



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

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AGENDA OF  
MEETINGS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
January 9 - 13, 1989

Tuesday, January 10, 1988 - 1:30 p.m. - Executive Session Page 2  
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NOTE: FORMAL MEETING STARTING TIME CHANGED TO 9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 10, 1989 - 1:30 PM  
Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 602

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION - for the purpose of reviewing Litigation allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(h)

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE HEARD:

INFORMAL

1. Informal Review of Bids and Requests for Proposals:
  - a) Cab & Chassis
  - b) Wetland Interpretive Center - Blue Lake Park
2. Briefing regarding East Burnside Sewer Project - Grant Nelson
3. Review of efforts to accomplish consolidation of management and operation of the Coliseum and other city facilities with the Oregon Convention Center, and a discussion to determine County roles, especially regarding the Expo Center
4. Informal Review of Formal Agenda of January 12

NOTE: CHANGE OF STARTING TIME TO 9:00 AM

Thursday, January 12, 1989, 9:00 AM

Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 602

Formal Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- R-1 In the matter of the appointment of Mike Fahey to the Exposition Center Advisory Committee. Term expires 12/91
- R-2 Public Hearing to review applications for County nominations for tourist attractions development funding from the Oregon State Lottery through the Oregon Tourism Alliance

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- R-3 Order in the Matter of the Execution of Deed D89322 for Certain Tax Acquired Property to the City of Troutdale, Oregon (Continued from December 29)
- R-4 Order in the Matter of the Execution of Deed D89323 for Certain Tax Acquired Property to the City of Troutdale, Oregon (Continued from December 29)
- R-5 Notice of intent to apply for \$40,000 grant from the Oregon State Land & Water Conservation fund for restroom renovation and picnic shelter at Blue Lake Park
- R-6 In the matter of an intergovernmental agreement with the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) for joint acquisition and rehabilitation of property for conversion to a Residential Training Home

PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

(Recess as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as the Public Contract Review Board)

- R-7 In the Matter of Exempting from Public Bidding a Contract to Screen off the Living Units at Multnomah County Correctional Facility for Security of Staff and Inmates, and Riot Control in Facility
- R-8 In the Matter of Exempting from Public Bidding the Purchase of Miscellaneous Electrical Supplies to Complete the Installation of Computer Hardware at Information Services Division

(Recess as the Public Contract Review Board and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners)

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

- R-9 Budget Modification DGS #9 reclassifying three positions within Finance Division, 1) reclassify vacant position Finance Technician in Treasury to Finance Specialist 1; 2) reclassify two OA 3 positions in Payroll - 1 position to Finance Technician and 2 positions to Finance Specialist 1

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- R-10 Resolution in the Matter of Fair and Equal Treatment for all Citizens (This matter will be heard at 10:00 AM)

ORDINANCES - NONDEPARTMENTAL

- R-11 First Reading - An Ordinance establishing a recycling program within County Facilities
- R-12 First Reading - An Ordinance concerning the organization and functions of the Office of County Counsel and repealing MCC 2.30.450(H)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMAL BRIEFING WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE FORMAL MEETING:

1. Briefing concerning National & State Juvenile Justice Reform issues related to the Downsizing of MacLaren School to develop community based programs for "gang related youth" as an alternative to adding 70 new beds to MacLaren

Thursday Meetings of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners are recorded and can be seen at the following times:

Thursday, 10:00 PM, Channel 11 for East and West side subscribers  
Friday, 6:00 P.M., Channel 27 for Rogers Multnomah East subscribers  
Saturday 12:00 PM, Channel 21 for East Portland and East County subscribers

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DATE SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

(For Clerk's Use)  
Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Agenda No. \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA

Subject: Executive Session

Informal Only\* Jan 10, 1989 1:30 PM Formal Only \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Date)

DEPARTMENT General Services DIVISION County Counsel

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\*NAME(S) OF PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION TO BOARD John DuBay and Larry Kressel

BRIEF SUMMARY Should include other alternatives explored, if applicable, and clear statement of rationale for the action requested.

Executive Session in the matter of the Appeal of the Luba Decision regarding City of Fairview vs. Multnomah County, and discussion of options

(IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE USE REVERSE SIDE)

ACTION REQUESTED:

INFORMATION ONLY  PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  POLICY DIRECTION  APPROVAL

INDICATE THE ESTIMATED TIME NEEDED ON AGENDA \_\_\_\_\_

IMPACT:

PERSONNEL  
 FISCAL/BUDGETARY  
 General Fund  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
STAND BY

SIGNATURES:

DEPARTMENT HEAD, ELECTED OFFICIAL, or COUNTY COMMISSIONER: \_\_\_\_\_

BUDGET / PERSONNEL \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COUNSEL (Ordinances, Resolutions, Agreements, Contracts) \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
(Purchasing, Facilities Management, etc.)

