



## METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

June 20, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

The Metro Council recognized and thanked Ms. Robin McArthur for her eight years of service at Metro. Ms. McArthur, director of the Planning and Development Department, will depart Metro on June 21.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Swaren, 1543 SE Umatilla St., Portland: Mr. Swaren addressed the Metro Council on the Southwest Corridor project and the potential to use double-decker buses along the corridor. He recommended that the Metro Council contact Martin Munguia, Snohomish County's Information Director in the department of community transit, regarding the county's experience with double-decker buses. Mr. Swaren stated that approximately two years ago the county purchased 26 buses, and that at any given time the vehicles can carry 3,000 people. He stated that 45 percent of the costs were covered by the Federal government's stimulus act. The county is projecting increased ridership over the next few years and intends to purchase additional double-decker buses to meet their needs. Mr. Swaren believed the Southwest Corridor project could benefit from this type of bus citing reduced costs, and versatility of the system as reasoning.

Councilors thanked Mr. Swaren for his comments. Councilor Sam Chase stated that he would be in the Seattle area on business in the next week and would asked local officials about Mr. Swaren's comments and share his findings with the Council. Additionally, Councilor Dirksen stated that he would speak with representatives from TriMet to see if the agency has considered higher capacity buses for the corridor project. Additional discussion included the differences in limited-stop service versus Bus Rapid Transit.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

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| Motion: | Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve the June 13, 2013 consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consideration of the Minutes for June 13, 2013; and</li><li>• <b>Resolution No. 13-4443</b>, For the Purpose of Amending Metro's 401(k) and 547 Retirement Savings Plans.</li></ul> |
| Second: | Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.  |

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

**4. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

4.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1300A**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year FY 2013-14, Making Appropriations, Levy Ad Valorem Taxes, and Authorizing an Interfund Loan.

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| Motion: | Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Ordinance No. 13-1300A. |
| Second: | Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.                            |

Mr. Tim Collier of Metro introduced Ordinance No. 13-1300A and stated that approval of the legislation was the final step in the formal adoption of Metro's FY 2013 - 2014 budget which totals approximately \$490 million. The Metro Council approved the FY 2013-14 budget in April 2013 and directed the Chief Operating Officer to forward the budget to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission for review. The TSCC certified the budget on June 6 and the Metro Council considered a set of department, COO and councilor-proposed amendments on June 13. Mr. Collier thanked Finance and Regulatory Services staff and each of the department directors and finance managers for their work on the FY 2013-14 budget.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1300A. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Councilors recommended interested parties review the summary one-pager of the FY 2013-14 budget titled, "Budget by the Numbers." Councilors stated that the handout was a great tool and resource.

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

4.2 **Ordinance No. 13-1305**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2012-13 Budget and Appropriations Scheduled for Changes in Operations.

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| Motion: | Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Ordinance No. 13-1305. |
| Second: | Councilor Collette seconded the motion.                            |

Mr. Collier introduced Ordinance No. 13-1305 which if adopted would approve the last of four scheduled consolidated budget amendments for current FY 2012-13. Mr. Collier briefly overviewed each of the proposed amendments which in summary:

- Transfer \$90,000 from the Council Opportunity Account to provide for election expenses related to the parks and natural areas local option levy;
- Transfer \$20,000 from the Regional Parks account to fund the Lone Fir Cremation project and additional operating revenues; and
- Transfer funds from contingency to materials and services to provide for increased operating expenses at the MERC venues which will net approximately \$220,000 in additional revenue that will replenish the reserves at the end of FY 2013-14.

See the staff report to Ordinance No. 13-1305 for details on each of the amendments.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1305. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Vote: 

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| Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> . |
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5. **RESOLUTIONS**

5.1 **Resolution No. 13-4439**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2013-14 through 2017-18, Approving the Metropolitan Tourism Opportunity Competitiveness Account Projects and Re-Adopting Metro's Financial Policies.

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| Motion: | Councilor Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4439. |
| Second: | Councilor Collette seconded the motion.                       |

Mr. Collier introduced Resolution No. 13-4439. The legislation if adopted would:

- Approve the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2013-14 through 2017-18 which represents the agency's long-range capital planning process. The CIP includes 163 projects with an estimated spending of \$189.5 million. The majority of the projects are funded by bond measure monies, with the balance of the projects on the renewal and replacement and the new natural areas local option levy lists.
- Provide annual review and re-adoption of Metro's financial policies including the capital asset management policies. Staff does not recommend any changes to the management policies at this time.

