

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 27, 2005  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council Deputy President Burkholder convened the Metro Council Budget Work Session Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

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

### 1.1 DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS

Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator, reviewed the department generated technical (green copies) substantive amendments. Ms. Rutkowski gave a briefing of those amendments, and they are attached and form part of the record.

Jeff Tucker, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Finance Manager, and Jim Desmond, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director, reviewed the parks technical amendments (yellow copies).

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, reviewed the planning technical amendments (also yellow copies).

Mike Hoglund, Solid Waste and Recycling Director, and Doug Anderson, Financial Management & Analysis Manager, reviewed the solid waste technical amendments (also yellow copies). Councilor Robert Liberty asked for clarification and Mr. Anderson gave a brief review of the background on rates and reserves. There was discussion about rates and regulations and Council President Bragdon asked that the Debt Service Management amendment (page 24, yellow copies, SW&R #4) be held over from tomorrow's decision and considered at a later date.

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, reviewed the Audit Department technical amendments, which were the salmon colored copies, and those are attached and form part of the record. Ms. Dow distributed a handout, which was titled "Excerpts from Guidelines and Model Legislation for Local Government Auditors." That handout is attached and forms part of the record. Ms. Dow started with amendment No. 4 instead of No. 1. There were questions and discussion about why the budget amendment #4, Eliminate Budget Note 4: External Financial Audit Contract, had been proposed and what it would mean to remove it. Ms. Dow continued review of the other three budget amendments. In relation to amendment No. 2, Ms. Dow distributed four handouts: 1) a comparison of costs between Metro and other public and private auditor's offices, 2) Personal/Materials & Services, 3) Costs of Contract Services Per Auditor, and 4) Metro Auditor Materials & Services. Those handouts are attached and form part of the record. Ms. Dow reviewed amendment No. 3 which would reinstate a 0.50 FTE. Councilor Rod Park asked about financial audits that Ms. Dow would perform for Metro.

Kathy Taylor, MERC Administration Director of Admin./Finance, and Jeff Miller, MERC General Manager, reviewed the MERC technical amendments (which were the final pages of the yellow copies). Those amendments are attached and form part of the record. The councilors asked Mr. Miller to make a change to the MERC #3 amendment before it came before them at the Council meeting on the following day.

Council President Bragdon started review of the Councilor generated general amendments (blue copies), and those amendments are attached and form part of the record. There was discussion about amendments No. 1 & 3 as they related to each other. Other amendments were also discussed. Council President Bragdon said he would ask Mike Jordan, the Chief Operating Officer, to create some criteria/guidelines on sponsorships as related to amendment No. 2. For amendment No. 6 the councilors generally agreed that if the amendment were to pass then the stated process would require a 10-day letter approach in order to avoid legislation that could take up to several weeks and delay or cause the deadline to be missed. Councilor Burkholder suggested that the amendment should be re-written to direct the Mr. Jordan to develop code line on how to deal with grants.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2005**

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
#1	Budget Agenda	4/27/05	Agenda for Council Budget Work Session, Wednesday, April 27, 2005	042705cw-01
#1	Budget	4/25/05	Memorandum to David Bragdon from Kathy Rutkowski re: Department Generated Amendments to the FY 2005-06 Proposed Budget and related amendments	042705cw-02
#1	Budget	4/25/05	Memorandum to David Bragdon from Kathy Rutkowski re: Proposed Amendments to the FY 2005-06 Budget Introduced by the Metro Auditor	042705cw-03
#1	Budget	April 2005	From the Auditor: Excerpts from Guidelines and Model Legislation for Local Government Auditors	042705cw-04
#1	Budget	April 2005	From the Auditor: IA costs as a percentage of Revenue	042705cw-05
#1	Budget	April 2005	From the Auditor: Personal/Materials & Services chart	042705cw-06
#1	Budget	April 2005	From the Auditor: Costs of Contract Services Per Auditor*	042705cw-07
#1	Budget	April 2005	From the Auditor: Metro Auditor Materials & Services	042705cw-08
#1	Budget	4/26/05	Memorandum to David Bragdon from Kathy Rutkowski re: Councilor Generated Proposed Amendments to the FY 2005-06 Proposed Budget	042705cw-09