

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 7, 2005
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: None

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Carolyn R. Jones, 2818 S Poplar Way, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. Ms. Jones addressed Ballot Measure 37. She addressed the claims process that was considered by the Lake Oswego City Council and her concerns about that process. She reviewed the content of Ballot Measure 37 and her concerns about the way in which Metro was approaching Goal 5. She said Clackamas County had a good system for handling claims and suggested the Council look into it. She also discussed the fees, feeling that obstacles were being created. She said she did not want compensation for her property; she wanted her property rights retained. She suggested Council just repeal the regulations. There was no need for processes and procedures to justify high fees. (A copy of her materials was submitted for the record).

Councilor Liberty responded by saying it was appropriate and logical for Metro to develop a process for addressing claims against Metro. He would like to get it done in tandem with the Nature in Neighborhoods work.

Ms. Jones asked that Judie Hammerstad and Jack Hoffman be dismissed from the Ballot Measure 37 task force.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the March 24, 2005 Regular Council Meetings.

Motion:

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 24, 2005 Regular Metro Council.
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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.

4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 05-1074**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2005-06, Making Appropriations, and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Declaring an Emergency

Council President Bragdon introduced the ordinance, and thanked the staff for their assistance.

Bill Stringer, Metro Chief Financial Officer, made a presentation to the Council on the FY 2005-06 budget. He described the fiscal environment as being relatively flat in terms of revenues. Expenses were increasing because of the required payment of benefits including health care and Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) costs. The result was that there was no choice other than to find new sources of revenue or reduce staff/wages/benefit costs or materials and supplies. His presentation included discussion on the following: overall fiscal environment, property taxes, yields on reserves (on funds that Metro holds), historical wages, salaries, and benefits (health costs and PERS). He also said that 81 FTE were cut from the high point, 30 over the past four years.

Councilor Park asked if benefits and PERS were left out of the equation that the increases in the cost of salaries would be mainly inflation. Mr. Stringer said that was accurate. He provided projections related to increased PERS costs, mentioning a reserve that has been created in anticipation of court rulings on legislative decisions made in 2003.

Councilor Newman asked about the percentage rate in reserve at PERS and if it had changed based on recent Supreme Court decisions. Mr. Stringer said it was the same percentage as in prior years though the required total amount of reserves different departments were required to maintain.

Councilor Liberty asked why there were different reserves in different departments. Mr. Stringer said it was related to grant funded programs going down. Mr. Liberty asked whether the costs could be allowed under federal grants. Mr. Stringer responded by saying he was not certain. Other staff in the room indicated that those costs were not allowed under the federal grants. Councilor Newman asked at what point were reserves not put aside. Mr. Stringer said that the PERS Board had requested the actuarial impact of the decision that had occurred but they had not seen the report yet; any necessary adjustments would be made at that time.

Mr. Stringer also noted the increased costs associated to health care. Costs continued to increase in spite of FTE reductions (30 positions). Councilor McLain clarified that the graph reflected what would happen if no changes were made. Mr. Stringer said the graph assumed the status quo. Councilor Liberty asked about what the money spent on health care would equal in a program budget. Council President Bragdon said it was comparable to the parks budget. Councilor Hosticka asked if the rising health care costs translated to an increased quality of health and increased quality of health care coverage. He understood the amount of coverage they were receiving was declining as costs were rising. Michael Jordan said that broadly Councilor Hosticka's comment was accurate. He commented on the efforts of the Joint Labor Management Committee, which was handling looking at proposals from health care providers and had been discussing how to change the structure of the health care plans provided for employees. Quality, in the eyes of the employees, had been going down. Council President Bragdon also noted that the graph did not represent what employees also contributed. Councilor Hosticka said they needed to be more proactive in effecting change, and not just accept escalating costs and diminishing quality of health care coverage. Council President Bragdon spoke about the possibility of broader political action on the health care issue.