- Approve the FY 2013-14 Metro Tourism and Competitiveness Account for projects at the Oregon Convention Center. Fiscal year 2013-14 funds, approximately \$419,000, are proposed to be used for a single non-capital project to develop options for satisfying a need for a minimum 500 hotel room block.

Councilors appreciated the level of organization and planning staff completed throughout the budget process, including the review of the Metro's financial plans with the agency's committees and advisory groups. Staff's work ensures the Metro Council and the agency's employees continue to make the highest and best use of the public's resources in a way that continues to make the region a great place for all to live, work and play.

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

5.2 **Resolution No. 13-4441**, For the Purpose of Recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Metro's Blue Lake and Oxbow Regional Parks and Designating July as Parks and Recreation Month.

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| Motion: | Councilor Craddick moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4441. |
| Second: | Councilor Stacey seconded the motion.                       |

Mr. Paul Slyman and Mr. Dan Kromer of Metro introduced Resolution No. 13-4441. The resolution if approved would recognize Blue Lake and Oxbow regional parks' 50 anniversary, designate July as parks and recreation month, and provide free admission to both parks on July 12. The parks were transferred to Metro from Multnomah County in 1994. Average attendance per year at the parks is approximately 350,000 people at Blue Lake and 220,000 people at Oxbow.

Staff shared a brief history about the two parks dating back to pre-settlement days, highlighted activities scheduled at both locations to celebrate the anniversary, and overviewed different promotional materials – such as news postings, articles in the GreenScene and a coupon in the agency's cross marketing calendar – to notice the events and encourage attendance at the parks. For a list of activities at both parks this summer, such as geocaching, a disc golf tournament or *Around the Campfire* storytelling and songs events, visit the Metro website at [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov).

Councilors emphasized that the parks were a resource used by constituents across the region. Councilors asked clarifying questions about geocaching at Blue Lake, and the state of Oxbow park and its new online registration system for campsites. Staff clarified that geocaching opens July 15 and stated that the activity would be a challenge, but that caches would be placed so that people can access the caches without disrupting nature or going far off trails. Staff stated that Oxbow has not experienced any additional erosion in the last 1.5 years. Staff has been working to restore the park through projects such planting vegetation that helps to stabilize the riverbank. Additionally, staff noted that in the last year Metro implemented a new online reservation system for camping sites at Oxbow Park. Staff stated that the new system has been wildly successful and that the park has already received over 300 registrations. Staff hopes to use natural areas local option levy funds to create a camp host site in the future.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

**6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Bennett provided updates on:

- Ms. Bennett thanked the Metro Council and staff from Finance and Regulatory Services, specifically Interim Director Tim Collier, for their hard work and completion of another budget cycle. A debrief of the budget process will be scheduled soon.
- Councilors should have received a Save-the-date e-mail for the June 27 grand opening of the Chestnut Grove Memorial Garden at Lone Fir Cemetery.

Ms. Bennett asked Mr. Slyman to share an update on the MJ Gleason boat ramp project. Metro, in partnership with the Oregon State Marine Board, is close to completing the \$1.7 million, 6 month boat ramp project. Staff anticipates the ramp will reopen in advance of the July 4 holiday. Councilors asked for additional information on if designating the boat ramp as a park would be advantageous or not, and what a park designation might involve.

**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Southwest Corridor presentation at the Beaverton city council meeting and joint King City planning commission and city council meeting, North Portland Enhancement Committee tour of the St. Johns Prairie, opening game of the Hillsboro Hops, recent meeting with representatives at the Oregon Legislature regarding the OCC hotel, and councilor meetings with zoo staff. Highlighted upcoming meetings included June 22 Festival of Balloons, June 22 West Linn White Oaks celebration, and June 22 Stafford area neighborhood meetings. Additional discussion included the Gresham Chamber of Commerce as a recipient of a Regional Travel Options grant to look at the role of bicycling in the east part of the Metro region.

**8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:08 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, June 27 at 2 p.m. at the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2013**

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Topic</b> | <b>Doc. Date</b> | <b>Document Description</b>                       | <b>Doc. Number</b> |
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|             | Agenda       | 6/20/13          | Revised council agenda for June 20, 2013          | 62013c-01          |
| 3.1         | Minutes      | 6/13/13          | Council minutes for June 13, 2013                 | 62013c-02          |
| 3.2         | Legislation  | N/A              | Resolution No. 13-4443, exhibits and staff report | 62013c-03          |
| 4.1         | Legislation  | N/A              | Ordinance No. 13-1300A and exhibits               | 62013c-04          |
| 5.2         | Legislation  | N/A              | Resolution No. 13-4441 and staff report           | 62013c-05          |