



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

March 17, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:45 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS/REDISTRICTING

Margo Norton, Metro, filled in as Chief Operating Officer and had no communication.

2. FLEET MANAGEMENT FOLLOW-UP AUDIT – INFORMATION

Suzanne Flynn, Metro, provided an introduction for both audits on the agenda. Ms. Flynn noted these audits were follow-up audits with the intent to provide an update and assessment on future work. This follow-up also provided feedback to the auditors as to the success of the original audit and opportunities for future improvement. Brian Evans, Metro, gave an overview of the previous audit including background, results, and recommendations. The conclusion of the follow-up report was that sufficient progress was made with two recommendations fully implemented and progress made on the three other recommendations in policies and procedures. Moving forward one recommendation is to gather data on renewal and replacement of the fleet.

Management response came from Paul Slyman and Rich Thompson, Metro. Mr. Slyman expressed appreciation of the work from Mr. Evans and Ms. Flynn. Mr. Slyman noted the large governance structure as part of their future work. Mr. Thompson will be working to implement software, Assetworks, to gather data to increase efficiencies and to make sure this software is user friendly.

Council asked clarifying questions including information on the budget, specifically in renewal and replacement as well as a question on the use of the new fleet vehicles including the Smartcar and the electric bicycle.

3. WASTE REDUCTION & OUTREACH FOLLOW-UP AUDIT – INFORMATION

Mary Ann Caballero, Metro, provided information on the waste reduction and outreach audit follow-up including background, results and recommendations. Within aligning sustainability activities two of the three original recommendations were implemented. In improving the effectiveness of waste prevention activities the recommendation was implemented, but still needed to target additional resources to prevention activities. Within measuring effectiveness two of the five recommendations were implemented and three are in process but need more work. For operating efficiently and effectively all the recommendations were implemented. One additional area brought up in follow-up audit was to explicitly link strategies with goals.

Management response came from Matt Korot, Metro. Mr. Korot expressed appreciation for the work of the auditor and explained this was beneficial timing as the audit came during the work plan efforts. There was agreement with the follow-up audit on the recommendations.

Council asked clarifying question including more information on the process of the current work program. Councilors also expressed interest in providing support for the future changes in transitioning from recycling to waste prevention work and education.

4. SMITH/BYBEE WETLANDS NATURAL AREA –TRAIL & BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY FINDINGS– INFORMATION

Jim Desmond, Metro, introduced the agenda item, and was followed by Jane Hart, Metro, who presented a powerpoint show. Ms. Hart provided background of the natural area reminding the Council that in December 2005 Metro Council approved the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Trail Feasibility, recommended a preferred trail alignment (South Slough alignment) and directed staff to conduct additional analysis for portions of the preferred alignment. Having completed the additional analysis, staff presented the following trail development recommendations for the Council's feedback:

Phase I – Begin immediately

- 1) Continue building the neighborhood connection (from Pier Park to the former St. Johns landfill), including a new bike/ped bridge over the North Slough at the cost of \$2.7 million.
- 2) Proceed with landowner negotiations along the south slough segment.

Phase II – To be determined in consultation with Metro Council when staff returns with results of negotiations with private landowners along the South Slough.

The cost to build the entire trail alignment is \$21 million. Funds provided by the 2006 Open Spaces bond measure to purchase easements for the trail are not included in the cost estimate. Jane Hart asked the Councilors what further information would be needed before they could make policy decisions on next steps.

Councilors asked for more information on where funding for these projects would come from. Mary Anne Cassin, Metro, responded the most likely source of funding would be federal grant monies, which requires applicants to contribute approximately 10% cash match. The cash value of land acquired for trails with 2006 bond measure may qualify for match. The Council began to ask clarifying question on the private land owned along the South Slough segment, but Mr. Desmond reminded the Council these questions concerned confidential negotiations and needed to be left to an Executive Session. Councilors looked for confirmation that even if private landowners along the South Slough were willing sellers there would still be flexibility in the future to include a no-build option for the South Slough segment. The Council replied to Ms. Hart's question that they had all they needed and were ready to direct staff to pursue Phase I and asked staff to report back when they knew more about private landowner's wishes.

5. 2010 COMPLIANCE REPORT: METRO CODE CHAPTER 3.07 URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONAL PLAN – INFORMATION /DISCUSSION

Sherry Oeser and Dick Benner, Metro, reminded the Council the Chief Operating Officer is required to submit annually to the Council the status of compliance by cities and counties with the requirements of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan. Several local governments are currently out of compliance with some Code requirement however, most are making progress towards meeting compliance requirement during 2011. Several options were provided to the Council as ways to address these instances of non-compliance.

The Council clarified the role of the state government in this compliance issue. Councilors also decided to notify those cities and counties that are out of compliance and remind each local government of the option to submit for an extension or exception. Councilors also asked for work moving forward to have a process for enforcement and make sure to notify this is the next step and

use the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) as a meeting to notify the status of each of these compliance issues.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Carl Hosticka provided a brief overview of the legislative agenda.

Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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Kim Brown
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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
March 17, 2011

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Handout	2/16/11	Fleet Management Audit Follow-Up	31711cw-1
2	Handout	3/2/11	Waste Reduction and Outreach Audit Follow-Up	31711cw-2
3	Handout	03/17/11	Work Session Worksheet Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area	31711cw-3