

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT**

**February 22, 1990
Regular Meeting**

Councilors Present: Tanya Collier (Presiding Officer), Gary Hansen (Deputy Presiding Officer), Lawrence Bauer, Roger Buchanan, Tom DeJardin, Richard Devlin, Jim Gardner, David Knowles, Mike Ragsdale, George Van Bergen and Judy Wyers

Councilors Absent: Ruth McFarland

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Berna Plummer, 13740 N. E. Fremont, Portland, OR, 97230, requested the Council hold a special meeting to consider a matter regarding a Metro Solid Waste contract on which she was a subcontractor. Ms. Plummer alleged that she had received unfair treatment and that there was a conspiracy on behalf of the prime contractor and a subcontractor to eliminate her participation in the contract. She said that she had appeared at a previous Solid Waste Committee meeting, and was told that she should first discuss the matter with General Counsel. Ms. Plummer said that she was told that the Solid Waste Department Director would contact her, and as of the meeting date, she had not been contacted. Ms. Plummer said that the contract was being performed at that time and was for a period of ten days, of which six had already elapsed. The Presiding Officer asked Ms. Plummer to meet with Solid Waste Director Bob Martin and General Counsel Daniel Cooper during the meeting, and if she still had further concerns, address the Council at that point.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Plan

Executive Officer Rena Cusma introduced Jim Sjulín of the Portland Parks Bureau, Brian Campbell of the Port of Portland and Paul Fishman of Fishman Environmental Services. She said that informal discussions had occurred regarding Metro's role in Smith and Bybee Lakes as it related to the St. Johns Landfill closure and she had requested the representatives give the Council a general briefing in advance of the Council's discussions of policy issues related to the closure.

The representatives then summarized the Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Plan which had been previously distributed to the Council. The representatives emphasized that the Plan's goals were to maintain and enhance the area as a part of the Columbia River wetlands and preserve and manage fish and wildlife. They

noted that property ownership was divided between the Port of Portland, City of Portland, private business and citizens. Mr. Sjulín said that the property owners, Metro and resource agencies had been involved in developing the Plan. Mr. Sjulín said that the Plan had been submitted to the City of Portland for review and adoption and would be submitted to Metro and the Port of Portland. He urged the Council to refer the Plan to the appropriate committee and work cooperatively with the City and Port to assure that each jurisdiction adopted the same plan. Mr. Campbell noted that the lakes were a regional resource, and Mr. Fishman invited Councilors to contact him for a tour of the lakes.

Councilors Devlin and Hansen spoke in favor of the cooperative interagency efforts the Plan represented. In response to water quality questions raised by Councilor Bauer, Mr. Campbell said that the Plan recommended a water-quality monitoring program for the lakes. Councilor Ragsdale suggested that at some phase, the Management Plan include the entire Columbia Slough. Councilor Collier stated that the Plan would be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Presiding Officer announced that the following items and actions were on the Consent Agenda for consideration:

- 4.1 Minutes of October 12, 1989 (Action Requested: Motion to Approve the Minutes)
- 4.2 Resolution No. 90-1211, For the Purpose of Approving a Request for Proposal Document for Broker of Record for Employee Benefits (Action Requested: Motion to Adopt the Resolution)
- 4.3 Resolution No. 90-1213, Providing for the Assessment of Dues to Local Governments for 1990-91 (Action Requested: Motion to Adopt the Resolution)
- 4.4 Resolution No. 90-1218, Amending the Region's Highway Improvement Plan for Inclusion in the 1991-96 Oregon Department of Transportation Six-Year Highway Program (Action Requested: Motion to Adopt the Resolution)
- 4.5 Resolution No. 90-1024, For the Purpose of Approving the issue of a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services Related to the Closure of the St. Johns Landfill (Action Requested: Motion to Adopt the Resolution)
- 4.6 Resolution No. 90-1215, For the Purpose of Authorizing Execution of a Contract with David C. Smith & Associates for Photogrammetric Services at St. Johns Landfill (Action Requested: Motion to Adopt the Resolution)

