

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2010
Oregon Zoo- Sunset Room

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 2:00 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2010, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilors discussed agenda item 5.3 and the possibility of separating Resolution No. 10-3126 into three separate resolutions approving Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with the individual counties. They discussed the mechanics and details of the procedure that would be followed for this process, with Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, providing guidance.

Councilors Liberty and Collette discussed the System Expansion Policy with regard to the HCT program.

COO Michael Jordan refreshed Councilors on the schedule for the budgeting process. He also discussed with Councilors the format for the budget work program and Council's role in forming the budget, as well as budget issues related to MERC.

2. WELCOME AND WORK SESSION OVERVIEW

Deputy COO Scott Robinson introduced the team for the Zoo Bond Program, including Craig Stroud, Zoo Bond Program Manager. He gave a brief timeline of the Program to date and gave an overview of the work session.

3. MAJOR INITIATIVES UNDERWAY

Craig Stroud, Zoo Bond Program Manager, suggested that the discussion of major initiatives proceed during the campus tour, to which Councilors assented.

4. ZOO CAMPUS TOUR

Mr. Stroud led a tour of the zoo campus to highlight some of the major initiatives underway at the Zoo, including upgrading the veterinary medical center, improving filtration in the penguin exhibit, expanding the elephant exhibit, managing storm water, and amending the zoo campus land use designation to "Plan District". He also mentioned future projects such as the Conservation Campus installation and upgrades to the polar bear exhibits that will utilize bond funds. Mr. Stroud discussed the importance of master planning in terms of capital projects and the need to work with the City of Portland on many of the Zoo's major projects. Councilors got a sense of the complexity and scope of these projects and the bond program in general.

5. BOND GOVERNANCE ORGANIZATIONAL INTERVIEW

Mr. Robinson directed Councilor's to the "Oregon Zoo Bond Governance" attachment which outlined the three governance groups who have a role in Zoo Bond projects, which include the Oregon Zoo Bond

Advisory Group and the Zoo Bond Citizens Oversight Committee, as well as the Bond team. He explained the functions of these groups and details of their role in the Zoo Bond projects.

Councilors discussed topics including fiscal sustainability at the Zoo, the impact of construction projects on Zoo attendance and revenue streams, how different stakeholders in particular projects might fit into the governance structure, and Council's role in the Bond program. They also discussed that because this Bond program extends 15 years into the future, it is important to have a system in place that will allow for effective execution, auditing and tracking of the projects in the face of staff turnover and other changes that might happen over the life of the program.

6. BOND PROGRAM REPORTING FRAMEWORK

Mr. Stroud explained the reporting framework for the bond program and how the Oversight Committee, Advisory group, Metro Management team and Bond Program teams fit into that framework. He also said that the program has new technology and staff that will support the program.

Councilors discussed related topics, including how the work and research that was done on previous strategic planning efforts can be utilized in the Zoo's current efforts to do strategic and master planning.

7. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

There were none.

Adjourned at 4:28 PM

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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	02/23/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, February 25, 2010	022310cw-1
2	Handout	02/19/10	DRAFT resolutions: IGA's between Metro and Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah Counties	022310cw-2
3	Attachment	02/04/10	Zoo Bond Project Status Reports	022310cw-3
4	Map	02/23/10	Bond Measure Project Areas Map	022310cw-4
5	Attachment	02/23/10	Oregon Zoo Bond Governance chart	022310cw-5