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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**Council work session**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Councilor Craig Dirksen called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:04 p.m.

**Present:** 4 - Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**Excused:** 3 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, and Councilor Shirley Craddick

**2. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, announced that Ms. Taylor Unterberg, Council Policy Assistant last day was May, 15th. Ms. Unterberg had filled in temporary as the Chief Operating Officer executive assistant, Government Affairs and Policy Development Coordinator, and Legislative and Engagement Coordinator throughout her internship experience. Ms. Bennett informed the Council that Mr. Andrew Scott, who is currently the director of the Portland City Budget Office, had accepted the position as Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Metro. June 26th would be his first day. She shared with the Council that May 26th would be a year since the lives lost during the individual acts of heroism at the Hollywood Transit Center. The Hollywood community organized the event with the support of TriMet. The event was on May 26, 4:00p.m. Dedication Program Begins, HTC, 1410 NE 42nd Avenue.

**3. Work Session Topics:****3.1 Regional Investment Strategy Update**

Councilor Dirksen introduced the Government Affairs Director, Mr. Andy Shaw. Mr. Shaw reminded the Council of the Metro vision that every Metro area resident had a safe and affordable place to live, in a vibrant neighborhood, with easy access to natural areas and clean water, and transportation options for getting around the region. He

expressed that the regional investment strategy was about advancing that vision. Mr. Shaw added that he would discuss housing primarily, the Parks + Nature and Transportation progress. He introduced the Planning Director, Ms. Elissa Gertler.

Ms. Gertler informed the Council that she would discuss the draft process of the housing measure framework, its place in the broader housing measure recommendation that the Council would receive from Martha, the feedback received, and the next steps. Ms. Gertler explained that the draft framework was released in April 2018. She added that Metro staff was in the process of talking to elected officials and non- profits throughout the region. Also, she spoke to a Metro Opt. In survey that received nearly 2,500 responses.

Ms. Gertler highlighted the following items in the framework:

- Core values,
- Overall impact,
- Eligible activities,
- Regional outcomes,
- Distribution,
- Oversight and administration
- Next steps for implementation

She shared the feedback from the draft framework from the advisory tables, local government and community partners. Ms. Gertler announced that the Chief Operating Officer's recommendation would be on May 29th and the Council decision on the referral would be on June 7th.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Dominguez asked which local governments were eligible to participate if the bond passed. Ms. Gertler explained that Washington County, Clackamas County and

Home Forward were a few that would be participants. Councilor Dirksen asked if there would be any problems with implementation. Attorney Alison Kean shared that she had heard from a few attorneys. Councilor Harrington stated that just because it's hard, doesn't mean it's not necessary. Councilor Dominguez added that minimum wage change on July 1st, would give people the opportunity to afford the 30% income standard for housing affordability.

**4. 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: OMA, Regional Housing Bond Measure, Solid Waste and Land Use.

**5. Councilor Communication**

Councilor Harrington discussed the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). Councilor Dirksen discussed his experience in Washington DC.

**6. Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Councilor Craig Dirksen adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**ShaToya Bentley**

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 15, 2018**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	Handout	05/15/2018	1-Year Commemoration of Heroism and Community	051518c-01
2.0	PowerPoint	05/15/2018	Regional Investment Strategy	051518c-02