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Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2020

2:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/615079992>

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Public Communication

There was none.

3. Consent Agenda**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Chase, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

- 3.1 Resolution No. 20-5097, For the Purpose of Approving Amendments to the Employment Contracts for Directors, Deputy COO and General Manager of Visitor Venues
- 3.2 Resolution No. 20-5098, For the Purpose of Amending the Employment Agreements of the Metro Attorney, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief of Staff
- 3.3 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2020

4. Resolutions

- 4.1 Resolution No. 20-5091, For the Purpose of Proclaiming April 1 Through April 30 Southeast Asian Community Recognition Month

Deputy Council President Gonzalez introduced Kathy Wai, TriMet, Sokho Eath, Cambodian American Community of Oregon, and Victor Sin and Chevy Pham, Metro staff, to present Resolution No. 20-5091, For the Purpose of Proclaiming April 1 Through April 30 Southeast Asian

Community Recognition Month. Mr. Sin explained that the resolution honored the histories of more than 55,000 Southeast Asian community members that call the Portland metropolitan area home. He thanked Metro's community partners and staff for testifying in support of the resolution, and noted that the recognition was among the first made by a major government body.

The presenters then shared testimony in support of the resolution. Written copies of their testimony can be found attached to the April 23, 2020 council meeting packet.

Council Discussion

Councilors thanked the presenters for their testimony. Councilor Chase asked how communities were being impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and how Metro could further support these groups. Councilor Craddick thanked the presenters for their words and noted that the presentation highlighted the importance of actions such as Metro's Racial Equity Strategy. Councilor Dirksen spoke to his background as a Vietnam War era veteran and expressed his support for the resolution, highlighting the important impacts of history. Councilor Lewis emphasized the importance of celebrating community. Councilor Gonzalez noted that it was crucial to support all Asian-Americans who experience racism associated with COVID-19.

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

- 4.2 Resolution No. 20-5096, For the Purpose of Declaring a State of Emergency in the Metro Region as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic and Delegating Authority to Metro's Chief Operating Officer

Deputy Council President Gonzalez introduced Mr. Shane Abma, Metro staff, to present Resolution No. 20-5096. Mr. Abma explained that approval of the resolution would provide the following functions: ratify the declaration of emergency in the Metro region; give the Chief Operating Officer (COO) authority to suspend, waive, or amend certain Metro administrative rules if necessary to address the pandemic; give the COO authority to amend certain solid waste franchises and non-system licenses that are related to putrescible waste to help respond to the pandemic; give the COO authority to suspend provisions of Metro Code Chapters 5.01, 5.03, 5.05, with respect to certain deadlines in those chapters; and extend deadlines set forth in Metro Code Section 3.07.1430 related to processing applications for major amendments to the urban growth boundary. He added that the declaration, if adopted, would remain in effect as the emergency continues.

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Dirksen, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

5. Public Hearings

5.1 Public Hearing for the 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Public Review Draft

Deputy Council President Gonzalez introduced Mr. Ted Leybold, Metro staff, to introduce the public hearing on the 2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Public Review Draft. Mr. Leybold provided an overview of the MTIP, noting that it was an oversight function of all the federal transportation spending in the region. He explained that the proposed 2021-24 program included \$1.1 billion of investments, spread over 216

projects or programs representing a variety of investment types, including highways, roads, transit, active transportation, and regional programs and planning. He then reviewed the process of adoption of the MTIP and highlighted key dates.

Deputy Council President Gonzalez then opened up a public hearing on the 2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Chris Smith, City of Portland: Mr. Smith, representing the No More Freeways campaign, testified in opposition to the inclusion of the Highway 217 project. He noted that the No More Freeways group was opposed to all freeway expansions within urban areas, highlighting that 42% of all greenhouse gases in the Portland metropolitan region were from transportation. He urged the Metro Council to remove the project from the MTIP.

Seeing no one else signed up to testify, Deputy Council President Gonzalez gaveled out of the public hearing.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal, Chief Operating Officer, spoke about the April 23 all-staff town hall meeting and thanked staff for participating.

7. Councilor Communication

There was none.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Gonzalez adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:15 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council

meeting on May 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf
Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2020

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.3	Minutes	04/16/20	Council Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2020	042320c-01
4.1	Testimony	04/23/20	Testimony from APANO	042320c-02
4.1	Testimony	04/22/20	Testimony from HACO	042320c-03
4.1	Testimony	04/23/20	Testimony from Chevy Pham	042320c-04
4.1	Testimony	04/22/20	Testimony from the New Year in the Pack Committee	042320c-05
4.1	Testimony	04/22/20	Testimony from the Vietnamese Community of Oregon	042320c-06
5.1	PowerPoint	04/23/20	2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)	042320c-07