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Minutes

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:00 p.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Bob Stacey, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Christine Lewis

Excused: 2 - Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Lynn Peterson

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

2:10 Transfer Station Rate Transparency

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Deputy Council President Sam Chase introduced Mr. Brian Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Warren Johnson, Interim Director of Solid Waste Information, Compliance & Cleanup Director Waste, to review the solid waste rate transparency. Mr. Johnson overviewed the current Property and Environmental Services rates policy. He discussed the legal authority Metro had. Mr. Johnson explained the three steps in staff's approach to consider rate regulation; the steps included estimated costs, from both Metro and facilities, as well as a full rate review. He announced that staff recommended for Metro to employ an independent expert to determine the costs relative to the rates charged at all private transfer stations.

Council Discussion

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzales voiced that he supported the staff recommendation. Councilor Christine Lewis asked how staff was going to hire a private expert that understood the region to accurately perform an analysis. Councilor Bob

Stacey noted that it might be more efficient to focus on the two outlier transfer stations, as opposed to all private transfer stations. Councilor Lewis suggested that staff reviewed all private transfer stations to allow for a development of guidelines. Mr. Johnson suggested for staff to come back to Council with a recommendation after performing a preliminary analysis on the costs of all transfer stations as opposed to just some. Councilor Gonzalez noted that he would like to understand what the cost burden would be for the various stakeholders in this process, including Metro and the individuals it could be impacting.

2:55 Regional Investment Strategy Update

Attachments: [PowerPoint](#)

Deputy President Chase called on Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro Government Affairs to give the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) update. Mr. Shaw spoke briefly about the newly implemented housing development, the Louisa Flowers apartments. He noted the housing development was not funded by the city of the Metro Housing Bond, but it was still an important achievement to be noted. Mr. Shaw gave an updated on the housing bond implementation intergovernmental agreement from all the various regions in the metropolitan area. He gave a brief overview of the next steps of the Park and Nature bond. Mr. Shaw announced that there would be a partner appreciation gathering on December 4th. He gave a summary of the #GetMoving2020 even discussions for the various tiers.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey asked if staff could prepare a document to inform the rest of Metro staff.

3:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott, Interim Chief Operating Officer, thanked staff and zoo employees for the Metro employee Zoo Lights event. He announced that he and Heidi Rahn, Deputy Interim Chief Operating Officer would be out of the office

the following week; Scott Cruickshank, Visitor Venue Manage, would be in the acting in place of both of them.

3:30 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis shared info about the Expo Development Opportunity studies. Councilor Craddick spoke about the Innovation and Investment Committee that met the previous week to review applications from the recycling industry that asked for funding to upgrade some of their facilities. Staff will be coming forward to council with recommendations in the future. Councilor Gonzalez discussed meetings he attended with senior leadership in the city of Forest Grove to discuss the land acquisition for a transfer station.

3:35 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Sam Chase adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alma Pinto, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF November 26, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	11/26/2019	Transfer Station Rate Transparency	112619cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	11/26/2019	Regional Investment Strategy: Update	112619cw-02