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Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 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 work session 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 Goals and Priorities for Wet Waste Allocation Methodology for Private Transfer Stations

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Roy Brower, Metro Staff, and Molly Vogt, Metro Staff to speak on Goals and Priorities for Wet Waste Allocation Methodology for Private Transfer Stations.

Mr. Brower provided a brief background on Metro's system for allocating wet waste. Ms. Vogt explained that staff would be working to develop a systematic and transparent method of allocating wet waste tonnage annually to private transfer stations within the region.

Ms. Vogt discussed seven proposed goals and priorities for the tonnage allocation methodology: higher wages to lower paying jobs, economically fair and accessible system, more job opportunities in solid waste industry, reducing greenhouse gas emissions while promoting emerging technologies, offering additional services to the public, modest changes in tonnage at each transfer site, and consideration of the station proximity and capacity. She reviewed the staff recommendation to forward all seven presented goals and outlined the proposed project timeline.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez spoke on the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. He asked if each goal would hold the same value for meeting the criteria.

Councilor Lewis expressed support for the staff recommendation. She recommended staff extend the review period of transfer stations.

Councilor Dirksen recommended staff refine the proposed allocation criteria to account for the challenges small firms might face in meeting the criteria.

Councilor Chase expressed appreciation for the outlined goals and priorities. He recommended staff be mindful of stakeholders input and engagement in the development process.

President Peterson asked for clarification on the Council engagement timeline.

2:40 Draft Emergency Operations Plan

President Peterson introduced Heidi Rahn, Metro staff, and Courtney Patterson, Metro staff, to present on the Draft Emergency Operations Plan.

Ms. Rahn discussed the importance of developing an Emergency Operations Plan. Ms. Patterson highlighted the differences between an emergency operations plan and a continuity of operations plan. She explained that an emergency operations plan seeks to address issues caused by an emergency. Ms. Patterson noted that Waste Prevention and Environmental Services has a clear emergency response role to manage the region's disaster debris in the event of an emergency.

Ms. Patterson listed questions answered by the Emergency Operation Plan: How will Metro respond to incidents and events? Who can activate this plan? When should they

activate the plan? How do you activate the plan? What structure will be used to manage an incident? What are the roles and responsibilities for each incident command system job? What are the general responsibilities for each department and venue before, during, and after an incident?

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for Metro staff and the presentation.

President Peterson asked if staff had developed a continuity of operations plan. She noted the importance of participating in recovery plans to aid the region.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired about funding sources for emergency operations labor during an emergency.

Councilor Chase asked how Metro venues would be utilized during regional emergencies.

Councilor Lewis inquired about communications during an emergency.

2:55 Employment Agreement Audit Follow-up

President Peterson introduced Andrew Scott, Metro staff to present on the Employment Agreement Audit Follow-up.

Mr. Scott provided a brief overview of the audit follow-up. He presented two questions to the Council: Should Metro Council remove delegation authority to approve employment agreements from the COO, and what specific parameters of employment agreements must the COO operate within? Mr. Scott reviewed the areas for COO discretion and the areas for Council discretion within the Employment Agreements Scope.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed support for delegating authority to the COO to approve all employment agreements for director-level positions and above.

President Peterson asked for clarification on the standard severance package. She proposed that the COO have discretion over the 3-month standard severance. Councilor Lewis recommended against Metro Council delegating authority for all subsequent employee agreement amendments to the COO.

Councilor Dirksen and Councilor Chase expressed support for employee agreement amendments remaining under the discretion of Council.

Mr. Scott noted that amendments would be presented to Council as resolutions.

3:25 Councilor Communication

Mr. Scott announced that staff would be working to developing and establishing Metro policies on COVID-19.

3:30 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Councilor Dirksen asked Council to sign-on to a letter from Transportation for America regarding a national transportation reform. Councilors expressed support for the letter.

Councilor Lewis provided brief overviews on the community transportation forum hosted by Metro, the Waste Prevention and Environmental Services screening of *Nobody's Trash*, and the March 4th Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission meeting.

Councilor Gonzalez provided an update on the food scraps

ordinance being considered by the city of Hillsboro.

President Peterson provided an update on the I-5 Bridge Replacement Program Partnering meeting.

3:35 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 03, 2020

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	03/03/2020	Employment Agreements Audit Follow-up	030320cw-01
2.0	Handout	03/03/2020	Transportation for America Letter	030320cw-02