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Minutes

Thursday, July 19, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:03 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. Public Communication

Ms. Sharon Nasset, Economic Transportation Alliance: Ms. Nasset discussed an alternative to the I-84 exchange and presented the benefits of a new entrance to I-84.

3. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2018

4. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

4.1 **Ordinance No. 18-1418**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.10 to Establish a Businesses Food Waste Requirement in Order to Increase the Recycling of Food Waste and to Assist the Metro Region with Achieving Waste Reduction Goals

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 18-1418](#)
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 18-1418](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Hughes called on Metro Director of Property and Environmental Services Paul Slyman and Metro Principal Planner Jennifer Erickson to provide a presentation about increasing the recycling of food waste.

Mr. Slyman discussed the impacts of food waste on climate change and the importance of regional infrastructure to develop a sustainable system for the business food scraps program. He provided background information on the existing voluntary business food scraps program in place since 2005.

Ms. Erickson discussed the 2014 review of current commercial food scraps recovery efforts and the determination that to increase food scrap recovery a mandatory business food scrap program and efficient food scrap collection and delivery was important. She explained how staff worked closely with government partners and conducted an extensive stakeholder engagement process. Ms. Erickson discussed the requirements of Ordinance Number 18-1418 and its phased approach beginning in March 2020. She emphasized the importance of consistent service and technical assistance from local governments to businesses. Ms. Erickson concluded that this policy is a major step toward the reduction of greenhouse gas impacts of solid waste system.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Hughes clarified that users need more certainty in collection and disposition for effective programming. He pointed out the benefits of a regulatory requirement and successful examples in other regions.

4.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 18-1418

Mayor Steve Calloway, City of Hillsboro: Mayor Calloway reported that voluntary food scrap collection has been successful in Washington County. He shared concerns over cost benefit accounting and Metro's authority to require

local governments to pass an ordinance. He also noted the need for a complete region-wide solid waste infrastructure.

Councilor Stacey asked what solid waste infrastructure Mayor Calloway was referring to. Mayor Calloway discussed the location of the disposal facility and the need for a transfer facility.

Rod Maynard, Oregon Episcopal School: Mr. Maynard discussed the Oregon Episcopal School's participation in the voluntary food scrap program. He highlighted their accomplishments and emphasized the ease of use.

Marnie Davis, Portland Eco-Schools Network: Ms. Davis expressed her support of the proposed ordinance and shared her experiences with sustainability work in her child's school. She highlighted the importance of the ordinance to sustainability in local schools.

Elizabeth Erickson, Eco-Schools Network: Ms. Erickson expressed her support for the business food scrap policy. She encouraged the Council to include a requirement for front of house food scraps. Ms. Erickson emphasized student and parent support for food scrap collection and the value to the community.

Chau Phan Mende, Eco-Schools Network and Center of Earth Leadership: Ms. Phan Mende discussed the success of a waste sorting program at Robert Gray Middle School and the impacts on students, community and the environment.

Bruce Walker, City of Portland: Mr. Walker expressed the City of Portland's strong support for the mandatory business food scrap program. He encouraged Metro to spread the compostable materials fees throughout the

system. Mr. Walker commended Metro for its engagement work in developing the food scrap policy.

Jason Brandt, Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association:

Mr. Brandt thanked Metro for its commitment to stakeholder outreach. He discussed the benefits of including public institutions into the first phase of implementation.

Marla McColly, Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association:

Ms. McColly expressed appreciation for the open dialogue and education with Metro staff on this policy and identified opportunities for success.

Punky Scott, Bomber Restaurant: Ms. Scott discussed the success of the food scrap program at her business and multifamily housing property and expressed her support for the program.

4.2 **Ordinance No. 18-1424**, For the Purpose of Coordinating Comprehensive Plans Regarding the Urban Service Boundary Between the Cities of Portland and Beaverton

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 18-1424](#)
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 18-1424](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Legal Counsel Roger Alfred. Mr. Alfred provided a brief presentation on the significance of the urban service boundary. He presented the history of the boundary between the two cities and Metro's involvement.

Council Discussion:

Council President Hughes asked whether the action was beyond the requirements of Senate Bill 1222 for the Urban Service Boundary. Mr. Alfred explained Metro's historical action through ordinance and the need for an ordinance in this case.

Councilor Stacey requested clarification on what changes were in the agreement. Mr. Alfred provided information on the changes to the boundary line including the transfer of three areas of land to the City of Beaverton from the City of Portland.

