



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Summary

Jan. 21, 2014

Metro Council Chamber

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

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:

- Metro Council scheduled a work session for Thursday, January 23 immediately following the council meeting.
- Metro's contract with Aramark, the current concessions provider at the Oregon Convention Center, will expire June 30, 2014. Staff recommended an executive session to discuss renewing or modifying the existing contract.
- A Council retreat is scheduled for Feb. 6 to discuss the 2014-2015 fiscal budget. Staff welcomed input from Metro Council for additional agenda items.
- Metro will have three sessions from PBS' work on the importance of race or lack of importance of race in February for Black History Month.
- Completion of the bridge between Cathedral Park and Kelly Point Park is anticipated for late February.

2. REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTING OUR ECONOMY

On November 12, 2013 the Metro Council formally received recommendations from the Community Investment Initiative (CII) Leadership Council. The centerpiece of the recommendations, the Regional Infrastructure Enterprise (RIE), called upon Metro, the Port of Portland, and Greater Portland Inc. to take a leadership role in infrastructure, including engaging the private sector in project prioritization and investment in the region. Metro staff has been exploring opportunities for implementation of an infrastructure strategy.

Mr. Noah Siegel provided an update on the work product from CII's recommendation. He explained that CII's work was an experimental engagement among Metro, private sector, and civic leaders. Mr. Siegel summarized the meetings that staff held in their review process. He stated that the goal of

the project is to preserve core principles recommended by CII and RIE. CII maintained urgent focus on implementation without additional planning.

Mr. Siegel reviewed modifications that staff has made since October 2013 including the name, focus, clarity of criteria for investments, and improvements in accessibility. While CII has endorsed these changes, staff recognized a need to re-engage the community at the current stage.

In conclusion, Mr. Siegel presented staff's current two-part work plan:

1. A political agenda moving a family of coalitions forward to achieve priorities.
2. Trying to build out internal capacity present at Metro to reflect a strong desire to be more of a partner on infrastructure delivery.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Craddick expressed appreciation for staff's work and requested regular updates to Council.
- In response to Council questions, staff elaborated on the RISE flowchart provided, stating blue areas represent opportunities to overcome obstacles around which coalitions are already working. Staff highlighted the flowchart as a model to provide a long-term, holistic look at infrastructure issues.
- Ms. Bennett informed Council that staff would need Council direction to move forward.
- Councilor Stacey supported staff moving forward, identifying potential problems to address. Staff responded that the next step will be presenting a work plan to Council.
- Councilor Harrington indicated her support for formal adoption of a plan by Council. Councilor Collette concurred and requested that JPACT and MPAC be incorporated.
- Councilor Craddick asked staff how local mayors are being engaged. Staff shared that they will use a more structured approach.
- Councilor Dirksen inquired about funding for the RISE staff. Staff responded that they will be assigned to an infrastructure team under a metro-directed work plan.
- Council President Hughes stated that while greater Portland and CII both started with involvement of the private sector, the public sector must be re-integrated into the project.

3. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION

Ms. Alison Kean of Metro updated the Council on the work of the Office of Metro Attorney (OMA).

4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilors provided updates on the Oregon City elevator lighting, Central Enhancement Committee Awards, Westside Economic Alliance, ID Southwest, and the Columbia Corridor Association Board.

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5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jill Schmidt".

Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JAN. 21, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Agenda	1/23/2014	Council Agenda for Jan. 23,2014	12114cw-01
2.0	Handout	1/21/2014	Revised RISE Flowchart	12114cw-02