



## **METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

Dec. 12, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

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

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Art Lewellan, Portland: Mr. Lewellan distributed drawings on the Columbia River Crossing project, high speed rail from Eugene to Portland, Oregon, and general transit service in Seattle, Washington. He proposed Concept #1 for the CRC project, which offers an alternative route to the currently planned Hayden Island Interchange. In addition, he addressed safety concerns with Seattle's proposed tunnel. (Written handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

Councilor Bob Stacey stated that he has forwarded Mr. Lewellan's previous comments regarding the Seattle tunnel to Washington State's Secretary of Transportation for their review. In addition, he stated that he has been intrigued with Mr. Lewellan's proposals regarding a downtown Portland area subway, and stated that while it is not a Metro project, it was useful to be informed of good ideas moving forward.

Ellen Ino, Portland: Ms. Ino addressed the Council on parking at the Oregon Zoo. Parking will no longer be free in Washington Park starting in January 2014. Ms. Ino emphasized the potential financial impact to seasonal and temporary employees. She stated that \$7 per day can be a significant burden for some households. She encouraged the Council to continue to evaluate the possibility of ticket exchanges and other possible solutions to ease the burden this change may cause.

### **3. RECOGNITION OF BILL DORAN, METRO PARK RANGER, FOR 36 YEARS OF SERVICE AT OXBOW**

The Metro Council recognized and thanked Mr. Bill Doran for his service at Metro. Mr. Doran will retire December 2013 after 36 years of service at Oxbow Park. Councilors thanked Mr. Doran for his years of dedicated service, and stated that he has served as an ambassador for the park ensuring that patrons have a wonderful experience.

#### **4. FY 12-13 EXTERNAL FINANCIAL AUDIT RESULTS**

Mr. Tim Collier of Metro introduced Ms. Kathryn McLaughlin, chair of the Audit Committee, to share a few words. Ms. McLaughlin thanked Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn and staff for their high degree of diligence and care producing the FY 2012-13 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and external auditor Moss Adams, LLP for their clear communication.

Mr. Collier welcomed and introduced Mr. Jim Lanzarotta, Mr. Bradley Smith, and Annemarie McNiel of Moss Adams, LLP for the FY 12-13 external audit results. Their presentation provided information on:

- Scope of services provided by the external audit, such as technical review of the CAFR for compliance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- FY 12-13 audit results;
- Status of prior year and current year observations and recommendations; and
- Anticipated changes in accounting standards in 2014 and 2015, including changes to Oregon PERS commitments.

Presenters stated that one Procurement contract, related to fish restoration, was found incompliant in three areas: Oregon minimum standards for compliance, federal compliance for major programs, and schedule of findings and question costs. Presenters stated that the contract did not follow the appropriate Metro procedures or policies, and therefore was found incompliant.

That said, overall, presenters stated that the audit found a clean opinion and that Metro's financial statements are accurate and meet the requirements of accounting standards. Presenters emphasized the agency's diverse portfolio and commended Metro staff for their exemplary work in drafting the CAFR. (Presentation included as part of the meeting record.)

Mr. Collier provided management's response. He stated that the CAFR is a complicated document and recommended that councilors and the public focus on the following highlighted sections for more information: management's transmittal letter and summary, the independent auditor's report, management's discussion and analysis, notes to the financial statement, and audit comments and disclosure. In addition, Mr. Collier stated that at the recommendation of Councilor Harrington staff has produced its first Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) which provides a brief overview of Metro's expenditures and revenues for the past fiscal year.

#### ***Council discussion***

Councilors thanked staff for their work producing the annual financial report. Councilors stated that the development of the PAFR brochure provides greater transparency to the public and helps to illustrate that Metro is a good steward of the public's money.

Councilors asked clarifying questions about anticipated changes in accounting standards in 2014 and 2015; specifically changes that may impact Metro's PERS commitments. Metro staff stated that more information on the topic would be provided to Council closer to when the accounting changes were to be implemented. Councilors also requested work session time to discuss PERs and the upcoming legislative session. Staff confirmed that the Council will have time in early January to discuss its full legislative agenda.

