

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

January 11, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Tom Hughes (Council President), Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Shirley Craddick, Rex Burkholder, Robert Liberty, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 13, 2011/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

The Council asked questions regarding the Thursday Council Meeting including what specifically would be discussed in regard to the Zoo agenda item and why it was on the Thursday meeting instead of at a work session. Chief Operating Officer (COO), Michael Jordan, assured the Council there would be more opportunities to discuss the agenda item at future work sessions and the discussion for Thursday would include updates on content and process. Councilor Rex Burkholder asked for recognition of the shootings in Arizona at the Thursday meeting and Council President Tom Hughes agreed.

The Council asked questions regarding Title 11, specifically when there would be a final vote. Councilor Robert Liberty notified there would be an overview from the subcommittee on Wednesday that would provide a recommendation to the Council. Dan Cooper, Metro, reminded the Council they could adopt the ordinance with minor changes within the same meeting, so long as those changes did not modify the ultimate outcome.

Tony Andersen, Metro, provided a handout on the process for appointment of a Metro Councilor in District 6, because Councilor Liberty would be resigning at the Thursday meeting. Mr. Andersen gave an overview of the information provided. The Council asked clarifying questions including verifying the necessary time needed for legal notice.

2. BUDGET BRIEFING - INFORMATION

Mr. Jordan, COO, introduced Margo Norton and Kathy Rutkowski, Metro, for the budget briefing and reminded the Council there would be more updates at future work sessions at which time more substantive questions could be answered. Ms. Norton used handouts to provide an overview of the current budget environment. Ms. Norton noted where the expenditures were rising faster than the revenue stream and why. Ms. Norton provided a general update from a meeting with the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) to notify the Council that MERC has several questions in regard to the authority of the budget that will need to be discussed at a future date. Ms. Rutkowski offered a summary of the base budget to date with the aid of handouts including current resources, requirements, and the general fund. Mr. Jordan concluded the presentation by discussing the challenges for balancing the budget including asking the Council to think about what the budget strategy would be long term, what changes the Council is ready to make, and what the options are for balancing the budget.

The Council asked clarifying questions including how uncollected taxes were documented and how budget assumptions were made.

3. MULTNOMAH FOOD INITIATIVE - INFORMATION

Commissioner Judy Shiprack from Multnomah County introduced the Multnomah County Food Initiative and introduced Kat West, Multnomah County Office of Sustainability. Ms. West provided a PowerPoint of the initiative and plan including history and background. The presentation described the purpose of the plan to create a healthy, equitable and prosperous local food system. It is a 15-year strategic roadmap that sets forth a community vision, 4 action pillars, 16 goals, 65 collaborative community actions, 40 individual actions for creating local action on health, equity, the environment and jobs in the Multnomah County food system. The Multnomah Food Action Plan is a community action plan because there is a role for every organization and every person to transform the food system in Multnomah County. Multnomah County identified Metro as a critical stakeholder in creating an intentional food system in our region because of the work Metro does as a regional convener, in land use planning, climate change and waste reduction. Multnomah County requested that Metro sign the Declaration of Support for the Plan before January 27th, if possible, consider making specific commitments that fit within the framework of the Plan, and participate at the Multnomah Food Action Plan Celebration on Thursday, January 27th from 10:30am – 12pm.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

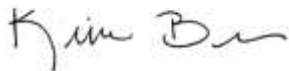
The Council was running late and went straight into the executive sessions.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT WITH ORD 192.600(2)(e). DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO NEGOTIATE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
January 11, 2011**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	1/11/2011	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, January 13, 2011	011111cw-1
2	Handout	1/11/2011	Process for Appointment of Metro Council, District 6	011111cw-2
3	Handout	1/11/2011	Budget Summaries and Comparisons	011111cw-3
4	Handout	1/11/2011	Summary of Base Budget Notes	011111cw-4
5	Handout	1/11/2011	Worksheet for the Multnomah Food Action Plan	011111cw-5
6	Handout	12/2010	Multnomah Food Action Plan	011111cw-6
7	Handout	12/2010	Multnomah Food Action Plan Executive Summary	011111cw-7
8	Handout	1/11/2011	Multnomah Action Food Plan FAQ	011111cw-8
9	PowerPoint	1/11/2011	Multnomah Food Action Plan Metro Council Briefing	011111cw-9