



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

June 28, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Rex Burkholder, Carlotta Collette, Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Barbara Roberts

Councilors Absent: Councilor Carl Hosticka

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council Work Session at 2:05 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JUNE 30, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

2. SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: SUMMARY OF FOOD SYSTEM POLICY ISSUES

Mr. Matt Korot of Metro briefed the council on the work and history of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and presented six different options for the Metro Council to consider for adoption. Those options are:

1. Use regional funds to help pay personnel costs associated with new city and county food waste collection programs.
2. Increase Metro Central's food waste transfer capacity.
3. Pursue options to provide food waste transfer service at Metro South, such as diverting dry waste loads or self-haul customers to other facilities.
4. Conduct a feasibility analysis for a commercial food waste disposal ban.
5. Support the region's food donation infrastructure.
6. Advocate for regulatory options to reduce the life cycle carbon intensity of products.

Discussion included whether food waste will be picked up with yard debris, will there be steps taken to ensure that all jurisdictions are given enough time to adapt to new collection standards, and will this money be utilized to help jurisdictions get their programs started?

Further discussion was had regarding whether a new food waste program can exist when new technologies such as the Columbia Bio-gas food recycling facility open. Mr. Korot explained that this program and new technologies will complement one another.

3. ELEPHANT HABITAT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Mr. Craig Stroud of the Oregon Zoo discussed the upcoming resolution for Metro Council approval that will allow the zoo to move forward on the elephant, train, wildlife, and road infrastructure

projects. With three projects wrapping up they are looking to fast track the habitat project and will go to the City of Portland to get land-use approval.

Councilors asked for clarification as to why they are being asked to approve a component of this project when the entire project is up for approval in July. Mr. Stroud explained that in order to mitigate scheduling impacts

it is advantageous to keep these two items as separate processes. Councilors also expressed concern regarding the conditional use permit and why that is beneficial to the zoo and Metro. Mr. Stroud explained that without a full six years the conditional land use plan is much faster in the time frame they have to spend down the current bond funds.

4 CONTRACT MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR (CM/GC) DELIVERY METHOD FOR THE ELEPHANT HABITAT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Mr. Craig Stroud briefed the Metro Council about the upcoming authorization for the construction manager and general contractor for the elephant habitat and associated infrastructure project. Within the RFP process the zoo is allowed to ask for aspirational goals related to the recruitment and hiring of minority businesses for this project however, they cannot set a specific goal.

Councilors expressed that it would be nice to focus on hiring local businesses and contractors especially for such a high profile job. However, there is awareness from councilors that the technical skills needed for this project may not exist within the local workforce and therefore workers from outside the region may need to be brought in. Further discussion focused on how to write the aspirational goals into the resolution. Acting Metro Attorney Alison Kean Campbell explained that the appropriate place to state those types of goals is within the "where-as" category which shows intent without making a promise.

Councilors also asked why this particular resolution was placed on the consent agenda rather than the regular agenda which would send a signal that we are moving ahead by putting tax payer dollars to work. It was decided to attach an Exhibit and the "where-as" category to the resolution.

5. OREGON ZOO FOUNDATION AGREEMENT

Ms. Kim Smith of the Oregon Zoo briefed the council on the Oregon Zoo and the Oregon Zoo Foundation (OZF) agreement and re-definition of roles and responsibilities between the two entities and making a clear separation between the two organizations. They are moving forward with the collaborative master plan which has a term of five years with automatic renewal each year. There is a termination clause for cause or convenience within the agreement. All money raised benefits the Oregon Zoo. New pricing for membership and zoo entry will be rolling out using the national benchmark for similar facilities to ensure balanced pricing. Both memberships and gate entry prices are lower than the national benchmark and will therefore be raised to meet that standard. These two entities will hold joint strategic planning sessions, have a joint annual report, and a joint annual presentation to the Metro Council. These changes are supported by both organizations with many members involved in the process, in fact these changes were unanimously approved. It has been further recognized that both organizations feel that all the tough issues have been resolved.

Further councilor discussion centered on how to brand both organizations and maintain continuity, updating both websites, ensuring both websites have the message of one zoo, and ensuring a cross link between the two websites.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

There were none.

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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 6/21/11 Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, June 21, 2011 062811cw-1

2 Metro-Oregon Zoo Foundation Agreement 062811cw-2