



## **METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Meeting Minutes  
July 22, 2014  
Metro Council Chamber

**Councilors Present:** Deputy Council President Sam Chase, and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Bob Stacey, Carlotta Collette and Craig Dirksen

**Councilors Excused:** Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:04 p.m.

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

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

- Blue Lake Park reopens on July 23, following its closure after some visitors fell ill. The cause is still under investigation, although inspectors suspect a norovirus. Daily water testing has begun, and new signage has been displayed.
- The pre-accreditation inspection team from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums will be at the Oregon Zoo on July 23 and 24. There will be an exit meeting, along with a formal report to be issued and distributed after the inspection.
- Metro venues are in the third week of their outdoor concerts, with Pendulum Aerial Arts at Portland'5 and Tony Furtado at the Plaza on July 23.

### **2. 2015 GROWTH MANAGEMENT DECISION: DRAFT 2014 URBAN GROWTH REPORT – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

Deputy Council President Chase called on Senior Regional Planner Ted Reid and Deputy Planning Director John Williams to present the 2015 Growth Management Decision: Draft 2014 Urban Growth Report (UGR). The purpose of this presentation was to provide Council with:

- An overview of the timeline leading to its growth management decision.
- The process that led to the development of the draft 2014 UGR.
- An overview of the contents of the draft 2014 UGR.

The presentation's desired outcomes were to give Councilors an understanding of the process that will lead to their growth management decision, while making them aware of the information that staff included in the draft UGR. Key elements included:

- A breakdown of the three phases of the urban growth management decision timeline.
- Analysis of past and future growth patterns.
- Explanation of the forecast coordination cycle.
- Policy considerations when planning for potential population and job growth.

- Choices that will help the region achieve desired outcomes.
- Examples of successful planned community investments around the region.
- Challenges around the region.
- Organizations with a role in preparing for growth and change.
- Metro's role in ensuring enough space exists in the UGB for 20 years of growth.
- Analysis of residential and employment buildable land, in the form of vacant tax lots and redevelopment and infill candidate tax lots.
- Estimated population and job growth for the Metro UGB.
- Single family and multifamily housing capacity needs.
- Housing and job growth policy considerations.
- General industrial, large-site industrial, and commercial capacity needs.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilors asked for clarification of various metrics, and suggested changes to enhance readability. Councilor Harrington addressed methods for accounting for Damascus, and for clearly conveying the concept of market adjusted supply. Councilors expressed a desire to ensure adequate distribution of the UGR to elected officials in their districts. Councilor Stacey spoke of the importance of considering this UGR in the context of the shifting socioeconomic conditions of the last decade. Councilors spoke to issues surrounding the timeframe for Council's growth management decision. Councilor Craddick spoke about comparing land supply and employment forecasts, and referenced the importance of overcoming challenges related to multifamily development. Councilor Collette spoke to her concerns about equity, and mentioned the importance of coordinating discussions about the UGR with Metro's Climate Smart Communities project. Councilor Dirksen spoke to the effects of the region's aging population, and to engaging Metro's partners in growth management discussions. Deputy Council President Chase spoke to issues surrounding Damascus, and to the clear integration of the large industrial site inventory in the UGR.

Following this item, Deputy Council President Chase was excused from the meeting. Councilor Collette agreed to facilitate the remainder of the work session.

**3. WILLAMETTE FALLS PARTNERS' GOALS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

Sustainability Center Director Jim Desmond and Policy Advisor Noah Siegel presented their update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Willamette Falls Riverwalk project partners. The purpose of the update was to advise Council on Metro's MOU discussions with its partners, which will guide Metro in easement negotiations for acquisition of the Willamette Falls Riverwalk. The presentation's desired outcomes were to provide Council with an understanding of the current positions of project partners heading into MOU discussions, while gaining confirmation of staff's approach for Metro's role in the Willamette Falls Riverwalk project. Key goals and outcomes outlined in the proposed MOU include:

- Public ownership of the Riverwalk easement.
- Location of the Riverwalk.
- Importance of conforming to federal requirements.
- Private contributions.
- The public finance plan.
- Maintenance.

- Amenities and programming.
- Design elements.
- Roles of project partners, which include:
  - Oregon City
  - Metro
  - Clackamas County
  - State of Oregon

***Council Discussion:***

Councilors spoke to prohibiting the development of significant obstructions between the Riverwalk and the river itself. Councilor Harrington mentioned the importance of recognizing and accounting for the site's complexity, and inquired about the funds that can be allocated for restoration. Councilors spoke to the MOU's role in moving forward the vision laid out in the site's master plan. Councilors made suggestions to clarify language in the MOU, in order to preserve the intentions of the state legislature in its bond funding initiative. Councilors discussed site maintenance strategies, and preservation of site character in the Riverwalk's design. Councilor Craddick spoke about coordinating site development with relevant public transportation projects. Councilors made suggestions regarding transportation options to ensure sufficient public access. Councilor Harrington suggested identifying a future action item in the MOU. Councilors discussed the timing and process associated with the project's next steps. Councilors discussed the roles and responsibilities of project partners, in designing, constructing, and maintaining the Riverwalk.

**4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Dirksen mentioned that he will attend the EV Roadmap Conference on July 24 and 25, and spoke about his attendance of the Oregon MPO Consortium on July 18.

**5. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Councilor Carlotta Collette adjourned the Council work session at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joel Cvetko, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUL. 22, 2014**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Agenda	7/24/14	Council Agenda for Jul. 24, 2014	72214cw-01
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	7/24/14	Willamette Falls Legacy Project: Components of Proposed Riverwalk MOU	72214cw-02