

MINUTES OF METRO COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber

June 1, 1995

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

Councilors Absent: Don Morissette

Presiding Officer McFarland called the June 1, 1995 Metro Council Regular Meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Washington introduced Linda Delf, a Portland Public School teacher, addressed the Council concerning the Northeast Community School, a Portland Public Alternative School, a program for children in the Elliot neighborhood in Councilor Washington's district involving gymnastics, dance, music lessons, debate to be conducted both before and after school and in the summer. She said the teachers involved had been raising funds themselves and gaining support from foundations for launching the program and she distributed materials to the Council regarding the project. Ms. Delf asked for Metro's help by giving a waiver for the dumping fees for a possible 25 tons of construction debris for the renovation of the roof of the building that had been purchased for the Northeast Community School.

Councilors McCaig and Washington expressed interest in taking action on the matter. The Council discussed how to proceed. Councilor Kvistad recommended taking the matter before the Solid Waste Committee in the form of a resolution for a formal action.

Presiding Officer McFarland indicated all actions items on the agenda for this meeting would be referred to Committees, and on that basis Councilor McCaig agreed.

Presiding Officer McFarland asked that the item be brought forward to the Solid Waste Committee. Councilor Kvistad indicated the next Solid Waste Committee meeting was set for June 6, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Minutes for the May 23, 1995 Metro Council Work Session and the May 25, 1995 Metro Council meeting and the Budget Committee Minutes for March 21, April 4, April 6, April 18, and April 20, 1995

Presiding Officer McFarland asked that the May 25, 1995 Metro Council meeting minutes be amended to denote that the Presiding Officer set over a discussion of Open Space acquisition policy to the Regional Facilities Committee.

Motion as Amended: Councilor Monroe moved the minutes for the May 23, 1995 Metro Council Work Session and the May 25, 1995 Metro Council meeting and the Budget Committee minutes for March 21, April 4, April 6, April 18, and April 20, 1995 be approved as submitted with the amendment to the May 25, 1995 Metro Council meeting minutes as requested by Presiding Officer McFarland. Councilor Washington seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion as Amended: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain; Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Kvistad abstained from voting on the minutes for the March 21 Budget Committee meeting in which he was not in attendance. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was unanimous with one abstention on the March 21 Budget Committee meeting minutes, and the motion passed.

5. ORDINANCES FIRST READINGS

5.1 Ordinance No. 95-604, For the Purpose of Adopting A Future Vision for the Region

Councilor McLain noted that matter before the Council was not under consideration for action at this time, but rather was on the agenda for first reading only. She referenced materials in the agenda packet including Exhibits to the proposed ordinance. These documents have been placed in the permanent meeting record.

Presiding Officer McFarland opened a public hearing.

Len Freiser, Chair, Future Vision Commission, addressed the Council and presented remarks endorsing the proposed ordinance with accompanying Exhibits A, B, and C. A hard copy of his remarks have been placed in the permanent meeting record. Mr. Freiser asked that language be added to Exhibit A by adding 26 words to line 39 which would then read: "We value a cultural atmosphere and public policies that will insure that every child in every community enjoys the greatest possible opportunities to fulfil his or her potential in life; and, as a high priority, that every child, regardless of income, has the opportunity to engage in the literary, visual, and performing arts in community centers." [Recorder's note: new language is underlined.] A copy of this proposed amendment has been placed in the permanent meeting record.

Councilor McLain indicated she would be willing to sponsor the proposed amendment at the appropriate time.

Peggy Lynch, Beaverton resident and member of the Future Vision Commission, addressed the Council in support of the proposed ordinance. She advocated for RUGGO's, the functional plans, Regional Framework Plans and program funding opportunities. Ms. Lynch referenced her three memorandums dated May 11, May 23, and May 25, 1995 with her recommendations. These documents have been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Robert B. Textor, Stanford University professor, addressed the Council and talked about the livability factor that was at stake for the region. He urged adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Robert Cain, President, Coalition of Metropolitan Property Associations, Inc. (COMPA) addressed the Council. He said the COMPA had reviewed the Future Vision document line by line and would like to present suggested revisions which he said were a product of a unified effort of organizations convened by COMPA based on their review.

