



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary  
August 16, 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 3:31 p.m.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Art Lewellan, 3205 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Apt. #9, Portland: Mr. Lewellan addressed the Council on the Columbia River Crossing project and proposed rail terminal on West Hayden Island. He stated that the terminal facility was not well situated on the Island and that it may tie up the main corridor. He questioned the Port of Portland's endorsement of the project and if it was impacted by the agency's plans for the terminal facility on West Hayden Island. He also briefly addressed a tunnel in Seattle, Washington and stated that he saw the same issues with the project only more severe. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 9, 2012**

Motion:	Councilor Barbara Roberts moved to the minutes for August 9, 2012.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington 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 - SECOND 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.

Council President Hughes passed the gavel to Deputy Council President Rex Burkholder to chair the meeting while he carried the following legislation.

Motion:	Council President Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 12-1283.
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Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.
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Council President Hughes introduced Ordinance No. 12-1283. A staff person in Metro's Communication's Department is scheduled to take parental leave beginning September 14. The leave is expected to be full time for six months from September 14 to March 30, 2013, and then part time from April 1 to June 30, 2013. Council President Hughes stated that the hours needed to backfill this position exceed Metro's allowable limit for a temporary position. As such, staff has requested approval of a limited duration 0.75 FTE to backfill. The cost of the position will be fully offset by the savings produced by the incumbent's leave, other department positions' brief vacancies, and a funding transfer from programmatic materials and services to personnel services. The position will provide communication and marketing support to the Regional Travel Options program and solid waste programs such as Metro Paint and the Recycling Information Center.

Deputy Council President Burkholder opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-1283. 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 <u>passed</u> .
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Deputy Council President Burkholder passed the gavel back to Council President Hughes to chair the remainder of the meeting.

**5. RESOLUTIONS**

5.1 **Resolution No. 12-4363**, For the Purpose of Updating the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program work Plan to Implement the TOD Strategic Plan and Improve Program Transparency.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4363.
Second:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced Resolution No. 12-4363 and stated that as a former city councilor she could attest to the value of the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) program at a local level. She stated that TOD projects are becoming the centerpieces of local downtown revitalization such as in downtown Milwaukie and Hillsboro. She emphasized the importance of public-private partnerships and stated that the TOD program is a program where Metro's limited resources leverage large investments from private investors from around the region.

Ms. Megan Gibb of Metro provided a short presentation on the TOD program. Her presentation highlighted the program's accomplishments for FY 2011-12 including completed and in progress projects, completed projects since 1998, TOD program results and brief information on the strategic plan and updated work plan. (Presentation included as part of the meeting record.) Mr. Mark Ellsworth, chair of the TOD steering committee, expressed his appreciation for what it takes to put TOD projects together and the role the program plays throughout the region in creating vibrant communities. He expressed his support for the updated comprehensive work plan and looked forward to implementing the plan's recommendations.

Council discussed TOD's impact on local job creation, international interest in the program, and staff assistance outside the program. TOD staff work with internal and external partners to integrate the TOD score and elements into projects and to provide general technical assistance. Staff noted that the TOD strategic plan is one of the most visited features on the Metro web site. Additionally Council noted that FY11-12 projects produced 300 jobs in the construction industry and staff anticipates FY12-13 projects will increase to create 1,500 jobs.

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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5.2 **Resolution No. 12-4364**, For the Purpose of Approving an Application for Easements from TriMet for the Construction of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4364.
Second:	Councilor Carl Hosticka seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced Resolution No. 12-4364. In 2001 Metro purchased a section of land along the Springwater Corridor Trail in Milwaukie from the Union Pacific Rail Road with funds from the 1995 bond measure. With the construction of the Portland to Milwaukie light rail line underway, TriMet has offered to purchase two permanent easements and one temporary construction easement needed to complete the project. TriMet has offered to purchase the easements, which total approximately 1.26 acres, for \$119, 912 pursuant to an appraisal.

The easements would create a connection from the Springwater Corridor to the light rail station at Tacoma. Councilor Collette stated that the project would provide public transportation and bikes and pedestrians a connection to the future light rail station at Tacoma and the Springwater Corridor Trail. Once two outstanding gaps in the Springwater Corridor segment and the Willamette Trail segment are complete, it will be one of the country's great urban trails with over 20 continuous miles separated from motorized vehicles from the Steel Bridge in Portland east through Milwaukie to Gresham and Boring.

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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6. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett of Metro provided updates on the following:

- On August 14 Metro received the Land Conservation and Development Commission's final order on Urban and Rural Reserves. Objectors have 21 days to appeal from the day the order was signed.
- On August 15 the Parks and Environmental Services Department had a banner day which included the opening of the Blue Lake Disc Golf Course, a signed 5-year exclusive retail agreement with Miller paint for Metro Paint, and the Oregonian's positive article acknowledging the work completed by Metro's Pioneer Cemeteries program.

- The Council is anticipated to receive a recommendation at their September 4 work session from the Oregon Convention Center Hotel Request for Proposal Evaluation Committee.
- The Council has an offsite retreat scheduled for September 6 to discuss equity.
- Ms. Bennett will be out of the office the week of August 27. Mr. Scott Robinson, Deputy COO, will serve as the Council's primary contact.

**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor updates included the August 15 tour of the Allied Composting Facility in Eugene, Oregon, the Blue Lake's Disc Golf Course opening, dedication of the artwork gateway at the National Gardens, and closure of the Glendoveer Golf Course RFP.

Council recognized Metro employee Mr. Dick Benner and surprised him by reading a resolution honoring his time at Metro. Mr. Benner will retire effective August 31.

**8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:13 p.m. The Council will be on recess from August 17 to September 3. The Council is scheduled for an offsite retreat on September 6 at the Cooper Mountain Nature House from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, September 13 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2012**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.0	Testimony	N/A	Handouts distributed by Art Lewellan	81612c-01
3.0	Minutes	8/9/12	Council minutes for 8/9/12	81612c-02
5.1	PowerPoint	8/16/12	Transit-Oriented Development: Updated TOD Work Plan	81612c-03