

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

September 14, 2010  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

Deputy Council President Carlotta Collette convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

## **1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, [SEPTEMBER 16, 2010]/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilors discussed the upcoming joint work session with Damascus on Wednesday. Deputy Council President Carlotta Collette reminded the Council this is a delicate political topic and it is important to remember what role the Metro Council is playing, specifically when discussing density.

## **2. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL REVIEW AND ACTION ON CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER'S CAPACITY ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS - INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

John Williams, Regional Planning Manager, came to discuss the scheduling of work sessions regarding capacity ordinance recommendations. These meetings come after Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on recommendations for an integrated Community Investment Strategy (CIS) and released the recommendations for public comment. The work sessions are scheduled to correspond with meetings set up with the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), the public comment period, and a meeting with the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). Specific topics will be discussed at the appropriate date to either prepare for future meetings or react to previous ones.

The Council discussed and voiced concern the role of MPAC be clearly defined and asked if there was a better way to solicit more input from the committee and asked for clarification of what areas would be included in the study area. Mr. Williams clarified only the city or county sanctioned Urban Growth Boundary requests would be added to the 8,000 acre study area. Mr. Williams also explained all of these areas will receive a 2629 report as required unless it becomes clear that an area will not be included in the UGB.

## **3. FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT - INFORMATION/UPDATE**

Margo Norton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, came to discuss the fourth quarter financial report. Ms. Norton provided a look back at the year before where she had stated that revenues would not be increasing, there was a risk of using reserves, and labor costs would be rising. All of these were true as well as a rise in cost of benefits. The reserves used were replenished in the new fiscal year budget. Looking ahead for next year it looks to be the same. Ms. Norton reminded the Council that every choice comes with a price tag and in order to make it through this financial situation those price tags need to be considered.

After discussion from the Council concerning delinquencies, Ms. Norton explained that a five year forecast in the works and this will help to clarify how to communicate the financial situation throughout the region.

## **4. METRO VALUES - DISCUSSION**

Scott Robinson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, thanked the Councilors for attending the All Staff Meeting earlier in the day. Mr. Robinson provided context for the current values. The goal was to create a culture based on common practice and there was a need for a common set of values to ground the agency. A project team was put together to help create the values, but the process was from the ground up whereby employees were engaged in discussions on what they saw as the values of this agency. This work created the values seen in the work session packet. The next stage is to engage employees in how this will translate into behaviors. This stage will include a guidebook, a plan from the senior leadership team in how to introduce these values, an introduction or reinforcement for employees, and a way to incorporate these values into business practices. Mr. Robinson asked the Council what thoughts and reactions they had to both the values and the workshop from the All Staff Meeting and how the Council would like to see this carried forward.

The Councilors had some specific edits to the values, specifically on sustainability. The Council was generally supportive of these values and asked when it could be formally adopted.

#### **5. LEGISLATIVE SESSION - DISCUSSION**

Randy Tucker, Policy Advisor, provided a handout of the 2011 legislative issue identification. Mr. Tucker reminded the Council it would be an uphill effort to have any legislation that asks for money. Instead, this is an opportunity to move legislation that is not budget sensitive. The handout included twelve legislative issues, but there was only time to provide an introduction to six of them. The next six will be introduced with other legislative issues at a future work session. There were two different categories, with three legislative issues in each. The first category was product stewardship and the second was toxics related. Scott Klag, Senior Solid Waste Planner, helped provide an overview of each of the legislation discussed. Most of the legislation would be supported by Metro and a few legislative issues would be carried by Metro. Mr. Tucker also provided a handout with the portions of the Chief Operating Officer (COO) recommendation that were legislative in nature.

The council asked for more clarification on the problem each legislative issue is looking to solve and the solution to be expressed as well as Metro's connection to these issues.

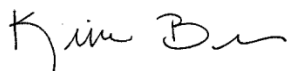
#### **6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION**

Deputy Council President Collette noted that the Oregon Zoo Bond Advisory Group had provided a presentation for the bond project and found it impressive.

#### **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(2)(d). DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO CARRY ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

Adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF**  
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