



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Minutes
Apr. 15, 2014
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:01 p.m. and noted that Council President Hughes was excused.

1. RESOLUTIONS

1.1 **Resolution No. 14-4519**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Metro Attorney to Defend, Appeal, or Commence Litigation.

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Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 14-4519.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Chase called for Council questions. There were none.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Sam Chase, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .

2. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- Anticipated trial release of the residential preference survey.
- Ms. Cheryl Twete’s appointment to Community Development Director for the City of Beaverton.
- Clackamas County and Tri-City Service District were anticipated to purchase the water rights for the Willamette Falls Redevelopment site and propose an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Metro that would allow the water to be used at the site in the future. Ms. Bennett stated that Metro would not have any financial obligations if Metro signed the IGA. Councilor Collette spoke in support of the IGA that Metro Assistant Attorney Hope

Whitney reviewed. Council, Metro's Chief Operating Officer, and Metro Attorney Alison R. Kean clarified that the Metro Council does not need to formally approve the IGA by a vote for Metro to sign the IGA.

- Ms. Elissa Gertler discussed the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant that Metro would be applying for.

3. SOLID WASTE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Scott Robinson, Mr. Roy Brower, and Mr. Bill Metzler of Metro provided a review of the final recommendations to Metro's Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program based on stakeholder input. Mr. Robinson provided an overview of the Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program.

Metro's community enhancement policy was adopted as part of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan in 1988 and in Metro Code Chapter 5.06 in 1990. Since 1991, Metro has collected \$0.50 per ton on solid waste delivered to the two public transfer stations in Forest Grove and Oregon City. The funds have been used to provide grants for local community projects administered in two ways: directly through a Metro-administered committee and directly by a local government through an intergovernmental agreement between Metro and the local governments. The purpose of this project was to review the existing program provisions and provide recommendations to the Council for updating the program.

Staff sought Council input on the revised recommendations to bring forward for consideration in September 2014.

Mr. Brower summarized the five original recommendations, discussed their revisions, and introduced two new recommendations, which can be found in Attachment A.

Council asked clarifying questions about the fourth recommendation: to provide three options for program administration and distribution of funds. Councilor Chase stated support for Metro oversight on the committee appointment to ensure that resources be used appropriately. Mr. Robinson shared Council's options for recourse if issues were to arise.

Mr. Robinson gave an overview of the timeline for considering the program recommendations before Council's summer recess with public hearings anticipated for September. The six Councilors present all gave thumbs up to support staff moving forward in the program review.

4. BREAK

Metro Council recessed for a short break.

5. TRANSPORTATION POLICY, COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

Mr. Steve Bryant and Ms. Julia Babcock provided Council with the recommendations of an assessment of transportation decision-making within the ODOT Region1 area.

The Oregon Transportation Commission developed a policy in 2003 on the formation and operation of Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs). The intent was to expand stakeholder involvement

in the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) decision-making, especially as it relates to recommendations to the Oregon Transportation Commission on project funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Lacking an ACT for the 2016-18 STIP process, ODOT staff formed an interim project selection committee with public and private sector members appointed by the Multnomah County, Clackamas County, Washington County and Hood River County Commissions. The Oregon Consensus Center interviewed over 70 individuals, evaluated the requirements of the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC)'s policy on the formation of ACTs and the USDOT requirements for the metropolitan planning organizations. The report recommends formation of a Task Force appointed by ODOT and convened by the Oregon Governor's office to evaluate and recommend formation of an ACT or several ACT-like structures to include a proposed charter, geography, membership and responsibilities. The report also recommends that Metro and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) initiate a process to evaluate changes to the membership of JPACT. Mr. Bryant stated that a completed recommendation would be forwarded to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) after December 2014. He distributed a list of members who had been invited by Mr. Matt Garrett to serve on the Region 1 Transportation Task Force.

Mr. Bryant shared key themes developed out of the interviews and summarized the Oregon Consensus Transportation Policy, Communication, and Coordination Assessment Report. He suggested an annual transportation summit to create added regional knowledge about transportation issues, policies, and needs with stakeholders from urban and rural communities. The report concluded with a recommendation that ODOT create an ACT task force for Region 1.

Council Discussion:

- Council asked for clarification of which groups expressed concern about lack of access to ODOT decision-making. Mr. Bryant stated that cities outside the Metro boundary who are organized around urban issues, but lack municipalities to represent them were most concerned. He was unsure whether those groups' expectations could be met given the resources available.
- Councilor Harrington expressed concern that a Region 1 ACT would mean jurisdictions wouldn't need to participate in a Metropolitan Planning Organization or JPACT. Mr. Bryant discussed the potential for dialogue through an ACT to organize a structure of communication including the entire region to yield understanding between Metro and the non-Metro area. Mr. Bryant stated that he was unsure whether the task force would re-examine JPACT, but rather how to interact with a MPO.
- Mr. Bryant shared his experiences in an ACT in Lane and Linn-Benton Counties.
- Councilor Stacey expressed interest in the possibility to modify the ODOT Region 1 boundary.
- Councilor Collette expressed frustration with the recommendation to create a Region 1 ACT, calling for a better definition of the problem that needs to be addressed with an ACT being one method.
- Mr. Bryant stated that Mr. Matt Garrett agreed the task force should be relatively small to be responsive and timely while representing a large, diverse region.
- Councilor Dirksen shared concern that an imbalanced task force would yield slanted outcomes and thus would fail to achieve the objectives.
- Council recognized that the task force lacks environmental justice, equity, and active transportation representatives. The six Councilors gave thumbs up to request one active transportation and one environmental justice representative.

- Council requested a work session to discuss the direction for Councilor Collette to take to the Region 1 Transportation Task Force kickoff on May 5.
- Councilor Stacey discussed issues of proportions in the recommendation to form an ACT for Region 1. He also stressed the importance of Metro's continued recognition as a MPO with a strong process for approving MTIP fund spending.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES

Council shared updates on Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium election, the joint policy advisory committee meeting on Climate Smart Communities, proposed revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), transportation funding in the 2015 Legislative session, Southwest Corridor Steering Committee, ID Southwest, and the Solid Waste roadmap.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Communications included updates on de-annexations from the City of Damascus and the West Linn City Council meeting.

8. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Sam Chase adjourned the Council work session at 4:44 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 APR. 15, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
1.1	Resolution	4/15/14	Resolution No. 14-4519, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Metro Attorney to Defend, Appeal, or Commence Litigation	41514cw -01
2.0	Agenda	4/17/14	Council Agenda for Apr. 17, 2014	41514cw-02
5.0	Handout	4/15/14	Region 1 Transportation Task Force-Project Team	41514cw -03
6.0	Handout	4/7/14	Transportation Funding in the 2015 Legislative Session	41514cw-04