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Minutes

Thursday, September 20, 2018

2:00 PM

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Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Bradley Vandermark, City of King City: Mr. Vandermark, of King City Small and Beautiful, testified in opposition to the King City application to expand the urban growth boundary and advocated for more public outreach.

Councilor Harrington clarified that a robust public outreach process would be included in the comprehensive planning process of each city and called on staff to further explain. Mr. Roger Alfred, Metro staff, affirmed that implementation of the concept plans through comprehensive planning would include a public process.

Ron Swaren, City of Portland: Mr. Swaren discussed seismic vulnerability of highway infrastructure in our region, specifically the I-5 bridge, and the benefit of an alternative east side bridge connection. (Mr. Swaren provided written materials as part of his testimony; please see the September 20 meeting packet).

Sharon Nasset, City of Portland: Ms. Nasset, of the Economic Transportation Alliance, discussed congestion on highways and an alternative to the Columbia River Crossing. She explained that a connection of the ports could support the economy and reduce congestion.

3. Presentations

3.1 Fourth Quarterly Finance Report

Attachments: [Quarterly Financial Report FY 2017-18: April -June PowerPoint](#)

Council President Hughes called on Tim Collier, Metro Finance and Regulatory Service director, to provide a brief presentation on the Fourth Quarterly Finance Report.

Mr. Collier discussed the overall financial outlook with the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year and highlighted record revenue for Portland '5 and the Oregon Zoo fund balance. He reviewed tax revenue sources and explained slower growth patterns for the excise tax and the transient lodging tax. Mr. Collier pointed out that at the start of the 2018-19 fiscal year the fund balance was above projections.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick asked for clarification on the construction excise tax revenue and expenses. Mr. Collier discussed the overall revenue, administration fees and grant expenses for the construction excise tax overall revenue and stated that a health fund balance exists for this fund.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Chase, 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

4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2018

Attachments: [August 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

4.2

Attachments: [September 13, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 18-4914, For the Purpose of Providing Direction to Metro Staff Regarding the 2018 Urban Growth Report and Expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-4914](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Ted Reid and Mr. Roger Alfred, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Mr. Reid provided an overview of the timeline for the growth management decision and explained the purpose of the resolution leading up to the final urban growth management decision. He discussed the urban growth report and the city proposals for urban growth boundary expansions. Mr. Reid pointed out that the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) unanimously endorsed the Metro Chief Operating Officer's recommendation on the proposed expansion areas and additionally recommended setting expectations of provide a variety of housing choices. He discussed two additional recommendations from MPAC to future work programs on changes in the economy and a refresh of the 2040 growth concept.

Mr. Alfred added that the draft resolution was not before Council for a vote and that staff would be finalizing the resolution after the public testimony and Councilor discussion.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Chase discussed the Chief Operating Officer's recommendation and emphasized the need for missing middle housing. He discussed affordable housing strategies that create a mix of housing in single family zoned areas and stated he looked forward to language in the resolution that

ensures an appropriate mix of housing.

Councilor Harrington asked for clarification from staff on whether the final urban growth management legislation to be considered later this year would include the whole urban growth report forecast. Mr. Reid explained that staff's intent is for Council to consider the adoption of the entire population and employment forecast as part of the urban growth report. He clarified that the work program for 2019 would look at changes in the economy.

Councilor Harrington expressed her concern over limiting the flexible system for future industrial employment and asked whether these issues had been raised at the advisory committees. Mr. Reid gave an overview of the discussions at the advisory committees.

Councilor Craddick asked whether moving forward on the recommendation would limit future flexibility with regard to employment and land supply. Mr. Reid explained that it would not limit Council's flexibility to identify need and noted there were no proposed expansions for industrial lands. Mr. Alfred discussed the process for expanding the urban growth boundary in the future for employment purpose and in specific situations of unexpected need arising outside the normal cycle.

