



## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL/MERC JOINT WORK SESSION MEETING

November 16, 2010  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused)

MERC Commissioners: Elisa Donozo, Ray Leary, Karis Stroudamire-Phillips, Judie Hammerstad, Chris Erickson

Commissioners Absent: Terry Goldman (excused), Cynthia Haruyama (excused)

Acting Council President Carlotta Collette and MERC Chair Elisa Donozo convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

### **1. MERC COMMISSION STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET PRIORITIES - DISCUSSION / DIRECTION**

Elisa Donozo, MERC, made opening remarks before beginning the Metro Council/MERC Joint Work Session. The MERC Commission had not had the opportunity to meet with the Metro Council in a joint meeting since July 2008. This joint meeting was scheduled following an October MERC Commission retreat, and prior to beginning the FY 11/12 budget process to provide the opportunity for both bodies to discuss the MERC venue economic impact outlook, the venue strategic business plan and the budget priorities identified during the Commission retreat.

The Council asked clarifying questions concerning the handouts in the packet from the MERC retreat. Regarding the economic impact outlook Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO), explained to the Council there will be discussion and a recommendation to MERC at a future meeting. Councilors agreed that in order to have a meaningful discussion and be able to provide feedback there would need to be more information regarding economic policies. The Council decided a conversation with Randy Tucker, Metro, was necessary before continuing the discussion on budget priorities and agreed that protecting assets was an important priority. Margo Norton, Metro, explained she would be overseeing a project team looking at the economic reserves for MERC in order to better inform the economic impact outlook. The Council agreed this would be important, though the work would take several budget cycles. Councilors also asked the title for the "Headquarters Hotel" project be changed to reflect the desire to move towards an alternative project in the future. Councilors and Commissioners agreed another meeting would be fruitful to revisit these discussions.

### **2. DRAFT METRO DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN RELATED TO PROCUREMENT AND HIRING AND FIRST OPPORTUNITY TARGET AREAS (FOTA) POLICY - DISCUSSION / DIRECTION**

Teri Dresler, Darin Matthews, and Mary Rowe presented this agenda item on sections of the Metro Diversity Action Plan currently in draft form relative to MERC's First Opportunity Target Areas (FOTA) as it relates to procurement and hiring. Ms. Dresler introduced the topic noting that the Council and Commissioners are aware of the alignments and synergies in the outreach and

recruitment policies in the Diversity Action Plan and how they align with the MERC facilities and FOTA to provide opportunities in the region to those with a low income status. Ms. Rowe provided an overview of the policy with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation including general and FOTA outreach information, the Diversity Action Plan, and next steps. Ms. Rowe explained there will be work on increasing outreach and continuing work on gauging the success of these programs. Mr. Mathews discussed diversifying the contract spending and adding a specific number goal for MWESB (Minority, Women, and Emerging Small Business) and FOTA to the Diversity Action Plan and suggested making similar changes to the MERC rules and offered his services to facilitating that discussion.

Both Councilors and Commissioners voiced concern with moving all applications online because of the possibility of losing diverse applicants and asked for sensitivity to that issue. There was overall support in moving forward and incorporating the Diversity Action Plan and FOTA into more aspects for both the Council and MERC.

### **3. FUTURE MEETING LOGISTICS**

Ms. Dresler notified Councilors and Commissioners that a new economic impact analysis will be proposed for February 2011 and will include the zoo for the first time. There will be work to set up another joint meeting in order to focus on the economic impact on the venues with a consultant to answer any questions that may arise as well as the other topics discussed at this joint meeting.

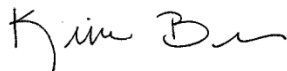
### **4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION**

Council President Collette asked the Council if they were comfortable with reducing the number of public hearings from three to two by not facilitating one in Oregon City. There was consensus by the Councilors that it was useful to have all three hearings and agreed to keep the hearing in Oregon City.

Councilor Harrington provided a handout from an exercise that she participated in at the Oregon Commons and thought the Council could find useful.

Adjourned at 4:12 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	Handout	11/16/10	Funding Take Aways	111610cw-1
2	Handout	10/6/10	Major Initiative Projects MERC	111610cw-2
3	Handout	11/16/10	Missing page from packet FOTA	111610cw-3
4	PowerPoint	11/16/10	Diversity in Hiring and Retention	111610cw-4
5	Handout	11/16/10	Oregon Commons	111610cw-5