



METRO COUNCIL RETREAT
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2015
Oregon Convention Center, VIP Suite D

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

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: Martha Bennett, Alison Kean, Ina Zucker, Andy Shaw, Amy Croover, Alexandra Eldridge, Beth Cohen, Colin Deverell, Ramona Perrault, Elissa Gertler

Council President Hughes noted a quorum was present and called the council retreat to order at 11:48 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE OF MEETING, AND AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Martha Bennett provided a brief overview of the agenda and explained that the primary purpose of this retreat was to help identifying major Council goals (and related funding) to ensure that the Council's priorities were funded first before anything else. She identified key issues for the upcoming budget, including changes relating to one-time expenditures versus annual expenditures and the upcoming PERS increase.

2. 2015 IN REVIEW AND LOOKING AHEAD TO 2016

Ms. Bennett reviewed the primary questions that she wanted to cover during this agenda item, which included:

- What has been completed?
- What has emerged/changed?
- What are the key opportunities and threats facing Metro in 2016-2017?

Ms. Bennett went over the Proposed Phasing of Council Initiatives and Metro's Six Strategic Goals, noting what has been completed or providing current status updates on projects listed under each of the six goals. Ms. Bennett and the Council discussed what has emerged and/or changed in the region since the last Council Retreat, relating to Council initiatives, including:

- housing costs and displacement issues in the region,
- the Urban Growth Management decision and updates on Urban & Rural Reserves,
- public infrastructure (transportation, police stations, libraries, etc.),
- need for emergency management preparedness, and
- equity and diversity issues.

Due to time restraints, the discussion moved straight into the next agenda item, noting that a future retreat could include reviewing the key opportunities and threats facing Metro, if requested.

3. COUNCIL INITIATIVE DISCUSSION

Ms. Bennett reviewed the Six Strategic Goals handout with Council, requesting any feedback or edits to the current version. Councilors requested that the fourth goal, "Invest in efforts to increase high wage jobs", be edited to "Invest in efforts to increase middle and high wage jobs". Councilors reviewed the Council initiatives worksheet, making modifications to several items based on current status updates and changes since the last retreat. Council's initiatives discussion focused on transportation funding measures or alternative funding sources for local, statewide, and federal, TriMet's potential funding measure, 2018 Urban Growth Report and the current Urban and Rural Reserves process. Council also added the following items to the initiatives worksheet: 2017 Legislative Agenda, Scoping Metro's role in GPI 2020, and potential financing for submarket housing construction.

4. NEXT STEPS AND DEBRIEF

Councilors added scoping emergency preparedness for Metro to the parking lot for a future retreat, noting specifically continuity for operations, asking who are considered "essential personnel", and looking at scenarios for emergencies that are more than a couple of days. They expressed interest in continuing to work on the Council initiatives worksheets, potentially considering adding them to the regular quarterly updates.

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further discussion, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council retreat at 3:12 p.m.

Prepared by,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DEC. 8, 2015

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Handout	11/14/2015	Proposed Phasing of Council Initiatives	120815c-01
2.0	Handout	01/20/2015	Metro's Six Strategic Goals handout	120815c-02