NOTE: If requesting unanimous consent, state situation requiring emergency action on back.

LAND USE  
BOARD OF APPEALS

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COUNTY COUNSEL FOR  
MULTI-COUNTY, OREGON  
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OREGON

1                   BEFORE THE LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS  
2                   OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
3 MULTNOMAH COUNTY,                   )  
4                   Petitioner,                   )  
5                   vs.                                    )  
6 CITY OF FAIRVIEW,                   )  
7                   Respondent,                   )  
8                   and                                    )  
9 DON TOOMBS TRUCKING, INC.,        )  
10                  Intervenor-Respondent.)

LUBA Nos. 88-035  
and 88-076  
  
FINAL OPINION  
AND ORDER

11                  Appeal from City of Fairview.

12                  John L. Dubay, Portland, filed a petition for review and  
13 argued on behalf of petitioner.

14                  William L. Brunner, Portland, filed a response brief and  
15 argued on behalf of respondent.

16                  John Spencer Stewart and Peter P. Adamco, Portland, filed a  
17 response brief on behalf of intervenor-respondent. With them  
on the brief was Stafford, Frey, Cooper & Stewart. John  
Stewart argued on behalf of intervenor-respondent.

18                  HOLSTUN, Chief Referee; SHERTON, Referee, participated in  
19 the decision.

20                  REMANDED - 88-035; AFFIRMED - 88-076                   12/23/88

21                  You are entitled to judicial review of this Order.  
22 Judicial review is governed by the provisions of ORS 197.850.

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1 NATURE OF THE DECISION

2 In this consolidated appeal proceeding petitioner  
3 challenges two decisions adopted by the city affecting property  
4 owned by intervenor-respondent Don Toombs Trucking, Inc.  
5 Petitioner challenges a conditional use permit for an aggregate  
6 barge unloading, stockpiling and truck shipping facility on the  
7 Columbia River. Petitioner also challenges the city's  
8 subsequent decision to change the zoning designation for the  
9 property from Urban Future (UF-20) to Heavy Manufacturing  
10 (Columbia River) (M-1(CR)).

11 MOTION TO INTERVENE

12 Don Toombs Trucking, Inc., the applicant for the  
13 conditional use permit, moves to intervene as a respondent in  
14 this consolidated proceeding. No party objects. The motion to  
15 intervene is allowed.

16 FACTS

17 Intervenor owns a 2.18 acre tract between the Columbia  
18 River and Marine Drive in the City of Fairview. Petitioner  
19 owns and operates Blue Lake Park across Marine Drive, opposite  
20 intervenor's property.

21 Intervenor's property currently is used to store trucked-in  
22 dredged river sand and aggregate material. The sand is trucked  
23 out in dump trucks which average 10 cubic yards of capacity.  
24 The trucks sometimes tow trailers which have a capacity of  
25 eight cubic yards. Approximately 200 cubic yards of aggregate  
26 is stored on site and about one-half of the 2.18 acres is used

1 to stockpile sand.

2 The use intervenor proposes calls for installation of a  
3 barge moorage and a receiving hopper. Barges will be delivered  
4 once or twice a week. The barges will carry 1600 cubic yards  
5 of material and will take three to four hours to unload using a  
6 self-contained conveyor. A shoreside conveyor will move the  
7 material from the unloading hopper to the storage area on  
8 site. The material will then be loaded onto trucks for  
9 delivery off-site, in the same manner as under the current  
10 operation.

11 At the time of the city's approval of the conditional use  
12 permit, intervenor's property had been annexed by the city but  
13 was still subject to the county's plan and zoning ordinance,  
14 because the city had not applied its own plan and zoning  
15 ordinance to the property. ORS 215.130(2).<sup>1</sup> Accordingly,  
16 the city applied the county's plan and zoning ordinance in  
17 granting the conditional use permit. In LUBA No. 88-035,  
18 petitioner challenges the city's decision to grant the  
19 conditional use permit.

20 After the city approved the conditional use permit and  
21 after petitioner's appeal of that decision to LUBA, the city  
22 changed the zoning designation for the property from the  
23 county's UF-20 designation to the city's M-1(CR) designation.  
24 Petitioner appeals that decision in LUBA No. 88-076.

25 The first through the third assignments of error challenge  
26 the city's approval of the conditional use permit in LUBA No.

