



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

May 17, 2012

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the regular council meeting at 2:02 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none at this time.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2012

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve the minutes for April 3, 2012.
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Vote:	Council President Hughes and Councilors Burkholder, Roberts, Hosticka, Collette, Harrington and Craddick voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

4.1 **Resolution No. 12-4347**, Resolution of Metro Council, Acting as the Metro Contract Review Board, For the Purpose of Approving a Contract Amendment to the Enterprise License Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. ("ESRI").

Council President Hughes declared that the Metro Council was now acting as the Metro Contract Review Board.

Motion:	Councilor Barbara Roberts moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4347.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Roberts introduced Resolution No. 12-4347, which if approved, would amend Metro's contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) to allow more access to software products while realizing a \$10,000 decrease in the total cost when compared to the original 2009 Enterprise License Agreement. Councilor Roberts explained the Metro Data Resource

Center (DRC) uses ESRI software to produce maps, perform analysis and develop applications. Over 170 regional partners and subscribers utilize Metro services, such as the Regional Land Information System (RLIS), which is developed using ESRI software.

Vote:

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

5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 12-1275**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 2.12 Regarding the Office of Citizen Involvement and Metro Code Section 2.19.100 Regarding the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement.

Second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for May 24, 2012. Councilor Harrington was assigned to carry the legislation.

5.2 **Ordinance No. 12-1278**, For the Purpose of Amending the Regional Transportation Functional Plan to Remove the Schedule for Updating City and County Transportation System Plans; to Add an Exemption Process; and to Revise Procedures for Extensions and Exceptions.

Second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for May 24, 2012. Councilor Collette was assigned to carry the legislation.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 12-4345**, For the Purpose of Updating the Work Program for Corridor Refinement Planning and Designating the Powell-Division High Capacity Transit Corridor as the Next Regional Priority for Completion of Corridor Refinement and Commencement of Alternatives Analysis.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4345.
Second:	Councilor Carl Hosticka seconded the motion.

Councilor Craddick introduced Resolution 12-4345, which if approved, would identify new corridor planning priorities and would enable the prioritized corridors, such as the Powell-Division High Capacity Transit (HTC) Corridor, to receive funding and staff resources to complete refinement planning through 2016. Councilor Craddick noted JPACT approval of Resolution 12-4345 on May 10, 2012. Councilor Craddick then emphasized the urgency of the resolution by mentioning the limited opportunity to apply for federal funding. Local planning efforts such as East Metro Connections and East Portland Action Plan, the Outer Powell Blvd. Conceptual Design Plan, the Powell-Foster Corridor Plan and the Inner Powell Streetscape Plan were acknowledged as opportunities to improve transit along the corridor.

Councilor Craddick described opportunities for corridor planning to better connect educational institutions such as Portland State University, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland Community College and Mt. Hood Community College.

Council President Hughes invited two members of the audience to testify on Resolution No. 12-4345.

Thomas Barnes, 12426 SE Raymond St. Portland, OR 97236: Mr. Barnes, former co-chair of the East Portland Action Plan, provided testimony that described possible misunderstandings regarding the plan for Powell Blvd. and how adjacent neighborhoods will be affected. Mr. Barnes explained that segments along Powell Blvd. to be analyzed during refinement planning attempt to accommodate HTC and a smaller scale right-of-way. Mr. Barnes expresses support for HTC and Council's efforts to advance the project

David Hampsten, 302 SE 105th Ave. Portland, OR 97216: Mr. Hampsten spoke to the degree of community input from local communities regarding the East Portland Action Plan. Mr. Hampsten praised the City of Portland's efforts to address transportation planning on the corridor and thanked Metro for the Regional Flexible Funds allocated to sidewalk improvements and neighborhood greenways and bikeways.

Councilors expressed agreement on the effectiveness of a collaborative approach to address transportation and corridor planning in east Portland. There was support for prioritizing HTC projects and for including the Powell-Division corridor in the regional queue.

Vote:

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

6.2 **Resolution No. 12-4350**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Convey Certain Real Property in the Dairy and McKay Creeks Confluence Target Area Subject to a Conservation Easement.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4350.
Second:	Councilor Carl Hosticka seconded the motion.

