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Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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 to order at 2:01 p.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Christine Lewis, and Lynn Peterson

Excused: 2 - Councilor Sam Chase, and Councilor Shirley Craddick

2:05 Safety Briefing

2:10 Interim Chief Operating Officer Recommendation for Funding of 2040 Planning and Development Grants

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)
[Resolution No. 19-5002](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 19-5002](#)
[Attachment 1 to Exhibit A to Resolution No. 19-5002](#)
[Staff Report](#)
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[PowerPoint: 2040 Planning and Development Grants](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Ms. Lisa Miles, Principal Regional Planner at Metro, Ms. Elissa Gertler, Metro's Deputy Director of Planning, and Mr. Damien Hall, Chair of the 2040 Grant Screening Committee.

Ms. Gertler stated the mission of the 2040 Planning and Development Grants program as to remove barriers to development, prepare the land for development, enable existing developed sites to be redeveloped, and to promote equitable development. She described the goals for equitable development projects, including planning or pre-developing investments what would advance the quality of life outcomes for marginalized communities. Ms. Gertler reviewed the policy adopted in fall of 2018, which enabled nonprofits to also apply for the grants if a local government endorses them and also required grantees to fund 100% of their staff time as their grant match.

Ms. Miles provided a brief overview of the funding targets and grant recommendations for the program and detailed the changes made in response to the previous Council discussion. She also introduced the 2019 Grants Screening Committee and described their role within the program. Ms. Miles presented various grant recommendations for equitable development, including the Albina Vision Community Investment Prospectus by Albina Vision Trust, the Cully Community-Centered Equitable Development by Prosper Portland and the City of Portland, and the Corridors: Affordable Housing and Mixed-Use Development by Clackamas County. She provided information regarding the budget and purpose of each potential project.

Ms. Miles reviewed grant recommendations for infill development such as the Washington Square Regional Center Update proposed by the City of Tigard. She stated the recommended funding for the project as \$250,000 with a \$60,000 match to help update plans and policies to enable efficient land use and redevelopment for housing and employment opportunities.

Ms. Miles introduced grant recommendations for new urban area development, including the Cooper Mountain Community Plan proposed by the City of Beaverton, the King City Master Planning by the City of King City, and the Tigard River Terrace Urban Reserve Planning by the City of Tigard. She noted the budget and purpose of each potential project.

Mr. Hall reported on committee recommendations to improve the program process, such as to revise the evaluation criteria to be specific for each funding category, to emphasize to applicants the expectations of an equitable development approach, to cultivate applications from community entries that are leading equitable development work, and to engage the expertise of Metro's committee on racial equity when considering further program changes.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey inquired of approaches to support organizations in the project proposal process and how Metro may be able to communicate the program's expectations better.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired if the Corridors: Affordable Housing and Mixed-Use Development project proposed by Clackamas County was the first corridor-oriented grant provided by Metro. He also asked what potential redevelopment ideas have been proposed concerning the Washington Square Regional Center Update submitted by the City of Tigard. Councilor Gonzalez asked how Metro staff anticipates transit integrating into this redevelopment plan as well.

Councilor Dirksen stated his appreciation for the thoughtful projects proposed by the various local jurisdictions and nonprofit organizations.

Councilor Lewis inquired of the next steps to develop the next cycle of grant applications.

2:55 Regional Investment Strategy Update

Attachments: [PowerPoint: Regional Investment Strategy Update](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro's Director of Government Affairs and Policy Development. Mr. Shaw provided a brief overview of the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) and the intention of the process, which is to ensure that people who live, work, and play along the corridors help in identifying the specific needs of the same corridors. He emphasized the importance of the Transportation Task Force and Council having the ability to ensure accountability and to make sure the overall packages deliver on the outcomes that have been prioritized.

Mr. Shaw described the role of the Local Investment Teams (LIT) within the RIS as to provide feedback to the Transportation Task Force about project investments and reported on the LIT's recent meetings. He also mentioned a series of upcoming corridor tours to help provide LIT members with additional context and to ground them in a shared experience of the corridors.

Mr. Shaw revised the Transportation Task Force's phases of work and provided an update on the committee's recent meetings, explicitly focusing on their discussion of region-wide programs. He reported on the timeline of the Task Force's work and the program as a whole, with project recommendations for Council expected to be completed in September.

Mr. Shaw described the results of a survey deployed by Metro to gain feedback regarding the needs of specific corridors around the region.

Mr. Shaw provided a brief update on current housing bond projects, including an upcoming approval of Phase One Projects in Northeast Portland and approval of the Tigard Triangle project on July 11, 2019, by Council.

Mr. Shaw provided an update on the Parks and Nature Bond referral process and stated that the measure was not challenged.

Mr. Shaw lastly stated upcoming meetings relevant to the RIS as a whole and detailed the next steps for each program sector, including transportation, housing, and parks and nature.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez inquired of how the LIT tours would be

conducted and whether various modes of transportation would be integrated. He also asked who would be leading the tours. Councilor Gonzalez inquired of the potential of engaging the Transportation Task Force in the upcoming early legislative session.

3:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Council President Peterson introduced Acting Chief Operating Officer Heidi Rahn. Ms. Rahn provided an update on the Construction Careers Pathways Program (C2P2). She added Mr. Julio Garcia, Metro's newly hired Director of Human Resources, and stated he would be beginning his position on July 15, 2019.

3:30 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis reported on her housing liaison meeting from earlier that day and noted upcoming implementation strategies proposed by Washington County and the City of Beaverton for review.

Councilor Dirksen reported on his attendance of a meeting which discussed the alternative options present to ensure the Burnside Bridge would survive a subduction zone earthquake. He emphasized the importance of preparing the Burnside Bridge for potential natural disasters and the critical role the bridge plays in providing transit access to employment opportunities for the public.

Councilor Gonzalez mentioned a video published in collaboration with the Governor's Office, Mayor Ted Wheeler, and the three County chairs, addressing the proposed rule change by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which would negatively affect mixed-status families throughout the nation. He noted that July 9th was the last day to submit a comment to HUD regarding the proposed rule change.

3:35 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janani Srinivasan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Janani Srinivasan, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 9, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	7/9/2019	2040 Planning and Development Grants	70919cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	7/9/2019	Regional Investment Strategy Update	70919cw -02
3.0	Handout	7/9/2019	Local Investment Team Members	70919cw -03