

**METRO COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 1995
MINUTES**

Present: Presiding Officer Ruth McFarland, Assistant Presiding Officer Rod Monroe, Councilor Jon Kvistad, Councilor Patricia McCaig, Councilor Susan McLain, Councilor Don Morissette, Councilor Ed Washington

Absent: None

Presiding Officer Ruth McFarland called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The Meeting was held in the Metro Council Chamber.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** None

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Robert Thomas, 2563 Pimlico Drive, West Linn OR 97058 presented testimony. *"I have been on the Metro mailing list and have tried to keep abreast of developments. One of the things that I am very much concerned about is the direction of Metro and the concerns that we, as citizens have about the powers and the charter and the future of Metro. I, for one, am very much concerned that Metro is becoming what I and many others view as a future fast track of approval for development applications; in some ways, a governmental arm of the Metropolitan Home Builders Association in effecting their agenda and in following the pressures they bring to bear, not only on the legislature in Salem but on all our local jurisdictions and therefore, I would encourage all of you Metro Councilors to obtain copies of the July and August Home-building News. I believe they are very informative as to who is leading who in regard to growth and the policies of growth in Oregon and particularly in the Portland metropolitan area. I have some suggestions that I think would be constructive. If our present Executive Officer, Mike Burton, would be more concerned about citizen input and also the Council, of our concerns about the costs of growth and who is going to bear these costs and not be concerned about whether the home builder's association or various entities who want to have their lands placed within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) so that they can make a lot of money by selling their lands to developers, rather listen to we citizens because we are afraid we are going to be stuck with billions of dollars worth of infrastructure to serve this invited new growth and that we want Executive Officer Burton and the Metro Council to let the home builders sue Metro. I would rather see my tax dollars be used in pointing out and letting the public become aware of who is really trying to push the agenda for the future of the metropolitan area and I would like to see my city do the same. We apparently have representatives who are afraid to be sued and this is one of their main concerns, it seems, in the past, of knuckling under to people who threaten lawsuits. We have had a very bad legislative session this last year in changing the laws that concern appeals of development applications and the whole process, taking it and making it much more difficult for citizens; taking it further away from them and so I would like to see Metro listen to our pleas and listen to the citizens much more than you are listening at the present. We have just organized in West Linn to stop having to subsidize growth for developers and we have been successful in turning back a water rate increase which we are convinced is to serve developers and so I think the way I sense it is that this is a region-wide concern. People are beginning to wake up and so I would very much encourage you to look at what the home builders want to do with SDCs, primarily not do anything with them; keep them where they are or even reduce them, make it much more difficult to raise them and make it much more difficult for people and citizens to have*

any control of their local boundaries of their local cities and so I appeal to Metro to hear our plea and to hear our calls and I think you could be an organization that would help us instead of listening so much to what we consider not the best interests and the interests that are not, in the long run, in the best interests of the Portland metropolitan area in regard to growth. I thank you."

Presiding Officer McFarland thanked him and pointed out that the Metro Councilors had given him an opportunity to speak. She said the Council does listen.

Councilor McCaig stated that she struggles with responding to speeches like Mr. Thomas'. It is, in her belief, a disservice to leave an impression like that. Councilor McCaig questioned the information that Mr. Thomas had that lead him to believe that Metro Council is not listening, has made decisions which are contrary to his position, or that Metro Council is a pawn of the home builders. Councilor McCaig stated that Metro Councilors care deeply about this issue, have spent endless hours in public hearings, and the Council is dedicated to finding a solution for the challenge of the growth that is coming.

Presiding Officer McFarland said she would underline what Councilor McCaig had said. She said we (the Metro Council) really have made an effort to listen to the public. She pointed out the number of people in attendance at the Council Session at that moment to respond to the issues that are on the Council Agenda. By this, you can determine they (the Council) have listened a lot, at the Council Meetings, on the phone, and through the mail. Presiding Officer McFarland said the Councilors had received a lot of information from the public. She said there has not yet been a decision made, and the Council is trying to respond.

Councilor Morissette suggested to Mr. Thomas that the decisions Metro Council is facing are not so easy to make as some might suppose. The metropolitan area is projected to grow by approximately 600,000 people based on current trends. It is impossible to stop people from coming here without destroying the economy and requiring other people not to have the same opportunities you have enjoyed while you have had while you have been here. One-third of the 600,000 people are your and my children. Planning for the future for them as well as other people are all exactly what other people did for you before you were here and that part of the process is difficult to understand but it is one of the challenges we face and it is always difficult when you change something for somebody and I do not suggest that anyone does not have a valid point that we need to consider. But coming up with no answer or not ever being able to face up to a tough decision is also not a good position for someone to be in and each and every one of the people we have heard all enjoy what they have and not allowing someone else to enjoy it in the future is very frustrating to hear constantly.

Robert Thomas said he disagrees very much with Councilor Morissette. He said there are solutions. He said he has offered and will offer solutions. He said people like Councilor Morissette do not want to listen. Mr. Thomas said he never criticizes unless he has a suggested solution. He said this goes for Councilor McCaig, too. He disagrees that Metro is as listening and as objective and as impartial as they (the Councilors) would claim.

Presiding Officer McFarland thanked Mr. Thomas, again, for his contribution. She said we (the Council) appreciated his coming forward. She added, "We have room for disagreement."

3. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS:** None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of the Minutes for the November 9, 1995 Metro Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved for acceptance of the November 9, 1995 Metro Council Meeting Minutes.

Vote: The minutes of the November 9, 1995 Meeting of the Metro Council were accepted unanimously accepted with a vote of 7/0.

Presiding Officer McFarland set the November 2, 1995 Work Session Minutes aside for response after the Councilors had the opportunity to review them. Presiding Officer McFarland said the November 2, 1995 Work Session Minutes would be placed on the November 30, 1995 Agenda.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

5.1 Report: Update on Zoo Capital Proposal

Councilor McCaig indicated that Doug Butler and Casey Short would be making a presentation of the proposal. The Finance Committee requested the Executive put together a proposal about potentially putting a measure on the ballot in November 1996. The Executive, along with Sherry Sheng, the Zoo Director, has worked diligently at putting together a proposal meeting the Finance Committee's criteria. One of the important pieces of the criteria was that it would be revenue neutral. Also, the measure needed to be between fifteen and thirty-five million dollars, considering the other projects that had been reviewed by the Council.

Presiding Officer McFarland asked about a statement in the material which said, "If we make these changes in the Zoo, then the new operational costs will cost no more than the old operational costs." She asked if this is what "revenue neutral" meant.

Doug Butler responded that his impression of what "revenue neutral" meant that any additional operational costs will be offset by additional new revenues.

Doug Butler, Director, Administrative Services Department, said the purpose of their appearance today was to present to the Council a recommendation from Executive Officer Mike Burton. Mr. Burton was out of town, and unable to present this himself. Mr. Butler referenced Mr. Burton's letter that was in the packet of information for the Councilors. This project went to the Regional Facilities Committee some time ago. There were a number of options discussed. They were asked to bring back a proposal that met the two criteria, the revenue neutral criteria and the one of staying within the fifteen to thirty-five million dollar range. The Executive Officer put together a task force consisting of the Zoo Director, Sherry Sheng, Kathy Kiaunis, and Dennis Pate (representing the expertise at the Zoo), Casey Short, Heather Nelson, and Doug Butler. They were given the charge to put together a recommendation. Mr. Butler said they went back to the beginning and reviewed everything done to date, and so, what is presented may look similar to what has been seen before. Mr. Butler said, "No rock was left unturned." He said everything had been re-assessed to believability, better numbers, asking if it contains the rationale. The Executive Officer added several criteria: To meet the objects of the great Zoo concept that is included

in the adopted master plan for the Zoo. There are a number of physical features the team tried to accommodate, including a better sense of arrival and orientation, a more logical and complete circulation pattern dealing with the replacement of outmoded facilities to the degree that they could within the budget, and making better use of un- and under-utilized land. There was also the objective of providing better linkage, meaning this is a phase of a total master plan development, and what is wanted is for it to feel complete and functional. Also, you want it to provide a logical link for future development so that things do not need redoing or undoing is not necessary in the future. It needed to include a contact area, the Children's Petting Zoo had been lost and was felt to be important to include in future concepts. We were to do our best in trying to reduce the cost from the original thirty-six million dollar proposal which had been discussed at one time. The team has reached a consensus that the Executive Officer recommends. It is a thirty and one-half million dollar project.

Casey Short, Analyst, Administrative Services Department, said that as they worked to develop a proposal to bring to the Executive and the Council, there went through a lot of questions and information-gathering. The team developed four alternatives to get some preliminary numbers put on in terms of construction cost, attendance projections, costs of operating, and what the revenues would be from completing such a project. The numbers offered are preliminary. There will be an opportunity to refine the numbers in the coming months before there is a formal document or resolution brought before the Council for submittal to the ballot at whatever date Council chooses. Mr. Short said it was his understanding the ballot measure was being considered for putting before the voters in November 1996. The construction costs would be in the neighborhood of thirty and one-half million dollars. These figures were obtained from the project architect who had worked with the Zoo in developing preliminary estimates for the Oregon Territory, a new entrance project, a year ago. The architect was asked to develop some estimates for construction costs for the four alternatives that were put together. The architect did this, and came forth with the thirty and one-half million dollars for the option chosen. The team also asked a consultant who had been asked earlier on attendance projections for the Zoo in the conjunction with the master planning process to put together estimate of attendance increases which are included in the report present to Council. Table shows the figures the team obtained from the consultant which are a little different from the figures in the next table because the figures were based on Zoo attendance, only, not including special events and school groups. The figures below take those items under consideration. The consultant estimates a twenty-five percent increase on the lower base in the first year, with smaller increases after that. Total attendance, based on this projection, is twenty percent. The break even attendance would need to be ten percent, which is half of the estimate. The attendance increases in conjunction with the opening of the last two exhibits, the Africa and the Africa Rainforest, which were at twenty-three and thirty-one percent. The table on page nine shows how the attendance would affect the profitability and what those profitability numbers would be if the high figure the consultant projected was hit. The Zoo would then be looking at four hundred sixty thousand dollars in extra revenue, above operating costs for the Zoo to be able to support their other programs in the first year. This would increase in subsequent years.

