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Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: 6 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Craig Dirksen

2. Safety Briefing

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

3. Public Communication

There was none.

4. Presentations**4.1 Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report**

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Susan Hartnett, Oregon Zoo Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee Chair, and Ms. Heidi Rahn and Ms. Sarah Keane, Metro staff to present the committee's 2018 annual report. Ms. Rahn provided background on the Oregon Zoo Bond and the role of the Citizen's Oversight Committee.

Ms. Hartnett explained that the committee's activities were focused on assessing progress on the zoo bond projects and improvements, monitoring spending trends and cost projects and recommending project modifications. She shared that the committee had expanded its role to include supporting and advising on efforts to increase participation

from minority owned, women owned and emerging small business design and construction firms.

Ms. Hartnett summarized that bond funds continued to be spent wisely, bond projects were advanced on schedule and within budget, and overall the bond program was on track to deliver on voter expectations. She reviewed the framework of the report, noting the focus on the three main objectives of the ballot measure: animal welfare, conservation education and infrastructure and sustainability. Ms. Hartnett provided an overview of the committee's work and lessons learned from the past year, including:

- The construction management of the final projects as a single construction site had served the project well.
- The successful completion of final project designs that placed the greatest value on animal welfare.

Ms. Hartnett thanked Oregon Zoo staff, the Oregon Zoo Foundation, and her fellow committee members for all their work as the program moved into its final stage.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Stacey expressed his gratitude for the committee's work and the comprehensive report. Councilor Lewis also thanked the committee and shared her background with the 2008 bond campaign team. Councilor Craddick conveyed her appreciation for the work of the committee, noting the significance of project completion on time and on budget.

5. Consent Agenda

Councilor Stacey moved, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the

following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Dirksen

- 5.1 Consideration for the Council Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2019
- 5.2 Resolution No. 19-4994, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Andrew Scott as Acting Chief Operating Officer

6. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

- 6.1 Ordinance No. 19-1435, For the Purpose of Approving a Solid Waste Facility Franchise Application and Authorizing City of Roses Disposal & Recycling, Inc. to Operate a Transfer Station

Council President Peterson reviewed the process for public hearing on the ordinance, noting that the applicant would have an opportunity to make a brief presentation. She asked if Councilors had ex parte contact or conflicts of interest to disclose. Council President Peterson stated that she had a brief conversation with the applicant the week of May 6 and discussed the applicant's request for a declaration of an emergency. Councilor Stacey stated that he and Councilor Dirksen met with the applicant in February where the applicant provided an update on the project and requested their support for a declaration of an emergency. Councilors Chase and Craddick also stated that they met with the applicant earlier in the year to discuss updates on the project.

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Roy Brower, Interim Property and Environmental Services Director, and Ms. Hila Ritter, Interim Solid waste Compliance Manager, to introduce the ordinance. Mr. Brower explained that the legislation would approve a franchise agreement for a new solid waste transfer station with City of Roses Disposal (COR). He then outlined the regulatory structure for Metro

Council's authority over this matter.

Ms. Ritter explained that COR was a local, minority-owned small business currently authorized by Metro and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to operate a dry waste material recovery facility in North Portland and noted COR's good history of regulatory compliance. She reviewed the process for community conversations and public comment, highlighting key areas of support and opposition to the COR application. Ms. Ritter addressed the primary concerns raised during the public comment period including location of the station, environmental impacts and offsite impacts. She shared that the application sufficiently demonstrated that it met the approval criteria and requirements for a franchised.

Ms. Ritter discussed the impacts of the proposed transfer station, noting little 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 and the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity. Ms. Ritter discussed a companion resolution to be brought forward that would align the non-system license with the outbound tonnage at the landfill.

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Alonzo Simpson and Mr. Alando Simpson, of COR, to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Alonzo Simpson shared his personal story growing up in Portland, starting his business and the significance of this opportunity for his children and their families. Mr. Alando Simpson stated that approval of the ordinance would mark the first African American owned transfer station on the West Coast and the first certified B-corporation owned transfer station in the nation. He

discussed the proposal's benefits to the community and highlighted COR's efforts to hire employees of color and provide second chance employment opportunities.

Council Discussion:

Councilors thanked Mr. Alonzo Simpson for his presentation and work in the community. Councilor Craddick asked about COR's hiring model.

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-1435 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Tony Jones, City of Portland: Mr. Jones, of the Coalition of Black Men, testified his support for the ordinance. He acknowledged the history of the removal of the African American community during urban renewal and discussed exclusionary land use practices in the region. Mr. Jones shared that approval of the transfer station aligned with the communities social, economic and environmental goals.

Lynn Felton, City of Portland: Ms. Felton testified in opposition for the ordinance and expressed her concerns over the location and impacts of the transfer station. She discussed public safety concerns and public safety and stated her belief that the proposal did not comply with the goals of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. (Ms. Felton submitted written materials with her testimony; please see the May 9 meeting materials.)

Arianne Sperry, City of Portland: Ms. Sperry, City of Portland Solid Waste Program Coordinator, stated the City of Portland's support for the ordinance. She shared that the COR transfer station proposal advanced the city's goals of

equity and reduced greenhouse gas emissions and noted that the location was an industrially zoned site approved for waste related use. (Ms. Sperry submitted written materials with her testimony; please see the May 9 meeting materials.)

