



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 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: All present. No 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, spoke to the Metro Council regarding the Oregon Convention Center Hotel and his concern about the hotel being used a “hub.”

Matt Ellison, Portland, spoke to the Council about zoo employees and \$15.00 minimum wage.

3. CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Hughes introduced agenda item number three and expressed the Council’s eagerness to hear from the public. He briefed the Council Chamber audience of the presentation the Council had received the week prior on June 12 that summarized the proposed development agreement that staff had negotiated between Metro, Mortenson Development, and Hyatt Hotels. Council President Hughes also noted a brief history of the meetings between Metro and various regional partners including the City of Portland and Multnomah County that resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He then explained the day’s proceedings and gaveled into a public hearing.

Council heard from approximately 14 citizens, business organizations, and interest groups including:

- Oregon State Representative Lew Frederick, House District 43
- Brian McCartin with Travel Portland
- Marian Haynes with Portland Business Alliance
- Owen Ronchelli with Go Lloyd
- Elisa Dozono with the MERC Commission
- James Faison with Faison Construction
- Tom Londer with Mortenson Development
- Willy Myers with Columbia Pacific Building Trades
- Michele Rossolo with Coalition for Fair Budget Priorities
- Matt Oakes with Unite Here Local 8 Union
- Ben Maston with Unite Here
- Dave Moore
- Jacy Coulthard with Unite Here Local 8 Union
- Robert Smith with Unite Here / Portland Hilton

Testimony received ranged from:

- the need for local jobs and the project is an economic jobs generator
- the need for financial accountability of public funds
- benefit to local tourism industry
- great marketing tool for the Portland Metro Region and the state of Oregon

After public testimony, Council President Hughes asked his Council colleagues if they had questions and/or comments. Councilor questions included the following topics:

- public subsidy piece of the development agreement
- Hyatt's long term commitment
- how success and failure are measured
- local hotel occupancy rates
- the role of a representative democracy
- room block agreement
- performance guarantee of the hotel operating management contract
- the proposed hotel' parking service arrangement
- opportunities for women and minority owned contractors
- construction contractor confidence to finish the project

Council President Hughes wrapped up the Convention Center Hotel public hearing by calling on Metro's Senior Development Project Manager Hillary Wilton to review next steps and associated time line. Ms. Wilton highlighted next steps pending Council approval on June 26.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

There were three items under consent:

- Consideration of Council Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2014
- Consideration of Council Meeting Minutes for June 12
- Resolution No. 14-4542, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Metro Chief Operating Officer to Fully Fund Cycle 3 Community Planning and Development Grants.

Council President Hughes asked the Metro councilors if there were any questions and/or comments. Seeing none, he asked for a motion and a second. Councilor Stacey moved the consent agenda. Councilor Dirksen second.

The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 14-4535**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-15 through 2018-19, Approving the Metropolitan Tourism Opportunity Competitiveness Account Projects and Re-Adopting Metro's Financial Policies.

Council President Hughes asked the Council Administrator to read the resolution into the record by title only. Resolution No. 14-4535 was read into the record. Council President Hughes called for a motion and second. Councilor Craddick moved the resolution. Councilor Collette seconded. Council President Hughes called on Metro's Director of Finance and Regulatory Services Tim Collier to present the staff report. Mr. Collier highlighted the purpose for the resolution and what each section of the resolution involves.

Councilor Chase sought clarification on the general fund's role. Mr. Collier called on Brian Kennedy to explain the use of general fund dollars.

Seeing no further questions from Council, Council President Hughes asked for a roll call. The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.

- 5.2 **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. – Continued from April 24, 2014.

Council President Hughes reintroduced Resolution No. 14-4515 and called on the Council Administrator to read the resolution into the record. The resolution was read into the record by title only.

Council President Hughes called for a motion and second. Councilor Stacey moved Resolution No. 14-4515. Councilor Collette seconded.

Council President Hughes called back Metro's Director of Finance and Regulatory Services Tim Collier to present the staff report. Mr. Collier noted the process followed for approving the budget, that all actions taken by Council on June 12 are incorporated in the resolution, he highlighted what the adoption of the resolution puts into effect July 1, and expressed his appreciation to his department staff for their focus and hard work.

Council President Hughes asked the Councilors if there were any questions for staff. There were no Council questions.

Council President Hughes then opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 14-4515 and called on testifiers to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, Council President Hughes closed the public hearing and asked for Council discussion.

Councilors spoke to the role of the annual budget process and the level of scrutiny both the proposed budget and its associated process received.

Council President Hughes called for a vote and asked the Council Administrator to call roll. The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.

5.3. **Resolution No. 14-4539**, For the Purpose of Directing Staff to Test a Draft Approach and Complete Phase 3 of the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project.