Sherry Sheng, Director, Metro Washington Park Zoo, said the Executive Officer's recommendation will allow the Zoo to improve some of the existing conditions that include completing a pedestrian loop, linking Africa Rainforest with the Penguin Plaza area, therefore, improving circulation internal to the Zoo. It will move the Zoo's entrance to a better location for the entire parking lot and future linkage with the light rail station. It

includes various central facilities for revenue generation including restaurant, catering, and gift shop. It will further consolidate the existing animal collection toward the zoogeographic approach arranging and displaying animals by the regions of the world. This proposal includes a new lion exhibit, relocating the lion from the current feline complex to the entrance to Africa. It includes, also, the proposal for a new Oregon Exhibit, which will showcase the region's ecosystem. The Zoo has had for fifty years a mixed species second growth forest within its boundaries, which has never had full access or use for visitors. This ecosystem exhibit featuring Oregon will have a forest exhibit component that will take the visitors to see the forest from the top of trees (the canopy layer) to below the ground and everything in between. Adjacent to the forest will be an Oregon coast exhibit, featuring close-up encounters with tide pool creatures and marine mammals. The mammalian species to be included in this (Oregon) exhibit will be mountain goats, black bears, cougars, wolverines, bats, sea lions, seals, and sea otters. Birds included will be the Spotted Owl, Great Blue Heron, egrets, and a variety of songbirds. Amphibians being included will be frogs, turtles, salamanders, reptiles, a variety of snakes. Fish to be included are salmon and trout. Invertebrates will include sea anemones, sea stars, and insects. In addition, the exhibit will include a farm to provide animal contact experience with cows, sheep, ducks, rabbits, and other animals currently in the petting collection. The Zoo staff has been very integrally involved in the review process. The Zoo staff is very supportive of this project and is very excited with the vision the Executive Officer has brought forth.

Councilor Kvistad asked if Friends of the Zoo were comfortable with where the Zoo was in the process. He asked if they were comfortable with the proposal.

Sherry Sheng said there had been two presentations with Friends of the Zoo representatives. One had been made in the process of the review and the second after the Executive Officer had formulated his recommendation. Ms. Sheng reported she had spoken with John Inskey, President of Friends of the Zoo, this morning. She said Mr. Inskey is very supportive and very happy the team has gone through this review, which has allowed even more people to become more familiar with the concept. He is excited they are moving forth.

Councilor Kvistad said he just wanted it on the record that they (Friends of the Zoo) were active, involved and supportive.

Doug Butler added that this was presented to the full Board of Friends of the Zoo. He said while there was no formal vote, it seemed to be consensus that they were uniformly supportive of this approach.

Councilor Monroe said this will require a public vote for the bonding for the thirty million dollars, with the vote occurring one year from now in November 1996. He asked if there was the possibility of a vacant election day in May 1996 of the timeline being moved up. He asked if the timeline move would be rushing things too much.

Councilor McCaig urged that this be a discussion among Council. She indicated the team had been given the November date. She said if the Council would like to have a discussion, along with the Executive, it would be terrific. This was discussed briefly at the Finance Committee and concluded that it was in the best interest of the Zoo and its ability to put a successful campaign together to go with November. She said that if there is a reason to re-examine that date, that it can be done in the process of looking at the

proposal. She said one of their hopes was to give some certainty to the process by the different constituencies who have been forward by giving them a ballot date certain so that could start organizing and putting their proposals together. If we're going to begin to second guess that November decision, we ought to do it pretty quickly.

Councilor Monroe said the reason he had asked the question is because the project they had scheduled for proposal in May could in fact go on the ballot in May. There is significant new evidence that lends them to believe that it may require a later date. This would mean the May date may be available. The reason the Zoo people were given the November date is because we thought the May date would already be taken up by another project. This may not be the case, and this is the reason for the question. Councilor Monroe said he would defer to Councilor McCaig in terms of discussion of the matter by Council. He was asking if the Zoo Director thought that if that date was available there would be enough time for the campaign to be put together and for the effort to be done successfully so that the timeline could be sped up for project completion.

Presiding Officer McFarland said she believed this was an appropriate topic for the Finance Committee.

Councilor Monroe responded that he would defer on the public response. Ms. Sheng could share her opinion with him in private.

Councilor Washington said he would like to thank Ms. Sheng and her staff, the Friends of the Zoo, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Short for all of their hard work. He said he felt they were pretty close to where they really need to be. He reflected on his perusal of the project, saying it looked and smelled good. He requested that after the Finance Committee had reviewed it once again, they could then refer it to Regional Facilities so they could see what to do about getting action on it as soon as possible. He reiterated his appreciation.

Councilor Morissette said to Ms. Sheng that it would be helpful for him to see the Friends of the Zoo Board take formal action on this.

Councilor McCaig said she would support moving this to Regional Facilities where the proposal can be looked at more in-depth and have the other Councilors there if they wanted to go through it piece by piece. The issue of its election date can be brought up as all of the election dates in the Finance Committee are talked about without the specific proposal in front of them. She said the question is that in the Finance Committee all of the election dates they are looking at over the next two years and the lineup of the things they would like to go to the ballot. For purposes of keeping this moving, the hope would be to get it to Regional Facilities, get a proposal the Council agrees upon, while at the same time having a little more discussion about the date in the Finance Committee.

Presiding Officer McFarland said this would be scheduled in as a discussion item in the next Regional Facilities Committee as soon as it can be processed into it. This would be responsive to the concerns of the people here. She said a challenging set of instructions had been given to the staff the last time they were in front of the Finance Committee. She said she was exceedingly pleased how well, how accurately, and how quickly staff responded to those instructions.

Councilor Washington conveyed his appreciation to Executive Officer Burton through his staff.

Councilor McCaig said it was a good job, thanked the team, said it worked out, and she would see them next week. She requested a meeting with the team, Presiding Officer McFarland, and Deputy Presiding Officer Monroe for that evening at 7:00 p.m.

6. ORDINANCES - FIRST READINGS

6.1 Ordinance No. 95-624 For the Purpose of Adopting the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

The clerk read the Ordinance by title, only.

Councilor Kvistad said the upcoming Solid Waste Meeting of the next week is one he thinks is very important in terms of the matters for discussion. Not only will they discuss the Solid Waste Management Plan, the Solid Waste franchise, the RSWM, recycling fees, and demonstration projects. He requested the Councilors to make time on their calendars for the meeting because there are important things the Councilors need to be up to speed on that are critical. He said he could not do this on a one to one basis with staff for the Councilors.

7. ORDINANCES - SECOND READINGS

7.1 Ordinance No. 95-616, Amending the FY 1995-96 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Reorganizing the Staff of the Council Office, Creating New Positions, Reducing Staffing Levels for the Office of Citizen Involvement, and Declaring an Emergency

Presiding Officer McFarland moved, with the consent of the Council, the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 95-616 to the end of the Agenda. This was to allow the audience to testify and leave if they wanted.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Resolution No. 95-2172A, For the Purpose of Authorizing Issuance of RFP No. 95R-17A-REM for a Phase 1 Commercial Food Waste Collection/Processing Project

The clerk read the Resolution by title, only.

Motion: *Councilor Kvistad moved for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2172A*

Councilor Kvistad reported there was quite a lot of history in terms of a program that existed for a composting project with food waste. There was a Composter on a project for waste in general that did not go too well. This is a different kind of proposal which is talking about a demonstration project to move forward to see whether or not the composting of food waste as opposed to yard debris is viable. This is a phase one. There has been lively discussion of it by the Regional Environmental Management Committee. It has been discussed more than once, and it was sent back to staff for further review. He invited Councilor McLain and Presiding Officer McFarland to embellish any points of their choosing. Councilor Kvistad said this is a proposal worth trying and he recommended it to the Council for approval.

Councilor McLain said she believes the committee supported this particular pilot project for a couple of very good reasons. Wet wastes in our waste stream that composes one of the final types of waste we are unable to recycle or reuse in a productive way. We cannot do better in this region on our recycling rate unless we attack this particular part of the waste stream. This pilot has been developed into two phases. She said the listener could look at Request for Proposals, Phase 1, on page two for greater detail. This indicates this is a project to test the collection and recovery of the commercial pre-consumer vegetable food waste excluding meat and dairy products. This is very specific about what it is collecting and the routine and procedure as far as siting and what the folks would do as far as finding the actual sources for the waste and having a place to dispose of the waste in a fashion different than done in the status quo which is to take it to the landfill. This is a situation which is a very good test project that is going to help us to be better recyclers and reach our rate we are mandated by law to reach by the State of Oregon and our own goals through our RSWM Plan. Councilor McLain said she supports it and hopes the remaining Councilors would support it, as well.

Councilor Morissette said one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for a test to recycling seemed like an awful lot of money to him and that he is very concerned about this. He said he would hope something could have tested something and found out whether it worked at much less impact in relation to cost. He said he is very hesitant to support this. He said he does wholeheartedly support efforts in finding ways to recycle better, but thinks the money amount is extreme.