1 88-035. Assignments of error four through seven challenge the  
2 city's decision to change the zoning designation of the  
3 property in LUBA No. 88-076.<sup>2</sup>

4 FIRST ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

5 "The proposed use of the property is neither a  
6 permitted nor a conditional use authorized in the  
UF-20 Zone."

7 SECOND ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

8 "Fairview's findings did not address applicable  
9 criteria."

10 We have a great deal of difficulty reconciling the approach  
11 apparently taken by the city in Resolution 6-1988 approving the  
12 conditional use permit with the Multnomah County Code (MCC)  
13 provisions that apparently control that decision. We also have  
14 difficulty reconciling what the city did with the various  
15 arguments presented by the parties in their briefs. We begin  
16 with a review of the relevant code provisions before discussing  
17 the city's decision and the arguments of the parties.

18 A. Relevant Code Provisions

19 All parties agree the county's UF-20 zone applied to  
20 intervenor's property at the time the conditional use permit  
21 was issued. The UF-20 zone specifies "primary uses," "uses  
22 permitted under prescribed conditions" and "conditional uses."  
23 MCC .2383-.2392.<sup>3</sup> Only the conditional use provisions are  
24 important in this appeal, and they provide in pertinent part:

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1        "Conditional Uses

2        "The following uses may be permitted when found by the  
3        Hearings Officer to satisfy the applicable ordinance  
4        standards:

5        "\* \* \* \* \*

6        "(B) The following conditional uses, under the  
7        provisions of MCC .7105-.7640:

8                "(1) Operations conducted for \* \* \* mining and  
9                processing of aggregate and other mineral or  
10               subsurface resources;

11               "\* \* \* \* \*

12        "(C) Other conditional uses as listed in  
13        MCC .7105-.7640.

14        "\* \* \* \* \*." MCC .2390.

15        Both MCC .2390(B) and MCC .2390(C) reference  
16        MCC .7105-.7640. In the case of MCC .2390(B)(1), "mining and  
17        processing of aggregate and other mineral or subsurface  
18        resources," this cross-reference has two effects. First,  
19        because no approval criteria are specified in the UF-20  
20        district for such uses, the general "conditional use approval  
21        criteria" in MCC .7120 apply.<sup>4</sup> Second, MCC .7305-.7335  
22        impose additional approval standards for "mineral  
23        extraction."<sup>5</sup>

24        The reference in MCC .2390(C) to "other conditional uses as  
25        listed in MCC .7105-.7640" is significant because "preexisting  
26        uses" are included as conditional uses under MCC .7605. Under  
27        the code, preexisting uses are "distinguishable from those  
28        nonconforming uses \* \* \* which predate any county land use  
29        plans or regulations, since the former were established in

1 conformity with the adopted pattern, plans and ordinances, and  
2 the latter were not." MCC .7605(E). In other words,  
3 "preexisting uses" are a special category of nonconforming  
4 uses, and are treated differently under the code.

5 The parties apparently do not dispute that intervenor's  
6 current use is properly viewed as a preexisting use.<sup>6</sup>

7 Depending on whether the action proposed by intervenor is an  
8 "expansion or enlargement" or a "change to a listed use," one  
9 of the following code sections applies.<sup>7</sup>

10 "Expansion or Enlargement"

11 "Except as provided in MCC .7630, expansion, change in  
12 construction or enlargement of a use described in  
13 MCC .7610 shall be permitted but shall be limited to  
the lot of record legally occupied by the use on  
July 26, 1979." MCC .7615.

14 "Change to a Listed Use"

15 "A change of a use described in MCC .7610 to a use  
16 listed in the district as a primary use, use permitted  
17 under prescribed conditions or a conditional use shall  
18 be subject to the procedural requirements for  
approval, if any, and the locational criteria and the  
development standards which are applicable to the  
proposed use." MCC .7625.

19 If intervenor simply proposes an expansion or enlargement  
20 of a preexisting use, no additional conditional use standards  
21 are imposed by MCC .7615; and only the general conditional use  
22 standards in MCC .7120, quoted supra at n 4, will apply.

23 However, if, as the county argues in the alternative, the  
24 conditional use permit approves a change of a preexisting use  
25 to a listed use (i.e., mining and processing of aggregate and  
26 other mineral or subsurface resources as listed in MCC

1 .2390(B)(1)), the mineral extraction provisions in  
2 MCC .7305-.7335 would apply as well.

