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Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 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 Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Sam Chase

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

John Charles, City of Portland: Mr. Charles, President of the Cascade Policy Institute, introduced a report published by the institute on the new Sellwood Bridge. He discussed a Metro study forecasting the need for bridge capacity and noted that transportation demand management strategy had failed to meet the demand for additional bridge capacity. Mr. Charles advocated for Council to convene another study and identify a location between the Sellwood Bridge and Oregon State for a new river crossing. (Mr. Charles submitted written documents as part of his testimony; see the July 11 meeting packet.)

Jim Kepner, City of Portland: Mr. Kepner discussed the current demand and capacity on the Interstate Bridge crossing and advocated for a third corridor crossing from western Clark County across the Columbia River and the Willamette River with a connection to Highway 30. He

shared that moving truck traffic to another corridor would allow for more capacity on the current river crossing. Mr. Kepner noted that Washington County had plans to develop a freeway from the City of Hillsboro connecting to Highway 30. (Mr. Kepner submitted written documents as part of his testimony; see the July 11 meeting packet.)

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan discussed the release of a subway plan for the MAX line that Metro was studying and shared his proposed alternate subway plan. He highlighted key elements of his plan including a Naito Parkway alignment, increased efficiency and earthquake resiliency. (Mr. Lewellan submitted written documents as part of his testimony; see the July 11 meeting packet.)

4. Consent Agenda

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

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Chase

- 4.1 Resolution No. 19-5001, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Involving Four Projects Impacting Portland, SMART, and TriMet (JN9-10-JUN)
- 4.2 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2019

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 19-4997, For the Purpose of Approving the Housing Authority of Washington County's Request for an Affordable Housing Bond Measure Phase I Project Concept Endorsement

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Emily Lieb, Metro

Housing Bond Program Manager, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Lieb discussed the role of phase one projects in the overall housing bond implementation plan, explaining that the phase one projects provided early opportunities to respond to the need for urgent need for housing while local implementation strategies were being developed. She noted that once the local implementation strategies had been adopted, project endorsements and funding authorizations would be made based on alignment with the approved work plan.

Ms. Lieb provided an overview of each of the projects associated with two resolutions before Council. She explained that Resolution No. 19-4997 was a concept endorsement for an early development concept from the Housing Authority of Washington County. Ms. Lieb reviewed project details including location, proximity to transit and the partnership between the City of Tigard, Washington County and the project developer, Community Development Partners. She highlighted the project goal of 20 percent Minority Owned Women Owned and Emerging Small Business (MWESB) participation and noted that project would achieve 10 percent of Washington County's total unit production target. Ms. Lieb added that approval of the resolution would provide a preliminary commitment of \$11.44 million from the Metro housing bond funds to support the construction of this project.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis asked about weatherization funding for the Washington County phase one project. Councilor Dirksen commended the City of Tigard for their partnership in the

region's affordable housing efforts and thanked partners for their work on this project. Councilor Gonzalez expressed his appreciation for the work on the phase one projects, highlighting that within eight months of passage of the housing bond projects were already underway to achieve 10 percent of the bonds goals region wide.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Chase

- 5.2 Resolution No. 19-5007, For the Purpose of Approving Home Forward's Request for an Affordable Housing Bond Measure Phase I Project Concept Endorsement.

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Emily Lieb, Metro Housing Bond Program Manager, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Lieb explained that the resolution was consideration of a proposal from Home Forward, Multnomah County's housing authority, to redevelop an existing public housing site to include an additional 160 housing units. She discussed the allocation of unit targets between Home Forward, Multnomah County and the Cities of Portland and Gresham and noted the project would achieve 59 percent of Home Forward's adjusted unit production target including deeply affordable and family size targets. She highlighted the project's partnership with early learning programming and Albina Head Start to provide continuity in services for families currently living on the site and for future residents. Ms. Lieb also noted Home Forward's existing equitable

contracting and workforce policies which set targets of 20 percent MWESB participation and 20 percent goal for apprenticeship hours. She added that the resolution would provide a preliminary commitment of approximately \$22.89 million in bond funding.

