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Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2020

2:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> or 888-475-4499 (toll free)

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Public Communication

Eric Fruits, City of Portland: Mr. Fruits expressed his concern with the income taxes proposed in Ordinance 20-1449. He urged Council to vote no on this policy because he felt there was a lack of public input in the ordinance and should be re-discussed.

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for October 01, 2020

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 20-5132, For the Purpose of Proclaiming September 15 Through October 15 Latinx Heritage Month

Presenter(s): Melissa Palavecino, Metro
Mariana Valenzuela, City of Forest Grove

President Peterson introduced Councilor Mariana Valenzuela from the Forest Grove City Council and Melissa Palavecino from Metro’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion department to present RES No. 20-5132.

Councilor Valenzuela shared a story about Councilor Gonzalez and celebrated American farmworkers and Latinx allies that have supported Latinx immigrant's journey to the United States.

Ms. Palavecino presented Resolution No. 20-5132 to Council.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick thanked the guest speakers for their words at the meeting and shared that it was an honor to work with Councilor Gonzalez. Councilor Lewis expressed her appreciation of the work Metro's DEI team put into creating this resolution. She shared the importance of building on these issues and celebrating the Latinx community everyday. Councilor Gonzalez thanked the remarks shared by both speakers and his appreciation of the opportunity to serve on the Metro Council in order to make an impact for his community. He thanked the Latinx Metro staff that works daily to advance racial equity in Metro projects and throughout our region. Councilor Chase highlighted the importance of celebrating Latinx community members. He stressed the importance of continuing this work and to dive deeper into figuring ways to celebrate the specific communities that make up the Latinx community. Councilor Stacey expressed his hope for the future of the United States to better reflect the diversity of languages that are spoken around the United States. He highlighted the immense contribution these communities have towards building a better United States.

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

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

4.2 Resolution No. 20-5131, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2020-21 Budget and Appropriations Schedule and FY 2020-21 Through FY 2024-25 Capital Improvement Plan to Provide for Changes in Operations by Supplemental Budget

Presenter(s): Brian Kennedy, Metro

President Peterson introduced Brian Kennedy Metro’s Chief Financial Officer to present RES No. 20-5131.

Mr. Kennedy reviewed the new supplemental budget. He explained that this resolution reduces Metros overall appropriation budget to \$14.8 million, plans for the elimination of 32 positions throughout Metro and technical changes to Capital Improvement Plans.

Council Discussion:

President Peterson shared her sympathies towards those effected by the budget cuts but expressed that moving forward Metro can create a stronger financial cushion so cuts will not have to be made in the future. Councilor Dirksen expressed the importance of this action and the difficulties with voting yes on this resolution. Councilor Lewis recognized the impact of this decision across the agency and that staff will be hit hard by this action.

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

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

4.2.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 20-5131

There was no public testimony given.

5. Ordinances (Second Reading)

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 20-1449, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Financing of Metro's Implementation Services Expenditure

Presenter(s): Cinnamon Williams, Metro

President Peterson introduced Brian Kennedy to answer any questions Councilors have on Ordinance 20-1449.

Council Discussion:

There was none.

Motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Chase that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

President Peterson introduced COO Marissa Madrigal to share sentiments about the recent loss of Jesse Flores. Councilors Lewis, Stacey and Gonzalez shared their sentiments and fond memories of working with Mr. Flores. Ms. Chinsey a co-worker of Mr. Flores shared her memories about Mr. Flores and his impactful work at Metro specifically his work with DEI.

Ms. Madrigal acknowledged that financial decisions do not reflect the individual but reflect the circumstances and expressed her sentiments to those impacted by the budget cuts.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilor Craddick reviewed the two topic points brought up during the JPACT meeting held October 15. She shared that the first item of discussion was Metro's comment letter to the Oregon Transportation Commission in regards to the

2024-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Councilor Dirksen highlighted that during the JPACT meeting they discussed the problem with STIP's current funding marker that is based on lane miles and explained JPACT wants them to factor in traffic volumes into fix it funds.

Councilor Chase summarized the weekly MPACT meeting. He explained that some of the MPACT team expressed that they feel MPACT has a limited impact and some expressed that they felt MPACT makes an impact. Councilor Chase shared that there was a presentation around land readiness presented at this meeting.

8. Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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