



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 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

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Scott Robinson updated the Council on the following items:

- The Equity Strategy Advisory Committee had a meeting Monday, September 14th.
- Ms. Julie Nelson from the Government Alliance on Race and Equity will be attending the Council Work Session on Tuesday, September 22nd.
- On Saturday, September 26th, SOLVE and Metro staff are invited to the Brighton Beach cleanup from 10:00am till 12:00pm.

2. 2015 GROWTH MANAGEMENT DECISION: CHOOSING A POINT FORECAST

- Mr. John Williams, Metro Planning Deputy Director announced the purpose of the presentation. Council has an opportunity to direct staff on how much household and employment growth (within the range forecast) the Council wishes to plan for.
- Mr. Ted Reid of Metro noted that the range forecast is used for the Metro Council to make their urban growth management decision.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors Kathryn Harrington and Craig Dirksen are supportive of using the midpoint range forecast.
- Councilors expressed concerns over the wording of number 5 in the draft ordains, stating that increased clarity would be helpful and discussed possible wording improvements.

3. INTRODUCTION TO REGIONAL SNAPSHOTS

- Mr. Williams announced the purpose of the presentation, which was to provide Council with an introduction to the quarterly Regional Snapshot program and the release of its first installment, which focuses on housing. The snapshot program is the storytelling of how people in the Metro region get around and what the region is doing to achieve its goals.

- Mr. Reid described that Metro would like an ongoing dialogue on how people in the region are living and getting around. The focus will be on housing for fall 2015, jobs and the economy for winter 2016, transportation for spring 2016, urban design, form and demographics for summer 2016, and housing again for fall 2016.
- Mr. Craig Beebe presented the online website for Regional Snapshots.
- Ms. Rebecca Hamilton spoke in regards to the speaker series for the Regional Snapshot program. Inviting speakers who will complement ongoing Metro projects can make the program more interesting for the general public and reach out to a broader demographic. Kim Mai Cutler, a journalist from the San Francisco Bay area will be presenting on Friday, September 18th in regards to averting a housing crisis in the Portland region.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Sam Chase noted that air quality could be incorporated into the themes the Regional Snapshots will be focusing on. Demographic increases, business, transportation and industry create air quality issues. Regarding transportation work, Metro could engage with TriMet.
- Councilor Carlotta Collette suggested that when speaking about city centers and downtowns, neighborhood centers should be included.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick added that information and presentations regarding congestion could be important because congestion is a major issue to the public. Councilor Craddick would also like to see solid waste and recycling programs added to the Regional Snapshots.
- Councilor Harrington likes the layout of the website, but added it would be helpful to have an index page. Regarding Councilor Craddick's comment on congestion, Councilor Harrington noted that many members of the public would like an ideal scenario of not having congestion at peak times, but this is not realistic, as all major cities have congestion during peak hours.
- President Hughes noted that water will become a major issue in the future for the Portland area, so water may be a topic that could be mentioned in the Regional Snapshots.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Craddick announced that on Saturday, September 19th, Blue Lake Park will have an event on refurbishing picnic tables.
- Councilor Harrington noted that there will be two different surveys for Metro's solid waste work and the Let's Talk Trash series of events.
- Councilor Chase passed around copies of the Equitable Housing Initiative status update.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPT. 15, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Handout	09/15/15	Ordinance NO. 15-1361	091515cw-01
2.0	Handout	09/15/15	Regional Snapshot: Housing	091515cw-02
2.0	Handout	09/15/15	Averting a Housing Crisis	091515cw-03
4.0	Handout	09/15/15	Equitable Housing Status Update	091515cw-04