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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 17, 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 to order at 2:03 p.m.

**2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, welcomed Ms. Sara Farrokhzadian, New Legislative and Engagement Coordinator. She invited Ms. Raahi Reddy, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, to provide a department and venue specific racial equity plan progress update. Ms. Reddy explained Parks and Nature, Property of Environmental Services (PES), Planning and Development and the Oregon Zoo were the departments and venue to agree to develop specific racial equity plans. She mentioned a critical element of the plans was working with staff and community partners on strategy. She expressed the plans would include shared visions, goals, actions, accountability and an implementation plan. She noted PES already completed the plan and the remaining departments and venue were expected to have the plans completed by December. Ms. Bennett introduced Ms. Rachael Lembo, Finance Manager, to provide an update on the Metro payroll system change from twice-per-month pay schedule to a bi-weekly schedule. Ms. Lembo reported on the implementation process, explaining the transition date started the July 16th, 2018. She described how the new payroll system change would be more accurate and consistent.

**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

**Work Session Topics:**

2:10 Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Update

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Elissa Gertler,

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Planning and Development Director, Mr. Andy Shaw, Policy Advisor, and Ms. Tyler Frisbee, Policy Development Manager, to report on the Regional Investment Strategy Transportation update.

Mr. Shaw reviewed the Regional Investment Strategy and identified the area's in which Metro expressed need for investment to ensure advancement of the vision. He explained the vision had embodied, 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 provided updates on the housing measure and parks and nature, noting the remaining of the presentation would be on transportation.

Ms. Gertler explained the goal for the day was to update Council on the refined work plan, review outcome maps, receive Council advice, and to discuss engagement plan goals. She provided updates on transportation and how the region was both growing and moving. She explained because of such trends, investments were necessary as the region continued to grow. She recalled the constrained project list which was pulled from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) data. She stated the \$42 billion need within the constrained list and \$52 billion worth in projects that had been identified within the strategic list. She shared staff was absorbing and adapting to success occurring nationally. She emphasized Climate Smart Strategy, Racial Equity Strategy and the RTP as key Council directions and policies to guide staff in developing the 2020 transportation measure. She announced staff would lead with racial equity by addressing those at the decision making table, whose voices and experiences were elevated

and who benefited from investments.

Ms. Frisbee discussed the updated approach to building framework and how staff were identifying needs. She mentioned staff would engage stakeholders, partners and the public, with specific engagement goals. She noted staff would be conducting research, analysis and evaluation of potential project outcomes and impacts. She introduced the presentation's primary focus of priority outcomes. She stated the following candidate priority outcomes, which were key themes mentioned in outreach in helping the ease of transportation:

- Saving Lives
- Easing traffic
- Building resiliency
- Moving goods
- Improving local connections

She mentioned that with Councilors approval, these outcomes would be tested with regional partners and staff would then start to address priority. She demonstrated the issues and areas of focus through various visuals and maps. She addressed easing traffic through transit, transit equity, building resiliency, and moving goods to improve local connections. She elaborated on the technical work being done as well as the following draft engagement goals:

- Ensured equitable outcomes
- Increased trust and knowledge among community partners
- Built excitement and support for regional transportation investments
- Applied innovative engagement methods
- Increased partners' capacity to convene and elevate voices of communities of color

She concluded by explaining what Council would expected

moving forward with transportation plans and opened the floor for questions.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Chase asked how the funding would be allocated if needed. He emphasized the need of thinking regionally and what would be most effective. Councilor Stacey mentioned the communications Council had received from SW Uplift in regards to the transportation plans. Councilor Harrington suggested the organization of key and priority lenses in creating a refinement funnel. Councilor Craddick questioned how each city would respond to the measure and questioned how it would fit the needs of helping the individual cities. Councilor Dirksen noted the level of outcomes and differentiation of tasks, noting that the challenge would be in achieving the outcomes. Council President Hughes recommended the interlocking of circles of the guidance's as opposed to being viewed as separate entities. Council recognized the challenge of getting jurisdictional partners to look at the systemic nature of the transportation, which would allow an easier process getting a resolution.

3:10 2018 UGM: Report from City Readiness Advisory Group on City Proposals for UGB Expansions

Council President Hughes announced Metro convened the City Readiness Advisory Group (CRAG), a citizen advisory group charged with providing feedback to Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC), Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and Council on the strengths and weaknesses of each proposal. He explained representatives of CRAG were selected for their expertise in residential and mixed-use development, affordable housing, equity, parks and natural spaces, multimodal transportation, land use and housing supply. He stated that CRAG met on two occasions,

an orientation meeting on June 4th, 2018 to provide background on the proposals and outline the review process, and again on June 26th, 2018 to discuss reviews. He mentioned leading both meetings and facilitating the group discussion at the second meeting. He expressed Metro staff as well as three representatives of CRAG were there to present the findings. He introduced Ms. Rebecca Hamilton, Associate Regional Planner, and Mr. Ted Reid, Principal Regional Planner, to facilitate the presentation.

