



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2014

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Deputy Councilor President Sam Chase, and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Bob Stacey, Carlotta Collette and Craig Dirksen

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:01 p.m.

Deputy Council President Chase began by introducing Gilliam County Commissioner Dennis Gronquist, who extended his regards to the Council.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- The COO's attendance at a conference of the Oregon City & County Management Association during the previous week, where she learned about labor relations and the regional and state economies.
- Update on Blue Lake Park: tested negative for E. coli and toxic algae, following reports of weekend visitors falling ill. All swimming and boating areas of the park have been closed. County health officials are concerned that the lake may be contaminated with a norovirus.
- Randy Tucker has been asked to participate in a briefing with the Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF) and Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on July 17, regarding OTF's work to develop a transportation funding and policy package for the legislative process.
- The Council meeting agenda for July 17 will be reordered, so that all RTP-related items are grouped together, to make it easier for the public to testify.

2. 2014 ELECTED OFFICIALS SURVEY RESULTS – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Mr. Jim Middaugh, Metro Communications Director, and Mr. Tom Eiland, of CFM Strategic Communications, presented their "2014 Elected Officials Survey Results". The presentation's desired outcomes were to enhance Council awareness of the views of the region's elected officials, and to initiate a Council discussion regarding how to use the survey results to improve performance.

The responses to the questions provided valuable information about how the Council's elected peers view various Metro programs, with results stratified by county and type of elected official.

Other key elements of the presentation included:

- Overview of survey objectives.
- Analysis of survey methodology.
- Breakdown of respondent characteristics.
- Overall perceptions of Metro services.
- Opinions by area and position.
- Ranking of Metro's most valuable services.
- Ranking of concerns about Metro's efforts.
- Assessment of communication, analysis of information sources, and suggestions to improve communication.
- Identifiable trends since the survey's inception in 2011.
- Rating Metro's primary and specific responsibilities.

Council Discussion:

Councilors discussed ways to increase the survey's participation rate next year, and made suggestions to enhance survey quality. Councilors also suggested ways in which survey results could be broken down more clearly, and presented to a wider audience. Councilors spoke to their concerns regarding local officials' perceptions of Metro and its services, and suggested ways in which Metro could better communicate with local governments around the region.

3. LONG TERM MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FOR SOLID WASTE - INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Solid Waste Operations Program Director Paul Ehinger and Senior Engineer Rob Smoot presented their "Long Term Management Options for Solid Waste", with the purpose of informing Council of staff's preliminary analysis of long-term management options for garbage in the region. The presentation's desired outcomes were to gain Council's support and guidance, in order to inform the continued analysis and development of options that will be presented to the Council for a decision next year. The presentation's objectives were to provide the Metro Council with sufficient information to inform a decision about what to do with the region's garbage after 2019, and to analyze what the region's solid waste system could look like throughout the next 30 years.

The Long-Term Management project of the Solid Waste Roadmap seeks to address the main question: "Over the long run, what does the region want to do with materials that aren't reused, recycled, or composted?" Staff looks to answer this question in keeping with the six public benefits the region's solid waste system must achieve: protecting people's health, protecting the environment, getting good value for the public's money, keeping the commitment to the highest and best use of materials, being adaptable and responsible in managing materials, and ensuring services are accessible to all types of customers. Other key elements of the presentation included:

- Metro's Five Road Map Solid Waste Projects
- The Oregon Solid Waste Hierarchy.
- Analysis of available waste-disposal technologies, including advanced materials recovery, direct combustion, gasification, dry anaerobic digestion, refuse derived fuels, and landfills.
- Evaluation and ranking of five potential waste management scenarios.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington inquired about supportive mechanisms for facilities that would utilize waste management technologies described in the presentation. Councilor Dirksen asked for further information regarding the relative maturity and costs of said technologies, and asked whether single or multiple solutions would work better. Councilors spoke about partnerships for Metro's waste management projects. Councilor Chase spoke to ensuring compatibility of industrial sites with the region's quality of life.

4. BREAK

Council took a 5 minute break from 3:42pm to 3:47pm.

5. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION - INFORMATION

Metro Attorney Alison Kean updated Council on the following items:

- The owner of the Willamette Falls site is preparing to sign the Master Plan application, which would start the hearings and approval process in Oregon City. Once he signs the application, Metro staff will begin discussing with him the easement for the Riverwalk.
- Hotel litigation: Metro successfully argued against four motions to dismiss its validation action, and overcame massive public records requests by the opposition. Metro will be moving forward with motions for summary judgment.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick inquired about the opposition's strategy to file in Clackamas County instead of Multnomah County. Councilor Collette inquired about the scope of the validation action. Councilor Harrington inquired about the status of a Court of Appeals case on urban and rural reserves.

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Dirksen discussed specifics and distributed supplemental materials from the July 10 meeting of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). JPACT considered and voted on several actions, relating to the Civil Rights assessments of the RTP and MTIP, and to language changes regarding policy on arterial street crossings. Councilor Dirksen also informed the Council that he would be co-hosting the Oregon Policy Breakfast on July 17.
- Councilor Stacey made an inquiry to legal counsel regarding the range of Council's authority in response to a determination by JPACT about policy language contained in the RTP.
- Councilor Harrington expressed her appreciation for Metro staff's efforts in painting a clear picture of regional conditions in the RTP.
- Councilor Craddick reminded Council that the annual Zoo La La event would take place on July 19, and encouraged all to attend.

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Sam Chase adjourned the Council work session at 4:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Joel Cvetko, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUL. 15, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
1.0	Agenda	7/17/14	Council Agenda for Jul. 17, 2014	71514cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	7/15/14	2014 Survey among City and County Elected Officials Presentation	71514cw-02
3.0	PowerPoint	7/15/14	Long-term Management of Garbage Presentation	71514cw-03
6.0	Handout	7/1/14	Letter from Secretary of Transportation to ODOT	71514cw-04
6.0	Handout	7/9/14	Letter from Mayor Denny Doyle to JPACT	71514cw-05
6.0	Handout	7/15/14	Memo from Craig Dirksen to Metro Council regarding JPACT Recommendations	71514cw-06
6.0	Handout	7/15/14	Oregon Policy Breakfast Announcement	71514cw-07