Councilor Craddick asked Mr. Alfred to show the areas involved on the map. Mr. Alfred pointed out the location of the properties.

Councilor Craddick asked whether the changes were due to topography. Mr. Alfred explained that Metro's role was coordinating an agreement between the cities.

Mr. Alfred noted that one small technical change to the final ordinance would need to be made prior to adoption but a public hearing would not be required.

4.2.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 18-1424

None.

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 18-4864**, For the Purpose of Requiring Metro Staff to Develop Policy, Ordinance, and Rule that Prohibits the Landfill Disposal of Commercially-Derived Food Waste Generated within the Region

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-4864](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Hughes called on Metro Principal Planner Jennifer Erickson to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Erickson discussed the background of the resolution as a companion to the business food scraps program. She reviewed the benefits of developing a disposal prohibition policy and noted the timeline for developing and

presenting a policy to Council.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Stacey noted the support for a prohibition on disposal of food scraps from witnesses during the public hearing and the broad support in the community. He expressed the importance of removing food waste from the garbage stream.

Councilor Craddick requested clarification on when a prohibition would take effect and when a full capacity processing plant would be available. Ms. Erickson explained that the prohibition would not take effect until 2025 and that negotiations were underway for a food scrap processing plant.

Councilor Craddick expressed her support for continuing the momentum of the food scraps program carrying into front of house and residential food scrap separation.

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Metro Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett shared her appreciation for Metro Interim Legislative and Engagement Coordinator Miranda Mishan and thanked her for her good work.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings:

Councilor Craddick provided an update on the Columbia River levee system project. She explained the new federal requirements for levee system certification. Councilor Craddick shared a key milestone with the inclusion a \$3 million fund into legislation put forth by the Army Corps of Engineers. She noted that if approved this funding would not require a local match and as a part of recertification. Councilor Craddick highlighted the economic importance of recertification. She also discussed the possibility of creating a new water district that would share in the responsibility for the maintenance of the levee system.

Councilor Dominguez provided an update on the Willamette Falls Locks Commission meeting where proposals on governance and ownership were presented. She explained that proposals included public and private partnerships and Metro was brought up as potential partner. Councilor Dominguez noted discussion on resiliency if the Cascadia event were to happen and opportunities to barge materials through the locks. She shared that this was the only opportunity for public testimony for the locks and that representatives from the Grand Ronde Tribes and the Umatilla Tribes shared their relationships to the locks, river and the falls.

Councilor Dirksen provided an update on the monthly Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation. He shared that ODOT presented on the House Bill 2017 Projects and TriMet provided an update on the State Transit Investment Fund Program. Councilor Dirksen also shared that JPACT discussed Jurisdictional Transfer Assessment program that will be included in the Regional Transportation Plan. He

pointed out that these conversations shed light on funding sources and funding gaps for projects discussed. Councilor Dirksen noted that he and Councilor Stacey were co-chairing the Southwest Corridor Plan steering committee and public hearing at Tigard Town Hall that evening.

Councilor Chase provided an update on the last Metro Policy Advisory Committee meeting and shared that while there was general support for the Urban Growth Report, representatives from Washington and Clackamas Counties expressed concerns on affordable housing.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:32 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on July 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2018

| ITEM | DOCUMENT TYPE | DOC DATE | DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION | DOCUMENT No. |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 2.0 | Handout | 7/19/2018 | Economic Transportation Alliance I-84 project overview | 071918c-01 |
| 2.0 | Handout | 7/19/2018 | Economic Transportation Alliance I-84 project map | 071918c-02 |
| 3.1 | Minutes | 6/28/2018 | Council Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2018 | 071918c-03 |
| 4.1 | Testimony | 7/19/2018 | Letter from Bureau of Planning and Sustainability in support of Business Food Scrap Program | 071918c-04 |
| 4.1 | Testimony | 5/15/2018 | Letter from Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association on Business Food Scrap Program | 071918c-05 |
| 4.1 | Testimony | 7/16/2018 | Letter from Marci Macfarlane Business on Food Scrap Program | 071918c-06 |
| 4.1 | Testimony | 7/11/2018 | Letter from Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Washington Square in support of Business Food Scrap Program | 071918c-07 |
| 4.1 | Testimony | 7/19/2018 | Letter from Food Northwest on Business Food Scrap Program | 071918c-08 |
| 4.1 | Testimony | 7/18/2018 | Letter from City of Sherwood on Business Food Scrap Program | 071918c-09 |