



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
January 8, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Carlotta Collette, Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Craig Dirksen, Sam Chase and Bob Stacey

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 9:31 a.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

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

- The deadline to announce budget cuts for the 2013-2014 fiscal year is rapidly approaching and consequently the COO's office has been talking to departments regarding the cuts. Initial budget cuts are due January 18 so the uneasiness among people in the building will likely increase in coming weeks.
- Staff is finalizing details for the Council budget retreat that is scheduled for the end of January. Currently the retreat is scheduled to take place January 30 and 31.
- There are two important Community Investment Initiative meetings the week of January 14. Councilors should consider attending or ensure that they are briefed about the content discussed during the meetings.

2. 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (#3)

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

This work session was the last of three work sessions intended to identify Metro's objectives for the 2013 legislative session. At the previous two work sessions that took place on November 6 and November 27 Mr. Tucker discussed with the Council Metro's legislative principles and a variety of legislative issues with which Metro has a vested interest.

Mr. Tucker presented to the Council revised legislative principles based on the discussion from the first two works sessions, a proposed set of legislative priorities, and brought a final swath of legislative issues before the Council for their consideration. Legislative issues included:

- Oregon Convention Center Hotel
- Transient Lodging Taxes

- RV Registration Fees
- Abandoned and Derelict Vessels
- TriMet's Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Plastics Pyrolysis
- Compostable and Biodegradable Product Labeling
- Integrated Pest Management
- Brownfields Assessment and Remediation
- Deadlines for LCDC Orders

Additionally, Mr. Tucker brought a draft 2013 legislative agenda before the Council. Staff was seeking feedback from the Council on the revised legislative principles, the set of legislative priorities, and the proposed legislative agenda. Also, staff was seeking to determine if any of the new legislative issues were of particular interest to the Council.

Council Discussion:

- The Council wished to place "industrial site readiness," "brownfields remediation," and "property tax reform" among the top priorities on the Metro Council's 2013 legislative priorities list.
- The Council discussed the "plastics pyrolysis" legislative issue. The Council considered plastics pyrolysis issue with respect to the technology, the industry, and the role in recycling plastics it plays.
- The Council deliberated the importance of equity and affordable housing being among their priorities and principles. The Council agreed that equity and affordable housing was an important issue for Metro.
- The Council discussed a recent addition to the Metro Council's legislative principles titled "firearms and public facilities." The Council was in disagreement on whether Metro should support legislation that increases Metro's authority to regulate the carrying of firearms on Metro property.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Council President Tom Hughes reported to the Council that there is a desire from several municipalities in the Western most portion of the region to investigate the feasibility of building a freeway to connect those cities.

Councilor Carlotta Collette reported to the Council on the recent Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Committee meeting.

4. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 11:23 a.m.

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1.0	Handout	1/10/2013	11013 Council Agenda	11013cw-01