Mr. Stringer addressed department summaries. At the Oregon Zoo, revenues were not keeping up with expenses and utility costs were increasing. Ending fund balances dropped below desired levels of reserves. This business model was unsustainable, so further cuts would have to be made

in future years for expenditures to match revenues. At MERC, VDI funding was set to expire at the end of the next fiscal year; there were no renewal or replacement reserves. Parks had been stabilized with an increase in excise tax, but operating expenses will grow in future years so they were tightening their belts. In Planning, expenditure growth would always outpace revenue growth if you look at projections. Grants and excise taxes could not keep up with PERS and health care costs, so the department would be in cutback mode in the coming years. In the Solid Waste and Recycling Department, the situation had been stabilized in the last two years; however, outstanding bonds will expire in 2009. The rate review committee would adopt a new rate by the time the budget is adopted in May.

Council President Bragdon addressed previous discussions about organizational and programmatic priorities as they related to the FY 2005-06 budget. (See handout for greater detail). He discussed some of the changes underway: initiate management change; the move from planning to investment; and implement the Nature in Neighborhoods model. He also addressed some of the elements to redirect the agency including: linking all Metro work with regional needs, improving internal business functions, connecting programs to council goals, and creating policy latitude for Council during the budgeting process.

Mr. Stringer continued by addressing management solutions and change initiatives (see handout). He said that budgeting is a process and a cycle rather than a mere book that is static. He discussed Council goals and objectives and how they would be linked to outcomes (see graphs "Improving the Line of Sight from Council Goals to Regional Outcomes"). He said the agency was undergoing an involved process to redesign support services. He also discussed the consolidation of funds, mainly into the General Fund, which would allow Council a broader way to prioritize programs. Employee performance evaluations would be directly tied to programmatic goals and objectives of the Council. He said that many of these changes were not reflected in the budget books Council received, but most of them were reflected in the divisions he discussed. There were two objectives: increasing transparency and assisting Council by aligning priorities with spending. Mr. Stringer also described the 2006-07 Strategic Budget Cycle (see chart) founded on the goals and objectives of the Council. It clarified expectations and evaluated progress in each budget cycle. The budget becomes a process where people viewed it as input into prioritization etc.

Councilor Hosticka asked if the consolidation of the funds would have the additional benefit of saving workload. Mr. Stringer said that the complexity of dealing of many funds was more labor intensive. He also described other benefits.

Council President Bragdon provided concluding comments about the process. It was a struggle as it represented a great deal of change. It was a struggle between a status quo way of doing things a new way of doing things, and de-emphasize things that have outlived their usefulness. It would allow Council to debate larger issues. Programmatic budgeting provides opportunities that the Council will continue to work on. Work and debate would continue. He was most excited about the Nature in Neighborhoods initiative, which represented a pilot project for this new direction in programmatic budgeting.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 05-1074 to Council and opened a public hearing.

Mr. Phil Prewett, 6116 NE Willow, Portland, Oregon 97213, Oregon Zoo employee and taxpayer. Mr. Prewett addressed page C-50 of the proposed budget relating to Trillium Creek Farm. He noted that it was a bit misleading, because it states that the farm uses volunteers only, however there is a paid staff member supervising the volunteers. He commended the Zoo Teens on their

work but thought the correction should be made. Councilor Newman said the correction would be made.

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, spoke to the fact that Council President Bragdon disregarded the budget information she provided. She said it was a recurring problem. She would be submitting amendments to reinstate several budget items, some of which were a wish list, some of which were essential to the operation of the Auditor's office. She asked that Council consider a proposal that would allow her to present the Office of the Auditor budget directly to the Metro Council. She referred to MERC's ability to present the budget directly and thought it was appropriate that the same courtesy be afforded to her office.

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor McLain asked for more definition of what programmatic budgeting was. She wanted a budget process that was efficient, effective and had good public review, was easier for staff, Council and the public. She agreed that budgeting was a process, but said it also was dependent on content; the "book" would not go away. She asked for more scrutiny; diminishing resources require it. She wanted Metro to effectively provide the services that the public needs and wants. She said it was a lot easier to build something, rather than unwind it. She was not happy where Metro was in the budget process. She said she had not had enough opportunity to help build the first level of the budget and how many resources Metro has and how those resources would be divided out. She thought three weeks wasn't enough to go over the budget. She said she supported the Council President and financial staff, but cautioned that there were barriers. The other Councilors had to get up to speed on the content of the budget as it has been presented and then work within the limited resources to achieve the program goals they cared for.

