

## MINUTES OF METRO COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber

March 23, 1995

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

Councilors Absent: Jon Kvistad

Presiding Officer McFarland called the March 23, 1995 Metro Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None present at 7:00 p.m. Presiding Officer McFarland offered to return to the agenda item later in the meeting.

### 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Officer Burton introduced Andy Cotugno, Planning Department Director, who referenced a memorandum dated March 20, 1995 to the Metro Council regarding the Cascadia Metropolitan Caucus. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. He noted a recent Cascadia Conference was held in Eugene, and said an initial meeting of the caucus was scheduled for June 22-23, 1995 to be held in Seattle.

Executive Officer Burton referenced a memorandum from Mr. Cotugno dated March 23, 1995 regarding the Interim Regional Transportation Plan Update and Adoption Schedule. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

In response to Presiding Officer McFarland, Mr. Cotugno noted Council involvement dates scheduled as outlined in the referenced memorandum including work sessions for review and discussion as well as potential Council adoption.

Mr. Cotugno noted he wished to send the schedule out in the mail on March 24, 1995 and asked for a consensus from the Council to approve that effort.

Councilor McLain asked that the schedule be checked against the Future Vision Listening Post meeting dates. Staff checked the dates and it was determined there were no conflicts, and consensus was reached regarding sending out the schedule.

Executive Officer Burton referenced the February Excise Tax and Expenditures Vs. Actual Report dated March 21, 1995 containing an update of the actual excise tax receipts information and the forecast for the total year. He said both excise tax receipts and expenditures by appropriation unit were close to their budgeted values for the year to date with some shortfall in Solid Waste revenues.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 4.1 Consideration of Minutes for the March 16, 1995 Metro Council Regular Meeting

Motion: Councilor Morissette moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 1995 Metro Council Regular meeting.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Motion: Councilor McCaig moved to approve the March 10, 1995 Metro Council Work Session.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

### 5.1 Resolution No. 95-2105, For The Purpose Of Confirming Nominations To The Newly Established Regional Parks And Greenspaces Advisory Committee.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2105. Councilor McLain seconded the motion.

Councilor Washington, lead Councilor for the Metropolitan Greenspaces Program, introduced the proposed resolution.

Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff report and noted the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee was established in October 1994 by resolution. He said its purpose was to continue and increase citizen involvement and participation in the new Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, which has been established in January 1994. Mr. Huie said the proposed resolution would authorize the confirmation of the list of nominees represented in Exhibit B to the resolution to be appointed as members to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee. Exhibit B was printed in the agenda packet for this meeting and has been made a permanent part of the meeting record.

Mr. Huie outlined the membership component of the committee of eleven members, which he noted was citizen based with one member from each Metro Council district, one member from each of the counties of Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah from outside the Metro boundaries, and one member from Clark County to continue the bi-state greenspaces planning effort.

In response to Councilor Morissette, Mr. Huie said his time to staff the committee was already budgeted, and indicated he was currently staffing the committee in another format.

Executive Officer Burton commented he also had inquired regarding the staffing impact at the time of his review. He understood other staffed activities were being eliminated and that the focus was being redirected. Executive Officer Burton said in the FY 1996-97 he intended to heighten awareness of and identify the cost for such advisory committees along with the value obtained.

Councilor McLain commented the expertise represented by the membership component of the committee would be beneficial to the work of Metro and the Greenspaces Master Plan whether or not the bond measure passed.

Councilor Washington asked regarding one member of the committee who was also a member of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI), adding that he favored the widest participation possible. Mr. Huie indicated the MCCI member selected had been the only applicant from the district represented; i.e. Clackamas County outside the Metro boundary. Mr. Huie added the applicant was well qualified. Councilor Washington cautioned that the Council understood the same name coming up twice did not mean the opportunity had not been

given on a broad basis. Councilor Washington drew the Council's attention to Exhibit A, which he noted outlined the term limitations.