- 4.7 Resolution No. 90-1217, For the Purpose of Approving the Boundary and Criteria for Receipt of Community Enhancement Funds for the City of Forest Grove with Respect to the Forest Grove Transfer Station (Action Requested: Motion to Adopt the Resolution)
- 4.8 Resolution No. 90-1219, For the Purpose of Approving an Agreement with Marion County for the Disposal of up to 40,000 Tons per Year of Solid Waste at the Marion County Waste to Energy Facility (Action Requested: Motion to Adopt the Resolution)

At the request of Councilor Wyers, Item Nos. 4.5 (Resolution No. 90-1024, For the Purpose of Approving the issue of a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services Related to the Closure of the St. Johns Landfill) and 4.8 (Resolution No. 90-1219, For the Purpose of Approving an Agreement with Marion County for the Disposal of up to 40,000 Tons per Year of Solid Waste at the Marion County Waste to Energy Facility) were removed from Consent Agenda. The Presiding Officer announced that the items would be considered immediately after the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin to adopt Item Nos. 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.6 and 4.7 of the Consent Agenda.

Vote: The eleven councilors present voted in favor of the motion. Councilor McFarland was absent.

The motion carried.

4.5 Resolution No. 90-1024, For the Purpose of Approving the issue of a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services Related to the Closure of the St. Johns Landfill

Councilor Wyers said that at the time the resolution had been considered by the Solid Waste Committee, she had asked for a report on the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) response to the closure plan and a DEQ representative was present to give that report. Joe Gingerich, DEQ Project Engineer said that he would forward comments regarding the Plan to Metro by the end of March and public hearings would be scheduled after DEQ's review. He said that he had just reviewed the Plan that day, and from that initial review, it appeared that he would be requesting more technical data.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved, seconded by Councilor Bauer to adopt Resolution No. 90-1024.

Vote: The eleven councilors present voted in favor of the motion. Councilor McFarland was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

4.8 Resolution No. 90-1219. For the Purpose of Approving an Agreement with Marion County for the Disposal of up to 40,000 Tons per Year of Solid Waste at the Marion County Waste to Energy Facility

Councilor Wyers said that she had removed the resolution from the Consent Agenda in order to amend the resolution to put the transportation services portion of the contract out to bid.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin to adopt Resolution No. 90-1219.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Wyers moved, seconded by Councilor Gardner to amend Resolution No. 90-1219 as follows: 1) after the sixth "WHEREAS" clause add:
"WHEREAS, The new agreement provides that Metro deliver up to 40,000 tons of solid waste per year to the WTEF by its contractor or allows delivery by a third party hauler; and
"WHEREAS, Putting the transportation services out to bid will likely generate competition and result in lower hauling costs and provide an opportunity for Oregon business to bid; and" 2) in the "BE IT RESOLVED" section, after number 1., amend as follows:
2. The transportation services for hauling solid waste to Marion County Waste to Energy Facility shall be put out to bid.
[2] 2. The METRO Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute . . .
(underlines indicate additions, brackets indicate deletions).

Councilors Hansen and Knowles said that they supported the amendment. Councilor Ragsdale said that he opposed the amendment because he felt it should have been introduced either by minority report or referred back to the Committee. He said that he would oppose all future amendments that came before the Council that were not advanced via minority report or committee referral.

In response to questions raised by Councilor Devlin, Bob Martin, Solid Waste Director, said that Marion County's need for waste for this facility was cyclical, with the winter being the highest demand period and the summer the lowest. Mr. Martin said that an RFP would be prepared for the transportation portion of the contract, and in the interim both Marion County and Jack Gray Transport would be solicited for bids to haul the waste to Marion

County until such time as a contractor was selected. He also pointed out that the short-haul contract was beneficial to both Metro and Marion County, because it would allow the Marion County facility to operate at optimum and disposal costs for Metro at the waste-to-energy facility were lower than landfilling. He said that the short-haul transportation bids would be evaluated on price, equipment and time. Councilor Devlin also asked if haulers could haul directly to the Marion County facility. Mr. Martin said that there was a long-standing agreement with United Hauling that allowed them to take a limited tonnage directly to the Marion County facility; however with the recently-adopted flow control ordinance, they would need to apply for a permit, and that application would be reviewed consistent with the Solid Waste Management Plan.