Mr. Cain introduced Robin White, Executive Vice President, Portland Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA). Ms. White gave commendation to Councilor McLain and the Commission for the work effort and spoke in support of work of the Future Vision Commission. She distributed a document containing

revisions suggested by the COMPA, briefing the Council concerning those suggestions. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Anne Nickel, Columbia Corridor Association, addressed the Council noting her participation in the COMPA group and spoke in support of the work of the Future Vision Commission and the COMPA suggested revisions to the Future Vision document.

Steve Rose, representing the Metro Multi-Family Housing Association, addressed the Council in support of suggested revisions from COMPA and from Executive Officer Burton concerning the "To Achieve" section.

Dorothy Cofield, representing Oregonians in Action, a non-profit made up of approximately 3,400 members who she indicated were small rural landowners throughout the state with about one half of the membership in the Metro region. Ms. Cofield advocated for greater protection for private property rights and indicated support for the Open Spaces Bond Measure as a means of doing so. She noted she was part of the COMPA group and spoke in support of the work of the Future Vision Commission and supported the draft revisions presented by COMPA. Ms. Cofield indicated appreciation for the work done on the draft and asked for consideration of COMPA's suggestions.

Drake Butsch, representing the Portland Home Builders Association, thanked the Commission for their work effort and supported the final document with modifications as suggested by COMPA. He advocated the removal of the "To Achieve" sections as suggested by Executive Officer Burton. He expressed concern about Metro's "hands being tied," and suggested these sections be placed in another document or placed in the record. He suggested advice from legal counsel be obtained regarding the differences between an attachment to the document and simply having the matter in the record.

Joe Gronewald, Deputy Director, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors, addressed the Council. He said his organization was composed of over 3,200 members and supported of the recommendations made by the COMPA.

Jim Griffith, Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations, asked the Council to adopt the recommendations made by the COMPA group.

Bill Resnick, Chair, Jobs With Justice, Committee for Sustainable Economic Development, presented remarks to the Council in support of the Future Vision statement and felt planning for economic development was important to the process. He referenced suggested revisions to the Future Vision document submitted by Portland Jobs With Justice, and entered a copy of his letter and the suggested revisions for placement in the permanent meeting record.

Peter G. McDonald, Clackamas County hazelnut and tree farmer and member of the Future Vision Commission, addressed the Council in support of the Future Vision document.

Alice Schlenker, citizen of Lake Oswego, Metro Policy Advisory Committee member and member of the Future Vision Commission, commented on the work of the Commission and said the Future Vision document met her criteria as a decision maker for the public interest. Ms. Schlenker urged adoption of the Future Vision document.

Judy Davis, League of Women Voters and member of the Future Vision Commission, addressed the Council and said that in 1967 the League of Women Voters in Washington/Clackamas/Multnomah Counties jointly adopted a position statement which she read into the record: "We believe that a sense of regional community is vital in dealing with regional issues. We support efforts aimed at developing and expanding this sense of regional community among all residents of the Portland Metropolitan region." Ms. Davis urged adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Linda Peters, Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, indicated her remarks were rather as a member of the Future Vision Commission. She felt the testimony of participants today reflected more unity of thought than they did conflicting issues. She asked the Council to consider changes in language be done selectively to clarify and be reflective of the integrated nature of the work.

Robert Liberty, Director of 1000 Friends of Oregon and member of the Future Vision Commission, and citizen of the region, addressed the Council. He noted testimony he had given in 1991 predicted implementation of RUGGO's could take from six years to a decade from that time. He urged decisiveness on the Council's part and adoption of the Future Vision document without delay.

Denny Krause, Greater Gresham Board of Realtors, addressed the Council and indicated support for the work of COMPA. Mr. Krause advocated for the ability for citizens to site homes on small parcels of acreage of non-productive land.

Bill Bugbee, representing Friends of Cooper Mountain, addressed the Council and supported the work of the Future Vision Commission.

Presiding Officer McFarland closed the public hearing.

Councilor Monroe commented he felt enhancing the livability of the region benefited of the economic development of the region at the same time

Presiding Officer McFarland and Councilor McLain thanked the citizens who testified and the members of the Future Vision Commission for their work effort, and said the suggestions for revision would be reviewed before the next public hearing on June 15, at which time those revisions deemed appropriate could be incorporated.

5.2 Ordinance No. 95-603. Amending the FY 1994-95 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Reflect Increased Concessions at the Convention Center and Increased Parking at the Expo Center; and Declaring an Emergency.