3 B. Resolution 6-1988

4 As we noted earlier, the city's resolution does not explain  
5 how it applied the above MCC provisions. The closest the  
6 resolution comes to explaining the city's view of the  
7 applicable code provisions is the following finding:

8 "(10) Multnomah County zoning regulations require that  
9 an expansion of current use which would not conform  
10 more nearly to the UF-20 zone does require a specific  
conditional use permit." <sup>8</sup> Record 20.

11 We are not sure what this finding means. The city's  
12 finding is followed by additional findings that appear to be  
13 adopted to address the applicable general conditional use  
14 criteria in MCC .7120. The record also includes a page from  
15 the MCC setting forth the requirements for nonconforming uses  
16 in MCC .8805. MCC .8805(A) provides:

17 "A nonconforming structure or use may not be changed  
18 or altered in any manner except as provided herein,  
19 unless such change or alteration more nearly conforms  
with the regulations of the district in which it is  
located." Record 108.

20 At the bottom of the page is a handwritten note which  
21 states as follows:

22 "An 'expansion' of the use would not conform more  
23 nearly to the UF-20 zone and would require a  
conditional use approval." Record 108.

24 We have no idea who wrote this note. More importantly, no  
25 party has cited any MCC provision, and we are aware of none,  
26 that would allow, as a conditional use, an expansion of a

1 nonconforming use that does not "more nearly conform with the  
2 regulations of the district in which it is located," as  
3 MCC .8805 requires. We therefore will not assume that the city  
4 granted the conditional use permit as an expansion of a  
5 nonconforming use.

6 The county at oral argument suggested the city approved a  
7 "change to a listed use" under MCC .7625 rather than an  
8 "expansion" of a preexisting use under MCC .7615. However, as  
9 noted below, the county also takes the position the use cannot  
10 be considered a listed use because the only potentially  
11 applicable listed use, "mining and processing of aggregate and  
12 other mineral or subsurface resources," requires that there be  
13 extraction on-site.

14 In our view, the city approved an "expansion" of on-site  
15 facilities to accommodate delivery of sand and gravel by barges  
16 in addition to deliveries by trucks. MCC .7615. Although the  
17 mode of delivery and some of the impacts of the use will  
18 change, we believe the city's decision is correctly  
19 characterized as an expansion rather than a change. Approval  
20 of such an expansion requires conformance with the general  
21 conditional use standards in MCC .7120, as explained supra. We  
22 address whether the city adequately demonstrated compliance  
23 with the code provisions applicable to an expansion of a  
24 preexisting use in our discussion under petitioner's third  
25 assignment of error, infra.

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1 C. Petitioner's First Two Assignments of Error

2 In its first assignment of error, petitioner argues that  
3 the county improperly approved the conditional use permit  
4 because the intervenor's existing operation and the operation  
5 as proposed, extract no minerals. Rather, all minerals are  
6 extracted elsewhere and delivered to the site for processing  
7 and retransport. In its second assignment of error, petitioner  
8 points to the additional approval criteria imposed on mineral  
9 extraction sites under MCC .7305-.7335, noted supra.

10 Petitioner argues even if the proposed use properly were viewed  
11 as a mineral extraction site, the city adopted no findings  
12 demonstrating compliance with these criteria.

13 Intervenor suggests it might be possible to consider the  
14 proposed use as "mining and processing of aggregate and other  
15 mineral or subsurface resources" under MCC .2390(B)(1).

16 However, it is clear to us, as explained supra, that this was  
17 not the city's basis for approving the conditional use permit.  
18 This view is reinforced by the fact the city did not, as  
19 petitioner notes correctly in the second assignment of error,  
20 adopt any findings to demonstrate compliance with the  
21 conditional use standards in MCC .7305-.7335 applicable to  
22 mineral extraction.

23 We read petitioner's first assignment of error to argue  
24 only that intervenor's proposed stockpiling and retransport  
25 operation is not covered by MCC .2390(B)(1), which allows  
26 "mining and processing of aggregate and other mineral or

1 subsurface resources" as a conditional use. Because we do not  
2 agree that the city approved the conditional use permit under  
3 MCC .2390(B)(1), we reject the first assignment of error.<sup>9</sup>

4 The petitioner argues under its second assignment of error  
5 that the city findings did not address applicable criteria.  
6 The only criteria petitioner identifies under this assignment  
7 of error are the mineral extraction criteria contained in  
8 MCC .7305-.7335. Because we conclude those criteria are not  
9 applicable to the city's decision, we deny the second  
10 assignment of error.

11 THIRD ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

12 "The city's findings of compliance with  
13 MCC 11.15.7120(a) are inadequate and not supported by  
substantial evidence in the record."

