



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated Councilors on the upcoming bi-annual Senior Leadership Team retreat, the \$600,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify and clean up brownfield sites along Southeast McLoughlin Boulevard, an event by Beaumont Middle School and the Expo center reflecting on the Vanport Flood and the Portland Assembly Center, and the recognition of Robyn Williams, executive director of Portland's Centers for the Arts, as one of the top venue executives of 2015 by *Facilities and Event Management* magazine.

2. UPDATE ON URBAN GROWTH READINESS TASK FORCE DISCUSSIONS

Council President Hughes discussed the purpose of the Urban Growth Readiness task force and recounted the discussion from the first meeting, including the review of a problem statement and core values previously discussed by the Metro Council. He recalled that most of the discussion focused on the problem statement, and noted that staff is working with the meeting facilitator to re-draft the statement based on comments from the meeting. He also shared several of the guiding principles for developing a solution, including consistency with the Climate Smart Strategy and affordable housing considerations.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Collette discussed the comments brought forward at the meeting regarding the problem statement and acknowledged that the perspectives of local jurisdictions may differ from those of

regional jurisdictions. She also spoke to the need to be specific with the criteria for urban growth boundary (UGB) expansions. Councilor Chase spoke to the need to address regional values and goals, including the six desired outcomes, and discussed the potential effects of future policy changes. Councilor Stacey emphasized the importance of channeling local control through state policy in order to ensure positive outcomes on both a regional and a local level, and advised developing growth management solutions through policy changes rather than legislative changes. He also spoke to the need for improved communication with local jurisdictions to increase the transparency of Metro's processes and to determine the best way for mutual investments and resources to be utilized. Council President Hughes added that one desired outcome of the task force is to develop a set of criteria that allows local jurisdictions to demonstrate the regional value of making changes to the UGB. He spoke to the regional value of developing strong, vibrant communities and noted that leaving some decisions in the hands of local jurisdictions is beneficial to the region. Councilor Craddick emphasized the benefits of the UGB and raised concerns that allowing expansions without clearly defined criteria would negate those benefits. Councilor Harrington suggested adopting the problem statement and core values statement by resolution in order to demonstrate support for local communities and recommended agreeing on a system that addresses local and regional needs while satisfying state requirements. She acknowledged that expansion will happen eventually and spoke to the importance of it being measured and planned when it does.

3. COUNCILOR LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Stacey updated Councilors on the Land Officials Advisory Committee (LOAC) and Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) annual joint meeting and luncheon and the Neighborhood Centers Inc. session with Angela Blanchard, Councilor Collette discussed the Enterprising Places grants awards, Councilor Craddick recalled the Travel Portland Board of Directors quarterly meeting and the Transportation for America policy breakfast, and Councilor Chase discussed affordable housing and provided a handout on the Haven for Hope model. Council and Ms. Bennett discussed the use of Community Planning and Development Grant (CPDG) and Construction Excise Tax (CET) funds for the development of affordable housing projects. Councilor Harrington highlighted the accomplishment of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)/Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) recommendation at the recent Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), and discussed the Forest Grove Community Enhancement Program Committee, the Chehalem Ridge Access Master Plan open house, Mayor Mark Gamba's E-Bike Expo, and the presentation by Sheila Diez at the Beaverton Organizing Leadership and Development (BOLD) Program. Councilor Craddick thanked staff for their support at the most recent JPACT meeting, and Councilor Collette recalled the 50th anniversary of Clackamas Community College at the Environmental Learning Center. Council President Hughes updated Council on the Celebrate Trade annual gala, the Japanese Research Delegation, and the first Greater Portland 2020 Council meeting. He also spoke to his appreciation for the variety of activities that the Metro Council is involved in throughout the region.

4. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyra Schneider", with a long, sweeping underline.

Kyra Schneider, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 24, 2016

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	Handout	05/24/2016	The Haven for Hope Model Handout from Councilor Chase	052416cw-01