Councilor Hosticka commented on a graduate class he teaches at the University of Oregon. Students were charged with playing the role of the councilors. The outcome was similar to what members of the Council were experiencing. Students understood the numbers and they all added up, but they had no clear idea of the impact of agency's activities. Councilor Hosticka thought the process should help Council get a handle on the services so they can direct them.

Councilor Park praised Councilor Burkholder's leadership in the programmatic budget process and the strategic planning piece. He said he would be examining if the Council President's budget reflected the goals of the Council as a whole. He hoped that the work that was done last fall allowed the Council President to craft a budget that reflected what they wanted.

Councilor Burkholder gave his thanks to the Council. He said the motivation for the new way of developing the budget was feeling overwhelmed as a new councilor as he had to make sense of a \$400 million budget. It took two years to change the process, but he thought it was good that Council could use the process to evaluate whether they had reached their goals. The process also had the benefit of developing a better agency through getting together with the departments and really learning what they do. Councilor Burkholder also thanked Mr. Stringer for his guidance and support during the process.

Councilor Liberty said he appreciated the work that was done and that Metro was the only government that put its main priority on preserving the livability of the region for future generations. Based on his nonprofit experience, there was always a natural tension between the abstraction of what you say you want to do and particular projects. However, the fact that Metro had less money to use toward doing more for people impacted the mission of the agency. He asked his colleagues what they could do to control health care costs to reverse this trend so that

they could do more to ensure Metro's mission continues. He also hoped they could find ways to make the budget process more interesting and lively to stimulate public participation.

Council President Bragdon noted that the ordinance would be continued to the April 14, 2005 Council meeting for public hearing.

5. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

5.1 Ordinance No. 05-1075, Confirming the re-adoption of Metro Code 7.03 (Investment Policy)

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 05-1075.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said the ordinance readopted Metro's investments policy. He reviewed the changes to the existing investment policy, stating that it was the annual re-adoption and was unchanged except for a formatting change to conform with new guidelines from the State Treasury Department so all governments are consistent and easy to understand.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 05-1075.

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.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Resolution No. 05-3569, For the Purpose of Confirming Metro Council Representatives to the Eastside and Lake Oswego/Portland Transit Alternatives Analysis Steering Committee and Identifying other Representative categories to the Committee.

Motion:	Councilor Newman moved to adopt Resolution No. 05-3569.
Seconded:	Councilor Burkholder seconded the motion

Councilor Newman introduced Resolution No. 05-3569. He said it would create one policy advisory committee for transit Alternatives Analysis studies on two separate corridors. He provided the details of the two studies. He noted that the policy committee would oversee staff and then make final recommendations for both corridors. The studies are necessary to meet requirements for federal funding but he said they were a good idea anyway so they could find the best alternative. He then described the eleven-member committee: two Metro Councilors and one representative each from the City of Portland, City of Lake Oswego, Multnomah County, Clackamas County, Tri-met, Oregon Department of Transportation, Portland Streetcar Inc, and two from the advisory committees which are made up mainly of citizens. He noted that the first meeting would take place on April 13, 2005 at 3:30. The committee was very eager to get the work done. He encouraged support of the resolution.

Councilor Liberty noted his interest in the Westside commuter project, which went through his district. He said there would be a looming question about the streetcar's relationship to the rest of

the system, especially the planned lines in Milwaukie and the updating of the Sellwood Bridge. He was asked if they were considering alternatives, would they look at a wide spectrum of options and was concerned that stir issues in his district in which case he would like to participate. He asked how they would have the conversation about the relationship between these two transit systems. Councilor Liberty also asked about having separate advisory citizen committees and government committees instead of having one committee to bring all the stakeholders together.

Councilor Burkholder asked Richard Brandman, Deputy Planning Director, to discuss the scope of transportation alternatives analysis. He said the existing streetcar did not go through this process because it was locally funded, but given the scope of the new projects they would go through a whole different process.

Mr. Brandman said that in general, when trying to pursue a federally funded transit project you have to perform an alternatives analysis, which is the first step in the project development process. He described the typical process gone through on transit projects. In the past the alternatives analysis process had been primarily locally controlled process, but with increasing federal scrutiny the Federal Transit Administration plays a larger role in the alternatives analysis and throughout the process. They typically want a large range of alternatives to be considered. He also addressed the intent to engage the public extensively in the process for both of the different alignments and have already held preliminary meetings. He addressed Councilor Liberty's question about multiple committees. Because the two projects have such different complexities, it is necessary to have separate committees to deal with the different issues that come up specific to each of the alignments. In the end, they felt it was important to have one policy level group to oversee both of the efforts to have efficiency for all involved, and consider the projects side by side.