In response to questions raised by Councilor DeJardin, Mr. Martin said that 40,000 tons represented approximately 5 percent of Metro's total waste disposal. Councilor DeJardin said that he, too, would be voting against the amendment because of the procedural issues that Councilor Ragsdale had previously raised. Clarifying the legislative intent of the resolution, Councilor Gardner stated that bids would be solicited to haul waste to Marion County until such time an RFP could be issued and subsequent long-term contract signed. Councilor Wyers pointed out that the equipment required for hauling waste to Marion County was of a different configuration than the equipment for hauling waste to the Arlington Landfill, and therefore, there were more vendors with the capability of performing the Marion County transport contract.

Vote on Amendment: Nine councilors voted in favor of the motion. Councilors Ragsdale and DeJardin voted nay. Councilor McFarland was absent.

The motion carried.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if the agreement with Marion County violated Metro's agreement with Oregon Waste System. Mr. Cooper replied that the contract with Oregon Waste System guaranteed that 90 percent of the region's waste delivered to a general purpose landfill would be sent to the Arlington Landfill, and the 40,000 tons of waste involved in Resolution No. 90-1219 would be delivered to the waste-to-energy facility. He said that the residue ash from the waste-to-energy facility was Marion County's disposal responsibility. Mr. Cooper also said that during negotiations on the Arlington Landfill, Metro had solicited a bid from Oregon Waste Systems for disposal of ash, and Oregon Waste Systems had declined to bid. Mr. Cooper said that it was clear that ash disposal was outside the scope of work for the Oregon Waste Systems contract. Councilor Van Bergen also inquired about disposal of the residue from the composter. Mr. Cooper said that the Riedel compost service agreement specifically provided that

the residue from the compost plant would be delivered to the Arlington Landfill.

Vote on main motion: The eleven councilors present voted aye. Councilor McFarland was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Presiding Officer announced that Agenda Item No. 7.1, Resolution No. 90-1224, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Mitzi Scott to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission would be the next order of business.

Councilor Knowles presented the Convention and Visitor Facilities Committee's report and recommendations and said that the Committee had unanimously recommended Council adoption of the resolution. He said that several of the Committee members felt that Ms. Scott had been a valuable member of the Metro ERC and the City's ERC. Councilor Knowles said that Ms. Scott had also been helpful during development of the consolidation agreement.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Councilor Buchanan to adopt Resolution No. 90-1224.

Ms. Scott said that she had been a Metro E-R commissioner for the prior two years and a City E-R commissioner for four years. She said that she had requested reappointment to the Metro ERC and also served on the Convention Center Project Advisory Committee on Design and Construction (ACDC). Ms. Scott also complimented the Metro ERC staff in place for their commitment and expertise.

In response to questions from Councilor Gardner regarding a regional stadium and funding sources, Ms. Scott said that she thought a thorough marketing study should be undertaken. She said from previous studies, she had learned that in order to support spectator facilities, there needed to be a firm market in place. In the area of funding, Ms. Scott said that she would like to see new facilities receive more public funding because public benefit was derived from these type of facilities. She said that as the facilities' benefit was spread, so should the funding responsibility.

Councilor Devlin asked Ms. Scott for her views about Phase II of the consolidation agreement. Councilor Devlin said that he felt during Phase II, if the facilities were funded regionally, they should also be regionally managed. Ms. Scott said that Phase II should deal with financial matters including transfer of assets. She said that since benefits from the facilities were derived on a region-wide basis, the burden should also be shared.

Vote: The eleven councilors present voted in favor of the motion. Councilor McFarland was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Ragsdale noted that there was a vacancy on the Metro ERC for a Washington County representative. He said that if Washington County did not forward a recommendation within a reasonable period of time, he would be introducing a resolution to amend the appointment process.