Presiding Officer McFarland referred Ordinance No. 95-603 to the Regional Facilities Committee.

5.3 Ordinance No. 95-605. Amending the FY 1994-95 Budget and Appropriations to Fund Certain Expenses Related to the Open Spaces, Parks and Streams General Obligation Bonds; and Declaring an Emergency.

Councilor McCaig requested the proposed ordinance be heard at this time without referral to committee in order to avoid a delay in adoption until after the end of the fiscal year.

Presiding Officer McFarland consented that the proposed ordinance be first read and heard at this time.

Councilor McCaig indicated the proposed ordinance contained a request for \$92,832 to be transferred from the General Fund Contingency. She noted that upon sale of the bonds the monies would be reimbursed to the Contingency Fund.

Presiding Officer McFarland asked that the proposed ordinance be placed on the next Council meeting agenda for June 8, 1995 for action.

5.4 Ordinance No. 95-606. Amending the FY 1994-95 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Transferring Appropriations to Fund A Portion of the Regional Government Information Exchange Between Metro and the Agencies Participating in the South/North High Capacity Transit Study; and Declaring an Emergency.

Presiding Officer McFarland referred Ordinance No. 95-606 to the Finance Committee.

6. ORDINANCES: SECOND READINGS

6.1 Ordinance No. 95-602, Relating to Administration, Amending the Metro Code, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion: Councilor McCaig moved to adopt Ordinance No. 95-602. Councilor McLain seconded the motion.

Presiding Officer McFarland introduced a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 95-602, amending Section 2.04.010 Definitions by adding a new definition. She entered a document containing the proposed amendment into the record. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Monroe moved to amend Ordinance No. 95-602 by adding a new definition:
"Council Presiding Officer" means the Council Presiding Officer provided for in Section 16 of the 1992 Metro Charter. In carrying out the duties of the office of Council Presiding Officer, as defined by the Council, the Presiding Officer may directly execute contracts and contract amendments without the approval of the Executive Officer but otherwise subject to the requirements of this Code." Councilor Kvistad seconded the motion.

Councilor McLain referenced a memorandum from Doug Butler dated May 31, 1995 regarding questions she had asked related to the proposed ordinance. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel, indicated he, too, had received a copy of the referenced memorandum. Mr. Cooper clarified there would be no impact on the MBE/WBE/DBE programs by passage of the proposed ordinance. Councilor McLain said in that case she would not have an amendment.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe and McFarland voted aye. Councilors Morissette and Washington were absent.

The vote was 5 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Monroe moved to amend Ordinance No. 95-602, Section 2.04.010 Definitions by adding a new definition:
"Auditor" means the Metro auditor provided for in Section 18 of 1992 Metro Charter. In carrying out the duties of the office of Auditor the Auditor may directly execute contracts and contract amendments without the approval of the Executive Officer but otherwise subject to the requirements of this Code." Councilor McCaig seconded the motion.

A copy of the proposed amendment was entered in the permanent meeting record.

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

The vote was 6 in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Kvistad moved to amend Ordinance No. 95-602, Section 9.01.070 Emergency Succession to read as follows:
"In the event of the death of the Executive Officer or the declaration of a vacancy in that office, the Presiding Officer of the Metro Council shall assume the duties of the Executive Officer until such time as the council fills the vacancy pursuant to Section 9.01.060. [Recorders' note: New language is underlined.] Councilor Monroe seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe and McFarland voted aye. Councilors Morissette and Washington were absent.

The vote was 5 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

Presiding Officer McFarland opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared before the Committee to testify. Presiding Officer McFarland closed the public hearing.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Washington abstained. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with one abstention, and the motion passed.

Councilor Washington explained he abstained due to the fact that he was absent from the proceedings for this particular ordinance for a portion of time.

7. RESOLUTIONS

Presiding Officer McFarland changed the order of the agenda at this time which is reflected in the minutes as the chronology of the matters as they were heard.

7.1 Resolution No. 95-2160, For the Purpose of Adopting Rules Establishing Procedures Relating to the Conduct of Council Standing Committee Business.

Motion: Councilor McCaig moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2160. Councilor Washington seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was 6 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

7.4 Resolution No. 95-2151, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Douglas E. Butler as Director of the Department of Administrative Services.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2151. Councilor Kvistad seconded the motion.

