



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
May 7, 2013
Metro Council Chamber**

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

Councilors Excused: none

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated the Council on the following four items:

- There will be a Council work session following the election on May 23 at 10:30 a.m.
- The groundbreaking of the condor exhibit will be on May 24 at 10:30 a.m.
- In place of the Council work session on May 28, an in-depth discussion of Community Investment Initiative will be hosted.
- The Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission hearing will be held June 6 at 12:30 p.m.

2. 2014 URBAN GROWTH REPORT AND 2015 GROWTH MANAGEMENT DECISION

Mr. John Williams and Mr. Ted Reid, both of Metro, provided an update to the Council on topics and questions brought up at the March 19 work session regarding the 2014 Urban Growth Report and 2015 Urban Management Decision. These topics included: framing the urban management decision in terms of the six desired outcomes, the time at which the Council must select a point in the range forecast, and what is included in the work program. The purpose of the presentation was to gain Council feedback and a signal of approval for the revised work program.

Mr. Williams overviewed the background and purpose of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), and noted that other planning projects, including the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) and Regional Transit Plan (RTP), are affected by the urban growth management decision. He explained that the UGB is one tool used to achieve the overall vision for the region, which includes a clear distinction between urban and rural areas. He also noted that state law requires Metro to assess the region's ability to absorb the next 20 years of population growth every five years.

Mr. Reid then explained that the process for creating the Urban Growth Report (UGR) has shifted since the last five year cycle. He outlined the change from a more technically prescriptive approach to an outcomes based approach that focuses on the six desired outcomes. Mr. Reid explained that this shift could help mitigate boundary expansion in areas that will be challenging to urbanize. He

then overviewed the employment analysis and housing needs analysis used in the UGR. He also noted that Councilors will not have to select a point in the range forecast until the end of 2015.

Council Discussion:

- The Council discussed the timelines of the RTP, CSC, and urban growth management decision. They noted that information from the CSC and RTP, relevant to the urban growth boundary discussion, will not be available prior to the release of the urban growth report. They also discussed the potential for information sharing throughout the process.
- Councilors discussed featuring “Our Place in the World” for new jurisdictional councilors throughout the region. Councilors expressed the desire to include regional leaders and their staff in the discussion throughout the UGR/UGM process. Mr. Williams acknowledged that this will foster agreement and corroboration.
- Councilors inquired about the process of selecting a point from the range forecast. Mr. Reid clarified that selection of the point will be dependent on Councilors’ priorities.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Williams explained that Community Planning and Development Grants can help with local implementation of goals by encouraging areas to become development ready. Councilors noted that concept planning grants will be made available to communities, but there is no surety that the UGB will actually expand in those areas.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Williams explained that the UGR can stimulate discussion about the current multi-family housing situation.
- Councilors expressed concern about meeting Land Conservation and Development Commission requirements that necessitate that all urban reserve land be considered in the expansion process.
- Councilors noted the time and resource strain that will be on planning staff throughout the UGR/UGM process.
- Councilors expressed appreciation for the inclusion of housing affordability in the UGR as it will provide information relevant to the equity agenda.

At this point, the councilors signaled their approval of moving forward with the process.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES

Councilor Sam Chase reminded his colleagues that the Equity Strategy Committee applications are due May 9.

Councilor Shirley Craddick gave an update on the upcoming Intertwine Alliance board of directors meeting. She also noted that she attended the Travel Portland Annual Awards this morning.

Councilor Bob Stacey noted that Councilor Collette will be presenting to the Land Conservation and Development Commission on Climate Smart Communities; Councilor Stacey and Councilor Dirksen will be in attendance.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington gave updates on the following: Nature and Neighborhoods Capital Grants, Community Planning and Development Grants, software liaison work, Local Officials Advisory Committee meetings, and the Active Transportation Plan open house.

Councilor Craig Dirksen noted that he will be meeting with local city councils to discuss the SW Corridor plan and Climate Smart Communities.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Council President Tom Hughes reminded his colleagues that the Travel Portland awards breakfast just took place.

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:38 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 7, 2013

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PPT		Outcomes-based approach to regional growth management	50713cw-01