



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2015  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:02 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

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

- Mr. Robinson announced that Councilors will receive a copy of the Emergency Preparedness calendar.
- There were 28 million views for the video of Oregon Zoo elephants smashing pumpkins and 40 million views for the Caracal Cats video.
- The Expo Center had 15,000 rabbits on site for the American Rabbit Breeders Association Convention.
- The Let's Talk Trash series event on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> starts at 7:00pm.
- The Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for developers interested in developing the 82<sup>nd</sup> and Division site.
- This is that last week at Metro for Council Policy Assistant Botond Kovacs.

**2. INVESTMENT AREAS, LAND READINESS, AND BROWNFIELDS**

- Ms. Elissa Gertler, Metro Director of Planning, provided Metro Council with an update on the Investment Areas work program, specifically focusing on identifying future investment areas, land readiness and brownfields implementation.
- Ms. Malu Wilkinson added that regional investments support regional goals and described:
  - The investment areas approach
  - The importance of building partnerships
  - Current and potential investment areas
  - Investment areas beyond transportation
  - The Economic Value Atlas
  - Land readiness.

- Mr. Brian Harper of Metro introduced 4 speakers from the Oregon Brownfield's Coalition:
  - Lise Glancy with the Port of Portland
  - David Rabbino with Tonkin Torp
  - Bobby Lee with the Oregon Regional Solutions Center
  - Jenn Bildersee with the City of Portland

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilor Bob Stacey inquired about the prioritization process for meeting the many needs in mixed use areas.
  - Ms. Glancy answered that the process is meant to address diverse goals.
  - Ms. Bildersee added that partners and stakeholders have different needs, however the main goal is environmental remediation.
  - Mr. Rabbino added that priorities depend on who is doing the development and what the community would like to have happen.
- Councilor Harrington appreciates the Oregon Brownfield's Coalition, the importance of these programs for the region and hearing what their priorities are.
- Councilor Collette thanked the Oregon Brownfield's Coalition speakers for helping make the most efficient use of Oregon's land and inquired about where the \$7 million land grant can be used.
  - Mr. Rabbino answered that the grant can be used for site assessment work and remediation.
- Councilor Chase noted the importance of the brownfield's project in redeveloping contaminated lands for new industry.
- Councilor Craddick encouraged the Oregon Brownfield's Coalition to recruit more agencies to be part of it.

**3. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS**

- Ms. Alison Kean gave a brief update to Councilors on the following subjects:
  - The Oregon Convention Center Hotel and Metro's authority to issue revenue bonds.
  - The Willamette Falls Legacy Project.
  - Public records requests regarding Oregon Zoo elephants and tigers.
  - Human Resources cases going to trial regarding medical testing.

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilor Craddick was interested in learning more about Metro's authority in issuing revenue bonds regarding the Oregon Convention Center Hotel.
  - Ms. Kean answered that there will be an executive session to discuss that.

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

- Councilor Collette announced that Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> was the first session of facilitated dialogue on the urban reserves remand.
- Councilor Harrington announced the departure of Mike Cerbone from the City of Cornelius Planning Department and that he has accepted a position in the Multnomah County Land Use Department.

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- Councilor Craddick described the PolicyLink conference in Los Angeles and her tour of South Los Angeles.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Botond Kovacs".

Botond Kovacs, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOV. 3, 2015**

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