



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated Council on an Equity Strategy Advisory Committee meeting that took place yesterday. Ms. Bennett spoke to feedback that was collected from an internal assessment and noted that Metro’s diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) staff are working to develop the first discussion draft of the Equity Strategy.

2. RESOLUTIONS

2.1 **Resolution No. 15-4671**, For the Purpose of Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 15-4671.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Council discussion

There was no discussion.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Harrington, Dirksen, Craddick, Collette, Stacey, and Chase voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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3. FIRST OPPORTUNITY TARGET AREA (FOTA) GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY AND INCOME ELIGIBILITY UPDATES

Ms. Stephanie Soden, Metro policy advisor, and Mr. David Fortney, Metro policy analyst, provided Council with an update on key changes to the MERC First Opportunity Target Area (FOTA) program, specifically updates to the program’s geographic boundaries and income eligibility

thresholds that were developed by a community task force and proved by the MERC Commission. Ms. Soden spoke to the creation of the FOTA task force and its duty of identifying demographic shifts and economic changes due to gentrification. Ms. Soden introduced MERC Commissioner Ray Leary to discuss how Metro staff is exploring formal partnerships with community based organizations to expand outreach efforts to recruit more effectively in the FOTA areas and reach more minority-owned firms for contracting opportunities. Commissioner Leary spoke to the need to create systematic and seamless opportunities for young workers to become journeymen. Commissioner Leary suggested making procurement and contacts more inclusive with accessible language and processes. Ms. Soden spoke to the task force's next steps, including convening public and private partners to identify and solve problems regarding the lack of minorities and women in the construction trade, a systematic pipeline project and employee outreach and recruitment.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors thanked staff and Commissioner Leary for their hard work and efforts to instill change for historically underrepresented communities.
- Councilor Craddick asked for a definition of income eligibility thresholds and inquired about how the union is involved in the decision making process.
 - Ms. Soden noted that Metro staff is trying to bring a level of awareness to the union, as outreach has not been broad and historic barriers have restricted people of color from gaining easier access to the union.
- Councilor Collette inquired about pipeline training opportunities and the FOTA application process.
 - Ms. Soden discussed how Metro's Human Resources Department is updating applications for easier understanding and communication, as well as familiarizing communities with FOTA while providing FOTA application assistance and workshop opportunities.
- Councilor Harrington thanked staff for the straight forward set of recommendations and noted her interest in learning more about the self sufficiency index. Councilor Harrington inquired about a possible annual report that could include progress, what has been learned, and how FOTA may inform other programs and investment decisions.
- Councilor Chase spoke to Commissioner Leary's work and influence on the FOTA program and thanked him for bringing solutions to the table.
- Councilor Stacey noted his appreciation that FOTA took the time to understand and appreciate Metro's DEI program.
- Councilor Dirksen thanked staff for the changes made to keep demographics relevant, for continuing to address displaced populations, and addressing issues in a reasonable and practical way.
- President Hughes inquired about the decision to extend the FOTA area out to Wood Village and discussed working with the faith communities in the region.
 - Commissioner Leary spoke to focusing on African American communities that were displaced due to the construction of the Oregon Convention Center and noted that the outcome was to capture the transition of historically underserved communities.

4. RESERVES DRAFT ORDINANCE

Mr. John Williams, Metro Deputy Director of Planning and Development, and Mr. Roger Alfred, Metro legal counsel, presented Council with a draft ordinance in response to the remand from the Court of Appeals and Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) regarding the

designation of urban reserves in Clackamas County. Mr. Williams reminded Council of the public reserves hearings that took place on November 8th and November 19th. Mr. Alfred noted that the draft ordinance is subject to change and next steps will include a first read of the ordinance in January 2016 and a second read in February 2016.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Harrington confirmed with staff that someone is still held accountable for the reserves meeting the legislation requirements for fifty years of population and job growth.
- Councilor Craddick asked for clarification on the discussion surrounding land designations and city services in the Boring area.
- President Hughes and Councilor Collette updated Council on the Stafford Urban Reserves Facilitated Dialogue Meeting that took place yesterday. President Hughes spoke to an externally proposed mechanism that would be considered a conditional urban reserve. Councilor Collette noted that Metro may not have the support and agreement with Clackamas County.
- Councilor Stacey added that Metro has a practical approach for urban land needs and if the region finds the need for urban expansion, there are areas in Washington County appropriate for growth.
- Ms. Bennett confirmed with Council that staff should proceed with a first read of the ordinance in January, begin scribing the findings, and follow up with a second read of the ordinance in February.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Harrington discussed sanctuary cities and a proposed amendment that did not pass that would have designated Portland a sanctuary city. Councilor Collette reminded Council that applications for the Rediscover the Falls Board of Directors will be accepted through the end of the year and spoke to a few notable members on the screening committee.

6. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Giraud, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2015

There were none.