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Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, informed the Metro Council that staff were working on considerations for the food scraps policy and would email the councilors a date to discuss it in more detail. She noted that the Washington County Managers Meeting would discuss food scraps at its meeting on January 24. Ms. Bennett informed everyone that she would attend and would give the Council a briefing about the meeting. Ms. Bennett announced that two pilot employee resource groups were launching in January. She explained that the resource groups were designed to benefit people of color and LGBTQ+ in the workplace. She explained that the resource groups were meant to give employees space for networking and support and the opportunity to talk about issues inside and outside of Metro, including racial equity issues. Ms. Bennett thanked staff for making the resource groups possible. She also announced that the Bill Tolbert memorial ceremony was scheduled for January 25 and invited the Council to attend.

Work Session Topics:**2:10 Investing in Our Region: Housing**

Ms. Elissa Gertler, Director of Planning and Development, began by reviewing a previous discussion in December about housing, equity and community engagement plans that were needed for 2018. She explained that along with Mr. Andy Shaw, Ms. Emily Lieb and Ms. Becca Uherbelau,

Metro staff, she had come before the council to talk about the information that was gathered. Ms. Gertler discussed how housing, parks and transportation had been Metro's recent investment priorities and noted that Metro would continue to make improvements to ensure those areas succeeded.

Mr. Shaw began to discuss the timeline for the housing, parks and nature, and transportation bonds over the next three years. He informed the council of the staff teams in the different departments from Metro who were working together to ensure the timeline was met. Mr. Shaw outlined the work that was expected to be done from January to May. He explained that in February, a series of listening sessions would be held regarding housing and the information from those sessions would be presented to the council and to advisory teams.

Mr. Shaw explained that a proposed regional housing measure was in development. He explained that the measure would use a racial equity lens to ensure that Metro's Equity Strategy was upheld and disparities reduced.

Ms. Uherbelau discussed the three phases of engagement: 1) informing Council of the framework and asking for their feedback, 2) seeking information from community members and stakeholders, and 3) the implementation plan. Ms. Uherbelau also shared housing staff's engagement goals for the measure's framework.

Ms. Lieb presented the regional housing measure engagement timeline. First she spoke about the technical advisory table and its role providing technical and operational feedback to Metro and its staff. She explained that the committee included 20 housing practitioners such as government staff, housing developers (public and

private), and funding partners. Ms. Lieb explained that technical advisory committee members were selected due to their expertise.

Then, Ms. Lieb spoke about the stakeholder advisory table. She explained that the committee had focused on housing measure framework, particularly targets related to depth of affordability and who would be served. She noted that the committee included 30 members spanning housing and equity advocacy, business, labor, funders, developers, government staff, and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) liaisons. She added that the committee was expected to meet five to six times between January and June. She noted that meetings were open to the public and posted on the Metro website.

Ms. Lieb informed the council that in terms of public partner engagement, Metro's Planning staff and Government Affairs and Policy Development team had been speaking with elected leaders around the region, individually and at county coordinating committee and boards meetings, to hear local priorities and concerns. She explained that there here had also been briefings and individual conversations with jurisdiction staff to hear their priorities and concerns, understand local pipelines, and more. She noted that MPAC would frequently be involved throughout the spring. Ms. Uherbelau encouraged councilors to speak about the housing agenda with their constituents to get their feedback.

Ms. Uherbelau noted that community partner engagement was similar to Metro's existing community partnership program. Ms. Uherbelau informed council that there was funding set aside to give to community members that were participating. She explained that the criteria for selecting

community partners were that they must be nonprofit organizations, committed to advancing Metro's Racial Equity Strategy, serve or represent majority people of color or other historically marginalized populations, mission-driven, connected to housing and/or civic engagement, and have capacity to finish in four months. She noted that 20 organization leaders met on January 22, 2018 with the housing staff to talk about tactics and feedback.

Ms. Uherbelau announced that at the January 22 meeting, community partners agreed that they should get feedback from the people most impacted by the housing crisis and who would potentially be impacted by future measures. Ms. Uherbelau shared a spring housing snapshot, explaining that housing staff would use the snapshot on social media to inform people about housing conditions in the region. Mr. Shaw closed by explaining that the staff wanted to inform council on the proposed housing measure work. He highlighted that housing staff would make recommendations but ultimately the Metro Council would make the final decision.

Council Discussion

Councilor Harrington thanked staff for working on a solution for housing and ensuring that the council was involved throughout the process. She asked how the public's experience would be involved in the community partners' engagement and noted that the strong public engagement. Staff discussed how members of the public could get engaged. Councilor Chase thanked housing staff for involving the decision makers throughout the process.

Councilor Craddick shared concerns about the public's possible response and asked how they would be addressed. She asked how success would be measured and how performance measures would be determined. Ms. Gertler

explained that the housing goals and plans were ambitious but staff was working to try and generate resources to fit them. Councilors discussed potential goals and how they could be measured. Councilor Dirksen expressed support for the housing team's work and how they were keeping stakeholders, partners, and individuals involved. He asked that councilors be made aware of public engagement opportunities in case they would like to attend. President Hughes emphasized that it was important to show housing as a regional problem. He recommended that information about regional housing efforts be made available to the public.

3:10 Metro Attorney Communication

Metro Attorney Alison Kean provided an overview of the projects her office was working on. She informed the Metro Council that Metro attorneys were working on the following projects: housing, parks and nature, Title 10 rules, the Southwest Corridor, urban growth management, solid waste, Oregon Zoo, Portland'-5 and the Oregon Convention Center.

3:20 Councilor Communication

Councilor Dirksen talked about the Southwest Corridor and the focus on the draft Environmental Impact Statement decisions. He explained that the Environmental Impact Statement draft was expected to be done in April. Councilor Dirksen also gave a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. Councilor Harrington asked if council would receive updates throughout the process. Councilor Craddick announced meetings in Damascus and Happy Valley as well as the Travel Portland board of directors meeting. Councilor Harrington talked about stipends for Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) community representatives.

Councilor Harrington commented on her concerns with the TriMet General Manager hiring process. Councilor Stacey talked about the housing amendment bill at the state legislature. Councilor Chase discussed the importance of ensuring people were aware of available resources.

3:30 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2018

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	01/23/2018	Regional Investment Strategy: Housing	012318c-01
2.0	Handout	01/04/2018	Homes for greater Portland	012318c-02
3.0	Handout	01/23/2018	Regional Housing measure Framework: Advisory tables	012318c-03