

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 30, 2004  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor Newman introduced Don Trotter, Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC) Chair and former City Councilor from Milwaukie.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. DETAILS ON LEADERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL ANMD ENERGY DESIGN (LEEDS) CERTIFICATION OF OREGON CONVENTION CENTER (OCC)

Don Trotter said that Jeff Blosser, OCC Director, would be providing a detailed presentation on LEEDS. He was available to answer questions.

Jeff Blosser, OCC Director, noted a letter he had provided to the Council concerning LEEDS certification process (a copy of which is in the meeting record). He spoke to the two stages which included the hiring of ZGF and US Green Building Services to manage the process and the second stage was a two phase process with a new building rating for the expansion and secondly with the excise tax funding, retrofitting the existing building to achieve an Existing Building LEED certification. Councilor Monroe asked about standards for refrigerant and why we didn't meet the new standards for the new building. Mr. Blosser responded that they didn't think they were going to have the money. It was on the unfunded list for the project because they weren't sure if they were going to have enough money to finish the building. Councilor Monroe expressed his concern that this had not been done while building the new building. Mr. Blosser provided information on additional areas to be renovated or replaced. Councilor Newman asked about the process for the certification. Mr. Blosser explained that the certification would be issued at the end of the project. The application was a long process. Once the certification was completed they would have to do an annual report. Councilor Newman expressed concern that the committee might come out and suggest additional changes in the upcoming years. Mr. Blosser talked about the minimum certification requirements and pushing the score up. Councilor McLain felt that we should get this done as soon as possible if we were going to make this big of investment. She was in favor of finishing the project as quickly as possible. Mr. Blosser said the actual work would take 6 to 8 months. Councilor McLain talked about the possibility of the spin off dollars. Mr. Blosser said the MERC budget committee had met and talked about how they could make this happen as soon as possible.

Mark Williams, General Manager, said the Commission had talked about the options. They would provide Council with a range of options. He spoke to some of the proposed options. Council

President Bragdon asked about energy credits and additional funding sources. Mr. Blosser responded to his question. Council President Bragdon asked about customer services and the competition with other cities. Mr. Blosser said the competition was getting greater. Portland was also trying to do get certification for the hotel as well. He gave examples of cities that were seeking this certification or had received the certification. He felt that they would see more and more requests from organizations such as NIKE.

Councilors congratulated Mark Williams on his new job. Mr. Williams said he would be here through October 8, 2004.

**4. REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.1 Consideration of minutes of the September 23, 2004 Regular Council Meetings.**

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the September 23, Regular Metro Council.
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Vote:	Councilors McLain, Monroe, Park, Newman, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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**6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

**6.1 Ordinance No. 04-1059, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Title IV Oregon Zoo Regulations, Metro Code Section 4.01.020 Definitions; Metro Code Section 4.01.050 Admission Fees and Policies; and Metro Code Section 4.01.070 Park Regulations, Effective January 1, 2005.**

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Ordinance No. 04-1059.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Park talked about increasing costs for facilities. He said this ordinance would increase the Zoo admission fee by \$.50, grant authority to charge for parking in the Zoo parking lot, and provide reduced admission to guests using public transit. With the proposed increase, the Zoo adult admission rate would be \$9.50; still the lowest of comparable facilities on the west coast and considerably lower than the other two AZA accredited facilities in Oregon. The parking fee will be collected at the admission gates and will be operated on an honor system. The anticipated effect of charging for parking and providing transit incentive is an increase in Zoo attendees taking public transit. The fee increase was part of the Zoo’s proposed FY 2004-05 budget, with an expected – and needed – revenue increase of \$120,595 this fiscal year. The changes would take effect January 1, 2005. He congratulated the Zoo on reducing their electricity rates.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 04-1059. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor McLain thanked the Zoo and the staff for having a creative way of helping with costs. She spoke to the need for resources. She felt the public had parking and transit options. Councilor Monroe suggested Zoo staff speak to how the parking would work. Tony Vecchio, Oregon Zoo Director, said they were looking for a win for all stakeholders involved. He felt Teri Dresler had

done a great job of working this out. Teri Dresler, Assistant Director of the Zoo, spoke to the parking honor system. The Forestry Center would also be participating. She said this was similar to the Woodland Park Zoo in Washington. They were trying to stay viable as a business but were trying to offer incentives for folks. She provided further details as to how this would work. She talked about the transit incentive program. Councilor Monroe asked, if he were a Zoo patron, what would the Zoo say to him at the window about parking? Ms. Dresler said they would ask the patron at the Zoo window if they parked at the Zoo. She would also explain the transit incentive program. Council President Bragdon asked Sarah Chisholm, Financial Manager, about the water bill increases. Ms. Chisholm spoke to utility increases in natural gas and water. Consumption was monitored all of the time.

Councilor Park urged an aye vote and expressed his hope that there would be future utility savings.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Newman, McLain, Monroe and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

Councilor McLain shared with the audience about the event at the Zoo this weekend. Mr. Vecchio said this weekend was the World Animal Festival. It was a chance to show our constituents how countries around the world shared their native cultures. It was a very popular event. He expected a crowd.

**6. RESOLUTIONS**

6.1 **Resolution No. 04-3494**, For the Purpose of Adopting a Policy for Establishing a process and criteria for proposed investments from the new Metro Tourism Opportunity and Competitiveness Account (MTOCA).

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 04-3494.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Park on May 20, 2004, the Metro Council passed Ordinance 04-1052, increasing the excise tax on solid waste by \$.50 per ton for the purpose of allocating funds to the Metro Tourism Opportunity and Competitiveness Account (MTOCA). MTOCA was created to help the Convention Center maintain its competitive position in an increasingly difficult convention industry in order to achieve economic benefits for the region. This resolution would provide direction and guidance to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) as it considers specific recommendations to the Council for fund expenditures. Council must authorize any expenditures from the fund by ordinance. The MERC Commission in Resolution 04-15 recommended that Council approve the proposed policy in this ordinance. He suggested an amendment to the resolution (a copy of which is included in the meeting record).

Motion to amend:	Councilor Park moved to amend Resolution No. 04-3494 with Resolution No. 04-3494A.
Seconded:	Councilor McLain seconded the motion

Councilor Park said the amendment allowed flexibility. The priority would go to the LEEDS certification and then they would be able to entertain other types of projects. Council President Bragdon said he felt it was consistent with the Council’s discussion at the Work Session.

Vote to amend:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Newman, McLain, Monroe, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Council President Bragdon announced that this resolution, as amended, would be held over until October 7, 2004 for final consideration.

**8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

He had nothing today.

**9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor McLain reminded everyone that on Saturday, October 2nd at the Washington County Service Building there was a "Lets Talk Trash". She urged the public to come out. She said many took for granted sewer, garbage and recycling system. It was good opportunity to talk with your neighbors about the system. Councilor Park said October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th was the Salmon Festival at Oxbow Park. He urged the public to attend. Councilor McLain talked about sustainability.

Councilor President Bragdon said they had visitors from Victoria Australia this last weekend.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER  
30, 2004**

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
5.1	Minutes	9/23/04	Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting of September 23, 2004	093004c-01
3.0	Memo and article	9/12/04	To: MERC Commission and Mark Williams, General Manager From: Jeff Blosser, OCC Director Re: LEED's Rating Certification for the Oregon Convention Center	093004c-02
7.1	Amendment to Resolution No. 04-3494	9/30/04	To: Metro Council From: Councilor Park Re: Resolution No. 04-3494A	093004c-03