



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:08 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett distributed and spoke to a draft agenda for the February 9th Council Retreat, which focuses on proposed budgets and projections. Ms. Bennett discussed a recent Regional Infrastructure Supporting our Economy (RISE) Program team meeting, where partners agreed on overall terms of an intergovernmental agreement related to the Riverwalk Project and Economic Development Strategy. Additionally, Ms. Bennett provided Council with an update on the Brownfields Coalition and the Oregon Convention Center Hotel project. Ms. Bennett introduced Ms. Lake McTighe, Metro transportation planner, to discuss the Draft Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Ms. McTighe noted that Metro is involved in the development of this plan and spoke to a proposed letter from Council to the Oregon Transportation Commission. Councilor Harrington advised emphasizing that there is an addendum with clear requests with serious considerations for change and expressed concern that the plan will be implemented as it stands without an emphasis on connectivity and safety. Councilor Craddick noted that it would be great to obtain a response from the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and noted that it's critical to have a defined network. Councilor Collette recommended adding a comment about land management capacity and use consistent language. Councilor Dirksen spoke to communicating Metro Council's concern at the Oregon State Transportation Policy Group meeting and Region 1 ACT meeting

2. URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT NEXT STEPS: PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. John Williams, Metro Deputy Director of Planning & Development, and Mr. Ted Reid, Metro regional planner, requested Council feedback and direction on the proposed work program that will guide discussions of possible improvements to the region's urban growth management decision process and guide the timing of the next urban growth report (UGR) and the Council's 2018 urban growth management decision. Mr. Williams added that staff is making sure the work program reflects Councilor feedback, noting that Council has been interested in components of housing, employment land, governance, and growth feasibility.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick asked for clarification on specific wording and inquired if the work program considers only housing, or if it will include components of employment and industrial plans. Councilor Craddick spoke to tools in Metro's current system that help with equitable expansions and conveyed her pride that Metro wants to keep balance in the region. Additionally, Councilor Craddick expressed her concern that development could occur in more robust areas, which will contribute to inequality in the region, and asked that stakeholders from the east part of the Metro region be involved in the discussion. Councilor Collette recommended clarifying the term employment lands and convening a high-level staff advisory committee to help review the work being completed. Councilor Collette spoke to the problem statement and noted that Metro may need to discuss modest expansions at some point. Councilor Collette added that the work program needs to be strongly crafted at the State level and should enable performance that Metro would like to see happen. Councilor Chase recommended that a committee be established and include key stakeholders representatives and members of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and spoke to liking the process for engagement framework. Councilor Chase clarified the importance of affordable and workforce housing in the region and suggested including a sentence early in the memo, as it's a fundamental principle to keep in mind as growth is managed. Councilor Stacey spoke to the guiding principles and expressed concerns with the problem statement. Councilor Stacey added that he will make as many contributions as possible to make the existing policy better and will not withhold continuing questions about the need to bring relief to communities. Councilor Harrington spoke to the current system available to the region and noted that there are unknowns, but fundamentally modest urban growth boundary ideas that are supported with the current system. Councilor Harrington conveyed concern with the problem statement and inquired whether there were policies to identify regional desires other than land within the urban growth boundary, such as brownfields. Councilor Harrington expressed her appreciation for the conversation around technical needs and conveyed her commitment to explore improvements and the idea of community plans. Councilor Dirksen noted that this is a challenging topic and expressed his support of the work program and the problem statement, adding that changes need to be made so the process can be accomplished with greater confidence. President Hughes spoke to the format of a work program discussion, noting that a discussion will take place before the legislative session. President Hughes added that a committee will be convened and a framework for a legitimate regional discussion will be established. Councilors requested regular briefings and check-ins at both Council and MPAC meetings.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Dirksen spoke to a recent Region 1 ACT Board Meeting, distributed the 2019-2021 Draft Enhancement 150% List, and discussed enhancement possibilities related to the FAST Act. Councilor Chase thanked Council for attending the Equitable Housing Summit and spoke to the strong performance by Ms. Elissa Gertler and Ms. Emily Leib with management of the Summit. Councilor Harrington recommended that an update on the Equitable Housing Summit be presented at the next Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting and spoke to a film screening at the Tualatin Riverkeepers meeting. Additionally, Councilor Harrington discussed last week's Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) meeting and noted that the delegation is getting more involved in emergency management. Councilor Stacey spoke to a Safe Routes to School rally at Benson High School. Councilor Collette discussed a recent Willamette Falls Legacy Project Partners meeting and spoke to an intergovernmental agreement. President Hughes noted that the legislature opened its short session and highlighted various bills and approaches. Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro staff, updated Council on House Bill 2146 and the Eugene 2021 track event.

4. **ADIURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Giraud". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Kate Giraud, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016

| ITEM | DOCUMENT TYPE | DOC DATE | DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION | DOCUMENT No. |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1.0 | Agenda | 02/02/16 | Draft Agenda for February 9, 2016 Metro Council Retreat | 020216cw-01 |
| 1.0 | Memo | 01/27/16 | Memo to Metro Council: Draft Metro comments on the Draft Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan | 020216cw-02 |
| 3.0 | Handout | 02/02/16 | 2019-2021 Draft Enhance 150% List | 020216cw-03 |