Additional discussion addressed the CAFR's complexity, and how to navigate the document.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:	<p>Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Dec. 12 consent agenda, which consisted of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of the Council minutes for Dec. 5, 2013; and</li> <li>• <b>Resolution No. 13-4474</b>, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Non-System License Jointly to Willamette Resources, Inc. and Republic Services of Clackamas and Washington Counties for Delivery of Source-Separated Food Waste to the Pacific Region Compost Facility Located Near Corvallis, Oregon.</li> <li>• <b>Resolution No. 13-4475</b>, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Non-System License to New Earth Farm for Delivery of Source-Separated Food Waste to its Processing Facility Located in Washington County, Oregon.</li> <li>• <b>Resolution No. 13-4477</b>, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President’s Reappointment of Cynthia J. Haruyama to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.</li> <li>• <b>Resolution No. 13-4478</b>, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President’s Reappointment of Karis J.A. Stoudamire-Phillips to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.</li> <li>• <b>Resolution No. 13-4479</b>, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President’s Reappointment of Terry Goldman to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.</li> <li>• <b>Resolution No. 13-4480</b>, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President’s Reappointment of Judie Hammerstad to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.</li> <li>• <b>Resolution No. 13-4488</b>, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments to the Public Engagement Review Committee.</li> </ul>
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Vote:	<p>Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u>.</p>
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**6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

6.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1313**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Metro Geographic Information System Map of Metro’s District and Jurisdictional Boundaries and Making Technical Corrections.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Ordinance No. 13-1313.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Mr. Tim O'Brien of Metro provided staff's report on Ordinance No. 13-1313, which if approved would:

- Adopt the Geographic Information System (GIS) layer of the Metro Jurisdictional Boundary and the Metro District Boundaries as the official Metro Jurisdictional Boundary and the Metro District Boundaries; and
- Make a small set of technical corrections discovered during the analysis of the boundary layer.

In 2011, the Council completed a process to adopt new Metro Council district boundaries in response to the 2010 U.S. Census. Accordingly, the district lines were redrawn to ensure that each district is within five percent of the average district population. The new Council districts took effect January 2013. Staff stated that adoption of the GIS layer as the official jurisdictional boundary would allow Metro staff to update and maintain the GIS jurisdictional boundary and Metro district boundaries in an efficient manner.

Additionally, staff noted that while researching the needed changes to the district boundary, staff identified a number of places where the original legal description was not accurate and discovered discrepancies between city and county records of boundary lines and the Metro boundary. Staff stated that in most cases, the discrepancies were from the 1980s and occurred through Boundary Commission actions where the land was annexed to the Metro Boundary but is not listed on the Metro Boundary map. The places, 25 parcels, total just less than 16 acres and some associated right-of-way.

Council President Hughes gaveled and opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1313. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

#### ***Council discussion***

Councilors inquired if approval of the ordinance would impact property owners' tax status or ability to vote for Metro Council President or their respective Metro Councilor. Staff clarified that approval of Ordinance No. 13-1313 would not change the effected property owners' tax status and confirmed that the property owners have already been paying taxes and have had the ability to vote in council elections. Approval of the ordinance, would simply correct the mapping errors.

Additional clarifications addressed the process for bringing properties into the district boundary. Staff clarified that properties added to the UGB after 2011 are automatically brought into the Metro district boundary. However, properties added to the UGB prior to 2011 require a petition by the property owner to add the territory to the district boundary.

Vote:

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

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following items:

- She thanked Metro South Transfer Station employees for inviting her to their annual breakfast and awards ceremony, and emphasized the event's fun family atmosphere. She encouraged councilors to attend in the future if possible.
- Multnomah County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing and first read of an ordinance in support of the Oregon Convention Center hotel project intergovernmental agreement. The Commission is scheduled to consider and vote on the ordinance on Thursday, Dec. 19. The Metro Council approved the IGA in September 2013.

**8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Metro Policy Advisory Committee meeting, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation meeting, Westside Economic Alliance breakfast, Hrenko Light Rail Station groundbreaking, ADX facility tour, Clackamas County Business Alliance meeting, and Oregon Business Plan leadership summit.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:51 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Dec. 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 DEC. 12, 2013**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.0	Testimony	N/A	Written comments and renderings submitted by A. Lewellan	121213c-01
3.0	Brochure	N/A	Popular Annual Financial Report	121213c-02
3.0	PowerPoint	12/12/13	External audit for June 30, 2013	121213c-03
5.1	Minutes	12/5/13	Council minutes for Dec. 5, 2013	121213c-04