



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Craig Dirksen called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, made the following announcements:

- The Parks and Nature department's leadership was going through a transition. Members of Metro staff would be acting in capacity until an interim director was selected.
- A piece of equipment at Riverbend Landfill had broken. An emergency waste diversion had been issued.
- She thanked Metro staff and the Oregon Zoo team for the ZooLights sneak preview tour.

2. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Ms. Patty Unfred, Department of Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programs director, provided background information on the agency-wide community partnerships proposal. She stated that the process began with Parks and Nature community partnerships in 2013. Cross-agency partnership coordination began in 2014.

Ms. Becca Uherbelau, Metro staff, discussed the Community Partnership Coordination Team. Team members consisted of many departments, including: DEI; Communications; Human Resources; Procurement and Contracting; Planning and Development; Parks and Nature; Property and Environmental Services; the Council Office; the Office of the Chief Operating Officer (COO); the Oregon Zoo; and Portland's 5 Centers for the Arts.

Ms. Uherbelau stated the agency-wide pilot partnership program purpose: to support the five goals of Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. The pilot program aimed to meaningfully engage communities of color and hire, train, and promote a racially diverse workforce. Ms. Uherbelau shared some of the key elements of the proposed pilot program. Partnerships involved in the program needed to: define tangible and measurable deliverables that supported Metro's Equity Strategy goals; serve and represent people of color; and be racially diverse and geographically balanced. Ms. Uherbelau stated that partner selection would be recommended through the Community Partnership Coordination Team, and approved by the Chief Operating Officer.

Ms. Unfred informed the Council that program evaluation would be developed by staff and co-created through the partnerships. Additionally, the agency-wide pilot partnership program would coordinate with department and program level partnerships to take advantage of existing relationships. Ms. Unfred informed the Council of their leadership role in the process. The Council had already adopted the Strategic Plan, and moving forward the Council would need to provide budget approval of community partnership investments and approval of special procurement authority for community partnerships.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick expressed appreciation for the racially diverse and geographically balanced facet of the program. She suggested evaluating the number of members in potential partner organizations and the number of people the organizations reached. Ms. Uherbelau informed Councilor Craddick that the pilot program might allow existing community based organizations to grow and expand beyond their current county limits, an idea for which Councilor Chase voiced his approval. Councilor Chase also noted that Metro could benefit from more community engagement when developing the Construction Careers Pathway Project (C2P2) strategy. Councilor Collette encouraged the presenters to reach out to her to find communities that needed help within Clackamas County; she noted that the people of color who lived within Clackamas County were not as visible as they were in other counties. Councilor Collette pointed out that Clackamas Community College was a great resource and partner. Councilor Harrington stated that she was happy with Metro's existing partnerships and that she had found meeting and having discussions with representatives of various organizations to be helpful. Councilor Craddick encouraged the presenters to keep faith-based and housing organizations in mind as potential partners, as some were focused on people of color. Chief Operating Officer Ms. Martha Bennett advised the Councilors not to think too broadly, as the pilot program was to focus on only two or three partnerships, and would likely take advantage of existing Metro community organization partnerships. Deputy Council President Dirksen voiced his own reservations about the pilot program; because community organizations in Portland tended to be smaller groups, he was concerned that forming formal relationships with and financially supporting specific groups could exclude and alienate others.

3. 2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro staff, provided the Councilors with insight into the state legislature following the November 8 election. He stated that the partisan composition of the Oregon House of Representatives would remain the same. The Senate partisan composition would also remain the same, with the exception of one formerly Democratic seat which had been replaced by a Republican incumbent. Mr. Tucker also announced that Senator Edwards would be resigning at the end of the year.

Mr. Tucker provided an industrial site readiness update. He explained to the Council that a 2013 bill passed by legislature provided two avenues for funding industrial site activities: forgivable loans, or reimbursement for local governments who invested money upfront. After a 2015 session, a strategy moving forward was developed. According to Mr. Tucker, the strategy entailed: fixing the 2013 statute that had passed; a request that the governor provide a substantial influx of dollars to the special public works fund; and authorization of some of that money to be spent on private regionally significant industrial site land.

Mr. Tucker informed the Council that the Brownfields Coalition had passed three of its four initial

priorities. Yet to pass was the securement of a tax credit from the state.

Mr. Tucker briefly discussed recent issues related to air quality, pollution, and toxics throughout the region. He mentioned legislation about Toxics Right-to-Know. Mr. Tucker explained that the city of Eugene has a toxics reporting requirement for businesses within city limits, and that such a requirement would likely be adopted at the state level.

Mr. Tucker discussed a household hazardous waste bill that had been introduced during the last legislative session. The bill would create a product stewardship program for household hazardous waste. The introduced legislation led to a stakeholder process designed to uncover any concerns and sharpen the proposals. A letter received from manufacturers who were participants in the process indicated skepticism and lack of support. Mr. Tucker emphasized that Metro was a regional government making statewide proposals, and as such, statewide alliances were needed in order for the proposals to pass. Mr. Tucker highlighted that the passage of this type of legislation could save Metro millions of dollars, lead to more toxics being collected, and improve public health and environmental safety.

Mr. Tucker informed the Council that legislation which made it easier to fund, support, or participate in diesel emissions reduction had been passed. He noted that Councilor Chase was a member of a diesel workgroup, and that while the workgroup was unlikely to achieve consensus on a recommendation due to the wide range of political interests it encompassed, legislation would most likely be created. Mr. Tucker noted that registration of non-road vehicles was controversial with trucking and construction industries.

Mr. Tucker discussed edits to the Metro legislative principles and the addition of new principles; based on previous Council discussions and direction, principles on species conservation, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and disaster preparedness had been drafted.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington expressed confusion about what they hoped to achieve during the forthcoming legislative cycle. Mr. Tucker explained that there were new members of legislature in the capital, and Metro representatives would be seeking champions of their proposals. Councilor Harrington voiced support for diesel emission reductions. She noted that she was concerned about regional air quality, and was not convinced that large trucks doing construction on Metro projects were clean diesel; she suggested that Metro should analyze its own activities and contracts. Councilor Craddick asked about fleet turnover in the state. Councilor Chase was supportive of diesel emissions reduction. He noted that there were challenges with federal requirements, but the type of diesel legislation discussed would get Oregon closer to the California model of regulating diesel. Councilor Chase also questioned how economic development sections of the legislation would be impacted by the rejection of ballot measure 97 and the existing budget gap. Mr. Tucker stated that they would have a clearer understanding once the Governor's budget was released and the allotment for the special public works fund was visible. Councilor Harrington discussed urban renewal.

4. COUNCILOR LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

The Council approved Councilor Collette's and Senior Metro Attorney Alison Kean's trip to China. Councilors discussed the Seattle transportation best practices trip. Councilor Collette spoke about the following events and projects: the celebration of Block 75 on Burnside; a leadership training

class for the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO); a Willamette Falls Legacy Project public event; and the Polar Passage artist selection at the Oregon Zoo. Councilor Craddick discussed the Quarterly Trails Forum and mentioned that Gresham Sanitary was applying to become a solid waste transfer station. Councilor Harrington spoke about the Seattle transportation trip and IRCO.

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Craig Dirksen adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taylor Unterberg", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Taylor Unterberg, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2016

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	PowerPoint	11/22/2016	PowerPoint: Community Partnership	112216cw-01
3.0	Handout	11/22/2016	Metro Council Legislative Principles 2017	112216cw-02