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Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 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 2:00 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 FY 2021 Budget Discussion: Visitor Venues Department

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Scott Cruikshank, General Manager of Visitor Venues, Craig Stroud, Executive Director of the Oregon Convention Center, Matthew Rotchford, Executive Director of the Portland Expo Center, Heather Wilton, Director of Programming and Booking at Portland's and Don Moore, Director of the Oregon Zoo to speak on the Visitor Venues FY 2021 Budget.

Mr. Stroud discussed the economic prosperity of the venues. He noted that the venues had a combined economic impact of \$875 million. Ms. Wilton reviewed the venue's commitment to racial equity and inclusion in its programming, contracting, and hiring.

Mr. Rotchford discussed the venues' efforts to mitigate and reduce climate change in the Metro area. He listed five areas of focus for the venues: clean energy, clean and equitable transportation, zero waste, healthy and sustainable food, and clean air and water.

Mr. Cruikshank highlighted the venues' employer of choice initiatives. He reported on venue projects that required council direction and introduced the proposed budget modifications for the Oregon Convention Center, Oregon

Zoo, and the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.

Mr. Cruikshank reviewed the venues' operating expenses and revenues. He explained that all venues operate with balanced budgets. The venue directors discussed the financial trade-offs underway to balance each venues' budgets.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for the venue directors and the presentation.

Councilor Gonzalez asked for clarification on the Oregon Convention Center's forecast procedures. He also inquired about the venues plans towards extending employee benefits to variable hours employees.

Councilor Lewis inquired about the anticipated revenue reserves for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Councilor Craddick asked for clarification on the FTE requests for the venues and asked how the Oregon Zoo's budget proposal impacts the Zoo's enterprise funds.

Councilor Chase inquired about long-term strategies to secure sustainable funding for the venues.

President Peterson recommended staff gather data on previous Council directives for the venues and their outcomes.

3:10 Regional Supportive Housing Measure

President Peterson introduced Paul Slyman, Chief of Staff, and Andy Shaw, Director of Government and Policy Affairs, Jess Larson, Housing and Policy Manager, and Elissa Gertler, Director of Planning and development to speak on the

Regional Supportive Housing Measure.

Mr. Shaw provided a brief background of the updates to the ballot language. Mr. Slyman detailed the community forums that took place in Washington County, Clackamas County, Multnomah County, and the Metro Regional Center. He reviewed the questions raised by the public about the potential outcomes of a supportive housing effort. Mr. Slyman emphasized the public's demand for accountability measures and listed the specific concerns they wanted the measure to address. He explained that the community forums revealed widespread support for addressing homelessness in the region and widespread support for enacting components of the Here Together framework.

Ms. Larson provided an overview of supportive housing services. She defined supportive housing as the pairing of deeply affordable housing with supportive services to ensure housing stability for individuals experiencing prolonged homelessness. She explained that supportive services include rent assistance, medical care, addiction and recovery treatment, mental healthcare, and case managers. Mrs. Larson emphasized that supportive housing is a widely accepted and demonstrated effective strategy for ending prolonged homelessness in communities.

Ms. Larson reported on the regional need for supportive housing services. She noted that an estimated 3,123 to 4,935 households in the region would require supportive housing services, and as many as 17,500 households experience economic homelessness or are at risk of being homeless. Ms. Larson outlined the estimated annual costs to serve these communities.

Mr. Shaw outlined the components of the proposed ballot measure: a 1% high-earner marginal income tax on income, a community oversight committee, local implementation

plans, and intergovernmental agreements. He explained that 95% of the resources would be distributed among the counties, and 5% would go towards funding regional oversight and coordination. Mr. Shaw detailed components of the revenue collection system and other administration programs.

Ms. Gertler provided an overview of the implementation framework for the ballot measure. She reviewed the four implementation categories: programmatic work, revenue collection, oversight, and systems. Ms. Gertler discussed the timeline of the implementation plan and explained that revenue collection would begin in 2021.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for Metro staff and the presentation.

President Peterson asked for clarification on updates to the proposed revenue mechanism.

Councilor Lewis, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Chase, and Councilor Dirksen expressed support for the 1% high-earner marginal income tax.

Councilor Stacey proposed staff gather more information on the feasibility of a 2% high-earner marginal income tax

Councilor Craddick asked about the estimated people that would be served with funding of \$175 million versus \$250 million.

President Peterson asked staff to move forward with the 1% high-earner marginal income tax as the proposed revenue mechanism.

Councilor Stacey proposed that Home Forward have an ex officio member on the oversight committee and asked when collection would begin on the ballot measure.

Councilor Lewis suggested that the City of Portland have an ex officio member on the oversight committee.

4:10 Legislative Update

4:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication

There was none.

4:20 Councilor Communication

There was none.

4:30 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	02/18/2020	Visitor Venues FY20-21 Budget	021820cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	02/18/2020	Potential Regional Supportive Housing Services	021820cw-02
3.0	Memo	02/18/2020	Potential Regional Supportive Housing Services Program Implementation	021820cw-03
4.0	Memo	02/18/2020	Draft Resolution No. 20-5083	021820cw-04
5.0	Memo	02/18/2020	Draft Exhibit to Resolution No. 20-5083	021820cw-05
6.0	Memo	02/18/2020	Draft Resolution No. 20-5085	021820cw-06
7.0	Memo	02/18/2020	Draft Ordinance No. 20-1442	021820cw-07