



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:05 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett provided updates on two upcoming off-site Metro Council meetings and the Oregon Zoo's new polar bear habitat, and discussed the renewal of several Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs).

**2. EQUITY IN CONTRACTING**

Mr. Tim Collier presented on Equity in Contracting. Mr. Collier provided a brief review of activities from the previous fiscal year, and discussed current activities, including updates to the Enhancement of Equity Contracting Program. He spoke to the activities that have proven to be effective, and noted several new additions to the program, including a focus on Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) certified prime contracting, subcontractor utilization, and workforce diversity. He also discussed the Subcontractor Equity Program, Procurement Equity Strategy, and 1% for Workforce Diversity Program.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilors expressed their support for the 1% for Workforce Diversity Program. Councilor Chase spoke to the program's ability to address limitations in existing contracting work, and noted the importance of partnering with other agencies and supporting external work to help meet Metro's goals. Councilor Stacey added that the program aligns with Metro's recent adoption of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Councilor Collette clarified that using COBID certified contractors would be elective rather than required, Councilor Harrington inquired about the stipulations for applying the program to voter bond projects, and Councilor Craddick asked

about potential outreach activities. Council President Hughes spoke to the program as an outline of actions around which to convene a discussion with partners about how to pull together efforts and resources from around the region.

### **3. EQUITABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE UPDATE**

Ms. Elissa Gertler and Ms. Emily Lieb presented the Equitable Housing Initiative Update. Ms. Gertler provided a review of the Equitable Housing Initiative in the context of the other work being done around the region, and noted the impact of the housing issue on every aspect of Metro's work. Ms. Lieb briefly discussed equitable housing work from the past year, and provided an overview of the next steps, including the Equitable Housing Grants program, a Practitioner Lunch & Learn series, and collaborative funding solutions. She reviewed the themes that emerged from the previous year's engagement with local stakeholders, discussed the need for a collaborative regional coalition, and shared several examples of successful collaborative funding solutions.

#### ***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Stacey spoke to the need for dialogue surrounding equitable housing that is more digestible for the community, and inquired about opportunities for Councilors to be more involved. Ms. Bennett inquired about the equitable housing work producing a number that could be translated into the financial shortcoming of the region. In response, Ms. Lieb noted that the team has done some initial calculations of undersupply at regional scale based on preliminary data. Ms. Gertler added that there is not one single solution or target, rather that there are a range of issues, which is why the work is focused on producing a range of solutions. She also mentioned that the team wants to produce interim deliverables regarding the housing issue to inform Councilors and stakeholder regarding potential policy ideas for the legislative agenda. Councilor Chase reflected on how far the Equitable Housing Initiative has come, and spoke to the integration of equitable housing work into other areas of planning as setting a foundation for success moving forward. Councilor Collette spoke to her appreciation for the Equitable Housing Initiative, raised questions about the range of projects that have expressed interest in the grant program, and advised engaging the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) in the process. Councilor Craddick expressed concern that some proposed measures may perpetuate the concentration of poverty, inquired if the homelessness issue is part of the equitable housing discussion, and noted her appreciation for the discussion of legislature at this stage in the process. In response, Ms. Bennett noted that Metro's role in the homelessness issue could involve coding and regulatory structures or data collection, but that the agency is limited in terms of support services. Ms. Gertler spoke to the need to make the build the foundation of the work around a regional business case for a series of tools and solutions from Metro that can be applied at different levels. Council President Hughes noted that a good case can be made for why equitable housing is an appropriate issue to discuss and take action on at regional level, and added that the number of jurisdictions that have already taken action demonstrates the regional demand. He also spoke to Metro's role in conducting research and coordinating the efforts of local jurisdictions and stakeholders. Councilor Harrington noted that some jurisdictions are funding their equitable housing efforts solely through grant programs, whereas others are attempting to develop a more stable funding source. Councilors and Ms. Bennett

discussed possible funding scenarios, and Ms. Bennett noted that there will be a retreat in the fall to discuss funding measures and inquired if Councilors wanted the Equitable Housing Initiative to be an explicit topic in that discussion.

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

Councilor Stacey discussed his upcoming legislation that is scheduled to come before the Council in July. Councilor Collette provided an update on the first Rediscover the Falls board meeting, the Oregon City Enhancement Grant Review meeting and the Sunrise Grand Opening, and discussed recent communications from the Clackamas County Commission meeting. Councilor Harrington briefly reviewed concepts from the AARP Age-Friendly Practices forum in Denver, Councilor Craddick updated Councilors on the first City of Troutdale Community Enhancement Grant Review Committee meeting, the recent C4 retreat, and the Washington Park shuttle, and Councilor Chase updated Councilors on the Welcome Home Campaign and the Diesel Particulates Work Group. Council President Hughes provided key takeaways from the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force's second meeting.

**5. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>2.0</b>	PowerPoint	06/28/2016	Metro Equity in Contracting PowerPoint	062816cw-01
<b>3.0</b>	PowerPoint	06/28/2016	Regional Equitable Housing Solutions PowerPoint	062816cw-02