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Minutes

Thursday, September 29, 2016

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

Present: 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Kathryn Harrington

2. Citizen Communication

There was none.

3. Presentations**3.1 Special Presentation: Pan-Immigrant Leadership and Organizing Training (PILOT) Beaverton Organizing Leadership Program (BOLD) Report**

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Kayse Jama and Mr. Zack Mohamed, Unite Oregon staff, for a presentation. Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Director of Metro's Parks and Nature, provided a brief introduction. Ms. Brennan-Hunter explained that the Parks and Nature department was committed to making its parks and natural areas inclusive and one way that staff supported inclusivity was through its Partners in Nature program. Ms. Brennan-Hunter informed the Council that through the Partners in Nature program, Parks and Nature staff worked with Unite Oregon to provide presentations and outings in Metro's parks and natural areas. She introduced Mr. Kayse Jama and Mr. Zack Mohamed to give an overview of Unite Oregon's work. Mr. Kayse Jama, Executive Director of Unite Oregon, explained that Unite Oregon represented the merger of two organizations, Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO) and Oregon Action (OA), and was led by people of color, immigrants and refugees, rural communities, and people experiencing poverty to build a unified intercultural movement for justice. Mr. Zack Mohamed informed the Council that Unite Oregon and Metro collaborated to produce a program aimed at connecting Oregon's newest residents to the region's natural environment and to foster an understanding of the public policy, legal structures, governmental agencies, and volunteer community actions that protect it. He stated that Unite Oregon developed leaders through its signature leadership development programs Pan-Immigrant Leadership Organizing and Training (PILOT) and Beaverton Organizing Leadership and Development (BOLD) by providing strategic trainings and on-the-ground leadership positions within Unite Oregon issue campaigns.

Mr. Zack Mohamed then introduced Mr. Ahmed Ali, Ms. Manijeh Mehrnoosh, Ms. Zeenah Al Sameer, and Mr. Bernal Cruz-Munoz, Leadership Development program graduates, to describe their experiences in the BOLD and PILOT programs. The graduates explained how the BOLD and PILOT programs helped them not only explore nature, but also become more experienced organizing and leading their communities. They informed the Council that since graduating, they had gone on to take larger roles in their communities by managing schools, supporting local environmental justice initiatives, and acting as liaisons for their communities and the Portland metropolitan region at-large. Mr. Bernal Cruz-Munoz stated that he was now a member of the Advisory Board of Multnomah County for Unite Oregon as well as a board member for Refugees and Disabilities Benefits of Oregon. The graduates thanked Metro for its partnership with Unite Oregon and encouraged the organizations to continue providing the leadership programs.

Council Discussion

Councilors thanked Unite Oregon and the graduates for their presentation. Councilor Chase emphasized that Metro was committed to being responsive to its communities and appreciated help identifying new ways to respond effectively to their needs. Councilor Collette stated that she hoped the BOLD and PILOT graduates would continue engaging with Metro's parks and natural areas, particularly as they became leaders in their communities. Councilors commended the graduates on their bravery and expressed admiration for their hard work. Councilor Stacey explained that Unite Oregon and its programs provided a great resource connecting Metro to remarkable individuals across the region and expressed interest in continuing to build on the relationships that have developed as a result.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4.1 **Resolution No. 16-4729**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Sell Real Property as Part of the Natural Areas Program

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5. Resolutions

5.1 **Resolution No. 16-4748**, For the Purpose of Proclaiming October 10, 2016 as Indi Peoples' Day in the Metro Region

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Patty Unfred, Metro Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Director, for a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Unfred announced that the resolution was meant to recognize the region's history through the perspective of Native people. She explained that instead of recognizing the second Monday of October as Columbus Day, the resolution would have Metro join other local governments in declaring Monday, October 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day. She then introduced Ms. Maya Osife, Metro's Intertribal Cultural Resource Specialist. Ms. Osife informed the Council that Metro would be hosting an upcoming Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration, to be held at the Oregon Zoo on October 10. She explained that Metro was partnering with the City of Portland and Multnomah County on the event and added that it would include cultural activities, performances, and an evening reception.

Council Discussion

There was none.

A motion was made by Councilor Collette, seconded by Councilor Chase, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Stacey

- 5.2 **Resolution No. 16-4730** For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2016-17 Budget Appropriations Schedule and FY 2016-17 Through FY 2020-21 Capital Improvement Plan the Oregon Zoo Infrastructure and Animal Welfare Bond Fund

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Kathy Rutkowski, Budget Coordinator, for a brief presentation. Ms. Rutkowski announced that the resolution marked a special budget amendment for the Oregon Zoo. She explained that during the previous year's budget development, staff anticipated that there would be higher expenditures on the construction of the zoo's Education Center, but due to the timing of construction, the expenditures were occurring in the current fiscal year. She stated that the resolution requested the transfer of \$1.9 million contingency to cover the cost of the expenses. She clarified that it did not represent an increase in the overall budget of the construction project.

