



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
October 29, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

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

- Thanks were expressed to the councilors that attended the all-staff meeting that morning, and special thanks were given to President Hughes for participating.
- Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter sent an email notifying the Council that Scouter Mountain Nature Park's construction is ahead of schedule.
- Several Metro related Fall and Halloween events have taken place and will continue to take place including the Zombie Apocalypse 5K run.
- Glendoveer Golf Course will be hosting a Haunted Driving Range and trick-or-treat event.
- Thanks were expressed to Camille Tisler, who will be leaving the department, for her work with the Council.

2. SOLID WASTE ROADMAP

Mr. Paul Slyman, Mr. Tom Chaimov, and Deputy COO Scott Robinson, all of Metro, provided the council with an update on the Solid Waste Roadmap program including: a review of the benefits related to garbage management, a description of the key questions regarding the Solid Waste Roadmap, and an illustration of the challenges Metro faces in preserving public benefits.

Councilor Harrington introduced the presentation and noted that she and Councilor Stacey are the Council liaisons. Councilor Stacey explained that there are several upcoming decisions to make regarding the Solid Waste Roadmap and related contracts. He further explained that the Council must consider what the public/private partnership will look like moving forward. DCOO Scott Robinson outlined actions the Council and staff have taken to allow their focus to remain on the Solid Waste Roadmap over the next 18 months.

Mr. Slyman then proceeded with the presentation. He explained that Metro has three responsibilities in the solid waste system: to create policy, regulate the system, and operate the system.

Mr. Slyman also outlined the public benefits that the solid waste system seeks to provide:

1. Protect people's health
2. Protect the environment
3. Get good value for the public's money
4. Keep the commitment to the highest and best use of materials
5. Be adaptive and responsive in managing materials
6. Ensure services are available to all types of customers

He further explained the interrelated nature of the six public benefits. He next overviewed the six main questions facing the program moving forward:

1. What will long term management look like?
2. What services should be available at Metro South Transfer Station?
3. How will the correct data be acquired for future projects?
4. What role should Metro play in organics?
5. To what extent should Metro play the role of operator?
6. How should Metro recover the costs of the solid waste program?

Mr. Slyman explained that many of these questions are not new, but each question needs to be discussed with consideration for how the solutions will affect public benefits Metro is striving for. He outlined the amount of tonnage Metro handled during the last two decades and the decline Metro's facilities have faced.

He then reviewed the draft schedule, and noted that policies will be put in place by 2015. He explained that a formal decision regarding transfer station configuration may be made prior to the 2015 policy decisions.

Council Discussion:

- The Council discussed the possibility of entirely stepping out of the operational piece of the process. Councilors pointed out the need to decide Metro's role in the process prior to making any related policy decisions.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Slyman outlined the sources of solid waste revenue including the tipping fee and the excise tax.
- Councilors expressed interest in entertaining a discussion about the overall goals of the program, and how policies can reflect those goals. DCOO Robinson noted that the current goals are laid out in the management plan.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Slyman clarified the need for the multi-year process. He explained that solid waste related contracts can take multiple years to complete.
- Councilors inquired about the order of the timeline. Mr. Slyman explained that several issues will be discussed prior to the Council's formal decision, in order to narrow the options.

3. BREAK

4. SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PLAN PHASE I STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Malu Wilkinson, of Metro, Ms. Judith Gray, of the City of Tigard, Mr. Ben Bryant, of the City of Tualatin, Mr. Art Pearce, of the City of Portland, and Mr. Alan Lehto, of TriMet, provided the Council with an update on the milestone recommendation made by the Southwest Corridor Plan Steering

Committee in July. The purpose of the presentation was to review Resolution No. 13-4468 with the Council and prepare the Council for their consideration of said resolution which adopts the Southwest Corridor Plan and the Shared Investment Strategy.

Councilor Bob Stacey introduced the presentation and noted that each of the eight jurisdictions involved in the Southwest Corridor project have approved the resolution unanimously. Councilor Dirksen explained that the steering committee's recommendation includes a package of investments and actions, and noted that it recommends staff continue to study both light rail transit (LRT) and bus rapid transit (BRT). He outlined the narrowing process the project went through and explained the cross-jurisdictional cooperation that has been necessary for the project to move forward. Councilor Dirksen also noted that a tool kit has been developed by project staff to assist each jurisdiction with tools relevant to their community.

Each jurisdictional representative: Ms. Judith Gray, Mr. Ben Bryant, and Mr. Art Pearce, explained their communities' investment in the project and their councils' commitments to the resolution. Each detailed how the project will be beneficial to their community and how each has contributed to the process.

Mr. Alan Lehto noted that TriMet has provided a letter in support of the project, and emphasized the need for small, deliverable pieces of the project to be completed during the long term process in order to keep the public engaged.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors inquired about jurisdictional efforts to enable work force housing development along the corridor. Ms. Wilkinson clarified that ID Southwest will look more closely at this facet of the project. Councilors discussed legal requirements of high density housing and how the project matches up with those requirements.
- Councilor Harrington suggested that item number 4 under the "be it resolved" statement be changed to include the potential pursuit of state and local funds. She also suggested that the bullet for non-profits, regarding expected ID southwest members in Exhibit C, be altered to reflect a desire for more specific expertise regardless of taxation status. Councilor Craddick supported these suggestions, and asked if alteration of the resolution was an option. Councilor Stacey asked if staff had any objections. As they did not, he recommended that the changes be made.
- Per councilor inquiry, Ms. Wilkinson outlined the extensive public outreach of the project team and detailed continuing efforts.
- Councilors inquired about how this project might coordinate with the high speed rail project. Staff clarified that conversations about coordination will take place, but currently the two projects are not overly compatible.
- Councilors suggested that staff note Metro's convening role and emphasize the coordinated effort of this project in Thursday's Council meeting.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Tom Hughes noted how enjoyable the Council tour of the new OHSU facility was.

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Councilor Carlotta Collette gave an update on the high speed rail meeting she attended that morning.

Councilor Shirley Craddick gave an update on the Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery celebration she attended last Thursday.

Councilor Bob Stacey noted that he attended the tour of the Prescott TOD project. He expressed interest in learning more about the TOD program.

6. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:09 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2013

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout		Draft Schedule for Solid Waste Roadmap Policy Development	102913cw-01