



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Craig Dirksen

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- Ms. Bennett will be hosting a meeting of the Region's City Managers on Tuesday, September 23rd to discuss the Draft 2014 Urban Growth Report (UGR).
- Reminder about logistics for the offsite Council meeting on Thursday, September 18th at the City of Tigard Town Hall.
- The Council Retreat originally scheduled for October 9th will be moved to a later date. This retreat will be focused on Metro's larger strategic goals, while a second retreat will be held to address Council-directed initiatives and the budget.

2. FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT - INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Metro Finance and Regulatory Services (FRS), presented the Fourth Quarter Financial Report. The purpose of the presentation was to inform Council about the state of Metro's finances through the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013-14. Mr. Collier explained that overall revenues performed somewhat better than the conservative pace set forth in the budget plan, making for a financially positive year. Expenditures came in under budget, though largely in-line with expectations. Mr. Collier provided a variety of explanations to characterize Metro's performance during the quarter, which spanned from April to June of 2014.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick inquired about trends in capital grant revenues, and also asked about expanding revenue-generating efforts at Blue Lake Park. Councilor Chase spoke to performance issues at Portland's Glendevore Golf Course, and to funding issues at the Oregon Zoo. Councilor Harrington spoke to the importance of characterizing the impact of construction at the Oregon Zoo over the long term. Council President Hughes inquired about the effects of Zoo construction on next year's summer concert series. Councilor Craddick addressed the influence of staffing changes on

Zoo revenue. Councilor Harrington expressed her concerns about the performance of Metro's website, and expressed her desire to initiate a future discussion on improvement processes.

3. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Collette spoke about her presentation of the bid for the Blue Heron project to the Cultural Cluster, the state's regular tribal meeting. She also mentioned that she had spoken in favor of the zone-changing for the Blue Heron site at the Oregon City Planning Commission meeting on Monday, September 15th.

Councilor Stacey stated that he had attended the Oregon Transportation Summit on Monday, September 15th, an educational and research forum hosted by the Oregon Transportation and Research Education Consortium (OTREC). He noted two key takeaways, including their discussion for the Vision Zero concept, and a speech on unnecessary traffic fatalities and heightened hazards for vulnerable roadway users. He mentioned a number of speakers, panels, and other highlights of the conference.

Councilor Craddick mentioned her attendance of the Grant Butte Wetlands celebration on Sunday, September 14th, and provided information on the site's history, and other exciting aspects of the natural area. She also passed around informational flyers about construction machinery that are being distributed at the Oregon Zoo.

Councilor Chase mentioned that he took his children to an event by the Portland Water Bureau to educate kids about the region's aquifers. As the Council liaison for the Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC), Councilor Chase added that MERC is narrowing down options for plans to enhance the effectiveness of Metro's First Opportunity Target Area (FOTA) program, ahead of the December 2nd joint Council/MERC work session.

Councilor Harrington mentioned that she will be distributing a card for Commissioner Dick Scott and his wife for Councilors to sign. She also mentioned that Doug Barrett, owner of Cascade TEK, died on Monday, September 15th.

Council President Hughes stated that, earlier in the day, he had attended the first meeting of the Greater Portland Inc. (GPI) 2020 Strategy Advisory Committee. He mentioned that GPI has put together a number of data sets to compare Portland to nine other cities across the United States, using a variety of metrics, to assess competitiveness in job recruiting.

4. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 2:54 p.m. Following the work session, Council convened an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e), to conduct deliberations with persons designated by governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Cvetko', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joel Cvetko, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPT. 16, 2014

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1.0	Agenda	9/18/14	Council Agenda for Sept. 18, 2014	91614cw-01