



## **METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

June 14, 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.

### **3. FOLLOW-UP AUDIT TO THE 2009 AUDIT OF METRO'S SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Metro Auditor Ms. Suzanne Flynn and Mr. Brian Evans provided a brief presentation on the recently completed follow-up audit on Metro's sustainability management practices. The original audit, completed in 2009, contained 11 recommendations to help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Metro's sustainability efforts. The purpose of the follow-up audit was to determine the status of the original recommendations.

Mr. Evans quickly overviewed the follow-up audit's scope and methodology, results and recommendations for moving forward. The Auditor's Office determined that 9 of the 11 original recommendations had been implemented over the past three years. The two outstanding recommendations, currently in progress, address developing a funding structure and assessing the cost and potential economic and environmental benefits of sustainability activities. The Auditor's Office encouraged staff to continue to address the two outstanding recommendations, and recommended two additional areas management should focus its efforts in the future:

- Monitor and improve data quality and note changes in data when comparing year-to-year results in the annual report; and
- Continue to solicit feedback about training needs and provide training when appropriate.

Ms. Molly Chidsey of Metro thanked the Auditor for the report and provided management's response. Ms. Chidsey agreed with the recommendations to continue to establish a strong funding structure, assess the cost and benefits, and to include prioritization criteria. She provided a few examples of how staff is currently working to address the 2009 recommendations (e.g. working with FRS to identify available renewal and replacement funds). Ms. Chidsey also noted that the FY 11-12 annual report is anticipated for fall 2012.

Council thanked the Auditor and Metro staff. Discussion included the new touch screen panel in the lobby of the Metro Regional Center.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR MAY 24, 2012**

Motion:	Councilor Barbara Roberts moved to approve the Council minutes for May 24, 2012.
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Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Burkholder, Roberts, Hosticka, Craddick, Collette and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

5.1 **Ordinance No. 12- 1279**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2011-12 Budget and Appropriations Schedule and Amending the FY 2011-12 through FY 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Plan.

Second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, June 21. Councilor Rex Burkholder was assigned as carrier for the legislation.

5.2 **Ordinance No. 12- 1280**, For the Purpose of Amending and Re-Adopting Metro Code 7.03 (Investment Policy) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, June 21. Councilor Carl Hosticka was assigned as carrier for the legislation.

**6. ORDINANCES – CARRIED OVER**

6.1 **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.

Council President Hughes confirmed that the following motion was carried over from the May 24 Council meeting.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Ordinance No. 12-1278.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette stated that the ordinance's Exhibit B, *Findings of Fact*, was not available on May 24<sup>th</sup> and consequently the Council agreed to carry the legislation over to June 14. The Regional Transportation Functional Plan, a subset of the Regional Transportation Plan, is the guide for local jurisdictions on how to comply with the RTP. Oregon's Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) allows for an exemption process for small communities, such as Johnson City or Maywood Park, that don't have the resources or the need – like larger cities – for transportation system planning. Additionally, if approved, the legislation would allow Metro's Chief Operating Officer to provide extensions to communities that are behind in completing their transportation system plans. Councilor Collette stated that the schedule of deadlines will be removed from the RTFP and placed in an appendix of the full RTP. She also stated that the Findings indicate that only Oregon's land use

and transportation planning goals – goals 2 and 12 respectively – are affected by the proposed changes. The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) unanimously approved the ordinance.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing. Seeing no citizens who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Council clarified that while certain jurisdictions may qualify for exemptions, approval of the ordinance does not automatically grant an exemption – an application would still be required. Additionally, councilors clarified that interested parties may easily access to the schedule of deadlines online at [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov).

Vote:

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

7.1 **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.

Council President Hughes stated that there was currently a motion on the floor, moved on May 3, 2012, to approve Ordinance No. 12-1274.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-1274. Seeing no citizens who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Council President Hughes opened the meeting for council discussion and councilor-proposed amendments.