Councilor Washington indicated the proposed resolution would confirm the appointment of Mr. Butler as the Director of the Department of Administrative Services. Councilor Washington urged the Council to vote no on the proposed resolution.

The Council discussed the matter further, noting Mr. Butler's office was bigger than theirs and that it was too noisy around here.

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

The vote was 6 to 0 opposed, and the motion failed.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to reconsider.

Councilor Washington explained the Council's intent was to have a little fun with Mr. Butler, and urged the Council's support of the proposed resolution.

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

The vote was 6 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

7.5 Resolution No. 95-2152. For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Jennifer Sims as Chief Financial Officer.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2152. Councilor Kvistad seconded the motion.

The Council discussed the matter further.

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

The vote was 6 to 0 opposed, and the motion failed.

Motion to Reconsider: Councilor Kvistad moved to reconsider. Councilor McLain seconded the motion.

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

The vote was 6 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

7.6 Resolution No. 95-2149. For the Purpose of Approving the Receiving of Federal Grant Through the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries for Implementing Regional Earthquake Hazards Identification and Preparedness Program.

Motion: Councilor McCaig moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2149. Councilor Washington seconded the motion.

Andy Cotugno, Director of the Planning Department, presented the staff report, and said the proposed resolution would provide for approval of receiving a federal grant as phase two of four phase program for Metro's earthquake identification and preparedness program.

In response to Presiding Officer McFarland, Mr. Cotugno indicated the program was a four year program in total, which was currently in its second year. He said Metro would receive approximately \$515 thousand through this contract in pass through funds.

Councilor McLain commended Gerry Uba, Senior Management Analyst, for his work effort on the program.

Presiding Officer McFarland noted future matters of this nature would be referred to the Planning Committee.

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

The vote was 6 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

7.2 Resolution No. 95-2159, For the Purpose of Approving and Adopting the Whitaker Ponds Concept Master Plan

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2159. Councilor McLain seconded the motion.

Councilor Washington noted the Council had received copies of the Whitaker Pond Concept Master Plan as well as updates, and said the proposal before the Council was timely.

Jane Hart, Associate Regional Planner, Regional Parks and Greenspaces, presented the staff report, noting a detailed overview of plan components had been given to the Council produced by the consulting firm, Walker & Macy. Ms. Hart reviewed the public involvement process of the project during which project partners had been able to indicate concerns. Ms. Hart noted department responses had been given and project partners had indicated their concerns had been addressed. She presented a staff recommendation for a change in the document in the language on page 38 under Active Recreation concerning replacement of the ball fields described in the plan and relocation of the north ball field.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Washington moved staff recommendations for amendments to the language to the Whitaker Pond Master Plan as described by staff.

Councilor Kvistad asked for more information regarding the ball fields in question.

Presiding Officer McFarland opened a public hearing.

Terri Tufts, EnviroCorps, testified before the Council in support of the Whitaker Master Plan and urged adoption of the plan.

Susan Barthel, City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services, Surface Water Division, testified before the council in support of the Master Plan and she urged adoption of the plan. Ms. Barthel noted her participation on the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, which has been involved with the planning, and said she felt the plan would present water quality improvement and recreational opportunities as well as educational opportunities. She said funding had been allocated by the City and said the City looked forward to jointly working together on the project.

Rene Zolich, Vice President Lakeside Little League and resident of N.E. Portland, testified before the Council advocating for the youth of the region and expressing her concerns regarding the possibility of losing the ball fields. She urged the Council not to adopt a plan that would remove the ball fields until a relocation site had been found.

Walt Hollands, Grant High School teacher, referenced a document entitled "Whitaker Pond Site Report, Grant High School 1994-95." Mr. Hollands introduced Rick Street, Grant High School teacher, and Scott Warren and Jay Kirsch, Grant High School students. He said they had worked with the Green City program through Metro, Greenspaces and the Saturday Academy studying Whitaker Ponds over the last two years, and supported the plan to improve and convert the ponds to a more wild state. He emphasized the youth of the region having the educational opportunity to observe a natural environment represented by the Whitaker Ponds plan.

Curtis Falbo, resident of N.E. Portland, neighbor of the site and Little League coach, supported the overall Whitaker Ponds plan, but he expressed concerns about the possibility of losing any playing fields.

David Blaine, Board Member, Lakeside Little League Board Member, addressed the Council in favor of the amendments expressing his concerns about losing playing fields in the area.

