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Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

2:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez called the Metro Council work session call to order at 2:04 p.m.

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

Work Session Topics:**2:05 Metro Resilience Program Update**

Deputy Council President Gonzalez introduced Ms. Sasha Pollack, Resiliency Program Manager and Mr. Bo Kapatsila Metro's Hatfield Fellow to present on the Metro Resilience Program Update. Ms. Pollack reviewed the agenda which included, a resilience program overview, inventory of Metro's current resilience work, EPA building blocks for resilience workshop, and COVID-19 recovery and resilience. She reminded the Council of the Metro Resilience Program, and it included climate adaptation and mitigation, natural disasters, emergency management, economy, and social vulnerability. Ms. Pollack also reviewed the resilience program components such as the inventory of Metro's current resilience work, the resilience team, regional resilience assessment, and a gap analysis of current regional programs.

Mr. Kapatsila discussed the Metro resilience inventory report. The report included an interview of 16 Metro employees that occurred between September and December 2019. He noted that the report focused on mitigation and recovery, social and economic resilience, resilience to climate impacts and natural disasters, and it discussed potential impacts of COVID-19. He discussed the inventory for planning and development, waste prevention

and environmental services, parks and nature, venues, and DEI. Mr. Kapatsila spoke to the opportunities to expand equity and resilience at Metro and its program role.

Ms. Pollack discussed the EPA building blocks for resilience workshop that would occur in fall 2020 with all five regional disaster preparedness organization (RDPO) counties. She mentioned that the focus would be on regional coordination and to reduce vulnerability. She also reported on the COVID-10 recovery and its relation to Metro resilience. The items included were: working with RDPO, regional COVID-19 recovery data resource task force, equity and values conversation, and regional coordination. Ms. Pollack introduced Mr. Jeff Frkonja, Research Center Director, to discuss regional collective data efforts.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick requested clarification on the direction staff was requesting from the Council. She also inquired on funding feasibility for the programs.

Councilor Stacey voiced his appreciation for staff and their work with the RDPO.

Councilor Chase voiced the importance of partnerships especially in terms of Metro facilities. He also inquired on future Metro program initiatives.

2:50 Supportive Housing Services Update

Deputy Council President Gonzalez introduced Ms. Jes Larson, Housing Policy Program Manager, Ms. Anneliese Koehler, Regional and State Affairs Advisor, and Rachael Lembo, MERC Finance Manager to present on the Supportive Housing Services Update. Ms. Koehler reminded

the Council of the Metro measure 26-210, stating that the framework was created by Here Together, its referral in February 2020, and its approval in May 2020. She briefly reviewed the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) goals and focus as well as addressing the impacts of COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement in relation to homelessness.

Ms. Larson discussed programmatic implementation of SHS. She briefly mentioned the relationship between homelessness and race, and continued on to the program implementation readiness timeline including the summer of 2020 and 2021. She reported that the new regional program would be integrating into Metro's work, and the need for governance and accountability. Ms. Larson shared the summer implementation advisory structure that would assist in getting the program underway. She reviewed the roles of the stakeholder advisory table, local implementation plans (LIP), the oversight committee, and the tri-county advisory body.

Ms. Lembo reviewed the revenue of collections phase which included the tax collection implementation. She reminded the Council that there were two new revenue mechanisms, a 1% high-earner marginal income tax and 1% business profits tax, which would begin January 2021. She reviewed the tax collection implementation timeline that included a technical review and planning phase as well as an implementation tax collection system phase.

Ms. Koehler posed the following question to Council:

- What questions, concerns and direction do you have as staff continues to prepare for implementation?

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis commented on the tax collection

implementation and voiced her concern on investing money on future change.

Councilor Dirksen stressed the importance of being transparent to the tax payers.

Councilor Craddick voiced the need to share success with the voters to encourage renewal of the measure and she asked staff to speak on service opportunities not yet mentioned. She also inquired if there would be a database created to log all information.

Councilor Chase commented on the development of the measure and inquired on the tax implementation timeline.

3:35 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Marissa Madrigal discussed the potential reopening of the Expo Center for drive-ins, the reopening of the Oregon Zoo, and COVID-19 internal operational impacts.

3:40 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis reported on her attendance of the Clackamas County study session and commented on the Austin City Council passing a transportation package.

3:45 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 28, 2020

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	07/28/2020	Metro Resilience Update	072820cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	07/28/2020	Supportive Housing Services	072820cw-02