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Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2018

2:00 PM

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Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Craddick called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 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. Public Communication

Lightning Super Justice Watchdog: Lightning, representing Lightning Super Justice Watchdog, provided testimony on Metro's proposed affordable housing bond. He encouraged the Metro Council to focus on jobs that could be created as new units were built and to ensure that the bond would help get people experiencing homelessness into housing. He noted that the bond should be large enough to provide benefits for the local economy and the whole community.

3. Presentations**3.1 State of the Sandy**

Mr. Jonathan Soll, Metro Parks and Nature staff, introduced Mr. Steve Wise, the Executive Director of the Sandy River Watershed Council. Mr. Soll noted that the Watershed Council had been extraordinary partners for Metro's Parks and Nature program for several years and added that they were amazing advocates for conservation on the Sandy River. He explained that Mr. Wise would be providing an overview of the state of the Sandy River, the work that had been done so far, and opportunities for further improvements over the next decade.

Mr. Wise informed the Council that the organization's mission was to restore and protect the natural, cultural, and historical resources of the Sandy River basin. He noted that

the organization's partners included public and private agencies, nonprofits, and fishing groups, working together on a concerted science-based restoration plan. Mr. Wise noted that the State of the Sandy review focused on a 10-year progress review following the removal of the Sandy's dams. Mr. Wise provided an overview of restoration efforts that Metro had helped support, including instream restoration of side channels and flood plains, replanting native plants, and retrofitting the Mt. Hood Community College campus for stormwater and habitat. Mr. Wise noted that due to these and other restoration efforts, 10-year averages for three of the Council's four target species were increasing.

Mr. Wise also spoke to the Sandy River basin's role as a tremendous cultural, economic, and recreational resource. He provided an overview of the organization's partnerships with other agencies that focused on water and land conservation, and shared restoration efforts planned for the future, including activities focused on climate resiliency, climate adaptive planting, preserving the river's vital cold water, and protecting local fish and wildlife. Mr. Wise thanked Metro for its contributions to this important work.

Council Discussion

Councilors thanked Mr. Wise for his presentation. Councilor Stacey spoke to the importance of the Sandy River and its impacts on the region. Councilor Chase thanked the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council for its work restoring such critical assets and empowering volunteers to participate in its preservation. Deputy Council President Craddick noted that she was impressed with the Watershed Council's

Nature in Neighborhoods grant proposal that focused on mitigating runoff from the Mt. Hood Community College area that flowed into Beaver Creek.

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 1 - Council President Hughes

- 4.1 Resolution No. 18-4867, For the Purpose of Approving a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) License Agreement at the Portland Expo Center
- 4.2 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2018

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 18-4859, For the Purpose of Authorizing General Obligation Bonds Under the 2006 Natural Areas Measure and the 2008 Oregon Zoo Measure

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Metro's Finance and Regulatory Services Director, to provide an overview of the resolution. Mr. Collier explained that the resolution would authorize the sale of general obligation bonds in May 2018. He noted it was a combined sale of two issues totaling \$38.1 million: the first was the remaining \$10 million for the 2008 Oregon Zoo Infrastructure and Animal Welfare Bond and would be used to complete the Polar Passage, Primate Forest, and Rhino Habitat projects, and the second was the remaining \$28.1 million for the 2006 Natural Areas Bond, and would be used for the continuing acquisition of key properties and construction of two additional nature projects, as well as several smaller regional trail projects. Mr. Collier explained

that staff felt that combining the sales into one larger issue would generate more buyer interest and result in the best rate possible for taxpayers.

Council Discussion

Councilor Chase commented that he supported selling the bonds now as there seemed to be volatility in potential interest rates in the future.

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

5.2 Resolution No. 18-4865, For the Purpose of Authorizing Full Faith and Credit Bonds

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Metro's Finance and Regulatory Services Director, to provide an overview of the resolution. Mr. Collier explained that the resolution would authorize the sale of full faith and credit bonds in May 2018. He stated that the total issue was for \$15.25 million and would be used to fund renovation upgrades both at the Metro Regional Center and Lone Fir Cemetery. He noted that the projects included a roof replacement and exterior building upgrades for the Metro Regional Center and a retaining wall at the cemetery. Mr. Collier informed the Council that the bonds would be paid by the general fund and cost allocations to Metro's departments over the next 18-20 years.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey asked about the schedule and formatting of the sales as they related to the sales listed in Resolution

No. 18-4859.

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Metro's Solid Waste Roadmap and the next round of Nature in Neighborhoods grants. She announced that Deputy Chief Operating Officer Scott Robinson's last day at Metro would be March 15 and the Metro Regional Center would be closed on February 20 in honor of President's Day.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Halsey Community Collaborative Executive Committee and an open house on the East Council Creek Master Plan. Councilor Stacey stated that he had provided testimony on behalf of the Metro Council at the Oregon Legislature expressing opposition to a proposed bill related to the urban growth boundary.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Craddick adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:54 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on February 22 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 8, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.1	PowerPoint	02/08/18	State of the Sandy	020818c-01
4.2	Minutes	01/25/18	Council Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2018	020818c-02