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Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 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

James Odoms, City of Tualatin: Mr. Odoms provided public testimony on Resolution No. 16-4756, focusing on the Basalt Creek Parkway extension project. Mr. Odoms expressed concerns about the project, including that he felt the project evaluation report did not appear to substantiate the effectiveness or utility of the extension. Council President Hughes noted that Mr. Odoms could also provide testimony during the public hearing on Resolution No. 16-4756 later on in the agenda.

3. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Craddick, to adopt items on the consent agenda. 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

3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2017

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 17-4764, For the Purpose of Accepting the Recommendations of the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Ted Reid, Metro staff, for a brief presentation on the resolution. Mr. Reid explained that during the last urban growth management process in 2015, the Council indicated its intent to convene partners to discuss possible improvements to the region's

process for managing residential growth. He stated that as a result, the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force was convened with Council President Hughes serving as chair, and Councilors Collette and Chase serving as liaisons. He noted that the committee met four times and included regional mayors, county commissioners and representatives from the Oregon Department of Land Conversation and Development and 1,000 Friends of Oregon.

Mr. Reid stated that the committee agreed on a problem statement that indicated that the Council, under current state law, lacked the flexibility to consider some city requests for urban growth boundary expansions into acknowledged and concept-planned urban reserves, even when the city had demonstrated that they had planned for financing infrastructure and services and that the amendment would advance local and regional goals.

Mr. Reid informed the Council that the task force made three main consensus recommendations. He noted that the first focused on clarifying expectations for cities that make such requests for urban growth boundary expansions. He explained that staff would work with the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) to draft amendments to Metro's code. Mr. Reid noted that the second and third recommendations would require changes to state law to allow for additional flexibility in the boundary amendment process. Mr. Reid provided an overview of the work program for the decision and explained how the changes would affect the current process.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey expressed his support for the

recommendations but shared concerns about the perception that a demonstration of need under state law was no longer necessary. He highlighted this was not the case and stated that the resolution's objectives were to better respond to requests from local jurisdictions that had made the institutional and infrastructure investments needed to support growth and development. Councilor Dirksen agreed with Councilor Stacey's comments. He noted that the new process, while it should not be used to replace the current one, would allow Metro to better respond to circumstances that may have not been foreseen or did not fit with the current process. Councilor Harrington expressed her support for the resolution and thanked the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force for their collaboration and recommendations. Council President Hughes emphasized that regional need would always be at the center of such decisions, and noted that the resolution would allow the region and its jurisdictions additional flexibility to meet that need.

Ms. Alison Kean, Metro Attorney, stated that the last "whereas" section of the resolution should be removed in the final version, because although there were public meetings held to discuss the recommendations, there was not a public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Chase, seconded by Councilor Collette, that this item be adopted as amended. 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. 16-4756, For the Purpose of Allocating \$130.38 Million of Regional Flexible Funding for the Years 2019-21, Pending Air Quality Conformity Determination

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Dan Kaempff, Metro staff, for a brief presentation on the resolution. Mr. Kaempff presented the proposed package of regional flexible fund

investments in the Step 2 project categories for federal fiscal years 2019-2021 as approved by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). Mr. Kaempff provided an overview of the application process, noting that 32 applications were submitted across the two funding categories. He explained that each project received a technical score indicating how well it supported transportation and land use policies. He noted that over a 30-day public comment period staff received nearly 3,700 comments, indicating the public interest and support for the projects.

Mr. Kaempff informed the Council that at the January 19 JPACT meeting, the committee adopted the recommendation with a couple of additional stipulations. He explained that JPACT recommended that Metro accept the City of Portland's offer to look for cost savings and use the funding to continue the region's freight study work. He added that the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee's (TPAC) had advised JPACT to address the topic of whether or not to substitute the Division bus-rapid transit project for the Cleveland Street project. He explained that JPACT had decided to defer the decision to its February 16 meeting and as a result the funding package did not yet include either project. Mr. Kaempff stated that once the decision was made, staff would return to the Council for consideration at a subsequent council meeting, adding that considering the rest of the package would allow the process to remain on schedule.

Mr. Kaempff then reviewed how funding amounts were determined and shared how project costs were reduced by working with TPAC and local jurisdictions to use tools such

as defederalization and additional local funding.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed their support for the package and discussed the Division and Cleveland Street projects. Councilors explained that they felt the Division project would better support the regional transportation system. Councilor Harrington requested that the short summary of the projects be included in future legislation, noting that it was important that members of the public were able to access them throughout the process. Councilors commended local jurisdictions for working collaboratively to ensure the projects were appropriately funded and distributed. Councilor Dirksen thanked TPAC, JPACT, Metro's local partners, and Metro staff for their work on the package.

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, 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

4.2.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 16-4756

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 16-4756 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

James Odoms, City of Tualatin: Mr. Odoms provided public testimony on Resolution No. 16-4756, focusing on the Basalt Creek Parkway extension project. Mr. Odoms expressed concerns about the project, including that he felt the project evaluation report did not appear to substantiate the effectiveness or utility of the extension. He also questioned whether the engineering study that justified the project was

audited for accuracy and authenticity. He recommended that staff perform a geotechnical survey for the project in order to ensure the project met proper standards and thanked the Council for their time.

Mr. Dan Kaempff, Metro staff, discussed the Basalt Creek Parkway extension project. He noted that funding would not be allocated until an environmental impact study was improved by the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Kaempff noted that this and other requirements helped ensure that the project was consistent with federal regulations. Mr. Kaempff also discussed the project's technical evaluation process.

Jeannine Rustad, Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District:

Ms. Rustad expressed support for Resolution No. 16-4756 and the Beaverton Creek Trail project. She stated that the district had partnered with the City of Beaverton and noted that the project exemplified the importance of regional partnerships. She explained that the funding would allow the jurisdictions to build and support the regional trail network and would provide access to trails, businesses, and transit. She added that the project would also support environmental justice goals by serving a community with above-average low-income, minority, and youth populations.

Seeing no more requests to testify, Council President Hughes closed the public hearing.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett recognized Mr. Gerry Uba, Principal Regional Planner, for thirty years of public service at Metro. Councilors thanked Mr. Uba for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the rescheduling of the Chehalem Ridge Nature Park community event due to inclement weather, the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board meeting, and the Portland-Vancouver Federal Certification Review with the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:47 p.m. He noted that the Metro Council would then convene for an executive session held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d). The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on February 9 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 FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Citizen Communication	02/02/2017	Email testimony from Mary Ann Schwab	020217c-01
4.1	PowerPoint	02/02/2017	Urban Growth Readiness	020217c-02
4.2	PowerPoint	02/02/2017	2019-2021 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation	020217c-03