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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**Council work session**

**2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

**2:10 Safety Briefing****Work Session Topics:**

2:15 2030 Regional Waste Plan: Draft Plan and Oversight Framework

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Draft 2030 Regional Waste Plan Executive Summary](#)  
[Draft 2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
[Public Comment Report](#)  
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Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Matt Korot, Program Director of Property and Environmental Services, and Marta McGuire, Principal Solid Waste Planner of Property and Environmental Services. Their intended purpose was to get input from Council on the final draft plan. Mr. Korot stated the ordinance for adoption of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan was to be voted on by Council at the end of February.

***Draft Plan Review***

Ms. McGuire stated that the regional waste plan is updated around every ten years; this current plan would be the fourth iteration of it. She noted that the plan established Metro's aspirations for what needs to be achieved, as it is a blueprint for policy direction, goals and roles and responsibilities. Ms. McGuire also assessed that it meets Oregon's statutory requirements to have a waste production program in place for the region. She expanded on the plan elements and the various levels of community engagement. Ms. McGuire highlighted a new element to this fourth iteration of the plan: the "principles" element. This element is critical of how Metro considered equity in waste

planning moving forward. The “goal”, “indicators”, and “action” elements in the plan included both new and existing work. Compared to previous plans, this plan outcome differed from the rest because it included an emphasis on advancing racial equity to improve job diversity, pay, benefits and pathways, as well as increase the overall share of system economic benefits that goes to marginalized communities. Ms. McGuire noted there would also be an emphasis on protecting human and environmental health through better purchasing options and more reuse and repair opportunities. There was an additional emphasis on maintaining and improving the garbage and recycling system by improved collection services for residents and more adaptable and resilient recycling systems.

Ms. McGuire briefly discussed actions that would require future policy discussion for Metro Council: Metro’s state legislative agenda and directive action to local governments. She also discussed the Public Comment Report which had feedback from residents, industry associations, cities and counties, Department of Environmental Quality, Solid Water Alternative Advisory Committee, and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). Mr. Korot explained the proposed oversight framework and the roles for Metro Council, MPAC, the Committee on Race Equity (CORE), and the Regional Waste Plan Implementation Committee. He reminded council that the plan has directive actions to local governments and that those would move through the committee before going through the Metro Council. Mr. Korot asked council to affirm the proposed framework or provide direction to staff for an alternative. He also asked council to determine whether the proposed implementation committee should be chaired by a Metro Councilor or Metro staff.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Gonzalez raised questions about how the three

different committees interact with each other in a potential scenario with they oppose each other. Mr. Tarot spoke to his concerns and stated they would bring council with a full panoply of views as well as any council-requested staff information, and that they would let council work through differing views. Councilor Dirksen suggested that council considers having a CORE member sit on the implementation committee so that they can have an opportunity for racial equity input that deals with issues around program and policy development. Councilor Gonzalez expressed that Metro needed to find a way to distribute the influence of which the recommendations are made to council so that CORE's is not merely symbolic. He reminded council of a prior recommendation made: everyone appointed to the transportation task force should have a baseline understanding of racial equity before they engage in the work.

There was also discussion in regard to who the implementation committee should report to. Councilor Dirksen suggested that who the implementation committee reports to should be in consideration of the topic discussed. President Peterson concluded that Council needed more time to hear about recommendations from staff and CORE. She also added that she did not think it was required to have a Metro Councilor chair the implementation committee.

President Peterson announced that the 2030 Regional Waste Plan would have its first reading and public hearing on Feb. 28, 2019, and its second reading on March 7, 2019.

### 3:15 Regional Investment Strategy Bi-monthly Update

Andy Shaw remarked that this was his second bi-monthly update. He summarized past meetings, and he announced that Emily Lieb, Senior Development Project Manager, would present on the day that followed to MPAC on the housing implementation plan.

***Parks and Nature***

Mr. Shaw conveyed the Parks and Nature department goals for the next work session, which were to look at the overall goals of the measure and to attempt to reach a general sense of sizing and scale that Council has directed staff to work on. Staff sent a memo out the following day in preparation for the next Council Work Session. President Peterson identified the two areas of discussion: the size, and whether the financial package should be large or small and how that might change prioritization. Councilor Gonzalez inquired about when the stakeholders last met. Mr. Shaw shared that they last time the stakeholders met was in late-November, but that there has still been engagement with various organizations and groups, as well as smaller focus groups with indigenous communities since then.

