



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

April 14, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:49 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There was none.

2. VISITOR VENUES OCC, PCPA, EXPO, ZOO - INFORMATION

Dan Cooper, Acting Chief Operating Officer, noted to the Council the work session would provide details regarding Metro's budget and an opportunity for questions. Teri Dresler of Metro presented on visitor venues reminding the Council of the merge with Metro and the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC). This merge included partnering on communications, sharing personnel resources, inventory resources, collaborating on procurement, and an opportunity to leverage through all venues. The manager of each venue provided a brief budget overview as well as significant budget changes and key initiatives.

Councilors expressed concern regarding the future of transient lodging tax for the Portland Center for the Performing Arts funding and asked to stay informed. In regards to the Expo center Councilors asked for information on future renovations. Discussion included the ranking of the Oregon Convention Center nationally, where the nation was trending in convention business and concern in competing with Metro's own venues and regional venues that benefit Metro.

3. PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PARKS OPERATIONS, CEMETERIES, SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS - INFORMATION

Paul Slyman provided an overview of Parks and Environmental Services budget including parks solid waste, Metro Region Center and Metro Store, and cemeteries with information on significant budget changes and key initiatives.

Councilors asked for more information on the voucher program for neighborhood clean ups, food waste and recycling, and Columbia biogas. The Council also asked for confirmation the budget was advancing sustainability center operations.

4. SOLID WASTE RATES - INFORMATION

Doug Anderson of Metro provided a timeline for the Solid Waste ordinance and offered a briefing with Councilors Carlotta Collette and Shirley Craddick as they missed a previous overview of the ordinance.

The Council planned to continue discussions at a future meeting.

**5. BUSINESS SERVICES COUNCIL OFFICE, OMA, COMMUNICATIONS, FRS, HR, IS -
INFORMATION**

Scott Robinson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, introduced the business services budget. Managers from each department including the Council Office, Office of Metro Attorney, Finance and Regulatory Service, Human Resources, and Information Services provided overviews of their individual budgets including significant budget changes and key initiatives. The manager from the Communications was unable to present and moved to Tuesday's work session.

Councilors asked for more information on the Washington DC lobbyist budget, ratio of managers to employees, and more description of the changes represented in the budget.

6. PREVIEW OF BUDGET WORK SESSION II

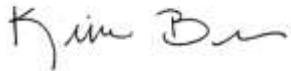
Mr. Cooper noted the next phase in the budget discussion would continue on Tuesday.

7. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

There was none.

Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Prepared by,



Kim Brown
Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
April 14, 2011

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Handout	4/14/11	Budget Work Session I	041411cw-1
2	Handout	4/14/11	PES By the Numbers	041411cw-2
3	Memo	4/13/11	To: Metro Council From: Paul Slyman Re: Gleason Boat Ramp	041411cw-3