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Minutes

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10:30 AM

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Council work session

10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Work Session Topics:

10:35 Department Budget Presentation-Planning, Development & Research

Council President Peterson introduced Elissa Gertler [she/her], Margi Bradway [she/her], and Patricia Rojas [she/her] to present the Planning, Development, and Research Department FY 2023 Proposed Budget.

Staff pulled up the *[Planning, Development, and Research Department FY 2023 Proposed Budget]* to present to Council. Staff presented their proposed budget, explained their equity strategy, and outlined their objectives, with a more specific overview of Metro's Supportive Housing Services

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis asked about FTE usage and plans for hiring more staff for the department.

Elissa talked about refilling positions that were lost to budget cuts in previous years, hiring more staff for Metro's Supportive Housing Services as those programs grow, and recruiting a new Land Use Manager.

Councilor Craddick asked how PD&R is preparing to analyze and effectively use the data gathered from Metro's housing programs, and if there are any "quality controls" that ensure money sent to CBOS and culturally specific organizations is being used efficiently.

Patricia explained that they are hiring for a senior level position that will help process and utilize data from housing

programs, and all community partners/organizations involved in these programs are working with Community Solutions to improve data integrity.

As for “quality control,” Metro’s housing programs have an oversight committee that makes sure administrative funds are being spent wisely. Metro has also entered into IGAs with participating counties, where both agencies can monitor third-party contractors.

Councilor Rosenthal asked multiple questions:

- Regarding accountability, auditing was not mentioned but that is another tool, correct? Who decides when audits are conducted, and who conducts them? They requested follow-up after the work session.
- When talking about transportation equity metrics, there is a lot of discussion around greenhouse gas emissions, but no mention of transportation toxics. They assume these have not been forgotten, but noted they were not explicitly mentioned.
- Councilor Rosenthal has heard some dissatisfaction with Metro’s data information services from local jurisdictions. They requested offline follow-up regarding what efforts are being made to ensure better access to that data for local jurisdictions
- Staff’s presentation mentioned BIPOC communities, but Councilor Rosenthal stressed that low-income, disabled, refugee and other disadvantaged communities that are not considered BIPOC cannot be forgotten when discussing equity.
- They also requested offline follow-up regarding PD&R’s work around brownfields.
- Given the current weather crisis, how many shelter beds are we short?
- Who is the contact for the Metro new taxes, though they are not administered by us?

Margi addressed each of Councilor Rosenthal’s concerns:

Metro's audits, information access for local jurisdictions, air quality and racial equity.

Councilor Hwang asked about the communications budget for outreach, specifically to BIPOC and marginalized communities, and if there were plans to include more qualitative data that is accessible to the public. Staff explained their plans to conduct more outreach and engagement with marginalized communities and they hope to conduct more in-person engagement in the coming year.

Councilor Lewis asked if Metro's housing program has an "ombudsperson" who can help people meet their needs. Patricia explained they do not have a dedicated FTE for such a position. Metro will help when they can, but most of that work is done by local jurisdictions.

Councilor Craddick was pleased by Staff's recommendation to eliminate the database subscription fee and asked how the average person would access the data. She also asked how Staff would meet the needs of the program without the subscription fee.

Margi admitted that the RLIS database they currently use is not very user-friendly but added that Staff is working on it. She also explained that the ROI from the subscription fees was very low, and that Staff's efforts would be better used elsewhere.

Council President Peterson asked if there were any plans to create a new position that specifically focused on economic development and readiness. She also asked when the right time would be to start work on the 2070 Growth Plan. The planning department currently has one such person, Jeff Raker, though there are no current plans to add more positions like his. Elissa admitted that the 2040 Growth Plan is in dire need of updating, and that Staff would be coming

back to Council next year to testify on just that.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

11:35 I5BRP Regular Update: Hayden Island/Marine Drive. Introduce transit analysis

Council President Peterson introduced Greg Johnson [he/him] and Shilpa Mallem [she/her] to present to Council

Staff pulled up the [*Metro Council Work Session Update 4/12/22 Presentation*] to present to Council.

Greg Johnson presented regarding their the LPA, and did a “deep dive” on Hayden Island.

Council Discussion

Councilor Nolan disagreed with the IBR Staff and believed an investment grade analysis should be conducted before a Modified LPA is proposed. They also reminded Staff that this is one of the main stipulations in Council’s Values, Outcomes, and Actions Statement.

Councilor Rosenthal asked what percent of congestion on Hayden Island is due to the on and off ramps. Shilpa said she did not have the answer at the moment, but would provide it at a later time.

Councilor Nolan asked if the IBR survey asked for participants’ preferences in the case of tolling.

Shilpa explained that the survey did not include such questions.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the IBR team had done any

studies on the aesthetic appeal of Option 5's pedestrian walkways and how it may affect usage.

Shilpa answered yes, IBR staff has done that.

Councilor Nolan requested that both Metro Staff and IBR Staff meet with them at a later time to discuss the project further.

Greg enthusiastically agreed.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked IBR staff for their presentation and looked forward to further discussions.

Councilor Craddick was left with some questions about Hayden Island, and was happy to join Councilor Nolan's offline discussions.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

12:35 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Deputy COO Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items:

- DEQ has issued a permit for Ridwell's Portland onsite warehouse.

12:40 Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Craddick** updated Council on her meeting with the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee.
 - **Councilor Lewis** visited Yurok People and some of the condors hatched by Metro.
 - The US Army Corp of Engineers held a community interest meeting for the disposition
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of the Willamette Falls Locks.

- Oregon City's Community Enhancement Grant Committee also met for the first
- **Councilor Hwang** updated Council on The World Athletic Championship, being held in Eugene on July 15, 2022.

12:45 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	4/12/2022	I5BRP Regular Update: Metro Council Work Session	041222cw-01