Councilor McLain responded by saying consideration is needed for what it costs to take it to the landfill. Also consideration is needed for what it costs to maintain a contract of that nature for the amount of tonnage taken to the landfill. If one offsets what the possibilities are with this test, this is not first level testing. We are at a second and third level of test. We have had almost eighteen months to two years' worth of talking to the industry, dealing with experts in other areas. We have had workshops. This is the next step. Without this step, we cannot get into this area of recycling and reuse.

Presiding Officer McFarland added that earlier the staff brought to Council a version of this proposal, and Council sent them back to the drawing board. Staff made every effort, concerted and real, to meet the concerns of Council and to bring it to Council in a way that is totally acceptable to her. She said she appreciates the effort made by staff. Earlier on, the first test was referred to when the Composter fell on hard times before. We know quite a bit about the things we do, and do not want to do at this point. We still need to have someone try out a commercial approach with Metro's help. This is not picking up the whole tab for it, but just a partial and helpful part of it.

Vote: *The vote was 6/1 in favor of passing Resolution No. 95-2172A, with Councilor Morissette providing the dissenting vote.*

8.2 Resolution No. 95-2233A, For the Purpose of Providing Comments on the Preliminary Regional Water Supply Plan

The clerk read the Resolution by title, only.

Motion: *Councilor McLain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2233A*

Councilor McLain said we have had one public hearing on the Regional Water Supply Plan. Metro is one of twenty-seven jurisdictions that have worked on the supply plan for over a two-year period. This is the second stage of that plan. We want a toughening and tightening up of language and implementation of comprehensive, aggressive regional water conservation and water pricing, investigation for future source options such as dual systems and other ways of doing the system differently. We are talking about making sure we maintain a regional scope of the study, maintain regional flexibility and options for future water supply, initiate a formal regional consortium of water providers and other participants to implement this Regional Water Supply Plan. These items are especially important to the originators, especially in the area of water conservation. We need to recognize that this public review is only the beginning of a very long process of public input that will be used in the development of the final actual water supply plan.

John Fregonese presented the memo from Executive Officer Mike Burton, who sent his regrets. Mr. Burton basically supports the decision of the Council on the Resolution. The Executive is making the points of the three key areas that he believes we need to make:

1. Conservation must be the region's number one water source.
2. We need an ongoing formal regional consortium of water providers and other participants for the successful implementation. Clearly, Metro is a part of that consortium.
3. Service and ground water must be protected to preserve our livability and provide high water quality supply options in the future.

The two items he closes with are: A level one reliability which is one hundred percent reliability of the water source at all times may not be feasible or desirable. We should investigate and have a discussion about level two and level three, which are ninety-eight and ninety-five percent reliability. Ninety-eight percent reliability is two years out of a century you would have summer drought restrictions. The difference between ninety-eight percent and one hundred percent reliability may be something that is quite desirable when you consider it. People ought to weigh those options.

Councilor Kvistad said that both he and Executive Officer Burton serve on the Water Policy Leadership Group, with Councilor McLain on WRPAC, which is their Advisory Committee, and so they are both up on water issues. He said he wanted to be clear on the Willamette since both the source option location is in his district as well as several of the jurisdictions that would be moving forward with that. He said he also has a concern about a Willamette source option. He said this has been discussed and they will continue to discuss it at the Leadership Group, which are the elected officials from the jurisdictions that actually control the water resources in the region. He said he thinks the Council will need to have a discussion as staff discussions about this when it comes forward. He said he is glad the Executive has highlighted that particular problem or concern, he thinks this is something the Council will need to be up to speed on as this moves forward.

Presiding Officer McFarland said there is no doubt in her mind that there was a great deal of public response to the inclusion of the Willamette as a source of potable water. She said her personal response agrees with the vast majority of the people that talked to her. She said someone said to her that it should be made a potential water source, and then we'll clean it up. That's the cart before the horse. Let's first talk about cleaning it up before we

even consider it in reference to a potable water source. She said to Councilor McLain that she assumes that if this resolution is passed that does not necessarily say that the Council is in favor of drinking water that makes deformed fish.

Councilor McLain responded that would be correct. Flexibility has been asked for as they review the technology, and to look at other resources including conservation as the number one resource. There are three or four areas listed out which are thought to be good options.

***Vote:** The vote was unanimous, 7/0.*

Presiding Officer McFarland asked that the record show Resolution No. 95-2233A was unanimously adopted.

8.3 **Resolution No. 95-2226, For the Purpose of Amending the Contract Between Metro and BRW, Inc. (Contract No. 902962) For the Purpose of Correcting the Contract Budget Amount for Consultant Services Associated with the Completion of the South/North Transit Corridor Study**

The clerk read the Resolution by title, only.

***Motion:** Councilor Washington moved for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2226*

Councilor Washington reported the purpose of the amendment is to pay an additional twenty-three thousand nine hundred thirty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents to BRW, Inc. The Transportation Planning Committee voted unanimously to pay the additional amount. The mistake that occurred was not intentional. There was a couple of arithmetic errors. We have been assured that steps have been taken to make sure that this does not happen again. In November 1992, Metro executed a contract with BRW for three hundred seventeen thousand seven hundred ninety-two dollars for consultant services for the South/North Project. In May 1994 Metro extended the contract for forty-nine thousand four hundred fifty-five dollars for additional consultant services which increased the contract to three hundred sixty-seven thousand two hundred forty-seven dollars. This was not anticipated in the original scope of work because of the changing orders in the federal regulations for the light rail planning. In determining the residual contract value in a budget for the additional work for the contract extension an arithmetic error of thirty-two thousand eight hundred dollars was made. In particular, Metro and BRW estimated at the time of the extension one hundred ten thousand eight dollars was still available under the contract when in fact only seventy-seven thousand two hundred and eight dollars was available. In addition to this, Metro and BRW discovered an error in the past billing under the contract where Metro was inadvertently overcharged eight thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars and fifty-three cents which gave the net effect of twenty-three thousand dollars instead of forty-nine.

***Vote:** Resolution No. 95-2226 passed unanimously, with the vote being 7/0.*

Presiding Officer McFarland asked that the record show this Resolution had unanimous adoption.

8.4 **Resolution No. 95-2239, For the Purpose of Recommending Criteria for the South/North Light Rail Project**

The clerk read the Resolution by title, only.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved for adoption of Resolution No. 95-2239.

Councilor Monroe said this proposal has to do with forwarding to LCDC on behalf of the affected jurisdictions including Metro and ODOT and the cities of Portland, Oregon City, Milwaukee, Gladstone, and the counties of Clackamas and Multnomah, land use criteria in anticipation of public hearings that will be held on the South/North Light Rail route, station placement, park and ride lots, maintenance facilities, and so forth. This is a required step in the process of siting the South/North Light Rail route.

Councilor Kvistad said for the record, under Land Use Criteria, since there is a potential Ross Island crossing this does not preclude that crossing as a criteria. He said he wanted to make sure this was noted before the vote.

Councilor McCaig asked Councilor Monroe why Councilor Kvistad had noted this information.

Councilor Monroe replied that Councilor Kvistad wanted to make sure that the criteria did not preclude that option. This is one of the options being forwarded into the Environmental Impact Study.

Councilor McCaig asked why wouldn't we note all of the options.

Councilor Monroe replied to the effect that this could certainly be done. He said Councilor Kvistad just wanted to make sure this was on the record.

Councilor McCaig said that given that it is not in his district, and given that it is in her district, she wanted to note something in his district.

Vote: The vote in favor of adopting Resolution No. 95-2239 was unanimously adopted, the vote was 7/0.

Presiding Officer McFarland asked that the record show Resolution No. 95-2239 was unanimously adopted.

Presiding Officer McFarland turned the Chair over to Councilor McLain, Growth Management Committee Chair, for Agenda Items 9 and 10.

9. PROPOSED URBAN GROWTH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AMENDMENTS

9.1 PUBLIC HEARING

10. 2040 GROWTH CONCEPT MAP

10.1 PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Susan McLain opened the portion of the meeting dedicated to the Metro Council Growth Management Committee at 2:45 PM. Public testimony was received this afternoon.

1. **Diane Wustrack, representing West Linn/Wilsonville School District, 2900 Haskins Road, West Linn OR 97068 testified.** *"I am the Chairman of the West Linn/Wilsonville School Board and I am here to testify against the inclusion of the Stafford Triangle within the Urban Reserve Study Area. Let me tell you a few things about the West Linn/Wilsonville School District. I would welcome any phone calls from you later. Our school district would be the one that would provide services to the Stafford Triangle. Currently, we are just finishing our long-range growth plan for the school district and we anticipate buildout under the current Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) as they are now - we anticipate buildout in 2010. We will grow from a school district of currently 6900 students to a school district of 11,000 to 12,000 students by 2010. We will have to build five schools in addition to the schools we currently have. This will cost our patrons \$93 million. If the Stafford Triangle is developed to the tune of 10,000 households, depending on the mix of multi-family and single-family houses, this will produce between 4200 and 7000 additional students. This would require, at a minimum, another seven schools. These seven schools, at a minimum, would cost our patrons \$80 million and would require a minimum of 150 acres set aside for schools. As some of you, and maybe all of you are familiar with, the current land use regulations in the State of Oregon are very unfriendly to schools and so, while we are struggling to find facilities and build facilities for the students that we know are coming, we beg you, do not add more students in the Stafford Triangle. Please give me a phone call so I can go on and on."*