14 MCC .7120(A) is the only general conditional use approval  
15 criterion petitioner argues the city improperly applied in  
16 granting approval of the proposed expansion of intervenor's  
17 preexisting use. That criterion requires that the city find  
18 the proposal "is consistent with the character of the area."  
19 The finding the city adopted to address this criterion is as  
20 follows:

21 "The proposed land use is consistent with the  
22 character of the area and will not create a new use  
23 but rather expand the present use. In-coming truck  
24 traffic will be decreased when the proposed use is  
25 fully operational." Record 20.

26 As petitioner correctly notes, the above finding simply  
restates the approval standard. A finding that simply restates  
an approval standard is not adequate to explain why that

1 standard is met. Moore v. Clackamas County, 7 Or LUBA 106, 113  
2 (1982). The balance of the city's finding quoted supra, and  
3 other findings cited on page 5 of intervenor's brief, simply  
4 state that the proposed use will expand the present use.  
5 Intervenor also cites evidence in the record showing truck  
6 traffic will not increase significantly and that noise and dust  
7 are not to be increased significantly.

8 The city's findings are not responsive to MCC .7120(A).  
9 The findings do not explain what the character of the area is.  
10 More importantly, the city's findings are based on the  
11 assumption that the existing use is consistent with the  
12 character of the area. Without findings identifying the  
13 character of the area and explaining why the existing use is  
14 consistent with the existing character of the area, findings  
15 that the proposed change would have no significant additional  
16 impacts are not sufficient to show compliance with MCC .7120(A).

17 Because the city's findings are not sufficient to show  
18 compliance with MCC .7120(A), no purpose would be served by  
19 determining whether those findings are supported by substantial  
20 evidence. DLCD v. Columbia County, \_\_\_ Or LUBA \_\_\_ (LUBA No.  
21 87-109, March 15, 1988); McNulty v. City of Lake Oswego, 14 Or  
22 LUBA 366, 373 (1986).

23 The third assignment of error is sustained.

24 FOURTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

25 "The decision is not in compliance with the city's  
26 / / / acknowledged comprehensive plan."

1 FIFTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

2 "The city's findings fail to identify the relevant  
3 standards, fail to recite facts demonstrating  
4 compliance with the relevant standards, and fail to  
explain the relationship between the facts and  
relevant standards."

5 SIXTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

6 "Respondent's finding #6 is not supported by  
7 substantial evidence in the whole record."

8 In each of these assignments of error, petitioner argues  
9 parts of the city's acknowledged comprehensive plan are  
10 violated by the city's rezoning decision. Under the fourth  
11 assignment of error, petitioner argues the rezoning is  
12 inconsistent with the city's comprehensive plan map designation  
13 for the area as "parks and open space." In addition,  
14 petitioner argues two city plan policies concerning  
15 urbanization and provision of public facilities are violated.  
16 In the fifth assignment of error, petitioner argues the city  
17 did not demonstrate compliance with city comprehensive plan  
18 standards governing zone changes. Under the sixth assignment  
19 of error, petitioner challenges the evidentiary support for a  
20 finding by the city that "public facilities and services are  
21 available for potential expansion to these areas." Record  
22 (LUBA No. 88-076) 11. However, petitioner only challenges this  
23 finding as a basis for showing compliance with one of the city  
24 plan policies identified under the fourth assignment of error.

25 Each of the three assignments of error described above  
26 challenging the city's approval of the subject zone change must

1 fail if petitioner's assumption that the city, rather than the  
2 county, comprehensive plan applies to the challenged zone  
3 change is incorrect. We conclude that petitioner's assumption  
4 is incorrect.

5 There is nothing in the city's decision adopting the zone  
6 change to suggest the city also acted to apply its acknowledged  
7 comprehensive plan or took action to designate the property  
8 "parks and open space."

9 As we explained earlier in this opinion, no party disputes  
10 that the county's comprehensive plan and zoning regulations  
11 applied to the affected property when the city approved the  
12 conditional use permit. Nothing has happened to affect that  
13 state of affairs except the city's adoption of a new zoning  
14 designation for the subject property. That zoning action by  
15 the city did not apply the city's "parks and open space" plan  
16 designation, or any city plan designation for that matter, to  
17 the subject property in changing its zoning designation. Until  
18 the city takes action to apply its plan to the disputed  
19 property, it is the county's plan, not the city's, which  
20 applies to the property under ORS 215.130(2). City of Salem v.  
21 Families for Responsible Gov't., 298 Or 574, 581, 694 P2d 965  
22 (1985).

