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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**Priority Setting Session**

**Beaverton City Hall, council chamber**

**9:00 Welcome and Goals for the Day**

Council President Peterson called the Council priority setting session to order at 9:04 a.m.

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Tobey Fitch, of Fitch Associates, to introduce the goals of the day. Mr. Fitch explained that the purpose of the session was to review and confirm Council's initiatives for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, providing direction to staff on funding priorities for the annual budget. He added that Council would begin work on setting long range priorities through its work with the strategic plan.

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

**9:10 Council Process Check-In**

Mr. Fitch asked Council to reflect on their work together so far. Councilors shared observations about working collaboratively with each other, the process of work session discussion and deliberations and providing staff clear policy direction.

**9:30 Council Initiatives for 2019-2020 Discussion**

Council President Peterson reviewed the Council initiatives and important policy questions before Council, noting these initiatives reflected the Council's work in the upcoming year. Mr. Fitch explained that the initiatives had been grouped into three tiers of priority levels and requested Council review and confirm each level of priority.

*Councilor Discussion:*

Councilors discussed the highest priority initiatives. Council President Peterson asked for a brief overview of the strategies and timeline for these priorities. Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, provided background on these initiatives and noted that the initiatives within this tier would be the highest priorities for the budget and for Council's work. Items discussed included potential bonding measures, equitable housing and land use leadership. Councilors confirmed these initiatives were the highest priorities of Council. Councilor Craddick discussed the 2040 Growth Concept refresh. Councilors Craddick and Dirksen discussed parks and nature investments and funding. Council President Peterson asked about two action items, single use plastics and the innovation grants, within the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.

Councilors reviewed initiatives identified for redistribution in the low priority tier and considered the degree of Council participation needed in these projects. Items discussed included Oregon Zoo business plan, regional disaster debris, investment and innovation grants and mid-cycle growth management decision. Councilors emphasized the importance of continued updates and touch points with Council on these initiatives. Councilor Chase noted that components of the Zoo Business Plan would require updates to Council.

**10:30 Break**

**10:40 Discussion Continued**

Councilors discussed four medium priority initiatives and the degree of Council participation needed in the projects. Ms. Bennett provided an overview of each of the initiatives

including timeline and next steps and highlighted areas that would require significant policy direction and political and engagement work by Council. Items discussed included Construction Career Pathways Project (C2P2), congestion pricing, diversity, equity and inclusion and the Willamette Falls Riverwalk. Council President Peterson emphasized the importance of adequate and measurable outcomes for C2P2. Councilor Gonzalez asked what level of engagement was needed from Council for congestion pricing. Council President Peterson explained the need to define regionally significant development projects as Metro considered its role in regional development.

Councilors considered three new proposed initiatives including employer of choice and regional resiliency, and determined the priority level of each of these initiatives. Councilors identified the need for continued discussion on setting a framework to make Metro an employer of choice. Ms. Bennett recommended developing a work plan around employer of choice as a next step. Council President Peterson shared the scope of the regional resiliency initiative, highlighting aspects of this work in the Levee Ready Columbia project and the 2040 Growth Concept refresh.

#### **11:40 Wrap-Up and Next Steps**

Mr. Fitch stated that the day's discussion had provided a clear understanding of Council's priorities and explained that during the next priority setting session, Council would discuss how these priorities would shape the upcoming budget. Council President Peterson explained that the strategic plan work would allow Council to identify values, goal and objectives, further informing Council's long range priorities.

**12:00 Adjourn**

Council President Peterson adjourned the priority setting session at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Coordinator