



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2015  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilor Craig Dirksen and Councilor Shirley Craddick

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 the Council on the following items:

- Ms. Bennett announced that HB 3397 is being proposed by the farm bureau. This bill would require trails being a conditional use on farmland. The Parks and Recreation Association opposes the bill and Metro staff has recommended that Council oppose the bill as well.
- HB 3505 is being proposed as a bill that would change the public records law. It would set standards that would be very difficult for Metro and other jurisdictions to administer and negatively impact government operations. Metro staff has recommended that Council oppose the bill.
- HB 3321 and HB 3322 are public procurement and contracting bills. They would be very difficult to administer and Metro staff recommends that Council oppose them.
- The Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting is canceled.

**2. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

- Mr. Tim Collier of Metro provided an overview of what the Budget Discussion would entail. The purpose of the discussion is to allow Councilors the opportunity to discuss the FY 2015-2016 Proposed Budget with the COO, Departments and other Councilors.
- Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro spoke about Greater Portland Pulse.

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilor Kathryn Harrington would like to see what Metro has gained from its investments into Portland Pulse.
- Councilor Carlotta Collette asked what kinds of outputs Metro is receiving versus Metro's inputs and how to get Portland Pulse to meet Metro's needs.
  - Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro replied that Portland Pulse provides a data reporting system that is functional and accessible and there is an approach to create a data portal just for Metro, customizing it to match Metro's needs.

- Councilor Harrington appreciates all the communication on where Metro is with Portland Pulse and what still needs to be done.
- Council President Hughes would like to see some practical applications to tell Metro how people use Portland Pulse to accomplish their goals.
- Mr. Tim Collier of Metro announced the Council Budget Timeline. The new budget will be brought to Council on Thursday May 7th for approval. Council Amendments are due May 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Work Session on June 9<sup>th</sup> to talk about amendments and June 18<sup>th</sup> will have the formal adoption of the budget.

### **3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

- Councilor Harrington had a discussion with Scott Robinson on the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) and what role(s) Metro would take in a disaster. Councilor Harrington attended the Our Shared Region forum in Fairview on Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> where the Mayor of Fairview spoke about subduction zones and earthquakes in Oregon.
  - Councilor Bob Stacey noted that in addition to our role in debris removal, post disaster planning, particularly in regards to infrastructure fit into Metro's mission as a planning organization.
  - Ms. Bennett agreed that Metro would play a role in disaster debris removal and have a role in planning for mass shelter and post disaster housing.
- Councilor Collette announced Metro is a member of the Willamette Falls Heritage Areas Coalition and Willamette Falls will be designated as a state heritage area. The Riverfront Park in Milwaukie will be opening soon, but the city is exploring changing the name to Milwaukie Bay.
- Councilor Stacey attended a Southeast Uplift community meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. A strong theme at the meeting was that youths are struggling to find housing.
- Council President Hughes announced that Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> Community Actions in Hillsboro is having their annual gala and celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. The Centro de Cultural in Washington County has been doing a significant amount of work in community development.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APR. 28, 2015**

There were none.