



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
September 17, 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 2:02 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- On demand council videos are currently being streamed. Audio and video system improvements will be taking place in the Council Chamber.
- Antoinette Saletta will be filling Alexandra Eldridge's position until she has returned from maternity leave.
- The women's disc golf championship will be held at Blue Lake Park. Councilors have been invited to watch the disc golfers.
- Following brief discussion of the Treasurer's letter regarding the I-5 bridge, councilors decided that their political attitude toward the project has not changed. They agreed that Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro's government affairs specialist, will be given the same six policy strategies for the special session as he was given previously for the regular session.

2. WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT UGB AMENDMENT PETITION

Mr. Tim O'Brien and Mr. Roger Alfred, both of Metro, provided the Council with an update on the hearings officer's recommendation on the West Linn-Wilsonville School District's petition for an amendment to the urban growth boundary. The purpose of the presentation was to outline the quasi-judicial public hearing process, and to increase the Council's understanding of the petition and the hearings officer's recommendation.

Mr. Alfred outlined the three legal areas that have the most potential to become problematic during the process:

- Ex parte contracts
- Bias
- Conflict of interest

He then detailed the proceedings of the upcoming public hearing. The applicant will give a presentation, the opponents can speak in opposition, and then the applicant can rebut. Mr. Alfred

explained that the evidence presented to the Council is limited to the evidence presented to the hearings officer. He noted that the hearings officer has recommended approval.

Additionally, Mr. Alfred clarified that no deliberative discussion should be held today.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors inquired about their obligation to accept the hearings officer's recommendation and interpretation of the law. Mr. Alfred clarified that the Council may disagree with the hearings officer's conclusion.
- Councilors discussed the CII school infrastructure tool, and its potential usefulness for coordinating schools' future needs. Councilors also noted that Metro's 20 year population projections may be of value to schools.
- Councilors raised concerns about the consistency of the applicant's population range forecast data.
- Councilors inquired about the conditions that would be placed on the land if it were brought into the urban growth boundary.
- Councilors inquired about the particular conditions of this urban reserve.
- Per councilor suggestion, Ms. Alison R. Kean, Metro attorney, noted that questions about transportation would be appropriate for the hearing.
- Councilors asked for and received orientations to the maps they were provided with.

3. FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Tim Collier provided a review of the fourth quarter financial report to the Council. The purpose of this presentation was to update the Council on Metro's actual financial results, as compared to the budget. Mr. Collier noted that the report is currently unaudited.

He explained that overall, Metro finished the financial year in good shape. Mr. Collier noted that the OCC and the Zoo had record quarter attendance, and the transit lodging tax revenue is up.

He clarified that while overall solid waste tonnage for the region was up, tonnage in Metro facilities was down. Mr. Collier also noted that staff will be watching parks numbers carefully, due to recent low attendance. Additionally, he noted that construction excise tax (CET) revenue almost reached record levels.

Council Discussion:

- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Collier clarified that golfing has increased at Glendoveer, but overall revenue does not reach expected levels. He noted that staff will have a better understanding of the situation when there is more data available.
- Per councilor inquiry, COO Bennett explained that the agency is doing its due diligence on the remote elephant center.
- Councilors inquired about the weather's impact on venue revenues.

4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Kathryn Harrington noted that she is preparing to send a letter of support for the smoking ban at Tualatin Parks and Recreation facilities. Councilor Harrington also explained that Washington County is considering the adoption of a vehicle registration fee (VRF). The Council discussed opportunities for Metro to explore regional transportation revenue policies.

Councilor Shirley Craddick gave an update on a Visitor Development Fund Board meeting, at which a Hyatt hotel representative was present.

Councilor Craig Dirksen noted that he will be participating in a panel discussion at Portland State University for metropolitan planning organization (MPO) staff training.

Councilor Sam Chase noted that he will be co-convening a meeting with Speaker Tina Kotek, facilitating a discussion of air and transportation issues in neighborhoods abutting Swan Island industrial areas.

Council President Tom Hughes explained that a memorandum of understanding between Metro, Clackamas County, and the City of Portland, laying out the principles of the project, will be presented to the Council on October 3, 2013. Councilor Harrington inquired about how the district's transportation analysis will be affected by the hotel and emerging housing projects.

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:47 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout		Vehicle Registration Fee FAQ	91713cw-01