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Minutes

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2:00 PM

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Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Councilors Excused:

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

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, announced that the Oregon Zoo would be ending two educational programs: Senior Zoomobile and Winter Camp. Ms. Bennett introduced a letter in response to the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. She wanted feedback from Council regarding the content and whether Council was prepared to sign it for approval. Councilor Dirksen was not comfortable with certain language in the draft letter and declined to sign unless particular changes were made. Councilor Dirksen suggested he may send a letter on his behalf whereas rest of Council could sign the current draft of the letter.

Work Session Topics:

2:10 2017 Legislative Session Debrief

The work session item began with introductions: Mr. Andy Shaw is a Government Affairs Director for Metro, Mr. Randy Tucker is a Legislative Affairs Manager for Metro, Cindy Roberts and Kylie Grunow are both contractors that worked with Metro staff during the previous legislative session. Mr. Shaw stated that he would provide high-level highlights for the legislation on transportation that was introduced during the 2017 legislative session, whereas Mr. Tucker, Ms. Roberts, and Ms. Grunow would provide insight on house

and hazardous waste and housing legislation. Mr. Shaw would also share potential legislative priorities for the 2018 legislative session as well. Beginning with transportation, Mr. Shaw noted that Metro was working with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and other partners on elements of House Bill 2017 (“transportation package”). Mr. Shaw reiterated that the transportation package would raise roughly \$5 billion over the next decade for investment in multiple modes of transportation that would include addressing highway bottlenecks on I-5 and OR-217. Also, the transportation package would grant rebates on purchases of electric vehicles and value pricing on I-5 and I-205, among other components. Mr. Shaw shared that he wouldn’t go over major details about the transportation package, as many of its elements still need to be finalized and applied.

Ms. Roberts shared that both House Bill 3105 and Senate Bill 199 would have created product stewardship program for household hazardous waste. However, though hearings were held for both bills, House Bill 3105 was approved by its original committee but failed to pass in the Ways and Means committee. She suggested that House Bill 3105 would be re-introduced during the 2018 legislative session, and if there wasn’t strong approval during 2018, it was likely that the bill would pass during the 2019 legislative session.

In respect to land use legislation, Mr. Shaw highlighted that House Bill 2095 had passed. The legislation emerged from the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force that Metro convened in 2016 under the leadership of Council President Hughes. The bill authorized Metro to add 1000 acres to the urban growth boundary (UGB) midway through a growth management cycle if a city had requested an expansion. Mr. Shaw conveyed that other land use legislation such as Senate Bill 186, Senate Bill 547, and a proposed amendment to Senate Bill 418 had all failed. When inquired upon by Council on the proposed amendment to Senate Bill 418, Mr. Shaw clarified that the amendment would have prohibited

Metro from including the development capacity of thousands of acres of land in a future growth management decision.

In regard future legislation-in particular the 2018 session-Mr. Tucker indicated that he would be meeting with Mr. Paul Slyman, Director of Property and Environmental Services, regarding Metro's household hazardous waste stewardship program. In regard to climate legislation, Mr. Tucker highlighted that Senate Bill 1070 represented a proposed carbon "cap and invest" program to be pursued in 2018. Mr. Tucker indicated that the Oregon Legislature would refer a constitutional (Oregon) amendment that would relax limitations on the use of general obligation bonds for affordable housing. Also, efforts to enact tenant protections and increase document recording fee to raise funds for affordable housing would be pursued during the 2018 legislation session, according to Mr. Tucker. When discussing future land use legislation, Mr. Tucker expected Metro (he didn't specify particular staff or Councilors) would be asked to testify on the status of urban and rural reserves, and the relationship between Metro's urban growth management process in terms of cities that fail to develop during a certain timeframe.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington indicated that in response to House Bill 3231, staff had prepared testimony in order to communicate the flawed structure of the proposed legislation. She conveyed that Representative Rich Vial-sponsor of House Bill 3231-wanted to clarify the scope of his bill and wanted to discuss the testimony and elements of the bill with Councilor Harrington. Councilor Craddick inquired upon the process for the jurisdictional transfer of the Cornelius Pass Road to ODOT. Councilor Stacey asked whether value pricing on I-5 and I-205 (elements of the transportation package) would be reviewed during the 2018 legislative session. Councilor Craddick inquired upon House

Bill 2459, legislation that would have established a brownfield tax credit. Councilor Harrington was supportive of strategizing legislation for the 2018 and 2019 legislative sessions.

2:55 Metro Attorney Communication

Ms. Alison Kean, Metro Attorney, shared that bonds for the Convention Center Hotel had closed and final steps were being taken to finalize the funding structure and other elements in order to move forward. She also provided other announcements:

- Covenant for affordable housing was being developed by Office of Metro Attorney (OMA) staff
- A Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) agreement between Metro and TriMet was being amended.
- OMA staff was working with Metro's procurement staff on updating procurement rules in order to comply with state law.
- OMA was providing guidance to Human Resources on overtime issues
- Sherwood School District urban growth expansion had been appealed and OMA would prepare a briefing in response
- OMA would be reviewing and developing changes to Metro code in response to legislation that allows for mid-cycle UGB expansion by cities.
- OMA was assisting Solid Waste staff on preparing contracts for transport and disposal operations

Council Discussion:

There was none.

3:05 Councilor Liaison Updates and Council Communication

Councilor Dirksen had attended a ODOT transportation policy review workgroup meeting on September 8, 2017. He shared that the workgroup was working on developing

strategies to apply certain elements of the transportation package (House Bill 2017). Councilor Craddick attended a Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) meeting. She shared that CORE was working on their bylaws along with creating policy and initiative framework to expand racial equity in the Metro region. Council President Hughes recommended a book called *A Climate of Hope* and also noted that a play called *Spinning into Butter* was playing in Hillsboro until September 27, 2017.

3:10 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Metro Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

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2.0	Handout	09/12/17	DACA Letter	091217cw-01