23 The only basis we can find for arguing that a city plan  
24 designation applies to the disputed property is a note on the  
25 city's comprehensive plan map. The map shows the disputed  
26 property to be outside the city limits, but nevertheless

1 indicates a city park and open space plan designation for the  
2 property. However, the above-mentioned note states, in its  
3 entirety:

4 "Note: Land uses outside city limits are  
5 recommendations only." Record (LUBA No. 88-076) 24.

6 In adopting the disputed zone change, the city adopted the  
7 following finding:

8 "The proposed zoning designation is appropriate within  
the Fairview Comprehensive Plan in that it states:

9 "For areas outside the Fairview City Limits, the  
10 land use designation shown in Figure 6 shall have  
the status of 'proposed designations' until such  
11 time as those areas are annexed by Fairview."  
Record 10.

12 The above-quoted finding arguably could be interpreted to  
13 express the view that the county apparently takes, i.e., that  
14 the recommended "parks and open space" designation shown on the  
15 city plan map automatically became effective upon annexation of  
16 the property by the city.

17 Our problem in adopting that position is that even if the  
18 city's finding can be interpreted to express that view, the  
19 city's plan does not. The plan note clearly says the  
20 designation is only a recommendation. Nothing we have been  
21 cited to in the city's plan suggests such recommendations  
22 become final plan designations upon annexation, without further  
23 action by the city. ORS 215.130(2)(a) makes the county plan  
24 the operative comprehensive plan until the city provides  
25 otherwise. To date the city has not provided otherwise, or at  
26 least no one has called our attention to such an action. We

1 conclude the county's plan, not the city's plan, applies to the  
2 disputed property.

3 Accordingly, because the fourth, fifth and sixth  
4 assignments of error allege only noncompliance with  
5 inapplicable city comprehensive plan provisions, they provide  
6 no basis for reversal or remand and are rejected.

7 SEVENTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

8 "The decision does not amend the city's zoning map or  
9 the zoning ordinance text."

10 Petitioner argues the city's decision was not adopted by an  
11 ordinance amending the zoning map. Petitioner is correct. The  
12 city council minutes of the meeting at which it approved the  
13 zoning designation, Record (LUBA No. 88-076) 19-21, together  
14 with a two page document identifying the decision followed by  
15 six findings, Record (LUBA No. 88-076) 10-11, is the only  
16 written decision that we can find in the record.

17 The city argues that under City of Fairview Zoning  
18 Ordinance Section 8.31 "changes and amendments to the zoning  
19 ordinance may be initiated by: \* \* \* resolution of the city  
20 council \* \* \* \* \*." The city argues it acted entirely properly  
21 in approving the zone change by resolution.

22 Citing Baker v. City of Milwaukie, 271 Or 500, 511, 533 P2d  
23 772 (1975) and Fifth Avenue Corporation v. Washington County,  
24 282 Or 591, 596, 581 P2d 50 (1978), intervenor argues the title  
25 of the action taken by the city, be it resolution or ordinance,  
26 is not significant. In Baker v. City of Milwaukie, supra, the

1 Supreme Court stated

2 "Where a resolution is in substance and effect an  
3 ordinance or permanent regulation, the name given to  
4 it is immaterial. If it is passed with all the  
5 formalities of an ordinance it thereby becomes a  
6 legislative act, and it is not important whether it be  
7 called ordinance or resolution." Id. 271 Or at 511  
8 (quoting 5 McQuillan on Municipal Corporations Section  
9 15.02 (1969) at 46).

7 Intervenor further points out that petitioner makes no  
8 argument that the procedure followed by the city was  
9 insufficient, in and of itself, to constitute a legitimate  
10 legislative act. Intervenor argues that omission by petitioner  
11 requires rejection of this assignment of error because "the  
12 approach of looking to the substance of the action rather than  
13 the mere title has been followed in Oregon." Baker v. City of  
14 Milwaukie, supra, 271 Or at 511.

15 We agree with intervenor and the city that under the  
16 Supreme Court cases cited supra, the substance of the city's  
17 action is controlling. We have some problem with the city's  
18 argument in that we nowhere find a document labeled a  
19 "resolution" in the record. We note that the city's decision  
20 challenged in LUBA No. 88-035 is clearly labeled a resolution.  
21 In LUBA No. 88-076 we have only the approved minutes describing  
22 the city's action together with a document identifying the  
23 decision and listing findings. These documents were apparently  
24 forwarded to parties participating in the local proceedings.  
25 Record (LUBA No. 88-076) 14.

