



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

November 9, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused)

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

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO), noted to the Council that the quarterly management report would be delayed a week. Mr. Jordan also reminded the Council they had received a memo from John Williams, Metro, regarding a summary for upcoming Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) decisions clarifying that the Council will not be working towards a UGB decision this calendar year, but work on the capacity ordinance which will be announced to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). Councilor Harrington asked some clarifying questions that would be answered in Council Communications.

2. 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – INFORMATION

Randy Tucker, Metro, came to continue the discussion that began in the September 14 and October 5, 2010 work sessions of the 2011 legislative session and the Metro Council's objectives. Mr. Tucker also summarized some of the changes from the election that occurred on November 2, 2010. Mr. Tucker went on to go through the legislative items in the work session packet and began by introducing Heidi Rahn, Metro, to provide an overview of the climate change concepts. Ms. Rahn provided a summary of the Clean Energy Jobs and Prosperity Act and the Financing for Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency Act and recommended Metro sign on as supporters of both these legislative issues. Mr. Tucker provided an overview of the Multiple Unit Housing tax exemption program sunset extension. This was supported in 2005 and Mr. Tucker was looking for guidance if the Council was in support of extending the tax exemption again. Mr. Tucker reminded the Council of the controversies in the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) and provided a summary of the rule. The Community Investment Initiative is currently a placeholder sheet for the 2011 legislative session with the question being if the Council would like to file for pre-session. This is a question that can be returned to in the future.

Council asked for clarification on the climate change concepts and voiced concerns over funding sources; however the Council was generally supportive of signing on as supporters. Regarding the housing tax exemption, Councilors asked for more data on the success of the program before adding support to the program. The Council provided overall support of the TPR.

3. FY 2010-11 QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT – UPDATE / INFORMATION

Taken off the agenda.

4. FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT – UPDATE / INFORMATION

Margo Norton, Metro, provided a look at the first quarter financial report. Ms. Norton looked at the first quarter financial report from last year to provide some context. There were not many changes to report. Ms. Norton noted that the first quarter report is to set the stage for budget assumptions. Last year Ms. Norton thought there would be another two years until the economy would be back to normal, but this year the prediction was another two years. The assumption is that overall revenue will be flat to moderately upward. Ms. Norton reminded the Council that the choices we make now set us up for the future and there is a need to cut loose the areas where we're not making an impact as well as stay focused on structural issues.

The Council asked clarifying questions regarding grant funding and bond measures.

5. BREAK

6. FY 2011-12 FINANCIAL ASSUMPTIONS – DISCUSSION / DIRECTION

Mr. Jordan introduced the discussion and Kathy Rutkowski, Metro. Ms. Rutkowski provided focus on the major financial assumptions to be used in the development of the FY 2011-12 annual budget. Key among these were preliminary assumptions and forecast for general revenues such as operating tax, Metro excise tax, and interest rates as well as assumptions for labor costs such as COLA, merit, PERS, and various benefit costs. The packet provided a summary of the major financial assumptions. There would be more discussion in the future regarding consensus among the Councilors on the key global financial assumptions to begin formulation for the FY 2011-12 budget.

The Council asked questions regarding some of the assumptions including medical costs over the long term.

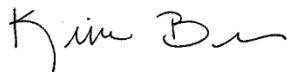
7. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Dick Benner, Metro, provided clarification on the legal issues regarding the UGB decision for this year. Mr. Benner noted that he contacted Richard Whitman, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLDC), who would have more information for the Council later in the week. Mr. Benner also explained the range needed to be described by the Council and the Council will need to meet at least one half of the need designated in the urban growth report. Council discussed whether or not to go forward with meeting at least half this year or asking for an extension. Council President Collette reminded the Council that this topic did not need to get settled today and more discussion would occur in the future.

Council President Collette asked for consensus on two letters brought up at the last work session on Thursday regarding the Oregon Flexible Funds Program. The Council discussed the criteria for endorsing the letters. Mr. Jordan offered to provide more information on in the future. There was general consensus to endorse the two letters.

Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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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	Handout	11/09/10	2010-11 First Quarter Report	110910cw-1
2	Handout	11/09/10	Letter To: Mr. Sherman and Review Committee members From: Council President Collette Re: SE Division Street undercrossing	110910cw-2
3	Handout	11/09/10	Letter To: Mr. Sherman and Review Committee members From: Council President Collette Re: Wilkins Street Trailhead	110910cw-3