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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**Council work session**

**2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Christine Lewis, and Lynn Peterson

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Bob Stacey

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

2:10 Regional Solid Waste System Infrastructure: South and West Sides

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)  
[PowerPoint](#)

President Lynn Peterson introduced Mr. Roy Brower, Property and Environmental Services Director and Mr. Dan Blue, Property and Stewardship Planning Manager to present on potential infrastructure investment options to improve and modernize the regional solid waste system for South and West Metro. Mr. Brower explained the South needed major improvement in delivery of service; the South also struggled with service traffic, increased customer volume and longer wait times and safety issues. He explained that the West side did not have any services provided to them. Mr. Brower introduced the proposals staff worked on, such as: beyond end-of-life management of garbage, jobs, service levels, equitable access, more recycling, reduction of greenhouse gases and to build resilience into the system. He explained he would review various scenarios for both locations, as well as potential timing and roll out for site acquisition, community engagement, and determining the services offered at each location. Mr. Brower noted the map on display that depicted the focus areas they discussed, which were the existing transfer stations in the system in Metro South, East, Central, and West. He shared that staff worked with Finance

and Regulatory Services to develop more realistic financial analysis and a plan to finance investments.

Mr. Brower went over the issues at the Metro South Station (MSS) and expanded on the various objectives for staff. Mr. Blue expanded on the three sceneries PES staff had identified: (1) move public self-haul to another location; reconfigure MSS for commercial and food reload and pre-processing, (2) move commercial services to another location; redevelop MSS for public services, and (3) move all services to another location and build full service modern transfer station; repurpose MSS. He provided high-level planning cost estimates for each scenario and explained the opportunities and challenges of each scenario. Mr. Blue shared that initial findings confirmed that the moving commercial, rebuilding MSS for self-haul was the most costly option, and presented the most significant continuity of operations challenges. He reported to Council that staff anticipated identifying and securing a property or properties within the next six months.

Mr. Blue shared that once the location was secured, they planned to proceed with due diligence work and simultaneously work with local governments, community based organizations, and others to conduct a robust community engagement process around the siting project. He noted that property acquisition could cost from \$8 to \$12 million for a suitable property. If all went according to plan, Mr. Blue estimated it could take approximately three years and cost around \$10 million for design, and \$60 to \$100 million to build; he emphasized that there were all planning estimates only. Mr. Brower asked Council to give feedback on which scenario they preferred for the South side of the region. He noted that staff recommendation was to remain flexible, but stay the course and plan to move self-haul.

After brief Council discussion, Mr. Brower announced that they had identified two potential sites on the west side, one in Cornelius and one in Hillsboro. He reviewed the scenarios and opportunities/challenges for both these options. Mr. Brower noted they had support of the local government staff and the Mayor of Cornelius, as they saw a publicly owned and operated full service transfer facility as a benefit to their community. He explained that the challenges with the Cornelius site were minimal. Mr. Brower added that a small portion of the property was listed as wetland and it would require some wetland mitigation, but staff had already identified a solution. He explained the Hillsboro property was zoned residential, and staff were previously told that it was destined to become a park and was not available for their consideration. Mr. Brower explained that despite that information, recent conversations with the City of Hillsboro indicated that the property could still be an opportunity to further explore. Mr. Blue expressed that staff recommend securing and further evaluating both sites because of the many opportunities these two sites had the potential to bring to the western part of the Metro region. Mr. Brower asked Council to give feedback on which one or two sites on the west side Metro should focus on, and if Council preferred one site, which site they thought was preferable.

