



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
November 6, 2012
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Carl Hosticka

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 1:04 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Chief operating officer Ms. Martha Bennett reported two items to the Council:

- The resolution regarding the proposed Washington Park parking fee will be coming before the Council at the November 8 Council meeting. There is a good chance citizens will show up to testify and express their concerns.
- The hearings officer report regarding the Lake Oswego Urban Growth Boundary amendment is complete, and the hearings officer recommends approval. The issue will be presented at an upcoming work session to inform the Council about the next steps in the process.

2. REVIEW OF FY 2012-13 NOVEMBER CONSOLIDATED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Ms. Kathy Rutkowski of Metro presented to the Council information on the Fiscal Year 2012-13 November consolidated budget amendment.

At the end of each of the first three quarters of the year Finance & Regulatory Services prepares a consolidated budget amendment. The amendment identifies fiscal items that have surfaced in the preceding months and incorporates them into the budget.

This quarter's consolidated budget amendment includes 5 items for to be considered for funding:

- A replenishment of the General Fund Discretionary Fund
- A new tour specialist position at the Oregon Zoo
- The completion of the project budget for the Cascade Marsh and African Lagoon Aviaries at the Oregon Zoo
- An energy efficiency assessment for the elephant habitat design at the Oregon Zoo
- A new Metro Data Center at the Oregon Convention Center

The presenter was seeking to inform the Council of the 5 components of the ordinance, and take any questions the Council may have about the items. The Council can approve the ordinance as proposed or remove individual items if desired.

Council Discussion:

- The Council asked the presenter why there was the shortfall in the general fund that needed to be replenished. The Council had the concern that it was policy decisions that led to the shortage. Staff responded that the problem was related to gaps between departmental projections and actual totals, not policy.
- The Council asked the presenter why the new Metro Data Center will be placed at the Oregon Convention Center instead of the Regional Center. Staff reported that the Oregon Convention Center was chosen to house the Data Center for a variety of reasons including connectivity, energy, and safety.

3. 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro came before the Metro Council to discuss the upcoming 2013 state legislative session.

The discussion focused on two items: first, the Metro Council 2013 Legislative Principles list, and second, a variety of current legislative issues. The Metro Council 2013 Legislative Principles are intended to guide Mr. Tucker when reviewing state legislation based on Metro's larger goals. The principles provide guidance on local authority, land use, solid waste, transportation, parks and natural areas, climate change, and economic prosperity.

The current legislative issues that were discussed covered a wide swath of affairs from industrial site readiness to paint recycling to property tax reform. A total of 9 legislative issues were covered during the presentation.

No specific Council actions were required of the Council at the time of the presentation; the presenter was seeking initial feedback on the proposed legislative priorities.

Council Discussion:

- The Council discussed making several wording changes to the Metro Council 2013 Legislative Principles. In some cases the changes reflected the need for the principles to be broader, while in others they were made to be more specific.
- The Council considered the importance of the Legislative Principles. The Council felt the principles needed to be clear and comprehensive enough to give Mr. Tucker the ability to respond to a legislative issue in a shortened time frame, potentially without the guidance of the Council.
- The Council went through all 9 legislative issues included in the Work Session packet with the presenter. The Council discussed in depth the issues pertaining to paint, batteries, chemicals, and property taxes.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Carlotta Collette reported to the Council on Intelligent Transportation Systems.

5. ADJUORN

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:09 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2012

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