



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2014
Metro, Council Chamber

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

Excused: Council President Tom Hughes and Counselor Craig Dirksen

Deputy Council President Chase noted a quorum was present and called the regular council meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Les Poole, Gladstone

Mr. Poole spoke to the Metro Council about a number of issues including Clackamas County, Metro budget, news coverage, community outreach, and the Grand Bargain.

Jacob Potter and Matt Ellison, Portland

Mr. Potter and Mr. Ellison spoke to the Council about temporary zoo employees and what they believe to be cost saving measures. They noted by not contracting with temporary employment agencies to supply zoo employees will save costs by making current temporary employees permanent staff positions. They also noted the cost of living on a temporary employee's wage or income.

3. LEAVE MANAGEMENT FOLLOW-UP AUDIT REPORT

Deputy Council President Chase introduced Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn. Auditor Flynn introduced Kathryn Nichols, senior management auditor, to assist in presenting. Auditor Flynn noted that the audit was data intensive and provided an overview of the objectives behind conducting the audit. She noted phases that guided the audit report including federally and state-protected family leave guidelines and the importance of working in conjunction with the Department of Human Resources. Deputy Council President Chase introduced Human Resources Director Mary Rowe to provide the management response. Ms. Rowe noted the professionalism in which the audit was conducted and expressed her appreciation for a job well done. She went on to outline a series of points that management

worked on with the Auditor to ensure accuracy and improvement including timekeeping methods, reporting

capabilities, and cost effectiveness. Council noted the need for language consistency or a glossary of terms/words used to describe level of completion, current status, etc.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTIES FOR APRIL 17, 2014

Deputy Council President Chase called for a motion. Councilor Collette moved the minutes. Councilor Stacey seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 Deputy Council President Chase called on Metro Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett in her capacity as the Acting Budget Officer to introduce the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Annual Budget and budget message. Ms. Bennett introduced the Director of the Office of Finance and Regulatory Services Tim Collier and provided an overview of the proceedings.

She noted that no resolution was to be adopted at this time and the day's proceeding is only the first step in a very public process to adopt the budget. Ms. Bennett presented a detailed staff report and walked the Council through a corresponding PowerPoint presentation outlining a three-step budget process.

The first step being to present the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Annual Budget and budget message to Metro Council in its capacity as the Budget Committee. Second, she noted the role of the Tax Supervising Conservation Commission (TSCC). Last, after TSCC has done its due diligence the proposed budget will come back to the Metro Budget Committee for adoption. Ms Bennett confirmed that every process step there is public hearing.

Budget focus includes:

1. Maintenance of the core operational services that are required by Metro;
2. Confirmation that the proposed budget is an effective spending plan for Metro's strategic direction as a region and as an entity; and
3. Alignment with Council's priorities and projects.

The Acting Budget Officer briefed the Council on the current economic recovery and its relationship to previous economic trends including affects of the Great Recession. She highlighted how economic trends impact Metro's revenue stream and service delivery.

Ms. Bennett spoke to the details associated with various budget classifications or sections including the General Fund, MERC Fund, Bond Funds, Mid-Term Goals, One-time Funds, and limiting New Programs and Activities.

Ms. Bennett ended by noting that Metro's financial and fiscal discipline has put it in a very strong position, but balance is still required.

The Acting Budget Officer invited Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn to come forward and present her proposed budget. Auditor Flynn highlighted her mission, strategic decision points and a list of audit reports either presented or planned for the future. She noted

the line-items of her budget including materials and services, personnel, and merit pay increases and benefits.

Deputy Council President Chase expressed his appreciation for the Acting Budget Officer and the Director of the Office of Finance and Regulatory Services' excellent work and called on Council for comments and questions. Council asked questions pertaining to the influence of the recession on available resources, compression, and the Expo budget in relationship to capital expenditures. Seeing no further questions, Deputy Council President Chase closed Council question and comment.

5.1.1 Resolution No. 4515, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15, Making Appropriations, levying Ad Valorem Taxes and Authorizing an Interfund Loan.

5.1.2 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 14-4515

Deputy Council President Chase opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 14-4515 and asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to come forward and testify on Metro's proposed budget. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Deputy Council President Chase outlined the process and corresponding dates.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Bennett for any updates. Ms. Bennett noted two items: a summary of the Regional Solutions Advisory Committee meeting that took place earlier in the day, and two, a summary of the Washington County Managers meeting from the previous day.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Collette spoke to field visit she participated on to the San Jose Commercial Garbage Facility while in California on vacation. She highlighted the Facilities work in relation to recovery of commercial waste, waste energy, and sorting technology and procedures. Deputy Council President Chase briefed the Council on MPAC's recent meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Chase adjourned the regular meeting at 3:15 p.m. The Metro Council will convene in next regular council meeting on Thursday, May 1 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

SUPPLEMENTAL HANDOUTS (additional information distributed):

- Council Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2014
- Proposed Budget FY 2014-15 Budget Presentation (Both PowerPoint presentation and hardcopy handout)
- FY 2014-15 Proposed Budget by the Numbers fact sheet