Pamela Brown, representing Environmental Health and Safety for Portland Public Schools, addressed the Council in support of the Whitaker Ponds Master Plan.

Erin McLellan, Pacific Power & Light, addressed the Council in support of the Master Plan and urged its adoption.

Presiding Officer McFarland closed the public hearing.

The Council discussed the proposed amendments further, and requested they be submitted to the Council for review in written form.

Presiding Officer McFarland recessed the Metro Council at 4:25 p.m.

Presiding Officer McFarland called for an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) regarding real property transaction negotiations.

Presiding Officer McFarland convened the Executive Session at 4:36 p.m.

Present: Councilors Jon Kvistad, Patricia McCaig, Susan McLain, Rod Monroe, Ed Washington and Presiding Officer Ruth McFarland ; Todd Sadlo, Senior Assistant Counsel; Charlie Ciecko, Director of Parks & Greenspaces; Jane Hart, Associate Regional Planner; Nancy Chase, Senior Regional Planner;

Presiding Officer McFarland adjourned the Executive Session at 4:55 p.m.

7.3 Resolution No. 95-2140. For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Purchase Properties Within the Whitaker Pond Master Plan Area.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2140. Councilor McCaig seconded the motion.

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

The vote was 6 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

Presiding Officer McFarland revisited Resolution No. 95-2159 noting the proposed resolution had been moved and that an amendment pursuant to staff recommendations had also been moved. Staff distributed a copy of the proposed amendments, which has been placed in the permanent meeting record.

Councilor Washington accepted a friendly amendment from Councilor Monroe to move the amendments as received from staff in written form which were now before the Council. Presiding Officer McFarland read the amendment into the record as follows: "On page 38 delete the sentence that reads "An issue to be explored...tournament field" and insert instead:

"Phased implementation of this plan shall be done in such a manner so as to assure that a replacement ball field is available for use prior to removal of the existing field located north of the ponds, replacement costs will part of plan implementation.

Furthermore, in relocating the northern field, every effort will be made to relocate it on property south of the ponds, proximate to the existing ball fields and in a manner that maintains the number of fields on the site at 5."

The Council discussed the proposed amendments further.

Councilor Kvistad asked whether the community members were satisfied with the proposed amendment. Ms. Zolich noted it was the expectation of the citizens that the intent meant regarding every effort being made to mean that the community would be involved. Councilor Kvistad indicated that was his understanding of the intent.

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

The vote was 6 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Morissette was absent.

The vote was 6 to 0 in favor, and the motion passed.

7.7 Resolution No. 95-2155, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.041 (c), Competitive Bidding Procedures, and Authorizing a Sole Source Contract With Information Systems, Inc., For Consulting Services for Weight Systems Software at Solid Waste Disposal Facilities.

Presiding Officer McFarland referred Resolution No. 95-2155 to the Solid Waste Committee.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor McLain discussed a matter pertaining to a previous question raised by the Council concerning a project involving RLIS information and materials. She referenced a memorandum dated May 31, 1995 from Dick Bolen, Data Resource Center Manager, regarding RLIS Data Exchange with the U.S. Census Bureau. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Councilor McLain discussed the activities of the 2040 Means Business Committee. Councilor Kvistad asked whether the Council should have a representative from the Metro Council on the committee. Councilor McLain indicated the Council had been asked as a whole to attend any of meetings and requested Land Use Planning (LUP) Committee members to attend.

Councilor McLain referenced a memorandum dated May 31, 1995 from Sherry Oeser, Senior Public Involvement Specialist, Growth Management Division, containing a 2040 Growth Concept Open House schedule. Councilor McLain indicated the schedule would be reviewed by the LUP. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Councilor McLain indicated she had WARPAC information and said staff reports were available upon request.

Councilor McCaig indicated a Summer Schedule had been finalized for the Finance Committee and read the dates into the record. A copy of this schedule has been placed in the permanent meeting record and is available from the Council Office.

Councilor McCaig noted she had not received from the councilors their list of budget priorities by June 1 as she had requested, and she asked that councilors have those lists by Monday, June 5 for review and to help put the agenda together for the first Finance Committee meeting.

Councilor Washington thanked the Council for their support on the matter of the Whitaker Ponds plan.

9. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Merrie Waylett, Director of the Office of Government and Public Relations, reported regarding legislative items at the state level, and indicated light rail matters were undergoing many changes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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