He concluded that they planned to finalize and share findings and cost estimates for moving commercial, and rebuilding MSS for self-haul only; they also planned to continue work with local government elected and staff throughout process for both, as well as form a Community Advisory Group (South), and would hire CBOs to assist with community involvement. Mr. Brower announced the upcoming Council work sessions around these issues: Food Waste on October 29, 2019; Rate Transparency on November 19, 2019; and Recycling Public-Private Partnerships December 3, 2019.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Sam Chase inquired if there were financial ramifications of picking options over the others considering ongoing costs, such as daily operations, etc. Councilor Shirley Craddick raised concerns over congestion concerns, and questioned if staff had explored how much infrastructure and transportation costs Metro would be responsible for. Mr. Brower conveyed that staff would not know costs until they had officially identified two or three spots. Councilor Lewis expressed that she preferred the third option, but she was supportive of remaining flexible. Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez echoed Councilor Lewis' comments. He also wanted to know more about the workforce goals and the contracting goals, and how staff anticipated this goal to affect communities-particularly communities of color. Mr. Blue noted they planned on receiving feedback from community members, especially those that are marginalized. Mr. Brower noted that they were using other stakeholder organizations to focus on the diversity, equity, and inclusion goal as a pipeline to find future employees. Councilor Craddick emphasized the importance of transportation with how the location was selected. Councilor Gonzalez expressed that he felt the Cornelius site had the most potential. President Peterson asked for clarification on the specific type and size of site staff wanted.

Councilor Chase asked for staff to clarify which services would pertain to the various transfer station options. Councilor Gonzalez state his support, from both the Hillsboro and Forest Grove communities, for a public transportation site and the services and the amenities that come with it. President Peterson shared that Council fully supported the continued process of staff evaluation on the proposed sites, and for staff to report back on their findings.

2:55 Regional Investment Strategy Update

Attachments: [PowerPoint](#)

Mr. Shaw went over the housing component of the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS). He noted two upcoming housing project implementation strategies on the Consent Agenda for the Thursday, October 17 Council meeting.

Mr. Shaw provided a brief update on the proposed parks and nature bond and mentioned an implementation planning memo from Mr. Jon Blasher which had been distributed to Council earlier in the day. He announced that a Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission (TSCC) hearing would be held on Thursday, October 17. Mr. Shaw introduced information on a Parks and Nature bond postcard that was recently approved by the State secretary's office and would be mailed out to residents in the Metro region this winter.

Mr. Shaw reported on the regional investment strategy's transportation measure and noted the organizations chosen to participate in the community partnership program as APANO's Communities United Fund, Portland African American Leadership Forum, Unite Oregon, and Verde. He emphasized the importance of including these community partners in conversations surrounding performance measures and accountability.

Mr. Shaw described upcoming transportation events in the month of October, including two Transportation Task Force meetings, a series of public county forums, and a public opinion research briefing. He added another Council work session would be held on Tuesday, November 19, and a public hearing on the corridor projects was expected to be held the same week.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Craddick inquired when the parks and bond

postcards would be mailed out. Councilor Gonzalez requested for clarification on the purpose of Mr. Blasher's memo. Mr. Shaw responded the memo consisted of preliminary planning for if the bond passes the ballot this November. Councilor Craddick stated concerns of the community partnership organizations lacking geographical representation of the Metro region. Councilor Gonzalez inquired on how the funds would be split between each community partnership organization. He noted a similar strategy was deployed under Metro's affordable housing initiative and asked what could be learned from the implementation of that program to improve upon this it. President Peterson stated her concerns on the tight timeline between the next Council work session and public hearing for the corridor projects. She requested for more time in between these events to allow for Council and other stakeholders to evaluate the projects. Councilor Craddick inquired if Councilors may post about the County forums on their social media.

### **3:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Mr. Andrew Scott, Interim Chief Operating Officer, noted Disability Awareness month and stated Metro would be hosting an annual Peer-to-Peer business forum at the Metro Regional Center Tuesday, October 29. He also provided an update on the Oregon Zoo Bond arbitrage payments and its function. Mr. Scott announced that Mr. Brian Kennedy had been recruited as Metro's Chief Financial Officer.

### **3:30 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Chase noted his attendance of the Here Together Advisory Committee meeting the previous week and provided a brief overview of the meeting's discussions. Councilor Lewis mentioned her meeting with the Dean of the College of Urban Affairs at Portland State. She added that the first Expo Study meeting the previous week as well. Councilor Gonzalez provided a brief overview of the recent Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting.

President Peterson noted her attendance of the U.K Best Practices trip and provided a brief overview on what she learned about congestion pricing.

**3:35 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF October 15, 2019**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	10/15/2019	Regional Solid Waste System: Preparing for the Future South & West Sides	101519cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	10/15/2019	Regional Investment Strategy: Update	101519cw-02