

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 1995

Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Absent:** Patricia McCaig

Presiding Officer McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 4.1 Consideration of Minutes of the September 21, 1995 Metro Council Meeting

***Motion:*** Councilor Monroe moved approval of the Consent Agenda.

***Vote:*** All Councilors present voted aye. Councilor McCaig was absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

### 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

#### 5.1 Report By the Office of the Auditor: Regional Parks and Greenspaces -- Observations Related to the Outreach and Education Program's Salmon Festival

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, presented a report on a study of the 1994 Salmon Festival that was conducted by the Office of the Auditor. The report was undertaken when it was determined that two different financial reports did not accurately reflect Metro's costs of co-hosting the Salmon Festival. A copy of this report, which includes the background, analysis, and recommendations, as well as other key elements, is included as part of the meeting record.

In the absence of Executive Officer Mike Burton; Jennifer Sims, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Executive's response to the audit of the Salmon Festival. Executive Officer

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Burton's response is included with the Auditor's report that is included as part of the meeting record.

Councilor Morissette asked for assurance that the parks that were transferred from Multnomah County will continue to be self-contained in terms of expenditures. He asked whether the Salmon Festival budget was kept separate from the General Fund budget, and whether Metro is operating at a break-even level with regard to parks facilities. Ms. Sims assured him that this was the case, and said that the Salmon Festival is included in the parks portion of the budget. Ms. Sims indicated the event was budgeted, and that an assumption was made in the budget that the costs of the event would not be covered by the revenues of the event.

Councilor McLain asked why the Greenspaces Master Plan was not mentioned in the audit, inasmuch as the study included observations of outreach and education programs. She pointed out that the Greenspaces Master Plan provides a good education and outreach value for each dollar expended. Ms. Dow responded that the point of the study was to ensure that Metro uses accurate figures when deciding whether to proceed with a given program.

Councilor Washington asked if it was customary to break out payroll expenses for specific events. Pat Lee, Planning and Capital Development Manager, responded affirmatively.

Councilor Monroe expressed satisfaction with the findings of the audit, and spoke in support of Metro's investment in the Salmon Festival.

Councilor McLain asked how the Office of the Auditor determined which audits to undertake. Ms. Dow responded that the criteria is listed in the budget documents that were presented to the Council in January 1995. She said this audit was undertaken as a first foray into auditing for Metro; and was undertaken to research whether the conflicting financial reports represented possible wrongdoing on the part of Metro, or simply a mistake in reporting.

Councilor Kvistad suggested that an item entitled "Auditor Communications" be added to the Council agenda on a regular basis. It was decided that this change is not necessary.

### 6. RESOLUTIONS

#### 6.1 Resolution No. 95-2194, For the Purpose of Approving Change Order No. 19 to the Waste Transport Services Contract with Jack Gray Transport, Inc.

***Motion:** Councilor McLain moved, seconded by Councilor Kvistad for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2194.*

Councilor McLain reported on Resolution No. 95-2194, which would approve Change Order No. 19 to the waste transport services contract with Jack Gray Transport, Inc. This change order would allow the hauling contractor to be compensated for conserving fuel, and would provide for a more accurate reflection of the value of the fuel per load.

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***Vote:*** Councilors Morissette, Monroe, Washington, McLain, Kvistad, and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McCaig was absent. The vote was 6/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Resolution No. 95-2122, For the Purpose of Amending the Council Organizing Resolution

***Motion:*** Councilor Kvistad moved, seconded by Councilor McLain for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2122.

Councilor Kvistad gave a report on Resolution No. 95-2122, which would change the name of the Solid Waste Committee to the Regional Environmental Management Committee in order to correspond with a change in the name of the Solid Waste Department to the Regional Environmental Management Department. He also reported on a proposed amendment to the resolution which would establish the Governmental Affairs Committee. A copy of the amended resolution was distributed to Councilors and is included as part of the meeting record.

***Motion to Amend Main Motion:*** Councilor Monroe moved, seconded by Councilor Washington to amend Resolution No. 95-2212 by adding language to establish the Council Governmental Affairs Committee.

Councilor Monroe said the duties of the Governmental Affairs Committee are set forth in Exhibit "A" to the resolution. The exhibit also details those responsibilities which have been removed from the purview of the Finance Committee.

***Vote on Motion to Amend Main Motion:*** Councilors Morissette, Monroe, Washington, McLain, Kvistad, and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McCaig was absent. The vote was 6/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The resolution became Resolution No. 95-2212A.