Councilor Harrington introduced Resolution No. 12-4350, which if approved, would transfer the title to the property of Dairy and McKay Creeks area to the Washington County Clean Water Services (CWS) agency with deed restriction that protects the land. Councilor Harrington noted that since 1995, voters have authorized Metro to acquire natural areas throughout the region for conservation and restoration. The Dairy and McKay Creeks area encompasses 62 acres along the Tualatin River. Councilor Harrington argued that a transfer of property to CWS is beneficial for all properties, while Metro will continue to ensure the natural habitats are protected, stewarded and used for public purposes. Councilor Harrington noted that CWS is committed to working with the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve.

Council President Hughes invited two members of the audience to testify on Resolution No. 12-4350.

Ted Vacek, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, Hillsboro, OR 97124: Mr. Vacek expressed his thanks to Metro staff, specifically Sustainability Center staff including Jim Desmond and Kathleen Brennen-Hunter, for their rigorous support as alternatives for the property's stewardship was

investigated. Mr. Vacek noted his eagerness to move forward with conversing the creeks confluence area in partnership with CWS.

Bruce Roll, Clean Water Services (CWS), 2550 Hillsboro Hwy. Hillsboro, OR 97123: Mr. Roll explained that many objectives will be met with the continued stewardship of the Dairy and McKay Creeks site including the expansion of educational opportunities. Mr. Roll noted that 650,000 trees have been planted in the natural area, which is in line with Title 13 work.

Vote:

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

6.3 **Resolution No. 12-4343**, For the Purpose of Approving Fifth Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants.

Motion:	Councilor Carl Hosticka moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4343.
Second:	Councilor Rex Burkholder seconded the motion.

Councilor Hosticka introduced Resolution No. 12-4343, which if approved, would award Nature in the Neighborhoods (NIN) capital grants and begin the individual contract award process for the selected grant applicants. Councilor Hosticka provided background on the capital grants program, which was created through the 2006 natural areas bond measure to enhance natural features within the UGB. Councilor Hosticka emphasized that the program focuses on neighborhoods, promoting natural area enhancement and restoration in the communities where people live, work and play. Projects awarded grant funding consist of community-based organizations and advocacy groups that partner and build relationships with local neighborhoods.

Ms. Mary Rose Navarro of Metro provided a presentation on the NIN capital grants program, which described its mission, framework and outcomes since inception in 2006. Ms. Navarro noted that the program has matured, which gives Metro the ability to evaluate the positive impacts on local communities that have realized natural area restoration, acquisition and urban integration. Ms. Navarro explained that NIN has a board vision, flexibly and community-based framework which has produced results that meet Metro's six desired outcomes. At this time, councilors noted that Ms. Navarro's presentation will be available on the Metro website.

Councilor Hosticka then introduced Sue Marshall and Mike Zilis, who serve on the NIN Grant Review Committee, to talk about current project recommendations under Council consideration. Ms. Marshall, Chair of the Grant Review Committee, described the projects as community-driven and representative and collaborative. Ms. Marshall also noted that projects address racial disparities by providing jobs and increasing opportunities for active living within low-income, diverse community, while improving water and habitat quality in urban areas. Ms. Marshall detailed the grant review process and then asked Mr. Zilis to introduce the individual projects. Mr. Zilis provide background and details on the Hall Creek Water quality and Pathway Enhancement Project, the Let Us Build Cully Park! project and the Nadaka Nature Park project. Ms. Marshall described the Lilly K. Johnson Woods Natural Areas Expansion project, the Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor Phase 2 plan and the Stone Bridge Fish Passage on Nettle Creek project.

Councilors applauded the projects' creativity and commended the grant review committee members. Council President Hughes then invited members of the audience to testify on Resolution 12-4343.

Tony Defalco, Verde, 6899 NE Columbia Ave. Portland, OR 97218: Mr. Defalco spoke to Verde's role in the Let's Build Cully Park! project, and highlighted the numerous benefits the natural area enhancement will have on the adjacent communities. Mr. Defalco noted that the project redevelops a brownfield, provides educational opportunities, creates jobs for low income people and people of color and protects habitat. Ultimately, Mr. Defalco explained that the project will improve quality of life in the NE Portland neighborhood, by utilizing a sustainability approach simultaneously as an anti-poverty strategy. Mr. Defalco then thanked partners and Metro staff for their work to support and promote the project.

