



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
December 4, 2012
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Carlotta Collette

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 1:40p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Operating Officer Ms. Martha Bennett reported two items to the Council:

- The public hearing for the Lake Oswego UGB expansion application will be this Thursday December 6.
- Information regarding the media's spotlight of Rose-Tu's calf and Have Trunk Will Travel was not distributed to Councilor's in an appropriate amount of time, a process that will have to be improved in the future.

2. NATURAL AREAS LOCAL OPTION LEVY

Mr. Jim Desmond and Ms. Mary Anne Cassin of Metro presented to the Council on the Natural Areas Local Option Levy. This work session was the second of two work sessions where staff came before the Council to inform them about referring a local option levy to regional voters. The previous work session summarized the results of the public outreach effort intended to gauge support for the potential levy.

At this work session Mr. Desmond and Ms. Cassin's presentation focused primarily on the content of the draft resolution for the Natural Areas Local Option Levy. Additionally, staff provided program area goals, criteria, outcomes and areas where further refinement is needed.

The presenters were seeking Council feedback on the draft resolution, program areas and goals, as well as the dollar rate the Council wishes to set for the levy. The Council could refer the measure December 18, 2012, for a May 2013 vote, or postpone it for a September 2013 vote or later.

Council Discussion:

- The Council discussed the various program areas that would be funded by the proposed levy. Program areas include restoration, regional park operations, improving natural areas for people, conservation education and volunteering, and community project grants.

- The Council asked the presenters whether larger properties such as Clear Creek and Chehalem Ridge would receive more improvements, more quickly than smaller properties because of the interest in them in the community. Staff clarified that initially funding would be distributed evenly for basic improvements and then larger, more site specific improvements would come from increased and/or future funding.
- The Council discussed the impact property tax compression will have on the levy for various jurisdictions in the region. Parks and Environmental Services and Sustainability Finance Manager Brian Kennedy joined the Council to help inform their conversation on compression.
- The Council deliberated on a rate for the levy based on the information staff had presented at the last two Natural Areas Local Option Levy work sessions. The Council agreed on setting a rate of 9.6 cents per \$1000 for the levy.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilor Kathryn Harrington reported to the Council on the recent completion of the Community Enhancement Grant Committee's work.

Councilor Shirley Craddick reported to the Council on the recent Travel Portland Board of Directors Meeting.

4. ADIUORN

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 2:57 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2012

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PowerPoint	12/04/2012	Natural Areas Local Option Levy	120412cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	12/04/2012	Natural Areas Local Option Levy Compression Updates	120412cw- 02