Mr. Huie noted Councilor Washington was the ex officio Council representative on the committee.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**5.2 Resolution No. 95-2110. For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Executive Officer To Execute Change Order No. 17 To The Metro Central Station Operations Contract To Make Improvements To The Truck Wash Water Reuse System**

**Motion:** Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2110. Councilor McCaig seconded the motion.

Councilor McLain, support Councilor for Solid Waste issues, introduced the proposed resolution and said it would authorize the execution of a change order to Metro Central Station operations contract for the purpose of making improvement to the truck wash water reuse system. She indicated the current water treatment system was considered by all parties to be experimental, and said modifications appeared necessary to the original design for successful operation of the system.

In response to Presiding Officer McFarland, James Watkins, Engineering and Analysis Manager, said the attempt was not to have any discharge of contaminants in the truck wash water system into the waste water system. Presiding Officer McFarland felt the system designers were attempting to bring that goal to pass.

In response to Councilor Morissette, Mr. Watkins said \$11,000 additional funding was necessary to bring the system up to the desired standards. Mr. Watkins noted the company involved, Landa, agreed to remove the entire system at no cost to Metro if the system was deemed unacceptable during the summer months.

In response to Councilor Washington, Mr. Watkins said there was a possibility that fines could be imposed should the matter not be resolved.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**5.3 Resolution No. 95-2111. For The Purpose Of Authorizing Issuance Of A Request For Proposals For Construction Quality Assurance Services Required For The Closure Of The St. Johns Landfill.**

**Motion:** Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2111. Councilor Morissette seconded the motion.

Councilor McLain introduced the proposed resolution and referenced page 26 of the agenda packet. She said the proposed resolution would authorize the issuance for a Request for Proposals for construction quality assurance services which were required for the St. Johns Landfill closure process as well as authorize the Executive Officer to execute a contract with the most qualified proposer. She noted the proposals would be evaluated based on the firm's qualifications, firm and staff experience on similar projects as well as cost.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Presiding Officer McFarland changed the order of Agenda Items No. 5.5 and 5.4 to be taken under consideration.

5.5 Resolution No. 95-2118. For The Purpose Of Selecting The Use Of A Request For Proposals As The Preferred Approach To Determine The Long Term Disposition Of Waste Received At The Forest Grove Transfer Station.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2118. Councilor Washington seconded the motion.

Councilor McLain, support Councilor for Solid Waste issues, said the proposed resolution would provide for selecting the use of a Request for Proposals as the preferred approach to determine the long term disposition of waste received at the Forest Grove Transfer Station (FGTS). She said staff would prepare the documents for the RFP should the proposed resolution be adopted.

Executive Officer Burton referenced two letters: 1) an undated letter from Ambrose Calcagno, Jr., Forest Grove Transfer Station/A C Trucking, Inc. regarding tonnage to Riverbend; and, 2) a letter dated March 23, 1995 from Scott Bradley, General Manager, Sanifill Northwest/Riverbend Landfill Co., Inc. regarding acceptance of FGTS waste at Riverbend.

Executive Officer Burton noted waste received at the Forest Grove facility was, until June of 1994, transported and disposed at the Riverbend Landfill in Yamhill County, as granted by Metro to the franchisee through a non-system license. He said from June 1994 to March 1995 waste was transported by the franchisee to the Metro Central Transfer Station. Mr. Watkins noted several options were available to Metro regarding the disposition of waste received at the FGTS; i.e. 1) that A.C. Trucking (the franchisee) would transport and dispose of the waste at Riverbend with any savings available from reduced tipping fees at Riverbend kept by the franchisee; 2) that Metro would negotiate savings as part of disposal at the Riverbend landfill; 3) that Metro would arrange for the transport of solid waste directly from the FGTS to the Columbia Ridge Landfill (CRL); or, 4) that Metro would solicit proposals for transport and disposal of the waste from FGTS.

Councilor Morissette inquired as to why a compactor, which would reduce the number of trucks necessary to transport the waste, had not been installed at FGTS and whether that was important to accomplish or not. Mr. Watkins said the current operation at FGTS involved top-loading only of trucks to go to Metro Central and said such an operation did not require a compactor. He said Jack Gray Transport did not have top-loading trucks, but rather had to load from the rear, and he said in that case a compactor would be necessary. Mr. Watkins said Metro promised residents of the Columbia River Gorge that waste being trucked up the gorge would be sealed loads; i.e. odor free and leak free and not recognizable as garbage.

