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Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

2:00 PM

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Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2:05 Public Communication**Work Session Topics:**2:10 **Regional Investment Strategy Update**

Attachments: [PowerPoint](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Ms. Tyler Frisbee, Transportation Policy and Federal Affairs Manager, to give an update on the Regional Investment Strategy. She spoke about the #GetMoving forums held in Washington County, Clackamas County, and Multnomah County. Ms. Frisbee noted that there would be a panel what would discuss transportation needs and goals. She spoke on staff recommendation based on engagement, impact, risk, and readiness. Ms. Frisbee also reminded council that staff recommendation was just a starting point; Council would ultimately make the final decisions. She noted Metro had been able to put the most funding into the tier one corridor. Ms. Frisbee noted that Tier 2 corridors were identified as important, but there was limited regional resources for developing the projects. She explained that staff asked jurisdictions to identify key projects by the end of October. Ms. Frisbee the multi-step program phase of the region-wide programs. She noted there would first be internal technical work, and then external work with partners (community jurisdictional, and technical) before the programs are submitted to Council for recommendation.

Council Discussion

Councilor Christine Lewis mentioned the importance of outreach in both cities and counties, and for corridors to receive specific level of outreach. Councilor Bob Stacey

inquired if Tier 2 will receive the same research and studies that Tier 1 received. Ms. Frisbee shared that is was up to the jurisdiction that developed the request. Ms. Margi Bradway, Planning Deputy Director thank staff and partners for the work they put in. Councilor Craig Dirksen suggested having hearings at different timings to consider scheduling around various stakeholders. Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez asked about staff to expand on their definition of risk in their analysis. Ms. Bradway explained the three different categories of risk: cost, timeline (when unknown things happen, labor availability, etc.), capacity issue. She added that a risk report is given to Council for them to review. Ms. Bradway also noted the political risk and feasibility. Councilor Gonzalez mentioned there needed to be better capacity to help smaller jurisdictions formulate their plans. He suggested that Metro could provide funding if feasible.

2:25 FY 19-20 Budget Note Report Back: Councilor Chase Note Number 6 and Councilor Gonzalez Note Number 4

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)
[Councilor Gonzalez Budget Note](#)
[Councilor Chase Budget Note](#)

President Peterson introduced Brian Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer to briefly speak about the FY 19-20 Budget Note report for Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez and Councilor Sam Chase. Mr. Kennedy explained that Councilor Gonzalez's Budget Note Number 4 directed the Chief Operating Officer to develop a plan to decrease barriers for COBID firms and enhance Metro's ability to meet its equity in contracting goals. He went over the resources currently allocated for the budget note as well as their response. Mr. Kennedy explained that they wanted to provide support to project managers and procurement staff in doing outreach, invest in technology to improve reporting, and provide training to Metro staff and COBID certified and eligible firm. He reported cost estimates for these plans.

Mr. Kennedy explained that Councilor Chase's Budget Note Number 6 directed Council to identify any needs associated with local implementation of racial equity strategies as part of the regional investment strategy and determine if there was any technical assistance necessary. He noted that the Planning and Development department expressed that they did not need any additional resources yet because they still needed to have a detailed conversation with local government partners. Ms. Kennedy noted that Property and Environmental Services staff did anticipate for there to be required technical assistance in the future.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick inquired about what the gap was in the work Metro was doing before Councilor Gonzalez' budget note request. Mr. Kennedy explained that the purpose of the budget note was to mainly make will process happen faster. Councilor Gonzalez explained that he co-developed this process with COBID partners to understand what was lacking. Councilor Peterson asked if they meet again within the next three months to discuss the concerns of Council again in regard to the racial equity goals around housing.

3:10 Council Sponsorship Program

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Summary of Sponsorship Definition, Eligibility and Criteria](#)
[End of Year Sponsorship Report](#)
[PowerPoint](#)

President Peterson introduced Ms. Ina Zucker, Program Director, and Ms. Beth Cohen, Policy Advisor and Sponsorship Coordinator to speak about the Council Sponsorship Program. Ms. Zucker discussed the guiding principle for sponsorship allocation. Ms. Cohen explained that the sponsorship program publicly demonstrated support for community partners that align with Metro's mission, programs, and desired outcome. She stated the sponsorship program allocated about \$125,000 a year to over 100 organizations. Ms. Cohen gave a brief summary of

the various types of request Metro received the past fiscal year. Ms. Zucker expressed that they wanted feedback from Council on how they would like the program to be more directive, strategic and proactive on the sponsorships allocated by the Council Office. Ms. Cohen discussed the feedback she had already heard from Council around targeting funds, decision making, as well as strategic opportunities where a more focused and proactive sponsorship was appropriate.

Ms. Cohen recommended for Council to develop specific criteria and considerations to apply to requests. She also suggested for there to be three categories of Council Office sponsorships created. Ms. Cohen briefly discussed the three categories recommended. Ms. Zucker asked for feedback and recommendations from Council.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craig Dirksen agreed with the recommendations brought forward. Councilor Sam Chase noted it was important to keep the applications accessible in terms of their structure and requirements. President Peterson suggested for staff to come back for Council recommendation on the categories twice a year per category. Council and staff discussed the different level of opportunity based on amount. Councilor Lewis remarked that she wanted to ensure Metro is funding sponsorships that are reflective of the community in its entirety and not just a few.

3:40 Chief Operating Officer Communication

There was no Chief Operating Officer Communication.

3:45 Councilor Communication

Councilor Bob Stacey reported on a Solid Waste Liaison meeting he attended on Thursday, October 17, 2019. He announced that the new Regional Waste Advisory Committee would have their first meeting on Thursday,

October 31, 2019. Councilor Sam Chase announced that he, along with Councilor Lewis and Councilor Craddick met with Karras Consulting, Metro's consulting agency with the Chief of Staff hiring process.

3:50 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Sam Chase adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alma Pinto, Council Policy Assistant

EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(e), TO CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO NEGOTIATE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF October 22, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	10/22/2019	Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Update	102219cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	10/22/2019	Council Sponsorship Program	102219cw-02