



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary
August 9, 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 3 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Art Lewellan, 3205 SE 8th Ave., Apt. #9, Portland: Mr. Lewellan addressed the Council on the Columbia River Crossing project's proposed Hayden Island Interchange. He also addressed the potential for coal trains traveling the north south corridor through Oregon and Washington states and stated that he did not believe the rail could handle the traffic. He stated that the Port of Portland has a designed a facility to be placed on Hayden Island. He stated that this rail facility could create safety issues and disrupt rail travel. He distributed an aerial photo of land in north Portland he believed was a more suitable location for the facility and dock. He also addressed the Smith and Bybee Lake Marine Reserve and connection to West Hayden Island. (Testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2, 2012

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to the minutes for August 2, 2012.
Second:	Councilor Barbara Roberts seconded the motion.

Vote:	Council President Hughes and Council 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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4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READ

4.1 **Ordinance No. 12-1283**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2012-13 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Create a 0.75 FTE Limited Duration Position in Communications.

Second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for August 16, 2012. Council President Hughes was assigned carrier for the legislation.

5. ORDINANCES – SECOND READ

5.1 Ordinance No. 12-1282, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 78 Acres in the North Bethany Area of Washington County.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to approve Ordinance No. 12-1282.
Second:	Councilor Roberts seconded the motion.

Councilor Harrington introduced Ordinance No. 12-1282. The property, 78-acres in the North Bethany Subarea Plan (NBSP), is located in Washington County north of NW Springville Road and west of NW Kaiser Road. Councilor Harrington stated that the property was added to the urban growth boundary in 2002, but has remained outside Metro’s district boundary. In order for development to occur on the property, the Metro Council is required to pass an ordinance to annex the property into the agency’s district boundary.

Mr. Tim O’Brien of Metro stated that a few years ago legislation was passed requiring that the UGB and district boundary be moved at the same time. However, this property was added in 2002 prior to the legislation. Mr. O’Brien stated that the applicant is in the process of annexing the property into various service districts including Washington County, Clean Water Services, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation, etc. Pending the annexations are approved and completed, the property can be developed as outlined in the NBSP. He highlighted that Exhibit A and Attachment 1 to the ordinance were revised. Staff received a new legal description and map from the applicant on August 8 that was preapproved by the Oregon Dept. of Revenue. The map change was related to right-of-way only and did not impact tax lots. Staff confirmed that the map change was not a substantive revision to the original legislation. (Revised material included as part of the meeting record.)

Council asked clarifying questions. Staff confirmed that the property would be annexed into unincorporated Washington County, and that the Council would have to consider and repeat the process for other adjacent properties prior to any future development.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-1282:

- Kimberly Dukes, 17662 NW Concordia Court, #15, Portland: Ms. Dukes stated that Springville Road is not safe and recommended that prior to adding additional homes the current issues facing families in the area should be addressed. Examples included the 45 mph speed limit and lack of pedestrian crossings for residents, PCC students and park patrons. Additionally, Ms. Dukes addressed impacts to greenspace and food access for local wildlife such as deer and coyote. She stated that Arbor Oaks single-family homes are built so close together that the homes are driving out wildlife. She urged the Council not to move the line across Springville Road. (Testimony included as part of the meeting record.)
- Jerry Offer, OTEK representing Arbor Homes/West Hills Development: Mr. Offer appreciated staff’s recommendation for approval of the annexation and was present should the Council have any questions.

Seeing no citizens who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Vote:

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

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Resolution No. 12-4354, For the Purpose of Establishing the Pioneer Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

Motion:	Councilor Roberts moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4354.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Roberts introduced Resolution No. 12-4354. In April 2011, Metro hired a professional consultant to develop a framework for the management of Metro's 14 pioneer cemeteries - cemeteries inherited from Multnomah County in the mid 1990s. Included in the consultant's extensive report was the recommendation for a cemeteries advisory committee.

Ms. Rachel Fox of Metro provided a status update on Metro's progress addressing the consultant's recommendations outlined in the *Operations Assessment and Financial Planning Report*. The advisory committee - comprised of social service, historic preservation and funeral cemetery industry professionals - will help guide and support Metro's program, analyze agency practices, and provide new insight and advice, and help the program continue to responsibly and respectfully serve the region. Additional highlighted updates included improvements to cemetery records management, available inventory, and the creation of a cremation garden at Lone Fir Cemetery.

Councilor Roberts recognized the 10 advisory committee members and introduced committee chair Verne Duncan. Mr. Duncan emphasized committee members' expertise and stated that the group was excited and welcomed the challenge.

Council thanked Ms. Fox for her work and thanked the new members for their willingness to serve on the committee. Councilors emphasized that the cemeteries are cultural, historical and economic resources for the region. Members stated that the challenge will be to find a respectful balance for managing cemeteries that are places where people bury their loved ones and active resources for the region.

Vote:

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

6.2 Resolution No. 12-4362, For the Purpose of Endorsing the East Metro Corridor Refinement Plan.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4362.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Craddick introduced Resolution No. 12-4362. She stated that while transportation funding sources are decreasing, the need for transportation investments is multiplying significantly.