26 Petitioner does not explain why these documents and the

1 procedure followed by the city are inadequate to adopt a  
2 legislative act.<sup>10</sup> Petitioner cites 6 McQuillan, the Law of  
3 Municipal Corporations, Section 21.04 (1988) and Sands and  
4 Libonati, Local Government, Section 11.17 (1981), both of which  
5 suggest that because a zoning ordinance is adopted by ordinance  
6 it should be amended only by an ordinance as well. Those  
7 authorities, however, are not binding, and the Supreme Court's  
8 decisions in Baker and Fifth Avenue Corporation made it clear  
9 that the Supreme Court does not embrace that principle. In  
10 addition, we note ORS 215.130(2)(a) provides that the county's  
11 plan and zoning ordinance will continue to apply until "the  
12 city has by ordinance or other provision provided otherwise."  
13 (Emphasis added).

14 We conclude petitioner has failed to demonstrate why the  
15 manner in which the city adopted its decision was ineffective  
16 to constitute a legislative act amending the applicable zoning  
17 designation.<sup>11</sup> Accordingly, the seventh assignment of error  
18 is denied.

#### 19 CONCLUSION

20 Because we deny the fourth through seventh assignments of  
21 error, the decision of the city amending the zoning map  
22 designation for intervenor's property is affirmed.  
23 However, our disposition of the city's decision approving the  
24 conditional use permit requires further consideration.

25 Our order consolidating these appeals was entered on  
26 September 13, 1988, after oral argument in LUBA No. 88-035 and

1 before the record was filed in LUBA No. 88-076. We  
2 consolidated the appeals to assist our consideration of the  
3 respondent's and intervenor's arguments that the city's  
4 decision in LUBA No. 88-076 rendered the appeal of the city's  
5 decision in LUBA No. 88-035 moot. See Struve v. Umatilla  
6 County, 12 Or LUBA 54 (1984).<sup>12</sup>

7 All of the parties in this proceeding argue that if the  
8 city rezoning decision challenged in LUBA No. 88-076 is  
9 affirmed by the Board and our decision is affirmed on appeal,  
10 then the portion of this consolidated appeal challenging the  
11 conditional use permit is moot. Although we would normally  
12 agree with the parties and dismiss the portion of the  
13 proceeding challenging the conditional use permit as moot, we  
14 do not do so in this case for two reasons.

15 First, none of the parties cite or discuss ORS 215.428(3)  
16 which provides:

17 "Approval or denial of [a permit] application shall be  
18 based upon the standards and criteria that were  
19 applicable at the time the application was first  
submitted \* \* \*."

20 We are unsure whether this statute, which was adopted after our  
21 decision in Struve v. Umatilla, supra, might support a  
22 conclusion that the appeal of the conditional use permit is not  
23 moot.

24 Second, in affirming the city's zone change, we do so in  
25 large part because we conclude the city has not yet applied its  
26 comprehensive plan to this recently annexed property, leaving

1 the county's comprehensive plan applicable. We are  
2 sufficiently uncertain of the legal impact of this circumstance  
3 that we cannot conclude that a decision on the appeal of the  
4 conditional use permit would serve no useful purpose.

5 Therefore, because we sustain the third assignment of  
6 error, we remand the city's decision approving the conditional  
7 use permit.

8 The city's decision in LUBA No. 88-035 is remanded. The  
9 city's decision in LUBA No. 88-076 is affirmed.

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1 FOOTNOTES

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ORS 215.130(2) provides as pertinent:

4 "An ordinance designed to carry out a county  
5 comprehensive plan and a county comprehensive plan  
shall apply to:

6 "(a) the area within the county also within the  
7 boundaries of a city as a result of extending the  
8 boundaries of the city or creating a new city  
unless, or until the city has by ordinance or  
other provision provided otherwise.

9 "\* \* \* \* \*"

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11 Separate records were filed in LUBA No. 88-035 and LUBA No.  
12 88-076. We distinguish citations to the record in LUBA No.  
88-076 as follows: "Record (LUBA No. 88-076) \_\_\_\_."

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14 The Multnomah County Zoning Ordinance is codified as  
15 Chapter 11.15 of the Multnomah County Code. The zoning  
16 ordinance sections in the code are enumerated 11.15.xxxx. We  
will cite only the four digit section number, omitting the  
citation to Chapter 11.15, as does the county in its code.

