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Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Shirley Craddick called the Metro Council work session call to order at 2:03 p.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 1 - Council President Tom Hughes

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, introduced the Metro Council to the new Council Support Intern, Ms. Sara Seid. Ms. Bennett discussed the first meeting of the Housing Stakeholders group earlier that day. She reviewed questions from legislators about the proposed constitutional amendment and housing bond.

Mr. Andy Shaw and Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro staff, were then asked to give a brief overview of what to expect in the upcoming weeks regarding the potential constitutional amendment. Mr. Tucker stated that the constitutional amendment would likely be heard at the Oregon Legislature on February 6. Mr. Tucker noted that he had delivered a letter in support of the amendment on behalf of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) to the Oregon Legislature. He explained that he anticipated quick action from the house committee and a successful hearing.

Councilor Craddick shared that at the Clackamas County Business Alliance forum there was concern brought up by the audience about the amendment and how the funds would be used. Mr. Tucker responded to the concerns raised.

Work Session Topics:

2:10 **2030 Regional Waste Plan's Draft Vision and Goals**

Mr. Matt Korot, Program Director for Resource Conservation and Recycling, introduced himself and Ms. Marta McGuire, Waste Reduction Planner. He explained that the new 2030 Regional Waste Plan would act as a blueprint for Metro's waste management program in the next decade. Mr. Korot explained that they would discuss Phase 2 of the plan's development, which was focused on developing its visions and goals.

Mr. Korot conveyed the need throughout the phases to represent equity and provided an overview of how equity was incorporated into the development, including working with the community, applying considerations of equity throughout the plan, and doing outreach with community-based organizations. He highlighted that organizations were given tours of various facilities and the plan benefited from their feedback.

Mr. Korot stated that using the feedback they received, staff developed a set of values which included the following:

- Protect and restore the environment and promote health for all
- Conserve natural resources
- Advance environmental literacy
- Foster economic well-being
- Ensure operational resilience and adaptability
- Provide excellent service and equitable system access

Mr. Korot noted that staff originally anticipated leading with the established values, but eventually determined that it would be important to also develop a list of principles. He noted that the plan's principles were centered on community restoration, partnerships, and investment.

Ms. McGuire then began to review the vision and goals of the plan. She explained that the visions and goals were developed through a number of engagements and drafts,

including workshops, surveys, and leadership forums. She explained that as a result, the visions and goals were divided into eight areas: healthy products; information and education; reduce, reuse and recycle; quality service; good jobs; garbage and recycling operations; economic prosperity; preparedness; and resilience. She stated that the next phase would focus on exploring how to accomplish such goals.

Council Discussion

Councilor Dirksen expressed support for the amount of community outreach. He asked about the concept of “repair” as it related to recycling. Councilor Harrington also expressed support for the amount of engagement the team had with the community. She noted that she was interested to see how the principals would be utilized in the future. She spoke to the plan’s importance for future generations and how it would have positive effects. Councilor Chase spoke about a group called Reclaim It that retrieved materials from landfills to transform and refurbish them before selling them back to the public. He conveyed interest in seeing a greater focus on the reduce component and ways to maximize reduction. Council Stacey shared his enthusiasm for an outlook of healthy jobs and questioned how that goal would be implemented. Councilors discussed statewide regulations and how they could impact and interact with the plan. Councilor Dirksen explained that he was interested in promoting healthy products that minimized product impacts. Councilor Craddick asked about resource allocation. Councilors endorsed moving forward with the plan.

2:40 Metro Title 10 (Parks and Nature Rules) Update

Mr. Dan Moeller, Conservation Program Director, Mr. Brian Kennedy, Asset Management Program Director, and Ms. Suzanne Piluso, Natural Areas Acquisitions Analyst, presented updates on Metro’s Title 10 Parks and Nature

Rules.