Consequently, in order to secure funds projects now require a strategy and collaboration among partners. She stated that five jurisdictions came together to develop common goals and a plan that identifies the most important transportation investments for the east Metro region in order to stimulate economic and community development. Councilor Craddick stated that the East Metro Connections Plan is the culmination of 18 months of work by staff, business and community leaders and elected officials. Each of the 5 jurisdictions – Multnomah County, Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale and Wood Village – unanimously approved the plan.

Mr. Travis Stovall of the East Metro Economic Alliance, Ms. Carol Rulla of the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhoods, Ms. Michelle Gregory of Mt. Hood Community College, and Ms. Steve Abel representing McMenamins spoke to the committee process, the economic and community development opportunities, the collaboration of the project steering committee and project partners. Presenters thanked Metro staff and Council.

Mr. Brian Monberg of Metro provided a staff presentation on the East Metro Connections Plan. His presentation overviewed the project's goals, process, public outreach, and the project's final recommendation to approve a set of investment packages that address access and mobility, economic development and safety for the east part of the Metro region. Pending the Metro Council's approval, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and local transportation system plans will need to be updated in the fall/winter.

Council welcomed elected representatives from the plan area to share comments on the plan and process. Commissioner Diane McKeel of Multnomah County, Mr. Ron Papsdorf of Gresham, Mayor Patricia Smith of Wood Village, Mayor Jim Kight of Troutdale and Councilor Lisa Barton Mullins of Fairview thanked staff and Council for their support, and spoke to the process and collaboration among the jurisdictional partners. Presenters looked forward to implementing the plan. In addition, former Metro Councilor Rod Park was invited to share a few words on the process and lessons learned including the importance of public-private partnerships and presenting a united front when the region seeks funding from the region's Congressional delegation.

Council confirmed at the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) unanimously approved the resolution on August 9. Council thanked Councilors Craddick and Burkholder, former Councilor Park for their leadership and Metro staff for their work. Council congratulated the elected officials, business leaders, and community leaders in east Multnomah County for their exemplary collaboration. Councilors were impressed with the project team's ability to transition the plan from high level goals to a detailed project by project analysis and timeline. Council recommended that the other locally and regionally-driven corridor plans - like Southwest Corridor project – would benefit from a presentation on the EMCP. Council encouraged project partners to continue their cooperative spirit and patience during implementation and to continue to honor commitments made to one another. Additional discussion included Metro's role as a convener, private and public partnerships and collaboration, and the Community Investment Strategy.

Vote:

Council President Hughes and Council Burkholder, Roberts, Hosticka, Craddick, Collette and Harrington 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 stated that the East Metro Connections Plan reception was rescheduled to the Oregon Convention Center. Additional updates included the August 15 opening

of the Blue Lake Disc Golf Course and art dedication, and the August 28th Metro employee picnic at the Oregon Zoo.

Ms. Alison Kean Campbell of Metro introduced the agency's new attorney Mr. Roger Alfred. Mr. Alfred will fill Mr. Dick Benner's position; Mr. Benner will retire effective August 31.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor updates and discussion topics included the August 8 Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) tour of the Southwest Corridor project, and upcoming August 15 tour of the Allied Composting Facility in Eugene, Oregon.

Councilor Collette distributed a draft letter addressed to Oregon Transportation Commission Chair Pat Egan regarding Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs), and ODOT's proposed interim process for deciding the 2015-18 funding for state transportation projects in Region 1. The letter asked that Metro and JPACT be provided the opportunity to work with the cities and counties to select up to four additional community stakeholder representatives for the interim committee to ensure the diversity ODOT desires. The positions would be filled by environmental justice groups, the private sector, etc. Council unanimously supported Council President Hughes to sign and submit the letter on behalf of the full Metro Council. Councilor Craddick expressed her support with the caveat that the cities were under represented. Hopefully, if Metro and JPACT do receive additional seats for EJ and private businesses, the Counties will be able to use more of their 4 seats for cities. (Draft letter included as part of the meeting record.)

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:47 p.m. The Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, August 16 at 3:30 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber. Council will hold an executive session and work session prior to the regular meeting.



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement and Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2012

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Testimony	N/A	Handouts distributed by Art Lewellan	80912c-01
3.0	Minutes	8/2/12	Council minutes for 8/2/12	80912c-02
5.1	Legislation	N/A	Revised Exhibit A and Attachment 1 to Ordinance No. 12-1282	80912c-03
5.1	Testimony	N/A	Testimony submitted by Kim Dukes	80912c-04
6.1	Brochure	N/A	Pioneer Cemeteries brochure	80912c-05
6.1	Brochure	N/A	<i>Unearth Oregon's Past - Block 14 Initiative</i>	80912c-06
6.2	PowerPoint	8/9/12	East Metro Connections Plan - Investing in East Metro	80912c-07
8.0	Letter	N/A	Draft Letter to Oregon Transportation Commission Chair Pat Egan	80912c-08