



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 4th starts at 7:00pm.
- The Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for developers interested in developing the 82nd 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 2nd 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 that reads "Botond Kovacs".

Botond Kovacs, Council Policy Assistant

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout	11/3/15	Picture of a rabbit from the American Rabbit Breeders Association Convention	110315cw-01