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, reported on a meeting he had just completed with Solid Waste Director Bob Martin and Ms. Berna Plummer who had testified earlier in the meeting under "Citizen Communication to Council on Non-Agenda Items" regarding a solid waste contract. Mr. Cooper said that Mr. Martin would investigate the matter to determine whether the contractor was in compliance with his contract with Metro.

Mr. Cooper said that he had advised Ms. Plummer to discuss the matter with her own legal representative, to determine if she had grounds for individual action against the contractor. He said that he had also told Ms. Plummer that she may have grounds for the Governor's advocate for emerging small business to investigate compliance with State law. Mr. Cooper said that he felt Ms. Plummer understood that while the matter was under investigation by the Solid Waste Director, there was no need for Council action. However, he noted that at a future date, the matter may come before the Council if it involved litigation with Metro as a party. Councilor Van Bergen asked what the subject matter of the contract was. Counsel Cooper said that it involved a waste characteristic study.

5. ORDINANCES, FIRST READINGS

5.1 Ordinance No. 90-314, Relating to the Reimbursement of Employees for Use of Personal Vehicles for Travel on Official Business of the District

The Clerk read the ordinance for a first time by title only. The Presiding Officer referred the ordinance to the Finance Committee for public hearing.

5.2 Ordinance No. 90-317, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 Establishing Solid Waste Disposal Rates for F 1990-91

The Clerk read the ordinance for a first time by title only. The Presiding Officer referred the ordinance to the Solid Waste Committee for public hearing.

5.3 Ordinance No. 90-318, Amending Ordinance No. 89-294A Revising the Budget and Appropriation Schedules for Fiscal Year 1989-90 for the Purpose of Meeting Increased Workload

in the Accounting and Data Processing Sections of Finance
and Administration Department

The Clerk read the ordinance for a first time by title only. The Presiding Officer referred the ordinance to the Finance Committee for public hearing.

6. ORDINANCES, SECOND READINGS

6.1 Ordinance No. 90-321, A Supplemental Ordinance to Ordinance No. 89-319; Establishing a Plan for Financing the Metro East Transfer Station to Serve as Part of the Metropolitan Service District's Solid Waste Disposal System; Authorizing the issuance of the Metro East Transfer Station Bonds for such Purpose; and Establishing and Determining other Matters in Connection therewith

The Clerk read the ordinance by title only for a second time. The Presiding Officer announced that Ordinance No. 90-321 was first read before the Council on October 12, 1989 and referred to the Solid Waste Committee. The Solid Waste Committee held public hearings on November 2, 1989 and January 16 and February 6, 1990.

Councilor Hansen presented the Solid Waste Committee's report and recommendations. He advised the Council that a master ordinance had already been adopted for financing solid waste projects, and Ordinance No. 90-321 would provide for financing for construction of the Metro East Transfer Station and retiring a debt due the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin to adopt Ordinance No. 90-321.

The public hearing was opened and closed. No one testified.

Vote: A roll call vote was taken resulting in the ten councilors present voting aye. Councilors Knowles and McFarland were absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Ordinance No. 90-328, Amending Ordinance No. 89-294A Revising the F 1989-90 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Adding a Construction Coordinator Position in the Solid Waste Department

The Clerk read the ordinance by title only for a second time. The Presiding Officer announced that Ordinance No. 90-328 was first read before the Council on December 14, 1989 and referred to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee held a public hearing on the ordinance on December 21, 1989, and a motion carried to table the ordinance. The Solid Waste Committee subsequently discussed the matter, and at the February 8 Council

meeting, a motion carried for the Council as a whole to consider the ordinance. At the request of Councilor Hansen, this item was considered later in the agenda in order get supplemental materials for his presentation.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 90-1224, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Mitzi Scott to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission

This item was considered earlier in the agenda, and a motion carried to adopt the resolution.

