

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 23, 2004
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor Newman reported on the 10th Annual Railvolution Conference. Metro was one of the sponsors of this conference. He noted many of the cities that were talking about the land use connection and transportation. Council President Bragdon talked about several sessions he had attended including measuring success of the transit oriented development and bus rapid transit.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. PORTLAND REGION: HOW ARE WE DOING – DRAFT 2004 PERFORMANCE MEASURES REPORT

Dr. Gerry Uba, Planning Department, presented a power point presentation on Performance Measures (a copy of which is included in the public record). He said this was a presentation of the 2004 report. This was an update of the report presented to Council last year. They had additional information to share with the Council. They were working on making the report more precise. He spoke to why they were conducting performance measures: 1) to look at the success of the policies, 2) to assess implementation of the 2040 Plan and measure progress towards achieving Growth Concept goals and 3) to use the results to initiate discussions about other issues that should be considered in the policy revision process.

He noted the policies that were being measured and spoke to how we were doing in achieving those policies. He said some of the policies in the region were doing very well and some areas still needed work. Councilors asked questions about performance measurements and successes. They talked about the attributes for a sense of place and how these were unique to each community. Measurements were much more subjective. Dr. Uba spoke to cost of housing, rentals, and vacancy rates, parks and green spaces, and public involvement. He concluded by saying that this report was an update but there was a need for more resources to provide additional data. Councilor Burkholder reminded Council about the Strategic Planning process and if this fit into regional indicators. Councilor Newman thanked Dr. Uba and Scott Weddle for their work. He felt this was very helpful to be able to understand what was going on in the region. He asked about the presentation at Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the local jurisdictions' reaction to the report. Dr. Uba said that some jurisdictions were surprised at the results. Councilor McLain added her accolades to the work that staff had done. She asked, as they were doing the process did they find any gaps in information they might need? Dr. Uba gave some examples and talked about the need for additional resources.

Council President Bragdon asked if he had compared Metro to other regions. Dr. Uba said they had limited resources but that was one of their goals. They intended to do this in the next set of performance measures. Councilor Burkholder asked the Council, how do we use this information? He noted one concept, efficient use of land and type of housing being built. The policy question was, was the market actually meeting the needs of the demographics? He asked, where do we start debating this? Was it matching the needs of the citizens? He suggested looking at what was happening and where do we go with this information. Councilor McLain suggested having a joint meeting of MPAC and the Council to look at how the region was growing and discuss where the region wanted to go with some of this information. Council President Bragdon concurred with Councilor McLain's remarks and suggested this information could reinforce policy direction.

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS JOINT PROJECT

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, presented her report on Telecommunications Joint Project (a copy of this report is included in the meeting packet). She said this was an interesting joint project. She introduced Bill Stringer, Chief Financial Officer, who had worked with her on this audit. Mr. Stringer said they learned a lot from the project. He appreciated the opportunity to participate in the joint audit.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of minutes of the September 16, 2004 Regular Council Meetings.

5.2 **Resolution No. 04-3495**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment Of Angela Rysdam and David Posalski to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI).

Councilor Hosticka asked that separate votes be taken for each of these items.

Motion:

Councilor Monroe moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the September 16, Regular Metro Council.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, McLain, Monroe, Park, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye/1 abstain, the motion passed with Councilor Hosticka abstaining from the vote.

Motion:

Councilor Monroe moved to adopt Resolution No. 04-3495.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, McLain, Monroe, Park, Newman, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

6. ORDINANCES –FIRST READING

6.1 **Ordinance No. 04-1036**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Establish the Initial Disposal Charge for Compostable Organic Waste at Metro Transfer Stations.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 04-1036 to Council.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, announced that BeeJaye Jones would be joining the Council team October 1, 2004. He said he received by email several stories about employees. He talked about the quality of human beings that were employed at Metro.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Council President Bragdon announced a coffee talk this was coming up Monday at Metro. The Planning Director of State of Melbourne, Australia would provide the presentation.

Councilor McLain talked about the Fork It Over food donation program. They now had 13 new businesses, which were participating. She felt it was a great program and they had gotten wonderful media coverage.

Councilor Park said this morning they met with Jenna Dorn from the Federal Transportation Authority. He said both Washington State and this region participated in the meeting. People continued to come to Metro to look at how we were doing it differently. He spoke to regional discussions and how unique our region's collaborative relationships were.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER
23, 2004**

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
5.1	Minutes	9/16/04	Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting of September 16, 2004	092304c-01
3	Power Point Presentation	9/23/04	To: Metro Council From: Gerry Uba, Planning Department Re: Portland Region: How are we doing – draft 2004 Performance Measures	092304c-02