



## **METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 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 2:01 p.m.

### **1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

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

- Grand opening of 4<sup>th</sup> Main Hillsboro, a transit-oriented development project, Wednesday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- As a follow up to Council's briefing from Deputy Chief Operating Officer Mr. Scott Robinson on levees in Portland, Ms. Bennett brought to Council's attention an intergovernmental agreement on the Council meeting consent agenda for May 15.
- Councilors Collette and Harrington, Ms. Martha Bennett, and staff would be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the Best Practices trip March 18 – 21.
- Opening of Metro's unisex restroom as part of the Diversity Action Plan.

### **2. CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT: REPORT BACK FROM LOCAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE BRIEFINGS AND PREPARE FOR MAY JOINT MPAC/JPACT MEETING**

Mr. John Williams and Ms. Kim Ellis updated Metro Council on the May 30 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project joint advisory committee meeting. The Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project was initiated in response to a mandate from the 2009 Oregon Legislature to reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions from cars and small trucks by 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2035. The May 30 joint meeting is intended to support Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) in forming recommendations to the Metro Council from each committee to be considered by Council in June. The preferred approach that is developed in 2014 will start with the plans cities, counties and the region have adopted.

Ms. Kim Ellis provided an updated schedule for consideration of the Climate Smart Communities preferred approach. The project is still anticipated to be completed in December 2014, but MPAC

and JPACT will be requested to make their recommendation to the Metro Council at their December meetings, and Council consideration of MPAC and JPACT's recommendations would be moved to December 18, 2014.

Staff welcomed Council feedback from regional engagement activities. Common themes from Councilors' meetings with regional partners included:

- Continued misunderstanding that the adopted approach would be a regional plan and the need to iterate that the final approach will be an accumulation of local plans already made by local jurisdictions.
- Concerns about technical modeling the preferred approaches recommended
- Discussion of prioritizing cost-effective strategies
- Ensuring support from Oregon Legislature

Council and staff shared feedback from the April 11 joint advisory committee meeting. Mr. Williams provided an overview of the draft agenda for May 30.

### **3. METRO CHARTER LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Metro Attorney Ms. Alison R. Kean provided information regarding Metro Charter Chapter II, Section 5 (4)(b) and the requirement for submission to the general vote in November 2014. The Metro Charter, adopted in 1992 and amended in November 2000, requires the Metro Council to submit to the Metro area voters at the November 2014 general election the question of whether or not to retain the "density increase prohibition" subsection of the Metro Charter. Ms. Kean sought Council direction whether or not to retain Chapter II, Section 5, subsection (4)(b). Ms. Kean summarized Council input thus far as direction to do only what is required to present a resolution.

Council discussed the language of "Inner or Outer Neighborhoods" as archaic. Ms. Kean explained that the charter footnote does not consider changing verbiage. Ms. Kean explained that any change could be misconstrued as not following the charter footnote. She recommended maintaining the existing language, but directed Council to consider changing the sunset on the charter vote requirement.

#### ***Council Discussion:***

Ms. Kean clarified that "existing growth boundary" would apply to the Urban Growth Boundary as it evolves after adoption.

Council supported maintaining the sunset. Ms. Kean recommended that if Council agreed to maintain the sunset, Council should also continue to include the entire footnote, but stated that the footnote could be excluded from the resolution. Council agreed to maintain the sunset with its footnote, but changing dates where necessary to ensure that the vote falls on an even-numbered, general election year.

Council President Hughes excused himself from the work session.

All six Councilors present gave thumbs up in support of maintaining language as it is. Ms. Kean provided an overview of the timeline for Metro Policy Advisory Committee and Council consideration of the resolution.

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Council discussed a low level of campaigning and limited funding for the resolution, but agreed to hold the discussion of communication at a later time with Ms. Martha Bennett and Mr. Jim Middaugh.

**4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor updates included Let's Talk Trash events, Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization, Region 1 Connect Oregon 5 meeting, Southwest Corridor Steering Committee, Southwest Corridor Community Forum, and opening of the condor exhibit at the Oregon Zoo.

**5. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Schmidt".

Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2014**

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| <b>2.0</b>  | Handout              | 5/13/14         | JPACT/MPAC Joint Meeting Agenda             | 51314cw -02         |
| <b>4.0</b>  | Handout              | 5/9/14          | ODOT Region 1 Prioritization Scoring Matrix | 51314cw-03          |