7.2 Resolution No. 90-1206, Confirming Citizen Member Appointments to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)

Councilor Gardner presented the Intergovernmental Relations Committee's report and recommendations. He said that applications had been solicited for citizen members for TPAC. A subcommittee of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee had reviewed the 25 applications submitted, conducted interviews with 13 applicants and subsequently forwarded eight candidate's names to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Of those eight, the subcommittee definitely recommended three candidates, and the IGR Committee selected the other three candidates from the five remaining. Councilor Gardner said that the selection criteria had been geographic distribution, balance of interest groups and the candidate's experience in community involvement or transportation issues.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin to adopt Resolution No. 90-1206.

Vote: The ten councilors present voted aye. Councilors Bauer and McFarland were absent.

The motion carried.

7.3 Resolution No. 90-1221, Approving a Contract for Construction of the Africa Rain Forest Exhibit at the Metro Washington Park Zoo

Councilor Gardner presented the Zoo Committee's report and recommendations. He advised that an RFP for the exhibit's construction had been issued, resulting in receipt of two bids. L. D. Madsen, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, had been recommended for the contract by Zoo staff and the Executive Officer. Councilor Gardner also noted that L.D. Madsen had met or exceeded the W/DBE requirements.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin to adopt Resolution No. 90-1221.

Vote: The ten councilors present voted aye. Councilors Bauer and McFarland were absent.

The motion carried.

**6.2 Ordinance No. 90-328, Amending Ordinance No. 89-294A
Revising the FY 1989-90 Budget and Appropriations Schedule
for the Purpose of Adding a Construction Coordinator
Position in the Solid Waste Department**

Councilor Hansen said that the purpose of the ordinance was to create a temporary position to oversee construction at Metro East and South Transfer Stations and limited oversight in composter construction. He said that he felt Metro's interest would be best served by adopting the ordinance and at the earliest possible date filling the position so that there was someone on-site protecting Metro's interests. Councilor Hansen said that during the budget process, a discussion of long-term solutions could be worked out.

Main Motion: Councilor Hansen moved, seconded by Councilor Bauer to adopt Ordinance No. 90-328.

Councilor Van Bergen said that there was already a Construction Coordinator for the Zoo and two for the Convention Center. He said that he did not agree that there should be a Construction Coordinator for each project. He said that the issue should be addressed through the budget process. He said that he also disagreed that the department didn't have staff already hired that were qualified to perform the work.

As a point of clarification, Councilor Devlin advised that the motion that placed the ordinance on the agenda advanced Ordinance No. 90-328 which added a permanent construction coordinator position. The item in the agenda packet and presented by Councilor Hansen, was Ordinance No. 90-328A which requested temporary employment of a construction coordinator.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Hansen moved, seconded by Councilor Devlin to amend Ordinance No. 90-328 to conform with Ordinance No. 90-328A.

Vote on Amendment: Ten councilors voted in favor of the amendment. Councilor Van Bergen voted against the amendment. Councilor McFarland was absent.

Councilor Hansen urged the Council to support the ordinance. He said that time delays in construction of Metro East could be

costly for Metro and that construction of the second compactor at Metro South was more complex than the first. Councilor Hansen said that the adopted budget for the Solid Waste Department had a specific work program and to adjust staffing to accommodate a new program would mean a unilateral staff adjustment. Councilor Van Bergen said that he felt that in the past, the department had shifted staff for other projects. He said that in this case, the discussion was about one FTE and he felt the department should be flexible enough to accomplish unanticipated tasks. Executive Officer Cusma said that she was troubled that two major projects, Metro East and the compactor did not have anyone who was the owner's representative overseeing construction. She said that she did not feel that the Solid Waste Department had any existing resources to divert to this activity.

Councilors Buchanan and Devlin pointed to the need for the position and asked that other councilors support the ordinance. Councilor Gardner said that he could support the position on a temporary basis, and an examination of the position on a permanent basis should be a part of the budget deliberations.

Councilor Collier said that she would not support the ordinance because she did not feel adequate staff work had been performed. She said that she did not feel that adequate preparation or justification had been given to the Finance Committee when the ordinance had been presented. The public hearing was opened and closed; no one testified.

Vote on Main Motion:

Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, Devlin, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilors Knowles, Van Bergen, Wyers and Collier voted nay. Councilor McFarland was absent.