Ms. Lieb reviewed the overall progress of all phase one housing projects towards the bonds unit production targets and funding allocations.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis emphasized Home Forward's efforts to ensure existing residents would not be displaced during construction and stated the importance of these efforts given the history of displacement. She commended Home Forward's partnerships to develop programming and support for residents and thanked all of the jurisdictional partners for their work in bringing significant phase one projects forward. Councilor Craddick asked about unit production targets for the City of Portland and Multnomah County. She asked about the proximity of the project to transit lines and whether transit access was considered as project proposals came forward. Councilor Craddick then asked how the project supported geographic distribution of housing projects and whether the Cities of Gresham and Hillsboro were developing phase one projects. Councilor Gonzalez asked about project funding without project based housing vouchers.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Chase

5.3 Resolution No. 19-4989, For the Purpose of Adopting the Gabbert Butte Nature Park Master Plan

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Dan Moeller, Metro Conservation Program Director, and Ms. Olena Turula, Senior Parks and Nature Planner, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution.

Mr. Moeller introduced the resolution, explaining that the Gabbert Butte master planning process included a new approach to community engagement through the Connect with Nature project. He shared that through the Connect with Nature approach, the community had shaped a vision for trails, parking and park amenities for the Gabbert Butte Nature Park. Mr. Moeller introduced Ms. Turula to provide more details on the master plan.

Ms. Turula reviewed the Connect with Nature project, highlighting data that demonstrated people of color did not benefit equitably from the region's parks, trails and natural areas. She explained that the project approach was premised on the idea that if people of color were included in the planning and decision making process, they would share in the resulting benefits. Ms. Turula discussed the guiding principles of the project and noted that the project team was led by community organizations serving people of color. She reviewed key elements of the engagement process including stipends for community members and community led workshops. Ms. Turula explained that the Connect with Nature project report would serve as a resource for the agency for future planning work.

Ms. Turula then provided an overview of the Gabbert Butte Nature Park site and provided geographic context for the natural area. She shared the vision for the park and outlined feedback received during the community engagement process. Ms. Turula discussed key aspects of the proposed Gabbert Butte master plan including the trail plan, the entry area plan and planned amenities. She noted that the master plan was unanimously adopted by the City of Gresham and, if adopted by the Metro Council, Metro would lead the development of the nature park in partnership with the City of Gresham.

Council Discussion:

Council President Peterson thanked staff for their work. Councilor Craddick commended staff on the planning and community engagement process and expressed her support for the plan. Councilor Stacey expressed his appreciation for the planning process. Councilor Gonzalez asked about the size of the site and funding for the development of the park.

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

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

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items: Rose City Astronomers star party at Glendoveer Golf Course and Portland's Music on Main free concert series.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Metro Policy Advisory Committee meeting, the Willamette Falls Locks Commission meeting and the Voice of the People’s History annual event.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:12 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on July 25, 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 JULY 11, 2019

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
2.0	Report	6/19	The New Sellwood Bridge: Promises Unfilled Report by the Cascade Policy Institute	071119c-01
2.0	Handout	7/4/19	Drawing of Interstate Bridge Lane Capacity submitted by Jim Kepner	071119c-02
2.0	Handout	7/11/19	Statement on Current Interstate Bridge Update submitted by Jim Kepner	071119c-03
2.0	Handout	7/11/19	Appendix E - Analysis of New Crossings of the Columbia River submitted by Jim Kepner	071119c-04
2.0	Handout	7/11/19	Statement on By-pass Bridge and Freeway Connecting Clark and Washington Counties submitted by Jim Kepner	071119c-05
2.0	Handout	7/11/19	Notes on Naito Parkway MAX Subway Plan and Barbur Boulevard Light Rail Concerns submitted by Art Lewellan	071119c-06
2.0	Handout	7/11/19	Drawing of Proposed Portland Subway Transit System submitted by Art Lewellan	071119c-07
2.0	Handout	7/11/19	Portland Light Rail Map with Proposed Changes submitted by Art Lewellan	071119c-08
2.0	Handout	7/11/19	Drawing of Seattle Circular Plan submitted by Art Lewellan	071119c-09
4.2	Minutes	7/11/19	Council Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2019	071119c-10
5.1	Powerpoint	7/11/19	Regional Affordable Housing Bond Phase I Projects	071119c-11
5.3	Powerpoint	7/11/19	Connect with Nature and Gabbert Butte Nature Park	071119c-12