2. **Mary Kyle McCurdy, representing 1000 Friends of Oregon, 534 SW Third Avenue, Portland OR 97204 testified.** *"We wish to commend the hard work of the Council, your Staff and your various advisory committees in getting us to the point. You are on the verge of adopting a blue print that will accommodate population and employment growth in the future, the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives and this is quite a significant step. We urge you to adopt the RUGGOs so they may form the basis for the more specific and enforceable functional plans. Of most concern to the region right now is the development of the functional plan concerning interim measures, also referred to early implementation measures. The current draft of these consists of six overarching regional measures and fifty or so additional measures from which local governments may choose to implement. Most local governments are quite eager to begin implementing these interim measures and some already have because they realize the financial, legal and political consequences of not doing so. We believe that Metro has a critical window of opportunity now in which it can offer both carrots and sticks to local governments to implement the interim measures thereby preclude the need to expand the UGB for the twenty-year planning period and we recommend that you capitalize on this win-win opportunity. We offer the following suggested steps to do so: First, adopt the RUGGOs. You are scheduled to do that in December. As mentioned before, this is the first step. Second, adopt the interim measures and accelerate their implementation. MPAC has already endorsed the interim measures and there is regional consensus that these steps need to be taken by all local governments as soon as possible. The overarching interim measures do the following: They establish minimum densities, they change the zoning to reflect the Region 2040 Growth Concept, they reduce required parking minimums, they ensure protection of wetlands and watersheds, they protect employment areas, and they implement the Rural Reserves and Green Corridors. While the analysis of the impact of the interim measures is still being calculated. All data thus far indicates that early implementation of these measures over the next eighteen months to two years will result in considerable savings of land needed inside the UGB. We suggest that Metro offer local governments financial and other incentives to implement these measures such as through targeted use of TGM moneys. Third, we recommend that you do not make a UGB decision until at least 1997. Metro is under no*

legal obligation to make such a determination until 1997 at the earliest. Right now, your schedule has you adopting a UGB for the year 2015 in 1996 and then schedules you to adopt another UGB for the year 2020 in 1997. We believe that's a rather unproductive schedule as it will distract from the work that Metro and local governments really need to be doing right now which is implementing the interim measures. Instead, we recommend that you pick one time to make a UGB determination and that be at least 1997 and that you and local governments use the next eighteen months to two years to implement aggressively the interim measures. Then, the need for UGB expansion can be measured against both the performance of local governments in carrying out their fair share of the 2040 Growth Concept and the actual development patterns since 1995. A time period of eighteen months to two years allows Metro and local governments who are doing their fair share to keep the heat on any recalcitrant local governments. We believe that this is critical because much evidence indicates that implementation of the interim measures and recent development patterns will result in a no expansion or a small expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). First, there has been a market shift in lot size. The average single family lot size in the Metro region in 1995 appears to be, from a variety of data, in the 6500 - 7000 square foot range. Oregon Title projects that the market is moving quite quickly toward a 5700 square foot average single family lot size. This is quite a drop from the current 8000 square foot lot size estimated by your staff. Similarly, Oregon Title shows that about 12% of the new single-family home product in 1995 has been attached town houses and condominiums. Your modeling so far has estimated that today, that product was only at about 5% and you are predicting reaching 15% by 2015. Clearly, we are already well on our way to 2015 and we can do better. Redevelopment and infill: Metro's modeling apparently has not captured all of the residential redevelopment and infill that is occurring right now. In Portland, apparently about 50% of the new housing in the last year has gone on lots that the Metro model has already shown are developed region-wide. That number is about 30%. Therefore, even a relatively modest figure 15% residential redevelopment can save up to about 4300 acres on potential land needed inside the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Third, an oversupply of industrial land. Every analysis by your Metro staff has shown that we have more than a fifty-year supply of industrial land, particularly in the Hillsboro and Columbia/South shore areas. We recommend that this land supply be examined with as much scrutiny as the residential lands supply and, where appropriate, rezoned. We believe these steps, which are quite credible and conservative, will result in an ultimate determination that there is no need for Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion for the twenty-year time period. My last point is, therefore, to designate a small urban reserve study area and remove all farm and forest lands from it. Farm and forest lands are the last option that you are supposed to choose when determining need for Urban Reserve Study Area. Your staff has estimated that there is a need for no more than 14,000 or so acres of urban reserve until the year 2040. There is approximately two to three times that amount of acreage in rural residential exception areas surrounding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) now. We do not believe that there is any legal justification for bringing in farm and forest lands into the urban reserve and we recommend that you drop those lands from the Urban Reserve Study Areas now. Thank you."

3. Tasha Harmon, Coalition for a Livable Future, 802 SE 27th, Portland OR 97214 testified. *"I am going to tell you that The Coalition for a Livable Future and I wholeheartedly support the testimony that you just heard from Mary Kyle McCurdy and to express the appreciation of the Coalition for the hard work that you have all done on the RUGGOs. I think that they are an enormous step forward. I want to particularly call your attention to the Fair Share housing language in Objective 17 and to the new Urban Vitality*

Objective 21, both of which I think, are absolutely critical steps in building the kind of community and region that we want to see in 2040 and beyond."

4. Robert Thomas, 2563 Pimlico Drive, West Linn OR 97058 presented testimony. *"I want to heartily endorse the Stafford Triangle's Task Force Alliance and its position which is also supported by the cities of Lake Oswego, Tualatin, and West Linn against any encroachment of urban growth into the Stafford Triangle or having any of it put into the status of Urban Reserve Study Area, or actual urban reserve status. We have had an undue amount of growth in our area. I believe we have taken far more than our share considering our relatively small size and this would devastate our area from the standpoint of livability for the traffic and the costs of infrastructure to service that area which could readily expand to over 3000 acres and many thousands of new residents. We just don't have the money, even at present, to finish supplying the infrastructure that the approximately 950 acres still available within West Linn and its present rural area that is going to be urbanized, called Tanner Basin. We have lots of land yet to be developed within our city but what I am here primarily to speak to is to oppose its very hypocritical on the part of our city, Lake Oswego, and our West Linn/Wilsonville School District of which was represented here today by Diane Wustrack to be, at the same time, invoking and hoping and pleading that you will not urbanize the Stafford Triangle and yet wanting to immediately grab 160 acres of that triangle for West Linn and some other acreage for Lake Oswego. In the case of Lake Oswego, I think it may be related to some threats of land owners against lawsuits, but in our case, this is a situation which will use school bond money to bring up a great deal of infrastructure to the top of our hill along the Rosemont ridge line so that the school will use the school bond money to pay for this infrastructure which is extremely expensive compared to the alternative site that the school has already purchased for a middle school and our city has not charged developers anywhere near the adequate SDCs. They should be about double what they are. The SDCs are bankrupt in Tanner Basin. They have used city SDCs to construct part of the infrastructure for Tanner Basin which is stealing from our city. We need that within the city and so here we have a city of West Linn with a school district now having turned its direction and willing to change its tactics and its future for the sake of our city and we are going to be faced with another big school bond issue next year and they are going to deplete a great deal more money for improving all the roads, bring up the water and the sewer and the storm equipment. I would just say that I believe that until you have answered the questions that have been raised by Mike Burton and others, I think Metro says that there are 50,000 acres and then he said, 'Well, I think it is only 40,000 and then when I talked to Metro staff, they are not sure whether that is buildable acres or whether there is only 17,00 buildable acres yet within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) before you need to move it, so on any Metro plan to consider moving the UGB to cater for future growth, I want to appeal to you to first find at what rate growth has been proceeding in the last five years. You need to find out how long it will take for these averages within the present UGB to be urbanized before you go looking for more land."*

Councilor McLain assured Mr. Thomas HB 2709 and those very issues of which he spoke are part of the analysis and the criteria.

5. Bibbe Lee, 5190 Firwood Place, West Linn OR 97058 testified. *"I simply wish to support the statements previously made as far as the Stafford Triangle land. I wish it to not be included in any study area, urban reserve area, until there are some financing mechanisms made public and I would personally like to see them as part of the RUGGOs as*

opposed to simply setting a mandate for growth and figuring out how we are going to pay for it later with the massive infrastructure that is going to be needed. Thank you."

6. Jerry Reeves, representing the J. C. Reeves Corporation, 4850 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Portland OR 97225 testified. *"The prior school speaker stated that the present land use process is not very friendly to schools and I would say that this state has not played hard enough ball with the schools to get them to update their outdated boundaries and cooperate between themselves to service the communities that they say they are service. My company has been in battles in the City of Tualatin for about six years now, trying to solve a problem that the Sherwood School District is now challenging the state and the neighboring school district over letting the kids go to the schools that are right across the street from that community and in this whole situation, I ended up with a black hat because I was the villain that actually went in and built the houses into that area even though that was the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and within the city of Tualatin. Now, your page 34 of the RUGGOs, under Neighbor Cities, 26.1, Coordination between Cities, Counties and Metro doesn't even mention schools and I know that has been an issue that I keep being told that schools are not part of what you deal with but you also are talking about rural reserve areas that will separate these cities and one of your selected places in Wilsonville is in the Sherwood School District so you are going to be planning for a community with urban level development inside the city of Wilsonville and bussing those kids to the city of Sherwood. Now, that, to me, flies in the face of all your goals and objectives and everything else. If schools will not cooperate and you can't get them to the table to deal with these boundaries that were drawn in the 1930s and 1940s, then I think you need to lay their district lines over your maps and find out where these study areas are and rate it some way to figure out where you are going to be splitting these neighborhoods and bussing the kinds because schools are a magnet. If you look at SB 100, it has a couple paragraphs in there on the siting of schools and it is the ultimate in land use planning so I don't understand how we are letting this glitch go forward. I think it should have been in this process a long time ago. This is the very issue that we challenged the first go-around on your concept. Now you are going down the road again ignoring this issue. Thank you."*

