

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2004
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Brian Newman, Rod Monroe, Rex Burkholder

Councilors Absent: Rod Park, Carl Hosticka

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the December 18, 2003 Regular Council Meetings.

Motion:

Councilor Newman moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the December 18, 2003, Regular Metro Council.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, McLain, Monroe, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 04-1030**, For the Purpose of Amending Section 2.19.160 of the Metro Code to Establish a Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee; and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 04-1030 to Council (referred to the January 15, 2004 regular Council meeting). He further discussed a work session, and noted that appointments to the group would need to be made at next week's Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting.

4.2 **Ordinance No. 04-1031**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 2.01.200 Revising the Time for the Submittal of the Annual Budget to the Council; and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 04-1031 to Council (referred to the January 15, 2004 regular Council meeting). Discussion at that time will include budgetary issues for the coming year.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 04-3406**, For the purpose of Reorganizing the Metro Council for the calendar year 2004.

Motion:	Council Bragdon moved to adopt Resolution No. 04-3406.
Seconded:	Councilor Monroe seconded the motion

Vote:	Councilors Burkholder, McLain, Monroe, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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Council President Bragdon noted that Councilor Newman would serve as Deputy Council President for 2004.

- 5.2 **Resolution No. 04-3403**, For the Purpose of Finalizing the Decision to Add the Portland Mall Alignment to the Locally Preferred alternative for Phase 1 of the South Corridor Light Rail Project. (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

Motion:	Councilor Monroe moved to adopt Resolution No. 04-3403.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Monroe commented on the resolution. The resolution adds the Portland Mall Alignment to the Locally Preferred Alternative. He noted that in April 2003, the Metro Council approved South Corridor as a two- phase project. Phase 1 involved light rail between Gateway and Clackamas Town Center and then on into Portland by the existing I-84 tracks. Phase 2 involved light rail to Milwaukie. Work is still underway to determine the logistics of parking and other issues. Councilor Monroe added that the project does provide for light rail as the mode for downtown, and that it will be on the transit mall (SW Fifth and Sixth Avenues). The terminus would be Portland State University near Jackson Street. The plan includes seven pairs of stations in the downtown area for a total of 14 stations going in both directions. Councilor Monroe concluded by mentioning that there is ongoing mayor's committee looking at various kinds of operating modes.

Council President Bragdon opened the public hearing, noting that because of inclement weather, the public hearing on Resolution No. 04-3403 would continue at the January 15, 2004 Council meeting. Seeing that no one came forward to testify, Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Monroe commended the staff for their work on this project.

Council President Bragdon emphasized that there are many design possibilities that are outstanding. The speed of the system through downtown should not be burdened by too many stops that could slow the system down.

- 5.3 **Resolution No. 03-3372**, For the Purpose of Amending the South/North Land Use Final Order, to include the Two Phases of the South Corridor Project Consisting of the Addition of the I-205 Light Rail Transit Project From Gateway to Clackamas Regional Center with the Downtown Portland Transit Mall Alignment, and Modifications of the Proposed Light Rail Between Downtown Portland and Milwaukie, Deletion of Plans to Extend Light Rail from Milwaukie to Clackamas Regional Center, and To Reflect the Final Interstate Max Design. (**PUBLIC HEARING**)

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-3372.
Seconded:	Councilor Monroe seconded the motion

Councilor President Bradgon provided the wording for South/North Light Rail Project (wording contained in the record).

Metro Attorney Dan Cooper clarified the guidelines for the public hearing on this resolution. The references to HB 3478 can also be cited as Chapter 12 of Oregon Laws 1996 adopted in the 1996 Special Session. They are not published in the ORS at the choice of the legislative council. Mr. Cooper underscored the need for the public and the Metro Council to understand the criteria established by LCDC. He discussed guidelines for public testimony. Mr. Cooper noted that written notice will be provided to those persons who provided oral or written testimony at public hearings.

Council President Bragdon clarified the public hearing procedures.

Councilor Newman moved for adoption of LUFO amendment. Councilor Monroe seconded. Councilor Newman requested that staff come forward to respond to questions.

