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Minutes

Tuesday, March 6, 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 call to order at 2:02p.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 shared the list of the Housing Measure's Community Partnerships funding. She explained that the grant was for capacity building, inclusive engagement, strengthening relationships with decision makers and raising awareness, and the total amount being awarded was \$110,000. The recipients were the Latino Network, NAYA, Verde, Rosewood Initiative and Welcome Home. Ms. Bennett informed the council that the Killin Wetlands construction had begun and expected to have a grand opening in the summer. Also, she announced that Mr. Gerry Uba, a former planner at Metro, would be at the lunch and learn Thursday, March 8th between noon to 1pm in room 370A & B.

2:10 Work Session Topics:**Budget Forecast and Planning Discussion**

Mr. Tim Collier informed the council that he would be presenting a five-year forecast on the Metro budget. He explained that staff expected to see a flat budget in fiscal year 2018 through 2020, with an increase in funds in the years 2020 to 2021. Mr. Collier reported that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission Venues are in good standing with their budget. Mr. Collier gave a review of the Oregon Zoo forecast for 2017-18. He stated that the Oregon Zoo was on the road to financial stability but there was still a long way to go. He noted that the Oregon Zoo

balance was estimated to be \$800,000. Mr. Collier stated that the solid waste fund was positive. He explained that staff expected the Transportation Improvement Program fee to increase overtime. Mr. Collier shared that federal transportation funding was undetermined and therefore unreliable. He reported that inflation was slowly increasing by 4.2% in the last six months and now 3.9%. Mr. Collier mentioned that on January 1, 2019, the pay equity law would be in effect and Metro would take some losses when that occurred.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey shared his concerns about the budget. Councilor Chase asked questions about possible recessions, inflation, and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Councilor Craddick asked about the pay equity and how the new minimum wage contributed to the budget presented. Ms. Bennett gave an overview of what had been discussed so far.

2:55 Legislative Update

Mr. Randy Tucker gave an update on the legislative session at the Oregon Legislature in Salem. He informed the Metro Council on the following topics: urban growth management, affordable housing, climate, household hazardous waste, brownfield cleanup, air quality, the Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission, and industrial sites.

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 the Metro attorneys were working on the following projects: the affordable housing bond measure, request for qualifications, solid waste, Oregon Zoo, Human Resources and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, land use,

Table Six and daycare contracts, and parks and nature.

3:20 Councilor Communication

Councilor Dirksen gave an update on the Regional Leadership Forum. Council Stacey discussed the Jon Chandler retirement party. President Hughes informed the council members of a gala that he and Councilor Harrington attended.

3:30 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF March 6, 2018

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	03/06/2018	PowerPoint on Budget Forecast and Planning	030618c-01
2.0	Handout	03/06/2018	Handout on Draft Council Initiatives	030618c-02
3.0	Handout	03/06/2018	Handout on Writeup on funding measures for Martha/ work session March 6, 2018	030618c-03
4.0	Handout	03/06/2018	Handout on Creating great place DRAFT	030618c-04
5.0	Handout	03/06/2018	Handout on Maintaining great places DRAFT	030618c-05
6.0	Handout	03/06/2018	Handout on FY 2018-19 Council Budget Review Key Dates and Deadlines	030618c-06
7.0	Handout	03/06/2018	Handout on Metro Council Legislative Priorities	030618c-07