

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2005  
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Robert Liberty, 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

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. METRO CENTRAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT SLATE 2005-06 AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE

Councilor Burkholder said there were two enhancement funds established for the north and northwest Portland area. He talked about the funds and introduced Leland Stapleton and Scott Rosenlund, members of the Central Enhancement Committee.

Leland Stapleton said they were on the Metro Central Enhancement Committee. He felt it would be helpful to give information about the program. He provided details on the grant program. He spoke to the criteria for awarding grant funds. Scott Rosenlund talked about the projects that they funded this year. This year the Committee found some discrepancies concerning rental fees. They were able to take these savings and make additional awards. He thanked Karen Blauer, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, and the rest of the Metro staff for their help.

Council President Bragdon asked if there were other elementary schools in the district? Mr. Rosenlund said Chapman School was the only one in the district. Councilor Liberty asked about large grant proposals? Mr. Stapleton said the most they had awarded was \$60,000. They had not had those kinds of requests but were open to this kind of request. Mr. Rosenlund said they had partial funded or fully funded some of the projects depending upon the request. Councilor Liberty asked what the total budget was. Mr. Stapleton responded to his question. Councilor Burkholder presented certificates of appreciation to both Mr. Rosenlund and Mr. Stapleton for their service.

### 4. OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD'S ANNUAL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE.

Jim Desmond, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director, said that Dan Kromer had received an Oregon State Marine Board's Award for Professional Service. This was one of the highest professional awards the Board gave. He felt the award spoke volumes about Mr. Kromer's service. This award in part was based on Mr. Kromer's work on the Chinook Boat Landing. He had also undertaken this type of work with two other smaller facilities. He noted that Mr. Kromer had served Metro for twenty years. Mr. Kromer will also be overseeing the opening of Cooper Mountain. Council President Bragdon presented a plaque to Mr. Kromer.

**5. METRO LEADERSHIP IN RIPARIAN RESTORATION ALONG THE CLACKAMAS RIVER**

Mr. Desmond introduced Curt Zonick. He talked about Metro's restoration projects and his project to control Japanese Knotweed in the Clackamas Watershed. He felt this was a model for the region and the agency.

Curt Zonick, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, presented a power point presentation on riparian restoration along the Clackamas River to eradicate Japanese Knotweed. He spoke to the partners on this project, which included The Nature Conservancy, Americorps, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Clackamas River Basin Council, United States Department of Agriculture and State of Oregon. He talked about the noxious weed, Japanese Knotweed. It was an aggressive vegetative weed. He shared how the weed spreads, the distribution of the weed and how it inhibited native plants from growing. Metro managed property in and outside the Metro jurisdictional boundary. He said Metro sought funding from OWEB and was awarded grants over the past several years to go after the weed. He said each of the grant years they had raised funding to pay Americorp workers to flesh out the infestation. The Americorp crew went out and mapped the weed and then began to treat it. He talked about how they got rid of the weed through stem injection. In one year they had killed about 40% of the infestation. He spoke to their outreach efforts. The Clackamas River Basin Council was prepared to take over the project this year.

Councilor Burkholder asked about the property owners that didn't want to cooperate. Was there a way to obtain public right of way to these properties? Mr. Zonick said they had refused a survey but felt they would be willing to participate in eradicating the weed infestation. Mr. Zonick said there were a dozen knotweed groups working in the area. He talked about working cooperatively with their partners and the lead that Metro had taken. Councilor Newman thanked the Americorp volunteers for their hard work. He wondered if there was a ban among the nurseries on this weed. Mr. Zonick said they were working on this. Councilor Park talked about why weeds were brought in to certain areas. He also talked about the injection methods and why it was superior. He appreciated the hard work of Americorp as well. He also noted that Multnomah County no longer supported a weed board and felt that made their work even harder.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1 Consideration of minutes of the February 10, 2005 Regular Council Meetings.

