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Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2017

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

2. Citizen Communication

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan spoke to the importance of the Columbia River Crossing project as well as TriMet's MAX light rail system. He shared potential options for new light rail lines and also proposed a new streetcar route across the Burnside Bridge.

3. Consent Agenda**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Stacey, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.1 Resolution No. 17-4767, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Glenn Koehrsen, Tyler Bullen, and Alfred McQuarters as Citizen Representatives to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)
- 3.2 Resolution No. 17-4765, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Community Members to the Metro Central Enhancement Community Enhancement Committee
- 3.3 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2017

4. Resolutions

- 4.1 Resolution No. 16-4755, For the Purpose of Metro Council's Acceptance of the Results of the Independent Audit for Financial Activity During Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Auditor, Brian Evans, to provide a brief background of the external audit. Auditor Evans informed the Council that one of his responsibilities as auditor was to appoint the auditors for

the agency's annual financial review. He then introduced consultants Mr. Jim Lanzarotta and Ms. Ashley Osten, Moss Adams, who performed the independent audit.

Mr. Lanzarotta gave an overview of the audit, explaining the nature of the services provided as well as deliverables, the results of the audit and their opinions associated with these results, as well as detailed results of the testing that was performed. Ms. Osten discussed the services provided: an audit of Metro's financial statements, a compliance audit of federal programs, a compliance audit under the Minimum Standards for Audits of Municipal Corporations, as prescribed by the Oregon Secretary of State, and finally communicating the results with the audit community, Metro management and the Metro Council. Ms. Osten explained that the audits had no reportable findings and no instances of non-compliance. She explained that Moss Adams had issued a clean opinion of the agency's financial statements, which signified the highest level of assurance.

Ms. Osten offered several minor recommendations, also given to Metro management, primarily around best practices that Moss Adams recommended be implemented. The auditors thanked Mr. Tim Collier, Metro's Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, and his staff, and Auditor Evans along with his staff for helping with the audit process. Mr. Tim Collier provided the management response and noted that the results of the audit could be reviewed both in the Metro's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Popular Annual Financial Report.

Council Discussion

Councilor Harrington inquired about the upcoming physical inventory of Metro's capital assets. Councilor Chase asked about how Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) liabilities could affect future budget cycles. Councilors discussed how the agency could prepare for expected PERS increases. Councilors noted that they were encouraged to

see no items of comment in the financial audit and thanked Moss Adams and Metro staff for their work.

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

Aye: 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

4.2 Resolution No. 17-4761, For the Purpose of Adopting an Agenda for the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro's Regional Affairs Manager, to provide a brief overview of Metro's proposed agenda for the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session. Mr. Shaw noted that the Metro Council had discussed their priorities and principles for the upcoming session over three work sessions beginning in November 2016. Mr. Shaw stated that the proposed legislative agenda had been shared with the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) the night before and noted that it was encouraging to hear that the agenda was very similar to those of other jurisdictions in the region, with many focusing on issues such as transportation funding, land use, and affordable housing. He recommended that the Council adopt the agenda ahead of the start of the Legislative Session on February 1.

Councilor Discussion

Councilor Craddick expressed her interest in ensuring that Metro helped protect the integrity of the region's levee system along the Columbia River. Mr. Shaw clarified that while the Levee Ready Columbia project was not reflected in Metro's legislative priorities, it was included in the agency's legislative principles.

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

Aye: 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: volunteer opportunities at Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area, public comment opportunities for Chehalem Ridge Nature Park, and the Portland International Auto Show at the Oregon Convention Center. Ms. Bennett also announced that all of Metro's parks were now open and operating and thanked parks operating staff for their efforts.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the grand opening of Oreco Woods Nature Park on February 4, the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), the Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) forum, the Clackamas Cities Dinner, the Travel Portland Board of Directors meeting, and the Clackamas County Business Association Legislative Forum.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:15 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on February 2 at 2:00 p.m. 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 JANUARY 26, 2017

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Citizen Communication	01/26/2017	Transportation handout from Art Lewellan	012617c-01
4.1	PowerPoint	1/26/2017	2016 Audit Results	012617c-02
4.1	Report	1/26/2017	Popular Financial Report	012617c-03
4.2	Handout	1/26/2017	2017 Legislative Issue Identification	012617c-04
6.0	Handout	1/26/2017	Prosperity and Poverty in Oregon & SW Washington	012617c-05