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## Minutes

Tuesday, March 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 call to order at: 2:04 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, gave the Metro Council an update on the Sherwood housing needs analysis. She discussed that the urban growth management discussion would be based on the city proposals for expansions. She announced that Metro staff would be able to ensure comments on current drafts and explained that the city proposals were being made to make sure there was a shared understanding of the housing needs. Ms. Bennett reminded council that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde would join the council for a joint meeting on March 22nd.

**2:10 Refining 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Investment Priorities**

Ms. Elissa Gertler, Planning Director, announced that she and Ms. Kim Ellis Metro staff, had come before the council to discuss the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) priorities, Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) discussions on refining investments, and equity and safety maps. Ms. Gertler explained that there were mixed views during the evaluation. Ms. Ellis began discussing findings from the Regional Leadership Forum. She provided analysis on the draft of the RTP project priorities for round one. She provided the mechanics of ways RTP projects could improve. The RTP staff believed that the refinement process would help achieve the set goals. Ms. Ellis gave an update on what had been accomplished. She also gave an overview of the feedback from Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee and the discussions from MPAC and JPACT. Ms. Ellis continued to talk about the value of pricing, vision zero, and racial equity. She introduced Ms. Gertler to finish the presentation by discussing the next steps for the Regional Transportation Plan.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Craddick asked about where the projected project would be

funded. Ms. Gertler and Ms. Ellis explained that there would be projects funded in variety of locations in the region.

### 3:00 Regional Investment Strategy Update

Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro staff, shared that staff had come before the council to give a monthly update on the progress of various regional investment projects. He summarized how staff had already come to council to discuss transportation as well as parks and nature. Ms. Gertler announced that staff would discuss housing. She began by stating the four topics there were going to be discussed: a process update, how racial equity was being applied, the housing measure framework and the community engagement. Ms. Gertler introduced a video that shared a woman's housing experience. After the video, Ms. Gertler explained that the storytelling aspect gave a reminder of the importance of the housing measure work.

Ms. Gertler introduced the Program Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Ms. Raahi Reddy. Ms. Reddy briefed the Council on how the regional equity strategy had been applied to the housing measure process. Ms. Reddy shared a book that discussed racial policies in housing called *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. Also, she invited the council to see the author on April 19th at Alberta Abbey. Ms. Reddy shared that the Coalition of Communities of Color would help evaluate the plan.

Ms. Gertler gave an overview of what was discussed at the Regional Stakeholder Committee Meetings and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings. Mr. Shaw explained the public opinion on housing. Mr. Shaw announced to the Council that a survey was given to voters in the region to see what their interests were on housing. He discussed the findings of the survey.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Dominguez shared her experience of working with housing and the costs of building affordable homes. Councilor Craddick shared her constituents concerns about how affordable housing might bring down the value of homes. Mr. Shaw explained that affordable housing would lead to social benefits and the storytelling would help show that. Councilor Harrington encouraged staff. President Hughes emphasized that there was a need for housing throughout the region.

### 3:45 Councilor Communication

Councilor Harrington talked about the 2018 Community Placemaking meeting that happened on March 19th. Councilor Craddick explained the Senate Bill 100. President Hughes discussed his experience in Washington

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**4:00 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2018**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	03/20/2018	Regional Investment Strategy	032018c-01
2.0	PowerPoint	03/20/2018	Refining RTP Investment Priorities	032018c -02
3.0	Handout	03/16/2018	Development of the 2018 RTP	032018c -03
4.0	Handout	03/12/2018	Results of a Survey of Metro Voters on Housing Issues	032018c -04
5.0	Handout	03/20/2018	March Housing Survey: Key Takeaways	032018c-05