Councilor Newman said he consciously refrained from using the word 'streetcar' when speaking about the resolution because they were studying many alternatives and it was not yet certain what the outcome would be. They would be looking at which projects made the most sense in moving people and leveraging land use and development changes that were consistent with regional objectives. Therefore, it must look at all options about linking to other modes of transit. He encouraged Councilor Liberty to be involved.

Councilor Liberty said they should look at the stakeholders to be involved in a broader way. He thought it was good to have citizen advisory committees but preferred to see these citizens more involved than just other elected officials so they were connecting with people who would be affected by the changes. He was concerned about knowing what was going on before he spoke to people in his district in a way that is not disconnected from Metro's goals on this. He might like to add himself to the committee in the future.

Councilor Newman urged the Council's support on the resolution.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Newman, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, 1 abstain (Liberty) the motion passed.

6.2 **Resolution No. 05-3574**, Establishing a Regional Habitat Protection, Restorations and Greenspaces Initiative Called Nature in Neighborhoods.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to consider Resolution No. 05-3574.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Hosticka introduced the resolution. He said the amount of natural areas in the region set it apart from other areas around the country. Integrating natural areas into built areas and keeping accessibility were the highest goal of the Council and a number of activities around the agency have been directed at that result. There had been controversy about some of these activities in the past and a lack of recognition of some other activities. The resolution was a description of a coordinated approach to achieve synergy as Metro works on Nature in the Neighborhoods objectives. Communication and education were an important part of the resolution. He spoke about other pieces of legislation related to this resolution, including the budget. He noted that there would be amendments to the Functional Plan that would be introduced next week for consideration throughout the spring.

Council President Bragdon noted that there would be a great deal of discussion about the ordinance related to the Goal 5 piece. Another piece was a vision statement from the Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee that was due in early May. This resolution will continue to be placed on the agenda as a companion piece to the budget ordinance and the Functional Plan model ordinance.

Councilor McLain stated her support for this work. She thought there were places to improve the document and point out how much Council was committed to it. She said they needed to keep the past in mind and look at what they had been missing and what had been the most effective. She was thrilled that the whole council was interested to make this a centerpiece to the budget work they were doing.

Councilor Park paraphrased Councilor Hosticka's statement that Nature in Neighborhoods was not about programs, but about creating a movement. It was a good way to work with both public and private partners to make a movement.

Councilor Newman also expressed his excitement about the resolution. After two and a half years on the Council he had seen missteps and false starts about this topic. In the last few months, it had finally come together for him. He was excited about collaborating across departments as well as the branding exercise. He hoped this would become a model for other initiatives as well. He also noted that he had participated in a number of Oregon Zoo discussions over the past few weeks and spoke about the Zoo merging Education Services and Research into Conservation department. The consensus among those involved with the Zoo was that its focus should be regional. He wanted the Zoo's work to be more incorporated into the Nature in Neighborhoods plan.

Councilor Liberty said that a theme in Metro's work was that they don't do anything towards only one objective. Nature in the Neighborhoods also had other benefits, such as reducing and avoiding pollution in the water.

Council President Bragdon noted there would be no action on this resolution today and continued the discussion to April 14, 2005.

7. OREGON LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel (Office of Metro Attorney) mentioned that Senate Bill 451 which would unify appeals on the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), passed the Senate and was moving

on to the House. Senate Bill 245, extending the time period for considering the UGB, was scheduled for a work session on April 8. He also noted that the vertical housing tax incentive bill had passed the Senate unopposed and the periodic review reform bill had a hearing scheduled to take place in the House on Monday, April 11. Mr. Cooper added that Senate Bills 730 and 900 had not been scheduled for hearings and were expected to remain in committee to die. He also said a hearing had been held on House Bill 2963, which dealt with adding land to UGBs for industrial purposes. He mentioned that some amendments were circulating on this bill. Councilor Hosticka asked who the bill sponsor was. Mr. Cooper said it was being led by the lobbyist for some of the commercial industrial interests in the Metro region.

