

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

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

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, [June 24, 2010]/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon noted the Executive Session on Thursday would be cancelled. In Michael Jordan's, Chief Operating Officer, absence Margo Norton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, acted as a stand-in.

2. MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE (MGP): IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

Robin McArthur, Regional Planning Director, presented MGP as well as the next agenda item. Ms. McArthur noted these two agenda items were similar and could have been brought together as one agenda item.

3. FOSTERING "CLIMATE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES" (HB 2001 GHG SCENARIOS) INITIATIVE

Ms. McArthur provided a handout for the "Climate Smart Communities Project". The title of the project had changed from the agenda item ("Climate Friendly Communities") and was still a work in progress. Part of the goal of this project will be to advance the 2040 Growth Concept, the six desired outcomes for a successful region, MGP, as well as local aspirations, as part of the Community Investment Strategy (CIS) in order to achieve the state greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. Last year the CIS focused on policy, this year the focus is on implementation. The handout of the "Climate Smart Communities Project" outlined five tasks within a four year time line. Council staff questioned how the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) fit into this project. Ms. McArthur stated the RTP is part of initiating action and can add to milestones as the process continues. Ms. McArthur described the project will run a few scenarios with the six desired outcomes as a guidepost and then take the best components into one scenario at a later date.

4. CLIMATE PROSPERITY PROJECT

Councilor Rex Burkholder introduced the agenda item as well as Heidi Rahn, Senior Planner Sustainability Center, a presenter for the project. Councilor Burkholder asked for direction from the Council, specifically how the Council would like to be engaged and what kind of leadership structure would be implemented. This project would expand from the goals of the "Climate Smart Communities Project".

Ms. Rahn provided a handout briefly describing the Portland Metro Climate Prosperity Project as a partnership between businesses, non-profit organizations, and local governments brought together into a single strategy. The Greenprint on the handout outlines six actions with each action's underlying strategies as the strategic framework for plan. The handout differed from the Greenprint outlined in the agenda packet and the full Greenprint to be posted online. The next steps included engaging business and organizations, getting feedback, looking for individual organizations to champion specific strategies, and connecting Metro into these actions and strategies. Ms. Rahn went through each action and its strategies, fielding questions pertaining to each action, mainly clarifying and discussing some of the strategies.

Councilor Bragdon brought the conversation back to Councilor Burkholder's original questions. The Council agreed it will be important for Metro to be involved in this project. There were differing views as to how to merge all of the interested parties, but agreement that it will be important to have clarity of purpose. Once the Council has had an opportunity to look at the full document there will be the opportunity for further discussion of the project.

5. BREAK

6. PROPOSED REGIONAL FRAMEWORK PLAN AND URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONAL PLAN

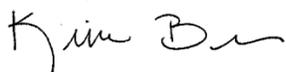
Sherry Oeser, Principle Regional Planner, passed out a memo describing the 2010 Capacity Ordinance, Proposed Framework and Functional Plan Changes. Ms. Oeser reminded the Council the Framework mainly consists of policy whereas the Functional is the implementation of these policies. The current changes to the Framework plan are specifically in the land use chapter and simply reduce redundancies. Dick Benner, Senior Assistant Council, clarified what these changes meant after questions from Councilor Kathryn Harrington and Councilor Rod Park. Mr. Benner recognized that although many of these changes seem apparent, these modifications have not been explicitly stated as policies and need to be addressed by the Council. The changes to the Functional Plan are within specific Titles, some of these modifications are simple, but others are more complex as in the case of Title 6 and Title 1. Title 6 is meant to promote the use of centers more efficiently. The changes to Title 6 add corridors to the action plans as well as recommend a more effective implementation. Instead of requiring cities and counties to voluntarily implement action plans, it will now be incentive based. MTAC is working to fully describe what these incentives will be. Currently Title 1 pertains to capacity of housing and jobs. Each city and county has a benchmark that must constantly be updated and many of the numbers set out as the benchmarks have long been surpassed with the implementation of 2040 Growth Concept along with other regional and state policies. The change would make the current density for housing as the capacity floor, any changes in the UGB or a zoning ordinance will move the floor benchmark. Cities and counties are welcome to add or reduce housing as long as the overall number set out as the floor is met. Job capacity will be taken out of Title 1, because it was never implemented successfully and will be incorporated into Title 4.

7. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Burkholder asked the Council to discuss a resolution providing direction for the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). As the Council Meeting was running longer than anticipated, there was only a brief discussion of Councilor Burkholder's resolution with no specific outcomes.

Adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
June 22, 2010

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	06/22/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, June 24, 2010	062210cw-1
2	Handout	06/22/10	Climate Smart Communities Project Work Plan Summary	062210cw-2
3	Handout	06/22/10	The Portland Metro Climate Prosperity Project	062210cw-3
4	Memo	06/17/10	To: Metro Council From: Dick Benner and Sherry Oeser Re: 2010 Capacity Ordinance – Proposed Framework and Functional Plan Changes	0662210cw-4
5	Handout	06/22/10	DRAFT Resolution 10-[xxxx]	062210cw-5