



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Craig Dirksen

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- Ms. Bennett announced that the Multnomah Athletic Club will be having a celebration of the life of former Multnomah County Commissioner and Metro Councilor, Tanya Collier who recently passed away. The celebration will be on September 20th.
- Ms. Bennett reminded Councilors that the next two Thursdays, September 3rd and 10th will have Council Retreats instead of the regular Council Meetings.
- Blue Lake Park will be hosting an International food festival on Saturday, September 5th.
- Ms. Terri Dresler, Interim Oregon Zoo Director provided Councilors with updates from the Zoo. These included:
 - Thanking those who attended the Zoo Education Center Groundbreaking Ceremony on Tuesday, September 1st.
 - Updates on the recruitment process for the Zoo director. DHR International, a global executive search firm is assisting Metro with the recruitment process. There have been two rounds of interviews conducted so far.
 - The annual zoo conference for zoos will be held on September 17th.
 - The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation inspection in July provided the Zoo with feedback on relatively minor concerns. The Zoo worked on these areas of concern and responded to AZA on August 17th and will have a hearing on September 17th.
- Councilor Kathryn Harrington appreciates the information provided by the Zoo regarding the zoo elephants.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick attended the Zoo Education Center Groundbreaking Ceremony and said it was amazing.

2. FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 END-OF-YEAR MANAGEMENT AND BALANCED SCORECARD REPORTS

- Mr. Scott Robinson, Metro Deputy Chief Operating Officer introduced the end of year management report. A balanced scoreboard approach, which provides a set of general indicators of the health of an organization, was used to create the report. The organization was viewed from six distinctive perspectives:
 - Financial Perspective
 - Customer Service
 - Business Process Efficiency
 - Learning and Growth
 - Sustainability
 - Diversity

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Harrington and Craddick appreciate the services that Opt-In, the Portland-Vancouver area online participation tool provides for Metro.
- Councilor Craddick inquired about measuring sick leave and Metro's goal for sick leave hours.
 - Mr. Robinson answered that right now Metro employees are averaging 40 hours of sick leave and the goal is to bring it down to 35 hours.
- Councilor Harrington is pleased with how transparent Metro is to the public.
- Councilor Sam Chase appreciates the honesty in the rating system and knowing where Metro needs to make improvements.

3. GETTING THERE:2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

- Ms. Elissa Gertler, Metro Planning and Development Director began the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. The RTP allows Metro to make a difference in each of its six desired outcomes. The six desired outcomes are:
 - Vibrant communities
 - Equity
 - Sustained economic competitiveness and prosperity
 - Safe and reliable transportation choices
 - Climate leadership
 - Clean air, clean water and healthy ecosystems
- Ms. Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner described the public engagement approach to the RTP process. The approach is meant to be inclusive, place-based, connected to people's values and experiences, transparent, accessible and partnership oriented. Ms. Ellis also summarized key elements of proposed approaches and noted that two of the most important priorities in the RTP are transit development and equity.
- Ms. Gertler described the role of Council to convene, engage and provide policy direction. Ms. Gertler added that the work plan and engagement plan will be finalized by the end of 2015.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Chase inquired about how the RTP incorporated freight movement and investments.
 - Ms. Ellis answered that current trends regarding freight are still being analyzed to determine how to incorporate freight planning and investments into the RTP.

- Councilor Craddick expressed concern towards the issue of congestion in the Portland area and inquired about what is being done to address this issue.
 - Ms. Gertler noted the congestion is the most important transportation issue that the public cares about. To address congestion, work is being done to look for major bottlenecks and at what regions need investments the most.
- Councilor Carlotta Collette added that traffic and congestion have been identified as the number one priority for the public and because of that should be noted more explicitly. A forum helping people understand what traffic is and what can be done about it would be helpful. Councilor Collette added that in regards to public engagement, the picture of people is losing its impact. Using short movie clips of interviews may provide a better method at being more engaging.
- Councilor Harrington expressed her concern that the project seems overwhelming. There needs to be more connection between the different elements, tools and phases of the project. These include:
 - Being provided with more information regarding what elected officials should expect as their roles would be helpful.
 - Addressing conflicts between different stakeholders and communities and knowing what is important to them.
 - Addressing how to conduct public engagement. General public engagement does not seem to be as good as focused public engagement.
 - Representing the family needs of minority communities.
- Councilor Bob Stacey appreciates the comprehensive nature of the work. Looking at investing more in transit to reduce traffic would help maintain the capacity of existing systems, while increasing it in heavily congested areas. Councilor Stacey would like to discuss congestion pricing as one of the investment tools through the RTP process.
- Councilor Harrington inquired about what five communities are being targeted in transportation equity.
 - Ms. Ellis answered that the five communities being targeted to increase equity are the elderly, youth, communities of color, low income communities and communities with low English proficiency.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Harrington announced that she is receiving community emergency response training. Councilor Harrington and Dirksen attended a Washington County Coordinating Committee meeting on Monday, August 31st.
- Councilor Collette announced she will be attending a Map-It committee meeting. The meeting is to discuss the development constraints of the McLaughlin Boulevard corridor. On Thursday, September 3rd she will attend a “Solar Now! University Conference” at Clackamas Community College. Councilor Collette attended a roundtable discussion with Senator Wyden on Thursday, August 27th regarding Willamette Falls projects.
- Councilor Stacey attended a Powell Division Project steering committee meeting on stop sign spacing on Friday, August 28th. They discussed developing a bus rapid transit system. On Saturday, August 30th he attended an East Portland Economic Forum at David Douglas high school on community displacement and recommendations on how to address this issue. Councilor Chase helped start off the event.

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- President Hughes attended a National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) board discussion and the Zoo Education Center groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, September 1st.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Botond Kovacs".

Botond Kovacs, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPT. 01, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	PowerPoint	09/01/15	2018 Regional Transportation Plan Update	090115cw-01