



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Craig Dirksen

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 announced that the Council Meeting is canceled for Thursday April 23rd and the following Thursday April 30th.
- The City of Forest Grove is coming to Metro Wednesday April 22nd to talk about their Downtown Planning and Development grant from noon to 1:00 p.m.
- Metro received the Innovation Award from Portland State University Center for Public Service. Metro's proposal was a model of improved citizen involvement and engagement for underrepresented communities.

2. EQUITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

- Councilor Craddick introduced the speakers and gave a brief overview of what the Equity Strategy and Action Plan presentation will cover.
- Ms. Patty Unfred of Metro informed the Metro Council of the direction from Martha Bennett to Metro staff to develop a draft equity strategy and action plan for Council consideration. The Equity Strategy Program Timeline has three phases:
 1. Phase 1: 2011-2012 Equity Inventory Report
 2. Phase 2: 2013 Program Initiative; 2013-2015 Step 1, Equity Framework; 2015-2016 Step 2, Equity Strategy and Action Plan
 3. Phase 3: Equity Strategy Implementation
- Ms. Bennett spoke about Metro's six desired outcomes being reframed as "Equity+5". Equity would be the foundation of, and fully integrated with the other five desired outcomes. Equity would be approached using racial and economic justice, with decision making and polices taking race and economic justice into account.
- Mr. Juan Carlos Ocaña-Chú of Metro added that learning what programs, methods and practices other jurisdictions are doing to advance equity, diversity and inclusion would help Metro achieve its goals.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Collette inquired if there are staff resources in the current budget to accomplish this plan.
 - Ms. Unfred responded that the new administrative position added to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Office of the COO is meant to help increase the capacity of staff resources.
- Councilor Chase inquired about what advisory committees this plan would be presented to.
 - Mr. Ocaña-Chífu responded that the advisory committees are MPAC and JPACT.
- Councilor Harrington requested that Council be provided with later draft versions versus early draft versions to reduce the number of times councilors are expected to read new versions.
- Councilor Craddick noted the importance of reaching out to other elected officials in the region who are not on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and finding a way to compare the data collected if it comes from different groups and sources.
- Councilor Harrington stressed the importance of consultancy. The point of this plan is to develop Metro's agency equity strategy. The program should stick to the 6 desired regional outcomes. Councilor Harrington indicated her belief that in the ten equity indicators framework there are some indicators that are not appropriate and noted that Metro needs to maintain its relations and relevancy to the communities it serves and that there should be better definitions for investment criteria.
- President Hughes expressed the importance of making sure the burdens and benefits of metropolitan growth need to equitably distributed across the region.

3. BUDGET DISCUSSION

- Mr. Tim Collier of Metro provided an overview of what the Budget Discussion would entail. The purpose of the discussion is to allow Councilors the opportunity to discuss the FY 2015-2016 Proposed Budget with the COO, Departments and other Councilors.
- Highlights from FY 2014-2015 included the Oregon Zoo moving from a general fund to an enterprise fund and receiving a onetime fund of \$1,000,000, the Research Center experiencing a shortfall in its funds and Human Resources department receiving additional funds during busy times of the year.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors discussed and requested specific information on special aspects of the budget proposal.
- Councilor Harrington spoke about Greater Portland Pulse as an indicator of Metro's performance and her concern that Metro is not getting out of the Pulse what the original intent was.

4. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS

- Ms. Allison Kean of Metro announced that performance reviews are happening in the attorney's office.
- Metro just completed the two mega watt solar array on the convention center.
- Metro is working with the Land Conservation and Development Committee (LCDC) and Multnomah County on the reserve remand.

- The Oregon Convention Center Hotel SB 927 has not been voted on.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- President Hughes spoke about his “Doing Business in Oregon” trip to Japan. Oregon continues to be in the minds of the Japanese Business community. Finding out where the Japanese economy is going is important.
- Councilor Harrington attended City of Forest Grove Community Enhancement Program meeting and appreciated that staff came with her. On Thursday April 23rd the West Side Economic Alliance will be having a meeting on economic development. On Friday May 1st the Oregon Gerontological Association is holding a forum on “Creating Age Friendly Environments Now and in the Future” at Marylhurst University.
- Councilor Craddick attended the Damascus City Council meeting Monday April 20th.
- Councilor Stacey attended the American Planning Conference in Seattle.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Botond Kovacs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Botond Kovacs, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APR. 21, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	PowerPoint	04/21/15	Equity Strategy And Action Plan	042115cw-01
2.0	Handout	04/20/15	Summary of Equity Strategy and Action Plan Recommendation and Direction Draft-April 20, 2015	042115cw-02
2.0	Timeline	04/21/15	Equity Strategy and Action Plan Development	042115cw-03
3.0	Letter	04/21/15	Greater Portland	042115cw-04
3.0	Memo	04/20/15	FY 2015-16 Councilor Amendment Process	042115cw-05
3.0	Memo	04/17/15	Limited Duration Position List UPDATED	042115cw-06
3.0	Handout	04/21/15	Two Year Budget Comparisons of Special Appropriation	042115cw-07
3.0	Handout	04/21/15	History of Opportunity Account	042115cw-08
3.0	Handout	04/21/15	Oregon Zoo FTE Changes-three year summary	042115cw-09
3.0	Handout	04/17/15	Letter of Intent Submitted by Local Governments for Cycle 4 of Metro's CPDG	042115cw-10