

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 29, 2004  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused), Rod Park (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:xx p.m.

### **1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JULY 1, 2004.**

Council President Bragdon said there was no July 1, 2004 Council meeting.

### **2. EASTSIDE JEWISH SECTION OF CEMETERY**

Dan Kromer, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, provided a history of the issue. The Jewish Community had requested purchasing a set of graves. They had gotten into discussion about allowing this group to purchase 48 graves. He spoke to future purchases. Metro Attorney's office had been working with the group. The resolution was coming to Council on July 8<sup>th</sup>. They had a tentative agreement with Metro and they were finalizing the agreement. Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, said they had a meeting with them several weeks ago. Mr. Jordan had suggested having Metro's Attorney there. They didn't think that was necessary. Mr. Jordan said issues had come up so the negotiation had taken longer. Councilor Monroe asked about the purchase of other graves in the future. Mr. Jordan said they would have the ability to purchase at whatever the prices was at the time but it was not exclusive. Mr. Kromer acknowledged Joel Morton efforts.

### **3. FISH CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT**

Jim Morgan, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, said this project was being proposed on the Parson's property. It was 192 acres and was under reforestation. It was not suitable for river access but certainly one that would add to river and trail access. It was a popular bank fishing spot. The lower portion of the Clackamas River had been identified as an area that had some water quality issues. What was critical was the need for the cooler off channel areas for the salmon. This was an area they would like to enhance. PGE and Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation were willing to be involved in the project. He spoke to Metro's involvement. The project provided a lot of educational opportunities for Metro. There was no master plan for the site. It was not foreseen that this project would exclude a master plan. He explained why he had to bring it before Council. It should decrease our long-term operations and maintenance. Councilor Hosticka asked about maintenance if a flood should occur. Mr. Morgan said it would be PGE's and the Foundation's responsibility. He explained the process for the project. Metro was not obligated to maintain the area. He explained the construction process for the habitat site. Councilor Monroe asked if they were developing a diversion channel. Mr. Morton said they were resurrecting an older channel. He explained some details of creating the habitat and recreating the side channel. He said he had seen an example of it previously and it was an extremely successful process. Council President Bragdon asked about the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation. Mr.

Morton explained that they were a non-profit foundation that had done similar projects all over Oregon.

#### **4. COMPENSATION FOLLOW-UP**

Michael Jordan, COO, said several weeks ago they had a discussion about the salary ranges in classes 516 to 519. They had kept them below the market last year. Council's direction had been to look at several scenarios. He noted that Brad Stevens, Financial Planning, had provided a handout, which showed three-year implementations and budget impacts (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). The analysis both of the status quo as well as the change was 3%. This was the worst-case scenario. Mr. Jordan further detailed moving the mid-point and explained the impact. He spoke to taking a one-year approach, a two-year approach and a three-year approach. His recommendation at this point was that the budgetary effect was negligible. The longer we waited and stretched out moving to the market, if we trend to the market, we actually fall further behind. Council President Bragdon said these were individuals we wanted to keep. Mr. Jordan said he had heard from some of the managers that they weren't being paid at the market. In a broader sense Council needed to be concerned with the question of compensation. Were they having difficulty recruiting or retaining these individuals? Not currently. The longer we wait, the more likely we were to lose these individuals. He felt keeping them to the market was the right thing to do. Councilor Newman said if you did all one year what would be the impact. Mr. Jordan said the net impact would be \$30,000 more. Council President Bragdon suggested we go forward. Mr. Jordan said they would bring the resolution to Council on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There was none.

#### **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660 (1) (d) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIBERATING WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED TO CONDUCT LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.**

Time Began: 1:37 pm

Time Ended: 1:50 pm

Members Present: Kevin Dull, Michael Jordan, Council

#### **7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, said he and Mr. Wetter would be working on the strategic planning. There was a question from Council staff about the August Retreat, originally scheduled during Council Recess. He wanted to move the retreat to an earlier date in August. He would be gathering staff together and talk about the hard edge issue. He would then come to Council in a work session and talk about the work program. It would involve more interactive discussion between Planning staff and Council. Councilor Monroe asked about creating urban reserves and if you fell inside the hard edge. Councilor McLain said the big issue was they had to stop speculation. You have to deal with the Big Look, hard edges and rural reserves. Mr. Jordan talked about the impact on the market by Council's decision particularly trying to capture the market. He spoke to informing the market prior to speculation. Councilor McLain said they had 70 acres inside the UGB by Forest Grove where the family members had each received \$5 million. Councilor Hosticka said he felt there was an expectation that there will be some public involvement process. Councilor McLain said they had to have the facts before them before we went out to the public. Council President

Bragdon said he wasn't sure we could even do this. Mr. Jordan said he was concerned that we might be making the decision while the legislature was in session. He said they would try to structure the discussion. Councilor McLain talked about MPAC processes and needing to lead them to a good conversation. She felt we needed something to jump-start the process. Councilor Newman said they, as a group, had identified areas that they wanted as hard edges. Councilor Hosticka said we needed to have an analysis of why the past didn't work. Mr. Jordan said in one case it was a legal issue and in one case it was political issue.

## **8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor McLain said she went to Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) yesterday. SWAC and Metro staff was working hard to get us to the next step in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). They wanted to start working on this project before they came back to Council in August. Councilor Monroe said he went to the Schnitzer-OHSU celebration today. There were a lot of picketers. They didn't give Metro any credit for the land use decision or the money contribution from Metro. He noted that the Mayor of Portland was there. Councilor Hosticka talked about the meeting with Mike Hite and Ray Phelps. They had expressed their reservation about the transfer station contract. They were appealing the process that Metro went through. Councilor Hosticka said there point was that ORRs bid was non-responsive. The reviewers were very uncertain about ORR meeting the rates. Mr. Jordan said he would check with Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, about how the conversation went down. Councilor McLain said the best advice she had been given was keeping out of it until they were the appeal board. Mr. Jordan said they could have other bidders appeal as well. Councilor McLain said she thought it was a good piece of advice to not talk about it yet. Council needed to stay out of it at this point. Council President Bragdon asked if this slowed down the implementation of the contract. Mr. Jordan said no it was not a big delay.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2004**

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	7/1/04	Notice of Cancellation of Metro Council Meeting for July 1, 2004	062904c-01
3	Maps	7/1/04	To: Metro Council From: Jim Morgan, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department Re: Clackamas River, Parson's site off-channel fish rearing habitat project	062904c-02
4	Chart	6/24/04	To: Metro Council From: Brad Stevens, Finance Department Re: Fiscal Impact of Proposed new Ranges Non-represented – Manager II and above	062904c-03