



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 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 2:02 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated Council about an incident at Oxbow Regional Park and confirmed Metro's extra efforts to promote safety along the Sandy River. Ms. Bennett invited Ms. Mary Rowe, Oregon Zoo human resources director, to discuss Zoo employee concerns with high temperatures and requests to close AfriCafe over the weekend. In response, Oregon Zoo staff will receive specialized safety training and be provided with additional assistance to diminish heat related injuries.

2. 2015 URBAN GRWOTH MANAGEMENT DECISION: RECAP AND NEXT STEPS

Mr. Ted Reid, Metro Regional Planner, and Mr. John Williams, Metro Deputy Director, presented the Council and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) Engagement Timeline for the urban growth management decision. Council President Hughes recommended that Council aim for the conclusion of this cycle's urban growth management process in early fall of 2015 and suggested the Chief Operating Officer (COO) prepare a recommendation for the Council by July 22, 2015.

Council Discussion:

President Hughes invited the Councilors that attended the MPAC meeting the previous evening to review the information discussed among committee members.

- Councilor Chase noted there was limited work to be done with growth projections, as Metro's growth projections are typically very accurate. Councilor Chase suggested a focus on jobs.
- Councilor Stacey discussed the difference between aspiration and projection and noted the need for a strategy that will align with economic strengths. Councilor Stacey pointed out that a desire for positive economic development and job creation does not necessarily translate into a land need projection.

- Councilor Collette spoke to a need to address infrastructure and transportation. Councilor Collette suggested that Metro show the public the situation is not as dire as they may think and proposed doing this with a response, rather than with numbers.
- President Hughes noted that planning must be based on data and regional needs. President Hughes suggested a group discussion around Senate Bill 100 and whether it would be advantageous to reassess to include aspiration goals with the numbers.
- Councilor Dirksen acknowledged that the government can only create solutions for what projections say will happen, rather than what could happen. Councilor Dirksen inquired about whether it was possible to have a remand conclusion by the end of 2015 and agreed with President Hughes that once a resolution is determined, promptly pick it up and create a solution.
- Councilor Harrington noted that in order to reach a projection or forecast, work is involved. Additionally, Councilor Harrington noted that the MPAC meeting on August 12th has been cancelled.

President Hughes invited Councilors to discuss the President's memo regarding the Urban Growth Management (UGM) decision and the suggested COO recommendation.

- Councilors are supportive of President Hughes' memo and the decision to move forward with a COO recommendation. Councilors added that Damascus should not be singled out in the recommendation. Additionally, Councilors expressed an interest to readdress the UGM decision after the resolution of the urban and rural reserves.
- Councilor Harrington referred to a memo sent to Council including a Metro 2013 performance measures document and the changes in reference to eliminating a measure. Councilor Harrington voiced her opposition of this change and requested that the decision come before Council, as it is a policy choice. Additionally, Councilor Harrington suggested that Council look at industrial land report changes and UGR summaries to confirm that small changes do not affect the ultimate goal.
- Councilor Chase raised concerns on whether there is enough time and money during the three-year target to create a significant impact.
- Councilor Stacey noted that he is keeping an open mind but is guarded about new concepts regarding land trading since special circumstances can lead to problems. Additionally, Councilor Stacey noted that a new three year goal will help cure staleness with recognition and new information.
- Councilor Collette is supportive of a COO recommendation but suggested that Council wait to make a final decision until they are ready and have the support of MPAC.
- Councilor Dirksen noted that Council should make a decision sooner rather than later, as delay could imply satisfaction with the current state of the UGM. However, Councilor Dirksen agreed with Councilor Collette that the circumstances need to be right before a final decision is made, rather than at the three-year target.
- Councilor Craddick agreed with President Hughes' target to look at the Urban Growth Report (UGR) in three years and suggested that it may expedite the urban reserves decision. Councilor Craddick expressed concern about legal precedent and that a change in Senate Bill 100 may impact prosperity in regions that are not growing as quickly.
- Ms. Martha Bennett noted that she will select a point in the range forecast for population for Council to examine, as it would benefit the region for Council to have a discussion around the point.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Harrington inquired about an agency wide budget summary on sponsorship expenditures and reported grant funding updates from the Forest Grove Community Enhancement Planning Committee meeting.

Councilor Dirksen met with a liaison from the Audit Committee and noted that a preliminary report is not yet complete, but the Audit Committee has concluded testing of internal control and found no findings.

Councilor Collette spoke about the Intertwined Alliance Meeting and her tour of the Fanno Creek improvements. Councilor Collette attended the Newell Creek Canyon open house and added that neighbors are excited about the new entrance into the park. Additionally, Councilor Collette had lunch with West Linn's newly elected mayor, Russ Axelrod, and discussed his desire for an integrated town center.

Councilor Craddick spoke about a recent episode of OPB's Think Out Loud regarding the disincorporation of Damascus. Councilor Craddick reminded Council that Mike Wetter from Intertwine Alliance will be presenting at a Council work session in two weeks and asked Council to ponder which direction they would like to see the Alliance moving in five to ten years. Councilor Craddick added that Gresham City Council toured the Hogan Butte Nature Park, an area that will be updated and developed using funding from the Metro Parks and Natural Areas and Capital Grants. Councilor Craddick informed Council of two celebrations at Lone Fir Cemetery on Friday, June 26th; including the Portland Fire and Rescue memorial celebration and Lone Fir Fireman's lot marker unveiling. Lastly, Councilors Craddick and Collette will be attending the Clackamas Cities Dinner at Pendarvis Farm in Happy Valley, OR.

4. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PowerPoint	06/25/15	Oregon Zoo: Heat Related Illness Safety Presentation	062515cw-01
2.0	Handout	06/25/15	Urban Growth Management Decision Timeline	062515cw-02
2.0	Memo	06/25/15	Direction to COO on the 2015 Urban Growth Management Decision	062515cw-03
2.0	Handout	06/25/15	2015-16 Community Enhancement Grant Funding	062515cw-04