7. James Kuhl, representing Rosemont Property Owners Association, 445 S Rosemont Road, West Linn OR 97058 presented oral and written testimony, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

8. Jolene Anne Segel, 8680 SW 155th Avenue, Beaverton OR 97007 testified. *"I would appreciate you considering my land as a part of Metro's Urban Reserve Study Areas. I am Map 45. I own 1/4 of 45 acres that abuts River Road just .9 of a mile from the sewage plant. Urban services such as water, sewer, public transportation are in place. There is a triangle of land and the end part of the land is just blocks from the Tualatin Valley Highway. The land is east of River Road and it sits in a triangle of already developed land. As Metro wrestles with the decision to find ways to solve the problem of increasing population, a study of this area appears to me to be the right thing to do. It is contemplation and the acquisition of knowledge that allow you to reach the best solutions for the good of the region. The process allows the time for you to study and I would most appreciate it if you would take the time and the opportunity to give careful consideration to this area to see if this land meets projected future needs of the region. Please study this land and see for yourself if this parcel is more feasible as urban land or as rural land. I thank you. And I thank you for the repeated opportunities to appear before you and I appreciate your kind consideration. Thank you."*

9. Richard Hager, Councilor, City of Tualatin, PO Box 39, Tualatin OR 97062. *"I have been on the Council for several years and active in the Stafford Triangle issue for about three-and-one-half years. I think you are very aware from the numerous position statements the Stafford Task Force has taken, over the past two-and-one-half to three years and the numerous memos and letters we have sent you. I think you are aware of the consistent position we have taken. It hasn't changed. I don't even need to restate it. What I would like to mention is that I live in a community that has increased by 700 percent in population in twenty years. Very few people in the state or probably in the world, would be able to sit here before you and say that. You probably suspect, by my age, that I did not come over in a covered wagon as that rate of growth might indicate. Certainly most other communities in the United States that could say that, that they are seven times larger than they were, you'd be talking to someone's great grandmother but that is not the case in Tualatin. Of course, several before me have alluded to the fact that there is some nebulous price attached to growth and I am certain that is true. Ten to twelve, fifteen years ago, in Tualatin, the combined water sewer bill would have run \$5.00. Now it is going to run between \$50 and \$60 and that is just an example. My own home assessment has gone up 300 percent. It went up 65% just in the few years since Measure 5 was passed. There is definitely a real price to be paid. I think we have also talked a little bit before about the cost of providing infrastructure and providing reservoirs and providing police and libraries. The cost of providing those things to the 3500 acres of the North Stafford Triangle is completely outside of the ability if the city to provide. It just can't happen again or we will all have to move out of Tualatin. We cannot pay the cost of developing the 3500 acres that were never in our urban services boundary. In the process of growing from 2000 people to 19,000 people now, we have done a lot of things. We have set minimum densities in all our planning districts. Every planning district is that way and it has been for quite some time. We are doing something very important there. We are also building single family subdivisions at six units to the acre. That is not being done widely but that does require some very small lot sizes. We have done over 400 units of that and, in fact right now, we are in the process of putting on-line, about 570 apartment units as we speak on about 46 acres on two sites. This has been the case in Tualatin for the entire 19 years that I have lived there. All I am asking you to keep in mind what the cities of Tualatin, Lake Oswego and West Linn have done as we have grown from small towns like Tualatin twenty years ago, to where we are now at 19,000 people. We have done a lot and I don't think we can afford to develop the 3500 acres next door. Thank you very much."*

10. Robert Price of Stoel Rives, 233 SW Front Avenue Portland OR 97204 presented written testimony regarding their client Morse Brothers, Inc., a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

11. Steven R. Schell of Stoel Rives, 233 SW Front Avenue Portland OR 97204 presented written testimony regarding their client Morse Brothers, Inc., a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

12. Patty Mamula, 21357 Sweetbriar Road, West Linn OR 97058 presented oral and written testimony, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

13. Brian D. Grover, representing North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 369, Gladstone OR 97027 presented oral and written testimony, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

14. **Alice Schlenker, Mayor of the City of Lake Oswego, PO Box 369, Lake Oswego OR 97034.** *"I have five quick points that I would like to make with you. The first point has to do with partnerships. As an elected official of the city and being a mayor, we have very broad input into numerous areas that impact our communities. Those broad areas have to do with striving to create partnerships that work for all of us. Just two days ago, I was with a group of people having to do with the federal deficit, interestingly enough, and we formed a partnership that talked about including the voice of local government as it relates to the role of our resources and what we are talking about is the federal government, as it goes through devolution, we are going to be taking on numerous new roles at the local level and also accepting the costs for transportation, Medicaid, and so on. That is a brand new role. We need to have a voice at that table. Again, just a few weeks ago, we met with Governor Kitzhaber and other people talking about a partnership and we established the principles of a partnership, again to take over the role and responsibilities and talk about the costs of what is going to happen at the local level. Of course, our third partner is you, Metro and we have been a partner with you in terms of helping to pass Greenspaces and in terms of having helped to pass the light rail bill. All of those costs, of course, are going to come back to us but they will also enhance the livability of our area. So I want you to know that we are very much aware of our responsibility but our resources are minimal and we are going to have to do a great deal of planning for the future. The second point that, I would like to talk about is studies. I reacted strongly to John Kvistad's proposal to now study all of the 3500 acres in the Stafford area for potential urbanization about two weeks ago and I will continue to react strongly to such a proposal; not, as some claim, because we are a wealthy community and don't want any growth but because we, along with our neighboring cities, the county and the school districts and residents of the area have studied this issue for four years and we have given you good reasons why urbanization of the North Stafford area does not make sense for us and for the region. Once again, you are very much aware of what I am saying because you, too, are studying the issues. We have three volumes of the Colt study,, having to do with sewer issues region-wide. Within our urban service area only, not expanding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) but just what we are going to have to be responsible for in the near future will be close to \$20 million to the city of Lake Oswego and that is just within our urban service area. The water study that you talked about - we are not quite sure what those costs will be but we know that for capital improvements existing for our water treatment plant to serve again the population within our urban service area, that we are probably up to \$15 million to \$20 million. We feel that these costs are highly significant in terms of our tax payers. As you know, West Linn's votes just told the city council there that they would be determining the rates for water in the future, not the city council and we see this movement in this tax revolt against local governments and governments of all levels because people simple are not willing and cannot pay for the costs. The third issue I would like to talk about is growth. I have learned that issues just don't happen on the spur of the moment or in a vacuum. I know that the citizens of Lake Oswego weren't born yesterday. They have been tried and tested and trained by our land use planning system which emphasizes above all else, rational planning and citizen involvement. When they believe that irrational planning is underway and citizen involvement is being thwarted, they get emotional. The last area for major growth in Lake Oswego is our downtown area which is the town center and which is included on your map. We have been planning for this. That is 2.8 acres in the middle of downtown Lake Oswego. We feel that none of this has come easily. You are in a little different position than we are. Nearly each and every land use matter that has come before the city council has been appealed by our citizens. Therefore, we take very seriously our citizens' concerns. We believe that that this is serious business and we are not just planning for the future in the face of tremendous growth. We must also earn the*

confidence and support of our citizens if we ever hope to implement the 2040 plan. Quite frankly, this was the reason that we held our rally in Lake Oswego because we sincerely wanted to pull all of our people together to understand what the issues and concerns were with regard to the 2040 concept and that we, in fact as a city, would approve the 2040 concept map as it had been proposed. It just so happened that the 3500 acres were pulled in at the last minute; none of us were aware of it and the timing coincided. We have also been accused of taking a position that this is somehow not fair to the rest of the region - that we do not support the 3500 acres. I am not aware of any criteria in the RUGGOs or 2040 that requires that we should somehow distribute employment and population across every landscape. I believe the Future Vision and the 2040 Concept call for the just opposite. It says that we will do things differently; that we will not continue to expand in all directions regardless of the consequences in terms of jobs, housing balance, transportation system efficiency and a compact urban form that maintains separation of cities and is cost-effective in the provision of services. Speaking for Lake Oswego in my closing remarks, we have participated in the technical process underway at the staff level for several years and most intensely in the last year to allocate future employment and population growth in a responsible way. We commented initially that the first round of allocations made some assumptions about redevelopable land. I want you to know that our staff is meeting with your staff tomorrow to review the allocation estimates in more detail. I expect that they will be able to reach an agreement on Lake Oswego's population and employment allocations that reflect a more accurate expectation on the part of Metro and a greater challenge to the city to achieve what you are expecting. We are willing to work with you. In closing, I would simply like to say that we do not want to expand any more scarce resources and time on finding out what we already know: The Stafford area, the 3500 acres, is not a logical or cost-effective place to urbanize. We do believe and our values have shown us in our city, that it is important to value green as much as greenbacks."

