



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Dec. 18, 2014

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ellen Ino, LIUNA 483: Ms. Ino addressed the Metro Council on the hiring processes of temporary employees at the Oregon Zoo, the workers' annual hour cap and sick leave usage policies. She discussed the challenges that the temporary workers face with the current policies in place and requested a new look at how the Oregon Zoo staffs events throughout the year, including considering the forthcoming Zoo budget and adding in employees where necessary (seasonal, year-round and as needed based on operational needs).

Dana Carstensen, LIUNA 483: Mr. Carstensen addressed the Metro Council on sick leave usage policies for LIUNA workers at the Oregon Zoo, specifically regarding discipline and termination of employees based on sick leave usage.

2. METRO BUDGET PROCESS AUDIT

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn to provide a presentation on the Auditor's report of the Metro budget process. Ms. Flynn provided an explanation of the audit process, including audit criteria from the Government Finance Officers Association and the high level of review of the budget process. She explained that there were a couple of practices that they felt had weaknesses, including the process of establishing goals and approaches to achieve those goals and the system that defined who stakeholders were which was unclear. She also noted another area for improvement was in regards to evaluating performance and making adjustments in budgeting. Ms. Flynn provided recommendations relating to these areas and thanked Metro Finance and Regulatory Services (FRS) Director, Tim Collier, as well as other Metro staff who helped with the audit.

Management response was provided by FRS Director, Tim Collier, thanked the Auditor's Office for the audit. Mr. Collier provided information on changes already in place or changes starting to be implemented due to the information and recommendations from the audit. He noted several specific areas in the budget process that would be changing including additional reviewing of processes and procedures at upcoming Council work sessions, reviewing budget process notification procedures, as well as now providing a shortened

snap shot version of the budget report in addition to the longer, more detailed annual report.

Council Discussion

Councilors thanked FRS Director, Tim Collier and his staff, and Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn and her staff for their hard work. Comments from councilors included agreement that more information and clarity is needed on the budget process, more help from FRS staff in understanding the budget documents and another look at internal and external engagement in the process.

3. METRO BUDGET PERFORMANCE MEASURES AUDIT

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn to provide a report and presentation on the budget performance audit. Ms. Flynn explained that the second audit is related to the budget and the budget process, but is primarily about one small piece of the budget, specifically looking at the budget report as a public document. She stated that the program is well managed, so the purpose of the audit is to look at areas where it might be more efficient and effective. Ms. Flynn described the criteria and recommendations about how to design performance measures, how current performance measures could be improved to relate to broader agency goals, be made clearer and more measurable.

Council President Hughes called for the management response from Metro FRS Director, Tim Collier. Mr. Collier thanked Auditor Flynn for the audit and addressed changes being incorporated including working with the Council and department directors to develop more measurable goals, developing performance measures based on those new goals, and better reporting to the Council and the public on how Metro is meeting those goals.

Council Discussion

Councilors thanked FRS Director, Tim Collier and his staff, and Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn and her staff for their work on this audit, as well as thanking Metro staff for their hard work based on direction they're receiving. Comments received focused on continuing to improve through performance measures, providing the highest and best use of public resources, and appreciating Metro Auditor's Office and FRS Director and staff for helping the agency and Metro Council work through such complex work.

Ms. Martha Bennett added to the Management Response through a presentation thanking Auditor Suzanne Flynn for her dedication and hard work over her eight years at Metro and wishing her well in her retirement.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 **Resolution No. 14-4594**, For the Purpose of Metro Council's Acceptance of the Results of the Independent Audit for Financial Activity During Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014
- 4.2 Consideration of Council Meeting Minutes for December 4, 2014
- 4.3 Consideration of Council Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2014

Motion:	Councilor Sam Chase moved to adopt the consent agenda items.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

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

5. ORDINANCES (SECOND READ)

5.1 Ordinance No. 14-1350, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code 2.02.010 Personnel Code

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Ordinance No. 14-1350.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Chief Operating Officer (COO), Martha Bennett, to provide a brief staff report. Ms. Bennett stated that this code amendment would allow the COO to have more flexibility in executing employment agreements with Metro employees, where currently the Metro Council must approve all written employment agreements. She also explained that the Council would still need to delegate the authority to the COO to approve individual employment contracts or approval of a group of employment contracts for Director-level employees by resolution. In response to Councilor inquiry, Ms. Bennett stated that the change would not affect union negotiations or contracts.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-1350. There were no public comments on the ordinance.

