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Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017

2:00 PM

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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 2:03 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Sam Chase

2. Citizen Communication

There was none.

3. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Collette, to adopt items on the consent agenda. Councilor Stacey abstained as he was not present at the February 9 council meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Harrington

Excused: 1 - Councilor Chase

Abstain: 1 - Councilor Stacey

3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2017

4. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

4.1 Ordinance No. 17-1393, For the Purpose of Approving a Solid Waste Facility Franchise Application and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a New Franchise to SORT Bioenergy, LLC, to Operate an Anaerobic Digestion and Energy Recovery Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Paul Slyman, Director of Metro's Property and Environmental Services, and Mr. Will Ennis, Metro staff, for a brief presentation on the ordinance. Mr. Slyman introduced the franchise recommendation and provided an overview of Metro's authorities within the regional solid waste system. He noted that the Metro Council had expressed its support for

developing new options for removing more food waste from the general waste stream so that better benefits could be achieved by obtaining compost, energy production and other resources. Mr. Slyman stated that food was the largest recoverable portion of the region's waste that was still being sent to landfills and explained that Metro staff was working businesses and local governments to pursue policies, incentives, and other approaches to divert and collect more unwanted and unusable food.

Mr. Will Ennis, Metro staff, provided a staff report on Ordinance No. 17-1393. He stated that if adopted, the ordinance would authorize a new solid waste franchise for SORT Bioenergy, LLC to operate an anaerobic digestion and energy recovery facility in the City of Wilsonville, effective on July 1, 2017. He explained that the proposed facility would be adjacent to Willamette Resources, Inc. (WRI), a Metro-authorized transfer station owned and operated by Republic Services. He stated that WRI would lease a three and half acre parcel to SORT for the construction and operation of the digester and noted that the City of Wilsonville had granted land use approval for the site.

Mr. Ennis explained that staff found the proposed ordinance was consistent with and supported the Council's direction on food waste diversion and local processing capacity. He noted that the franchise could provide regional processing capacity for commercial food waste and result in fewer vehicle miles traveled for the delivery of commercial food waste to a processing facility, helping reduce greenhouse gas and providing other public benefits. Mr. Ennis noted that staff recommended the Metro Council adopt Ordinance No. 17-1393.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey asked if the franchise guaranteed any flow of material from Metro's waste stream to the facility; Mr. Slyman clarified that it did not. Councilor Harrington asked if

and how food packaging would be recycled at the facility. Councilors discussed similar facilities and their successes. Councilor Craddick asked how limits on the organic waste supply might affect such facilities.

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Paul Woods, President of SORT Bioenergy, LLC for a brief overview of the proposed anaerobic digestion and energy recovery facility. Mr. Woods expressed his support for Ordinance No. 17-1393 and thanked Metro, City of Wilsonville, and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff for their help throughout the franchise application process.

Mr. Woods informed the Council that the facility was located west of Interstate 5 on the north Wilsonville exit in the Coffee Creek Industrial Area. Mr. Woods highlighted renderings of the proposed facility and described how materials would be received, de-packaged, and recycled. He also provided a schematic focused on the anaerobic digester and outlined how it would work. Mr. Woods then shared a computer-generated video of the facility and demonstrated how the facility would be structured.

4.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-1393

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-1393 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Jason Jordan, City of Wilsonville: Mr. Jordan, General Manager of Republic Services, expressed his support for Ordinance No. 17-1393. He explained that SORT Bioenergy, LLC and Republic Services had partnered throughout the process, from initial plan objectives to completing the design. He stated that Republic Services took pride in aligning its long-term, sustainable solutions for the region's solid waste and recycling needs with the priorities of the

local communities it served. He noted that he felt the approval of Ordinance No. 17-1393 and the proposed solid waste facility would support such goals.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed their support for the ordinance. Councilor Collette noted that she was excited to support efforts that better kept food waste out of landfills. She explained that she also supported SORT's goals to not only produce waste energy, but also other resources such as fertilizers. Council President Hughes agreed with the councilors' comments and stated that he appreciated SORT's integrative approach. He asked about current capacity at the transfer station and how SORT would ensure it acquired enough material to remain feasible.

Council President Hughes gaveled out of the public hearing. He noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 17-1393 would take place on Thursday, February 23.

5. Ordinances (Second Reading)

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 17-1394, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 45.98 Acres Located in the River Terrace Area of Tigard and 17.32 Acres Located in the North Bethany Area of Washington County

Council President Hughes stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 17-1394 took place on Thursday, February 9, 2017. He informed the Metro Council that Mr. Tim O'Brien, Metro staff, was available for questions.

Council Discussion

There was none.

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

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

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Scott Robinson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the following events or items: the quarterly trails forum on February 22, the 2017 Wizard World Comic Con at the Oregon Convention Center, and the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Citizen's Committee. Mr. Robinson also announced that Mr. Scott Cruickshank had accepted the position of Metro's new General Manager of Visitor Venues. He thanked Councilors Harrington and Chase for participating in the recruitment.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting on February 16, Packy the elephant's memorial at the Oregon Zoo on February 18, the Willamette Falls Locks Task Force meeting, and Latino Network community events. Council President Tom Hughes also noted that he had been invited to participate in the Earthquake Ready Burnside Project Policy Advisory Group, focused on examining options for a resilient lifeline crossing over the Willamette River in the event of a major earthquake.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:48 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting

on February 23 at 2:30 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 16, 2017

| Item | Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
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| 2.0 | Citizen Communication | 2/16/2017 | Comments before Metro Council | 021617c-01 |
| 4.1 | Ordinance 17-1393 | 2/16/2017 | PowerPoint: SORT Bioenergy Wilsonville Anaerobic Digestion Facility | 021617c-02 |