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Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 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: 5 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Craig Dirksen

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett informed the council of a letter she received from the City of Portland about the Southwest Corridor. Ms. Bennett announced that the foundation of the hotel Oregon Convention Center hotel was finished. Ms. Bennett introduced Ms. Kim Ellis to talk about Regional Transportation Plan updates.

Ms. Ellis informed the council that she received feedback on the recommendations that were provided to the council at previous work session. She explained that the feedback came from the community leadership forum and Metro Policy Advisory Committee. Ms. Ellis explained that the Regional Transportation Plan community priorities had been heavily discussed during the Regional Leadership forum that happened on March 2nd.

Council Discussion

Councilor Harrington asked if attendees of the Regional Leadership forum would get an update on the process. She shared her concerns about receiving another letter from the City of Portland. Ms. Ellis explained that there was time set aside for an update. She also explained that a list of people were provided with the letter from City of Portland. Councilor Stacey appreciated seeing the discussion 2: redefining the project list item. Councilor Craddick asked how the Regional Transportation Plan going to help the

council achieve its goals. Ms. Ellis explained that Regional Transportation Plan goals would align with the equity lenses and ensure that marginalized communities were served during transportation adjustments.

Ms. Bennett introduced Oregon Zoo staff Mr. Leland Brown and Mr. Don Moore. Mr. Brown and Mr. Moore gave the council an update on a grant the Oregon Zoo was given for non-led ammunition for wildlife hunters.

2:10 Metro Council District 2 Appointment

Ms. Ina Zucker provided an overview of the structure for the upcoming March 8th council meeting and public hearing focused on the Metro Council District 2 appointment. She provided the council with a list of questions and explained that the council was expected to provide Ms. Bennett or Ms. Zucker with three questions from the list would like to ask the candidates. The deadline for applications for the position was March 1st and the council was expected to make a decision at the end of the hearing on March 8th.

2:40 Regional Investment Strategy: Housing and Transportation

Mr. Andy Shaw began giving the council an update on how staff from throughout the agency were advancing council's direction to work with partners and the community on potential investment options to create a more equitable, livable region for all. A slide was presented as a reminder of what the goals were and a timeline of where the housing staff were in the process. The housing measure progress was introduced. Audio was introduced by Ms. Elissa Gertler to offer the experiences of citizens that experienced evictions and the opportunity to receive housing. Ms. Emily Lieb gave a review of the factors that would impact the housing measure referral. Ms. Jes Larson gave an update on the Advisory Table, Community Partnerships, and briefing with partners. Ms. Larson informed the council of a website

that constituents could use to receive updates on the housing measure (www.oregonmetro.gov/housing)

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey talked about the importance of Metro forming partnerships with people that were doing the work already. Councilor Craddick asked if housing staff knew how people vote in relation to various levels of importance. Councilor Craddick admired the storytelling aspect and thought it is important to the work being done. Councilor Harrington enjoyed the storytelling aspect of the housing work. Councilor Harrington points out some citizen's belief that development was only happening in new areas. Council Chase has pointed out how it was not the time for Metro to be a developer when there were organizations that do the work.

Transportation:

Ms. Gertler introduced a storytelling video of a constituent who experienced difficulties with commuting. Mr. Shaw informed the council that Metro had a history of working to improve transportation. Mr. Shaw noticed the concerns of citizens as they related to congestion and safety. Mr. Shaw introduced Ms. Tyler Frisbee to discuss feedback. Ms. Frisbee gave an overview on the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation Finance Subcommittee, community and partner feedback, council feedback and Regional Transportation Plan work.

Council Discussions

Councilor Harrington made several suggestions to transportation and housing. Councilor Craddick made transit suggestions. Councilor Stacey explained that he did not feel transportation should be on a ballot. President Hughes reminded council that transportation was a part of a bigger picture.

3:40 Legislative Update

Mr. Shaw provided an overview of bills related to Metro's work being considered at the legislature. The bills were on housing, land use, climate change, and brownfields.

3:50 Metro Attorney Communication

There was none.

4:00 Councilor Liaison Updates and Council Communication

Councilor Craddick gave an update on the Division Transit project, and the Levee Ready Columbia meeting. Councilor Stacey gave an update on the Columbia Corridor Association meeting.

4:20 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF February 20, 2018

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Handout	02/20/2018	Finalizing Our Shared Plan for the Region	022018c-01
2.0	Handout	02/20/2018	Proposed questions for Council consideration	022018c-02
3.0	Handout	02/20/2018	Application for metro Councilor, District 2	022018c-03
4.0	PowerPoint	02/20/2018	Regional Investment Strategy: Update	022018c-04