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Minutes

Thursday, November 1, 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: 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Craig Dirksen

2. Public Communication

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan submitted his proposal for transportation improvements in the Portland region including a design for the Columbia River Crossing project. He expressed his support for the housing bond measure and advocated for improving transportation planning in the region. (Mr. Lewellan also submitted written testimony; please see the November 1 meeting packet.)

3. Presentations**3.1 Disaster Debris Management Plan**

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Paul Slyman, Director of Property and Environmental Services, to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Slyman explained that Metro's disaster debris management planning was being conducted in the regulatory department because the size and scope of a disaster would exceed Metro's operational capacities. He discussed the potential scope of disaster debris and the private and public partnerships that would be required to effectively manage disaster debris. He thanked Council for their leadership and explained that while Metro was not required to have an emergency plan, communities in the region looked to Metro for leadership and involvement. Mr. Slyman introduced Mr. Roy Brower and Mr. Daniel Niboaur, Metro staff, to provide more detailed information.

Mr. Brower explained that this plan was developed under section six of the Metro Charter. He framed the debris management plan within the context of the types of disasters that could be expected and discussed the impacts of such disasters on the generation of debris and hazardous waste. Mr. Brower noted that such large amounts of debris would overwhelm the system and would require different facilities and actors to effectively manage disaster debris. He explained that the debris management plan provided a framework for coordinating efforts and the resources for managing the disaster debris. Mr. Brower then provided an overview of the parallels between the solid waste system and disaster debris response and the different roles of local governments.

Mr. Nibouar outlined components of the debris plan and summarized the roles and responsibilities of Metro Council during a disaster including coordinating with other elected officials and government bodies and participating in a regional coordination and policy group. He explained that the plan provided a structure for overall command and control and unified resources of multiple departments under one command structure as consistent with federal and state guidance and response structures. Mr. Nibouar identified four priorities for debris management including the priority to protect human life, health, safety and welfare. He provided an overview of the concept of operations and discussed four phases from preparedness and readiness to long-term recover of debris management. Mr. Nibouar explained Metro's activities during each of the four phases.

Mr. Brower explained that debris management plan was a starting point and then discussed next steps including

establishing intergovernmental agreements, pre-authorizing debris management sites, advance contracting of debris services and staff training and exercises.

Councilor Discussion:

Council President Hughes spoke of the Columbus Day storm and the Mount St. Helens volcano eruption and discussed some of the unexpected health hazards generated from these events. Mr. Brower explained that the research center was conducting forecasting for a list of hazards including volcano hazards.

Councilor Harrington asked if solid waste industry partners were involved in developing the plan. Mr. Brower stated that the plan had been shared with solid waste partners at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and discussed plans to continue working with them to identify their role in the course of a disaster. He also discussed lessons learned from the Eagle Creek fire and the need to inventory the solid waste system and understand actual capacity.

Councilor Harrington asked whether the plan provided a structure to be used if a disaster event occurred in the near future. Mr. Brower stated that by developing the plan they were putting a structure in place. He also explained that the plan would be incorporated into larger waste planning efforts.

Councilor Chase expressed his appreciation for the scope of this work and asked about financial liability and whether there was a commitment of resources to this work. Mr. Brower explained that internal discussions were underway on funding these efforts and that the general solid waste fund and regional system fee could provide resources in

addition to expected federal funding. Mr. Slyman added that federal reimbursement was critical and that use of the regional system fee would be appropriate. He also noted the importance of negotiating contracts well in advance. Councilor Craddick asked for clarification on what Metro's role was for disaster response. Mr. Slyman explained that Metro had a coordination role explaining the importance of setting out expectations in advance with intergovernmental agreements. Councilor Craddick asked what responsibility Metro had beyond the boundary. Mr. Brower stated that discussions with the counties were a next step and that it was important to consider how debris would be managed just outside the boundary as it could affect the entire system.

Councilor Craddick asked whether landfill sites, transportation routes and specialized equipment had been considered. Mr. Slyman discussed potential landfill sites, debris management sites and identifying open transportation routes. Mr. Nibouar explained that specialized equipment companies would serve as subcontractors and arrive immediately after a disaster incident.

Councilor Dominguez asked whether staff had considered lines of communication and essential functions in the event of a disaster. Mr. Slyman explained that Deputy Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott was assessing existing and future emergency management strategies which communications and essential functions would be a component of.

