



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilor Carlotta Collette

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 spoke to a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) that designated four hundred new trail signs to Metro parks in 2016. Ms. Bennett distributed the 2015 Compliance Report that outlines how jurisdictions are complying with the Urban Growth Functional Plan. Ms. Alison Kean, Metro Attorney, updated Council on details related to a proposed business payroll tax for Portland State University and noted that she will represent Metro in defending the impartiality of the ballot title. President Hughes and Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro staff, provided Council with a legislative update, specifically on a package of bills related to affordable housing and construction excise tax (CET) preemption. President Hughes stated that Metro has gone on record voicing support for inclusionary zoning, renters' protections, and annexation, but oppose Metro not being included in the exception that will extend the CET forever. Councilor Craddick conveyed her disapproval of the particular piece of legislation that does not include Metro in the exception and spoke to a possible amendment. Councilor Chase expressed his desire to speak with housing alliances before asking fellow elected officials for opposition. Councilor Harrington spoke to the provisions she would like to see move forward and noted that she is not willing to oppose the entire package. Additionally, President Hughes spoke to the transit lodging tax and brownfields bills.

**2. PORTLAND HARBOR SUPERFUND**

Ms. Cami Grandinetti, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Mr. Kevin Parrett, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), provided Council with background on the Portland Harbor Superfund location, basic site information, and the various process options moving forward. Mr. Parrett spoke to ensuring that State regulations are met and coordinating with other State agencies to ensure that their interests are being communicated to the EPA. Mr. Parrett highlighted strong input that assures that institutional fish advisories are as robust as possible, the remedy has a minimal impact on transportation, and restrictions on harbor caps are minimized. Ms. Grandinetti spoke to the Portland Harbor Superfund timeline process and noted that the EPA works with parties to negotiate and perform investigations, determine public and ecological risk, and to

conduct a feasible study. Ms. Grandinetti added that the EPA wants a clean-up plan by the end of the year and the current Administrator of the EPA is in charge of making decisions related to this specific site. Ms. Grandinetti highlighted how the Portland Harbor became contaminated, discussed pollution issues and contaminants of concern, and the various impacts on fish and wildlife. In addition, Ms. Grandinetti discussed clean-up methods, including dredging, capping, in-situ treatment, monitored natural recovery, and enhanced monitored natural recovery (MNR/EMNR).

***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Stacey asked for clarification on clean-up alternatives and total site size. Councilor Harrington inquired about specifics related to EPA alternatives for sediment management areas. Councilor Craddick asked for clarification of capping methods and inquired about what keeps the river from being contaminated in the future. Councilor Chase spoke to the Cascadia Subduction Zone and asked what the EPA's assessment of the possibility that an earthquake could bring additional contaminants into the river. Councilor Chase complimented EPA staff on public comment opportunities and inquired about which areas in Portland the EPA is performing public engagement. Ms. Bennett inquired to what extent land use and redevelopment aspirations drive and factor into determining the alternative technique chosen. President Hughes thanked the presenters and spoke to finances, priorities, and contamination agreements between the EPA and land owners after the implementation of a plan.

**3. SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (UNAUDITED)**

Mr. Tim Collier, Metro Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, informed Council about the state of Metro finances through the first half of the fiscal year. Mr. Collier noted that the Second Quarter Financial Report is most important because it gives staff a baseline to determine the fiscal year 2016-17 budgets. Mr. Collier noted that the Oregon Convention Center and Portland's are having record years, solid waste tonnage is increasing, and the construction excise tax is continuing a strong recovery. Mr. Collier highlighted areas for improvement, including zoo attendance and park revenues.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Chase inquired about construction excise tax and seasonality. Councilor Dirksen requested spreadsheets with detailed information for the Oregon Convention Center and Portland's. Councilor Craddick inquired about decreased attendance at Glendoveer Golf Course and the Oregon Zoo. Councilor Harrington spoke to regional accomplishments related to Metro's community planning and development grants (CPDG) and asked how adjusted due dates fit with the 2018 urban growth report.

**4. QUARTER 2 FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Mr. Scott Robinson, Metro Deputy Chief Operating Officer, and Ms. Cary Stacey, Metro program analyst, reviewed information related to how Metro met its mission and goals through its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program, public-facing programs, and venues. Ms. Stacey distributed the Metro Compass employee pocket guide to the Council. Mr. Robinson highlighted the fiscal year 2015-16 Second Quarter Management Report. In addition, Mr. Robinson reviewed Metro's core values that guide Metro staff to help build public trust, which focus on sustainability, teamwork, respect, innovation, public service, and excellence.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Craddick commented on outreach efforts with Portland's presentations.

**5. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

There was none.

**6. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:01 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 FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Report	02/23/16	2015 Compliance Report	022316cw-01
<b>2.0</b>	Handout	01/27/16	Portland Harbor Superfund Site: PowerPoint Presentation	022316cw-02
<b>4.0</b>	Booklet	02/02/16	The Metro Compass: Employee Pocket Guide to Metro	022316cw-03