Council discussion

There was none.

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

5.2 Ordinance No. 14-1346B, For the Purpose of Adopting a Climate Smart Strategy and Amending the Regional Framework Plan to Comply with State Law

Motion:	Councilor Bob Stacey moved to approve Ordinance No. 14-1346B.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Councilor Craig Dirksen, who proposed an amendment based on recommendations from the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). The substituted amendment would add the following bullet point to Action 3 of Exhibit E, under the Short List of Climate Smart Actions of

2015-2017: “Optimize built road capacity through improved geometric design and other operational improvements to address bottlenecks and improve traffic flow on existing multi-modal arterials”.

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to substitute the amendment and approve Ordinance No. 14-1346B.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Metro staff, John Williams and Kim Ellis, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. Williams provided background on the program, explaining that the State of Oregon directed the region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and small trucks and that the strategy being brought to Council would help the region meet the State’s goals adopted to reduce these emissions from all sources to 75% below 1990 levels by the Year 2050. He explained that further direction came from the State and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) relating to the process requirements and a deadline of December 31, 2014 for this work to be completed. Mr. Williams briefly described how the project was conducted over the last four years, the coordination with jurisdictions around the region as well as with a variety of public and private stakeholders throughout the process, and that what was learned was that a combination of strategies would be required. He stated that strategy options were grounded in and from adopted local and regional plans, as a one size fits all approach was not going to work for this region. Mr. Williams and Ms. Ellis described the next phase of the strategy, the engagement strategies used throughout the region in the process, and the type of investments needed to meet and exceed the targets. Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Ellis for leading the project and for her hard work over the past four years. Ms. Ellis provided highlights of the adoption package, discussed the MPAC and JPACT recommendations on adopting the ordinance and amendments to Exhibit E, and described further the amount of coordination with and hard work from all of the local partners. She stated that LCDC is expecting to finish up their review of the work by late spring or early summer of 2015 and that the next steps include going to the 2015 State Legislature, continuing work through JPACT and the Metro Council, and work on implementation. Ms. Ellis finished her portion of the staff report by thanking all of the local partners, the Metro Council and especially the project’s Council Liaisons: Councilors Dirksen, Collette and Stacey.

Council discussion

In response to councilor inquiries, Ms. Ellis clarified that the amendment language that would be added to Exhibit E would be in Action 3, adding in a bullet point, but not removing any of the current bullet points; she also clarified that the package presented today would not replace existing policy that is in the Regional Transportation Plan or other documents. Ms. Ellis also explained that the approach is open to further assessment and decision making, acts as a starting point and will continue to be refined as part of the next Regional Transportation Plan Update. In response to Councilor Stacey, Councilor Dirksen clarified that the amendment proposed would only be adding another option to the list of many other options; that the package with the proposed amendment does not actually require anyone to do anything beyond remaining committed to following through on their existing adopted plans. He also clarified for Councilor Stacey that the new language would not require spending money on intersection improvements instead of better performing transit or active transportation projects that would effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Council President Hughes gaveled and opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-1346B, as proposed to be amended:

- Mayor Denny Doyle, City of Beaverton: Councilor Kathryn Harrington read into the record a letter from Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, who expressed his whole hearted support for the ordinance and emphasized that it had been a well thought out and collaborative process. He noted that the long process used extensive public outreach, research and conversation with community leaders to explore the choices before the region.
- Commissioner Jules Bailey, Multnomah County: Commissioner Bailey stated that he is the alternate for Multnomah County on JPACT and was at the recent meeting when this strategy was voted on; in addition, he stated that he was in the legislature and helped craft House Bill 2001. Commissioner Bailey expressed support for the ordinance and appreciation for all of the staff work from around the region that went into it, as well as thanking Councilor Dirksen for his role in it at JPACT. He stated that this plan helps people get from point A to point B with as much choice as possible, most efficiently, and urged adoption today by Council.
- Angus Duncan, Oregon Global Warming Commission: Mr. Duncan expressed his support for the ordinance and provided a few comments regarding the importance of local level work and coordinating at all levels in order to meet the reduction goals. He noted a couple of concerns including the strategy being heavy on marketing and incentives and less on the carbon signal side, the need to speak at the State level on a potential carbon tax or carbon cap, and the importance of using available tools such as Green Step and MOSAIC.
- Deborah Lockwood, 1000 Friends of Oregon - Land Use Leadership Initiative: Ms. Lockwood expressed her support for the ordinance and provided perspective as a resident of Helvetia, where pressures of agritourism, increasing population and seasonal tourism need to be better managed and there is a strong need for creating safer areas for biking and walking.
- Jordan Davis, 1000 Friends of Oregon – Land Use Leadership Initiative: Ms. Davis stated that she works in affordable housing, advocating for low-income families and communities of color, and wanted to express her support for the ordinance. She stated that as the region is growing quickly, it's important to look at how we house people in terms of growth and density, explaining the importance of locating services like transit near neighborhoods that need and rely on them to get to work and schools.
- Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends of Oregon: Ms. McCurdy stated that she had been involved in the project for over four years, expressing support for the ordinance and thanking all who were involved. She touched on a few points including: 1) the strategy implements existing land use and transportation plans in local jurisdictions to achieve our greenhouse gas emissions target, as well as the multiple benefits that result in that achievement including health and economic benefits, 2) in 2015, the Metro Council's challenge will be leading the region by weaving five efforts together into a cohesive plan about where and how the region accommodates growth, 3) by adopting this strategy, the Metro Council will demonstrate leadership on climate change and 4) 1000 Friends of Oregon supports Metro's commitment to establishing a public engagement and oversight process that is diverse and inclusive to oversee the implementation of the strategy.

Metro Council President Hughes closed the public hearing and moved to Council consideration of the motion on the amendment. No further discussion was needed on the amendment.

Vote:

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

Council discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for Kim Ellis and the full team of Metro staff who have worked for years on getting to this point, as well as the jurisdictions and local community partners involved, and acknowledged the elected officials and citizens who had come to testify and thanked them. Councilors agreed that this was a great achievement for the region and the next major steps would be funding and implementation.

Vote:

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

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett, COO, provided an update on the following events or items: holiday closures at all venues with the exception of Oxbow Park and a reminder that ZooLights would be closed on Christmas Day.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

There were none.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DEC. 18, 2014

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.2	Minutes	12/04/2014	Council Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2014	121814c-01
4.3	Minutes	12/11/2014	Council Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2014	121814c-02
5.2	Testimony, Handout	12/18/2014	Letter from Coalition for a Livable Future	121814c-03
5.2	Testimony, Handout	12/18/2014	Letter from Colin Cortes, citizen	121814c-04
5.2	Testimony, Handout	12/10/2014	Letter from Common Ground Oregon/Washington	121814c-05
5.2	Testimony, Handout	12/18/2014	Letter from Lainie Smith, ODOT	121814c-06
5.2	Testimony, Handout	12/15/2014	Letter from Mayor Denny Doyle, City of Beaverton	121814c-07
5.2	Testimony, Handout	12/18/2014	Letter from Stuart Campbell, citizen	121814c-08
5.2	Testimony, Handout	12/18/2014	Letter from Therese Livella, citizen	121814c-09
5.2	Memo	12/15/2014	Memo from Kim Ellis to Metro Council	121814c-10