6.2 **Resolution No. 05-3538**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Loretta Pickerell to the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Motion:

Councilor McLain moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the February 10, 2005 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 05-3538. Councilor Newman seconded the motion.
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Councilor McLain spoke to Loretta Pickerell's service on SWAC.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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**7. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

7.1 **Ordinance No. 05-1072**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2004-05 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Accepting \$850,000 of Federal Funds From the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) For a Regional Travel Options Marketing Campaign; Recognizing \$150,000 of the New Grant Funds to Increase the Materials and Services Budget of the Planning Department to Hire Consultants to Develop and Implement the Marketing Campaign; Transferring \$54,655 of TriMet Grant Funds From Contracted Services to Personal Services to Add 1.0 FTE Regional Travel Options Program Manager (Manager 1); and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 05-1072.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder provided an explanation of this budget amendment. These dollars had been directed to the Metro area. Metro was chosen as the group to carry out the project. The reason why there was a management position being included in the amendment was that the program was being transferred from TriMet to Metro. Councilor Newman talked about the possible cuts to the Regional Travel Options (RTO) program in 2008-09 and asked would it effect this position? Councilor Burkholder said it would effect this position unless other funds were available. Councilor Newman asked Michael Jordan about hiring limited duration positions. Mr. Jordan responded that there was no normal response. They weren't taking on any new staffing with the expectation that the position would transfer to another project. Council President Bragdon acknowledged Councilor Newman's concern. Councilor Burkholder urged support.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 05-1072. No one came forward to testify. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Vote:	Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Newman, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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7.2 **Ordinance No. 05-1073**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2004-05 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Recognizing \$48,820 in Grant Funds and Private Contributions For Specific Projects in the Zoo Operating Fund; Adding \$48,820 to Revenue and Operating Expenses in the Zoo Operating Fund; and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 05-1073.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor Newman said this amendment recognizing grant funds. They received money to help further mentoring of teenagers to run the Family Farm. These dollars would help increase the amount of hours that our Zoo employees could mentor teenagers. He explained where the grant funds came from. The second program that was being funded was to assist in the breeding program for native Pigmy Rabbits. This was a threaten species and the funds would help with the breeding program. The third program was to help with the veterinarian hospital at the Zoo. Councilor McLain said it sounded like a good project. She asked about the Pigmy Rabbits project. Councilor Newman said the baby rabbits were taken back to Washington State. Council President Bragdon congratulated the Zoo on their efforts.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 05-1073. No one came forward to testify. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Vote:

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

**8. RESOLUTIONS**

8.1 **Resolution No. 05-3544**, For the Purpose of Endorsing an Updated 2005 Regional Position on Reauthorization of Transportation Equity Act For the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21).

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 05-3544.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder explained the endorsement for transportation funding. He also spoke to Resolution No. 05-3548. One was a one-year appropriation and the other was a six-year reauthorization of funds. There were no major changes. There were several new policies that they were getting comments on but in general this was similar to what had been requested for approval the last time. Councilor McLain talked about the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update and asked the Councilors that served on Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) about the update. Councilor Burkholder said the RTP update would be consider this fall. Councilor McLain asked if this was consistent with the RTP? Councilor Burkholder said yes they were. All of these policies were open to further discussion.

Councilor Liberty said he would vote against the resolution. He explained that he supported many of the projects but opposed one project, Sunrise Corridor Project, which he felt, was fundamentally flawed. He explained his rationale for opposing the project. He believed we needed more transportation projects in the Clackamas County area. He was also not comfortable with the RTP projects. He felt they ought to do planning in terms of centers. He asked, were these the best investments? Third, too much transportation planning was done by a small group of experts. He felt they needed a new more transparent process. He felt they needed a fundamental change in the RTP. There had been a lot of progress in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). Councilor Park said he would be supporting this resolution. They were not talking about the RTP but federal reauthorization. He suggested that they need to be looking as this as a regional government even if we disagreed with a certain project. He talked about the MTIP list and certain projects that we might not support. The policy that the Council and JPACT had adopted continued to move towards a centers focus. Council President Bragdon said he would be voting yes with some reservations. He felt it would be important to involve the city of Damascus in the Sunrise Corridor project. He agreed this whole process continued to improve. Councilor Hosticka asked about Exhibit B. Councilor Burkholder said this was what a House committee had put out. Councilor Burkholder spoke to the usefulness of this unified regional approach to the region. They were presenting a united front when they went back to Washington DC.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, McLain, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye/1 aye, the motion passed with Councilor Liberty voting no.

