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Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Excused: 2 - Councilor Bob Stacey, and Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Safety Briefing

Deputy Council President Chase called on Councilor Lewis to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Lewis provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

3. Public Communication

Sharon Nasset, Economic Transportation Alliance: Ms. Nasset discussed the I5 project environmental assessment and stated her belief that the assessment should include a no build option that would allow modifications inside of the right of way. She noted the importance of identifying impacts on safety. Ms. Nasset then discussed the impact of Moda Center and Oregon Convention Center events on parking and congestion in the area.

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan offered his latest design for the former United States post office site rebuild in the Pearl District and stated his belief that it offered a better view and design. He expressed his concern for the SW Corridor light rail project and advocated for further studies of bus rapid transit. Mr. Lewellan discussed using existing rail lines for light rail expansion and pointed to his design proposal that would have less impact on the east bank area. (Mr. Lewellan submitted written materials as

part of his testimony; see the April 4 materials packet.)

Ninette Jones, City of Portland: Ms. Jones expressed her concern for the salmon and sea lion populations in the Wilamette River and the risk of rising water temperatures and algae blooms to these populations. She explained the importance of fish grates in addition to culverts to protect fish populations and stated that the Oregon Department of Transportation should meet fish passage criteria.

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 19-4982, For the Purpose of Affirming Metro's Dedication to an Accurate 2020 Census Count

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Raahi Reddy, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Ms. Ernest Hayes, Metro staff, to present on the resolution. Mr. Hayes explained that the resolution was part of a partnership with Multnomah and Washington Counties to convene around the 2020 census and ensure a complete census count for the region's communities.

Ms. Reddy stated that Metro was currently discussing ways to support the three counties and jurisdictional partners in the complete count plan for the 2020 census. She noted the numerous communities that have not participated in the census, highlighting the importance of their representation in the 2020 census count. Ms. Reddy discussed opportunities to fund community partnerships to work directly with communities to encourage participation.

Councilor Craddick highlighted the importance of the complete count and noted its significance in Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity. Councilor Lewis noted the direct impact of census counts on federal funding for important services including, school lunch programs,

housing vouchers and foster care services. She asked what key partnership opportunities existed for this work. Deputy President Chase discussed the importance of a complete count in light of the federal administration's efforts to limit the census count.

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

5. Presentations

5.1 DEI Diversity Award Presentation

Deputy Council President Chase introduced the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Difference Makers Awards, noting that the awards honored and recognized Metro employees whose actions and behaviors had helped Metro grow as an agency. He explained that in January Metro celebrated its fifth annual DEI Awareness month. Deputy President Chase stated that as part of the celebration, employees were invited to nominate their colleagues or project teams for their contributions to embracing diversity, advancing regional equity, and practicing inclusion.

Deputy President Chase expressed that the Metro Council was grateful for the awardees contributions, talent, and commitment to helping Metro be a regional leader. He then called on Ms. Raahi Reddy, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, to call upon the recipients and present the awards. Ms. Reddy explained the award had specific criteria, including influencing others, being a role model, continually learning, cultivating diverse teams, innovating and taking risks, and holding oneself and others accountable for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. She then recognized the following award recipients; for the full list

please see the April 4 meeting packet. The Metro Council thanked the recipients for their contributions to Metro and the region.

6. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that these items be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 2 - Councilor Stacey, and Council President Peterson

- 6.1 Resolution No. 19-4971, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Involving Three Projects Impacting Gresham, Oregon City, and Wilsonville (MR19-07-MAR)
- 6.2 Resolution No. 19-4974, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Transportation Funding Task Force
- 6.3 Consideration of Council Special Presentation Minutes for March 14, 2019
- 6.4 Consideration of Council Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2019

7. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

- 7.1 Ordinance No. 19-1434, For the Purpose of Approving an Increased Tonnage Allocation and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue an Amended Solid Waste Facility Franchise for GSS Transfer, LLC

Deputy Council President Chase called on Mr. Roy Brower, Interim Director of Property and Environmental Services, and Ms. Hila Ritter, Interim Manager of the Solid Waste Compliance Group, to provide a brief presentation on the ordinance. Mr. Brower explained that the ordinance was a franchise amendment to the Gresham Sanitary Service (GSS) solid waste transfer station and outlined the regulatory structure for Metro Council's authority over this matter. He explained that the ordinance would increase the tonnage allocation to Gresham Sanitary Service, a private transfer

station, for 2019.

Ms. Ritter stated that the ordinance would increase the tonnage allocation for GSS transfer station from 23,687 tons annually to 49,000 tons for 2019. She noted that GSS transfer station was a locally owned waste collection business and had a good history of regulatory compliance. Ms. Ritter discussed the impacts of the proposed increase tonnage allocation, noting short term impacts to the solid waste fund operating costs and increases in funds for community enhancement projects in the area. She highlighted the proposal's alignment with the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, noting the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as a result of more efficient transport of solid waste.

Ms. Ritter discussed a companion resolution to be brought forward that would align the non-system license with the outbound tonnage at the landfill. She introduced Mr. Matt Miller, Vice President of GSS, to discuss the proposed increase. Mr. Miller stated his support for the ordinance, explaining that it would promote the reduction of greenhouse gases due to decreased travel and place downward pressure on rates due to operational efficiency. He highlighted GSS's community investments including support for My Father's House, the Salvation Army and the Gresham Barlow School District Foundation.

