

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

February 1, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:02 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Tom Hughes notified the Council there would be a special work session added to the end of the Council Work Session.

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Office (COO), reminded the Council the Metro 101 sessions would begin the week of February 7th and all Councilors are invited.

2. OREGON ZOO REMOTE ELEPHANT CENTER – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Scott Robinson, Deputy COO, introduced the background of the Oregon Zoo remote elephant center. In May 2008, voters approved Ballot Measure 26-96 to effect several improvements to the physical environment and operation of the Oregon Zoo. The measure specifically listed projects that Metro would pursue. The project titled “More Humane Conditions for Elephants” explicitly set forth the needs of the zoo herd at the zoo and the concept of an off-site facility to further improve the health and well-being of the animals and to expand the elephant program. A panel of elephant experts took part in a workshop to identify the requirements for an offsite breeding, training, and management facility which included CLR Design Inc., Shultz & Williams and staff. Staff has been evaluating sites of at least 200 acres with the three county areas that satisfy the selection criteria. Staff is requesting Metro Council authorization to enter into real estate options to purchase real property satisfying the selection criteria as seen in the Council Work Session packet.

Councilors asked clarifying questions including requesting a report that identifies what the bond measure stipulates in regards to this project and if there would be any major land use issues. Councilors expressed their concern that this project does not put the rest of the Metro operations at risk financially. The Council asked for open houses of the remote elephant site be available to all citizens in the region. There was general consensus to move forward with securing real estate options to purchase real property for a remote elephant center.

3. FOLLOW-UP TO OREGON ZOO COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL MASTER PLAN – INTERIM REPORT #2 – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Kim Smith, Metro, provided background for the Oregon Zoo Comprehensive Capital Master Plan. The consultant team had presented the Interim Report #2 to the Metro Council on February 13, 2010 at a Council Meeting and provided information regarding the zoo campus. The program team planned to further explore the report’s information, in general, and seek Metro Council feedback and direction on key issues that need direction from Council to keep the overall master plan project moving forward. Craig Stroud, Metro, provided posters for each key issue to be discussed at this work session. Mr. Stroud provided background and information with the use of the posters

including information on how to keep the elephant exhibit project design advancing, allowing an application for necessary land use approvals from the city ahead of the overall master plan approval and an update on the Conditional Use Master Plan application to the city. Mr. Stroud also provided information on the perimeter service road and presented options to remedy service road access issues.

Councilors asked for more information on the options for the train including clarifying who uses the different trains as well as other options specifically a tram. The Council asked for a better idea of what the Master Plan would be and provided ideas within the Master Plan to allow in the future including an aerial camera. Councilors also asked what the possible challenges would be to the project. There was general consensus to continue with the work on the Master Plan.

4. BREAK

5. BUDGET BRIEFING - INFORMATION

Mr. Jordan reminded the Council this meeting was the second budget briefing since an October meeting at which the base budget was discussed. For this meeting a handout was provided with a list of options, similar to the handout seen last year, to help balance the budget. Mr. Jordan noted the Council cannot legally deliberate on next year's budget until the budget message has been received; therefore the current discussion would be broader and would not go into specifics. Margo Norton, Metro, notified the Council they will receive the second quarter information once it has been compiled. Ms. Norton provided more information on the budget including informing the Council the excise tax will underperform, enterprise revenue has been improving, property tax revenue has been fine and transient lodging tax will underperform, but not by as much. There is no new information that will change the assumptions previously made in the budget. Kathy Rutkowski, Metro, gave more detailed information on each of the budget balancing options from the handout. Mr. Jordan ended the discussion by starting a conversation regarding Metro's footprint and focus and noted this would be a conversation that would need to be carried out collectively with the Council in future meetings.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington noted she would not feel comfortable in using the Opportunity Account again to balance the budget. Councilors asked for a future discussion that would not only explain what is in the proposed budget, but what is not in this budget.

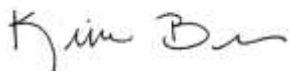
6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Carl Hosticka reminded the Council there would be some additions to the legislative agenda for the February 10th Council Meeting and offered the Councilors to contact him with any questions.

Councilors shared information on their meetings from the previous week.

Adjourned at 3:56 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 |
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| 1 | Handout | 2/1/11 | FY 2011-12 Consolidated General Fund Budget Balancing Options | 020111cw-1 |