

# MINUTES OF METRO COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber

March 2, 1995

Councilors Present: Ruth McFarland (Presiding Officer), Rod Monroe (Deputy Presiding Officer), Jon Kvistad, Patricia McCaig, Susan McLain, Ed Washington

Councilors Absent: Don Morissette

Presiding Officer McFarland called the March 2, 1995 Metro Council Regular Meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

## 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Officer McFarland noted Public Testimony cards were available at the table in the rear of the Council Chamber, and encouraged citizens who wished to testify to fill one out and present it to the Council Assistant.

## 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Officer Mike Burton referenced reports in the newspaper regarding the farm tax deferral, which he said contained misinformation. He commented on one reporter's assumption that Metro intended to expand the Urban Growth Boundary to slash into farm land, and indicated he had no intention of doing so. He said as a result of this and other recent articles, he intended to hold a press briefing on Tuesday, March 7, 1995, in which he would outline to the media Metro's policies and their reference to state law, the historical direction taken by the Metro Council and the intents of Metro regarding the Urban Growth Boundary and the 2040 process. Executive Officer Burton said he would take the steps necessary to correct the information and anticipated the Council might receive calls. He invited Councilors to sit in on the press briefing and said the time for that event had not yet been set.

Executive Officer Burton referenced a memorandum dated February 28, 1995 regarding the January Excise Tax and Expenditures Vs. Actual Report. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. He reported receipts and expenditures were close to their budgeted values year to date.

Councilor McLain inquired whether contact had been made with the leadership of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) regarding the press briefing. Executive Officer Burton said he would do so, and added his intent was to give clarification and understanding to the media regarding the differences between Urban Reserves, the Urban Growth Boundary, the 2015 dates, the 2040 dates, the requirement for having an adequate amount of land within the 20 year boundary, and so on. He said an internal process was underway to assure an appropriate understanding on the part of his staff.

Councilor McLain offered to inform MPAC regarding the briefing. Executive Officer Burton agreed. Councilor McLain asked that Executive Officer Burton read and give attention to the letter to editor from the Washington Farm Bureau.

Councilor Washington acknowledged the efforts of Executive Officer Burton to bring a better understanding to the situation.

Councilor McCaig asked Executive Officer Burton about an article in the newspaper which suggested a change in the direction of the North/South rail line was possible as the result of a hearing at the legislature. Executive Officer Burton explained discussions concerning the light rail at that hearing included the Oregon project, which

he said would start in Clackamas to the beach line at the Columbia, and added Clark County was being encouraged to continue the line across the bridge to the Washington side. He said discussion regarding realigning the line to go to the airport had occurred, but Executive Officer Burton noted ridership to the airport could be handled by a circulator system without the added expense of a light rail to that location. He felt the reporting might have been somewhat selective. Councilor Monroe commented regarding the work of JPACT and subcommittees, and said the South/North plan was alive from the Clackamas Town Center to Vancouver, Washington and would remain so unless the people north of the Columbia River advised to the otherwise. Councilor Monroe said there was no indication to date that they were considering not continuing to be tied in. He noted funding mechanisms and options pertinent to the both sides of the river were involved.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 1995 Work Session and the February 23, 1995 Metro Council Regular meeting as submitted. Councilor Washington seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

#### 5. ORDINANCES SECOND READINGS

##### 5.1 Ordinance No. 95-593. An Ordinance Amending The FY 1994-95 Budget And Appropriations Schedule For Emergency Repairs To Oxbow Park's Electrical Line: And Declaring An Emergency.

Councilor Washington noted a report had been previously given by Metro staff, and encouraged Council support of the proposed ordinance.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to adopt Ordinance No. 95-593, An Ordinance Amending The FY 1994-95 Budget And Appropriations Schedule For Emergency Repairs To Oxbow Park's Electrical Line; And Declaring An Emergency. Councilor McCaig seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

##### 6.1 Resolution No. 95-2097. For The Purpose Of Authorizing An Exemption To Metro Code Chapter 2.04.060, Personal Services Contract Selection Process. And Authorizing A Sole-Source Contract With Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) For Sponsorship Of The Annual "SOLVIT" Cleanup Event An Saturday, April 22, 1995

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2097. For The Purpose Of Authorizing An Exemption To Metro Code Chapter 2.04.060, Personal Services Contract Selection Process, And Authorizing A Sole-Source Contract With Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) For Sponsorship Of The Annual "SOLVIT" Cleanup Event An Saturday, April 22, 1995. Councilor Washington seconded the motion.

Executive Officer Burton addressed the Council in support of the SOLVIT campaign, and said the sole-source contract was key to this project with a proven history of success.

Jack McGowan, Executive Director of SOLV, distributed a booklet entitled "Keeping Oregon Shipshape for 25 Years, A 25 Year Retrospective." This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record. Mr. McGowan addressed the Council and reported the SOLVIT campaign was the largest of its kind in the nation. He said approximately 600 sites have been cleaned up in the five year history of SOLVIT events. He said the SOLVIT event planned for 1995 would be the largest event ever held by SOLVIT.