**AMENDMENT #1:**

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to replace the budget note previously approved by the Council on May 3, 2012 with the following:  <u>“Before budget adoption, Council will review and approve the program and spending plan for the Community Investment Initiative. The Metro Council will approve a program work plan for Metro’s involvement in the Community Investment Initiative during the first quarter of FY 2012-13, which will identify key direction and decision points for the Metro Council.”</u>
Second:	Councilor Rex Burkholder seconded the motion.

*Discussion:* Councilor Harrington stated that the proposed budget note memorializes Metro’s actions and the need for a bit more internal work.

Councilors expressed their support of the motion. Members stated that the proposed amendment will help to provided clarity in Metro’s role and partnership in the CII.

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

**AMENDMENT #2:**

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to include the following budget note in the FY 2012-13 budget: <u>“The Chief Operating Officer will prepare for Council consideration a proposal establishing criteria for evaluating proposed uses of an Opportunity fund (or successor name) and the process for authorizing its use.”</u>
Second:	Councilor Barbara Roberts seconded the motion.

*Discussion:* Councilor Burkholder noted that the Council discussed councilor-proposed amendments in-depth at the May 19 work session.

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

**AMENDMENT #3:**

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to include the following budget note in the FY 2012-13 budget: <u>“The Chief Operating Officer will prepare for Council consideration a proposal establishing the guidelines for spending plan for Reserve for Future One-Time expenditures (or successor name) as part of the regular budget process.”</u>
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

*Discussion:* Similarly to Amendment #2, councilors noted that the full Council discussed councilor-proposed amendments in-depth at the May 19 work session.

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

**AMENDMENT #4:**

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to amend the FY 2012-13 budget to increase appropriations in the Research Center by \$60,000, add 0.5 FTE limited duration GIS Specialist for one year, to be funded by reducing the budgeted Opportunity Fund by \$60,000.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

*Discussion:* Councilor Burkholder, with assistance from Metro staff Ms. Lake McTighe, introduced Amendment #4. The amendment, if approved, would fund the standardization of data and the collection of data, on a regional level, for pedestrian facilities. The information collected will be used to improve Metro’s models and provide jurisdictions information on

how they rate in regards to providing safe pedestrian facilities and where to target future investments.

Staff clarified that the one-year position would work with local partners to identify a shared methodology and process for data collection and that a schedule for data maintenance would be determined – for example updates may occur as part of the larger RTP.

Councilors expressed their support for the amendment. Councilors stated that the proposed amendment would provide better uniform data and help to prioritize future pedestrian improvements in transportation corridors. General discussion included benefits the data collected will have for local partners, and the need to develop criteria for allocating Opportunity Fund monies in the future.

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

**AMENDMENT #5:**

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to approve the department technical amendments en bloc.
Second:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion.

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

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to direct staff incorporate all actions taken at the June 14 meeting into an "A" version of the ordinance to be considered at the Thursday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

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

**8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett updated the Council on four items; (1) on June 12 the City of Troutdale passed an ordinance satisfying compliance with Title 13; (2) Oregon Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Metro in the Construction Excise Tax lawsuit; (3) former Metro COO Michael Jordan will receive an University of Oregon award for his public service; and (4) the unfortunate passing of former Metro Councilor Ruth McFarland. Councilors shared memories of Ms. McFarland.

**9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor updates on recent meetings or events included the Metro Policy Advisory Committee tour of the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park, JPACT meeting, Transit Oriented Development Steering Committee meeting, and Great Downtowns event.

Upcoming events or trips highlighted included the Celebration at Canemah Bluffs, Metro's participation in Pride week, Councilor Collette's trip to the Three Rivers Park District's 2012 Special Parks District Forum in Michigan, and Councilor Burkholder's trip to California for a conference that will address infrastructure financing and sustainability. Additional updates included Councilor Roberts acceptance of the Farmworker Housing Development Corporation's award for her contributions to the farmworker community.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:35 p.m. The Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, June 21 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2012**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
4.	Minutes	5/24/12	May 24, 2012 Council minutes	61412c-01
7.2	Memo	6/14/12	From: Kathryn Harrington RE: Proposed budget note to the FY 12-13 budget	61412c-02
7.2	Memo	6/14/12	From: Rex Burkholder RE: Proposed budget amendments to the FY 12-13 budget	61412c-03