



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2014

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes, and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Bob Stacey, Carlotta Collette and Craig Dirksen

Councilors Excused: Councilor Sam Chase

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated Metro Council on the following items:

- Metro Attorney Mr. Roger Alfred updated Council on a revised version of Ordinance No. 14-1329 [Ordinance No. 14-1329B] in conjunction with requests from National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) to address ways the ordinance could have impacts on industrial uses. He directed Council to the revised language and stated Ordinance No. 14-1329B would be the version considered by Council on Thursday, May 29.
- Metro will host an off-site Council meeting on July 10 at Mt. Hood Community College.
- City of Portland is scheduled to conduct a hearing on the proposed street utility fee on Thursday, May 29. Mr. Andy Cotugno communicated Metro's policy interests in the street utility fee and Mr. Tim Collier summarized the anticipated costs to Metro's venues. Councilor Harrington stated two elements of clarification and concern: first, that the fee wouldn't begin until fiscal year 2015-16 and secondly, that stakeholders would have an opportunity to analyze the calculation model. Mr. Cotugno explained the options available for calculating fees based on trips. Council supported the proposal moving forward with the hope that Portland City Council would take adequate time to ensure public support.

2. ALOHA REEDVILLE STUDY AND LIVABLE COMMUNITY PLAN

Mr. Tim O'Brien introduced Mr. Mike Dahlstrom, Ms. Kimberly Armstrong, and Ms. Carmen Madrid to update Metro Council on the Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Plan. The plan is the culmination of a three year effort Washington County recently completed to identify opportunities that could enhance Aloha-Reedville's vitality and livability. Metro's Community Planning and Development Grant (CPDG) program provided initial funding for the project which was integral for the County to secure additional funding from the federal Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Dahlstrom thanked Metro for awarding the CPDG program grant to Washington County and supporting the Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Plan. He directed Council to the handouts attached to the meeting record. He provided background on the Aloha-Reedville community, challenges presented by the study area, and an initial effort to identify the community through public engagement.

Ms. Armstrong discussed Aloha-Reedville's demographics as related to the study.

Mr. Dahlstrom provided an overview of the public engagement and outreach implemented by the plan. The project included an outstanding public engagement process that included 46 community-wide events, over 600 one on one surveys in Spanish, Somali, Arabic, Vietnamese and the participation of more than 220 Aloha High School students. He explained that the report yielded 114 identified actions to pursue to maintain or increase livability of the city, including: streetscape plan, town center plan, bicycle and pedestrian plan, housing equity and opportunity strategy, and economic development strategy.

Ms. Madrid from the Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO) provided background on CIO and how the organization gained prevalence in Washington County through the region's quickly changing demographics. She explained that CIO partnered with Aloha-Reedville during the second stage of the plan to work with other organizations active in the area. Community engagement performed by the partner organizations included: a survey of almost 600 community members, focus groups and educational sessions, and culturally competent engagement with community leaders and subject matter experts. Ms. Madrid summarized the findings available in the meeting record.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors commended the Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Plan and related community engagement activities with CIO and other partner organizations.
- Councilors inquired about the history of Aloha and Reedville as separate cities and the potential for residents of Aloha-Reedville to annex to adjoining cities and possible impacts. Mr. Dahlstrom stated that the town center of Aloha-Reedville would remain a center regardless, but shared hope that annexations would not occur. He stated that the urban planning agreements in place recognize the potential.
- Councilor Harrington expressed interest in how the plan would move forward in implementation. Mr. Dahlstrom explained that a continued series of actions are programmed out over years ahead.
- In response to Councilor inquiry, Ms. Madrid shared three key areas to address as identified by the community: housing maintenance code, small business development, and a town center or farmers market space.

Metro Council agreed to recess for a short break.

3. PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS LEVY DRAFT SECOND YEAR WORK PLAN

Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter reviewed the Parks and Natural Areas draft second year levy work plan with the Metro Council. She stated that there are four themes that the advisory panel

suggested Council consider: taking care of public assets, restoring fish and wildlife habitat, addressing equity for underserved communities and improving natural areas for people.

Ms. Brennan-Hunter stated that Metro has more than 60 restoration and natural areas maintenance projects planned for the second year of the Parks and Natural Areas Levy, including:

- Thinning trees on properties
- Addressing weed loads on sites where funding was not previously available
- Replacing culverts with bridge spans at several properties
- Hydrologic restoration projects
- Construction projects

She stated that a particular focus in year two will be tying together the strengths of traditional environmental groups with culturally specific organizations.

Ms. Brennan-Hunter stated that staff would provide a detailed first year levy report on July 10 at the Metro Council meeting.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Harrington discussed a resolution to contribute a percentage of funds from the levy program to art programs to be considered by Council in the summer. Staff explained the requirement in Metro Code and the decision to make the approach programmatic rather than project-individual. Staff agreed to make available a list of projects included in the levy before consideration.
- Councilor Craddick inquired as to the long-term funding plan for the levy. Ms. Bennett explained that the levy is still in its first year with a system plan underway to identify long-term needs which will lead to a vision for the future.
- Councilor Harrington stated the importance of transparency and public accessibility for the first year levy work plan. Council recommended that staff consider using a video to community the levy's first year to the public.

4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilors shared updates from recent meetings and events in the region, including: Solid Waste Roadmap Project, Riffle Awards from Johnson Creek Watershed Council, awarding of Metro Community Enhancement Grants, Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project joint policy advisory committee meeting on May 30, state and federal transportation funding, and the opening of Tilikum Crossing.

Staff sought Council direction for consideration to endorse Transportation for America's policy platform on June 5. All six Councilors gave thumbs up in support.

Councilors Collette and Harrington shared highlights from the Best Practices trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

5. ADJOURN

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Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jill Schmidt".

Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 27, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
1.0	Agenda	5/29/14	Council Agenda for May 29, 2014	52714cw-01
1.0	Handout	5/27/14	Ordinance No. 14-1329B Redline	52714cw -02
2.0	Handout	N/A	Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Plan Brochure	52714cw -03
2.0	Handout	03/14	Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Executive Summary	52714cw -04
2.0	Handout	03/14	Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Plan Final Report	52714cw -05
2.0	Presentation	5/27/14	Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Plan	52714cw-06
3.0	Presentation	5/27/14	Parks and Natural Areas Local Option Levy	52714cw-07