15. Gussie McRobert, Mayor, City of Gresham testified. *"MPAC unanimously voted to ask Metro to ask all the local governments to step up and even increase their densities beyond the 2040 densities. This would mean that the twenty-year land supply does not have to be based upon big lot sprawl but can be based on a more compact planning strategy. At the same meeting, a lot of concern was expressed about the time line that we have for studying the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) amendments. One for the 2015 forecast which is not that far off (next spring) and then again, when we do the regional framework plan. It is a huge amount of staff time and we would hope that somewhat we could manage to just do that one time instead of having to turn around and do it again in just a few months. I know you are about through with this and you are probably more relieved than we are even, but I would just ask you not to sell our future short. There will be those who argue for the status quo but I assure you there are enlightened developers out there. I met with two of them this morning and one, the President of Village Properties gave me permission to speak for their plans in Gresham. They plan, this next year, \$25 million worth of developments. They represent small box retailers like Walgreen's, the Blockbuster Video, Petco, and those kind of stores. Most of these are infill projects so they don't really count on the parking ratio sheet as a shopping center but they have been willing to totally shift their site plans so that they meet our transportation plans. The building orientation is up to the street which is in the state transportation planning rule. They are willing to follow our architectural standards which were upheld by LUBA from the Homebuilder's appeal of our plan. They are willing not to have any parking or maneuvering or queuing of cars between the street and the building. These are what some would say monumental changes but they have been very willing to do it because they want to do business in Gresham. This is a valuable market. We do not have to sell ourselves cheap.*

They have been willing to do less parking. I would urge you not to be afraid of parking maximums. Using Walgreen as an example, their preference for their 14,000 square foot box is 60 parking spaces. They are willing to do only 51 and in a phased development, using part of that later for another building. If you compare that with the parking standards, these are infill projects so you can't really count them as a shopping center but their average is 3.6 spaces per 1,000 square feet of retail. If you figure a shopping center, the maximum would be 5.1. They are well under that maximum already. The only other comparison at all was the supermarket and the maximum would be 3.7. They are thus under 3.6. I would urge you not to be afraid of that and not to sell our future short. I appreciate all the house you have spent on this matter.

Presiding Officer Ruth McFarland asked Mayor McRobert how much effect the increased densities and infill, of which Mayor McRobert spoke, would have upon those governments that have not come willingly to that view?

Mayor McRobert replied, *"I think it will in a couple of ways. First, you can find out that there is strong support for minimal expansion or no expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and everybody has to have their fair share. I know that there are a couple of cities, and it is not Lake Oswego, who are strong 'don't expand the UGB' but are doing huge one-acre lots. Well, folks, you can't have it both ways. They have to be responsible and they have to take their fair share of the allocation. The leverage you have is that if they don't they don't get transportation money. There was much discussion when the charter was being put together, on what one of the members kept calling 'the hammer' that Metro needed. The hammer is the money. You don't play the game, you don't get paid. I think that is a big lever. Then, we have some responsibility, too, to work on those people. I promise you that we will do that."*

16. John Pullen, 18 Britten Court, Lake Oswego OR 97035 testified. *"I am opposed to expanding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in the Stafford area. I am further opposed to an urban study of the Stafford Basin. The area has been studied to death. The last study was done by the Stafford Area Task Force. If more information is required by Metro for this area, just contact the cities of Lake Oswego, West Linn, or Tualatin. They are loaded with information. I am here today to show the Metro Council that there is citizen support for the viewpoint of our elected officials of Lake Oswego, West Linn and Tualatin. They have all given you excellent input and they have expert planners on their city staffs. Tom Coffee, the City of Lake Oswego Assistant City Manager and Planning Director knows the problems which would be associated with the development of the Stafford area like the back of his hand. Many in the press and elsewhere rely on his expertise. I am not against urban growth. At the same time, I do not want the home-building industry to saddle me with a lot of unnecessary taxes due to the development of an area that will have water problems, sewage problems, school problems, road problems and many other types of problems. From what I have read in the newspapers, Metro has heard loud and clear from the public how it feels about expanding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Please do not turn a tin ear to our views on this matter. You were all elected to represent the people you serve. In closing, I am just sorry that Mike Burton is not here today. In closing, I will repeat a line that Mike Burton wrote in a letter to the citizens of the region, 'that mandate to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for ourselves and future generations is Metro's primary responsibility.' Now I think that I can live with that. Thank you."*

17. Matt M. Finnigan, 3700 Upper Drive, Lake Oswego OR 97035 testified. *"We have elected our officials. They have come to you and talked. Word has come back to the*

neighborhood associations and community that we are not being heard and that we haven't had the people here. I would only share with you a little bit of an experience. In Lake Oswego, one of the biggest assets we have is volunteers. Our committees, our boards are very well staffed by the citizens of Lake Oswego. From that, we are given the opportunity listen to lots and lots of people. We are currently underway in Lake Grove, where I live, one of two neighborhoods who have been identified to develop a neighborhood plan. We are in that process right now and we are trying to look at how we can accept more density, have our streets functions better and so forth. We are trying to work again within the city limits, because when we drew that some twenty years ago, we looked at what could Lake Oswego service properly. And with that, then we have worked towards that in infilling and, to my knowledge, the city has done a very good job of infilling. We are almost to the guideline that Metro has set plus to infill but we are even looking at the new challenged that we are offering us which is how can we accept more density and we are looking at the town centers, etc. In closing, I would only offer you that we don't need to go outside. Let us have some time to develop within it. I can only assure you that the neighborhoods are in support of the city's position to everyone. We also even have a Coalition that meets every first Saturday and they are also on the records. I believe they have come and talked to you about it so the community of Lake Oswego is informed. They just don't turn out in great numbers other than what you saw at our rally and it has been described as an emotional but, again, I don't think of any time when I have seen a public notice come out where we have had 300 people. I would encourage you not to extend the study. Give us the opportunity develop within the Urban Growth Boundaries."

18. Bill Klammer, City of Lake Oswego testified. *"I am here today to demonstrate my support for the position we have taken as a city in opposition to any expansion of the Urban Reserve Study Area in the North Stafford area. By now, you may be getting tired of hearing from us on this subject. We would prefer to not have to keep reminding you of our opposition to the urbanization of the North Stafford area but since this is still a possibility that some of you want to consider, I believe it is our responsibility to continue to represent the interests of our citizens in these proceedings. We feel that the North Stafford area will be more expensive to serve than most other areas around the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Direct costs of development would be passed on to new residents and indirect costs, like schools, police and fire protection, recreation programs and libraries would be added to the taxes and utility rate paid by all of us. Every one would end up paying for the benefits that are derived by a few. Another factor contributing to the higher cost of development is the terrain in the North Stafford area. It is not flat. Based upon your staff's analysis of 47 existing and potential additions to the Urban Reserve Study Areas, only seven others have a slope equal to or greater than the 12% which characterizes the North Stafford area. It is not likely that the density of 5.9 units per acre that was assumed in the utility feasibility analysis you commissioned could be achieved. As a result, the per unit cost of developing this area would be even higher than most other Urban Reserve Study Areas. If providing cost-effective services and affordable housing for existing and future residents is among your planning objectives, the North Stafford area is not an area that will enable this region to achieve either."*

19. Dorothy Rogers, representing Palisades Neighborhood Association, 17211 SW Robb Place, Lake Oswego OR 97034 testified. *"We have sent you a letter dated October 18, 1995, which ran into quite a lot of detail about of feelings on this but I wanted to remind you again that there are many of us here today because of our concern regarding the Stafford growth issue. As Chair of Palisades Neighborhood Association, which comprises approximately 1400 homes, I have been contacted by many, many, many neighbors who*

are deeply worried about the cost of this rate of quick expansion. We are not elitist. We welcome new neighbors so they may enjoy the lifestyle we now have. However, water, sewer and roads, not to mention traffic; we are overwhelmed with them by this time. You have heard from many experts with excellent, sophisticated testimony on this. I am not saying anything new. These people have expressed it very well. But we say, 'Let the people come. But let them come at a rate we can pay for and absorb.' We need your help. We are asking you please help us achieve this."

20. Linly Ferris, representing Joe Hanauer, 101 SW Main, Portland OR 97204 testified.
"I represent Joe Hanauer who is the property owner of one of the sites under consideration for addition to the Urban Reserve Study Area. Site No. 64 is the one under consideration. The site owned by my client is a 188 acre tract located in unincorporated Washington County. It is owned by a single owner. It is zoned AF20 and AF5 which is not an EFU zone in Washington County. I just want to emphasize a couple of points as to why this is an appropriate site for the Urban Reserve Study Area. First of all, it is not an of an appropriate size for agricultural use. Mr. Hanauer has leased the property to a farmer who, after two years of trying to sustain yields, gave up and we think that no other farmer would be willing to, given the amount of herbicides and the trees that are located on the property. Second, this is a good opportunity. It is a single tract of 188 acres, located adjacent to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). We have a great opportunity here to use one piece of property for planning. Finally, this is in an area of poor job and housing mix. We have an increasing number of jobs out in the western portion of the metro area and yet we don't have increasing housing to accompany the increasing jobs and therefore, this is in an area that certainly should be involved in the Urban Reserve Study Areas."

Announcements from Metro Growth Management Committee Chair Susan McLain:

1. The Committee and Staff will begin a point by point review of the sites under discussion today. Information will be received from Staff today with a short presentation and an opportunities for the Councilors to ask questions about particular pieces of the information received last Friday, specific sites on the Growth Concept Map.
2. After Thanksgiving week, the Committee will hold a meeting on November 30. This is a night meeting, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The specific purpose for this evening meeting is to afford the public a final opportunity to submit testimony. Amendments may be offered by Councilors at this meeting. Public issues will be addressed at this meeting by the Councilors. If amendments have not been formally entered into the process by a Councilor, they must be brought forward by the Councilors. The Committee will also be receiving recommendations by Councilors, Staff, or the Executive Officer. The final recommendations must be brought forward by the aforementioned parties on November 30, 1995. The final opportunity for public testimony will this evening.
3. December 7, 1995. Work Session with final revision and adoption. No public testimony will be received on this date. The public is welcome to come and listen to the discussion on this date.

