



## **METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2015

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** None

Deputy Council President Bob Stacey called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

### **1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Scott Robinson updated the Council on the following items:

- Metro is recruiting for 5 new equity strategy advisory committee members. In particular people from Clackamas and Washington Counties.
- The Conservation Education Center received a \$200,000 donation from the Meyer Memorial Trust and an \$80,000 donation from the Collins Foundation.
- Wellness fairs are coming up for flu shots November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Convention Center.
- Councilors will receive a copy of the new Portland Presents magazine.

### **2. DISASTER DEBRIS GAP ANALYSIS REPORT**

- Mr. Paul Slyman, Metro Director of Property and Environmental Services gave an introduction to Council. The purpose of this work session was to provide Council with an analysis of the current state of disaster debris planning in Metro and the Region.
- Mr. Daniel Nibouar of Metro described the assessment of Metro's role in disaster debris management. This included the types of debris produced by different hazards and debris management. Debris management refers to the collective operations of demolition, clearance, removal, transport, temporary storage, segregation, reduction, and ultimately, disposal of debris whether generated by natural disaster or terrorist event.
- Mr. Nibouar also described how disaster debris management and planning will affect Metro's six desired goals.

#### ***Council Discussion:***

- Councilor Carlotta Collette inquired on how thoroughly disaster management plans have historically been followed during and after actual disasters.

- Mr. Nibouar answered that disaster management plans help create and distinguish the various roles and responsibilities of separate agencies that will be interacting and working together to rebuild after a disaster strikes.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick inquired if Metro is eligible to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds?
  - Mr. Nibouar replied that it will be a difficult process that needs more work, but Metro is eligible to receive FEMA funds and reimbursements.
- Councilor Craddick also inquired about political support and agreements on disaster management responsibilities and actions between agencies.
  - Mr. Nibouar answered that the plan is getting better, but the responsibilities are still being worked out.
- Councilor Kathryn Harrington appreciates the flexibility in developing the plan. She believes that when a disaster strikes, removing debris will be a top concern and very important to have a plan in place. The Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) will help Metro and partnering agencies develop this plan.
- Councilor Sam Chase appreciates the small scale planning taking place at the moment and would like some short, mid and long-term strategies.
- Councilor Craig Dirksen believes that defining structure and responsibilities is very important and knowing Metro's role will be very helpful.
- Councilor Stacey was glad to have RDPO as an oversight agency that sets priorities.

### **3. TITLE V CODE CHANGES (SOLID WASTE) UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

- Mr. Slyman provided Council with an introduction to the purpose of work session. The purpose was to allow staff to review general comments raised by the solid waste industry and other stakeholders in the proposal to change portions of Metro's Title V code (solid waste) and recommend to Council a revised schedule and engagement plan for moving forward.
- Mr. Roy Brower added that this presentation will be an overview of public policy concerns raised in updating Title V.
- These policy concerns included:
  - Process and timing
  - Equity and fairness
  - Legal authority
- Mr. Brower noted that while there is good support from local governments, opposition exists from other stakeholders. The specific concerns about the proposal are:
  - Regulation of facilities processing source-separated recyclable material.
  - Regulation of waste conversion technology facilities.
  - Current fee and tax exemptions and reduced fee and tax rates.
- Mr. Slyman also spoke about the closure of the SP paper mill in Newberg. The mill will close indefinitely on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This facility receives roughly 80% of the regions wood waste. The closure has created the collapse of the primary wood market for the region's wood waste. In response to the current market conditions, staff proposes that Metro Council "suspend" certain portions of the Metro Code that pertain to disposal and recovery of wood.

#### ***Council Discussion:***

- Councilor Harrington would like to receive a timeframe for an updated Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). Councilor Harrington also stated that when looking at the consideration of the need for more regulation, having a public body making these decisions is important because hazardous materials are being handled.
- Councilor Craddick inquired as to why improvements to Title V are being considered instead of improvements to RSWMP.
  - Mr. Slyman explained that this process is less laborious and that improvements to RSWMP will come later.

#### **4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

- Councilor Harrington had updates from the RDPO meeting and plans to send an email out to councilors on her findings.
- Councilor Collette announced that Portland State University will hold a panel meeting on sustainable transportation at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Councilor Chase updated councilors on his trip to Mexico City for The Metropolitan Century: Policies For Resilient and Inclusive Cities conference trip.
- Councilors Craddick, Stacey and Harrington met with the African immigrant community of Portland to discuss Metro's Equity Strategy.
- Ms. Alison Kean, Metro attorney introduced Shane Abma, the newest Metro attorney.
- Councilor Stacey reminded councilors that the Council Meeting for October 29<sup>th</sup> will take place at 5:30pm.

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Stacey adjourned the Council work session at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCT. 22, 2015**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>2.0</b>	Timeline	10/22/15	Disaster Debris Planning Overview	102215cw-01
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	10/22/15	Councilor Feedback Sheet on Title V (Solid Waste) Code Update presentation	102215cw-02
<b>4.0</b>	Pamphlet	10/22/15	Let's Talk Trash	102215cw-03