***Vote on Main Motion as Amended:*** Councilors Monroe, Washington, McLain, Kvistad, Morissette, and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McCaig was absent. The vote was 6/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Resolution No. 95-2195, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Oregon Department of Transportation US 30 Interim Corridor Project

***Motion:*** Councilor Kvistad moved, seconded by Councilor Monroe for adoption of resolution No. 95-2195.

Councilor Kvistad reported on Resolution No. 95-2195, which would endorse the Oregon Department of Transportation US 30 Interim Corridor Project.

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***Vote:*** Councilors Washington, McLain, Kvistad, Morissette, Monroe, and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McCaig was absent. The vote was 6/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**6.4 Resolution No. 95-2196, Adopting the Portland Area Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY '96 Transportation Improvement Program and 1995 Interim Federal Regional Transportation Plan**

***Motion:*** Councilor Monroe moved, seconded by Councilor Washington for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2196.

Councilor Monroe reported on Resolution No. 95-2196, which states that Metro is in conformity with the air quality federal government standards. It is a required part of the Transportation Improvement Program.

***Vote:*** Councilors McLain, Kvistad, Morissette, Monroe, Washington and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McCaig was absent. The vote was 6/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**6.5 Resolution No. 95-2213, Amending the FY 1995-96 Unified Work Program to Include a Tri-Met Sponsored Transit Finance Task Force**

***Motion:*** Councilor Washington moved, seconded by Councilor McLain for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2213.

Councilor Washington reported on Resolution No. 95-2213, which would amend the 1995-96 Unified Work Program to include a Tri-Met-sponsored transit blue ribbon finance task force. The task force will present no fiscal impact to Metro.

***Vote:*** Councilors Morissette, Monroe, Washington, McLain and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Kvistad voted nay. Councilor McCaig was absent. The vote was 5/1 in favor and the motion passed.

**6.6 Resolution No. 95-2206, Supplementing Resolution No. 95-2169 Pertaining to the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Open Spaces Program) in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$135,600,000 for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition and Improvement of Various Parcels of Land as Part of Metro's Open Spaces Program**

***Motion:*** Councilor Monroe moved, seconded by Councilor Kvistad for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2206.

Councilor Monroe reported on Resolution No. 95-2206, which established the terms and conditions under which Series B of the Open Spaces General Obligation bonds will be sold.

***Vote:*** Councilors Morissette, Monroe, Washington, McLain, Kvistad, and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McCaig was absent. The vote was 6/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Morissette has spoken with Councilor Washington and will bring a proposal to the Regional Facilities Committee on how to better work with emerging small businesses. His goal is to make Metro's process more user-friendly to new, small businesses.

Councilor Morissette also reported that he has been working with Metro staff to try to find ways to generate more revenue without increasing taxes. One way to do so is to lease the garage for substantially more than what Metro is currently making. Currently, Metro's revenues are plummeting, and he hopes to rectify the situation.

Councilor Morissette requested that Presiding Officer McFarland have a member of the Executive Officer's staff address the Council with regard to the hiring process for positions that become vacant. He wants to determine whether or not the work of individuals who leave Metro might be taken on by existing staff, short of instigating a hiring freeze. Presiding Officer McFarland said the issue will be taken up at a future Council meeting.

Councilor McLain invited the Council to the Boundary Commission Subcommittee (of MPAC) public hearing to be held Monday, October 2 at 4 PM in the Council Chamber.

Councilor Kvistad reported that a certain mayor of a large jurisdiction has undertaken discussions about future sports facilities. Since Metro operates and manages the sports facilities in the region, he indicated it would be appropriate for Metro representatives to be included in these discussions. He suggested that a letter be forwarded to the mayor in question to inform her of the 24 cities and three counties who will pay for these facilities, and who would appreciate the opportunity to enter the discussions. Councilor Washington, Chair of the Regional Facilities Committee said this item will be discussed at the next consolidation committee, and he will report back to the Council with details.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION. HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192-660 (1)(a) TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF COUNCIL STAFF**

Present: Presiding Officer McFarland, Councilor Morissette, Councilor Monroe, Councilor Washington, Councilor McLain, Councilor Kvistad, Cathy Ross, Assistant to the Presiding Officer, John Houser, Council Analyst, Daniel Cooper, General Counsel, Lindsey Ray, Council Assistant, Jason Tait, Portland Cable Access (PCA TV), Kathie Stimac, PCA TV

Presiding Officer McFarland opened an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192-660 (1)(a) at 8:00 PM. Presiding Officer McFarland closed the Executive Session at 8:07 PM.

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There being no further business before the Council, Presiding Officer McFarland adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsey Ray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "L".

Lindsey Ray  
Council Assistant

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