Ms. Hamilton conveyed the presentation would be reporting on the proposals Metro received for UGB expansion consideration. She recalled staff was in the second part of the decision process to add land to the UGB, the first was the Urban Growth Report and the second was the reviewing of the city proposals. She explained how the Metro council had evolved its growth management process to an outcomes-based approach because UGB expansions only produce jobs or housing when governance, infrastructure and market were addressed. She stated the following process for the new approach:

1. Agreement on where the region may grow over the next 50 years
2. Curation of a concept plan for urban reserve areas before expansion
3. Decision on whether proposed expansions were needed based on outcomes

She reported that Metro asked cities to submit proposals on where and how they would expand, which resulted in 4 proposals, totaling 2,200 acres of requested land expansion and 9,200 potential new homes. She listed the proposals which areas included Witch Hazel Village South from Hillsboro, Cooper Mountain from Beaverton, Beef Bend South from King City and Frog Pond from Wilsonville. She explained the City Readiness Advisory Group was asked to

review the proposals the following specific evaluation factors:

1. The housing needs of people in the region, county and city had been considered.
2. Development was feasible and had a viable plan to pay for needed pipes, parks, roads and sidewalks.
3. The city encouraged growth in its existing downtowns and main streets.
4. The city was preserving and expanding its supply of affordable housing
5. The city has taken actions to Metro's six desired outcomes

She discussed the following general observations from CRAG with the proposals:

- Lack of connection between HNAs and housing proposed in the concept plan
- Greater mix of housing types desired
- Questioned how affordable housing would be incorporated into new areas
- Questioned if transit addressed supportive communities

She addressed another general observation was the need for more discussion of equity and engagement. She noted Metro's sixth desire outcome was the benefits and burdens of growth and change were to be distributed equitably. She remarked that CRAG suggested it was unclear how cities had taken actions to advance social equity and meaningful engagement of communities of color in the concept planning process. She reviewed each individual proposal briefly, specifically on the strengths and weaknesses. She introduced CRAG members, Ms. Sheila Greenlaw-Fink, from the Community Housing Fund, Mr. Roy Kim, from the Central Bethany Development Corp, and Ms. Mary Kyle McCurdy, from the 1000 Friends of Oregon, to further explain the findings and add to what had not been covered.

Mr. Kim explained that the general cost for expanding land would be very high, noting housing would be expensive for a long time. He suggested any opportunity to add housing would be good to take advantage of. He recommended cities not add subdivisions. He acknowledged the changes in technology, shopping trends, demographics, transportation and others, and proposed housing would also change. He expressed there should be a larger mix of housing options, specifically the need of mixed zoning and connections involving more than just cars. Ms. McCurdy suggested the plans could be adjusted from the initial proposals. She mentioned another shared observation was the theme of segregated housing within the proposals and how members wished for a more diverse housing mix. She mentioned how each proposal noted on the city-wide existing housing needs analysis, but she felt there was not specific discussion on how the expansion areas fit in to the analysis. She recommended each city listed specific actions and steps that had already been taken or would be taking in regards to affordable housing tools. She expressed she would of liked transit readiness to have been addressed in each proposal. She remarked she would of liked to have seen more on climate change and on equity, based on Metro's desired outcomes. She mentioned the detailed analysis of the infrastructure issues should be addressed and how the areas connected with one another.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Stacey hoped that the local jurisdictions saw the benefit of the committee and their observations. He spoke to Mr. Kim's comments on the housing crisis and the question of effectiveness in supply. Ms. Dominguez discussed the jobs, housing balance and noted the trend of people living in places not necessarily close to the jobs, but rather school districts, parks, and others. She questioned what the cities were asked to provide within the proposals

and raised concerns about turning applications down for not thinking futuristic if cities weren't prompted too. Councilor Craddick noted on the point of the missing middle and how to ensure adequate housing of everyone. Councilor Chase questioned the opportunity that would arise from conversations to come. Councilor Dirksen expressed the importance of considering how the plans complimented the entire jurisdiction and region as a whole, not just the expansion area. Council President Hughes proposed the takeaway message to partners was that the reviewing was only one phase of the decision making process. He commented the change in conversation and civility this expansion process, as opposed to prior. Council was thankful for feedback and shared many of the observations addressed.

**4:10 Councilor Communication**

None.

**4:20 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Seid, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 17, 2018**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	07/17/2018	Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Update	071718cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	07/17/2018	2018 Urban Growth Management Decision: City Readiness Advisory Group Discussion	071718cw-02
3.0	Letter	07/17/2018	Letter from Hillsborro regarding City Readiness Advisory Group (CRAG) Analysis	071718cw-03
4.0	Letter	07/17/2018	Letter from King City regarding CRAG analysis	071718cw-04