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Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2020

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

She highlighted that the region was in the midst of an unprecedented public health crisis and explained that immediate action would be needed to limit the spread of the virus in order to protect public health and safety and those most vulnerable.

She announced that Metro would follow the direction of Governor Brown and the Oregon Health Authority by limiting the size of gatherings at Metro's facilities. She also introduced an ordinance that would amend the Metro Code to allow the Metro Council to conduct meets virtually, if needed. She stated that amending the Metro Code to allow the Council to safely do the public's business was a reasonable and prudent action that balanced the need for continuity of government with the critical need to limit the spread of the corona virus.

With no objection, she added Ordinance No. 20-1443, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 2.01.055 to Address Situations Requiring Electronic Participation by Council Members and Declaring an Emergency, to the agenda.

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

Maggie, City of Portland: Maggie spoke to the importance of housing services and shared her concerns about the available resources for those experiencing homelessness.

Be Marston, City of Portland: Ms. Marston, a Portland's employee and organizer with UNITE HERE Local 8, testified on the food and beverage contract for the Oregon Convention Center, Portland's Expo Center, and the Oregon Zoo.

Bala Seshasayee, City of Hillsboro: Mr. Seshasayee testified in favor of removing the Chendra the elephant from the Oregon Zoo, citing health concerns and the elephant's overall well-being.

Courtney Scott, City of Portland: Ms. Scott encouraged the Metro Council to remove Chendra the elephant from the Oregon Zoo and relocate her to a wildlife sanctuary, citing health concerns and the elephant's overall well-being.

Jon Gramstad, City of Portland: Mr. Gramstad criticized the Metro Council for its elephant program at the Oregon Zoo.

Rachel Rodri, City of Portland: Ms. Rodri testified in favor of a zero-emission bus fleet transition and encouraged the Metro Council to work with TriMet to end its diesel bus program. She asked the Metro to work with TriMet on a response to the public's requests regarding this issue.

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan shared his concerns about the proposed Southwest Corridor Light Rail project, particularly in regards to changes proposed for Barbur Boulevard.

Mike O'Callaghan: Mr. O'Callaghan introduced himself as a mayoral candidate for the City of Portland by providing an overview of his goals as mayor and his past achievements.

Joe Calderon, City of Portland: Mr. Calderon, of

Sterling-Pacific Commercial Roofing & Waterproofing, testified on his experience working on the Hatfield Hall roof renovation project. He shared concerns about his work with Pacificmark Construction Corp and asked Metro to intervene.

Diane Meisenhetter, City of Portland: Ms. Meisenhetter shared concerns about TriMet's diesel busses and encouraged the Metro Council to work with TriMet leadership to transition to a zero-emission bus fleet.

3. Presentations

3.1 2020 Census Overview

Councilor Chase introduced the 2020 Census Overview by emphasizing the importance of the census. He invited Mr. Jon Coney, of the US Census Bureau, to provide a presentation on the 2020 Census. Mr. Coney highlighted the different roles of the census, included how it impacted congressional apportionment, redistricting, and distribution of federal dollars. He explained this was why it was very important to ensure that the census was accurate.

Mr. Coney provided an overview of how the census would be conducted, including by mail and in-person census counters. He also reviewed how census staff were planning on reaching communities that were less inclined to respond, such as non-English speakers, communities of color, and other groups that might need additional outreach.

He added that the census prioritized privacy and confidentiality. He explained that personal identifiable information was not reported publicly or given to any law enforcement agencies.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey asked about strategies the Census Bureau was employing to reassure people who are undocumented

that they can be counted safely. Councilor Dirksen asked about how the Census Bureau coordinating with non-profit organizations and local governments. Councilors thanked Mr. Coney for the presentation.

3.2 Equity in Contracting Annual Report

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Gabriele Schuster, Ms. Riko Tannenbaum, and Ms. Tracy Fisher to present the Equity in Contracting Annual Report. Ms. Schuster explained that equity in contracting supported sustainable economic growth and also expanded economic opportunities to disadvantaged firms.

Ms. Fisher provided an overview of Metro's contracting work in the last year. She explained that in 2019, Metro awarded \$54.3 million in total contracts, and \$11.2 million of that went to COBID-certified firms. She reviewed Metro's recent projects and highlighted how they supported Metro's equity in contracting goals. Ms. Tannenbaum shared how Metro had been supporting small business development, including proposal writing workshops, one-on-one consultations, and outreach. She also shared plans to expand the program in the future.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed support for Metro's work related to equity in contracting. They thanked Ms. Schuster and her team for their accomplishments. Councilor Lewis asked how data was disaggregated to include secondary subcontractors and beyond. Councilor Craddick inquired about how success would be tracked long-term for participants in the apprenticeship program.

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Craddick, to adopt items on the consent agenda. 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

4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2020

5. Ordinances

5.1 Ordinance No. 20-1443, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 2.01.055 to Address Situations Requiring Complete Electronic Participation by Council Members and Declaring an Emergency

Council President Peterson introduced Ordinance No. 20-1443. She recommended that the Metro Council consider immediate adoption and declare an emergency.

Ms. Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney, then provided an overview of the ordinance. Ms. MacLaren explained that adoption of the ordinance would allow the Metro Council to meet electronically when necessitated by emergency circumstances that threaten the health, safety, and welfare of the Portland metropolitan area and make it impossible for council members to be physically present at meetings. She added that the provisions provide for notice and public opportunity for public access, consistent with Oregon public meetings law.

She stated that the ordinance also declared an emergency so that the ordinance and code provisions would go into immediate effect, given the public health circumstances and executive orders by the governor and other public officials.

Council Discussion

There was none.

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, 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

Ms. Marissa Madrigal, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on Metro's corona virus response, including new guidance, procedures, and protocols.

7. Councilor Communication

There were none.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2020

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.2	PowerPoint	03/12/20	Equity in Contracting Annual Report	031220c-01
2.0	Testimony	03/12/20	Austen Lethbridge-Scarl testimony	031220c-02
2.0	Testimony	03/12/20	Kala Leslie testimony	031220c-03
2.0	Testimony	03/12/20	Packet of testimony from Joe Calderon of Sterling-Pacific	031220c-04
2.0	Testimony	03/12/20	Tracy Farwell testimony	031220c-05
2.0	Testimony	03/12/20	Dr. Pat DeLaquil testimony	031220c-06
2.0	Testimony	03/12/20	Ron Rhew testimony	031220c-07
2.0	Flyer	03/12/20	Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants flyer	031220c-08
2.0	Info Sheet	03/12/20	Mayor Mike O'Callaghan Info Sheet	031220c-09
2.0	Article	03/10/20	How Michael O'Callaghan went from Anchorage activist to Portland's homeless mayoral candidate	031220c-10