Alan Hipolito, City of Portland: Mr. Hipolito, of Verde, testified in support of the ordinance. He stated that the COR transfer station proposal was aligned with Verde's values of developing resources and markets for minority contracting community and diverse workers. Mr. Hipolito also noted that the proposal advanced Metro's racial equity goals and reducing disparities in contracting.

Corky Collier, City of Portland: Mr. Collier, Executive Director of the Columbia Corridor Association, testified in support of the ordinance, noting significant improvements to the property and benefit to the community. He highlighted COR's commitment to sustainability and equity. (Mr. Collier submitted written materials with his testimony; please see the May 9 meeting materials.)

Mike Mercer, City of Portland: Mr. Mercer, of Mercer Consulting, testified in support of the ordinance and discussed the significance of COR's B-corporation certification. He shared the benefits of B-corporations to the community, highlighting the increased likelihood of providing living wage employment and health care costs for employees.

Andrew Hoan, City of Portland: Mr. Hoan, President and CEO of the Portland Business Alliance, stated the Business Alliance's support for the ordinance. He shared that the proposed transfer station would be the first ever African American B. Corporation privately owned transfer station in

the City of Portland. Mr. Hoan discussed the proposal's benefits to the green collar economy and noted the importance of the project's investment in East Multnomah County.

James Posey, City of Portland: Mr. Posey testified in support of the ordinance. He acknowledged the history of systemic inequities experienced by the African American community and shared his appreciation for the hard work of the Simpson family. Mr. Posey discussed the benefits of the proposal to the community.

Ashley Henry, City of Portland: Ms. Henry, Executive Director of the Business for a Better Portland, stated her organization's support for the ordinance. She explained the Business for a Better Portland's goals for an equitable city and shared that the COR transfer station was a significant opportunity to implement inclusive and beneficial strategies to Portland's diverse communities.

Nate McCoy, City of Portland: Mr. McCoy, Executive Director of the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), stated the chapter's support for the ordinance. He discussed the importance of the proposed transfer station in providing opportunity to the displaced communities living in the east are of Portland, noting the benefits of creating living wage jobs in the area.

Councilor Chase asked Mr. McCoy to speak to the benefits of the COR transfer station to other NAMC members. Mr. McCoy discussed the opportunities for expanding youth based and pre-apprenticeship programs and developing partnerships with school districts and non-profit organizations.

Jeff Moreland, City of Portland: Mr. Moreland, President of Waymore Construction, testified in support of the ordinance. He stated that Mr. Simpson was a role model in his community and shared the inspiration it gave him in starting his own business.

Seeing no further testimony, Council President Peterson closed the public hearing. She stated that second reading, consideration and vote of Ordinance No. 19-1435 was scheduled for May 16.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick reviewed concerns raised during the public comment period and asked for clarification on Metro's role in ensuring that offsite impacts such as dust, odors and vectors do not become an issue. She discussed the protection of the Columbia Slough and asked what systems were in place to prevent runoff. Councilor Craddick reviewed the location of the proposed transfer station and highlighted the significance of the Columbia corridor industrial area. She then asked when community enhancement funds would be available to the community. Councilor Stacey asked for clarification on the concerns over the station's proximity to the Portland Airport.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett recognized departing Director of Finance and Regulatory Services Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, for his contributions to Metro. She commended his creativity and service to the region.

Ms. Bennett shared her gratitude for the work of the agency during her tenure at Metro. Council recognized Ms. Bennett

for her service, leadership and many contributions to the region and expressed deep appreciation for her work.

8. Councilor Communication

There was none.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 4:04 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on May 16, 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 MAY 9, 2019

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
5.1	Minutes	5/9/19	Council Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2019	50919c-01
6.1	Letter	5/9/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Lynn Felton	50919c-02
6.1	Letter	5/9/19	Letter in Support of Ordinance No. 19-1435 from City Portland Solid Waste and Recycling	50919c -03
6.1	Letter	5/8/19	Letter in Support of Ordinance No. 19-1435 from the Columbia Corridor Association	50919c -04
6.1	Letter	4/8/19	Letter in Support of Ordinance No. 19-1435 from the East Portland Action Plan Economic Development Subcommittee	50919c -05
6.1	Letter	5/9/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Jean Burch	50919c -06
6.1	Letter	5/8/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Debbie Holmstedt	50919c -07
6.1	Letter	5/8/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from James Burch	50919c -08
6.1	Letter	5/8/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Flo McWillis	50919c -09
6.1	Letter	5/8/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Bernie and Margaret Muller	50919c -10
6.1	Letter	5/8/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Randy and Loretta Burmester	50919c -11
6.1	Letter	5/8/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Christina Talbot	50919c -12
6.1	Letter	5/8/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Doyle Sites	50919c -13
6.1	Letter	5/7/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Dave and Julie Schnacky	50919c -14
6.1	Letter	5/7/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Marnie Murray	50919c -15
6.1	Letter	5/6/19	Letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 19-1435 from Andy Beers	50919c -16