Ann Hotchkiss, Account Executive, KINK radio, briefed the Council concerning the advertising campaign that would be undertaken regarding the SOLVIT event for 1995.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. McGowan said Portland General Electric had printed 1,500 of the brochures at no cost to SOLVIT.

Councilor Kvistad encouraged the Council's support of the proposed resolution.

Mr. McGowan suggested with any questions be directed to his office at 647-9855.

6.2 Resolution No. 95-2100. For The Purpose Of Authorizing An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) With Multnomah County To Provide Landscape Maintenance Services.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to approve Resolution No. 95-2100, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) With Multnomah County To Provide Landscape Maintenance Services. Councilor Monroe seconded the motion.

Councilor Kvistad outlined the proposed resolution before the Council which would authorize an IGA with Multnomah County for landscape maintenance services to be provided at Metro South and at St. Johns Landfill by a supervised inmate work crew.

Executive Officer Burton supported the proposed resolution noting a cost savings resulted in utilizing a supervised inmate work crew for landscape maintenance services.

Councilors Washington, Monroe and Executive Officer Burton discussed the sensitivities involved in utilizing inmate work crews in lieu of a private landscape company. Councilor Monroe felt the IGA was consistent with what the voters approved and felt the positive outweighed any negative.

John Houser, Council Analyst, noted the matter had been budgeted for about \$36,000 in the FY 1994-95 Budget and the actual size of the contract would be about \$23,000, or about a \$13,000 savings FY 1995-96 Budget.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McLain, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McCaig voted no. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was five to one in favor. The motion passed.

6.3 Resolution No. 95-2099. For The Purpose Of Funding Third Year Metropolitan Greenspaces Education Grants Program.

Councilor McLain addressed the Council regarding the proposed resolution, and discussed the grants for education programs to support goals in the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan, the criteria for the grants and the applications received.

Ron Klein, Senior Regional Planner, said the passage of the proposed resolution would approve a third year of Greenspaces Education Grants, and said one of the goals of the Greenspaces Master Plan was to build awareness of the region's urban natural areas. He said thousands of students, parents, teachers and citizens in general were being reached with these grants, and said the local match ratio was over 4 to 1 for every Metro dollar that went into the program, or over \$600,000 in matching funds to date.

Presiding Officer McFarland commented in support of the proposed resolution.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

6.4 Resolution No. 95-2101. For The Purpose Of Authorizing Issuance Of A Request For Proposal To Select Consultant Services For Environmental Analysis And Preparation Of A Draft Environmental Impact Statement For The South/North Transit Corridor Study. And To Authorize The Executive Officer To Execute The Contract Subject To Conditions.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to approve Resolution No. 95-2101, For The Purpose Of Authorizing Issuance Of A Request For Proposal To Select Consultant Services For Environmental Analysis And Preparation Of A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) For The South/North Transit Corridor Study, And To Authorize The Executive Officer To Execute The Contract Subject To Conditions. Councilor McClain seconded the motion.

In response to Presiding Officer McFarland, Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel, said the proposed resolution did not need to come before the Contract Review Board since it was a multi-year contract.

Councilor Monroe presented the proposed resolution to the Council and explained the environmental impact study was a requirement by both federal agencies and the state. He said the study would review impacts on matters such as land use, transportation, air quality, eco-systems, soils and geology, hazardous materials, park lands, energy, historic, archaeological and cultural displacements, relocation, water quality, and hydrology, and he urged the Council's support.

Councilor Kvistad commented he felt it was important to study an east side alignment as a potential fall back position.

In response to Councilor McLain, Councilor Monroe said a portion of the cost of the environmental impact statement was to be born by citizens north of the Columbia River. He added funding requests had been made and were pending.

Leon Skiles, Transportation Planning Manager, said the next phase involved the EIS and the initiation of preliminary engineering. He said the EIS was fully funded under current contract, and said funding requests would be made for items not fully funded in the next phase.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Kvistad invited the members of the Council to the Dorchester Conference, Friday, March 3, 1995 to noon, Sunday, March 5, 1995.

Councilor McCaig asked Councilor Kvistad to make arrangements for her to attend.

Councilor Kvistad commented on the Balanced Budget Amendment which he said he supported, and indicated he would support Senator Mark Hatfield regardless of his vote today.

Presiding Officer McFarland noted that as she made appointments of Councilors to various Committees, she intended to inform the Council of such appointments. She said recent appointments to the Conference Committee for Portland Center for the Performing Arts included herself and Councilor Washington. She said other members of would include Executive Officer Burton, Mike Lindberg, Gretchen Kafoury, and she said Metro Staff would include Doug Butler, Pat LaCrosse, and Art Alexander or Steve Bauer from the City of Portland.

Councilor Washington noted MERC Commissioners involved on the committee included Mitzi Scott and Cliff Carlson, and he named two citizens, Mary Arnstead and Bob Ames.

Councilor Washington commented he was enjoying working with the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPROVED**  
Date 03/09/1995