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Minutes

Thursday, March 15, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Shirley Craddick called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 1 - Council President Tom Hughes

2. Public Communication

Sharon Nasset, City of Portland: Ms. Nasset provided testimony focused on livability and safety in the region. She recommended that dogs be placed in schools to prevent violence and protect students.

3. Presentations**3.1 Oregon Convention Center Renovations**

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Mr. Craig Stroud, Executive Director of the Oregon Convention Center (OCC), and Mr. Andrew Colas, President and Chief Operating Officer of Colas Construction, to present on the upcoming OCC renovations. Mr. Stroud provided an overview of the project, noting that it would update the 27-year old convention center, create a cohesive meeting and visitor atmosphere with the new Hyatt Regency Portland hotel, and improve the overall convention market position. He noted that the project had two major scopes: the plaza renovation and the interior renovation, and that the project budget was \$35.5 million.

Mr. Stroud reviewed the tentative timeline for the project and the designers and contractors. He noted that the project included a focus on hiring local minority and women-owned businesses, in order to support Metro's values and goals related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

He provided an overview of the two scopes of the project, their designs, and their planned improvements. He noted that the plaza renovation focused on improving visibility and access to the building's entrances and creating an outdoor programmable space for event use, while the interior renovation focused on enhancing the level of guest experience, creating a memorable identity that was unique to Portland, and improving the convention center's competitiveness.

Council Discussion

Councilor Harrington asked about procurement opportunities within the project and spoke to how Metro's procurement policies support the agency's larger goals for advancing racial equity, diversity, and inclusion. Councilors expressed excitement for the renovations. Councilor Chase asked how underserved communities would be engaged in the construction process. Deputy Council President Craddick asked about the project's potential for further sustainability features, such as additional solar panels. Councilor Dirksen expressed appreciation for the unique design and planned improvements.

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 1 - Council President Hughes

4.1 Resolution No. 18-4872, For the Purpose of Approving a Reallocation of

the 2016 Nature in Neighborhoods Regional Trails Grants

4.2 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2018

4.3 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2018

5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

5.1 Ordinance No. 18-1417, For the Purpose of Adopting Solid Waste Charges and User Fees for FY 2018-19

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. Collier explained that the ordinance signified the annual adoption of solid waste fees and taxes. He noted that the year's overall tip fee would increase by \$2.50, made up of increases in the tonnage charge and the excise tax. He explained that staff were also recommending the commercial organics rate be flat in order to continue assisting Metro's recovery work in that area. Mr. Collier informed the Council that the rates and processes were reviewed by an outside consultant and that the consultant's recommendations included: review Metro's current reserve funding levels and the five-year outlook for the fund, which would be commencing shortly.

Council Discussion

There was none.

5.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 18-1417

Deputy Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 18-1417 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Eric Wentland, City of Portland: Mr. Wentland, of Greenway Recycling, testified on Ordinance No. 18-1417. Mr. Wentland spoke to the proposed rates and asked the Metro

Council to reconsider the changes.

Terrell Garrett, City of Portland: Mr. Garrett, of Greenway Recycling, testified on Ordinance No. 18-1417. Mr. Garrett spoke about the differences between wet and dry waste processing and testified against the proposed rates in the ordinance.

Deputy Council President Craddick gavelled out of the public hearing. She noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 18-1417 would take place on Thursday, March 29.

5.2 Ordinance No. 18-1420, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.01 Relating to Excise Tax Exemptions

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. Collier explained that the ordinance was part of Metro's ongoing review of its fiscal policies. He noted that in reviewing Metro's current excise tax policies as they applied to the Oregon Convention Center and the Expo Center, staff recommended removing the excise tax from the facilities and replacing it with a management fee based on actual income from prior years. He stated that the change would allow for certainty both at the venues and with the general fund, and would be shown as a separate line in the budget to add to the transparency of the process.

Council Discussion

There was none.

5.2.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 18-1420

Deputy Council President Craddick opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 18-1420 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Deputy Council President Craddick gaveled out of the public hearing. She noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 18-1420 would take place on Thursday, March 29.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett recognized departing Deputy Chief Operating Officer Scott Robinson for his contributions to Metro. She thanked him for all of his work at the agency and commended his capacity for hard work, his willingness to take on any challenge, and his eye for making things better. Councilors read a celebratory resolution in Mr. Robinson's honor and wished him well in his retirement.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings, topics or events: an update on the Regional Disaster Planning Organization and an analysis on the impact of a Cascadia Level Earthquake, green card reform, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC).

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Craddick adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:22 p.m. The Metro Council will convene a joint council meeting with the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nellie Papsdorf". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	PowerPoint	03/15/18	OCC Plaza and Interior Renovation	031518c-01
4.2	Minutes	03/01/18	Council Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2018	031518c-02
4.3	Minutes	03/08/18	Council Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2018	031518c-03
5.1.1	Handout	03/15/18	Unit Costs at Metro Transfer Stations	031518c-04
7.0	Handout	03/15/18	Break the Backlog: Campaign for Fairness in Employment Based Immigration	031518c-05