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Minutes

Thursday, January 10, 2019

2:45 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:45 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:48 p.m.

Present: 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Christine Lewis, and Lynn Peterson

2:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication

There was none.

Work Session Topics:

2:55 2019 Legislative Agenda

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Council President Peterson introduced Mr. Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager, to present on the 2019 Legislative Agenda and noted this would be a continuation the previous work session discussion regarding this topic.

Exhibit A: Priorities

Mr. Tucker discussed three changes made to the Legislative Priorities:

- Language was added to include a section on “emerging transportation technologies” and other technology-driven transportation innovations.
- An item was also added in support of a statewide ban on single-use plastic bag that would not pre-empt

local authority.

- Mr. Tucker discussed controversy surrounding imposing a direct cost. He recommended that language be added to support a state-wide ban on plastic bags that will not preempt local authority or create an undue burden on low-income consumers.
- Added an item in support of the creation of an Oregon Conservation and Recreation fund dedicated to the conservation and management of Oregon's non-game fish and wildlife and their habitats. Mr. Tucker remarked that this fund could potentially benefit Metro by providing funding for the restoration of natural and zoo education programs.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick asked for clarification on the Oregon Zoo's position regarding legislation in support of non-lead ammunition. Mr. Tucker explained that the Zoo was supporting an educational and outreach approach as a way build relationships with the hunting community.

Exhibit B: Principles

Mr. Tucker discussed changes to the 2019 Legislative Principles sheet to include amending language to provide clarification on the plastic bag ban. Under the recommendation of Councilor Gonzalez, Mr. Tucker added item seventeen to include a "Producer Responsibility" section and gave it its own principle.

Equitable Housing 2019

Mr. Tucker reminded Council that Metro was a member of the Oregon Housing Alliance and highlighted key items from the Alliance's legislative agenda: just cause eviction, rent stabilization, and missing middle housing (zoning). He

explained how the 2019 Equitable Housing Bill was modeled after this 2017 state bill and reviewed state wide rent stabilization proposals. He discussed concerns around rent stabilization, including discrimination. Mr. Tucker noted that advocacy groups were working to address these concerns and were reaching out to landlord groups for support.

Mr. Tucker then reviewed the missing middle housing proposal. He discussed controversy around this proposal and highlighted the media coverage it had. Mr. Tucker suggested that this proposal would apply to cities with a population greater than ten thousand, and counties with populations greater than fifteen thousand. He explained that it would require governments to allow all housing zones to allow duplexes, triplexes, quads and “conch” clusters, and amend their comprehensive plan by the end of next year to comply with this requirement. Mr. Tucker explained that the state had the authority to set overarching policy. He also raised concerns over the state’s ability to execute this financially and within the timeline. Mr. Tucker reminded Council that the housing measure was directed at pending housing for lower income individuals. He suggested Metro consider finding needed for support services for these areas.

He also mentioned a new proposal that would limit the mortgage interest deduction and explained that the proposal would be based on the income of the mortgage holder rather than the value of the mortgage.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick asked for clarification on the definition of missing middle housing. Ms. Jes Larson, Government Affairs Specialist, expanded on Metro’s equitable housing work in 2019 and the affordable housing bond measure. She discussed the cost of building and the cost of maintaining

costs over a long period of time. Ms. Larson shared that Metro was working with the State of Oregon to secure vouchers, as well as other opportunities, to ensure affordable rent.

Climate Legislation 2019

Mr. Tucker discussed two policy approaches to climate change: carbon tax approach and cap and trade. He explained that the Oregon legislature was pursuing a cap and trade measure.

Mr. Tucker explained the potential impact of the on Metro through the solid waste and transportation component of the legislation. He discussed pricing for greenhouse gas emissions and the impact on closed landfills, explaining that closed landfill emissions would be below the allowed threshold. Mr. Tucker also discussed climate smart strategies and recommended regional distribution mechanisms for revenue generated from within the region.

Council Discussion

Councilors state their support for the 2019 Legislative Agenda. Councilor Stacey discussed “right of way” improvement as a means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including bus priority treatments, bike lanes, and increasing walkability. Council President Peterson recommended that Metro develop monitoring systems and increase implementation strategies to address air quality.

3:55 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis discussed issues regarding employer mandates and employer requirements within Metro to enact polices to position itself as an employer of choice. Councilor Craddick noted that the reallocation of visitor facilitator tax funds towards the homeless issue was postponed.

4:05 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alma Pinto".

Alma Pinto, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Handout	0/10/2019	Exhibit A to Resolution No. 19-4954	011019cw-01
2.0	Handout	0/10/2019	Exhibit B to Resolution No. 19-4954	011019cw-02
3.0	Letter	0/10/2019	Letter from Rep. Brian Clem, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources	011019cw-03