



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2015  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:01 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

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

- Ms. Bennett reminded councilors about important upcoming dates. An additional Council Work Session will take place Thursday February 19th. On Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 till noon Metro will be hosting a local poet, Harold Johnson for Black History month.
- Ms. Bennett handed out an updated list of proposed phasing of council initiatives. The timelines for these initiatives are either 0-18 months or 18+ months. *Region1 ACT protocols* was added to Council Ownership with a timeline of 0-18 months and the *Southwest Corridor* was moved from Council Ownership to Council Attention with a timeline of 18+ months.

**2. URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT DECISION: NEXT STEPS FOR WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. John Williams, Deputy Director of Metro's Planning Department and Mr. Ted Reid, Senior Regional Planner for Metro's Planning Department, presented to Council the 2015 growth management decision: next steps for work program. The purpose of this presentation was to lead to a discussion on the implications of the partial remand of urban reserves for the Metro Council's urban growth management decision.

- At their retreat on February 3, 2015, Council discussed the legal status of urban and rural reserves and implications for the Council's next urban growth management decision. There are two general process options to pursue for Metro Council to make a decision on in the fall of 2015.
  - Option 1: conclude the urban growth management decision in 2015, prior to resolution of the urban reserves in Clackamas and Multnomah counties.
  - Option 2: request an extension from the state for the growth management decision to wait for the resolution of urban reserves and for additional discussion of housing needs.

- Mr. Williams explained that the draft Urban Growth Report (UGR), which was accepted by the Council, found that adopted city and county plans can accommodate expected housing and job growth inside the urban growth boundary (UGB). Unless the analysis and policies change, a second urban growth report within two years would be very similar to the 2014 report.
- Mr. Reid explained that in order to inform the Council's decision making on which growth management process option to pursue in fall 2015, staff proposes to focus spring 2015 discussions on three questions related to regional housing needs:
  - 1.) Residential development potential in Damascus
  - 2.) Residential development potential in centers such as Portland
  - 3.) Choosing a point in the range forecast
- Topics that do not directly impact the determination of whether there is a regional need for land for residential growth such as infrastructure costs, finance, housing affordability and housing mix should be discussed separately, and perhaps after the growth management process option is chosen.

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilors inquired about the report on regional readiness and what the funding strategies are for land development. Mr. Reid responded that the regional readiness report addresses future opportunities and challenges, including topics such as regional housing needs and tracking development, population and market trends.
- Councilor Harrington inquired about the objectives for the regional readiness report. Mr. Roger Alfred responded that the Metro Council decision on next steps for growth management will either have the possibility of concluding the urban growth management decision or requesting an extension and getting that to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development by December 2015.

**3. COUNCIL LIASON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

- Councilor Dirksen announced to council that the Portland Rose Festival would like Metro to participate, by having a float in the festival. Metro could build a float for \$2,000-5,000. Participating in the Portland Rose Festival could help raise awareness about Metro. Float ideas such as using native plants were discussed.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 17, 2015**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Handout	01/16/15	Winter Spring 2015 Council Timeline	021715cw-01
<b>1.0</b>	Handout	01/22/15	Proposed Phasing of Council Initiative	021715cw-02
<b>1.0</b>	Handout	01/26/15	Metro's Six Strategic Goals	021715cs-03
<b>1.0</b>	Handout	02/01/15	Winter Spring 2015 Council Timeline of Strategic Goals	021715cw-04
<b>2.0</b>	Memo	02/12/15	Staff proposal for structuring urban growth management in light of the remand of urban reserves	021715cw-05
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	02/17/15	2015 Oregon Legislative Session SB 414 Summary February 17, 2015	021715cw-06