

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

September 21, 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:

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Minutes for the September 14, 1995 Metro Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Monroe requested the minutes be changed to reflect that the vote on Item 4.1 Consideration of Minutes for the September 14, 1995 Metro Council Meeting should be 5-0 with both Counselor Kvistad and Presiding Officer McFarland absent.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was 7-0 and the motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 Briefing on the Preliminary Regional Water Supply Plan and Adoption Process.

Councilor McLain introduced Lorna Stickel, Project Manager for the Regional Water Supply Plan Project, and Rosemary Furfey, Senior Regional Planner for the Metro Planning Growth Management Division.

Ms. Furfey presented her staff report, a copy of which is included in the permanent meeting record.

Ms. Stickel presented a review of the highlights of the "Preliminary Regional Water Supply Plan Executive Summary." This information was included in the packet and is part of the

permanent meeting record. She also distributed to the Council two "Question and Answer" reports and Montgomery Watson's Treatment Pilot Studies: "Technical Summary" and "Executive Summary," all of which are included in the permanent meeting record.

Ms. Stickel stated it has been beneficial to the Regional Water Supply Plan to incorporate it with the Council's currently ongoing 2040 growth management strategy study.

Ms. Stickel then presented an overview of the "regional Water Supply Plan Preliminary Report of August 1995." The basic structure of the plan attempts to summarize what has happened before with the plan, giving a history of who the committee is and what they have been up to. It also provides an overview of how they are conducting the planning effort and illustrates how important public information and involvement is to crafting the plan.

Ms. Stickel said the plan looks at future demands, population projections, what water sources the region currently has available, where current water supplies come from and potential new source options. These source options have been narrowed down between plan phases. They are looking foremost at conservation, expansion of supplies on the Clackamas River, expanding the Barney Reservoir, and building a third dam in the Bull Run Reservoir.

The plan also identifies major sources not currently utilized by this region, including the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. The committee also looked at aquifer storage and recovery. Conservation options were analyzed and screened and built into program concepts.

The last two chapters of the plan illustrate resource strategies that were developed and an implementation plan.

Stickel illustrated several highlights of the plan:

*Barney Reservoir is under construction and will serve Washington County. It will serve as an important water source but won't be the total water supply solution.

*Wilsonville, Sherwood, Damascus, Canby and Sandy, have short-term, but immediate needs.

*Waste water providers have huge concerns.

Immediate strategies in the plan include: completion of Barney Reservoir, small expansions of existing Clackamas River systems, remediation and maintenance of the Portland Wellfield, continued conservation, further study of potential non-potable sources and maintaining viability of supply options for the future.

Long-term strategies are based on policy objectives and what is important to people: efficient use, reliability, water quality, impacts of catastrophic events, economic costs, public/political acceptance, institutional arrangements, growth, flexibility to deal with future uncertainty, ease of implementation, operational flexibility.

Councilor Morissette stated that the Tualatin River is of poor quality for a drinking water source, because it is low flow and the phosphates cause algae to build up. He asked what the solution is to low flow. Ms. Stickel responded that many city officials have expressed they are against taking water from the Tualatin River for this reason. The potential to use some of that water for non-potable uses would have to be evaluated, as well as ways to augment flows. Also, Hagg Lake may be a potential means to increase flow because it is the one storage reservoir that contributes to flows in the Tualatin River during summer. An interesting aspect

is that 95 percent of the Tualatin Valley Water District's treated water comes from Bull Run. This question does need to be evaluated.

Ms. Furfey responded to another question by Councilor Morissette that significant advances have been made in cleaning up the Tualatin River and meeting the effluent limits set by DEQ. Millions of dollars have been spent on waste water treatment.

Councilor Morissette stated there are concerns that bio swells reduce the usefulness of current land within the Urban Growth Boundary. He asked if its' possible to treat water with less land being set aside for bio swells, so density can be enhanced.

Ms. Furfey responded that stormwater runoff is a significant pollutant throughout the region, and that increases as service increases.

Councilor Morissette expressed that Metro should e concentrating on treating water more efficiently so as not to use as much land as we currently are using. Ms. Furfey responded that Metro has conducted some studies, such as a drop-in leaf compost stormwater filter that is underground so you don't take any additional land area. She suggested promoting more of these investigations; it's an important issue that needs more study.

Councilor Morissette stated that coming up with a creative way to filter it under the street is a good goal to focus on. Current practices take up a pretty fair chunk of land that is then not available for housing.

Councilor Washington complimented the report and stated he hopes the plan is successful with the Willamette River.

Ms. Furfey closed the presentation. She will be back before the Council in October for public hearings.

Councilor McLain reminded the Council that the Regional Water Supply Plan Committee is hosting public open houses on Sept. 26, 27 and 28, spread out across the region. She urged Council members to study the questions and answer handouts because Councilors who attend these meeting surely will be asked by the public to respond.

Councilor Washington commented that last year Councilors were given a helicopter tour of the Bull Run Watershed. The new councilors may not have seen it and it was worth seeing. He asked if it is possible for the Council to have another tour. Councilor Morissette, Monroe, McLain and Washington indicated they are interested in such a tour. Ms. Furfey responded that it is getting a little late in the season, because the weather is expected to worsen and it often snows there in October. She suggested Spring would be a better time.

Councilor McCaig suggested Ms. Stickel pick a good date in the Spring and then send a memorandum to the Council.