Council Discussion

Councilor Chase asked about contingency funding.

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Dirksen, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Harrington

5.3 **Resolution No. 16-4725**, For the Purpose of Approving 2016 Nature in Neighbo Restoration and Community Stewardship Grants

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Crista Gardner, Metro Parks and Nature staff, and Mr. Jeff Merrill, Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship Grants Review Committee, for a presentation.

Ms. Gardner informed the Council that the Nature in Neighborhoods Grant Review Committee benefitted from a dedicated community of members who brought their skills and expertise in areas such as habitat restoration, natural areas land management, conservation planning, and community involvement. Mr. Merrill explained that it was his second year on the Review Committee. He thanked the applicants for their dedication to improving the region. He noted that it had been exciting to see the ways in which the committee worked together, as each member brought a different background and skill set. He explained that because he was very technically-focused, it was insightful to have members that explored the strengths and weaknesses of equity in each proposal. He stated that the committee discussed the proposals in-depth and decided on the most-compelling proposals based on the following criteria: the use of restoration best management practices to address high-priority needs or high-priority habitats

Ms. Gardner then provided a list of the project applicants recommended for funding: expansion of the Backyard Habitat Certification program in Clackamas County, Bee Stewards in Wilsonville, a green community for the City of Hillsboro's M&M Swap Meet, increased tree shading for the Johnson Creek Watershed, the Rinearson Creek Stewardship Initiative, Pollinator Parkways, a Lents conservation partnership, and creating community natural areas stewardship. She thanked all of the Review Committee members for their time and efforts, as well as the rest of the Nature in Neighborhoods community grants team.

Councilor Discussion

Councilors thanked staff and Metro's local partners for all of their work on the grant program. Councilor Craddick remarked that the Nature in Neighborhood grants program was a great example of the work being done as part of the 2013 Parks and Natural Areas Levy. She added that Metro was asking voters to renew the levy in November 2016 and asked grant recipients to spread the word about its benefits. Councilor Collette noted how innovative the different programs were and stated that she looked forward to seeing the different community groups come together in accomplishing all of the projects.

A motion was made by Councilor Collette, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Stacey

6. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 16-1371**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Distributor Population and Employment Growth to Year 2040 to Traffic Analysis Zones in Region Consistent with the Forecast Adopted by Ordinance No. 15-1 Fulfillment of Metro's Population Coordination Responsibility Under 195.036

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Jeff Frkonja, Metro's Research Center Director, for a presentation. Mr. Frkonja stated that the ordinance described a data product called the Distributed Growth Forecast. He stated that the Distributed Growth Forecast used the regional forecast that the Metro Council acted on in 2015 and allocated it to the level of the region's cities and counties. He explained that the forecast directly informed transportation planning projects in the region, including the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, by providing detailed data at a local level. He explained that Ordinance No. 16-1371 would adopt the Distributed Growth Forecast as a planning product for future planning at Metro and added that the forecast numbers, many of which were produced in joint effort with staff from Metro's partner jurisdictions, could also be used for jurisdictional transportation system plan updates and other purposes.

Councilor Discussion

Councilors thanked Mr. Frkonja and his staff for their work and keeping the agency informed. Councilor Chase asked about data and distribution at the local level.

6.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 16-1371

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-1371 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Hughes gaveled out of the public hearing. He noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 16-1371 would take place on Thursday, October 13.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Conference in Kansas City, the Missing Middle Housing Forum to be held on October 7, the 23rd Annual Public Employees Diversity Conference to be held on October 18, the Former Damascus Summit on September 27, and congratulated Metro's Communications team for receiving a 3CMA Savvy Award in recognition of the Metro Regional Snap Shots website.

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Produced By Her film series was screened in the Council Chamber and available on Metro's website, the second Regional Leadership Forum on September 23, the Former Damascus Summit meeting, a tour of the West Linn Paper Company and the Willamette Falls Locks, and the Westside Economic Alliance Land Use and Housing Committee meeting on September 21.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:08 pm. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on October 13 at 2:00 pm at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	PowerPoint	09/29/2016	Unite Oregon Presentation to Metro Council	092916c-01
4.2	Minutes	09/29/2016	Council Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2016	092916c-02
5.2	PowerPoint	09/29/2016	Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Presentation	092916c-03
6.1	PowerPoint	09/29/2016	2040 Distribution Forecast Presentation	092916c-04