8.2 **Resolution No. 05-3548**, For the Purpose of Approving Portland Regional Federal Transportation Priorities For Federal Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 05-3548.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said this was an appropriation request list. He said each representative was allowed to allocate about \$45 million. This was a request for funding for a regional list. This was their wish list. He urged approval. Councilor Liberty asked for clarification on the I-5/I-405 project. Councilor Burkholder responded to his question. Councilor Liberty asked if the Council had taken a position on this project. Councilor Burkholder said they had not taken a position on this project. Councilor Liberty said he questioned certain projects. Councilor Park said this was to request funding for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) so they could determine the best project. He was hopeful that this money could be used to further the center work that was being done. Councilor Liberty asked about the participation of Damascus in this project. Councilor Park asked Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, to respond to the question. Mr. Cotugno said this was intended to examine freeway options, parkway options etc. It was not concluded who would lead the project. Councilor Liberty asked if Damascus could be the lead? Mr. Cotugno said Damascus would be an approval body. Council President Bragdon asked about the MTIP grant and Damascus participation. MTIP funding was set aside for concept planning. The EIS process would look at alternatives. It was an open question what the design or phasing of the project would be. He added that this was a lobbying request. Any federal funds resulting from this request still had to be approved by the Council. Councilor Park commented on the concept planning of that area. He talked about the partnership between Damascus, Metro Council, Clackamas County and Oregon Department of Transportation. He was hopeful this would be a good funding exercise.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, Newman, McLain, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye/1 aye, the motion passed with Councilor Liberty voting no.
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**9. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordon, COO, reminded Council that there was a retreat next Wednesday starting at 1:00 pm in Room 601.

**10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Burkholder talked about a comment letter that they would like to send to John VanLandingham, Chair of Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). They were looking for a head nod from the Council. This was a major change in the rule. Council President Bragdon asked about the hospital siting in Springfield and if that had caused this proposed rule change. Mr. Cotugno explained the structure of the transportation-planning rule. Councilors asked further questions about the planning rules. Mr. Cotugno provided some history on the issue. Council President Bragdon asked if Council was supportive of this letter. They agreed. Councilor Burkholder acknowledged Tom Kloster's efforts in this area. He had done great work in this area, which was helpful to all of the urban areas around the state.

Councilor Liberty said they had convened the Measure 37 Task Force. They were interested in looking at more details of the Task Force scope of work. They would be meeting to discuss budget implications of the project.

Council President Bragdon said he met with illegal dumping personnel to discuss the program. He felt they had come to some clarification about the program. Councilor McLain said she had helped with the development of this program many years ago. It was only a two county program not a three county program. She had calls from citizens in Washington County about the clean up program. She talked about regional equity. She hoped that they could talk more to Washington County about their program. Council President Bragdon said one of the issues they addressed was regional equity. He explained changes in workdays of the inmates, which would help with cleaning up Washington County areas. He also talked about deputizing our parks rangers in Washington County and the need for changes in that area. He was hopeful to report back in a couple ways.

Councilor McLain said she and Councilor Park met about the neighboring cities issue. They would be providing a project proposal on this issue. They were trying to keep the budget low. Council President Bragdon urged involving the state agencies.

## **11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2005**

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
6.1	Minutes	2/10/05	Metro Council Minutes of February 10, 2005	021705c-01
8.1	Exhibit A	2/17/05	Amended version of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 05-3544	021705c-02
10	Letter	2/10/05	To: John VanLandingham, Chair LCDC From: Council President Bragdon and Councilor Burkholder, JPACT Chair Re: Comments on the proposed amendments to the transportation planning rule	021705c-03
5	Power Point Presentation	2/17/05	To: Metro Council From: Curt Zonick, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department Re: Controlling Japanese Knotweed in the Clackamas Watershed	021705c-04