Mr. Moeller explained that Title 10 of the Metro Code included a combination of parks and nature rules and protections. He informed the Council that it had been several years since the last update and since then, Metro had accumulated many more natural areas and other sites that needed protection. He explained that the update would also allow Metro to be more responsive to the public's considerations and concerns, and to consider new and emerging uses for its natural areas and parks.

Ms. Piluso then provided an overview of the proposed updates and their goals. She explained that the primary goal focused on: protecting wildlife and water quality and supporting the safety and well-being of visitors; reflecting current conditions and management needs; and increasing clarity and transparency. She noted that stakeholder input was obtained over the summer on various topics and through various venues and included meetings with staff, enforcement partners, and community partners.

Ms. Piluso stated that staff recommended a number of updates that would clean up the rules, as well as increase clarity and transparency. She noted that along with the proposed changes, people would also be allowed to request special use permits.

Ms. Piluso first discussed allowing pets on regional trails and some boat ramps. She explained that staff recommended maintaining the existing policy, and not allowing dogs and pets with the exceptions of regional trails that pass through Metro property and boat ramps. She noted that this rule was consistent with Title 10's mission as it considered the impacts of pets on wildlife, water quality, and other visitors.

Ms. Piluso then addressed the Title 10 rules as they related to hunting. She recognized the potential need for hunting in the future in order to manage wildlife populations and support other conservation purposes. She noted that staff recommended that Title 10 codify this possibility. Following this recommendation, Mr. Moeller clarified that the issue needed to be considered with a conservation lens. He noted that if other changes were proposed to Metro's hunting regulations, staff would return to Council for approval.

Ms. Piluso then provided an update on prohibiting tobacco use and noted that many cities and counties were limiting the ability to smoke in parks. She explained that the purpose of the rule was to limit damaging health impacts and limit litter in parks and waterways. She emphasized that enforcement would rely on rangers to extend educational and training outreach as opposed to citations. Councilors expressed concern about the use of marijuana in Metro's parks and natural areas. Ms. Piluso clarified its use was also prohibited in the rules.

Ms. Piluso also discussed delegating authority to set fees to the Parks and Nature Director. She explained that Title 10 currently included specific dollar amounts with fees imposed. She noted that staff recommended removing the fee breakdown from the code and instead delegating fee authority to the Parks and Nature Director. Mr. Kennedy provided detail about Title 10's reference to certain fees and exclusion of others. He explained that the reason for the recommended was to be consistent, as certain fees changed frequently. He then discussed disparities in the system plan and the desire to use an equity lens. Ms. Piluso noted that it was difficult to evaluate the effects of fees on different communities, so a project was underway to evaluate possible impacts.

Council Discussion

Councilor Harrington asked that staff provide the Council with sufficient time to review and respond to changes such as proposed fees. She noted that she was in support of aligning fees with Metro's annual budget process to ensure fairness in the system and align with other existing policies. Councilors asked for an update on the prohibition of drone usage. Councilors also discussed other compliance regulations and proposed responses.

3:40 Councilor Communication

Councilor Dirksen shared updates from the quarterly Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC) meeting in Salem. Councilor Stacey provided an update of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He explained that the region was expected to fall short of its carbon emission commitment and other goals. Ms. Bennett added that Council would have the opportunity to discuss the RTP at future work sessions. Ms. Bennett introduced Ms. Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner, to comment on the 2018 RTP. Ms. Ellis explained that staff were working on the takeaways and discussion guide for the upcoming Regional Leadership Forum which would be reviewed and discussed with Council. Councilor Harrington spoke about the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) meeting, noting that there was new elected leadership. She also discussed House Bill 4075 and her concerns with the hiring process for TriMet's new general manager. Councilor Craddick announced that the City of Troutdale would be having its first open house for their town center and expressed support for the project.

4:00 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara Seid', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sara Seid, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2018

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	01/30/2018	2030 Regional Waste Plan	013018cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	01/30/2018	Title 10 Work Session	013018cw-02