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Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

2:00 PM

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Council work session

2:03 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:03 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:

2:05 Housing Program and Policy Updates

Presenter(s): Elissa Gertler, Metro
Jes Larson, Metro
Emily Lieb, Metro

President Peterson introduced Elissa Gertler, Jes Larson and Emily Lieb to present the housing update.

Ms. Gerlter summarized the importance of creating equitable housing options in the Portland metro area and the goals of the Supportive Housing Measure. She reviewed the equity goals of the project and reminded Council about the dire need for affordable housing and housing support for BIPOC communities in the Portland metro area.

Ms. Larson reviewed Supportive Housing Services Implementation plan and the progress that has been made since the summer stakeholder advisory table. She explained that the SHS is prioritizing investing in BIPOC communities who are either disabled or suffer from chronic homelessness, and individuals who are at risk of homelessness. \$200 million a year Ms. Larson reviewed the three legged stool of housing services plan: Rental assistance, wraparound services and housing units. She explained that rental assistance and the wraparound services will be funded by the Supportive Housing Measure

but the housing unit component will be funded by the Housing bond.

Ms. Lieb reviewed the first annual program report scheduled for early 2021, following submission of local progress reports from partners. She explained that the first report will provide a comprehensive update on projects/expenditures, including more detailed metrics available at that time. Ms. Lieb explained that the Oversight Committee will be providing findings and recommendations, which she anticipates to include both a review of individual jurisdictions' progress as well as key regional trends and opportunities/challenges. She summarized the 17 housing projects in pre-development in the Metro area already underway through the bond.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez encouraged housing bond staff to explore all partners and strategies while developing housing options. He encouraged staff to explore ways of getting money out faster to those who need rent assistance now and who need other urgent housing support during the pandemic.

Councilor Dirksen congratulated staff on their progress on this project and the shared his appreciation of the combination of both housing measures to complete the needs of the region.

Councilor Stacey thanked staff and regional partners for all of their work and progress made on this project.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for their work and reminded staff of the importance of the equity component of this project.

Councilor Craddick asked staff to work on reports or documents that Council can share with the public to demonstrate the hard work staff and partners have done on this project.

Councilor Chase thanked staff and regional partners for their contribution on this project.

President Peterson asked staff if they see any economic barriers to achieving the goals of the project. She encouraged staff to remember the importance of prioritizing hiring BIPOC companies and workers for this project.

3:17 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Madrigal reminded Council of the annual Metro Community Giving Campaign. She shared that in lieu of having the traditional in person events that there will be virtual events for Metro staff to attend.

Ms. Madrigal shared a Covid-19 update, announcing that Oregon had hit a record high of 550 positive cases Friday October 24th. She highlighted that her department is following news and reports on the potential civil unrest that may follow the upcoming 2020 election.

3:21 Council Communication

Councilor Lewis reviewed the goals for this year and the upcoming year shared at the Oregon Zoo Foundation retreat which she attended Friday October 24. She shared that she attended the Institute for Portland Metropolitan Studies board meeting. She explained that in the coming months the board hopes to produce a Covid and Post Covid work plan and model for the Institute.

President Peterson shared that she has scheduled time to discuss strategic planning with the new Metro councilors.

3:25 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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