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Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2020

3:00 PM

This work session was held virtually.

Council work session

3:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the work session to order at 3:00 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:**3:05 Update on Housing Bond Implementation**

President Peterson introduced Elissa Gertler, Director of Planning and Development, Emily Lieb, Metro staff, Jenny lee, Housing Bond Community Oversight Committee Co-Chair, and Steve Rudman, Housing Bond Community Oversight Committee Co-Chair to present on the Update on Housing Bond Implementation.

Ms. Gertler provided a brief background of the Housing Bond and explained that staff would present on the Quarterly Progress Report, revenue and expenditures, operationalizing racial equity, and the Oversight Committee.

Ms. Lieb reviewed the Metro Work Plan that was adopted by Council. She discussed the Community Oversight Committee appointment process and launch. Ms. Lieb briefly outlined the Housing Bond's early project commitments, local implementation strategies, intergovernmental agreements, and local funding solicitations. Ms. Lieb provided an overview of the Housing Bond's Unit Production Dashboard. She explained that the dashboard details the progress Metro had made towards achieving the overall unit goal of 3,900 affordable and family size housing units. She stated that the number of housing units would increase in Summer 2020.

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Ms. Lieb briefly discussed the local implementation strategies. She detailed the current bond revenue total of \$668, 209, 804, and the current bond expenditures total of \$6,458, 679. Ms. Lieb highlighted the project's commitment to advancing racial equity. She listed the key metrics staff would use to assess racial equity in the affordable housing implementation: construction benefits, marketing and application, demographics, and community engagement outcomes. Ms. Lee emphasized the importance of incorporating a racial equity lens in the implementation process. Mr. Rudman noted the importance of integrating and aligning the Housing Bond implantation process with the Supportive Housing Measure.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for staff and the presentation.

Councilor Stacey asked if staff had asked participating local governments about their steps towards implementing labor participation goals.

Councilor Craddick inquired about the allocation of funds in

each county and the limitations of administrative costs in each county. She asked about the City of Gresham's progress in meeting the intergovernmental agreement regarding vouchers.

Councilor Lewis asked how staff made sure they were not duplicative in their work on the housing bond implementation.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed appreciation for the Housing Bond Oversight Committee.

Councilor Chase recommended that staff identify cost saving ideas as they work on implementing the housing bond.

3:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Madrigal provided an update on the May 14th Metro All Staff Town Hall.

3:55 Councilor Communication

Council Craddick provided updates on the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee.

4:00 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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