Executive Officer Burton said the reason to use an RFP as the preferred approach was to be able to utilize a number of factors to determine the best option, not just the dollar amount. Executive Officer Burton noted there was a franchise agreement for the operation for the FGTS which was separate from a current agreement due to expire on March 31, 1995. Executive Officer Burton noted A C Trucking Co., Inc. was going to transport the waste to Riverbend as of April 1, 1995. He said questions regarding the provisions of their making that decision needed to be negotiated. He said several letters had been sent to A C Trucking, and he added, to date, they had not negotiated.

Councilor Morissette commented the process should involve comparison of all factors to assure the best value. He asked about protection as it related to the 90% of waste Metro was contractually obligated with Oregon Waste Systems to send to Columbia Ridge.

Executive Officer Burton said that guarantee for another 16 years was an important consideration that would be built into the proposal. Executive Officer Burton said the 4th option previously referenced was the direction being followed.

In response to Councilor Washington, Executive Officer Burton said he hoped the process would not take as long as nine months, but wanted to be assured there were no mistakes made in the process.

Councilor McLain emphasized a vote to adopt the proposed resolution would only endorse the use of a RFP as the preferred approach.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5.4 Resolution No. 95-2119. For The Purpose Of Expressing Support For The National Americorps Program.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2119. Councilor Monroe seconded the motion.

Councilor Washington introduced the proposed resolution and briefly described the AmeriCorps program, established in June 1994 to provide opportunities for young men and women in America to work on conservation projects while earning a small stipend and college tuition credit. He noted Metro's participation in the local EnviroCorps program affiliation to help restore the Columbia Slough area, and said the proposed resolution would acknowledge Metro's continued support and direct that the resolution with cover letter be sent to all members of Oregon's and southwest Washington's congressional delegations.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Presiding Officer McFarland revisited Agenda Item No. 2, Citizen Communications.

Councilor Monroe introduced two citizens present who wished to testify, Rose Marie Opp and Lawrence Hudetz, concerning the mid Multnomah County area, newly annexed to the City of Portland, which he noted was what he termed "park poor." Councilor Monroe indicated there was a park behind Midland Library for which plans were being made by the City of Portland and Multnomah County to pave a portion for a parking lot.

Rose Marie Opp testified before the Council regarding the situation, noting she came to Metro because of its involvement in the Greenspaces program. She expressed concerns regarding a parking space program recommended by the library which would take square footage away from an existing park with plans for 117 parking spaces. Ms. Opp said citizens in the neighborhood deemed a separate plan for 99 spaces which would not include a portion of the park was sufficient. She noted a proposal was under discussion for an exchange by creating a man made park in lieu of the footage used for the additional parking the library wanted. Ms. Opp said she found it difficult to obtain clear information when visiting the agencies involved. She noted the Midland Library had used the Beaverton Library as a model for the transportation study done for their library parking problems, and did not feel that was appropriate due to the differences involved.

Ms. Opp noted Ginnie Cooper was the Library Director, who she said had attended neighborhood meetings to bring forward her recommendations. Ms. Opp noted a hearing was to be held on March 28, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. at the Portland Building, 1120 S.W. 5th Ave. in Hearing Room A, second floor.

Councilor McCaig asked that direction be given to Charlie Ciecko, Director of Regional Parks and Greenspaces, to prepare a report for the Council regarding the property in question.

Lawrence Hudetz, 11135 S.E. Yamhill St., Portland, addressed the Council and discussed the context of the hearing to take place. He also discussed his frustration attempting to be heard as a representative voice of the citizens who gave their signatures concerning the matter in protest, which he brought to forward to neighborhood meeting discussions.

Councilor Monroe suggested the possibility that a letter from the Council expressing concern regarding the matter be drafted. Presiding Officer McFarland suggested Council members attend the hearing to ask for information, and asked that information be placed in the Councilor's boxes with information from the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department. Councilor Washington indicated he would leave a message with Dan Kromer, Department of Regional Parks and Greenspaces requesting the information desired.

## 6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 6.1 Discussion of MCCI Work Plan

Councilor McLain, liaison to the MCCI, introduced Judy Shioishi, Associate Council Analyst, and acknowledged members of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement present at the meeting.