Council President Hughes introduced Resolution No. 14-4539 and called on the Council Administrator to read the resolution into the record. The resolution was read into the record by title only.

Council President Hughes called for a motion and second. Councilor Collette moved Resolution No. 14-4539. Councilor Dirksen seconded.

Council President Hughes introduced Metro staff Kim Ellis to provide a brief staff report. Ms. Ellis highlighted the extensive process Metro has undergone regarding Climate Smart Communities. She noted such points as state requirement, the six different policy areas, Metro outreach, process followed to include and consult Metro advisory committees, timelines involved, and ended with recommending Council approval.

Council President Hughes called on Councilor Collette and Councilor Dirksen for comments. The councilors expressed their appreciation for Ms. Ellis's' focus and hard work. They spoke to the high level of outreach to Metro's regional partners, it is not a one size fits all, the use of the local communities transportation system plans and their comprehensive plans, the role of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), the benefit to regional jurisdictions by not placing any additional burden, and future work that might be needed with the Oregon State Legislature.

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

6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READ

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

Council President Hughes directed the Council Administrator to read the ordinance into the record by title only. Staff read Ordinance No. 14-1328 into the record. Council President Hughes called on Metro Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett and Metro staff Gerry Uba to present the staff report.

Ms. Bennett started with expressing her appreciation for Mr. Uba's good work. She spoke to the issue's history, stakeholder work on both the construction tax and grant program, her recommendation to extend the construction excise tax to December 2020 or for a period of six years, the stakeholder committee's recommendation about the grant programs to strengthen that program, future work yet to be done, and that the amount of the funds that Metro retains for administrative purposes increase from 2.5% to 5%.

Mr. Uba spoke to the number of projects the construction Excise Tax has funded. He cited the number of projects as 60 from around the region. He projected that by the year 2020 the number of projects that might be funded could be close to 100. He also expressed his appreciation for the stakeholders work.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-1328 and asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to testify. Seeing no one, he closed the public hearing and called on his colleagues for any questions or comments.

The councilors spoke to their appreciation for the work completed and presented, its use as a valuable tool to communities from around the region to be able to do thoughtful and coordinated land use planning to regulate future development, and costs to home builders.

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

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.

Council President Hughes asked that the ordinance be read into the record by title only. Ordinance No. 14-1341 was read into the record by title only.

Council President Hughes invited Metro's Director of Finance and Regulatory Services Tim Collier to return to the testimonial desk and speak to the ordinance. Mr. Collier highlighted a short list of Metro's capital projects, how Oregon budget law is applicable, and the need to transfer from contingency to rectify project budgets. He noted that the overall cost of the projects do not change.

Council President Hughes asked his Metro colleagues if there were any questions or comments of Mr. Collier. Seeing none, he asked for a motion and second. Councilor Harrington moved Ordinance No. 14-1341. Councilor Collette second. **Council**

President Hughes directed the Council Administrator to call the roll. The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.

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

Council President Hughes had the ordinance read into the record and called on Metro staff Calvin Smith to provide the staff report. Mr. Smith noted the action before Council is part of the annual review and re-adoption of Metro's investment policy. He mentioned that the purpose is to clarify wording, not change intent or substance. Mr. Smith highlighted the areas updated.

Council President Hughes asked the Council if there were any questions or comments for Mr. Smith. Councilors spoke to their appreciation for the Investment Advisory Board's work and Exhibit A.

Seeing no further questions, Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-1339 and invited interested parties in the audience to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he asked for a motion and second. Councilor Harrington moved Ordinance No. 14-1339. Councilor Stacey second. Council President Hughes asked the Council Administrator to call the roll. **The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.**

7. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett briefed the Council of three items:

- Parks and Environmental Services staff meeting
- Metro awarded a \$444,000 state grant for construction of a compressed refueling station at Metro Central
- Fourth Annual Regional Trails Fair on July 30

8. **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Dirksen briefed his colleagues on the Natural Areas Program's Performance Oversight Committee. Councilor Craddick expressed her appreciation for the invitation she received from the Department of Parks and Environmental Services to attend its staff meeting that was held in her district. Council President Hughes recognized the passing of former Metro Councilor Teri Moore and expressed condolences on behalf of the Metro Council to the family and friends of former Councilor Moore. Councilor Stacey also expressed his remorse on learning of the passing of former Councilor Moore as did Councilor Harrington.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:55 PM. The Metro Council will convene in next regular council meeting on Thursday, June 26 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 19, 2014

| Item | Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|--|--------------------|
| 2 | Handout | No Date Noted | Map / Handout from Mr. Lewellan | 61914-01 |
| 4 | Handout | 6/5/2014 | Council Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2014 | 61914-02 |
| 4 | Handout | 6/12/2014 | Council Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2014 | 61914-03 |
| 5.2 | Handout | 6/19/2014 | FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget by the numbers | 61914-04 |