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## Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

2:00 PM

This work session was held virtually.

**Council work session**

**Present:** 6 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**Excused:** 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

**2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Deputy Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez called the work session to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Work Session Topics:**

2:05 Regional Barometer Demo

Deputy Council President Gonzalez introduced Andrew Scott, Metro Staff, and Cary Stacey, Metro Staff, to present on the Regional Barometer Demo.

Mr. Scott provided a brief synopsis of the Metro Regional Barometer. He explained that the Regional Barometer was an online tool that publicly provides information on how the region was doing relative to Metro's Six Desired Outcomes: transportation, economy, ecosystems, climate, communities and equity. Mr. Scott noted that the purpose of the Regional Barometer was to improve Metro decision-making through accountability, transparency and results. Ms. Stacey reviewed different components of the Regional Barometer's online interface. She also highlighted the Regional Barometer email that allows users to ask questions and provide feedback.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Dirksen asked about the differences between the Regional Barometer and the Economic Value Atlas.

Councilor Craddick inquired how the barometer could support the implementation of the Supportive Housing Services measure.

Councilor Chase expressed appreciation for the staff involved in developing the Regional Barometer and its accessibility.

Councilor Lewis asked if there was sufficient staffing to engage in real-time uploading and analysis.

Councilor Stacey expressed gratitude towards Cary Stacey for helping develop the barometer.

Deputy Council President Gonzalez expressed deep appreciation for the development of the barometer.

#### **2:35 Budget Update**

Ms. Madrigal noted that the office of the Chief Operating Officer had received cut packages from all Metro departments. She explained that each department would have their budgets cuts by 7-8%.

#### **2:45 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Madrigal spoke on the Metro employee assistance fund. She explained that the fund was organized by a national non-profit organization that specializes in assistance funds. She added that the application process only requires applicants to answer three questions; once they are verified, employees receive a check within 48 hours. Ms. Madrigal noted that the money saved by mandatory and voluntary leadership furloughs would go into the employee assistance fund.

Ms. Madrigal discussed the bond sale for the Parks and Nature bond, and the Oregon Convention center's commemoration of Functional Neurological Disorder Awareness Day. She highlighted Metro employees' efforts to sell cloth-based face coverings, and the Research Center's food donation tracker. Ms. Madrigal also provided a brief overview of the resolutions scheduled for the April 23rd

Council meeting.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Dirksen asked for clarification on the Emergency Declaration.

Councilor Lewis noted the requirement to host an in-person public hearing regarding the Emergency Declaration.

Deputy Council President Gonzalez inquired about the bond premium amount for the Parks and Nature bond.

Councilor Craddick asked how the Parks and Nature bond premiums compare to past bond sales from other measures.

**2:50 Councilor Communication**

Deputy Council President Gonzalez reviewed the agenda for the April 23 Emergency COVID- 19 Taskforce meeting. He noted that staff was drafting a letter of Council priorities for the task force. He explained that Council President Lynn Peterson requested that food stability to be included in the letter. Council Dirksen inquired about the Oregon Worker Relief Fund. Councilors expressed support for the Council priorities letter.

**3:00 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Gonzalez adjourned the Metro Council work session at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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