



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

April 10, 2014

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Council President Hughes noted a quorum was present and called the regular council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Sharon Nasset, Portland – Ms. Nasset spoke to the Metro Council regarding transportation, light rail, and Clark County, WA as they relate to Metro's goal to provide good transit or transportation.

3. **REPORT ON METRO ASSISTANCE TO SUZHOU AND THE CHINA ACADEMY OF URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN**

Council President Hughes introduced former Metro Councilor Robert Liberty, Professor Yizhao Yang, and Professor Dehui Wei from the University of Oregon. They presented a PowerPoint and shared their stories of a recent trip to China with a focus on urban planning. Mr. Liberty and his guests conveyed their appreciation to the Metro Council for its financial assistance for the urban planning focused trip. Professor Yang and Professor Wei presented the Council with gifts of appreciation, including a series of paperback books titled Architectural Design, Municipal Traffic, and Urban-Rural Planning. They also gave the Council an ornamental wood framed embroidered picture made of silk.

4. **RESULTS OF MINORITY / WOMEN-OWNED AND EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS (MWESB) PROGRAM AUDIT RESULTS**

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn and Metro staff Brian Evans and Tim Collier to present the audit report. Auditor Flynn provided an overview of the audit findings, the objectives behind conducting the audit, and that the audit was in her professional opinion a traditional audit in that it looked at a program and how it operates. Mr. Collier noted the professionalism in which the audit was conducted and expressed his appreciation for a job well done. He went on to outline a series of points that management worked on with the Auditor to ensure accuracy and improvement through goal setting.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 3, 2014**

Council President Hughes introduced the agenda item and asked for a motion. Councilor Harrington moved the April 3 meeting summary. Councilor Craddick seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

6. **ORDINANCES - SECOND READ**

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 14-1327**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 47.70 Acres Located North of NW Springville Road, East of NW Kaiser Road and South and West of the Multnomah County Line in the North Bethany Area of Washington County.

Council President Hughes asked the Council Administrator to read into the record by title Ordinance No. 14-1327. The Ordinance was read into the record. Council President Hughes noted that as part of a quasi judicial hearing all Council members were present and asked if anyone on Council had a conflict of interest. Seeing none, he asked if any member of Council had an ex parte contact to declare. Seeing none, Council President Hughes called on Metro legal counsel to read into the record applicable Oregon land use statute requirements.

Council President reiterated the required points pertaining to quasi judicial hearings including the requirement to declare a conflict of interest and/or ex parte communication. Seeing none, he opened a public hearing on and asked Metro staff Tim O'Brien to come forward to present his staff report. Mr. O'Brien outlined the parcel description including location, size, history, and applicable Metro Code criteria. Mr. O'Brien answered a series of questions from Council regarding the application and the points noted in his staff report.

Council President Hughes then asked if the applicant and citizens in support of the Polygon Northwest Application wished to testify. Seeing none, he asked if there were any opponents who wished to testify. Seeing none, he asked for a motion from Council.

Councilor Harrington moved Ordinance No. 14-1327. Councilor Dirksen seconded. Council President Hughes asked that roll be called. Rolled was called. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

7. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Council President Hughes called on Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett. Ms. Bennett highlighted four points she wanted to bring to the Council's attention including comments from the Brookings Institute; (2) regional engagement work among Climate Smart, Regional Transportation Plan, Active Transportation Plan, and MSA; (3) regional meetings; and (4) zoo update including Packy the Elephant's birthday.

8. **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Dirksen highlighted that morning's JPACT meeting which he chaired. Councilor Harrington noted she too attended the April 10 JPACT meeting to observe. She commented

on the useful information presented. Councilor Collette mentioned the zoo art committee's meeting and its work pertaining to the Conservation Education Facility.

ADJOURN

Council President Hughes noted that the next regular meeting of the Metro Council is scheduled for Thursday, April 17 at 2:00 PM in the Metro Council Chambers, an executive session to follow adjourned of the April 10 council meeting, and then adjourned the regular meeting of the Metro Council at 4:04 PM

SUPPLEMENTAL HANDOUTS (additional information distributed):

- Newspaper article, North Portland Group Expresses Own Ideas and Solutions for Improving I-5 Traffic, August 26, 2005 – Sharon Nasset
- Handout, Third Bridge Now – Sharon Nasset
- Report on Metro Assistance to Suzhou and the China Academy of Urban Planning and Design – Robert Liberty
- A series of paperback books titled Architectural Design, Municipal Traffic, and Urban-Rural Planning.