Debra Downey, MCCI member, thanked the Council for not adopting the resolution presented recently to eliminate the 7:00 p.m. Council meetings. She noted two other MCCI members were present who would present their portions of the MCCI Work Plan, Lennie Bjornsen and William Merchant.

Ms. Shioishi referenced a memorandum dated March 20, 1995 containing the MCCI Work Plan. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Mr. Bjornsen, Mr. Merchant and Ms. Shioishi presented the Work Plans for the groups as identified in the March 20 memorandum. Presiding Officer McFarland acknowledged the good work of the MCCI.

In response to Councilor McCaig, Ms. Shioishi said the intent of the work plan of the MCCI was to enhance the communication stream to the citizen's of the region. Ms. Downey commented on the work plan of Group 2 as an effort to achieve that goal.

Councilor McCaig expressed concerns regarding one way communication, and felt some of the work proposed by the MCCI appeared duplicative of work being done by staff, for example, in the 2040 process.

Bob Bothman, MCCI Vice Chair, addressed the Council and indicated it was his hope that the region's citizens would have a better understanding of the work of Metro through the efforts of the MCCI.

Ms. Shioishi commented regarding the Community New Release distribution to neighborhood organizations, and said the piece was well received.

In response to Councilor Morissette, Ms. Shioishi addressed the budget impact represented in the Work Plan and indicated some additional funding would be necessary.

Councilor McLain clarified some of the Work Plan projects would fit into the current fiscal year, some into FY 1995-96 and others into fiscal years yet to come.

Councilor McCaig expressed concerns about there being a filter for communication with her as a Councilor, and said she rather preferred direct communication from the citizens of the region. She asked concerning discussion

regarding the placement of the Office of the MCCI and whether it might be taken up at another time. Councilor McLain indicated the MCCI members were prepared to go forward with that discussion.

Executive Officer Burton addressed the Council, and said he felt the administration of the activity of work plans such as developed by the MCCI should be placed under the Executive Office. He noted it was his disposition that the Work Plan of the MCCI should have been presented coincident with the presentation of the Proposed FY 1995-96 Budget.

Mr. Bjornsen distributed a document entitled, "MCCI Structure Assessment" drafted by the MCCI Steering Committee and dated March 1, 1995 containing a flow chart demonstrating the current and proposed possible reporting relationship of the MCCI to either the Council or the Executive. He mentioned the possibility was discussed of whether the MCCI could be placed in the Office of the Auditor. Mr. Bjornsen indicated it appeared to be of predominant importance to the MCCI that the MCCI staff have a direct reporting relationship to the MCCI itself regardless of the reporting relationship within the Metro structure.

Ms. Downey said she saw the work of the MCCI as one of fulfilling a partnership and a link to the public to provide more of a response from the public to the Metro Council and the Executive. Mr. Bothman said he saw the work of the MCCI as one of advocacy for Metro.

Angel Olsen, 19319 N.E. Couch, Gresham, addressed the Council, and said she saw a goal of the MCCI to enable citizens of the region to become participants in the governing process through education and training to do so.

Aleta Woodruff, 2143 N.E. 95th, Portland, addressed the Council, and indicated she felt the MCCI would be instrumental in the dissemination of information and knowledge for such Metro efforts and Measure 26-26.

Councilor Morissette addressed the MCCI, and indicated he appreciated the input from the members and had achieved an enhanced understanding of the goals of the MCCI. He indicated it was his desire to work together as a team to do the work of implementing Region 2040.

Councilor Washington indicated he was pleased with the effort made by the MCCI members to enlighten and inform the Council regarding their vision. Presiding Officer McFarland closed saying it was beneficial that the citizens of the region attain a better understanding of what Metro is about and was encouraged that the MCCI intended to work toward that end. Councilor McLain thanked the members of the MCCI for participating and looked forward to a partnership, networking for the good of the public.

Angel Olsen advocated for the Regional Institute for Participation in Government.

## 7. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Merrie Waylett, Office of Public and Government Relations, addressed the Council and said caucuses were held this date to discuss light rail funding. She said it was understood the Senate supported moving the light rail funding bill forward, and she said the House was not as supportive, however. She said Burton Weast had indicated that should the Senate pass the bill, it was likely the House would acquiesce.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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