Councilor McLain: *Madam Chair, at this point, if it is appropriate, would it be all right for Mark and John to bring forward the, let you ask any questions you want about the maps they provided us for last Friday?*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Does anyone want to ask questions of our staff about the maps?*

Councilor McLain: *There are no recommendations today. We asked that they bring forward the information that you received in your packets last Friday. They're here to answer questions. They're here to walk through any of the material that you did not understand or you felt you needed more information on. You can do that today, here. Or, you can do that individually, it's up to you. But, the staff is prepared and ready. They've got life-size photos of all of the areas and, of course, they can tell you as much as you want to know.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Somehow or another, I can't quite believe that. I don't see any lights. Councilor Monroe?*

Councilor Monroe: *Madam Presiding Officer, Councilor McLain, is this the appropriate time to for example, ask our staff to react to the progress query question or other specific questions that came up in testimony? She's nodding yes.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Mr. Fregonese, I saw you come right up when he said react to that. Why don't you react to it.*

John Fregonese: *Madam Chair, if I could have the question, I can tell you whether or not I can react to it. If I have knowledge, I'll try to react. I'll try not to say something I don't know anything about.*

Councilor Monroe: *Well, the indication was that this query was inappropriately designated and I wonder if you agree that it is inappropriately designated. If so, how should it be designated. You have the data that was presented to us by Mr. Schell and whoever the other gentleman was.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Maybe it's a wetland.*

John Fregonese: *It could be if it gets any deeper. We just received this information. We don't have, we haven't done an investigation. We can have that for you next week. We would like to check with Washington County and local jurisdictions to make sure everything is coordinated. It sounded convincing to me, as well, and I don't think if everything checks out it would be a problem to have a denser designation. That's not something we're turning down nowadays.*

Councilor Kvistad: *I just wanted to speak to this since it is in my District, and it is an area where I grew up and did all the things that one does in a quarry when they're a little kid.*

Councilor McCaig: *Let's detail those.*

Councilor Kvistad: *Let's not, shall we. I just wanted you to know it is an area which we designated based on the fact that it is industrial now, but isn't. Directly across from there is, and will be a new Albertson's store as well as another retail establishment. If you'll look on the map, right under the 'FE' in ferry, the ferry word on your map. So it's directly across from where we're already going to be developing and it's already in the Tigard Comprehensive Plan, and I think they're going to start construction within just a few weeks. So looking at that again in light of the size of it is good it works well in that neighborhood and with those existing housing types that are there.*

Councilor McCaig: *Madam Chair, this is a process question. I apologize, I'm not trying to be dense, here. All of the public testimony that we've taken for the endlessly long meetings over the last four months. Explain to me again how we're dealing with those individual proposals to the Council.*

Councilor McLain: *There are some people who came forward with a general statement, like "Stay out of Stafford." That is a one issue, it's not like you're going to find a separate page for every individual that said that.*

Councilor McCaig: *Right.*

Councilor McLain: *Okay. There's some folks who came and said general comments like "We don't want any more growth." There's nothing like that. Anyone that gave us a lot, an address, gave us a specific site, we have approached by putting the map in, showing you the map, and putting them by number. And, we've also given you some particular data on that.*

Councilor McCaig: *My question was that, at the end of your description, Councilor McLain, there was a piece that if a Councilor had an interest in a specific piece of testimony or map, that unless a Councilor makes the amendment, it won't surface beyond the materials that you have presented.*

Councilor McLain: *Right, and that was confusing, and I apologize. I was again talking. In the RUGGOs situation, there are specific amendments that have been brought to us. If they're not brought up by a Councilor, it's not going to be brought up here. We need these specific amendments, if there is any changes in language you want, next week.*

Councilor McCaig: *That's RUGGOs. That's fine.*

Councilor McLain: *Okay. Second item is this: This is how we did it last time. And John and Ed, and a few of us, Ruth, I didn't get a chance to talk to the rest of you, but, we talked about the fact there are some of these items on here we haven't heard a single bit of testimony. We don't think they're controversial. There could very easily between staff and ourselves put together what I would call a consent list. Anybody that wanted to take an item off the consent list at the November 30 Meeting would be welcome to do that. But then, we would have, individually, the controversial issues that we would deal with, pragmatically, one by one.*

Councilor McCaig: *Madam Chair. So there was an emotional plea from a woman who had property that I believe was outside the Urban Growth Boundary. She made a case it was bordered on three sides. It was her retirement, she*

Councilor McLain: *It was Jolene Segel. We've had three letters and two testimonies. She is map 45.*

Councilor McCaig: *In that capacity, though, would that be on a Consent Agenda?*

Councilor McLain: *No.*

Councilor McCaig: *Because there has been no controversy over it.*

Councilor McLain: *I think we wouldn't simply because we've had enough testimony that we could put it on the Consent Agenda if quickly we can see that's there's no issue.*

Councilor McCaig: *Specific isn't important.*

Councilor Kvistad: *What I'm saying is, what I did is I took some of those and they're in the proposal that I brought forward. So her individual lots are within one of the areas I've asked us to consider as was the second to the last one. So some of those are included already in a proposal 'cause I went through these when I developed mine.*

Councilor McCaig: *Is the assumption that the majority of the testimony we've heard, because it's been relatively not controversial, once it's been reviewed under it's criteria will be on the Consent Agenda and adopted thereby amending the Urban Growth Boundary?*

Councilor McLain: *Okay. First of all, the decision that we're making hopefully by December 7 is just Urban Reserve Study Areas.*

Councilor McCaig: *We need a map for the process.*

Councilor McLain: *Okay. Thank you. What I wanted to say is that the Consent Agenda we use it all the time and we can take things off the Consent Agenda at any given moment. If it's at the meeting, and all of a sudden there seems to be something we didn't hear, see, feel, and all of a sudden it's there, we can say "Madam Chair, I want to take that one right off, and we want to talk about it some more." What the Consent Agenda helps us do is find out where there is consensus, and it allows us not to spend extra time in review on what we've already agreed to. And, what I mean agreed to is that the staff has indicated that this seems to be a reasonable Urban Reserve Study Acreage, and there doesn't seem to be any interest in changing that status from any of the seven Councilors.*

Councilor McCaig: *Madam Chair. I think I understand. So, at this point, though, the amendments which have come forward from the public don't require Councilors bringing them forward any further.*

Councilor McLain: *That's correct.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *I presume they'll be before us to vote yea or nay. Mr. Cooper wants to get in.*

Dan Cooper: *Thank you Madam Presiding Officer. I want to repeat something that I have discussed with Councilor McLain about the process you're going through because I think it may drive some of your expectations about how late you may end up staying on the night of your next meeting. That is, if you intend to take final action on this Ordinance on December 7, you need to take action on any proposed amendments not at the meeting at which you would make the final adoption. So you're going to need to not only talk about but vote on every single amendment that somebody brings to you where it is as an omnibus consent type or each individual one. So you should be prepared with if there is any amendment that any of you want to proposed that you haven't seen draft language on make sure that either I or Larry Shaw or John Fregonese know what your request is so that we can prepare you that language. We're going to try to make sure that we've ferreted out all of the ones that are now coming forward as some of these citizen types. So they're*

either lumped into one way or another so that you can make an orderly decision on each of these. That's because the Charter precludes making substantive amendments to an ordinance at the meeting at which it is adopted. So those are facts of life that I'm sorry to share with you because I think we're all going to be up late getting through that, but I just wanted to put that in the record.

Councilor McLain: *I appreciate Mr. Cooper's saying that. I want to have you realize, though, we have added meetings and that our goal is December 7 for final adoption. If we are here and it is eleven o'clock and we feel that we need an extra meeting, we would then continue the work session on December 7, and we would go on to an adoption the next week's meeting. Now, I don't want to do that, but because we have been dealing with this for five years, truly. And we need to make some decision, so we can get on to the next step which is buildable lands inventory, housing availability and inventory, and dealing with the population forecast. But, I want you to know that we're not caught in a noose here that we either make the amendments happen on the 30th, or we continue the work session on December 7.*

Dan Cooper: *Madam Presiding Officer, I think Councilor McLain's comments are exactly correct. You don't have a deadline other than one you imposed yourself. I just wanted to make sure that you understood the process you're going to have to go through to meet that deadline. Otherwise, you are putting it off a week, and that is certainly within your prerogative.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *I think I can predict that if I have anything to say about it, we will not be here until eleven o'clock.*

Councilor Monroe: *Two questions. First of all, for Councilor McLain, would I be correct in assuming that those Urban Reserve Parcels on the Consent Agenda would all be from among those recommended by staff?*

Councilor McLain: *The staff has suggested that they will help us put together a Consent Agenda. If there was something that staff did not recommend, I, personally, would not want it on the Consent Agenda. If there is some reason to discuss that, certainly we can. But, it would have to be something that we talked over among ourselves and with staff.*

Councilor Monroe: *So the answer is yes, and I'm comfortable with that. The second question I would have, and this is for the Presiding Office, and has to do with our timing. I wonder, first of all, since it is liable to be a long night if we could have some kind of a time certain that we will adjourn, such as ten o'clock? And I also wonder if, and I realize this might be a problem, but is there any problem with starting an hour earlier, at like six o'clock instead of seven so as to allow ourselves more work time?*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Actually, I think without consulting anybody I think I would be able to say that we could start the Meeting at six, and would you believe a time certain of nine-thirty?*

Councilor McLain: *Madam Chair.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Yes.*

