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Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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: 2:01 p.m.

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

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

2:10 FY19-20 Budget Note Report Back: Annual Housing Report

President Lynn Peterson introduced Ms. Elissa Gertler, Planning and Development Director, to speak on the Annual Housing Report.

Ms. Gertler provided a brief overview of the purpose of the report. She described two primary questions the report sought to answer: What tools and policies may benefit from annual housing needs and pipeline analysis? How do we construct an annual housing report able to meet housing needs at all income levels across the region?

Ms. Gertler noted that the annual housing report did not exclusively call for additional housing analysis. She clarified that focused on the importance of additional analysis in order to provide leadership in affordable housing. Ms. Gertler acknowledged the report's alignment with House Bill 2001, House Bill 2003, and Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan.

Ms. Gertler reviewed the report recommendations for Metro. She advised Metro to broaden their reporting related to the bi-annual housing report in order to collect new data, new sources of data, and new methods for using the data. She also highlighted the need to enhance communication about housing needs and production to jurisdictions and

regional communities; she emphasized the importance of making report findings comprehensible, and establishing new methods of generating and disseminating the findings. She added that would be updated as more information about acquiring additional research becomes available.

Ms. Gertler noted the housing needs analyses requirements associated with House Bill 2003. She discussed how the research proposed by the annual housing report would align with the House Bill requirements and develop a regional lens on housing needs and production at a state and local level.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed their appreciation for the report and its findings.

Councilor Lewis inquired about the next steps of the report.

Councilor Craddick stated her appreciation for the enhanced reporting detailed in the staff report. She also remarked on the report's capacity to guide council decisions on affordable housing.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired about the data gathering process of the report.

President Peterson noted how the report could assist the Metro Policy Advisory Committee in their decision making process.

Councilor Dirksen spoke to the importance of producing and gathering accessible housing needs data.

Councilor Stacey remarked on the housing report's inclusion of zone capacities and highlighted the past council's difficulty in encouraging jurisdictional partners to

incorporate missing middle zoning.

2:25 FY19-20 Budget Note Report Back: Climate Mitigation and GHG Emissions Data

President Peterson introduced Sasha Pollock, Metro's Climate Resiliency Project Manager, Aaron Breakstone, Metro Research Center's Principal Researcher and Modeler, and Jeff Frkonja, Metro's Research Center Director.

Ms. Pollock provided a brief history of the Budget Note Report Back, acknowledging the report's objective to develop a work plan and identify employee capacity needed to create a coordinated, regional strategy to mitigate climate change. She listed the six outcomes specified in the Budget Note Response Form and spoke to the inventory of current Metro climate work. She also emphasized the necessity for Metro to explicitly focus resources on tying climate mitigation to Metro's diversity, equity, and inclusion work.

Ms. Pollock provided an overview of the three proposals staff prepared in response to the budget note: communication and coordination, expanded regional effort, and regional climate effort.

Ms. Pollock reviewed the risks associated with the proposals. She noted Metro's significant expenditures on climate mitigation throughout the agency and the need for effective coordination. She addressed the political challenges of engaging in climate mitigation work and the need to establish a balance between the urgent need for climate mitigation action and the need to work with partner counties. Ms. Pollock remarked on the social, environmental, and health hazards of unchecked climate change and emphasized the need to fund climate mitigation efforts in the present to avoid greater financial costs in the future.

Mr. Breakstone provided a brief overview of the greenhouse gas emissions data report. He listed the key directives of the report: establishing a greenhouse gas emissions inventory data program, providing regular updates, and incorporating sector-based and consumption-based inventories. He addressed the significance of sector-based inventories and consumption-based inventories and shared the three guiding principles of the report.

Mr. Breakstone reviewed the three proposals staff prepared in response to the budget note. He explained that every proposal was tri-county in scope, supplied sector-based and consumption-based inventories, and complied with either U.S. community or GPC protocols. He also noted the anticipated beneficiaries of the proposals and spoke to the one-time and ongoing resource estimates of each proposal.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for the report and its findings.