Richard Brandman, Deputy Planning Director, discussed the contents of the staff report. He mentioned that amendment to the original LUFO was adopted in 1998. A subsequent amendment was made in 1999 for the Interstate Max project. This will be the third amendment if adopted by the Council next week. Mr. Brandman stated that the impact of the resolution is minimal, noting that it adds the I-205 segment, including stations and park and ride lots. Ross Roberts, Corridor Planning Manager, outlined the alignment of the stations.

Mr. Brandman stated that a second revision involved the actual station locations. Ross Roberts discussed all of the Park and Ride stops in greater detail.

Councilor Burkholder asked about the area north of Milwaukie. He wondered about the uncertainty of the location of the line (still in the planning stages). Would the line shift from the Union Pacific railroad line? Is there a chance of this happening because the study area is still up in the air?

Ross Roberts responded by saying that Metro is well aware of the timetable for the decision process regarding construction, adding that the Milwaukie decision will be made in the next two to three months. The hope is that there will be a decision that will work for all parties involved.

Councilor Burkholder encouraged the committee to expedite the decision of the location so as to avoid delays.

Mr. Brandman commented on the third piece of the LUFO recommendations, that is, the alignment of the downtown segment.

Ross Roberts commented on the station locations on the alignment. He also discussed the Mayor's Task Force and its work in defining where some of the stations could be sited. Mr. Roberts also discussed a Harrison Street alternative under construction, noting that Lincoln Street is also viewed as an attractive alternative.

Mr. Brandman noted the last item in LUFO – Interstate Max - involves a few technical corrections being made to some of the stations.

Ross Roberts also discussed the Albina, Overlook and the Prescott stations. These three station platforms were moved slightly from what was originally contained in the first LUFO.

Councilor McLain asked whether the criteria had changed from 1998 or 1999. Richard Brandman deferred to Mark Greenfield, Attorney. Mr. Greenfield noted that the criteria have not changed.

Councilor McLain asked if Item No. 9 (on page 33 of staff report) would include a line to Oregon City.

Mr. Brandman responded by saying yes, that it did contain future potential. However, he noted that a firm commitment has not been made to extend Light rail beyond Milwaukie at this time.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 03-3372. President Bragdon introduced Neal McFarland from Tri-Met.

Mr. Neal McFarland, Executive Director in charge of Capital Projects and Facilities for TriMet, 710 NE Holladay Street, Portland, Oregon. Mr. McFarland noted that the application was reviewed by the TriMet Board and approved. He further noted that the Milwaukie area is continuing to be studied. Mr. McFarland reiterated that the LUFO contains important milestones. He congratulated the staff for their work.

Councilor Monroe commented on Phase 1, asking if both projects would be completed at the same time.

Mr. McFarland said it is a bit speculative at this point. If left to their own devices, I-205 could be completed sooner than the downtown mall. He has had interim conversations about how to marry the two projects toward the end of Fall 2008 to fall, 2009.

Council President Bragdon opened the public hearing. No participants came forward.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing. He noted that consideration of this resolution would be held over to the January 15, 2004 regular Council meeting, adding the public record would remain open until then.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan welcomed everyone to the New Year. He also expressed his gratitude to all of the staff that worked under difficult circumstances (due to inclement weather) to keep operations going. He expressed a special note of thanks to staff at the Oregon Zoo, Brian Phillips, Building Services Supervisor, and Delores Cuie, Lead Payroll, who came in on Wednesday, January 7th to make sure that the payroll was processed. Mr. Jordan also noted the dedication of the Oregon

Zoo veterinarians, and PCPA employees who stayed at the facility during the inclement weather to ensure that the shows would continue to go on.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor McLain invited the Council to Glencoe's Speech Tournament on January 17, 2004.

Council President Bragdon addressed the upcoming work sessions and how they relate to MPAC. He stated that work is being done on the schedule to assure that issues are rolling out.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2004

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
5.3	LUFO Hearing	1/08/2004	South/North Light Rail Project: Opening Remarks – Metro Council LUFO Hearing	10804c.01