



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2014
Metro Regional Center, Room 370A/B

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

Councilors Excused: None

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:

- Ms. Bennett introduced Mr. Paul Slyman, Director of Metro Parks and Environmental Services, and Mr. Daniel Nibouar, Metro's Disaster Debris Planner. Mr. Slyman spoke about Cascadia Rising, a Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) functional exercise, which will occur on June 7, 2016.
- Ms. Bennett recognized Mr. Jim Desmond, Director of Metro's Sustainability Center, along with Ms. Crista Gardner, Metro Grants Management Analyst, and Mr. Joey Kerns, Metro Charitable Giving Campaign Administration Specialist, for their work in organizing Metro's 2014 Charitable Giving Campaign.
- Last week, the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) received a \$500,000 grant from Pacific Power, through the Blue Sky renewable energy program, to help advance OCC's rooftop solar project.
- Mr. Craig Beebe, Metro Senior Public Affairs Specialist, wrote a Metro News article on Packy the elephant.

2. FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Metro's Finance and Regulatory Services Department, presented the First Quarter Financial Report. The purpose of the presentation was to inform Council about the state of Metro's finances through the first quarter of the fiscal year. Highlights of the report included:

- Positive financial assessment of the Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC) venues (specifically Portland's Centers for the Arts and the Oregon Convention Center), as well as an increase in Parks and Environmental Services revenues.
- Areas of concern, including attendance at the Oregon Zoo, as well as revenues from the Solid Waste Excise Tax, and expenditures from the Research Center.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington inquired about revenue distribution for the non-Zoo portion of the Washington Park train operation. Council President Hughes spoke to the effect of construction on attendance at Zoo concerts. Councilor Craddick inquired about decreased revenues from the Solid Waste Excise Tax.

3. CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT FINAL STEPS

Mr. John Williams, Deputy Director of Metro's Planning Department, and Ms. Kim Ellis, Metro Principal Planner, presented the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Scenarios Project Final Steps. The purpose of the presentation was to provide Council with an opportunity to review recommendations being considered by the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) on December 10 and 11, respectively. The desired outcome was for Council to provide direction to Council members participating in the MPAC and JPACT discussions leading to their final recommendation to the Metro Council.

Ms. Ellis outlined recommended changes to the CSC legislation and supporting documents brought forward by the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC). Ms. Ellis distributed a memo to the Metro Council, MPAC and JPACT members, and interested parties, which provided a summary of technical advisory committee amendments.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington spoke to her concerns regarding redundancy in CSC legislation materials. Councilors spoke to identifying whether technical advisory committee changes are acceptable, and whether Council can make immaterial changes at this stage, in order to better maintain the legislation's intent. Councilor Stacey spoke to his concerns regarding the recommendation of the technical advisory committees to "amend Objective 11.10 to delete all examples of toolbox actions" (see page 2 of Ms. Ellis' memo). Councilor Harrington inquired about the consistency of Chapter 2 of Exhibit B with the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Councilor Dirksen spoke to the role of redundancy in preserving context. Councilors spoke to the compressed timeframe for enacting the legislation, and to difficulties in coordinating various steps in the CSC decision-making process. Councilors also spoke to their caution in changing any aspect of the CSC legislation or its supporting materials at this point in the policymaking process. Councilors spoke to the value of the extensive public engagement and technical efforts embodied in the CSC work, and applauded staff for their efforts.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Dirksen mentioned that he had attended the annual Transportation for America (T4A) "New Partners for Smart Growth" Conference in Denver, CO on November 13 and 14. On November 19, he attended the Urban Land Institute (ULI) "Emerging Trends in Real Estate" seminar, as well as the Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) Housing Summit. Councilor Dirksen also spoke about his attendance of a December 3 workshop called "Measuring What We Value: Let's Talk Transportation Performance Measures" at the Metro Regional Center, and mentioned that T4A has asked him to serve on their advisory board. Finally, Councilor Dirksen spoke about the JPACT meeting on

December 11, where the committee would be voting on a recommendation for the CSC project, as well as discussing a lobbying trip to Washington D.C.

Councilor Craddick spoke about students at the University of Oregon's Landscape Architecture Master's Degree Program, who have been working on possible trail connections for the East Metro Connections Plan. She also mentioned that she had been asked to sit on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project Decision Committee, and that she will be attending the Intertwine Alliance's board retreat on December 12. Councilor Craddick also spoke about her recent meeting with Damascus Mayor-Elect Diana Helm.

Councilor Stacey spoke about his attendance of a November 21 meeting with Congressman Earl Blumenauer to discuss concerns related to 82nd Avenue, including orphan highways and interchange developments. He also spoke about his attendance of the Powell Division Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) 101 at the Clinton Street Theater on December 1, and about the December 8 meeting of the Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee, which he co-chairs along with Councilor Dirksen.

Councilor Harrington requested an update from staff on the progress and next steps associated with the Southwest Corridor Plan in early 2015. Councilors discussed recent developments in the Southwest Corridor project planning process, as well as potential challenges the project may face in the future. Councilor Harrington also spoke about employing innovative techniques for Metro's public engagement surrounding the Council's Urban Growth Management Decision in 2015.

Councilor Chase spoke about his attendance of the Swan Island – North Portland Air Quality Forum on December 3, as well as the Metro Central Enhancement Committee on December 4, both of which he chairs. He also spoke about the Joint Metro Council/MERC work session that will take place on January 13.

Council President Hughes spoke about his attendance of the Bi-State Coordination Committee earlier that day.

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DEC. 9, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Agenda	12/11/14	Council Agenda for Dec. 11, 2014	120914cw-01
1.0	Handout	12/9/14	Cascadia Rising Fact Sheet: Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) Catastrophic Earthquake and Tsunami Functional Exercise	120914cw-02
2.0	Handout	12/2/14	Fiscal Year 2014-15 First Quarter Financial Report	120914cw-03
3.0	Handout	12/3/14	Updated Climate Smart Strategy Draft Ordinance No. 14-1346B and Materials	120914cw-04
3.0	Memo	12/4/14	Memo from Kim Ellis RE: Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project Summary of Technical Advisory Committee Amendments	120914cw-05
3.0	Letter	11/13/14	Letter from Columbia Corridor Association to Metro Council RE: Support for Climate Smart Communities Strategy	120914cw-06