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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 29, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**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 call to order at: 2:05 p.m.

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

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

2:10 Regional Commercial Food Waste Recovery Update

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[PowerPoint](#)

President Lynn Peterson introduced Ms. Jennifer Erickson, Principal Planner with the Resource Conservation & Recycling division, and Mr. Tom Chaimov, Program Director of solid waste operations, to update Council on the Regional Food Scraps Policy adopted in July of 2018 as well as progress on utilizing existing public infrastructure for processing of the food scraps collected. Ms. Erickson provided context on why staff and Council focused heavily on food waste in terms of climate solutions. She discussed the mandatory policy approach and provided more information about the proposed ban. Ms. Erickson went over the key elements that were required for successful implementation. She explained that there was a significant amount of flexibility built into the program so that local governments could implement the program in the manner that best suits local conditions and increases efficiency as long as the program met basic regional performance standards. Ms. Erickson noted the significant funding support from Metro. She reported on the local adoption status; of the 21 required to adopt the policy, 17 have passed ordinances to date. Ms. Erickson gave a brief overview of what the noncompliance record entailed. She explained that a required collection program complimented

the disposal band

Mr. Chaimov discussed the operational aspects of the food scrap process. He displayed an image of the commercial food scraps at the Metro Central transfer station that staff wanted to turn into methane for injection into the natural gas pipeline or compress to use as renewable natural gas in fleet trucks. Mr. Chaimov explained that they planned to do pre-processing at the Metro Central station. He explained their equipment selection process for food scrap processing.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez wanted to further discuss the trade-offs of having the program delivered earlier. He also wanted more clarification on what the penalties would be considering the process. Councilor Gonzales laid out more technical questions for staff to answer down the road. Councilor Sam Chase expressed he ideally preferred the effective date for the food waste disposal ban sooner than later would be, but only if most jurisdictional partners were in compliance. Councilor Shirley Craddick expressed that the timeline date was not as important as feasibility for stakeholder adoption. Councilor Craig Dirksen expressed that he does not believe the effective date should be any later than 2025. Many councilors mentioned their concern around the policy being clear and understandable with regard to compliance. Councilor Gonzalez asked to know if staff could have the opportunity to vet the equity aspect of the various policy options. President Peterson summarized that Council agreed with the January 2025 date for staff to have the time to develop administrative rules and plan their program implementation and public process.

2:55 2040 Planning and Development Grant Program Refresh

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)  
[2040 Grants Proposed Program Refinements](#)  
[PowerPoint](#)

President Peterson introduced Ms. Elissa Gertler, Planning and Development Director, and Principal Regional Planners, Ms. Lisa Miles and Mr. Tim O'Brien. Ms. Gertler gave a brief overview of the history of the grant program. She went over the changes that have taken place with the program in the past years based on community, committee, and local governments' feedback. Mr. O'Brien spoke about the new area planning program that was designed to better align with Council urban growth management policy decision and to better streamline the process. He explained the concept planning grants. Mr. O'Brien explained that applications would be accepted annually, and staff would review them and make recommendations to Council.

Ms. Gertler emphasized that staff proposed to simplify the application process to remove barriers for applicants. She explained that the committee planned to collaborate with strong applicants to help insure that they meet key objectives; in addition, the projects must both implement the 2040 growth concept and create more equitable communities.

#### *Council Discussion*

President Peterson inquired about the administrative process.

Councilor Stacey asked about. Councilor Lewis raised concerns over a limited project spots available. Ms. Gertler noted that there would be some flexibility on projects allocated funding based on committee direction.

Ms. Miles announced that staff would be coming back in early December after working with OMA, in conjunction with the Chief Operating Officer, to confirm the new direction with the guidance of Council.

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President Peterson introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro Government Affairs to give the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) update. Mr. Shaw congratulated Council on the approval of the Implementation Strategy for Metro's site acquisition portion of the housing bond. He announced that the Oversight Committee for the housing bond would meet on November 7, to review local implementation strategies from Gresham and Home Forward. Mr. Shaw also spoke about the proposed Parks and Nature Bond Measure 26-203. He announced that there would be a question and answer session the day after the election regardless of the outcome. Mr. Shaw discussed the success of the transportation measure forums, #GetMoving, and gave a brief recap. He gave an overview of the next steps for Council and the Task Force.

#### **4:10 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Mr. Andrew Scott, Interim Chief Operating Officer, reported on the electrical system outage at the Oregon Convention Center. President Peterson noted there would be an email later in the afternoon around public document retention.

#### **4:15 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Lewis reported on the third policy committee meeting on the bridge work in Clackamas county. Councilor Dirksen summarized the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Task Force meeting he attended. He summarized the various committee decisions made about various bridge options based on cost, impact, and other criteria. Councilor Stacey spoke on behalf of the solid waste team and announced that there would be public hearings at the following Metro Council meeting on renewals of five private transfer station franchises, and amendment to another one. He explained that approval would be in the form of resolution rather than in the form of ordinances. President Peterson noted that on November 7th there would be a proclamation recognizing

Veterans Day as well as an executive session.

**4:20 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alma Pinto".

Alma Pinto, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF October 29, 2019**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	10/29/2019	Regional Food Scraps Policy Update	102919cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	10/29/2019	2040 Planning and Development Grants	102919cw-02
3.0	PowerPoint	10/29/2019	Regional Investment Strategy: Update	102919cw-03