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Minutes

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2:00 PM

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Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session called to order at 2:08 p.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Christine Lewis, and Lynn Peterson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Sam Chase

2:05 Safety Briefing**Work Session Topics:**

2:10 Willamette Falls Legacy Project Update

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[PowerPoint: Willamette Falls Legacy Project Update](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Mr. Jon Blasher, Metro's Director of Parks and Nature, and Mr. Brian Moore, Willamette Falls Legacy Project's Project Manager. Mr. Moore provided a brief overview of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and its intentions and goals. He stated the four core values of the project as increasing public access, highlighting historic and cultural interpretation, supporting economic development, and building a healthy habitat.

Mr. Moore noted recent efforts in community engagement to gain public input on the project's operations and provided a review of the results. He additionally gave an overview of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project organization chart, including the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and various external stakeholder.

Mr. Moore described the design of the Riverwalk and the intention to integrate private development with public access and public access to the river. He also explained that a critical part of the efforts to design the Riverwalk and to address the cultural and historical interpretation of the site as a whole included efforts to reach out and gain insight

from Oregon's tribal nations. Engagement with the tribal communities included site visits and in-person meetings with the five native sovereign nations that hold historic ties to the Willamette Falls: the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. Mr. Moore stated the goal of this work was to continue to recognize the impact of settlement and colonialism within our region as well as to increased cooperation between the various government entities.

Mr. Moore explained the Willamette Falls Legacy Project team's continuing push to deliver on Phase 1 of the project, with hopes to break ground by next spring. He added that the project was within the budget and there is hope for external stakeholders to match funding once the Parks and Nature bond has been, ideally, passed on the ballot this fall.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey inquired as to who was the current owner of the project property.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired of how the Willamette Locks Commission's plans are moving forward in relation to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and the Parks and Nature bond.

Councilor Lewis added that the Willamette Falls Locks Commission focuses primarily on the locks themselves; however, there was a new conversation emerging surrounding building potential housing on the other side of the property towards West Linn. She added her appreciation for the renewed interest in tribal engagement and summarized her attendance of Confederated Tribes of

the Grand Ronde Salmon Festival.

Councilor Lewis reported on the engagement of the private sector with the Willamette Falls Trust and their interest in supporting the next steps of this project.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired of the timeline for Phase 1 and 2 completion following breaking ground next spring. Mr. Moore responded an average of 18 to 24 months of construction for Phase 1, and for Phase 2, assuming the proposed Park and Nature bond is referred and passes, will focus on restoring a large part of the natural habitat.

Councilor Dirksen inquired if Phase 1 and Phase 2 are dependent on the private development of the Riverwalk.

Council President Peterson stated her appreciation for the project's initiative of moving forward with economic development while still recognizing the past and the historical significance of the falls.

Councilor Stacey gave recognition to a previous Metro Councilor, Carlotta Collette, for her efforts in advocating for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project during her time in Council.

2:30 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Council President Peterson introduced Mr. Andrew Scott, Metro's Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Scott provided an overview of budget amendments for the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and stated that more information regarding Councilor amendments would be presented at next Tuesdays work session. Mr. Scott provided a brief overview of the timeline and process to amend the budget and added that changes would be voted upon on June 13th, with the final budget adoption date being June 20th.

Mr. Scott clarified there would be no changes to Metro's

current financial policies; however, in addition to the budget policy, there was an investment policy which will be coming forward for affirmation and calls for making investments that are consistent with Metro's values.

Council Discussion

Council President Peterson asked for clarification regarding the budget process and inquired of the timeline to make any changes to the current fiscal year budget.

2:45 Councilor Communication

Councilor Stacey announced an invitation for the Council to join a tour of the Columbia Ridge Landfill and a luncheon in Arlington with Gilliam County Commissioners. He also noted a proposal by the regional Waste Advisory Committee to replace the current regional Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC) and change the membership composition to increase the representation of individuals from the public and local communities.

Councilor Stacey stated Metro staff would be presenting on the Regional Solid Waste Investment Plan on June 11th. He added the Innovations and Investments Grant program was about to kick off its second year with a focus on two new criteria: recycling and food scraps.

Councilor Stacey reported on a proposed package of code amendments for Metro's code Title V to change the decision making process surrounding system fees.

Councilor Dirksen reported on his travels to South Korea and the opportunity to participate in Ulsan's Rose City Festival. He additionally provided a brief overview of his experience learning about the government structure of Ulsan and the various providences of South Korea.

Council President Peterson stated that there was a

conversation emerging within the region regarding how to move forward with permanent supportive housing funding.

2:50 Legislative Update

Council President Peterson stated that there was a request for Council to sign onto a letter of support for the Cap and Trade Bill (House Bill 2020). She added that House Bill 3431 had passed the House with a 57 to 3 vote and was on its way to the Senate.

Council President Peterson reported Metro’s vehicle registration fee request as moving forward as part of a technical package for House Bill 2017 and was scheduled for a hearing. She explained that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has tentatively agreed to be the holder of the Willamette Falls Locks until they find a more fitting owner, and added another \$14 million was on the table for the project’s funding.

3:20 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 28, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	5/28/2019	Willamette Falls Legacy Project	052819cw-01