Councilor Liberty asked if Councilors ever were contacted by legislators in advance of these proposed bills so that Metro could offer its perspective. Mr. Cooper said they heard about things through a variety of avenues and tried to respond accordingly. Randy Tucker, Metro Lobbyist, had a presence in the Capitol and learned of issues that way. Additionally, various staff serve on state policy work groups that help craft some of these bills.

Councilor McLain said that anything Councilors themselves could do to connect with legislators in their districts would be positive. Being proactive was helpful. However, they needed to communicate with their lobbyist team in Salem.

Mr. Tucker commented on Senate Bill 245, which was expected to move out of committee on April 8 though that was not certain. He also mentioned a bill regarding industrial development outside of UGBs. Last session a bill was passed on this issue outside of the Willamette Valley. This session's bill, Senate Bill 2956, brings the development line to the edge of Metro's UGB. He understood the bill would have a hearing in the next couple weeks but not a work session. The current statute had a buffer around cities, but the current bill does not. He said he had been working to ensure that this bill would not pass, even though it would at least have a hearing. He then addressed a freight routes bill, which would greatly affect Highway 8.

Councilor Burkholder said that Mr. Tucker's presence in the discussion about the freight routes bill helped protect the livability in some smaller communities within the Metro boundary, especially those around Highway 8.

Mr. Cooper mentioned his attendance with Councilor McLain at a hearing on Senate Bill 963, which would allow counties to withdraw from Metro. During the hearing, the bill sponsor told Councilor McLain and Mr. Cooper that he was withdrawing the bill.

Councilor Park asked about the zoning bill regarding the Alcoa site. Mr. Cooper did not know what the prospects were for a hearing but the bill has been discussed intensively. The League of Oregon Cities and Association of Oregon Counties were firmly opposed to that or any other bill that took local control away on a land use decision. Councilor Park recalled it was on the House side and thought it would be interesting to see how the local control issues were going to be resolved. Mr. Tucker said that in that general vain, he was watching House Bill 3314 that would allow the Governor to waive land use statutes if the Governor found an economic emergency.

Council President Bragdon asked for clarification on Senate Bill 1037 which dealt with two pieces of Measure 37. Mr. Cooper discussed the bill and noted that Senator Ringo distributed a Ballot Measure 37 Omnibus bill draft. He was working on amendments that would deal with a variety of Ballot Measure 37 issues. Neither SB 1037 nor the Omnibus bill had any real promise of passing the House or Senate. He walked through some of the parts of the Omnibus bill draft saying that there were bound to be many changes to it in the future.

Councilor Liberty said Council needed to discuss defining principles for this measure. The bill didn't sound anything like the measure that was passed by the voters. The bill was missing many of the elements present in the measure voters approved. He would like the Council to go on record opposing the bill. Any bill to fix Ballot Measure 37 should have some provision for funding claims and opportunity for a public open process for vetting claims. If the proponents of the measure wanted to repeal protections for farm and forestland in eastern Oregon they should put that on the ballot specifically or pass it through the legislature. The bill seemed like a bait and switch. The replacement caused more problems than it solved. He would hate to have Metro's fingerprints on this piece of legislation.

Mr. Cooper said compensation needed to be a necessary component of any Ballot Measure 37 amendment and had expressed that to Senator Ringo and others. Senator Ringo was not anticipating moving anything without compensation. However, the bills were released without the compensation piece being clearly linked to it.

Councilor Liberty discussed some of the other pieces of the bill that seemed problematic to him. Even if compensation were included, it still wouldn't reflect what the voters passed.

Councilor Burkholder asked if there were any changes proposed within the urban areas within the Ballot Measure 37 remedy bills that may be contrary to the goals Metro is trying to achieve. Mr. Cooper responded by saying it wasn't laid out in the drafts very specifically. Currently, rural areas have ten times the amount of Ballot Measure 37 claims as urban areas. The focus of discussion has been how to clarify targets for Measure 37 claims within UGBs.