***Transportation***

Andy Shaw reported that they briefed staff, local jurisdictions, and local community partners to discuss the polling as well as a conversation about the direction given by Council around the transportation measure. He also announced that on Thursday there would be a confirmation of task-force members. Councilor Gonzalez requested a briefing.

Mr. Shaw also announced that the first Transportation Task Force meeting was rescheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>, and following meetings were scheduled to be on March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>. He noted that staff also gave a brief presentation and some discussion about the transportation measure and the Transportation Task Force at the Portland Business Alliance earlier that day. Mr. Shaw reported that the Portland Business Alliance board President, David Robinson, agreed to be on the Transportation Task Force.

**3:45 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Roy

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Brower, interim PES Director. Mr. Brower discussed the current state of garbage collection and disposal and how it had been affected by recent inclement weather. He reported that the gorge was closed due to snow. Mr. Brower announced that snow was predicted for the next four days. He shared that garbage is slowly filling the pit and they are started to send loads down to the Coffin Butte Landfill due to transportation issues caused by the snow.

Mr. Brower shared concerns about the Coffin Butte Landfill being inadequate to handle all of the additional garbage for as the landfill only has one tipper. If the inclement weather continued, he advised that PES would have to find a system to slow garbage traffic for the situation. Mr. Brower recommended to slow the garbage traffic and give alternative opportunities for households to take their garbage elsewhere. He announced that PES worked with the Communications department to develop a plan for that.

*Council Discussion:*

President Peterson raised concerns about Clackamas County and the households that participate in self-haul; she was worried about households leaving their garbage on the side of the road. Mr. Brower spoke to her concerns and he explained that RID (Regional Illegal Dumping) Patrol would take care of that type of dumping. He reported, however, that there was not a high amount of trash that was dumped on the sides of the road for the time being; he attributed this to nature of the “wet” weather because it discouraged households from dumping garbage on the sides of the roads. Mr. Brower reported that he declared force majeure (unanticipated consequence action) on Monday, February 11, 2019, with the waste management contract because PES is still obligated to deliver 87% of the regions waste to a waste management landfill. Declaring force majeure takes the waste typically delivered to other landfills out of the affected zone.

Ms. Bennett briefly discussed the assault incident that occurred that past weekend at the Oregon Convention Center. She stated that a complete investigation would take place.

**Legislative Update:**

President Peterson reported that she had the opportunity to testify before Joint Committee On Carbon Reduction. She recounted that she heard the testimony and concerns from the agricultural and oil industry and water resources. President Peterson highlighted the discussion around resources: either they go directly into the highway trust fund and then get redistributed out to Metro, or it stays in the highway trust fund for the state of Oregon. She also mentioned that the hearing on the household hazardous waste bill was held the previous week. President Peterson reminded Council that Metro submitted testimony on the plastic straw bill Household hazardous waste product stewardship bill; Scott Klag, Senior Planner, and Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager testified in person. She also announced that Senate bill 608 for tenants' rights and housing stabilization passed the senate on February 12, 2019.

**3:55 Councilor Communication**

President Peterson spoke to emails she received over the weekend about getting the elephants from the Oregon Zoo blankets to keep warm. She conveyed that they are answering the public through the zoo directly. Councilor Lewis updated councilors she would participate with the Community Placemaking grant program, which supports Metro's community driven, arts-based, equity focused, projects that are grounded in Metro's equity strategy. The advisory group scoring is made up of community members from different fields of expertise, and members are

predominantly people of color. Ms. Lewis also announced that would participate in the GLEAN jury. GLEAN is an annual art program where artists create art from the trash they generated and the resources they threw out.

Councilor Dirksen reported on the SW Corridor Steering Committee he attended the night before. He recounted that Chris Ford, Metro’s Principal Regional Planner, presented to the committee work on the South West equitable development housing strategy. Councilor Stacy reported on the meeting he attended in Olympia, Washington on the ultra-high speed rail system that would connected Vancouver, Seattle, and Portland, with ultra-high speed transportation. Councilor Gonzalez shared that he was to meet with a few community groups the day that followed on the clean energy job bill. He announced that he would be working to draft an opinion piece on clean energy jobs.

**4:05 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	02/12/2019	2030 Regional Waste Plan Equity, Health and the Environment	021219cw-01