



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

Aug. 14, 2014

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2 p.m.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Ron Swaren, Portland: Mr. Swaren shared a map of the proposed Western Arterial Highway that was researched by the Southwest Regional Transportation Council in the state of Washington. Mr. Swaren expressed that there would be enough support from supporters of mass transit, alternate transit and freight as it can address the issues raised by all sides. Mr. Swaren highlighted specific features that he felt were important in meeting the needs and addressing the challenges that the other projects face.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

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| Motion: | Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Aug. 14 consent agenda, which consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consideration of the Council minutes for Aug. 7, 2014; and</li><li>• <b>Resolution No. 14-4555</b>, For the Purpose of Appointing the Following Member to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC): José Luis Nava as Washington County Citizen Alternate.</li></ul> |
| Second: | Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.   |

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

**4. RESOLUTIONS**

4.1 **Resolution No. 14-4536**, For the Purpose of Amending and Updating the Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan.

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| Motion: | Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Resolution No. 14-4536. |
| Second: | Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.                   |

Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Natural Areas Program Director requested approval for changes to the Natural Areas Work plan and offered some background context for the proposed changes, beginning with the voter-approved 2006 Natural Areas bond measure. Ms. Brennan-Hunter referred to an Executive Session when the Metro Council requested that the Natural Areas department in 2013 looked at how the acquisition of land was conducted with a review from the Natural Areas Program Performance oversight committee. The committee includes real estate experts and attorneys who work on real estate transactions to garner their feedback in developing the proposed changes.

The proposed changes include global revisions to the Work Plan, intended to (1) integrate the Open Spaces Work Plan and the Natural Areas Work Plan into one document, and (2) incorporate in the various amendments made by Council Resolutions over the last eight years, and (3) amend and update the Work Plan to reflect changed market conditions.

***Council discussion***

Councilors asked clarifying questions in regards to the changes in the amount required to designate an appraisal review. Ms. Brennan-Hunter responded that more than 76 properties of the 136 purchased by Metro have been over the \$250,000 threshold. The proposed change would allow the Office of the metro attorney discretion to request a review if there are any questions about a particular appraisal. Councilors thanked Ms. Brennan-Hunter and expressed to satisfaction with the seriousness and diligence in the oversight process.

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| Vote: | Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> . |
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4.2 **Resolution No. 14-4545**, For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters on November 4, 2014, the Question of Whether or Not to Retain Metro Charter Provision Chapter ii, Section 5 (4)(b).

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| Motion: | Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 14-4545. |
| Second: | Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.                             |

Ms. Alison Kean, Attorney for Metro provided context regarding Res. No. 14-4545. The Metro Charter was amended in 2002 to add the following provision to Charter Chapter II Section 5, subsection 4 (b): Protection of Livability of Existing Neighborhoods as Density Increase Prohibited. Neither the Regional Framework Plan nor any Metro ordinance adopted to implement the plan shall require an increase in the density of single-family neighborhoods within the existing urban growth boundary identified in the plan solely as Inner or Outer Neighborhoods.

Ms. Kean clarified that language in the Metro Charter requires the Metro Council to submit to the Metro area voters at the November 2014 general election the question of whether or not to retain this provision of the Metro Charter. If the voters vote yes, the prohibition is retained until a required vote again in 15 years; if they vote no, the prohibition is repealed.

***Council discussion***

Councilor Stacey offered historic context for the Charter and his personal support for bringing the Charter language before the voters as it represents a continuing acknowledgment and assurance that Metro operates a planning process that respects all those values of the community.

Vote:

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| Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> . |
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**4.3 Resolution No. 14-4556, For the Purpose of Approving the Willamette Falls Riverwalk Memorandum of Understanding with City of Oregon City, Clackamas County and State of Oregon.**

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| Motion: | Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 14-4556. |
| Second: | Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.                      |

Ms. Hillary Wilton, Senior Project Manager of Metro presented the staff report and offered introductory comments for the Willamette Falls Riverwalk Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city of Oregon City, Clackamas County and State of Oregon. Ms. Wilton acknowledged that the MOU documents the partners' shared history on the Willamette Falls Project, goals and roles in moving forward to deliver public access to Willamette Falls. Ms. Wilton explained that the Riverwalk is recognized by Metro's partners as a critical first investment for redevelopment of the adjacent Blue Heron property. Furthermore, the MOU will allow staff to move forward with property negotiations for an easement for the Riverwalk with the property owners and be prepared to propose a plan to the state for the \$5 million in Lottery Back Form they have allocated for the project, which is due in spring of 2015.

***Council discussion***

Councilor Collette expressed satisfaction with the MOU and was pleased to have the opportunity to share the progress that has been made with her colleagues. Councilor Collette clarified that the MOU clearly indentifies the roles that each of the partners will play in creating access to the falls. Councilor Collette asserted that public access to the edge of the falls is critical for the public to experience as it will set the foundation in putting together a funding strategy and gaining participation in the process of matching the state funding. Councilors expressed support and

satisfaction with the work that has been done to move the MOU forward and begin the investment of a new amenity in the Metro region.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

## **5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following items:

- Informed Council that the weekend of Aug.16<sup>th</sup> there will be a tour coming to Portland with Skate and BMX experts in downtown Portland between Jefferson and Salmon Street outside of the Portland 5 venue to highlight stunt skating and biking.
- Reminder of the upcoming event to be held at Lone Fir Cemetery on Saturday, Aug. 16 sponsored by the Lone Fir Cemetery Foundation and Metro, there will be an exclusive free beer tasting to raise awareness of the Bottler's Tomb. Participants can taste beers and get a chance to vote for their favorite. The event is limited to the first 150 people so folks must register to attend. For more information please visit [www.friendsoflonefircemetery.org](http://www.friendsoflonefircemetery.org)
- The weekend of Aug.16 there will be the Professional Disc Golf Association's World Championship at Blue Lake Park. Participation is anticipated to reach over 400 with Saturday's Finals beginning at 9 a.m. followed with an awards ceremony that evening.
- Update on the Equity Strategy Committee and two new recent appointments to the Advisory Committee: Irene Konev, City of Portland Auditor's Independent Police Review, Community Outreach Coordinator. Noela Nalujjuna, Nike Corporate Auditor who will serve as an alternate to Virginia Nguyen. The Equity Strategy Advisory committee is scheduled to have their first meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee next Wednesday and Metro Councilors are encouraged to attend.
- The work session on September 2 will host Craig Campbell to lead a discussion on the Oregon Transportation Forum's work to develop a transportation funding policy package for the 2015 legislative session.

## **6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Metro Policy Advisory Committee meeting, Transit Oriented Steering Committee, system planning for Parks and Natural Areas, Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and the Annual Political Paddle Challenge on the Tualatin River.

## **7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:16 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Rojas, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUG. 14, 2014**

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Topic</b>          | <b>Doc. Date</b> | <b>Document Description</b>      | <b>Doc. Number</b> |
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| 3.1         | Minutes               | 8/14/2014        | Council Minutes for Aug. 7, 2014 | 81414c-01          |
| 2.          | Testimony;<br>Handout | N/A              | Zoo Employees                    | 81414c-02          |
| 2.          | Testimony             | 8/14/14          | Western Arterial Highway         | 81414c-03          |