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Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2020

3:30 PM

This work session was held virtually.

Council work session

3:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the work session to order at 3:31 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

Work Session Topics:

3:35 Council Framework for Consideration of Sponsorship Requests for FY 2020-21

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Ina Zucker, Council Office Program Director, and Victor Sin, Council Policy Advisor, and Joel Morton, Metro Staff, to present on the Council Framework for Consideration of Sponsorship Requests for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

President Peterson provided a brief overview of the intent to restructure the Council sponsorship program. Ms. Zucker noted the Council Office's total sponsorship funds. Ms. Zucker asked for Council direction on the approach and specific criteria to prioritize for Council sponsorship allocations in FY 2020-21.

Mr. Sin noted that Metro sponsorship activities were paused until further notice and sponsorship applicants were notified of the status change. He spoke on the importance of reconsidering how Council would accept sponsorship benefits due to the present circumstance around COVID-19.

Mr. Morton recommended that Council develop clear and well-articulated criteria for awarding sponsorship funds. Ms. Zucker reviewed the category 1 and category 2 classifications for potential sponsorship allocations. She recommended Council allocate \$24,000 for category 1 awards and \$10,000 for category 2 awards.

Council Discussion

President Peterson inquired about Council Office's total sponsorship funds. She asked if there were additional funds available from other areas in the Council FY 2020-21 budget for sponsorships. President Peterson discussed the importance of allocating funds to organizations providing recovery relief.

Councilor Lewis proposed that Council develop sponsorship criteria that other Metro departments could adopt.

Councilor Craddick recommended that Council adhere to Metro's values and priorities when developing the sponsorship criteria.

Councilor Dirksen asked for a description of sponsorships.

Councilor Gonzalez recommended Council allocate funds to community organizations and non-profits providing recovery relief and serving communities of color. He also recommended Council adopt flexible criteria agreements and prioritize a racial equity lens.

Councilor Chase expressed support for Councilor Gonzalez's recommendations.

Councilor Stacey highlighted Council's flexibility around sponsorship benefits.

4:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Madrigal noted that the Metro quick response team would develop a document detailing all the available resources that could be re-directed to fund recovery relief aid.

4:15 Councilor Communication

Councilor Craddick provided a brief review of the April 16th Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting.

Councilor Gonzalez provided a brief overview of the Forest Grove Council and Washington County Coordinating Committee meetings.

4:30 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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