



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 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 2:00 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Metro Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett provided the following three updates: the list of eight proposed Nature in Neighborhood grant projects that had been recommended for funding would come before the Metro Council on Thursday, September 27; the Multnomah County Sheriff's Department was searching for a missing person within the Multnomah Channel Natural Area; and she would be out of town at the International City/County Managers Association Conference in Kansas City the following week.

2. FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT (UNAUDITED)

Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Metro's Finance and Regulatory Services, provided the Metro Council with an overview of the last quarter of the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Mr. Collier noted that the final quarter was positive overall; however there was a budget violation in the risk fund. Mr. Collier stated that it was necessary to increase reserves on two claims at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Collier informed the Metro Council that a letter was sent to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) to explain what happened and why it would not happen again. Councilor Dirksen raised a question regarding how it was possible to prevent this occurrence from happening in the future, and Mr. Collier responded that his department was scheduling their claims review for earlier in the year. Mr. Collier then shared highlights from the report, including that the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC) venues reported record high operating numbers, and that while zoo attendance was down, per capita revenue was higher than the previous year.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington asked clarifying questions about the financial report and voiced her appreciation for the staff's work. Councilor Chase questioned why two Community Development and Planning Grant projects were not yet completed. Councilor Craddick noted that Oregon Zoo attendance was down 4%, despite the fact that she was under the impression that attendance was up due to the zoo's Elephant Lands project. Council President Hughes commented that zoo attendance had historically been impacted by weather, and COO Martha Bennett mentioned parking

lot capacity as another factor that might be limiting zoo attendance. She relayed that the zoo was having discussions about the limitations that their parking lot placed on their ability to increase attendance each year.

3. TITLE V CODE (SOLID WASTE) IMPROVEMENTS AND HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES

Mr. Paul Slyman, director of Metro's Parks and Environmental Services, introduced proposed Title V code changes. Mr. Slyman explained that the initial draft of changes was brought to the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC) in February of 2016. He noted that the draft highlighted substantive changes in yellow and all other changes in grey. He added that the changes were posted online and the public comment period had been open for 60 days. He informed the Metro Council that during that time, six comments from the public were received and each comment was responded to individually. Mr. Slyman stated that the responses showed the original proposed changes as well as the proposed revisions, in order to illustrate how the public comments changed the proposal.

Next, Mr. Warren Johnson, Metro staff, provided an overview of the proposed code changes to the Councilors, which included four main code chapters: definitions, solid waste facility regulation, disposal charges and user fees, and solid waste flow control. Mr. Johnson stated that the goal was to build more consistency, increase regulatory transparency, and make the code easier to understand. He explained that the proposed new code would: change the way facilities were licensed; prohibit the outdoor, uncovered storage of electronics; authorize the COO to issue licenses to reloads that accepted yard debris mixed with residential food waste; authorize the COO to administratively grant limited-term extensions; and extend the decision-making timeframe from 120 days to 180 days for new authorizations. Mr. Slyman and Mr. Johnson then turned to the Metro Council for comments on the process or content, and asked if the Metro Council would support bringing the proposed changes for formal consideration later in the year.

Council Discussion:

Councilors voiced appreciation for the process used and Councilor Chase lauded its transparency. Councilor Dirksen commended the way the changes strived to be inclusive, and suggested that the process be used as a model in the future. Councilor Chase asked if any feedback was opposed to the proposed changes. Mr. Johnson responded that a few individuals did not think changes needed to be pursued at all or wanted changes that the code drafters were not willing to make.

Councilor Craddick asked whether the code indicated what kind of material electronics must sit on to prevent ground leaching. Councilor Harrington asked if the standards for electronic waste were consistent with material recovery facility (MRF) standards, which state that materials must be enclosed in a three sided building. Mr. Johnson informed her that electronics facilities did not have the same standards. Councilor Dirksen questioned if mandating an impervious surface under electronics would have a significant environmental impact and if upgrades would be a financial burden. Councilor Stacey acknowledged that the code changes presented were a non-controversial proposal, but asked if the matter of e-waste would be considered in future proposals. Councilors expressed that they would like the proposal to be brought back for review.

4. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Alison Kean, Metro Attorney, noted that Metro's administrative rule process was relatively new and as such, an administrative procedures act was currently being drafted. Ms. Kean discussed

projects that the Office of the Metro Attorney was currently working on, including: work related to public contracting administrative rules; the Convention Center Hotel project; an agreement with the non-profit Rediscover the Falls; a request for transport and disposal consulting services; securing funds from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a compressed natural gas station at Metro Central; and planning a trip to Canada to explore waste-to-energy options.

5. COUNCILOR LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Collette mentioned work with the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and a unanimous decision against a whitewater park. Councilor Collette also discussed work with the Oregon Zoo artist selection group. Councilor Craddick spoke about the Cemetery Advisory Committee, work being done by Friends of Lone Fir on the Lone Fir Cemetery, and the Bottler Mausoleum restoration. Councilor Craddick also discussed a recent meeting with the Travel Portland board of directors. Councilors Stacey and Craddick discussed their tour of an environmentally conscious mattress recycling facility. Councilor Harrington mentioned the quarterly Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) committee meeting. Councilor Dirksen discussed recent Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meetings, and mentioned the testimony he gave at the most recent JPACT meeting. Councilor Craddick and Councilor Collette discussed fundraising for the Willamette Falls Project. Councilor Stacey highlighted the Vision Zero Action Plan. He asked if the Metro Council would endorse the Vision Zero program. Councilor Stacey explained that the Vision Zero program incorporated speed cameras and the careful deployment of police force in an attempt to reduce potential negative impacts on communities of color. Councilor Chase voiced his concern about the fines component of speed and red light cameras, stating that such fees could have negative impacts on low-income communities of color. Councilor Chase suggested that the region needed to develop alternative strategies, such as giving low-income people a reduced fee or mandated driver's education courses. Councilor Dirksen agreed with Councilor Chase, and suggested tailoring the consequences to people's individual circumstances. Council President Hughes clarified that the solution was not to eliminate consequences, but that equity was achieved by making the consequences equally inconvenient for everyone. Finally, Council President Hughes announced that the Metro Council winter recess would be extended, and would begin on December 16th and end on January 5th.

6. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	PowerPoint	09/20/2016	Title V Code Improvements and Changes PowerPoint	092016cw-01
5.0	Letter	09/20/2016	Vision Zero Action Plan Letter of Support	092016cw-02
5.0	Handout	09/20/2016	Vision Zero Action Plan	092016cw-03