



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

May 10, 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 2:05 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/ COUNCIL AGENDA FOR MAY 12, 2011/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

2. FY 2010 - 2011 QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT - INFORMATION

Deputy Chief Operating Office Scott Robinson reintroduced the Council to the electronic report and provided an overview and highlights of the FY 2010-11 Quarterly Management Report. Mr. Robinson reminded the Council of how to read the report electronically and this was part of the process of moving towards providing all reports electronically. The next report will be the fourth quarter end of the year report.

Councilors asked for assistance in accessing the electronic report from home and clarified that there were different levels of privileges for accessing and editing reports.

3. 3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (UNAUDITED) - INFORMATION

Margo Norton of Metro provided an overview of the 3rd Quarter Financial Report. Ms. Norton noted that revenues have been tough in the third quarter due to rain, but per capita spending is back. Noting the economy was improving, but not yet dependable, Ms. Norton provided an example including excise tax is still lagging, but property taxes are still robust. This necessitates a different approach because it is tougher to forecast and anticipate new conditions, therefore a longer view in financial planning was recommended.

Councilors asked clarifying question of the transient lodging tax and for more information on business operations in relation to the long term economy.

4. TOBACCO POLICY - INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Acting Chief Operating Officer Dan Cooper provided background and information on the tobacco policy resolution. The Metro Charter defines Metro's primary service as "planning and policy making to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for ourselves and future generations." Therefore, in order to uphold Metro's primary responsibility, Metro staff proposes a policy before Metro Council that limits the use of tobacco on all Metro owned grounds in order to protect the health of our community, preserve environmental quality, and ensure a sustainable future. Mr. Cooper outlined the phased approach that allows Metro to introduce an agency-wide tobacco policy via resolution and provide time for managers to develop worksite-specific solutions to potential enforcement issues, outlined in the work session packet. Metro will also offer assistance to help Metro employees quite the use of tobacco.

Councilors asked clarifying questions on like agencies, potential enforcement issues and the difference between smoke free and tobacco free.

The Council was supportive of the resolution specifically in the educational portion of the resolution.

5. BREAK

6. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES COUNCIL PROJECT – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Councilor Rex Burkholder reminded the Council one of the six desired outcomes for the region, endorsed by the Metro Council, is to be a leader in addressing climate change. Per Council action, a dedicated staff person has been focusing on climate related activities for the past two fiscal years. Major tasks completed as a part of that work include completion of the Climate Prosperity Greenprint and the creation of the greenhouse gas lens and measurement tools. Councilor Burkholder noted that the budget currently does not continue the staff person and there are three focus areas that will lose dedicated work, Climate Change Preparation Plan, Capacity Building and Climate Prosperity after June 30, 2011.

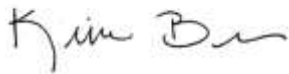
Councilors asked questions specifically if this work was being carried out in other projects or departments and the role of a Council liaison instead of a Council project. The rest of the Council asked Councilor Burkholder to add this to his budget amendments and offered to discuss in further detail at that future work session dedicated to Council budget amendments.

7. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Carl Hosticka provided a legislative update. Council discussion included an update on Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) bylaw changes, Councilor Carlotta Collette and Burkholder's trip to Seattle and Councilor trip to Vancouver B.C.

Adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
May 10, 2011

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	5/10/11	Agenda: Metro Council Regular Meeting, May 12, 2011	051011cw-1
2	Handout	5/10/11	3 rd Quarterly Financial Report	051011cw-2
3	Handout	5/10/11	House Bill 3415	051011cw-3
4	Letter	5/2/11	To: Chair Lehan and MPAC Representatives From: Commissioner Amanda Fritz Re: Proposed Amendments to MPAC Bylaws	051011cw-4