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Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

2:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually

Council work session

1. 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:

Procurement Equity Strategies for Public Improvement Projects

Council President Peterson introduced Ms. Gabi Shuster, Procurement Manager, Eddy Morales, Gresham City Councilor, Lacey Beaty, Mayor-elect of Beaverton, Steve Callaway, Mayor of Hillsboro, and John Goodhouse, Tigard Council President, to present on the Procurement Equity Strategies for Public Improvement. Ms. Shuster briefed the Council on the ten equity strategies, which included building relationships and trust, matchmaking, building capacity, reducing the procurement barriers, creating fair and equitable processes, partnering with CBO's, adding accountability, creating opportunities, tracking, and learning and seeking feedback.

Councilor Morales, Mayor-elect Beaty, Mayor Callaway, and Tigard Council President Goodhouse all reported on their procurement equity strategies in regard to recent projects and efforts. Councilor Morales spoke to the work underway for the Housing Bond, Mayor Callaway discussed the importance of changing the way procurement is handled so that it is accessible to BIPOC contractors, Council President Goodhouse spoke to the Anti-Racism plan that was developed and implemented in Tigard, and Mayor-elect Beaty reported on the advancements the City of Beaverton had made.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis requested that Councilor Morales speak more to the support that would be in place for leveraging prime minority owned investment in contracting and its process for growth.

Councilor Gonzalez acknowledged the leadership and capacity limits for certain jurisdictions to take on projects.

Councilor Craddick inquired how Metro could help other cities in the region to achieve racial equity in regard to procurement.

Councilor Lewis acknowledged and thanked City Officials who were present at the work session and commented on the absence of the City of Portland as well as City Officials from her district. She mentioned procurement laws and legislation.

Councilor Chase shared the importance of City Officials seeking out support from Metro. He spoke to the issues that may arise in regard to contracting and commented on the accessibility of affordable housing.

Councilor Dirksen voiced his appreciation for the City Official's reports and inquired on the status of equity procurement for the city officials who were not present at the work session.

2021 State Legislative Agenda

Council President Peterson introduced Mr. Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager, and Ms. Anneliese Koehler, State and Regional Affairs Advisor, to present on the 2021 State Legislative Agenda. Ms. Koehler reviewed the legislative timeline and reminded the Council that the work

session focused on the Metro Council Legislative Principles. She also provided a brief legislative update that included how the legislative sessions would be held in light of COVID-19, the special Executive Session that would take place on December 21, 2020, and the Governor's budget.

Mr. Tucker brought the Council's attention to a bill introduced by the Department of Justice titled the Portland Harbor Legislative Concept. He discussed the three elements of the legislative principles, which included, the resolution itself, Exhibit A, and Exhibit B. Mr. Tucker reported on the key proposed agendas such as a new principle on equity in the solid waste system and a new principle on safe and equitable transportation. He also spoke to the five general principles extracted from the overall document: successful communities, racial diversity, equity and inclusion, climate change, pre-emption, and funding. Mr. Tucker and Ms. Koehler provided a brief summary of each draft 2021 legislative principle as well as discussed other proposed changes such as the consolidation of sections, minor language changes, and the elimination of redundant or superfluous principles.

Council Discussion

Councilor Dirksen requested that the funding portion of the overarching principles be specified and to provide more details.

Councilor Stacey commented on the importance of including affordable housing and greenhouse gas emissions prevention to the legislative session.

Councilor Chase spoke to and voiced his support on the equitable enforcement on the transportation principle

Councilor Lewis voiced the importance of not listing the

quantity of principles due to possible misinterpretation of what the Council would bring to the legislative sessions, and she mentioned the need to include climate change in the principle and priority lists. She also stressed the need to continue supporting previous commitments during the upcoming legislative session.

Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Marissa Madrigal recognized and celebrated Ms. Janice Larson, who has worked at Metro for 35 years and Mr. Mel Huie, who has worked at Metro for 43 years, both who would be retiring at the end of the year.

Various Metro staff members celebrated Ms. Larson and Mr. Huie.

Councilor Communication

Councilors thanked and celebrated Ms. Larson and Mr. Huie for their dedication and work at Metro.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2020

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	12/15/2020	Procurement Equity Strategies	121520cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	12/15/2020	Metro Council Legislative Principles	121520cw-02