Councilor McLain: *I think starting at six is a really good idea because we can go ahead and have the staff make any presentations or we can be talking. And as long as the public has an opportunity to start with some testimony at seven, that's fine, or whenever we get to that. I would encourage us to at least do a four-hour session that evening, and with it we have a lot to work with. When you stop and go back to it, sometimes you have to redo it. And so, we end up spending more time in the long run. How about if I drive you home and buy you a late night snack?*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *I think what we've done in the past and I believe this is a way of doing it. And it probably means we won't be through until ten o'clock and that is that no new item on the agenda will be taken after nine-thirty, but we will complete the item on the agenda that we're dealing with. I still think that any action we take after sitting here four hours in the evening working through this is probably something that we're going to have to go back and re-do anyway. Because I have found that to be true in my own experience. Does that answer your question?*

Councilor Washington: *I would suggest that Councilor McLain take us all to dinner and drive us all home that night. She's got a big van downstairs.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *I think that's fair.*

Councilor Kvistad: *I guess what I'm going to say is a couple of different things. First I want to go back to these amendments. People have come forward with the expectation that this Council will deal with what they brought to us to deal with. I'm not comfortable with just having what staff has gone over. I want to have individual discussions about each of these. If staff would like to discuss and give us their recommendations as we go through them to do it that way. But people I believe that came to testify expect us to at least consider their amendments so I'd like the process to reflect that. Secondly, what we've got is a situation where we're going to have to go through this stuff. And setting an arbitrary time certain if we've got to be here for a length of time you know until we're almost you know weak kneed in terms of sitting here I'd rather go until either we get done or we just can't stand it any more and have to go rather than a specific time certain. Some of us are standing at things we're way beyond that (sic). But, I would like to see us be at least flexible in terms of our work load and I'd like to see us move through it as quickly as possible.*

Councilor Morissette: *Well, my question was, the thirtieth, are we six to nine-thirty?*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *I don't have a problem with starting at six o'clock. Do you have a problem?*

Councilor McCaig: *Only that one of the criticisms that has been leveled against us out there is that we keep changing our meeting times and dates. And I don't think we do very often. But, although the staff will be making the recommendation and the public testimony could occur, I think people are really interested in what the staff are going to say about some other proposals. And so, in order to keep to the time schedule that we've published, I think it may be although I'd appreciate the extra hour to do the work I'm just worried that we're setting ourselves up for . . .*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Well, since this is a normal, well abnormal, but nonetheless, it will be a Council Meeting, we may have other kinds of business initially, too, that we work*

through. So I think what we'll do is leave it open so that everybody who, even come expecting it to start at seven will be able to fill out their cards and put them in the hopper. But we have a certain amount of business that's always here to work through. I believe if we tell them now that we're going to meet at six o'clock on the thirtieth, I think it'll work.

Councilor McLain: *Well, I just simply wanted to discuss a little bit more Councilor Kvistad's concern. We are going to be dealing with every single one of them. But we deal with them in two different ways, and any of them, all of them. If Councilor Kvistad wants to take them all off the Consent Agenda, he could. And, even if they are on the Consent Agenda, if he wants to ask a question, he could. And so, what the Consent Agenda helps us do is it helps us not spend our valuable time on issues that we agree with the public, or we agree with the presentation, and so it would just simply be a redundancy.*

Councilor Kvistad: *That's I guess my question with process if we're going to move through that and have the Consent, I was under the impression for maybe the way I heard you describe the process that things would be dropped off without the Council seeing it that was my concern not a Consent Agenda. Okay, that was my concern and the reason for my point if that's not the case then I'm fine.*

Councilor Morissette: *Madam Presiding Officer to Susan, when are we going to get the Consent Agenda so we can see what's on and what's off so we'll have plenty of time. Or, is that is that clearly . . .*

Councilor McLain: *Mr. Fregonese promised us something over so that we could have it for the long Thanksgiving weekend so that we could spend our spare time dealing with Metro.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Mr. Fregonese, do you want to get into that?*

John Fregonese: *Madam Presiding Officer, we intend to have it delivered in your offices Wednesday afternoon. That gives us four working days. And this will be an Executive Officer recommendation, so we do need to have Mike make sure he's comfortable with those.*

Presiding Officer McFarland: *Okay. Any further questions? Let's go ahead, then, to the next item on our Agenda that we moved back.*

6. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

6.1 Ordinance No. 95-616, Amending the FY 1995-96 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Reorganizing the Staff of the Council Office, Creating New Positions, Reducing Staffing Levels for the Office of Citizen Involvement, and Declaring an Emergency

The clerk read Ordinance No. 95-616 by title, only.

Councilor McLain reminded the Council that in late August they began a review and the review was to look at the structure of the Council staff and look at the configuration of resources and to decide if after six months' or seven months' review of the process in place since January 1995 with the new Council if the Council was pleased with the results of the configuration of staff and use of resources. During that time, the Council had a couple of Work Sessions and have had the opportunity to speak together about this issue. Councilor

McLain said she felt very strongly that this issue was started for two reasons. One, the Council wanted to do a better job serving the public, serving the committees, and serving Council work. Two, it had been a concern of hers that the Metro CCI was not pleased with the type of service they receiving, and they wanted more stability. She said it had been brought to her attention after the Work Session that the Council is not there yet in terms of having the entire Council agree with actually changing the configuration at this time. She said because of that, she feels it is real important for the Council to continue to work together in a situation where the Council will be giving each other an ear to listen what the Council thanks is really important for its staffing and for the public review. She said the Metro CCI had a member at the Meeting who wanted to speak to this issue. Councilor McLain said it is going to be her hope that she will be allowed to withdraw this Ordinance, and that the Council would continue to work on this issue because she does not believe there is simply is not any conclusion with which the majority of the Council is satisfied.

Presiding Officer McFarland said that if Councilor McLain wanted to withdraw Ordinance No. 95-616, since it belonged to the Body, it would require a vote of the Body to withdraw the Ordinance.

Presiding Officer McFarland said she would like to put this question of staffing before the Government Affairs Committee after it has been withdrawn. She said she wanted to let it go through a process of discussion of open and full and public discussion in which all have their words to say about how we feel about how we need to address this question further.

Motion: *Councilor McLain moved to withdraw Ordinance No. 95-616*

Vote: *The six Metro Councilors present voted unanimously to permit Councilor McLain's withdrawal of Ordinance No. 95-616. Councilor Morissette was not present for the vote.*

Presiding Officer McFarland opened Public Testimony at 4:43 p.m.

Aleta Woodruff, Metro CCI Member, said Mr. Ric Buhler, Chair of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement, was unable to testify. Mr. Buhler submitted a copy of his letter covering the concerns of the Members of the MCCI on staffing problems for each of the Councilors through Ms. Woodruff. Ms. Woodruff indicated she would read part of the letter for the record. *"Item one, this Metro Council promised the current MCCI .45 support staff, and MCCI would like to maintain that. I am aware that some Councilors and staff feel that this is excessive, and I suppose it is one opinion. However, that issue is sure to be raised at future budget discussions, and MCCI will be required to justify all cost similarly as other Metro departments. MCCI welcomes that opportunity. But remember, that discussion is for future budget allocations. The current operations have already been budgeted and this Council promised .45 staff to help MCCI with its Council-approved work plan and we would like this Council to uphold this promise. Item number two, it is obvious to all outside observers of the Council Office that the staffing situation is dynamic to say the least. MCCI cannot pass judgment because we do not know all the facts. However, I believe it is safe to say that all parties involved, MCCI, Council, and staff can improve on the issue. MCCI can wholeheartedly support any reconfiguration that the Councilors deem appropriate for their staffing needs as long as current budget allocations are maintained MCCI .45 staff for the current fiscal year. For example, it does not matter to MCCI if you have one analyst or two clerks if it costs the same. Council needs to decide for itself if it needs more higher paid heads or lower paid, but still extremely important, hands. Personally, I feel that Council was elected was elected for their minds. Therefore, MCCI sees the staffing issue*

as a dollars issue and not a body count. Item number three, MCCI wants Council to realize that MCCI respects their authority to organize their own office. However, the MCCI would like the same consideration with its own resources, the .45 staff. Several on the Committee feel that we have not been able to utilize our budgeted resources to accomplish the task this Council has assigned. Item number four, the last point is that MCCI would appreciate a written policy for various salient issues such as where in the Council organization the MCCI Committee is to submit support documentation for its budget items. We feel this is important so that information can reach all the appropriate parties needing it. The MCCI sees that as being the Office Manager, but that will be ultimately be for the Council to decide." Ms. Woodruff thanked the Council for allowing her to read Mr. Buhler's letter into the record. She said the item number four does not directly deal with the staffing issue, and MCCI would like a reply to item number four.

Councilor McLain said she really appreciates the comments. She said the Metro CCI has spent two Full Committee Meetings and one Steering Committee Meeting dealing with Councilors attending their Meetings on this issue. She went on to say she really appreciated their thoughtfulness and their consideration on this issue. Councilor McLain said that on the fourth item, they were told by the Budget Analyst that as long as the Metro CCI got information to John Houser that they could, indeed, input the process. This is who she told them was the appropriate person. She believes it should be put in writing. Councilor McLain asked if the Council could reply within a timely period of possibly a week.

Presiding Officer McFarland said the Council would respond to the MCCI in writing. She went on further to say that, to her knowledge, Councilor McLain was accurate in the information she conveyed to the MCCI. She said as long as the MCCI is where it is now, the appropriate place for them to have information for next year's budgeting with our staff and with our analyst.

Presiding Officer McFarland closed Public Testimony at 4:50 p.m.

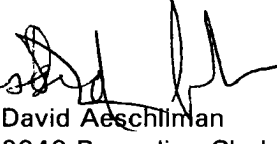
11. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS: None

There being no further business to come before the Council, Presiding Officer McFarland adjourned the Meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Submitted by,


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