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## Minutes

Thursday, May 31, 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:** 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**

Chief Operating Officer Pro Tem, Mr. Scott Cruickshank introduced the new council intern Ms. Sima Anekonda. He announced that Ms. Anekonda first week as a Council off intern had begun this week. He added that she was a recent graduate from University of Oregon with a major in Planning, Public Policy, and Management and a minor in Women's and Gender Studies. He noted that she would be serving as the engagement committee intern, taking the lead on preparations for Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meetings. Mr. Cruickshank invited the Council to join Metro staff at the Portland Pride Parade on Sunday, June 17th. Also he reminded the council that the building was receiving a roof replacement, so there would be a noise increase throughout the third floor ceiling over the next two weeks.

**2:10 Work Session Topics:**

Solid Waste Regional System Fee and Excise Tax Exemption Update

Council President Hughes introduced the Director of Finance Tim Collier and Warren Johnson Property & Environmental Services Manager to discuss Recommendations on Metro's Solid Waste Fee and Tax Exemption Policies. Mr. Collier reviewed the current fee and tax exemption review timeline. He announced that the timeline was from October 2015 when the Council directed staff to study and create the Solid

Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC).

Mr. Collier highlighted the following items in the public benefits:

- Protect people's health
- Protect the environment
- Get good value for the public's money
- Keep our commitment to the highest and best use of resources
- Be adaptable and responsive in managing materials
- Ensure services are available to all types of customers

Mr. Collier shared that the regional system fee was \$18.12 for full rate and \$2.50 for reduced rate. For excise tax he explained that \$10.81 was full rate and \$1.00 for reduced rate. He added that these rates were created in the year 2000 and haven't been changed.

Mr. Collier referred the following items in the exemption categories:

- Reuse/recycling
- Intermediate Processing
- Disposal Site

Mr. Collier explained that the SWAAC subcommittee met from May to October 2017. He shared that their purpose was to determine if public benefit, goals and objectives of the solid waste fee and exemptions was achieving. He gave an overview of what the SWAAC subcommittee's recommendations were and the policy objective.

Mr. Collier shared the following items of Metro staff recommendations:

- Retain status quo for overall fee and tax assessment
- Update and clarify Metro Code Chapter 5.02
- Adopt administrative rules for Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to clarify cleanup material and useful material

exemption criteria

- Evaluate and recommend a fee and tax policy for dredge spoils

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Dirksen asked about the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) process. Councilor Stacey asked a question concerning exemptions. Councilor Chase asked for the history of how exemptions came about, why the exemption happens and recommended that there is a second look at the exemption. Councilor Craddick asked about the quantity of the materials being used and come to DEQ. Mr. Johnson explained that the quantity may vary. Councilor Dominguez asked about tires being reused as playground play structure.

**3:10 Councilor Communication**

There was none.

**3:30 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 2:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ShaToyia Bentley

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF May 31, 2018**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	05/31/2018	PowerPoint on Recommendations on Metro's Solid Waste Fee and Tax Exemption Policies	053118c-01