6. RESOLUTIONS

Councilor McCaig requested that Resolution No. 95-2204 be moved up the agenda.

6.2 Resolution No. 95-2204, For the Purpose of Opposing H.R. 961 - The Federal Clean Water Act Reauthorization Bill of 1995.

The clerk read the resolution by title only.

Motion: *Councilor McCaig moved, seconded by Councilor Kvistad for adoption of Resolution NO. 95-2204.*

Councilor McCaig addressed the resolution, which she requested because the U.S. House of Representatives in May passed H.R. 961 - a reauthorization of the Clean Water Act, weakening wetland protections and regulations. The act is an overall weakening of the pollution controls we have in place for industrial and agricultural pollution. The U.S. Senate has yet to address the bill. Local jurisdictions around the nation are reviewing the Act and realizing the possible impacts on their water supplies and water quality. In all the polling Metro has done, water quality continues to be one of the single most important issues to Oregonians. She urged the Council to support this resolution, which opposed the bill passed by the House and asks for modifications by the Senate.

Vote: *All those present voted aye. The vote was 7-0 and the motion passed unanimously.*

Councilor Morissette stated that he supported the resolution because we need to make proposals make the Clean Water Act work better. But in some instances water protections go too far in attempting to rectify problems.

6.1 Resolution No. 95-2193A, For the Purpose of Adopting Minority Business Enterprise, Women Business Enterprise, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals for FY 95-96.

The clerk read the resolution by title only.

Motion: *Councilor Morissette moved, seconded by Councilor Monroe for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2193A.*

Scott Moss, Finance Risk Manager, explained this resolution was amended because the Office of the Auditor was inadvertently left off the list of offices to receive quarterly reports. The change was made prior to the Regional Facilities Committee.

Councilor Morissette commented that in the RF committee meeting, there was discussion of adding Emerging Small Businesses as a disadvantaged business. This issue will be discussed separately at the next RF committee meeting.

Vote: *All those present voted aye. The vote was 7-0 and the motion passed unanimously.*

7. ORDINANCES - SECOND READINGS

7.1 Ordinance No. 95-615, Amending the Urban Growth Boundary for Urban Growth Boundary Contested Case 94-1: Richards.

The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Motion: *Councilor McLain moved, seconded by Councilor Kvistad for adoption of Ordinance No. 95-615.*

Councilor McLain addressed the resolution, which concerns a 1.3-acre parcel adjacent to Charbonneau. After it went through the process, the hearing officer agreed the parcel is a "superior UGB: because it achieves service efficiencies, it helps reinforce Interstate 5 as a logical boundary for the UGB in this area, and it makes a currently useless residential parcel developable.

Vote: *All those present voted aye. The vote was 7-0 and the motion passed unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192-660(1)(E) TO CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO NEGOTIATE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.

Present: Presiding Officer McFarland, Deputy Presiding Officer Monroe, Councilor Kvistad, Councilor McCaig, Councilor McLain, Councilor Morissette, Councilor Washington, Senior Council Analyst Jay Harris, Assistant to the Presiding Officer Cathy Ross, General Counsel Daniel Cooper.

Presiding Officer McFarland opened an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192-660(1)(e) at 3:11 p.m. Presiding Officer McFarland closed the Executive Session at 3:14 p.m.

Motion: *Councilor Washington moved to suspend the rules, removing Resolution No. 95-2207 from the Regional Facilities Committee and placing it on today's Council agenda for adoption. Seconded by Kvistad.*

Vote: *All those present voted aye. The vote was 7-0 and the motion passed unanimously.*

Councilor Washington urged adoption of the resolution.

Motion: *Councilor Washington moved, seconded by Councilor McLain for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2207.*

Vote: *All those present voted aye. The vote was 7-0 and the motion passed unanimously.*

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor McLain commented that the Request for Proposals are in for the 10 percent waste transport proposals for the Forest Grove Transfer Station. A copy of the proposal price summary is included in the permanent meeting record.

Councilor Monroe stated that Portland hosted the Rail-Volution conference last weekend, and he and Councilor represented Metro at the conference. He was very impressed with the conference and the more than 800 delegates from 26 states and three foreign countries who attended also were impressed with the conference and the City of Portland. He had the

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opportunity to talk with many delegates, who said they found Portland a friendly, clean, easy to get around city, and they said they were impressed with the vibrancy of our downtown core area and the Lloyd Center area. They also expressed support for what Metro is doing with land use and transportation decisions. He gave kudos to Portland City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer, who was primarily responsible for organizing this event.

Councilor Washington commented that Consolidation Committee met that morning, and they are beginning to look at the MERC governance issue. Six items placed before the committee this morning were narrow to three ideas and he'll have more information at the next Council meeting.

Councilor McCaig responded to Councilor Washington that if the committee ruled out three, it might be appropriate time to bring these three choices before the Council so they can have input before a final decision is made.

Councilor Washington said he would get the matrix of choices to Councilors so that at the next Regional /facilities Committee it can be discussed.

Councilor McCaig asked who is writing the letter to Portland Mayor Vera Katz about the proposed Stadium Task Force. She suggested someone should draft a letter from the entire Council.

Councilor Washington responded that as Regional Facilities Chair he would be willing to draft a letter for Council review.

There being no further business before the Council, Presiding Officer McFarland adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

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