

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

September 7, 2010  
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Robert Liberty, Carl Hosticka, Rex Burkholder

Councilors Absent: None

Deputy Council President Carlotta Collette convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:03 p.m.

## **1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Robert Liberty made a comment regarding the agenda for the Thursday Council meeting stating that agenda item 5.1 Ordinance No. 10-1246 looked as though it was a freightliner property that the Council had dealt with previously and this would be a new recommendation for the property. Deputy Council President Carlotta Collette and Councilor Kathryn Harrington asked about the letters from counties and cities for the Urban Grown Boundary (UGB) recommendations. Scott Robinson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, offered to find out more information.

## **2. METRO SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR INTERNAL OPERATIONS – UPDATE/DISCUSSION**

Teri Dresler, General Manager of Visitor Venues, introduced Molly Chidsey, Sustainability Coordinator, and noted that this presentation is the next step in the sustainability plan and it is important to face prioritization concerning funding for sustainable projects. Ms. Chidsey provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Metro Sustainability Plan for Intern Operations, which reminded the Council of the five goals previously adopted including greenhouse gases, toxics, waste, water, and habitat. Ms. Chidsey also described the development process for this plan which included identifying impacts, the baseline, goals, strategies and actions, and lastly the current stage, reviewing the plan. Ms. Chidsey fielded questions from the Council during the presentation and ended by asking how the Council would best like to adopt this plan. The Council agreed to adopt the sustainability plan through a resolution at a Council meeting, as long as it does not legally prevent the plan from making internal changes in the future.

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINORITIES, WOMEN AND EMERGING SMALL BUSINESSES (MWESB) PROGRAM – DIRECTION**

Darin Matthews, Procurement Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the recommendations from a committee of senior managers for improvements on the agency's MWESB program at the direction of the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Metro Council. Mr. Matthews explained that these recommendations were needed because Metro's MWESB utilization in 2009 was much lower than in previous years and lower than similar agencies around the area. The committee recommended setting an aspirational goal of fifteen percent for MWESB subcontracts. After questions from the Council regarding the goal Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, explained that this is similar to other jurisdictions and the aspirational goal is an acceptable level of risk regarding concern over discrimination of non-MWESB businesses. The recommendations also included increasing reporting requirement for prime contractors, packaging construction projects to fit within sheltered market program, including diversity as an evaluation criteria in all agency RFP's, increasing the MWESB training program, better coordinating MWESB and First opportunity Target Area (FOTA) programs. As well as expanding agency outreach to other minority business groups, providing a forum for agency project managers to network with MWESB's, actively engaging Metro legal counsel in order to maximize MWESB activity, creating an electronic notification system, and

including employee compensation in the selection of contractors. Councilor Burkholder asked about the boundaries set out whereby the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) must look at the first bids within a certain area. Ms. Dresler replied that this issue would be looked at in further depth and a response would be provided in November. Mr. Matthews responded to questions from the Council regarding living wage versus best value practices stating that best value makes wage a factor rather than a determiner providing for more diverse opportunities. The Council was supportive of implementing all of these recommendations.

#### **4. VISITOR VENUES UPDATE – INFORMATION**

Ms. Dresler updated the Council on the brand identity transition with the merge of Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) with Metro. Stephanie Soden, Visitor Venues, helped explain the old MERC logo would be retired and the Metro logo will be used as the brand identity in its place. The MERC website will also be closing and the information will be shifted to the Metro website.

Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center, provided a handout of the architect's rendering for the new plaza. The OCC is finalizing a lease with the Portland Development Commission (PDC) to develop an open-air event and exhibition plaza in the block containing the former Sizzler's restaurant. Mr. Blosser explained the demoing would start in a week. After fielding questions from the Council, Mr. Blosser explained the PDC was in charge of notifying other local business of the construction as well as the design of the new plaza. Michael Jordan, COO, also clarified this plaza is designed in a way that there is nothing permanent in order to allow for development in the future.

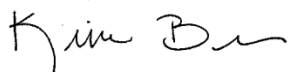
Mr. Blosser also provided an introduction to the Metro Café which will be run by the OCC and ARAMARK. This will be a community outreach program whereby economically disadvantaged individuals learn the entrepreneurial aspects of managing a food service business through a two-year hands-on training program. The Metro Café will be located in the annex space of the Metro Regional Center which currently serves as an employee break room. After questions from the Council, Mr. Blosser assured the Council there would still be a quiet space for employees as there will be more development that will add rooms to this annex. Councilor Park voiced concern that the project not become another perk for Metro that harms businesses in the local area.

#### **5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION**

Deputy Council Colette noted to the Council that Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT) unanimously adopted to set aside two million dollars to be bonded against for the Portland Milwaukie Light Rail (PLMR) project. This will come to the Metro Council to be discussed in the future.

Adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF**  
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<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1	Agenda	09/07/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, September 9, 2010	090710cw-1
2	Handout	09/07/10	Sustainability Plan for Metro intern and business operations	090710cw-2
3	PowerPoint	09/07/10	Sustainability Plan for Metro Operations	090710cw-3
4	Handout	09/07/10	Business correspondence identity recommendations	090710cw-4
5	Handout	09/07/10	Mockup MERC website	090710cw-5
6	Handout	09/07/10	OCC Plaza Rendering	090710cw-6
7	Handout	09/07/10	OCC Proposed Site Plan	090710cw-7