



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 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

Council President Hughes acknowledged the shootings at Reynolds High School that took place two days prior. He expressed his sympathy on behalf of the Metro Council to the families and individuals affected and called for a moment of silence in honor of 14 year old freshman student Emilio Hoffman. Council President Hughes also recognized the quick work of Metro's Department of Parks and Environmental Services for making Blue Lake Regional Park available to the Reynolds community free of charge.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Matt Ellison, Portland, spoke to the Council about part-time zoo employees' hours being capped at 1,040 per year and believes this is a misclassification.

3. CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT UPDATE

Council President Hughes called on Metro's Senior Development Project Manager Hillary Wilton and Oregon Convention Center Executive Director Scott Cruickshank to present a PowerPoint presentation. Staff walked council through a detailed informational presentation including:

- Current status
- Project timeline or proposed schedule
- Metro's public and private sector partners and the type of agreements and/or memorandums of understanding with each

- Project goals
- Cost / funding estimates
- Proposed funding agreements including private sector contribution, grant monies, loan monies, lottery monies and revenue bonds

Before calling on his Metro Council colleagues for questions and/or comments, Council President Hughes invited MERC Commissioner Terry Goldman to make a few comments. Mr. Goldman noted that he was speaking on behalf of the Metro Exhibition and Recreation Commission (MERC) and stated MERC's full support for the Convention Center Hotel. He noted it's a job creation project and stated that the proposed project that is moving forward is sound, fair, and reasonable on many different levels.

Council President Hughes then called on the Metro councilors for questions and comments. Councilors inquired about such issues as:

- Travel industry's relationship to economic development
- Hotel market in general
- What Metro's Convention Center Hotel will add to the market
- The role of boutique hotels
- How bonds will be issued
- Guarantee of indemnification or protection
- Subsidizing a project of this magnitude
- Confirmation of \$60 million cap
- Opportunities for women and minority-owned contracting
- Job opportunities / economic development
- Importance of the Room Block Agreement
- Private sector partners willingness to cover cost increases
- The Convention Center Hotel's role in generating taxes
- Estimated annual economic benefit to the region created by conventions and tourist activity
- Return of investment
- Architectural design and the associated design review process
- Effect on other hotel rates around the region

Ms. Wilton and Mr. Cruickshank carefully answered each councilor's questions and /or comments with a detailed technical response.

4. CONSIDERTATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JUNE 5, 2014

Consideration of council meeting minutes for June 5 was carried over to June 19.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 14-4515**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes and Authorizing an Interfund Loan.

Council President Hughes asked the Council Administrator to read into the record the resolution by title only. The resolution was read into the record.

Council President Hughes noted the types of amendments. He first considered Metro department amendments and procedural amendments. Council President Hughes asked for a motion and second. The department and procedural amends were moved and seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously 7/0/0.

Council President Hughes called on Councilor Chase to move his budget amendment. Councilor Chased moved his budget amendment relating to affordable housing. Councilor Collette seconded.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on agenda item 5.1 and called on members from the audience to come forward. Seven citizens testified in support of Councilor Chase's budget amendment regarding affordable housing.

Council President Hughes thanked the testifiers for their time and thoughtful testimony. He then called Councilor Chase to make a few comments. Councilor Chase also thanked the testifiers for their poignant testimony and then spoke to the need for affordable housing.

Council President Hughes then turned to his colleagues on Council for questions and comments. Councilors spoke to their support for both affordable housing and Councilor Chase's budget amendment.

Councilor President Hughes called for a roll call vote. All voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously 7/0/0.

Council President Hughes noted final consideration and action will be taken on Thursday, June 19 and Resolution No. 14-4515 was continued to June 19, 2014.

6. **ORDINANCES – FIRST READ**

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 14-1328**, An Ordinance Extending the Metro Construction Excise Tax for Community Planning and Development Grants.

Ordinance No. 14-1328 was read into the record. Council President Hughes noted that second reading and final action is scheduled for Thursday, June 19.

- 6.2 **Ordinance No. 14-1341**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2013-14 Budget and Appropriations Schedule and the FY 2013-14 through 2017-18 Capital Improvement Plan.

Ordinance No. 14-1341 was read into the record. Council President Hughes noted that second reading and final action is scheduled for Thursday, June 19.

- 6.3 **Ordinance No. 14-1339**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code 7.03 (Investment Policy) For Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Ordinance No. 14-1339 was read into the record. Council President Hughes noted that second reading and final action is scheduled for Thursday, June 19.

7. **ORDINANCES – CONTINUED FROM MAY 29**

Ordinance No. 14-1329B, For the Purpose of Amending Title 4 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan Regarding the Establishment of Trails and Associated Facilities in Regionally Significant Industrial Areas.

Council President Hughes directed the Council Administrator to read the ordinance into the record by title only. Ordinance No. 14-1329 was read into the record and it was noted that the ordinance was carried over from May 29.

Council President Hughes called of legal counsel Roger Alfred to present an updated staff report. Mr. Alfred noted the background and need for the ordinance's amendments. He summarized negotiations carried out on behalf of Metro with various interested parties. Mr. Alfred also noted the process followed.

Council President Hughes asked his council colleagues if they had any questions and / or comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion and second. Councilor Stacey moved Ordinance No. 14-1329. Councilor Collette seconded.

Council President Hughes again asked if the councilors had any comments. Councilors spoke to:

- Trails connection to active transportation, recreation, and Growth Management Plan requirements
- Language clarification as opposed to restricting industrial lands under Title 4
- Protection of regionally significant industrial lands
- Restriction to only working with willing sellers
- Negotiations that resulted in amendments to address concerns of interested parties

Council President Hughes called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.

8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett briefed the Council of four issues:

- Administrative requirements and scheduling pertaining to Metro's budget and the Oregon Convention Center Hotel
- Appreciation and recognition of the Parks staff for their solidarity with the families affected by the Reynolds High School shootings
- The Portland Pride Parade
- The launch of a survey to support the Parks and Natural Areas System Plan between now and the July 10 Council meeting at Mt. Hood Community College

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Stacey updated the Metro Council on the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting that took place the day before. Councilor Dirksen updated his colleagues on the Council regarding the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation's (JPACT) work.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:45 PM. The Metro Council will convene in next regular council meeting on Thursday, June 19 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 12, 2014

| Item | Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
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| 3 | Handout | 6/12/2014 | Oregon Convention Center Hotel – PowerPoint | 61214c-01 |

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| 5.1 | Handout | 6/12/2014 | Budget Note for Councilor Chase Amendment | 61214c-02 |
| 6.1 | Handout | 6/12/2014 | Memo from Gerry Uba to Metro Council regarding Ord. No. 14-1328 | 61214c-03 |
| 6.1 | Handout | 6/12/21014 | Ordinance No. 14-1328 | 61214c-04 |
| 6.1 | Handout | 6/12/2014 | Memo from John Williams to Council President Hughes and Council | 61214c-05 |
| 7.1 | Handout | 6/14/2014 | Supplemental Staff Report | 61214c-06 |
| 7.1 | Handout | 6/14/2014 | Exhibit A to Ordinance No 14-1329B Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law | 61214c-07 |
| 7.1 | Handout | 6/6/2014 | Cover Memo (and copies of correspondence) to Metro Council from Roger Alfred Regarding Materials Received During Open Record Period for Ord. No. 14-1329B | 61214c-08 |