Council Hosticka noted the synergy between the Let's Build Cully Park! project and the Whitaker Ponds natural area, which is Metro owned.

Guillermo Maciel, Multnomah County Chair's Office, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97216: Mr. Maciel relayed Multnomah County Chair Cogen's support for the NIN Capital Grant program and specifically applauded Metro commitment to intentional and sustainable placemaking. Mr. Maciel commended the Let's Build Cully Park! project for its commitment to addressing equity, sustainability and improving community livability.

Gabriel Sheridan, Friends of Baltimore Woods, 9315 N Edison St. Portland, OR 97203: Mr. Sheridan thanked Council for considering the acquisition of the four lots that will further the effort to connect Cathedral and Pier Parks in North Portland. Mr. Sheridan urged Council to consider the acquisition of an additional 10-acre parcel necessary for establishing the North Portland Greenway.

Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Recreation, 1120 SW 5th Ave. Portland, OR 97204: Mr. Horner spoke in favor of the Let's Build Cully Park! project and emphasized the significant benefit it will bring to the neighborhood. Mr. Horner noted Portland Parks and Recreation's partner with community-based organizations in the development of the project.

Councilors showed support for the collaborative nature of each project under consideration for NIN capital grant funding, noting that the success of the program depends on the degree of community ownership and engagement. Councilors also commended Metro staff for their support and guidance of communities who envision the ideas and plans to better their neighborhoods natural features and livability. There was discussion about the origin of the capital grants program and how it has successfully evolved to produce genuine community-based projects. Councilors then urged other neighborhoods to follow in the footsteps of successful grant recipients to improve the livability and natural quality of their communities.

Councilor Hosticka thanked Bob Sallinger of the Portland Audubon Society and Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten for their tireless advocacy and vision regarding natural area enhancement. Councilor Hosticka then asked project proponents to stand in support for vote approving Resolution No. 12-4343. Councilor Hosticka also noted a reception to be held in the Council Annex following the meeting.

Vote:

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

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett of Metro provided an update on the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) hearing regarding Metro UGB decision. Ms. Bennett noted that LCDC asked Metro to draw attention to evidence in the record that supports the UGB and Capacity Ordinances. Metro staff is currently locating evidence in the record that supports the UGB expansion, which will be provided to LCDC prior to a continuation of the hearing on June 14. Councilors mentioned the attendance of regional partners at the LCDC hearing to support Metro's UGB decision. Councilors also praised Metro staff for their research and record keeping efforts.

Ms. Bennett reported on a presentation from Dr. Manuel Pastor of the University of Southern California to the Community Investment Initiative (CII) Leadership Council. Ms. Bennett then mentioned that the CII will address Council at the June 7 work session to present the project's strategic plan. Ms. Bennett then noted the Senior Leadership Team Retreat on May 18. Lastly, Ms. Bennett thanked councilors who attended the Employee Service Awards luncheon.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor updates included a note that the Glean Art project, which involved artists commissioned to create pieces of artwork out of garbage lifted from Metro transfer stations, will be continued this year because of positive reception.

There was also an update on the Mayors and Chairs meeting, which took place on May 16. The CII gave a presentation at the meeting.

Comments were made about the Primary Election results, which produced 3 new Metro Councilors, Craig Dirksen, Sam Chase and Bob Stacy, who are scheduled to take office on January 1, 2013.

An Economist article regarding infrastructure financing was shared as an example of what other communities are doing similar to the CII mission and framework.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:40 p.m. The Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, May 24 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 17, 2012

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
6.1	Testimony	N/A	Written testimony from Thomas Barnes (Powell Blvd. Citizens Working Group)	51712c-01
6.3	PPT	5/17/12	Nature in Neighborhoods 2012 Capital Grant Awards	51712c-02
8.	Slides	N/A	Glean Art Project	51712c-03