



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 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 2:03 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

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

- The Blue Lake Park Day: International Food Festival was attended by approximately 1,500 community members, including Councilors Collette and Craddick.
- Reminder that Tilikum Crossing opens on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The Council Retreat on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, will be held at the Portland Expo Center.
- Ms. Bennett will be participating in Cycle Oregon next week and Mr. Scott Robinson, Metro Deputy Chief Operating Officer, will sit in her place.
- Ms. Bennett introduced Ms. Patty Unfred, Metro program director, to present the following Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) update to Councilors:
  - Mr. Bill Tolbert, Metro program analyst, has resumed his work at Metro.
  - The NW Public Employees Diversity Conference will be held at the Oregon Convention Center on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - A consulting team is helping develop DEI strategies and met with Councilors Chase and Stacey during Council recess. DEI staff is working with community-based organization staff to help facilitate discussions regarding internal work plans and topics DEI staff would like to place emphasis on.
  - Ms. Cary Stacey, Metro program analyst, is leading an organization self assessment to look across the agency to identify gaps and where staff would like to focus. This assessment should be complete by November.
  - DEI sponsored nine paid summer work interns to provide youth community work experience and an opportunity to see what projects Metro is involved with.

**2. 2015 LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro policy advisor, presented a report on the outcomes from the 2015 Oregon legislative session and discussed next steps emerging from 2015 session outcomes. Mr. Tucker spoke to the subset of six issues the Council identified as their top priority items, four of which were

achieved in whole or in part during the session. These issues included passage of legislation clarifying Metro's authority to support the Convention Center hotel project, defeat of multiple bills that would have interfered with local growth management decision of processes, passage of both policy and funding proposals on brownfields, and allocation of funding for the Willamette Falls Riverwalk.

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilor Harrington inquired about a land bank and using descriptive messaging to display that Metro continues to work in partnerships to create tools to reach regional and local goals. Councilor Harrington conveyed two concerns, including concerns about misunderstandings with the solid waste road map choices and impacts on product stewardship and potential surprises with transportation funding and clean fuels.
- Councilor Craddick recommended that brownfields should be brought up at a future MPAC session and noted that it can help promote the tool and teach jurisdictions how they can use it, as well as developing it for the future.
- Councilor Stacey discussed inclusionary zones and suggested that Metro's agenda includes a commitment to passing a lift on the inclusionary zoning ban, as it gives a meaningful response to affordable housing.
- Councilor Chase spoke to general obligation bond restrictions and would like to see Metro joining other groups who are focusing on making general obligation bonds more flexible, as it could create more opportunities and reduce challenges with public ownership and small jurisdictions.
- Council President Hughes noted the need to vocalize how valuable the tool is for local and small properties, as there are needs for smaller scale brownfield mitigation. President Hughes noted that Metro needs general support with the region and recommended that Metro preserve its options.

**3. DISCUSSION OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION OF FY 2015-16 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

Ms. Bennett and Mr. Gerry Uba, Metro principal regional planner, reviewed and discussed applications for Cycle 4 of the Community Planning and Development Grants (CPDG) funded with construction excise tax, the recommendations of the Chief Operating Officer (COO) to the Council, and recommendations of the CPDG Screening Committee to the COO. Mr. Uba discussed how the CPDG program helps local governments find strategies to accommodate expected growth, including providing jobs, creating housing and transportation choices, improving aging infrastructure, supporting sustainable development, and creating vibrant and livable communities across the region. Ms. Bennett added that out of 19 projects, 15 projects have been recommended for full funding and one project has been recommended for partial funding. The resolution in regards to funding for the FY2015-16 Community Planning and Development Grants will be voted on at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilors thanked the screening committee and praised staff for their hard work with the grant recommendations.
- Councilor Stacey noted his eagerness to see proposals for concept plans and would like to see partners stepping forward with ideas. Councilor Stacey added that he will not be

comfortable vocalizing concerns and feedback until he has further reviewed the recommendation.

- Councilor Harrington asked for clarification for the Milwaukie and Cornelius projects and expressed concern with consistency between rounds of recommendations in regards to technical capacity. Councilor Harrington spoke to her need for a more in-depth discussion regarding the grant proposals and unallocated funds before voting on the resolution.
- Councilor Craddick noted that seeing an example of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) will bring life into new projects and suggested that an IGA report could give some context to the applications. Councilor Craddick added that a more regional discussion regarding unallocated funds is needed.
- Councilor Collette expressed her excitement that the grant program is accomplishing what Metro aspired to, noted the substantial impact the grants have on the region's growth, and conveyed her supportive of the technical assistance fund allocation recommendation
- Councilor Dirksen expressed his support for the COO recommendation but suggested the unallocated funds recommendation be detached from the grant recommendations.
- Councilor Chase recommended that the applicants gain a better understanding of the social equity component in order to make connections. Councilor Chase expressed his support of the complete COO recommendation and would like to see unallocated funds attached to affordable housing.
- Council President Hughes conveyed his need for more time to think about the placement of unallocated fund. Additionally, President Hughes would like to see the conclusion of regional discussions and keep the money in advance with the idea that Metro could use it for future urban growth proposals.

Ms. Bennett proposed scheduling briefings with the Councilors and providing a map with current areas that will have concept plans to help with the unallocated funds discussion.

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

Councilor Dirksen spoke to the Joint Policy and Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, where they will be discussing the finance subcommittee and providing an update on looking at JPACT as a whole for moving forward. Additionally, Councilor Dirksen noted there will be a Region 1 ACT update and a STIP update that will flow into a discussion on MTIP regional flexible funding.

Councilor Harrington discussed the prep-JPACT meeting, noting the need for policy information the public can understand, and clarified that a public comment period will occur in the winter, not the fall. Councilor Harrington asked for Council guidance before the JPACT meeting on Thursday. Additionally, Councilor Harrington directed Councilors to an email sent by Mr. Tom Chaimov, Metro principal solid waste planner, identifying it as resource for the solid waste roadmap, Council direction, and future topics.

Councilor Craddick spoke to the Intertwine Alliance Board of Directors meeting last Thursday, where staff discussed what the Alliance will be working on in 2016. Councilor Craddick noted that this is the first time the Alliance is ready to bring the region together with a collective voice regarding regional parks and natural areas accomplishments for the first time since it was formed.

Councilor Collette spoke to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Bright Lights architecture event at the Portland Art Museum tomorrow, hosted by Mr. Randy Gragg. Additionally, Councilor Collette requested a comprehensive update from Councilors Chase and Dirksen relating to the Equitable Housing Forum.

President Hughes, Councilors Stacey, and Councilor Craddick attended the NW Labor Council Labor Day Picnic on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. President Hughes spoke to his presentation at the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Business Forum earlier today, where the public walked away with a better understanding of the urban growth boundary, urban growth reserves, and urban growth management. Additionally, President Hughes is on the Portland Business Alliance Land Use Subcommittee agenda on Thursday to speak about urban growth.

**5. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Giraud".

Kate Giraud, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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	09/08/15	SummerWorks Interns 2015	090815cw-01
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	09/08/15	Cycle 4 Planning and Development Grant Project Locations	090815cw-02
<b>3.0</b>	Letter	09/04/15	Letter Regarding Beaverton Hillsdale Corridor & Western Avenue Employment Area Master Plan Cycle 4 Community Planning Development Grand Funding Recommendations	090815cw-03