



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2014

Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Shirley Craddick

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- Tuberculosis testing and treatment in elephants at the Oregon Zoo.
- The schedule for materials to be made available concerning the Oregon Convention Center hotel project.

Council inquired as to the status of Port of Portland's proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 14-1329B. Metro attorneys Roger Alfred and Nathan Sykes recommended that the proposed language not be used.

2. FY 2014-15 BUDGET DISCUSSION – DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS

Mr. Tim Collier and Ms. Kathy Rutkowski facilitated a review and discussion of proposed Councilor and department amendments to the fiscal year 2014-15 budget. Mr. Collier summarized substantive department amendments available in the meeting packet [Memo Re: Department Requested Amendments to FY 2014-15 Budget] and stated that there was one amendment proposed by Councilor Chase [Memo Re: Councilor Amendments to the FY 2014-15 Budget].

Ms. Rutkowski explained the process for Council to consider proposed amendments on June 12 or to defer consideration of specific amendments until June 19, which would be immediately followed by Council consideration of the proposed fiscal year 2014-15 budget.

Councilor Chase presented his proposed budget amendment on workforce housing implementation. Ms. Martha Bennett recommended that if Council sought to approve the amendment, adoption should include a note requesting a work plan to be approved by Council prior to expenditure of any funds.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Stacey shared strong support for the concepts outlined in Councilor Chase's proposed amendment. He shared concerns about Section 2 of the proposal regarding "altering state and local policy," but stated that the concerns did not imply any opposition to the amendment.
- Councilor Harrington shared specific outcomes that she would seek in the two year work plan to be developed, including defining deliverables to be completed in the two-year effort. She stated her support for investing money through the budget cycle toward a reasonable scope of work on affordable housing.
- Councilor Dirksen expressed appreciation for the amendment proposed and management response provided. He stated that the proposal was more than adequate for consideration as a budget amendment.
- Councilor Collette shared concerns and strengths of the proposal. She stated her support for adoption with a budget note to return to Council with a clearer work plan.
- Council President Hughes discussed the possibility for the proposed amendment to serve as an initial investment to build greater momentum toward desired ends and expressed support.
- Councilor Chase thanked his fellow Councilors for their input and support. He stated that the amendment would be refined for consideration and he will return with a work plan proposal after consideration on June 12.

3. ASK METRO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Ms. Katie Edlin provided an update on the Ask Metro campaign and outreach efforts happening June through September 2014 around the region. The Ask Metro campaign promotes Metro's Tool for Living to help people find resources related to garbage, recycling and waste prevention, getting around, healthy home, MetroPaint, and yard and garden.

Ms. Edlin previewed Ask Metro advertisements available in the meeting packet record and passed out promotion materials that Metro would distribute to reach a wider group. She shared measurements for the outreach campaign's effectiveness.

Council Discussion:

Council encouraged staff to ensure that the Ask Metro portion of the website be made as accessible as possible and requested tools and presentation slides to use at city updates.

4. CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT: DISCUSS JOINT JPACT/MPAC RECOMMENDATION ON DRAFT APPROACH TO TEST

Mr. John Williams and Ms. Kim Ellis updated Metro Council on the May 30 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project joint policy 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.

Mr. Williams reviewed the joint policy advisory committee meeting and reported the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) unanimously recommended a draft approach for testing this summer. He explained that the recommendation includes the level of investment to test for each of the policy areas discussed and input process ahead. All nine recommendations are available to view in the meeting packet record [MPAC and JPACT recommendation to the Metro Council on a draft approach for testing].

Mr. Williams stated that pending Council support to move forward, Council would be requested to formally act on JPACT and MPAC's recommendation on June 19 to direct staff to move forward with testing the draft approach this summer. Council could either support JPACT and MPAC's recommendation as adopted on May 30 or make refinements to the recommendation for testing.

Ms. Ellis summarized steps ahead for reporting the results of the evaluation in September and adopting the Climate Smart Communities preferred approach in December 2014.

Council Discussion:

- Council provided feedback to staff on the joint advisory committee meetings.
- Councilor Dirksen stated that since the joint meetings had yielded meaningful regional dialogue through the process, it would be unproductive for Council to suggest refinements to their recommendation.
- Councilor Harrington expressed a desire for more discussion on the role of funding as it may affect the plans ultimately adopted or implemented.
- Councilor Chase expressed anticipation for costs to be incorporated into the approach recommended. Staff discussed the potential for greater effectiveness of investments as investments are made across the policy areas.
- Councilor Collette shared her expectation that the model tested over the summer will show that the recommended approach exceeds the goal set for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and inquired about Council and staff strategy for responding to arguments for investing less. Council discussed reduction of greenhouse gases by 20 percent as a minimum goal and perceived understanding that was the perspective of JPACT and MPAC at the joint advisory committee meetings. The Council also discussed that arguments for investing less are counterintuitive because the investments recommended in the draft approach largely come from the local adopted plans and the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. The Council suggested it continues to be important to emphasize the need to work together as a region to address current and future transportation funding needs.

Council gave six thumbs up for staff to move forward as recommended by JPACT and MPAC without refinements.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor updates included the North Portland Enhancement Committee decisions on funding, Southwest Corridor Steering Committee, Washington County Coordinating Committee, Solid Waste, meeting in the middle of Tilikum Crossing, groundbreaking at Milwaukie Bay Park, and the Oregon Department of Transportation Region 1 Coordination Task Force.

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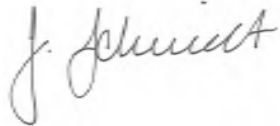
Councilor Stacey presented a draft letter to Portland General Electric (PGE) from the Council encouraging a reduction of coal energy use. All six Councilors present gave thumbs up to submit the letter to PGE.

Councilor Harrington discussed the Parks and Natural Areas Levy and Metro Code requirements for appropriating a percentage of funds to art. Ms. Bennett recommended that Councilor Harrington work with staff on a draft policy to discuss with Council at a work session.

6. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Schmidt".

Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
1.0	Agenda	6/12/14	Council Agenda for June 12, 2014	61014cw-01
2.0	Handout	6/10/14	Testimony Re: Proposed 2014-15 Budget Amendment Work Force Housing Implementation	61014cw -02
3.0	Presentation	N/A	"Ask Metro" Campaign	61014cw -03
5.0	Memo	6/10/14	North Portland Enhancement Committee 2014 Capacity Building Grant Awards	61014cw -04
5.0	Handout	N/A	Draft Letter to PGE Re: Sustainable Energy	61014cw -05