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Minutes

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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Shirley Craddick called the Metro Council Meeting call to order at: 2:00 p.m

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

2. Public Communication

Deputy Council President Craddick opened up the Public Communication Portion of the meeting.

Robert Liberty, City of Portland: Mr. Liberty expressed his concerns with the Colombia River Crossing project as it relates to the I-5 Bridge project.

Seeing no further public testimony, Deputy Council President Craddick moved on to the Consent Agenda items.

3. Presentations

3.1 Congestion Pricing

Presenter(s): Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara and Alex Oreshack to present on the Regional Congestion Pricing Study.

Ms. Mros-O'Hara explained that one of the goals of this study was to determine how a regional congestion pricing tool could help inform transportation policy work moving forward. Furthermore, she reviewed the following key performance measurements: Vehicle miles traveled, Percent of people using different modes of transportation, Accessibility, Vehicle Delay, Emissions and Costs.

Alex Oreshack reviewed the four families of congestion pricing tools they tested in their study. He explained that all of these pricing tools would increase the costs of travel

around the region. However, he added that each pricing tool has a different cost impact and some tools have more evenly distributed costs compared to others. Additionally, Ms. Mros-O'Hara shared that there will be an expert review panel next Thursday morning to speak about their experiencing with using congestion pricing tools in their jurisdictions.

Margi Bradway reviewed next steps with Council and confirmed that she would share the results of the study with the Metro Council before bringing it to JPACT.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Stacey asked staff how they can mitigate some of the adverse effects such as high costs and lower accessibility.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff to further explain the efficacy of the Cordon pricing scenario pricing and to provide a comparison of the social benefits of each model compared to their more transportation focused benefits.

Councilor Gonzalez highlighted the importance of having the expert review panel review how they have mitigated issues such as displacement and affordability when implementing Congestion Pricing tools in their communities. Furthermore, Councilor Gonzalez asked staff to speak to the issue of reliability in terms of commute timing.

Councilor Lewis asked staff to ask the expert review panel to weigh-in on the following questions: how diversion of the transit system is related to transit access, how Cordon Pricing schemes encourage movement to certain areas vs. others, and what is the bottom line in terms of benefits outweighing costs.

Council President Peterson thanked staff for their work on the study and mentioned that she would like the expert review panel to address their strategies for the more cumbersome short term project needs/start up implementation work.

Councilor Nolan remarked that she would like to see the expert review panel address the longer implementation of different potential tax models that maintain the revenue needed to fund these transportation projects.

Deputy Council President Craddick asked that the expert review panel discuss how they have mitigated the issues of the potential financial gain vs. the impact the tax could have on the community.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Council President Peterson, that this item be approved the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for the March 18, 2021 Meeting.
- 4.2 Resolution No. 21-5170, For the Purpose of Authorizing Metro's Chief Operating Officer to Extend the Deadline for Filing Proposals for Mid-Cycle UGB Amendments Under Metro Code Section 3.07.1427

Presenter(s): Marissa Madrigal, Metro

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Metro Chief Operating Officer Acting as Budget Officer Presents the
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Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and Budget Message to the Metro Council, Acting as the Budget Committee

Presenter(s): Brian Kennedy, Metro
Brian Evans, Metro
Marissa Madrigal, Metro

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Marissa Madrigal, Brian Evans and Brian Kennedy to present on the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 Metro budget.

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal reviewed the budget process and highlighted Metro's efforts to build back some of the internal infrastructure lost during the Pandemic.

Metro Chief Financial Officer Brian Kennedy summarized the current financial situation and how Metro plans to balance the budget after the loss of revenue during the 2020-21 Fiscal Year. Furthermore, Mr. Kennedy reviewed Metro's past budgets and Metro's debt obligations.

The Metro Auditor Brian Evans, reviewed the office of the Metro Auditor's independent budget process. He highlighted how Metro has spent their money in the past and how they plan to spend money this upcoming fiscal year.

Deputy Council President Craddick closed the Metro Council Meeting and opened up the Metro Budget Committee session.

5.1.1 Resolution No. 21-5166, For the Purpose of Approving the FY 2021-22 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

Presenter(s): Marissa Madrigal, Metro

Brian Kennedy, Metro

Budget Committee Discussion

Councilor Nolan asked staff how Metro can improve community transparency and engagement throughout the budget approval process.

Councilor Gonzalez shared that Reimagine Oregon asked Council to commit to examining the different ways Metro interacts with law enforcement contracts. He asked staff to review how Metro can further explore and incorporate changes in their contracts and relationships with law enforcement.

Councilor Lewis expressed her excitement with this year's budget process and encouraged staff to focus on rebuilding the central services infrastructure at Metro.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff about whether Metro can receive federal funds through the CARE's act.

This item was forwarded without recommendation.

5.2.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 21-5166

Deputy Council President Craddick opened up the Budget Committee Public Hearing. Seeing no discussion Deputy Council President Craddick closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal shared that the Oregon Zoo is now open seven days a week and that Department heads had a successful strategy retreat.

7 Councilor Communication

Deputy Council President Craddick shared updates on the following items from the JPACT meeting from this morning: Regional mobility policy, Congestion pricing study and said

goodbye to Commissioner Roy Rogers who will no longer be a JPACT member.

Council President Peterson shared that Council and staff will be sharing an update and response to Robert Liberty's testimony on the I-5 Bridge.

Council Gonzalez shared that tomorrow there will be a Portland area governor's metro regional advisory committee meeting centered on the passing of the new CARE's act.

8 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Craddick adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 4:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pilar Karlin

Pilar Karlin, Council Policy Assistant.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Testimony	04/15/21	Robert Liberty Written Testimony	041521c-01