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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

**3:00 PM**

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**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council work session**

**3:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

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

**3:05 Safety Briefing****Work Session Topics:**

3:10 FY 2019-20 Budget Preparation

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Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services to provide an overview of the current status of the budget of the general fund and the enterprise funds, as well as revenue and expenditure trends. Mr. Collier shared upcoming financial headwinds for the agency, including significant Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) rate increases, local inflation, the zoo and natural areas bonds ending in 2019-2021, and the Metro Regional Center's needed upgrades. He then shared positive financial trends. He explained that while the general fund was limited in how it could grow, the agency did have substantial headroom inside of its spending limit. Mr. Collier provided an overview of the various options for Council to consider for the upcoming budget cycle. He also reviewed key dates and deadlines for the FY 2019-20 Council Budget. As required by Oregon Budget Law, the Chief Operating Officer will have presented the Proposed Budget to the Council on April 11th, 2019. Council was scheduled to approve the budget on May 2nd, 2019, and adopt the budget on June 20th, 2019.

*Council Discussion*

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Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez inquired about the percentage of the total budget in the general fund. Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, stated roughly less than a quarter was in the general fund. President Peterson asked Mr. Collier to expand on the sold waste excise tax and revenue. She inquired if the excise tax could be raised up to the cap. Councilor Craig Dirksen asked Mr. Collier to explain the difference between the Metro charter and code language as well as what Council's limitations are. Mrs. Bennett clarified that the excise tax was different because Metro has many other sources of revenue in the general fund, but the excise tax was the only one that Council has jurisdiction over without having to go to vote of people and it was not dependent on Congress or the State Legislature to act.

Mr. Collier discussed the Oregon Convention Center's (OCC) capital account and forecast. He announced that the account was in healthy conditions over the next five years. Mr. Collier noted that the Portland's Center for the Arts (P'5) Forecast was a bit more complicated as most of the revenue P'5 generates is dependent on how many weeks of Broadway was shown. He also reminded Council that Metro does not own the P'5 facilities, Metro only manages them. Mrs. Bennett announced that Metro Council would be briefed later on P'5 capital.

Mrs. Bennett expressed to Councilor Gonzales that she would have a separate conversation during an Executive Session to discuss the Portland Expo Center (PEC) and the value of the property. Mr. Collier that there were no major changes in the PEC budget for 2019-2020 time period.

Mr. Collier announced that the Oregon Zoo budget 2019-2020 budget has increased from the 2017-2018 budget. Mrs. Bennett expressed concerns about how the Zoo's budget was dependent on weather conditions; this

was because the Zoo has to close on days with inclement weather and they lose revenue.

**4:10 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Bennett announced that the final budget numbers would be finalized the Monday that followed.

**4:15 Councilor Communication**

President Peterson reported there was no councilor communication.

**4:25 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alma Pinto, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	Presentation	02/14/2019	FY 2019-20 Budget Preparation Presentation	021419cw-01