

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 26, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Rex Burkholder, Robert Liberty, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None

Council President David Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, January 28, 2009, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Bragdon mentioned the upcoming auditing report and the MERC Code amendment at the January 28 Council meeting.

COO Michael Jordan reminded the Council that senior leadership had been on a budget retreat last Friday and that they will return to Council with more specifics on the budget process.

2. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 2010, INPUT AND DISCUSSION

Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager, presented nine issues in which Metro has an interest that will be part of the upcoming Legislature session in February. These were: Reserves; Business Energy Tax Credit; Recreational Immunity; Tax Exemption on Transit-Supportive Multiple Unit Housing; Prevailing Wage on Solar Installations; Inclusionary Zoning; MPO Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions; Whistleblower legislation; Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Technology Act fixes. Mr. Tucker discussed the details of each issue as well as his recommendation for how Metro might want to weigh in on these issues. Councilors asked questions and commented on each of the nine issues presented, and gave any opinions they had on how Metro should weigh in on the particular issues.

3. REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, INPUT AND DISCUSSION

Mike Hoglund, Director of the Research Center, explained that Metro has partnered with the Institute of Metropolitan Studies (IMS) at Portland State University to create a set of regional performance indicators to enable Metro to evaluate its performance in regard to its objectives. The goal is to develop indicators that will look at the triple bottom line of People, Place, and Prosperity, and to collaborate with a broad range of partners to do so. Ultimately it is hoped that Metro will be better able to evaluate progress toward objectives, explain to citizens what we do, better target resources, and better align Metro's performance to its goals. Work on indicators has been done before in projects such as Region 2040, but there is room to enhance linkages between indicators, outcomes, and evaluation of projects.

Sheila Martin, Director of the IMS, explained PSU's and IMS's motivations for partnering with Metro to develop this set of indicators, mainly that having a set of indicators will stimulate deeper research and understanding into regional issues.

Rita Conrad, Regional Indicators Project Director, oriented Councilors to a draft of a conceptual framework of indicators, including those that Metro has a direct hand in as well as indicators that might be managed by other agencies. She also mentioned what partners might be involved in the development of indicators, the types of teams that would be needed for the project, and what the timeline looks like for the project.

Ms. Conrad asked Councilors for their input on what their vision of success is for the project, whether they value a team/partnership approach to developing indicators, and whether they are comfortable accepting indicators that are not normally under Metro's scope. Each Councilor provided thoughts on Ms. Conrad's questions and on the indicators project in general.

4. BREAK

5. BLUE LAKE NATURE AND GOLF LEARNING CENTER, QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Jordan provided some background on the Blue Lake project. Teri Dresler, Director of Parks and Environmental Services indicated that after having done an educated analysis of the project in light of market conditions for golf and Metro's budget conditions, the team behind the Blue Lake project is concerned with moving forward with the project at this time. Ms. Dresler gave details as to why the project is not currently financially feasible. Lydia Neill, Principal Regional Planner, and Tim Collier, finance manager, said that although the two pieces of the project—the lake house and the golf course—could be executed independently, this would not be a good plan financially. The planning team is at a point where the project could be shelved and picked up in the future, since the groundwork and investments that have been made thus far would not be lost. Ultimately the recommendation is that the project be put on hiatus until Metro's budget climate and the general financial viability of the project improves.

Ms. Neill and Ms. Dresler mentioned the possibility of doing water quality improvement and sanitation and sewer projects, as well as wetlands restoration, even if the larger project is put on hiatus. They also recognized that the City of Fairview has been a strong partner on the project, and acknowledged the mutual disappointment that the project will likely not go forward at this time.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

Councilors discussed the Candidate Congestion Pricing Pilot Project Proposals, including the details surrounding the timeline and what specific project might be selected as a pilot project.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(e). DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED TO NEGOTIATE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.

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Sheena VanLeuven

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	01/26/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, January 28, 2010	012610cw-1
2	Attachment	01/26/10	2010 Legislative Session	012610cw-2
4	Handout	01/20/10	2010 Legislative Issue Identification	012610cw-3
5	Attachment	01/27/10	Draft Letter on BETC	012610cw-4
6	Presentation	01/26/10	Regional Indicators Project	012610cw-5
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8	Handout	01/26/10	Indicators Framework Mockup	012610cw-7
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