

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

### Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: none

Presiding Officer McFarland called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

At Councilor Washington's request, two PSU students informally introduced themselves from the audience. They were in attendance to hear the update on the Green City Data Project.

#### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

##### 4.1 Presentation: Portland-Multnomah Progress Board Benchmarks

Pamela H. Wev, Project Director of the Portland-Multnomah Progress Board, appeared to speak before the Council on the 1994 Portland-Multnomah Benchmarks. She distributed copies of the Portland-Multnomah Benchmarks 1994 Annual Report, a copy of which is included as part of the meeting record. The Council thanked Ms. Wev for her report. Several Councilors pointed out that benchmarks established for Portland and Multnomah County would affect other areas of the region, yet regional partners did not have the opportunity to participate in the process. They noted that the benchmark program needs to include all counties and cities in the region to truly be of use to Metro.

Ms. Wev also reported that Portland and Multnomah County will partake in a federal pilot program to update the way the federal census is taken. In the pilot program, slated to take place in six cities across the United States, the Census Bureau will test the effectiveness of gathering census information on a monthly basis, as opposed to every

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decade. She pointed out that information provided by Metro's GIS program was instrumental in Portland and Multnomah County being named as participants in the pilot program. Ms. Wev informed the Council that the information provided by Metro was given to the pilot program without charge. She thanked Metro for waiving the \$10,000 fee. Councilors expressed surprise and concern that the \$10,000 charge had been waived without Council approval, and asked who had approved this action. Councilor McLain volunteered to research the matter and report back to Council.

### 4.2 Update on Green City Data Project

Councilor Washington introduced Ron Klein, Senior Regional Planner in the Regional Parks and Greenspaces department, who appeared before the Council to give an update on the Green City Data Project. Also taking part in the presentation was Jim Gillen, Project Coordinator for the Green City Data Project. The program, which is sponsored by Metro, the Audubon Society, Portland State University, and the Saturday Academy, brings students together to study urban natural areas and make recommendations for their future. Project sponsors developed a model to engage middle and secondary school students and received a grant from the federal government to proceed with the project. The project culminates each year with a conference in Portland. Mr. Gillen reported that Metro has been a leader and catalyst between governments, schools, businesses, and neighborhood associations in garnering support for and participation in the project. Councilors offered their endorsement and expressed high regard for the project. Councilor Kvistad suggested the name be changed to reflect the regional aspect of the project. He stated he will be bringing a resolution before the Council to rename the project the "Green Region Data Project."

In conjunction with the presentation, Councilors received a copy of the Whitaker Ponds Concept Master Plan. A copy of this plan is included as part of the meeting record.

### 4.3 Discussion of Long-Range Funding

Councilor McCaig lead a long-range funding discussion. She emphasized a need for the Council to have more front-end input into the budget, rather than waiting until the end of the process to make changes to the Executive's budget. She distributed a "Long Range Funding Issues Timeline" which is included as part of the meeting record.

Councilor McCaig announced plans to hold a series of Finance Committee work sessions to deal with long-range planning issues throughout the months of June and July. The first meeting is scheduled for June 8, 1995 at 12:00 noon in the Council Annex. At the first meeting the following will take place:

- Discussion of individual Councilor funding priorities, with needs prioritized in one of three categories, "Life Threatening," "Smart," and "Wish List." (Councilors were

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asked to submit their prioritized list to Councilor McCaig by the first of June in preparation for the meeting.)

- Discussion of how to proceed with the work. (i.e., whether to deal with funding issues holistically or piece meal.)
- Determination of a schedule for subsequent work sessions, using the tentative dates listed below as a guideline. (It was suggested that Finance Committee meetings be regularly scheduled for 4:00 PM on every fourth Thursday, the day of the 7:00 PM Council Meetings.)

## *TENTATIVE SCHEDULE*

Thursday, June 8	12:00 noon
Thursday, June 22	4:00 PM
Thursday, July 6	12:30 PM
Thursday, July 20	12:30 PM
Thursday, July 27	4:00 PM
Thursday, August 24	4:00 PM
Thursday, September 28	4:00 PM

## 5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor McLain informed the Council that she and Executive Officer Burton attended the Willamette Council of Governments meeting to inform them of Metro's regional goals and the RUGGO process. As a result of this meeting, the Willamette COG has asked to meet quarterly with Metro to discuss the Regional Framework Plan, the Regional Transportation Plan, Region 2040, and Future Vision. Councilor McLain will be distributing invitations to Councilors to participate in a session with the Willamette COG to be held at Metro in September.

Councilor McLain reported on the Future Vision document. Councilors Morissette and Kvistad had approached her with several concerns regarding the document. She reported that of their 16 concerns, all but four had been addressed. The four remaining issues will be addressed at a future meeting. The Council has an opportunity to discuss the document when it goes to MPAC on May 24, however, it may be more beneficial to discuss it at the Council level. Councilors Kvistad and Morissette thanked Councilor McLain for listening to their concerns about Future Vision; however, Councilor Morissette pointed out that the four remaining issues still need to be addressed.

Councilor Kvistad informed the Council that he has forwarded the name of Steven Stolze, former mayor of Tualatin, to Executive Officer Burton as his selection to the Boundary Commission

Councilor Morissette stated he intends to bring a resolution before the Council that will establish a process for dealing with greenspaces property acquisition, in light of the

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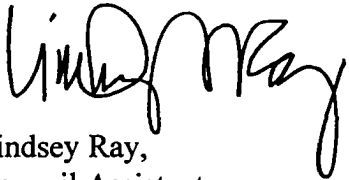
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passage of Measure 26-26. Councilor McLain indicated that several other entities, including the Executive Officer and the Trust for Public Lands, are also developing guidelines. Councilor Washington advised Councilors that this issue will be addressed in the Regional Facilities Committee. It was decided that Councilor Washington will prepare a memorandum to inform staff and interested parties that the Council will be establishing a set of policies to deal with greenspaces acquisition. In the interim, staff should not make any commitments or decisions with regard to specific pieces of property.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Prepared by,

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Lindsey Ray,  
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