Council President Hughes discussed the forecast and provided context on manufacturing job growth in the region despite national trends. He noted that staff had clarified that although a decline in manufacturing jobs is forecasted, the forecast does not limit future need for industrial lands. Council President Hughes highlighted the importance of bringing forecasts and reality as close together as possible.

Councilor Harrington added that the forecast is for a decline in manufacturing jobs by the year 2040, but the forecast also includes an increase in manufacturing jobs for multiple years. Mr. Reid affirmed the forecast of an increase industrial jobs for multiple years but a decline thereafter.

Council President Hughes asked what the overall outcome in jobs was for the next 20 years. Mr. Reid explained that an increase in jobs commensurate with growth was expected but that longer term trends would lead to a shift in jobs in other sectors such as professional services, healthcare and education.

Councilor Harrington expressed support for the language in the resolution requiring cities to prepare concept plans prior to urban growth boundary expansion. She identified language in the resolution that should be clarified.

Councilor Stacey emphasized the importance of dialogue between the staff and jurisdictional partners as they move forward with comprehensive planning. He reiterated the need for missing middle housing as a component of addressing the affordable housing crisis and as an opportunity to increase the number of housing units.

Councilor Craddick thanked staff and jurisdictional partners for their work and expressed appreciation for all the public comments. She discussed the importance of transit planning for the proposed expansions.

5.1.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 18-4914

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 18-4914 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Kelly Ross, City of Portland: Mr. Ross, of NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association Oregon Chapter, discussed the industrial jobs forecast in the urban growth report and the potential risk of this forecast to demonstrating the need for industrial land. He urged Council to consider deferring a conclusion on industrial land.

Councilor Stacey noted national trends of manufacturing employment and emphasized a targeted approach to nurturing opportunities for family wage, manufacturing employment in the region.

Anna Slatinsky, City of Beaverton: Ms. Slatinsky, City of Beaverton Planning Division Manager, discussed Beaverton's work to promote the development of a variety of housing types, finding opportunities for infill and missing middle housing types and creating affordable housing options. She stated that Beaverton plans to work with multiple partners, residents, Metro staff and stakeholders to create thoughtful plan for developing new housing. (Ms. Slatinsky provided written materials as part of her testimony; please see the September 20 meeting packet).

Councilor Stacey spoke to the relationship between transportation and appropriate planning of urban reserves and noted there is opportunity for the regional community including Washington County Transportation and TriMet to do long term transportation planning in the proposed expansion area.

Michael Weston, City of King City: Mr. Weston emphasized King City's commitment to provide a variety of housing types and noted the recent grants awarded to King City for transportation system planning, parks and trails system

planning and a market study. He also discussed the opportunity to develop a cultural center in King City.

Council President Hughes gaveled out of the public hearing. He noted that the next public hearing, Council consideration and vote on Resolution No. 18-4914 would take place on Thursday, September 27.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott, Metro Deputy Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the following events or items: the Portland Business Journal series to identify strategies for creating career pathways for people of color in construction, the Chinese Garden Autumn Moon Festival and Metro’s Partnership and Learning Opportunities in Transportation kick off event.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilor Harrington shared information about the upcoming Killin Wetland Nature Park opening celebration.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:37 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on September 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Letter	02/17/2017	Letter from Matthew Garrett to Oregon Transportation Commission	092018c-01
3.1	PowerPoint	09/20/2018	Fourth Quarter Financial Report	092018c-02
4.1	Minutes	9/13/2018	Council Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2018	092018c-03
4.2	Minutes	9/20/2018	Council Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2018	092018c-04
5.1	PowerPoint	9/20/2018	2018 Urban Growth Management Decision Metro Council public hearing: Resolution No. 18-4914	092018c-05
5.1.1	Testimony	9/20/2018	Written Statement from City of Beaverton Community Development Department	092018c-06
5.1.1	Testimony	9/20/2018	Written Statement (email) from City of Wilsonville	092018c-07
5.1.1	Testimony	9/20/2018	Written Statement (email) from Lisa Beaty	092018c-08