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18 MCC .7120 provides as follows:

19 "Conditional Use Approval Criteria

20 "A Conditional Use shall be governed by the approval  
21 criteria listed in the district under which the conditional  
22 use is allowed. If no such criteria are provided, the  
23 approval criteria listed in this section shall apply. In  
approving a Conditional Use listed in this section, the  
approval authority shall find that the proposal:

24 "(A) Is consistent with the character of the area;

25 "(B) Will not adversely affect natural resources;

26 "(C) Will not conflict with farm or forest uses in the area;

1 "(D) Will not require public services other than those  
2 existing or programmed for the area;

3 "(E) Will be located outside a big game winter habitat area  
4 as defined by the Oregon Department of Fish and  
Wildlife or that agency has certified that the impacts  
will be acceptable;

5 "(F) Will not create hazardous conditions; and

6 "(G) Will satisfy the applicable policies of the  
7 Comprehensive Plan." (Emphasis added).

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9 The county apparently interprets the mineral extraction  
10 provisions in MCC .7305-.7335 to apply to uses qualifying as  
"mining and processing of aggregate and other mineral or  
11 subsurface resources" under MCC .2390(B)(1). Because no one  
disputes that interpretation, we will assume it is correct for  
purposes of this opinion.

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13 At oral argument the county indicated it did not admit that  
14 the existing use qualified as a preexisting use, but neither  
did it contest the city's and intervenor's position that it is  
a preexisting use.

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16 Because no party argues other preexisting use sections  
17 apply in this case, and the city's resolution does not suggest  
it applied other preexisting use sections, we do not consider  
18 whether any of those sections should have been applied.

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20 The city planning staff recommendation included a proposed  
21 finding to the same effect. Record 49.

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23 As explained supra, we find the city approved the  
conditional use permit as an expansion of a preexisting use,  
24 under MCC .2390(C) and .7615.

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26 Petitioner suggests allowing the city to amend its zoning  
ordinance without following ordinance adoption procedures may

1 invite "ad hoc responses to temporary influences made without  
2 the degree of consideration and debate associated with formal  
3 ordinance adoption procedures." Petition for Review 13.  
4 Petitioner does not, however, claim such temporary influences  
5 affected the decision in this appeal. Petitioner also suggests  
6 there may be difficulty determining when the decision becomes  
7 final if the city proceeds other than by ordinance. However,  
8 petitioner does not argue there was difficulty in determining  
9 when the decision became final in this case or that adoption of  
10 an ordinance is the only way to make clear the date a decision  
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13 In Struve v. Umatilla County, supra, we held an appeal of a  
14 "zoning permit" allowing a bridge to be replaced was moot  
15 because the county subsequently applied a different zoning  
16 classification that required the proposal be approved as a  
17 conditional use. In Struve we explained

18 "As a general rule, a permit or license does not create  
19 irrevocable rights, but instead is subject to modification  
20 or revocation by subsequent changes in the law. Twin Rocks  
21 Defense Committee v. Sheets, 15 Or App 445, 448, 516 P2d  
22 472 (1973), rev den (1974); cf Carmel Estates, Inc. v.  
23 LCDC, 51 Or App 435, 439, 625 P2d 1367 (1981), rev den  
24 (1981) (dismissing appeal of LCDC Order as moot on grounds  
25 reviewing court applies current law, not law on which a  
26 challenged decision was based). In Twin Rocks, supra, the  
27 Court of Appeals found this general administrative law  
28 principle was reflected in provisions of the County Zoning  
29 Enabling Statute, ORS Chapter 215. Those provisions, noted  
30 the court, balance the interest of the public in effective  
31 land use planning against the interests of permit holders  
32 by subjecting the latter to changes in zoning law unless  
33 the permit has been "substantially acted upon." 15 Or App  
34 at 448. See also, Robert Randall Co. v. City of Milwaukie,  
35 32 Or App 631, 634, 575 P3d 170 (1978). The Oregon Supreme  
36 Court made a similar point by emphasizing that the statutes  
37 protect the "lawful use" of land from restrictive zoning  
38 amendments. Polk County v. Martin, 292 Or 69, 76, 636 P2d  
39 952 (1981). It follows that mere intended uses are not  
40 protected. See ORS 215.130(5); Parks v. Board of County  
41 Commissioners of Tillamook County, 11 Or App 177, 197, 501  
42 P2d 85 (1973). Respondents' argument that permit holders

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who act in good faith should be given protection from changes in legal requirements is not in line with the policy reflected in the current law." (Footnote omitted) Id. at 57.

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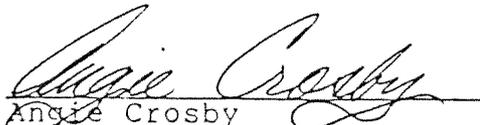
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