



## **METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary  
March 14, 2013  
Metro, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Craig Dirksen, Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Sam Chase, and Bob Stacey

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Jack Mosbrucker, 3828 NE 79<sup>th</sup>, Portland: Rev. Mosbrucker testified on behalf of Expo workers. He said that it is a privilege to have healthcare, and until there is universal healthcare, there will be a privileged group of people. Unfortunately, Aramark is under a mandate to maximize benefits for investors, not its workers. Mr. Mosbrucker asked the Metro Council to find the empathy and respect for these workers and to use their influence to advocate for them.

Ellen Ino, LIUNA 483: Ms. Ino talked about what it means to be a temporary employee. Temporary employees do not share many of the benefits available to full-time employees. Ms. Ino said that many temporary employees have been employed in a temporary capacity for long periods of time.

Ben Marston, UNITE HERE, Local 8: Mr. Marston testified in support of a local campaign called *Portland Rising*, a group asking Aramark to lower the number of hours required to qualify for healthcare.

Councilors inquired whether workers in Mr. Marston's position could cover the co-pay if health benefits were based on 15 hours per week. Mr. Marston said that he believes workers have to start somewhere.

Steve Park, UNITE HERE: Mr. Park testified regarding healthcare for temporary employees. He said that without health insurance, a person can sometimes feel like a second class citizen. He has been in the service industry for many years, and explained that without health insurance, he has no security in the job he is doing.

Art Lewellan, 3205 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Apt. 9, Portland: Mr. Lewellan testified regarding the Columbia River Crossing project. He does not support the current bridge design, and feels that the bridge as

currently proposed would be structurally unsound. Mr. Lewellan shared documents with the council explaining his position. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

### 3. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR FEB. 28, 2013**

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve the Council minutes for Feb. 28, 2013.
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Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Stacey, Chase, Dirksen, 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. 13-1298**, For the Purpose of Annexing into the Metro District Boundary Approximately 59 Acres in the North Bethany Area of Washington County.

Council President Hughes stated that Ordinance No. 13-1298 required a quasi-judicial hearing. As part of the hearing process, councilors were required to declare a conflict of interest, bias or ex parte contact prior to the staff presentation. No councilors declared conflicts of interest, biases or ex parte contacts for Ordinance No. 13-1298.

Metro Attorney Alison Kean Campbell read the procedural requirements for the quasi-judicial hearing for Ordinance No. 13-1298.

Mr. Tim O'Brien of Metro presented on the proposed annexation. The territory in question has been annexed into the necessary service districts, and satisfies the criteria for annexation included in Metro Code, Section 3.09.070E which requires:

- The affected territory is within the UGB;
- The territory is subject to measures that prevent urbanization until it is annexed to a city or service districts that will provide necessary services; and
- The proposed change is consistent with any applicable or cooperative urban service agreements, and any concept plan.

The land was added to the Urban Growth Boundary in 2002, and is part of Washington County's North Bethany Service District. The annexation is consistent with the North Bethany Subarea Plan. Metro staff recommended approval of the annexation. Mr. O'Brien also clarified the process for annexing land to the Metro Boundary in UGB expansion situations. In 2009, legislation was passed that allowed for land added to the UGB to be automatically added to the Metro boundary. This was the case for the 2011 UGB expansion areas. However, areas added to the UGB prior to 2009 will continue to use this process for annexation into the Metro boundary.

#### ***Council Questions***

Council asked a clarifying question regarding if residents outside the district boundary but within the UGB pay Metro taxes. Mr. O'Brien clarified that people living outside the Metro district but within the UGB do not pay Metro taxes. Additionally, Mr. O'Brien noted that residents outside the boundary cannot vote on council elections or bond measures.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1298:

**Applicant Presentation:**

- Matt Wellner, Metropolitan Land Group: Mr. Wellner stated that the Metropolitan Land Group holds approximately 180 acres in the North Bethany area, and that approval of the ordinance was a necessary step in allowing the applicant to submit land use applications to Washington County. He stated that the Group is currently completing design work on a couple of the properties in the area. Additionally, he emphasized that the Group has worked with the surrounding neighbors prior to seeking the annexation petition in order to provide a cooperative effort. He encouraged the Council to support the annexation request and thanked councilors for their consideration.

Seeing no citizens – either in support or opposition to the application – who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Ordinance No. 13-1298.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Stacey, Chase, Dirksen, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on:

- Ms. Bennett publically thanked Metro staff for their work on the FY 13-14 budget. The COO is anticipated to present the budget to the Council on April 25.
- Ms. Bennett deferred to Councilor Collette for an update on the Willamette Falls Blue Heron site project. Councilor Collette stated that the Governor has added a \$5 million item to the budget for the project. Metro staff and partners are currently in Salem, Oregon lobbying for the budget request. She emphasized the large support for the project from local partners such as the Clackamas County Business Alliance, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and individual businesses in the area. She stated that she would carry this positive message and support to Washington, DC. Councilor Collette and representatives from Oregon City and the counties are scheduled to meet with EPA and others in DC the week of March 18. Additional comments included that Oregon City has issued a master plan and begun discussions about what they hope to accomplish for the site.

**6. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Kean Campbell provided the following updates on non-privileged legal matters facing Metro:

- Staff anticipates that the State’s economic interest forms will be mailed to councilors’ private residences shortly. Councilors were encouraged to contact their policy coordinators or Ms. Kean Campbell should they have questions.

- Metro has settled a piece of litigation regarding a property purchased with the open spaces measure located in Mt. Talbert. Legal counsel believes the litigation was settled in a manner that is satisfactory to Metro's interest and the bond's interest.
- While the federal courts dismissed the majority of the plaintiff's motions in the urban reserves case, the court did allow the plaintiff to re-file one motion.
- Legal counsel is still waiting to hear from the Court of Appeals on the reserves. Additionally, Ms. Kean Campbell reminded the Council that the urban growth boundary decision is being held in abeyance until a decision on the reserves is issued.

An executive session has been scheduled for March 21 to discuss privileged information on litigation filed or likely to be filed.

**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor updates included the recent JPACT, Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), and Clackamas County Business Alliance meetings. In addition, councilors shared comments on their recent JPACT Lobby and Washington County Community Action Committee meetings in Washington, DC.

Additional discussion included Portland State University's recent report on a revenue-neutral carbon tax. Staff will distribute PSU's report to councilors shortly.

**8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:03 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Evan Landman, Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2013**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.0	Testimony	N/A	Written handouts provided by Art Lewellan	31413c-01