

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

February 15, 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 2:03 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2011/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Scott Robinson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, presented Dan Cooper, Metro, to provide clarification to Ordinance 11-1254 on the Thursday meeting agenda. Mr. Cooper explained this was part of a bond measure in 1997 and the ordinance would delete all superfluous language to ensure consistency with state law. Substantively this will not change the bond measure. Mr. Robinson then asked how the Council would like to be updated after the Zoo Bond citizen's oversight meeting. The Council asked for updates at future work sessions.

Council President Tom Hughes provided an overview of the agenda for the District 6 Metro Council Appointment Public Meeting on Wednesday including clarification of the vote. Council asked the Thursday regular meeting agenda be updated to include a resolution for the vote.

2. FY 2010-11 QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT - INFORMATION

Mr. Robinson introduced the agenda item noting this information is all programmatic performance that aligns the budget and these reports have moved to an electronic format. Mr. Robinson offered the Council assistance in looking at these reports electronically and invited feedback, recommendations, and questions on this new format. Mr. Robinson provided highlights from the Quarterly Management Report including the Council adoption of the capacity ordinance, the majority approval from the Land Conservation and Development Commission of the reserves, and completion of a lighting retrofit at the Oregon Convention Center. Lastly, Mr. Robinsons provided an update on future work including the Metro Café, solid waste operations efficiency measure renegotiation, and the Intertwine transition.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington asked for the executive summary of this report to include not only the highlights, but also some of the bad news in order to recognize that there are some choices that can be improved upon.

3. SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT - INFORMATION

Margo Norton, Metro, reminded the Council that the Second Quarter Financial Report is part of the process for making a budget forecast and is important because it is the primary benchmark on the year and the last chance to make course corrections. Ms. Norton provided an overview of the current state of the budget including noting that revenues were not as far down as last year, transient lodging tax has increased, and there continues to be grater tonnage loss at Metro than in the private sector. Overall the trends are relatively flat through next year, but this is reasonably good news as most budget trends are not drastically decreasing. Ms. Norton noted she did not see

anything that would change the current assumptions for next year. The revenue forecast will remain conservative and the team is working on a longer term view to include Metro's footprint, focus and resources.

Councilors asked clarifying questions including the influence of storms on the Parks and Environmental Services budget, assurance that the household survey would be moving forward, and more information on all different budget choices.

4. DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FUND – INFORMATION

Megan Gibb, Metro, provided a PowerPoint with an overview of the progress in the Development Opportunity Fund over the last few years. This fund was created when the Council awarded \$500,000 to the Development Center over two years, to create the Development Opportunity Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support pre-development activities in key jurisdiction that could help cities set the stage for private development and align codes, policies and financial incentives to help encourage investment in centers and corridors and provide incentive funds to support innovative green features and model low-impact development practices on transit oriented development projects and other public or private developments. The projects included Transit Oriented Development and Technical Assistance. Work has included development opportunity studies, walkability audits and green innovation grants.

Councilors asked Ms. Gibb questions including explanation of why certain cities have succeeded without additional funds and what the measurements for success were. The Council expressed interest in continuing this work and holding discussions on funding options in the future.

5. REGIONAL FUNDING FOR THE INTERTWINE – INFORMATION / DIRECTION

Jim Desmond, Metro, reminded the Council he was there to present on the opportunities and challenges for the Intertwine petals and funding. While Metro and many local partners continue to acquire natural areas, these sites require active vegetation management, but Metro itself and all but 1-2 local park providers have not identified long term stable funding to adequately maintain natural areas and trails. Whether Metro will increase or step away from operating parks is an open question, but there is a general sense that there is not much economy of scale in maintaining natural areas and trails throughout the region and that local providers can do the job if adequately funded. Mr. Desmond asked the Council how it would like to stay involved in the Intertwine in the future.

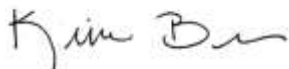
Council agreed there was already a certain level of commitment currently. Councilors asked for analysis of what is needed in order to better understand the level of involvement necessary. There was general consensus Metro would like to stay involved and identified Councilor Shirley Craddick as the lead liaison between the Council and the Intertwine.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Carl Hosticka briefed the Council on legislative news. Council discussed meetings for the upcoming week.

Adjourned at 4:52 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	Agenda	2/15/11	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, February 17, 2011	021511cw-1
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3	Handout	2/15/11	FY 2010-11 Second Quarter Management Report At-a-Glance	021511cw-3
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