Councilor Park asked which items in the current draft of Senate Bill 1037 Metro needed to be concerned about. Mr. Cooper said that Senate Bill 1037 as introduced was not anything to react to. Until there was a proposal to take all currently discussed ideas and put them into a package, then it would be the time to take a position. He believed the bill would not go anywhere without extensive amendments. Councilor Park responded by saying he understood Councilor Liberty's concerns and as an agricultural businessman he was concerned about the same things. He thought Council should focus on how these bills affected the job Metro does.

Councilor Hosticka asked about the claims process. How could Metro get involved under the current system, and under the proposed system? Mr. Cooper said under the current system Metro had the legal ability to appear in a proceeding in front of a local government and if they object to the decision Metro could challenge the decision in circuit court. Metro is not receiving notice of all claims being filed or settled. If Council chose to, Metro could be more active in contesting claims. Councilor Hosticka said Metro had an interest in ensuring the procedures were open and that they had an opportunity to comment, adding that much of what was being done does not follow Measure 37 as it was written. This needed to be addressed by the Metro Council.

Councilor Liberty said he was not comfortable with not providing input on the legislative proposals even if they were not expected to go forward. He did not want to imply tacit assent. He stressed the need to establish general principles and provide direction to staff working on the bill. Council President Bragdon said they recognized that there are many bills and they change rapidly. Rather than taking a stand on a bill now which could change drastically by July, he suggested providing general guidance on principles and values and allow staff to work based on those. Councilor Hosticka said one of the tasks of the Ballot Measure 37 Task Force was to help formulate a position on legislation so he urged their legislative representatives attend the task

force and bring proposals back to Council. He wanted to make sure the position was communicated back and forth rather than just waiting until the end and taking a position then.

Councilor McLain agreed with the points made. She said Councilors had to do work themselves and talk to their lobbyists and representatives from their districts. The Metro Measure 37 Task Force should help Council. There should be a closer relationship and an effective way to report back. The only thing the Council as a whole has said was to make sure any negotiations with Measure 37 does not disallow Council from doing its job with a growth management strategy. Perhaps more discussion was warranted.

Council President Bragdon said he would look for guidance from other members of the Council. Had they expressed enough interest and did staff have enough direction. He didn't want to respond to every single bill that was drafted.

Councilor Liberty said he was not proposing to go over every bill but the current statement was not enough. He noted that at the Task Force meeting today, the chair said she didn't want the task force to spend time on legislative briefings. Being clear how they were going to honor the text of Measure 37 was important as it was important to their governmental responsibility.

Mr. Tucker responded that Measure 37 was in a category by itself in the legislature. He noted that working with staff has provided him with a good set of parameters to go forward. He wanted to make sure that he was not making any assumptions about the position of the Council. He then mentioned that the Senate Transportation Committee passed Senate Bill 71, the Connect Oregon Package, which is a multi-modal transportation package consisting of \$100 million in lottery bonds. He spoke to the changes in the bill and said that it had completed its first step through the legislative process.

Councilor Burkholder discussed a transportation finance package that came from the Metro region and the work that had been done on forwarding the package. The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) Finance Committee was nearing a decision point on the actual numbers of the package components. He also spoke about the SW Washington Regional Transportation Council and a proposal in the state of Washington to raise the gas tax. In that state there was support to fund transportation yet Oregon's legislature is not forwarding similar proposals.

Michael Jordan asked if there was a desire to further discuss these issues at the next Council Work Session. Council indicated that there was.

8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

None

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor McLain spoke about the Sustainable Living Festival on May 14 and 15 at the Convention Center and Metro's Pavilion highlighting Nature in Neighborhoods work at that event. She encouraged Council's participation.

Councilor Park said that Solid Waste and Recycling staff would be talking to Councilors before Tuesday's work session.

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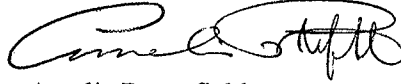
10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:55p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2005

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5.1	Ord. 05-1074	4/7/2005	PowerPoint Presentation – FY 2005-06 Budget	040705c-02
5.1	Ord. 05-1074	Undated	Proposed Budget for FY 2005-06	040705c-03
5.1	Ord. 05-1074	Undated	Proposed Budget – Line Item Detail for FY 2005-06	040705c-04
6.1	Res. 05-3569	4/7/2005	Revised (corrected copy) of Resolution	040705c-05
6.2	Res. 05-3574	4/7/2005	Draft copy of Resolution	040705c-06