The motion carried, and the ordinance was adopted as amended.

The Presiding Officer announced that the Council, in its capacity as the District's Contract Review Board, would consider the next two resolutions which requested authorization to enter into sole source agreements. She recessed the Council and convened the Contract Review Board.

7.4 Resolution No. 90-1220, Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.044 Competitive Bidding Procedures and Authorizing a Sole Source Agreement with ESRI Systems, Inc. for Purchase of Software

Councilor Devlin presented the Intergovernmental Relations Committee's report and recommendations. He said that for software purchases, the Metro Code called for a request for proposal process, and ESRI Systems had been previously selected through such a process to provide software for the Transportation

Department. The software being purchased through Resolution No. 90-1220 was for additional work stations for the Planning and Development Department which would allow that department to access the Transportation Department's information.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved, seconded by Councilor Ragsdale to adopt Resolution No. 90-1220.

Vote: There were eight Councilors present who all voted in favor of the motion. Councilors Bauer, Knowles, Hansen and McFarland were absent.

The motion carried.

7.5 Resolution No. 90-1222, For the Purpose of Approving a Sole Source Contract with TAK Associates Engineering Consultants for a Waste Tire Recycling Technical Assistance Project

Councilor Wyers presented the Solid Waste Committee's report and recommendations. She noted that the resolution would fund a demonstration project whose end product would be development of specifications for use of waste tires in asphalt paving. Councilor Wyers said that the process was being done in other states. She pointed out that the Council had received correspondence from Congressman Ron Wyden supporting the project. Councilor Wyers also said that the project would be for two years with half of the cost being shared by DEQ. Councilor Wyers said that TAK Associates had experience in this area and were licensed professional engineers.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin to adopt Resolution No. 90-1222.

Councilor Hansen said he was opposed to Metro funding the project. He said that he felt that if DEQ were accepting leadership in the tire recycling field, they should also fund the project. He said that private funding should also be explored. Councilor Hansen also said that the One-Percent for Recycling Program would be an appropriate funding source for such demonstration projects. Councilor Hansen also asked which other states had experience in this type of project. He also reminded the Council that an important policy decision was the question of at what point in the solid waste hierarchy does one move from one set of solutions to another e.g. recycle to reuse.

In response to Councilor Hansen's questions, Heidi Sieberts introduced Dr. Takallou, one of the principals of TAK Associates. Dr. Takallou said that New York and Florida were involved in projects using recycled tires for paving materials. Deanna Mueller of DEQ, in response to funding questions, said that DEQ had a reimbursement program, but they were restricted in the way

that they could use those funds. She said, however, that DEQ would participate as a partner with Metro.

Vote: Ten councilors voted in favor of the motion. Councilor Hansen voted against the motion, and Councilor McFarland was absent.

The motion carried.

B. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Devlin reminded councilors that the Council retreat was scheduled for April 14. He said that he felt a discussion of the solid waste solution hierarchy would be appropriate at that meeting.

Councilor Van Bergen announced that he had received communication from the Executive Officer indicating that the Executive's proposed budget would be issued approximately three weeks later than requested. He said that he was uncomfortable with that delay and would be seeking a resolution. Presiding Officer Collier said that she had met with Ms. Cusma that day, and Ms. Cusma would be meeting with department heads to expedite the budget.

Councilor Ragsdale gave an update on Ballot Measure 1 regarding amending the Oregon Constitution to allow local voters to decide what type of transportation programs in their community could be funded through use of vehicle registration fees. He said that the measure would be on the ballot in May and fact sheets were available from the Transportation Department. He urged councilors to campaign for the measure in their districts. Mr. Cotugno urged councilors to advise him or the Public Affairs Director if they wished to volunteer for the speaker's bureau on Ballot Measure 1. He noted that the measure would not provide for authority for local jurisdictions to impose a vehicle registration fee, since local governments already had the authority to ask voters to impose a fee. He said the measure would allow local voters to decide if they wanted to use that fee in their community for transit purposes. Currently, the fees are constitutionally restricted to road purposes.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Ware-Barrett

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Clerk of the Council