President Peterson asked if there was a staff recommendation for the climate mitigation staff report and noted the need to determine how the data could help Metro and regional partners answer questions about climate mitigation.

Councilor Lewis expressed her preference for the budget options to have one-time costs rather than on-going costs.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired about the feedback staff received from jurisdictional partners about Metro's leadership role on climate mitigation in the region.

Councilor Craddick spoke to the importance of establishing what Metro hopes to achieve with the greenhouse gas emissions data that is collected.

Councilor Chase emphasized the importance of utilizing the data to guide decisions on climate mitigation in the region.

2:55 Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro's Director of Government and Policy Affairs, and Ms. Pamela Treece, Washington County Commissioner, and Ms. Jessica Vega Peterson, Multnomah County Commissioner.

Mr. Shaw provided a brief overview of the Task Force Recommendations and its goals. He noted that the presentation would focus on possible investments in thirteen tier-one corridors, and future discussions would focus on potential investments in Tier 2 corridors and region-wide programs.

Commissioner Vega Peterson highlighted notable details about the task force. She spoke on the thirty-four members of the task force and their diverse backgrounds. She noted their strong consensus on advancing the region's goals in advancing racial equity, reducing carbon emissions, and reducing death and serious injuries from crashes.

Commissioner Treece reported on the task force's unanimous agreement to adopt most of the staff recommendations with the addition of \$20 million for additional investments.

Commissioner Vega Peterson discussed the task force's unanimous consensus in recommending funding of \$130 million towards a complete street on existing highway 212 and \$50 million towards planning and design on a future

transit-ready regional connector road that would serve growing areas in happy valley and beyond. She also noted the formal recommendation for the Airport Way and 82nd project provided that the Port of Portland leads planning and design for the Killingsworth-Alderwood path.

Commissioner Vega Peterson described key details about the Tier 1 investments. She noted the percentage of investments focused on transit, safety, and equal focus areas. She added that the Transportation Measure would address 86 miles of our regional high crash corridor network. She highlighted the 250 new transit priority signals, 25-30 miles of new bus lanes, and 24 miles of new MAX tracks that will be built.

Commissioner Treece provided a brief overview of the climate smart strategies and highlighted the strategies with the highest carbon dioxide reduction impact. She noted that 5,200 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced each year through the staff recommendations and task force additions. Commissioner Treece discussed the percentage of Tier 1 investments in Equity Focus Areas and noted the proposal for two percent of the corridors to be spent on stable communities to avoid devastating community displacement in the region.

Mr. Shaw reviewed the investment costs of the task force recommendations. He estimated the total costs to be \$7.03 billion, and noted the amount was subject to change following further council direction.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for the task force and its recommendations.

Councilor Chase remarked on the task force's consensus

and noted how the recommendations reflected Metro's racial equity, safety, and climate mitigation goals. He asked for more details on the task force's discussion on these topics and asked for clarification on the investment costs for the Clackamas to Columbia corridor.

Councilor Lewis inquired about the next steps for the local investment teams and the status of the Tier 2 investments.

Councilor Craddick thanked Commissioner Treece and Commissioner Vega Peterson for their teamwork and leadership and asked if the task force recommendations included investments on hiking trails and trail bridges.

President Peterson acknowledged how the recommendations reflected a diversity of needs in the region. She explained that deciding on a direction would allow the consultant team to begin the project development and risk analysis process on the investments.

Councilor Gonzalez noted his admiration for Commissioner Treece and Commissioner Vega Peterson's leadership and inquired how they felt the recommendations process lived up to the values around racial equity, safety, and climate mitigation. He also inquired of the methodology used to assess greenhouse gas emissions on the Tier 1 corridors.

Councilor Stacey raised concerns about infographics illustrating the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions featured in the presentation.

3:55 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott, Metro's Acting Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the Construction Career Pathways Project, and policy changes in Human Resources regarding retention and selection.

4:00 Councilor Communication

Councilors discussed a draft letter for the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission about non-point source pollution and the Oregon Department of Transportation policy meeting.

4:05 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 07, 2020

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Handout	01/07/2020	Indirect Source Rules for Construction and Operation Letter	010720cw-01