



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Sept. 12, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Craig Dirksen

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Dani Dennenberg, Human Education Advocates Reaching Teachers (HEART): Ms. Dennenberg addressed the Metro Council on the captivity of elephants at the Oregon Zoo. She read a poem, selected from an Inspiration Station in the Lloyd District, regarding elephant captivity and encouraged councilors to connect with their hearts.

Riley Henne, 18262 Bryant Rd., Lake Oswego: Ms. Henne, a student at Lakeridge High School, expressed her concern for the elephants at the Oregon Zoo. She stated that the elephants cannot consent to captivity. She was concerned with the harsh and cramped living conditions, intense and cruel training programs, and the animals' poor health. She did not believe the elephants were happy and encouraged Metro to advocate, educate and stand up for what is right.

Courtney Scott, 2106 NE Flanders, Portland: Ms. Scott stated that the Detroit zoo is experiencing record profits despite releasing its two elderly elephants to a sanctuary. She recommended Metro do the same and release Packy and the other elephants to a sanctuary in California. She cited current health issues, such as tuberculosis, as reasoning. In addition, Ms. Scott commented on the Oregon Zoo director and questioned the director's previous employment and death of a 40-year old elephant.

Bette Stefalk, 2826 NE 61st Ave., Portland: Ms. Stefalk referenced a variety of studies and/or articles by organizations such as USA Today, PETA, and National Geographic which conclude that captive elephants live considerably shorter lives than those in the wild. She discussed an elephant's most basic needs including space to roam and socialize, and spoke to the injuries and/or disease an elephant can face during captivity. She encouraged the Metro Council to review the information provided and to release Packy and the other elephants.

Ninette Jones, 7637 N. Interstate, Portland: Ms. Jones requested that elephants Packy and Rama be released to a sanctuary in California. She recommended that the \$60,000 needed to treat the

tuberculosis be reallocated and used to transport the elephants. She did not believe the Oregon Zoo's current 1.2 acre habitat provided sufficient space for zoo staff to protect the remainder of the herd from tuberculosis.

Nancy Newell, 3917 SW Skidmore St., Portland: Ms. Newell expressed her frustration with the Oregon Zoo's elephant program. She recommended that elephant breeding be stopped immediately, citing tuberculosis issues and cruelty to animals as reasoning. She was concerned that the zoo's program was setting a negative example for children. She encouraged the Council to be creative and consider a program similar to Detroit.

Art Lewellan, 3205 SE 8th Ave., Apt. #9, Portland: Mr. Lewellan addressed the Metro Council on the Columbia River Crossing project. He submitted a revised rendering and proposal which included bus rapid transit, versus light rail, at the Hayden Island interchange. He believed that BRT could eventually evolve into light rail, and therefore would satisfy the federal government's grant criteria. His proposal also recommended a single deck bridge, as opposed to a double-deck bridge which he believed was structurally unsound. (Rendering included as part of the meeting record.)

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 15, 2013

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve the Council minutes for August 15, 2013.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilor Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion passed.

4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1315**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2013-14 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Add a 1.0 Limited Duration Analyst in the Cemetery Program.

Second read, public hearing, and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 **Resolution No. 13-4456**, For the Purpose Approving a Work Program for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4456.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced the resolution. Unlike the last Regional Transportation Plan update in 2010, she stated that the work program for the 2014 has been simplified and is focused on two major areas: integration of the Transportation Safety Plan completed in 2012, and Regional Active Transportation Plan currently under discussion at JPACT. Councilor Collette stated that a third item,

review of the RTP's auxiliary lanes policy, will no longer be a component of the 2014 work program as initially discussed. After presentation of the Oregon Department of Transportation's Corridor Bottleneck Operations Study, JPACT was satisfied with ODOT's approach and determined that additional review of the auxiliary policy was not needed.

Councilor Collette confirmed that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation unanimously approved Resolution No. 13-4456 at its meeting on Sept. 12.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilor Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on:

- Metro staff Mr. Tim Collier has been appointed director for Metro's Finance and Regulatory Services Department. Mr. Collier has been serving as the department's interim director over the past several months.
- Metro and AFSME 3580-1 have reached a tentative agreement for the agency's visitor venues. The agreement will remain tentative until approved by both MERC and the union. Ms. Bennett thanked members who participated on the bargaining team.
- News Channel 8 is scheduled to run a story on Metro's improvements at Broughton Beach next to the Gleason boat ramp.

Ms. Bennett asked Mr. Jim Desmond, director of Metro's Sustainability Department, to share a few words about the PaintCare paint recycling program. Mr. Desmond recognized Metro staff Randy Tucker, Andy Sloop, Jim Quinn and Scott Klag for their work to get the program successfully passed during the last Oregon legislative session.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the recent meetings or events: Metro Policy Advisory Committee, JPACT, State Transportation Improvement Program Selection Committee, and Oregon Zoo Citizens' Oversight Committee meetings, and Rosemont Trail ribbon cutting ceremony, Willamette Falls Partner Group meeting and tours of the falls site, and The Intertwine Alliance annual retreat and presentation by Adrian Benepe of Trust for Public Lands. Highlighted upcoming events included additional tours of the Willamette Falls site, and the final Community Investment Initiative's Regional Infrastructure Enterprise work group meeting.

Additional comments addressed The Intertwine's new media campaign, Washington County Board of Commissioners' consideration of a vehicle registration fee proposal, and interest in developing an Urban Growth Report 101 to assist her partners in the process for 2014.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:54 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, September 19 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPT. 12, 2013

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Rendering/Testimony	N/A	Rendering distributed by A. Lewellan	91213c-01