Councilor Craddick announced that she attended a NW Neighborhood Association meeting in the City of Gresham where Mr. Miller and GSS representatives met with community members. She noted that she did not participate in the meeting and merely observed.

- 7.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1434, For the Purpose of Approving an Increased Tonnage Allocation and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue an Amended Solid Waste Facility Franchise for GSS Transfer, LLC

Deputy Council President Chase opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-1434 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Shannon Martin, City of Gresham: Mr. Martin, Recycling and Solid Waste Manager for the City of Gresham, expressed support for the ordinance. He explained that the proposal would allow licensed haulers an efficient off-route travel alternative, highlighting the anticipated reduction in emissions. Mr. Martin stated that the projected decrease in expenses would benefit the City of Gresham's rate payers. He thanked Metro staff for their work in the community.

Seeing no further testimony, Deputy President Chase gaveled out of the public hearing. He noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 19-1434 would take place on Thursday, April 11.

8. Resolutions

- 8.1 Resolution No. 19-4963, For the Purpose of Adopting the 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Policy Statement for the Portland Metro Area

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Grace Cho and Mr. Ted Leybold, Metro Planning and Development staff, to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Leybold explained that Metro updated the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) on a three year cycle and noted that adoption of the MTIP policy statement would complete phase one of the process.

Ms. Cho stated that the MTIP was a federally required

document for the region to expend federal transportation dollars. She reviewed the following three components of the program: a list of regionally significant investments, a narrative of the prioritization and evaluation of significant and a description of administrative procedures for managing and implementing the MTIP. Ms. Cho explained that the purpose of the MTIP during the development process was to give guidance to regional partners on the regional objectives for transportation investments. Ms. Cho noted that once adopted, the MTIP served as an implementation tool for tracking progress, monitoring fund availability and confirming eligibility. She stated that ODOT, TriMet and MART were Metro's key regional partners in the MTIP as each entity either directly received spend or allocation federal funding.

Ms. Cho explained that the policy statement would provide direction to partners in developing and implementing on the upcoming MTIP for fiscal years 20221-2024. She stated that the MTIP policy was primarily caring forward existing and previously adopted MTIP policies but with updates to reflect newly adopted regional plans including the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Cho reviewed the four proposed MTIP policies related to regional outcomes for transportation investments, highlighting the emphasis on the priorities of safety, equity and addressing climate change that emerged from the 2018 RTP. She stated that third and fourth MTIP policies related to the coordination of investments to meet the region's goals for the transportation system. Ms. Cho reviewed the MTIP timeline, noting that final MTIP package would come before Council in early 2020.

Councilor Gonzalez asked whether there were changes in the federal regulations under the current administration.

Mr. Leybold explained the federal legislation and administrative rulemaking process. Councilor Dirksen provided some background on the extensive process for developing the MTIP policy.

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

8.2 Resolution No. 19-4959, For the Purpose of Adopting the 2022-2024 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Policy Statement for the Portland Metropolitan Area

Deputy Council President Chase called on Mr. Dan Kaempff and Mr. Ted Leybold, Metro Planning and Development staff, to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Leybold stated that the Regional Flexible Funds were federal investments directly to Metro to allocate to specific projects and programs, explaining that the resolution was a policy statement for those funds.

Mr. Kaempff explained that, as a metropolitan planning organization (MPO), Metro was responsible for conducting a process on how it would spend the Regional Flexible Funds allocated to the MPO. He stated that the first step in this process was to adopt a policy on how to invest the funds. Mr. Kaempff reviewed Council's direction in developing the policy document, highlighting Council's direction to continue the previous allocation methodology, maintain the focus regions and better align project outcomes with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He stated the step two project criteria had been adjusted to reflect the following RTP priorities: equity, safety, climate and congestion relief. Mr. Kaempff noted the addition of enhanced transit concepts to make cycling and walking safer and to improve

freight movement.

Mr. Kaempff discussed the two step funding framework and reviewed the fiscal years 2022-2024 funding estimates of approximately \$140 million. He explained that 25% of funds would be designated to freight and economic development projects and 75% of funds would be designated for active transportation projects. He reviewed the RFFA timeline, noting that adoption of the RFFA policy would complete phase one of the timeline.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis stated her support for the inclusion of economic development initiatives in the step two projects.

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

9. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the Regional Illegal Dumping Patrol clean up in Sullivan's Gulch and the upcoming Parks and Nature engagement events on the potential bond measure.

10. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board of Trustee meeting, the Rethinking Health event from Clackamas County public health, the Cornelius Place grand opening, Tualatin Riverkeepers gala, and the Transportation Fund Task Force

meeting.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Chase adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:26 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on April 11, 2019 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 APRIL 4, 2019

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Handout	4/4/19	Brief Description of the 14 Page Pamphlet submitted by Art Lewellan	4419c-01
3.0	Handout	4/4/19	Drawing of Single Deck and Double Deck Bridges submitted by Art Lewellan	4419c-02
3.0	Map	4/4/19	Proposed Transit Map submitted by Art Lewellan	4419c-03
3.0	Handout	4/4/19	Barbur Boulevard Light Rail Concerns submitted by Art Lewellan	4419c-04
3.0	Handout	4/4/19	Drawing of Proposed Marquam Bridge Redesign submitted by Art Lewellan	4419c-05
6.4	Minutes	4/4/19	Council Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2019	4419c-06
8.1	Powerpoint	4/4/19	2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Policy	4419c-07
8.2	Powerpoint	4/4/19	Resolution No. 19-4959 2022-24 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Policy	4419c-08