



## **METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Meeting Minutes**

June 5, 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

Councilors Excused:

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

#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

#### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Art Lewellan, Portland, OR, spoke to the council regarding his work with design engineering as it relates to I-5, the Marquam Bridge, and the Morrison-Belmont Bridgehead.

#### **3. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT / OPT IN PROGRAM AUDIT REPORT**

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn. Auditor Flynn stated that the Public Engagement / Opt In Program is a fairly new program and the Auditor's Office had three years of data to use for the audit report. She stated there were three primary objectives: (1) meeting program goals and objectives (2) assess barriers that prevent the program from being effective, and (3) a review of program costs. All three objectives have provided the data necessary to assess and fine-tune as needed.

Council President Hughes asked a couple of informational and clarifying questions regarding percentage of participation and use relating to supplementing for public opinion surveys. Auditor Flynn replied with appropriate technical answers to Council President Hughes questions. Council President Hughes then inquired if his colleagues on the Council had questions. Seeing none, he called on Metro Director of Communications Jim Middaugh to provide the management response. Mr.

Middaugh expressed management's appreciation of the thorough work done by the Auditor Flynn and her staff. He noted such successes as the large increase in the number of people participating in each subgroup. Mr. Middaugh expressed concern that there is room for improvement regarding the creation of a panel whose members are reflective of the region and Metro consistently did not succeed in getting individual survey responses that were representative of the region as whole. Mr. Middaugh provided specific examples, processes used, and concluded with ideas for improvement and confidence in the Opt In program.

Council President Hughes turned to his colleagues on Council asked if there were any questions or comments. Concerns expressed include Council receiving timely and accurate feedback from Opt In, connection with web links such as on Facebook, the need for Council's continued input regarding feedback on both the specific tool and the overall strategy for public engagement, cost, and staffing. Auditor Flynn and Mr. Middaugh acknowledged Council's concerns and expressed cooperation in fine-tuning the Opt In Program.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MAY 29, 2014**

**Council President Hughes noted the agenda item and called for a motion. Councilor Collette made the motion. Councilor Craddick seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.**

**5. RESOLUTIONS**

**5.1 Resolution No. 14-4530, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of a Member and Appointment of New Member to the Metro Audit Committee.**

Council President Hughes directed the Council Administrator to read into the record the resolution by title only. The Council Administrator read the resolution title into the record. Council President Hughes called for a motion and second. Councilor Craddick moved Resolution No. 14-4530. Councilor Collette seconded. Council President Hughes called on Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn to introduce the resolution and present. She declined stating that it was self-explanatory. Council President Hughes asked the Council if they had any questions or comments. Seeing none, he directed the Council Administrator to call roll.

**The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.**

**5.2 Resolution No. 14-4501, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Federal Transportation Revenue Proposal Introduced by Transportation for America.**

Council President Hughes directed the Council Administrator to read into the record the resolution by title only. The resolution was read into the record by title only. Council President Hughes called on Councilor Dirksen for a motion to move forward

Resolution No. 14-4501. Councilor Dirksen moved the resolution. Councilor Collette seconded. Council President Hughes then called on Councilor Dirksen to introduce the resolution. Councilor Dirksen spoke to a \$30 billion cost to back fill the Federal Highway Trust Fund. He noted the Federal Highway Trust Fund's purpose, history, funding sources, and hope for Council's support of Metro's endorsement of the federal revenue endorsement. Council discussed such points as the nation's failing infrastructure, the need to maintain existing infrastructure and build new infrastructure and their connection to the economy, congressional courage, and the need to protect our transportation investments.

**Seeing no further questions and comments, Council President Hughes asked the Council Administrator to call roll. The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.**

- 5.3 **Resolution No. 14-4523**, For the Purpose of Establishing Additional One Percent for Art Program Guidelines for Parks and Natural Areas Projects

Agenda Item 5.3 was removed from the agenda by Council President Hughes due to the need for further discussion as the resolution relates to other pieces of legislation at Metro, mainly the levy and Metro's internal regulations.

- 5.4 **Resolution No. 14-4528**, For the Purpose of Declaring Certain Unclaimed Burial Spaces Abandoned Pursuant to Senate Bill 1537.

Council President Hughes called on the Council Administrator to read the resolution into the record by title only. The resolution was read into the record. Council President Hughes called for a motion and second. Councilor Collette moved Resolution No. 14-4528. Councilor Dirksen seconded.

Council President Hughes called on Metro's Director of Parks and Environmental Services Paul Slyman and Program Analyst Kimberly Palmero to present the department's staff report. Director Slyman made a few introductory remarks about the forthcoming presentation introduced Ms. Palmero. Ms. Palmero provided an exemplary staff report that included the purpose of the resolution, inventory of unclaimed burial spaces, the history of pioneer cemeteries, outreach and notification to heirs or descendants, research processes, and timeline for claimants to assert their right to unclaimed burial spaces. Council responded with praise for Ms. Palmero's thorough work.

**Council President Hughes asked the Council Clerk to call the roll. Resolution No. 14-4528 passed unanimously, 7/0/0.**

## 6. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett provided an update on three topics:

- recruitment process for new zoo director

- communications update including Metro's new web-site and Ask Metro
- a summary of Father's Day activities at various parks and venues

**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Hughes called on his colleagues. Councilor Harrington complimented staff on the Metro web site and briefed the Council on her trip to Montreal, Canada representing Metro and her meeting with Congresswomen Suzanne Bonamici. Councilor Collette briefed the Council on Clackamas County Road Funding Forum, the kick-off for Meet in the Middle, and the ground-breaking ceremony for the Milwaukie's Water Front Park. Councilor Craddick briefed members on the Oregon Zoo Foundation's board meeting and the opening of the City of Damascus's new park. It was also noted that Councilors Craddick and Harrington completed their work with the Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:45 PM and noted the two executive session immediately upon adjournment. The Metro Council will convene in next regular council meeting on Thursday, June 12 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Troy Rayburn  
Council Administrator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2014**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.	Handout	5/29/2014	Council Meeting Minutes	6514-01