Transmittal of FY 2012-13 Solid Waste Rate Documents	41912c-06
4.2	Report	N/A	FY 2012-13 Solid Waste Rates: A Methodological Statement	41912c-07
4.2	Report	4/19/12	Review of Solid Waste Disposal Charges	41912c-08
4.2	Legislation	N/A	Revised Ordinance No. 12-1277	41912c-09