3.2 Committee on Racial Equity Update

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Dele Oyemaja, Committee on Racial Equity co-chair, and Ms. Raahi Reddy,

Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Oyemaja introduced fellow committee members, Ms. Sharon Gary-Smith and Ms. Patricia Kepler, and turned it over to Ms. Reddy to provide a brief update on the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity action items.

Ms. Reddy reviewed the strategic plan adopted in 2016 and explained that the plan serves as a key component in Metro's goal to advance equity in the region. She stated that the plan set forth agency-wide direction by outlining 77 actions to be completed over a five year period and noted that Metro had just completed its second year. Ms. Reddy explained that the plan specifically called for the creation of the Committee on Racial Equity and the committee was elected in 2017. She highlighted key accomplishments from 2018 including: the creation of an equity data dashboard to track progress, impact evaluation, the creation of employee resources groups and professional development and training programming. Ms. Reddy discussed the work of the Construction Careers Pathways Project.

Ms. Gary-Smith explained the competitive application process for committee members and stated that the elected committee included broad racial, gender and community representation. She noted that the committee worked to understand the breadth of Metro's work, programming and services. Ms. Gary-Smith gave an overview of the initial phases of work and the creation of three subcommittees focus on the following: external Metro policies, internal Metro policies and impact evaluation. She explained the work of the subcommittee on external policies and including the affordable housing bond measure and the parks and nature bond. Ms. Gary-Smith highlighted the skills and talents on the committee and believed the strength of the committee was to be in partnership with Metro and provide

informed decision making.

Ms Katie Sawicki, committee member, shared the goals of the impact evaluation project to develop an impact statement and key indicators to assess the impact of the strategic plan. She explained that committee members joined staff to troubleshoot and reorganize the curriculum and approach as needed. Ms. Sawicki discussed challenges that lead to a reassessment of the curriculum and ground the work in racial equity.

Ms. Kepler discussed the internal policy subcommittee work around human resources goals and policies. She explained that the committee members provided feedback from their constituents about the barriers that these policies created. Ms. Kepler also shared that the committee was committed to connecting with community in the region and members have been holding meetings across the region. She highlighted the ADA transition plan for parks and nature and how this reflected the importance of the committee.

Mr. Oyejama shared the committees work with departments to develop department specific racial equity plans and explained that staff incorporated committee feedback into many aspects of their plans. Mr. Oyejama also discussed his experience as a committee member and emphasized the trust the committee has built. Ms. Sawicki shared that the committee had made significant accomplishments in addressing power and assessing efficacy of the process. She highlighted the equity and policy expertise of the committee.

Ms. Gary-Smith shared that the committees was looking forward to continued involvement in investment measures including oversight of implementation efforts, connecting

with impacted communities and to support the work of the diversity, equity and inclusion department.

Council Discussion:

Councilors discussed the tremendous impact the strategic plan and the committee has had on Metro's work. Councilor Stacey reflected that developing and adopting the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity was some of the most important work during his time at Metro. Councilor Harrington thanked the committee for their work and their advisement on the regional transportation plan. Councilor Dominguez noted that a lot had been accomplished since her involvement with the strategic plan. Councilor Craddick thanked the committee for their work. Councilor Chase noted the difficulty of the work and stated that the Metro was setting a foundation for future work. Council President Hughes noted the importance of the committee in advisement but also in accountability towards progress in advancing racial equity.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

- 4.1 Resolution No. 18-4933, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Improvement Program (MTIP) Involving Four Projects Impacting Portland, ODOT, Tigard, and Western Federal Highway Lands (OC19-03-OCT)
- 4.2 Consideration of October 25, 2018 Minutes

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the Oregon Zoo education center LEED platinum certification and the Southwest Corridor project.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilor Stacey provided an update on the Southwest Corridor project and the City of Portland's consideration of the Southwest Corridor preferred alternative.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 4:01 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on November 8, 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 NOVEMBER 1, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
2.0	Handout	11/1/2018	Proposal for Transportation Improvements	110118c-01
2.0	Map	11/1/2018	Design Map for Northwest Portland	110118c-02
2.0	Pamphlet	11/1/2018	Proposal for Transportation Improvements	110118c-03
3.1	Powerpoint	11/1/2018	Metro Debris Management Plan	110118c-04
3.2	Powerpoint	11/1/2018	Committee on Racial Equity: A Year in Review	110118c-05
4.2	Minutes	11/1/2018	Council Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2018	110118c-06