



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MEETING SUMMARY  
July 10, 2012**

Metro Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilors Shirley Craddick and Carl Hosticka

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 2:02 p.m.

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE /CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Martha Bennett of Metro noted the change in today's agenda due to a staff member's unforeseen necessity to be out of the office. Ms. Bennett updated the group on the following points:

- The Natural Areas Advisory Panel met this morning, and had a lively discussion. The majority of the group supports moving ahead with a local option levy, but the issues of rate and timing are still up for discussion. The group's largest concern is if Metro succeeds with the levy, Metro will have to make the 'ask' every 5 years to renew it.
- Dr. Manuel Pastor of University of California Santa Cruz will be at Metro on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> giving public presentations on both equity and Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project score cards. There is a Council dinner, co-sponsored by several chambers of commerce, arranged for the evening of the July 30<sup>th</sup> that Dr. Pastor will attend. There will be an equity retreat in early August.
  - Councilors noted that they would like to invite members of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), Mayors and Chairs, as well as the president's of colleges within the region.

Ms. Bennett will be leaving this evening for the Oregon City/County Management Association conference in Bend, Mr. Scott Robinson will be filling in for her until she returns on Monday, July 16.

**2. FY 12-13 COUNCIL QUARTERLY TIMELINE**

Mr. Colin Deverell of Metro presented on the FY12-13 Council Quarterly Timeline. Council Office staff provided an overview of agency projects and timelines in April 2012, this is an update to that timeline. It has been circulated among staff, and was presented to the Council for review.

*Group Discussion Included*

Some minor formatting edits were made, and Councilors clarified language on several projects.

Councilors asked to add the month of December to the Timeline.

Several additions were made to the Timeline:

- A report back in the fall on the restoration and enhancement grant program that was reinstated this year
- A report out in the fall on the Natural Areas Oversight Committee Annual Report
- The month of December
- Glendoveer Golf Course Request for Proposals in December
- Staff were asked to check on adding these projects:
  - Regional Active Transportation Plan
  - Solid Waste Roadmap
  - Climate Smart Communities Summit
  - Tualatin Valley Highway
  - Powell Corridor
  - Equity Opportunity mapping

Councilor Roberts noted that the Cemetery Advisory Committee Resolution has been moved to August 2012.

President Hughes noted that the Oregon Convention Center Hotel Project selection team has been selected, and the project development team will be selected in September. Councilors asked to make that distinction on the timeline clearer. Ms. Bennett noted that in terms of actions, Council will select a development team, that team will put a deal together, and in November, Council, along with the City of Portland and Multnomah County, will either approve or deny that deal.

Mr. Deverell clarified the CII Development Ready Communities Program Design item, scheduled for October. Council expressed that they would like to have an opportunity to discuss this item prior to taking any action in October.

It was noted that the Climate Initiatives Coordinator position, focused on climate adaptation leadership, has ended and was not renewed for FY 12-13. Councilors noted that the Climate Initiatives Coordinator's final report was recently submitted to Metro's Senior Leadership Team (SLT), and wondered what action is being taken. Ms. Bennett responded that SLT is evaluating the report to determine which recommendations are feasible and desirable for Metro, and are preparing a scope, schedule, budget. Councilors will see the full report with this additional information, before any action is taken.

Councilors and Ms. Bennett briefly overviewed the process for beginning FY 13-14 budget process. It was noted that Councilors would like a site tour of Willamette Falls prior to taking any action. Staff affirmed that this can be arranged, if necessary.

Councilor Harrington noted she has been promoting the equity mapping tool to her jurisdictions, and would like some support to do so at Metro engagement committee meetings.

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Councilors asked if Metro, as an employer, is affected by the 'affordable health care act' ruling. Ms. Bennett responded that it most likely will be changes that managers will make, perhaps some issues relating to Medicaid, Council will most likely not need to be involved in the process. It was also noted that Governor Kitzhaber will present an Oregon health care plan in the next year, which may further change the situation.

Some Councilors asked if they may need a 'refresher' meeting after Council recess. The group concluded that it would not be necessary.

It was noted that Metro adopted the 2035 RTP in 2010, and the planning department is working diligently to make sure jurisdictions and local Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) are coming into compliance. Councilors asked if Metro should bring attention to the good work that has been happening, as well as underperformance, and what the timing would be. Ms. Bennett responded that staff will look into these questions.

### **3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

Councilor Colette circulated a new Climate Smart Communities Scenarios (CSC) brochure. This brochure highlights the partnerships of this project and emphasizes that CSC is about finding unique, local approaches; it also highlights the discussion and listening aspects of Phase 2. Councilor Harrington expressed that she would like the Phase timeline graphic added to future brochures.

Councilor Burkholder noted that the Greater Portland Pulse (GPP) had a meeting to reconvene key players and reexamine the indicators on June 29, 2012. Councilor Burkholder, as well as President Vim Viewel, and Joseph Santos Lyons contributed their thoughts in a panel discussion, and then breakout groups convened and shared their thoughts. Dr. Liza Moore presented a data story from the GPP website, very powerful. You can view it on the GPP website, and you can contribute your ideas for a data story as well. One of the next steps for GPP is identifying who will be the convener and communicator for GPP, and creating a plan for sharing this meaningful information. Keith Thomajan, President and CEO of United Way, had a board meeting the evening of June 29, 2012, and invited Dr. Sheila Martin to present the GPP as a community partnership opportunity. Councilor Burkholder expressed that United Way would be a great partner to use the information and fulfill the convener role; he is still waiting to hear back about how the meeting went.

Ms. Bennett noted that Metro has been contacted by three developers in regards to the Oregon Convention Center Hotel project.

### **4. COUNCILOR BRIEFING/COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Roberts reminded the group about the Lone Fir Cemetery Suffragist Ceremony on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3pm. She will be speaking and Councilor Burkholder will be performing in a reenactment. There will be a Hattie Redmond headstone dedication, with lots of community support from her former church. Councilor Roberts also noted she will be leaving town on July 13,

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returning, ideally, in time for the Council meeting on July 19.

Councilor Harrington noted that MPAC also received the Regional Brownfields Scoping Project presentation and, like the Metro Council, wanted a two-step follow up from the project. This will be challenging as their next available meeting is not until October. She also noted that MPAC will be touring downtown Oregon City, then the SW Corridor, and then St. John's. If other elected officials or staff from around the region express interest in attending, please contact Ms. Kelsey Newell. Councilor Harrington also noted that if others would like to join her on a solid waste tour, please email her.

**ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 2:51 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 10, 2012**

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Agenda	NA	Metro Council Work Session Agenda for July 10, 2012	071012c-01
2.0	Handout	7/10/12	Summer-Fall 2012 Timeline	071012c-02
4.0	Brochure	NA	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project Summer 2012	071012c-03
4.0	Handout	NA	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project Timeline for Engaging Cities, Counties, and Communities	071012c-04