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Minutes

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2:00 PM

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Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

Work Session Topics:

2:05 Covid- 19 Relief Funding Work Session

Presenter(s): Margi Bradway, Metro
Ted Leybold, Metro

Council President Peterson introduced Margi Bradway (she/her) and Ted Leybold (he/him) to present the following Work Session Topic: Covid-19 Relief Funding Update

Ted reviewed the conditions of the Federal Covid-19 Transportation Relief funding and summarized the funding process. Margi highlighted that this is a onetime only funding opportunity and summarized the proposed allocations of these funds. Furthermore, Margi reviewed the allocation goals and shared important transportation data.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff about their overhead rate and to explain their data collection process and the role that Trimet plays.

Councilor Craddick asked staff about staff capacity in the planning department and the impacts this might have on the proposed projects.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked staff for their hard work and planning.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for their work and for their flexibility during the pandemic and having to work with less staff.

Council President Peterson thanked staff for their work and explained the impact these proposed projects will have in the region.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to Regional Mobility Policy Update

3:05 Regional Mobility Policy Work Session

Presenter(s): Margi Bradway, Metro
Kim Ellis, Metro

Council President Peterson introduced Margi Bradway (she/her) and Kim Ellis (she/her) to present the following Work Session Topic: Regional Mobility Policy Update

Kim Ellis reviewed the goals of the Regional Mobility Policy project and the impact it could make for improving transportation in the region. Furthermore, Kim reviewed the progress the planning department has made since the April 13, 2021 Council Work Session. She summarized the proposed timeline and the recommendations from the July 15, 2021 Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff to review the Tualatin-Sherwood case study example and how they are defining measuring density around service areas.

Councilor Nolan asked staff to explain how the Regional Mobility Policy can help reach Metro Council's 2035 Climate

Smart Goals. Additionally, Councilor Nolan asked staff how quickly they can update policies in order to move forward in addressing the climate crisis.

Councilor Craddick asked staff to review some of the case studies with JPACT and Council.

Councilor Lewis asked staff whether the information learned from Metro's Regional Mobility Policy case studies will help inform mobility policy throughout Oregon and specifically help inform future ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) transportation policy updates.

Council President Peterson asked staff to review which measures and policies are being tested in the case studies that help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed his appreciation for this forward thinking work and highlighted not only the regional and state need for sustainable development but how this is a global issue.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to Chief Operating Officer Communication.

3:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal (she/her), made a special update on Ridwell's Solid Waste Collection license application. Furthermore, Marissa explained that Ridwell-a Seattle based company that picks up and recycles hard-to-recycle materials-has been operating in the region without a solid waste collection license. She invited Roy Brower (he/him) Metro Director of Waste Prevention and Environmental Services to answer questions from Councilors.

Council Discussion

Councilor Nolan shared her disappointment in Ridwell for operating without a solid waste collection license and expressed her concern with Metro allowing them to operate before they have even applied to receive a license.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff which cities Ridwell is currently operating in or intends to operate in once they have received their license.

Councilor Gonzalez asked staff to explain the license approval process and if Metro approves their license is there a way to include city or county approval in that application process in order to ensure continuity with regional partners.

Councilor Lewis expressed her concern with Ridwell operating without a license because they can more easily avoid government health and safety regulations. Additionally, Councilor Lewis mentioned her eagerness for innovative solid waste collection services like the services Ridwell provides but that she hopes in the future businesses will be held accountable to state and local solid waste collection regulations.

Councilor Craddick expressed her appreciation for services like Ridwell for providing a service that the regional solid waste collection system does not have the capacity to provide. She expressed her concern with not knowing where and how Ridwell recycles the solid waste they collect. Furthermore, Councilor Craddick stressed the importance of making this an equitable service that everyone throughout the region can use at an affordable rate.

Council President Peterson asked staff explain the licensing process and where Metro should draw the line when businesses continue to operate without a Solid Waste

Collection license and are intending to apply.

Marissa Madrigal shared an update on RID patrol services and the efforts to remove illegally dumped waste throughout the region.

Councilor Discussion

Councilor Craddick asked Marissa and staff how they prioritize which sites they clean-up first and who is responsible for the removal of vehicles and RV's that folks are living in.

Councilor Lewis asked staff to provide an update on how staff is prioritizing fire safety when cleaning up illegal dumping sites.

Councilor Nolan asked staff to review the legal requirements that Metro follows when removing individuals who have been camping on Metro sites.

Furthermore, Marissa shared updates on the following items and events: Zoo Keeper appreciation day and additional Zoo funding

3:55 Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: Solid Waste liaison announcements, JPACT announcements, Washington County congestion pricing study comments

4:00 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pilar Karlin, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 20, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PowerPoint	07/20/21	Covid-19 Relief Funds Presentation	072021cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	07/20/21	Regional Mobility Policy Presentation	072021cw-02