



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Apr. 16, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Bob Stacey called the regular council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Courtney Scott, Portland: Ms. Scott addressed the Metro Council on Rama the elephant, who recently passed away at the Oregon Zoo. She showed a brief video taken by her of Rama, expressing concern over his behavior. Ms. Scott requested that the Oregon Zoo stop the breeding program and for the elephants to be sent to a sanctuary.

Mars Green, Portland: Ms. Green addressed the Metro Council on the elephants at the Oregon Zoo, expressing concern for their health and welfare, and requesting that they be sent to a sanctuary.

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to adopt items on the consent agenda.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Vote: Deputy Council President Stacey, and Councilors Harrington, Chase, Collette, Craddick, and Dirksen voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion passed.

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Resolution No. 15-4617, For the Purpose of Reallocating Unspent Transit Project Development Funds to Current Regional Priority Projects

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Resolution 15-4617.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Stacey introduced Malu Wilkinson, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report on the resolution. Ms. Wilkinson explained that this resolution had been unanimously

recommended by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) at the April 9th meeting and that this resolution would be keeping with the original agreement that Metro and TriMet had signed previously. Ms. Wilkinson also introduced Neil McFarlane, General Manager of TriMet, to provide additional background and comments. Mr. McFarlane noted that funds have been reallocated in the past and the program has been really successful with making critical investments, moving projects along, securing federal and other partner investments to achieve even better investments for the region. He also commented that the recommendation from JPACT came with a very broad regional conversation.

Council discussion

Councilor Craig Dirksen (and JPACT Chair) also echoed Mr. McFarlane's comments about JPACT's support, as well as stating that this resolution was vetted and full supported by Metro's technical committee on transportation. As Co-Chair of the Powell-Division Transit Development project, Councilor Shirley Craddick asked if Ms. Wilkinson, Mr. McFarlane or Councilor Dirksen could address a question that she'd been asked previously, regarding why the funds were not allocated to other forms of projects outside of transit. Mr. McFarlane explained that the money was bonded, so there are parameters of the bond measure, as well as limits about how the money can be used (engineering or construction, but not project planning). In addition, Ms. Wilkinson also mentioned that there is a timeline of when these funds can be spent, emphasizing again that the bond funds can only be used on project construction or project development.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Stacey, and Councilors Harrington, Craddick, Collette, Dirksen, and Chase voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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3.2 Resolution No. 15-4612, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Authorizing an Interfund Loan

Deputy Council President Stacey stated that Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, in her capacity as Metro's Budget Officer, would present the proposed budget and budget message to the Metro Council, sitting as the Metro Budget Committee, then the resolution would be read into the record, he would open a public hearing for anyone that wished to comment on the proposed budget, and finally the resolution would be read again and have an additional public hearing on May 7th before a final vote in June. He called on Ms. Bennett to provide her presentation along with Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, and Metro Auditor Brian Evans.

Ms. Bennett explained that this was the end of the first phase of the three-phase budget process. She presented the overview of the proposed budget highlighting key points, including:

- the budget being aligned with the Metro Council's strategic direction and goals
- more stability in this budget (on both the revenue and operational sides)
- focus on the agency's infrastructure
- continued implementation of the Council's initiatives, and
- high prioritizing and investment in equity and diversity.

Ms. Bennett noted the four major tools that she used to make decisions about the budget were using the Metro Council's six desired regional outcomes, the Metro Compass, guidance from the goal-setting sessions that the Council does throughout the year, and each department's five-year mission critical plan. Next, Mr. Collier discussed the high-level numbers in the budget (both in the Metro

funds and the MERC funds), breaking down any major changes by fund, and Auditor Evans presented his department's budget. Ms. Bennett followed up by explaining the next parts of the process including a budget work session on Tuesday, April 21st, another public hearing at Council on May 7th, a final budget submittal by May 15th, a public hearing held by the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) on June 4th to review the budget, and finally the budget will come back for final consideration by the Metro Council on June 18th.

Deputy Council President Stacey requested that the resolution be read into the record by title only and then opened up a public hearing on the resolution. There were no public comments.

Council discussion

Councilors asked clarifying questions about the charts in the PowerPoint presentation, relating to specific department budget changes, which Ms. Bennett responded that these questions would be worked through at the next work session in more detail. Councilor Harrington inquired about a potential audit of the Nature In Neighborhoods program, specifically whether the audit would be on the whole umbrella program (including the restoration and enhancement grants), to which Auditor Evans replied that it was still early in the process and that his office would be scoping the audit to get it to something more manageable (and that it wouldn't be necessarily the entire program).

4. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Port of Portland luncheon honoring Teri Dresler, 32nd Annual Craft Brewers Convention at the Oregon Convention Center currently going on, a visit to the Oregon Zoo by the Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Convention Center Hotel bill has been postponed until Friday, April 17th, and updates on bills of interest currently in hearings in Salem.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: BioCycle Conference, EPA "Food Too Good to Waste" documentary on MSNBC on April 22nd, Community Enhancement Grant programs update, visit from Senator Wyden's office to Willamette Falls, a new art installation at Tillicum Bridget, Parks System planning meeting on engagement and inclusion, and a day of remembrance for the Holocaust.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Stacey adjourned the regular meeting at 3: 27pm. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, April 30, 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 APR. 16, 2015

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.2	Minutes	04/09/2015	Council Meeting Minutes from Apr. 9, 2015	041615c-01
3.2	Handout	04/16/2015	FY 15-16 Proposed Budget By the Numbers factsheet	041615c-02
3.2	Handout	04/16/2015	Proposed Budget Presentation	041615c-03