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**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
Feb. 7, 2012
Metro Council Chamber**

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

Councilors Excused: None.

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 1:02pm.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE /CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Martha Bennett of Metro reminded councilors of Thursday's work session scheduled to begin at 1pm to accommodate Gail Achterman's memorial service that same afternoon. Ms. Bennett informed councilors that Mr. Bill Tolbert has been hired as Metro's Diversity Program Manager and will begin work on Monday, Feb. 27. Ms. Bennett also provided updates on several issues regarding the Oregon Zoo. Specifically, the volunteers Vet Medical Center guided approximately 800 people in tours through the new facility. Ms. Bennett also indicated that the 20-year Zoo Master Plan approval should be decided by Feb. 20, 2012, following two additional public hearings. The \$65 million elephant habitat project is on schedule and will provide 4 times amount of area.

2. REGIONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro presented recommendations to update the Regional Travel Options (RTO) 5-year strategic plan, based on program stakeholder outreach and best practices evaluation prepared by a project consultant. Mr. Daniel Kaempff of Metro discussed the details of the updates, which will affect guidance of regional transportation investments and redefine Metro's and jurisdictional partners' roles. Mr. Kaempff noted that the 3rd edition of the strategic plan focuses on the most effective ways to change travel behavior away from single-occupancy usage to carpooling, transit and active transportation options.

Mr. Kaempff explained that measurement criteria will also be changed to more accurately reflect the relative outcomes of local projects. Furthermore, the consultant recommended that the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) take on the funding decisions because of its broad base of regional perspectives. Ultimately, the goals of the plan updates are to streamline Transportation Management Associations (TMA) grant funding, allow for more competitiveness, flexibility, inclusivity, and to better catalyze local program development.

Councilor Discussion:

Councilors supported the updates made to the RTP strategic plan, but wanted to stress the importance of Metro's role and recognition in the process of funding local programs. Councilors also asked for support with communicating the changes to each district and local jurisdictions who

may express concern. There was discussion about the effectiveness of TMAs in helping make changes in the region. Mr. Kaempff explained that results are mixed and that TMA policy is evolving to provide distinctive support to each area. Moreover, Mr. Kaempff recognized the need for a level of certainty, consistency and continued effort with grant programs. Councilors also questioned how local jurisdictions can provide feedback to policy decisions. Mr. Kaempff noted that updates to the plan free up Metro staff to work more closely and coordinate with local partners.

3. ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT FOR OPERATIONS AT METRO FACILITIES

Ms. Molly Chidsey of Metro highlighted progress made towards achieving goals in five key categories to reduce the agency's environmental impacts. Metro facilities are strategically operated to reduce carbon, choose nontoxic substances, prevent waste, conserve water and enhance habitat. Ms. Chidsey identified positive trends, such as a 7% reduction in electricity usage, as well as goals in need of further effort. Specifically regarding energy, Ms. Chidsey noted Metro's priority to increase efficiency, and then move to more renewable energy investments. '

Ms. Chidsey pointed to Metro's strong recycling programs, which have lead to significant waste diversion and pointed to numerous habitat enhancements, such as bioswales, eco roofs and permeable parking lots. Ms. Brittin Witzenburg of Metro provided information on the OCC's sustainability efforts, pointing to lighting retrofits and collaborative work with exposition clients and vendors. Mr. Jason Blackwell of Metro highlighted operational efforts at the Portland Center for Performing Arts (PCPA) to replace old, inefficient boilers, to improve lighting and heating control interfaces based on performers needs and to clean out old toxic substances. Ms. Lydia Neil of Metro identified ways in which the Hoyt Street Café has implemented social and environmental sustainability practices.

Councilor Discussion:

Councilors questioned Metro use of toxic substances and inquired about the cost benefit of purchasing less toxic chemicals. Councilors also discussed linking sustainability efforts such as recycling and energy use. Furthermore, councilors and Ms. Chidsey discussed the impact of a busier events schedule at Metro facilities like the Oregon Convention Center, which generates more waste. Finally, councilors expressed their content with habitat enhancements made to Metro facilities over the past couple of years, but noted the imperative of crediting said improvements in 2008 baselines for future progress.

4. TROUTDALE TITLE 13 COMPLIANCE STATUS/ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Ms. Bennett introduced the City of Troutdale's compliance status with Title 13, a section of Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan that aims to protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in the region. Ms. Bennett explained that the Troutdale City Council believes they are in compliance by choosing not to adopt proposed amendments to their code in November 2011. This decision went against the recommendations by city staff, a citizen advisory committee and the city's planning commission. Metro staff agrees that Troutdale is not in compliance until code amendments are adopted.

Ms. Bennett then explained council's options at this time, which included setting a new deadline for a draft ordinance to be adopted by the city council or the decision to schedule enforcement

proceedings. If enforcement is decided, Ms. Bennett clarified, a public hearing would occur within 90 days, and the Troutdale city council would be notified of enforcement procedures. Metro could withhold MTIP funds and engage the state on enforcing a wide range of tax withholdings, including gas and liquor, as well.

Councilor Discussion:

Councilors expressed frustration with Troutdale's vote to not adopt code amendments and were exasperated by the option of extending yet another deadline for compliance with Title 13. There was discussion about precedent of enforcement proceedings and the responsibility to consistently apply requirements across the Metro region, and to each city government. Ms. Bennett commented that other cities are waiting to see what action Metro will take. Councilors agreed that deadlines have been extended for Troutdale long enough, citing that Councilors Burkholder and Hosticka, who have been present throughout the process, have nearing term limits. Moreover, councilors noted the city council unanimous vote against code amendments, which prompts a firm response from Metro.

Motion:	Council President Tom Hughes moved to initiate Title 13 enforcement proceedings for the City of Troutdale
Second:	Councilor Barbara Roberts seconded the motion.

Vote:	Council President Hughes and Councilors Roberts, Collette, Craddick, Harrington, Hosticka and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Hosticka reported on the status of legislative bills of interest to Metro
- Councilor Harrington gave updates on TriMet's Westside system expansion
- Councilor Burkholder described the Railvolution steering committee's key themes including demographic shifts.
- Councilor Collette reported on her experience at the SMART Growth Conference in San Diego.
- Councilor Craddick recounted highlights from the Regional Trails Forum and the Intertwine Summit.
- President Hughes communicated updates from the Portland Budget Coordinating Committee, and mentioned his intention to recommend Alison Kean-Campbell for appointment to Metro Attorney.
- Councilor Harrington requested an update to Council on progress with the greater Portland Pulse.

ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:26pm.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Springer", written in a cursive style.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF Feb. 7, 2012

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Agenda	2/9/12	2912 Council Work Session agenda	2712cw-01
3.0	Presentation	Dec. 2011	PPT: Annual Sustainability Report for operations at Metro facilities	2712cw-02
3.0	Report Card	2011	GreenMetro Report Card	2712cw-03