



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

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Craig Dirksen

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ellen Ino, Portland: Ms. Ino focused her communications on summer events happening at the Zoo and other Metro venues, including the Oregon Zoo concert series and the Willamette River Revival event at Cathedral Park on August 2nd.

Courtney Scott, Portland: Ms. Scott addressed the Metro Council regarding a possible remote elephant center, noting that the Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants (FOZE) organization does not support this type of facility and instead support the elephants being sent to a preserve.

Ann Radley, Vancouver: Ms. Radley addressed the Metro Council on the Oregon Zoo elephants and where some elephants had been sourced from, providing a history of deceased elephants' names and ages at time of death as well as locations.

Sandy Miller, Portland: Ms. Miller spoke to the Metro Council about breeding of elephants at other zoos and circuses, as early as the 1960's, as well as elephants' names and ages at the time of death.

Nancy Shaw, Vancouver: Ms. Shaw addressed the Metro Council on elephants around the world, listing names and history of birth/death as well as locations of zoos or circuses, as well as health issues that these elephants dealt with. She also discussed elephant breeding and stated that FOZE does not support the remote elephant center.

2. ZOO EDUCATION CENTER DESIGN AND PARTNERSHIPS

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Heidi Rahn and Mr. Grant Spickelmier, Oregon Zoo staff, as well as guest presenters, Ms. Jani Iverson, Oregon Zoo Foundation, and Mr. Paul Henson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, for a presentation on the Zoo Education Center design and partnerships.

Ms. Rahn provided an overview of the program and the progress to date, noting that the 2008 ballot measure that was supported by voters allowed the zoo to continue its work to protect animal health and safety by upgrading habitats and to conserve water and energy with all of the new

designs. She stated that the new education center is the premier facility that will offer innovative and upgraded facilities to provide more space for summer camps and classes, hands-on learning for kids, adults, and families. She noted that the bond funds were able to be spread over eight projects, that the Zoo was over halfway finished with all of the planned upgrades, and completed projects included the veterinary medical center, the Congos of the Columbia habitat, installation of water filtration systems, and the (almost completed) Elephant Lands expansion. Ms. Rahn stated that next will be construction of the education center, an expansion and revision of the polar bear habitat, rhino habitat and primate habitat, with expected completion of all by 2020. In regards to the education center, Ms. Rahn explained that the specific elements and details of the building and grounds have been determined, since her last visit to the Council, and now the project is developing construction drawings.

Mr. Grant Spickelmier presented the final design of the education center, noting that the new center will provide opportunities for engaging with Zoo visitors and program participants, as well as allowing the Zoo to leverage partnerships with other conservation-minded organizations to increase the Zoo's impact. He described the phases of design and construction drawings, and highlighted specific design elements, such as a fully restored mural by the late Willard Martin which was previously part of the Zoo's entrance when it opened in 1959, large open garage doors and windows for letting in natural light, rainwater capture that can be used for toilets, bioswales, bird-friendly glass, and an A/V system that can be used for lectures or workshops and can allow for live screening of conservation scientists from the field. He also explained the design of different rooms and their uses, including a focused area on conservation of small animals and insects as well as the Nature Playground which can educate people on how to make their yards more sustainable. Mr. Spickelmier also highlighted the strong presence of teen volunteers during summer months at the zoo and showed designs for a teen-designed workplace and office area to be shared amongst volunteers as well as with another youth program called Zoo Animal Presenter (or ZAP), which is a program for youth from low-income and diverse communities.

Mr. Paul Hanson discussed how the Zoo education center will bring a connection to nature back to urban community members, noting that as the US is becoming more urban and diverse, it's even more important for zoos to reach out and engage more of this population. He also discussed a new idea for having a Department of Fish and Wildlife presence at the Zoo to both help the Zoo with their conservation education message and also for the Wildlife Service to reach and invest in the next generation of conservation leaders.

