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Minutes

Thursday, April 25, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Excused: 2 - Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Councilor Christine Lewis

2. Safety Briefing

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Sara Farrokhzadian, Metro staff, to provide a safety briefing. Ms. Farrokhzadian 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 user fees for transportation and noted the bike and pedestrian projects competing for limited for transportation funding. She proposed a 2% tax on new shoes to fund pedestrian infrastructure. Ms. Nasset then discussed utility taxes on electric fuel.

Ninette Jones, City of Portland: Ms. Jones stated her opposition to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife killing of sea lions. She discussed the importance of sea lions to the Columbia River ecology.

Charles Ormsby, City of Lake Oswego: Mr. Ormsby discussed the challenges he and his mother were experiencing in accessing transit at the intersection of Highway 43 and State Street in the City of Lake Oswego, noting the difficulty for people with disabilities to cross intersections safely. Mr. Ormsby also requested information

on the infill in the foothills area of Lake Oswego.

Jim Kepner, City of Portland: Mr. Kepner advocated for a by-pass bridge over the Columbia River west of I5 and discussed the benefits of this by-pass bridge as an interstate bridge alternative. He noted a proposal for a northern connector project which would connect the City of Hillsboro to Highway 30 and asked Council to consider a third transportation corridor. (Mr. Kepner submitted written materials with his testimony; see April 25 materials packet).

4. Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 2 - Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Lewis

4.1 Considerations of the Council Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2019

5. Ordinances (Second Reading)

5.1 Ordinance No. 19-1436, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro Boundary Approximately 21.57 Acres Located at 4091 NE Constable Street and Approximately 12.1 Acres Located West of NE Starr Boulevard and South of NE Huffman Road in Hillsboro

Council President Peterson announced that both she and Councilor Stacey were not present during the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1436 that took place on April 11. She stated that she did not have any ex parte contacts or conflicts of interest to disclose. Councilor Stacey stated he did not have any ex parte contacts of conflicts of interest to disclose.

Council President Peterson stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1436 took place on

Thursday, April 11. She informed the Metro Council that Metro staff were available for questions.

Council Discussion:

There was none

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

6. Resolutions

- 6.1 Resolution No. 19-4978, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption From Competitive Bidding and Procurement of Progressive Design Build Construction Services by Request for Proposals for Design and Construction of a Retaining Wall at Lone Fir Cemetery

Council President Peterson recessed the meeting of the Metro Council and convened the Metro Contract Review Board.

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Gabi Schuster, Metro Procurement Manager, and Mr. Chris Woo, from the Metro Construction Project Management office, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Schuster stated that the resolution would provide an alternate procurement process to construct the retaining wall at the Lone Fir Cemetery. She explained the public procurement law requirement for competitive bidding process, noting that the law allowed some flexibility to conduct a request for proposal (RFP) process as an alternative to the competitive bidding process.

Ms. Schuster stated that staff recommended a RFP in this construction project and explained that it would allow Metro to enter a single design build contract reducing the risk of design flaws. She discussed the benefits of the RFP process in this case including cost savings, reduced risk and the opportunity to further develop the COBID contracting program. Ms. Schuster then reviewed the evaluation criteria for the RFP. Mr. Woo provided project details including the location, length and age of the retaining wall.

Councilor Discussion:

Councilor Craddick asked whether the project would disturb any burial sites. Councilor Gonzalez asked about the

diversity action strategy for this project. Councilor Chase asked for clarification on the total project budget. Councilor Stacey shared his appreciation for the project and the importance of the Lone Fir Cemetery.

Council President Peterson recessed the meeting of the Metro Contract Review Board and reconvened the meeting of the Metro Council.

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

7. Presentations

7.1 Capital Project Planning Follow-up Audit Presentation

Council President Peterson called on Metro Auditor Brian Evans to provide a brief presentation on the audit. Mr. Evans explained that this was a follow up audit to the capital improvement project audit conducted in 2016 and provided context and background on Metro's capital project planning requirements. He stated as a result of recommendations made in the 2016 audit, Metro created the Asset Management and Capital Planning Program. Mr. Evans noted that Metro had made progress on all five of the recommendations and introduced Mr. Elliot Shuford, Metro Senior Management Auditor, to provide detailed results of the audit.

Mr. Shuford explained that the audit examined the project management maturity for the capital project management year and explained that the maturity varied among projects. He reviewed the initial audit recommendations and discussed the progress made on all five recommendations including ensuring capital planning policies were followed, providing more detailed information on capital projects in the Quarterly Finance Report to Council and establishing

clarity on whether restoration projects were defined as capital projects. Mr. Evans discussed three areas for future consideration including the consistent application of policies and procedures to all capital projects and increasing the project implementation rate.

Council President called on Deputy Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott to provide the management response to the audit. Mr. Scott reviewed the agency's efforts to address the audit findings and explained the role of the Asset Management and Capital Planning Program. Mr. Scott outlined the program's priorities including building capacity, managing risk and enhancing organizational best practices. He noted the launch of a new governance structure to track and plan for capital projects, explaining that this was embedded in each department.

Councilor Discussion:

Councilor Craddick asked about the process for amending capital project budgets. Councilor Stacey thanked the offices of the Auditor and the Deputy Chief Operating Officer for their work. Council President Peterson stated she looked forward to a robust asset management program and tools for tracking and monitoring progress.

7.2 Equity and Transportation Planning Presentation

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning and Development, to introduce Mr. Charles Brown, of Rutgers University. Ms. Bradway introduced Mr. Brown, stating he was a senior researcher at the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center and a professor at the School of Public and Planning Policy at Rutgers University. Mr. Brown discussed equity in the context of transportation and stated the importance of the presence of

justice and fairness within the procedures, processes and distribution of resources. He reviewed statistical data on inequalities in transportation, noting that people of color, older adults and people walking in low-income communities were more likely to be involved in fatal crashes. Mr. Brown highlighted the importance of place and location in inequities and noted the distribution of communities of color in the Metro region. He discussed inequities for communities of color in safe modes of mobility and discriminatory policing. Mr. Brown recommended Council ensure greater accountability in public engagement, the presence of equity in all planning and implementation and equal access and proximity to parks and open spaces.

Council Discussion:

Councilors thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation. Councilor Chase asked for examples of productive people centered planning. Councilor Craddick discussed the intersection of the equity in transportation and Metro's transportation investment measure. Councilor Gonzalez expressed his appreciation for Mr. Brown's presentation and highlighted the importance of reflecting on the duality of safety. Council President Peterson stated she would welcome any examples of coordinated planning that resulted in different performance metrics.

8. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Oregon Zoo's Education Center recognition by the American Institute of Architects and Oregon Zoo Party for the Planet event.

9. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and

events: the Transportation Funding Task Force meeting. Councilor President Peterson highlighted the importance of safety and accessibility in the transportation system.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:27 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on May 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2019

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	Letter	4/25/19	Letter from Jim Kepner	42519c-01
4.0	Minutes	4/25/19	Council Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2019	42519c-02
6.1	Powerpoint	4/25/19	Images of the Lone Fir Retaining Wall	42519c-03