



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

July 16, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: none

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:06 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- The zoo set a record for annual attendance last year, and has exceeded the adopted budget's revenue estimation. The zoo summer concert series began in June and 16 shows have sold out.
- There are two other concert series currently taking place: Oregon Convention Center's "Plaza Palooza" and Portland Center for the Performing Art's "Music on Main Street."
- Beaverton is trying to gain a tax exemption for an affordable housing development. A presentation will be given to the Council on August 1.
- COO Bennett invited Mr. Matt Korot to update the Council on the proposed amendment to the solid waste administrative procedures, which would require that glass continue to be recycled separately. He also updated the Council on Far West Fiber's decision to stop collecting plastic bags and the wood waste market.
- COO Bennett invited Mr. John Williams to give an update on the Damascus comprehensive plan process. He noted that the Damascus City Council considered an ordinance to adopt the comprehensive plan. He explained that adoption by the Council would lead to a vote by the community members.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors noted that some of the local jurisdictions feel that recycling will increase if glass is commingled. Mr. Korot explained that pulp recyclers have expressed concerns about the large cost associated with the technology that can separate glass from other recyclables. Councilors expressed interest in monitoring the advancement of the glass separating technology.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Williams clarified that Damascus' comprehensive plan complies with density requirements.

2. REVIEW OF CII LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Tom Imeson and Mr. Dave Garten, both of the Community Investment Initiative (CII) Leadership Council provided the Council with a review of the CII annual report and recommendations. The purpose of the presentation was to increase councilors' understanding of the proposal included in the draft Regional Infrastructure Enterprise (RIE) Business Plan and other CII recommended actions.

Mr. Imeson reviewed the four CII strategies:

- Regional Infrastructure Enterprise
- Development Ready Communities
- School Facilities Planning
- Transportation Legislative Agenda

He explained the way the Annual Report and Appendices build off of the Strategic Plan produced in 2012. He noted that the Appendices include the final recommendations and reports for all four strategies. He then overviewed the RIE draft business plan and noted that the plan is still 70-75% draft.

Mr. Imeson outlined the three phase approach of the RIE strategy. He explained what projects and services RIE will take on during each phase. Phase one will focus on providing technical and predevelopment support to local jurisdictions. Between one and four projects will be facilitated by RIE during this time, with a focus on city center and industrial site projects. Phase two projects will go through an in depth evaluation process including: an eligibility assessment, an economic development assessment, an equity and innovation assessment, and a portfolio assessment. Mr. Imeson noted that phase three still has many unknowns. He explained that RIE hopes to create a tool that offers support and information to local jurisdictions, not a process that overrides their decision making practices.

The potential governance structure of RIE was overviewed. This included the governance guiding principles, the characteristics and composition of the board of directors, the legal structure, and a third party oversight committee. Mr. Imeson also explained the proposed finance and resource structure for each phase.

He then outlined the tiered system for measuring RIE's success:

- **Tier 1:** Is RIE executing its work plan?
- **Tier 2:** Are individual RIE investments delivering on their promises?
- **Tier 3:** Is RIE *contributing* to regional outcomes like increased per capita income, decreased poverty and increased living-wage job creation?

Lastly, Mr. Imeson overviewed the next steps for the project which included: finalizing the business plan, gaining support, and consideration of an intergovernmental agreement.

Council Discussion:

- COO Bennett overviewed the timeline for Metro's consideration of the RIE Business Plan. Councilors noted the importance of involving MPAC's recommendations in their discussion

of the Business Plan. Select councilors expressed concern that the timeline for evaluating the intergovernmental agreement was too aggressive.

- Councilors inquired about the use of “innovation” in the evaluation and criteria slide. Mr. Imeson clarified that innovation will be viewed as something new or different for the region or something that could set a new precedent. Councilor Harrington noted that the community planning and development grants committee may be able to provide some learnings regarding innovation and equity.
- The Council discussed whether Metro and the Port would have liaisons or voting members in the case of an intergovernmental agreement forming the governing structure of RIE.
- The Council discussed the concerns of local jurisdictions including the perceived usurpation of local power and the prioritization of local projects. Councilors inquired about how to best address these concerns. Mr. Imeson and Mr. Garten explained that RIE will focus on regionally important projects and providing support to local jurisdictions. RIE will not be impeding local jurisdictions from exercising their own decision making power. Additionally, they noted that local projects need to be of regional significance to receive support from RIE and projects will be prioritized accordingly.
- Councilors inquired about the regional significance of some of the projects listed in the Business Plan. COO Bennett explained that projects were selected for their potential as infrastructural catalysts.
- Councilors inquired about methods of measuring RIE’s contribution to increased per capita income, decreased poverty, and increased creation of living wage jobs.
- Councilors expressed interest in staff briefings to increase their understanding of the four CII strategies and to answer specific questions.

At this point, Mr. Imeson thanked the Council for the feedback received. He noted that it would be helpful to receive any further feedback by the end of August.

3. BREAK

4. STAFF RESTRICTIONS DURING CAMPAIGN SEASON

Ms. Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney, provided the Council with a review of the legal restrictions on staff during campaign season. She outlined the prohibited and allowable activities for elected officials laid out in the ORS 260.432 Quick Reference. She then reviewed the prohibited and allowable activities for public employees in the same text. Ms. Kean Campbell noted that Council staff may take incoming calls, but cannot make outgoing calls related to campaigning, even just to schedule meetings.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors inquired about the connotation of “ministerial.” Ms. Kean Campbell clarified that ministerial refers to tasks that require no decision making.
- Ms. Kean Campbell further clarified that councilors can use their time at Metro to work on campaign tasks, but cannot utilize any Metro resources.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES

Councilor Sam Chase updated his colleagues on his trip with Councilor Craddick to visit Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative. He noted that they learned a great deal from Seattle's program. He also brought the brownbag on the 24th to his colleagues' attention; it will recap his trip to the Netherlands.

Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that the Intertwine Alliance will be hosting an event this Thursday. Intertwine has also scheduled its Fall Summit. She also updated her colleagues on the Zoo, which will be hosting Zoolala this weekend.

Councilor Craig Dirksen updated his colleagues on the presentation John Williams and he gave to the Wilsonville City Council regarding Climate Smart Communities.

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Harrington noted that the Active Transportation Plan will come to Council on Thursday. She also explained that the Solid Waste Roadmap will come back to Council in the Fall. The Community Planning and Development Grants committee is still trying to get their recommendations to the COO.

Councilor Collette noted that the Willamette Falls project has a new website. She explained that there will be photos and an adapted PGE video available.

Council President Tom Hughes noted that the state has expressed interest in the CII School Facilities Planning tool. COO Bennett explained that further discussion must take place prior to the sale of the tool. Council President Hughes also noted that there will be a Shakespeare adaptation playing at the Venetian in Hillsboro this Fall, and he has been invited to participate.

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 5:00 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 16, 2013

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout		Schedule: Metro Consideration of the RIE Business Plan	71613cw-01
2.0	Handout		RIE Business Plan	71613cw-02
3.0	Handout		CII: 2013 Annual Report	71613cw-03
4.0	Handout		Restrictions on Political Campaigning by Public Employees ORS 260.432 Manual	71613cw-04
5.0	Handout		ORS 260.432 Quick Reference	71613cw-05
6.0	PPT		CII: Annual Report and RIE Business Plan	71613cw-06