Ms. Jani Iverson spoke to the Oregon Zoo Foundation's (OZF) support of the Zoo's education program for years as well as the current plan for the new education center. She stated that some of the programs, like the Zoo Animal Presenter (ZAP) program, rely on grant funding that come through the OZF, and that these opportunities for young people represent some of the Zoo's most significant connections to our local community. Ms. Iverson shared a short video about the ZAP program.

Council discussion

Councilors thanked all of the presenters, especially Paul and Jani as great partners to the Zoo to help educate, inform, and engage (and excite) kids in our community. In response to councilor inquiry, Mr. Spickelmier explained that bird-friendly glass is special glass that has an embedded pattern that birds can see but humans can't really see it, so that birds know that the space isn't a space that they can fly into. In response to councilor inquiry, Mr. Spickelmier also noted that the Zoo is working with several of our partner organizations/agencies who are interested in being involved in the education center space, whether that's a physical presence (sharing information to

various groups) or just being involved with potential workshops, lectures, etc. there. Councilors also inquired about expanding engagement in the community, to which Mr. Spickelmier discussed that one of the major goals of this project is expanding the Zoo’s audience, bringing in a more diverse community, and has currently been working with Metro’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program to identify new community partners and how to involve them long term.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Stacey, Chase, Collette, Craddick, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4. ORDINANCES (FIRST READ)

4.1 Ordinance No. 15-1355, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 27.9 Acres Located North and South of NW Brugger Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County

Metro Attorney Alison Kean and Council President Hughes read the requirements on holding a quasi-judicial hearing and Council President Hughes then introduced Metro staff, Tim O’Brien, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. O’Brien provided a brief report regarding the annexation request, explained the criteria required and explained that the request does meet the required criteria for annexation into the Metro District Boundary.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-1355. Jerry Offer from OTAK testified in favor of the ordinance on behalf of the land owner. Seeing no further requests to testify, Council President Hughes closed the public hearing and noted that the second reading, Council consideration, and vote were scheduled for July 23, 2015.

4.2 Ordinance No. 15-1356, For the Purpose of Approving Tonnage Cap Adjustments and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue Modified Franchises for Privately-Owned Transfer Stations

Council President Hughes introduced Metro staff, Mr. Roy Brower and Mr. Paul Slyman, to provide a brief staff report on the ordinance. Mr. Slyman, Property and Environmental Services Director, provided an introduction and noting upcoming related presentations on the Solid Waste Roadmap for the Council. Mr. Brower explained that the ordinance today deals with two specific issues: tonnage caps and franchise extensions. He noted that the ordinance seeks to maintain the continuity and stability of the solid waste transfer system during a time of decision making, potential transition and while we are seeing an increase (first time since 2006) in regional wet solid waste tonnage. Mr. Brower added that the ordinance would provide an immediate tonnage cap increase for this year where needed, authorize the COO to grant additional one-year extensions for the four privately-owned transfer stations through the end of next year (2016).

Council discussion

In response to councilor inquiry, Mr. Brower explained that the increase is for all facilities and not just Forest Grove.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-1356. Mr. Mike Dewey of Waste Management provided testimony in support of the ordinance, indicated that there is a need for tons at the Troutdale station and this would help the station, as well as be good for the environment. Seeing no further testimony, Council President Hughes closed the public hearing and noted that the second reading, Council consideration, and vote were scheduled for July 23, 2015.

5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Urban Growth Management Decision timeline update, recent AZA Accreditation visit at the Oregon Zoo, reminder of upcoming Zoo-La-La fundraising event, Graham Oaks Park Day with over 400 people in attendance, and an upcoming Blue Lake visioning event on Saturday.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: recent Metro Paint tour, Clackamas County/Metro Council joint work session on July 14th, Community Planning and Development Grants Planning Committee meeting, Chinese delegation event, and AZA visit and dinner event.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:49 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 16, 2015

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Handout	07/16/2015	Printed testimony from FOZE for 4 citizen communications	071615c-01
3.0	Minutes	07/09/2015	Council Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2015	071615c-02