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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, November 3, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

**Madison Room, Portland'5  
1111 SW Broadway, Portland, OR**

**Council retreat**

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**1:00 2017 Council Goal Setting Retreat: Introduction, Purpose of the Meeting, and Agenda Review**

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief introduction as to the purpose of the retreat, explaining that the Metro Council would discuss its goals moving forward in advance of developing the next year's budget, and reviewed the agenda. She requested that the Council focus on defining its highest priority objectives for the next 36 months in order to ensure the objectives were accurately funded.

**Present:** 7 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**1:10 Review & Discuss Trends in the Region**

Ms. Bennett introduced Mr. Jeff Frkonja, Director of the Research Center; Ms. Elissa Gertler, Director of Planning and Development; Mr. Jim Middaugh, Director of Communications; Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services; and Mr. Scott Robinson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, to provide a framework for the discussion. She noted that they would identify regional trends for the Metro Council to consider as they evaluated their primary objectives. The directors highlighted regional trends such as large-scale population growth, growing regional diversity, an aging population, the challenges and benefits of rapid technological improvements and transportation, climate change, shifting employment opportunities, declining middle-wage jobs, distrust in government and other institutions, economic changes, and the region's dependence on tourism.

**2:30 Break****2:40 Council Initiative Discussion**

Councilors evaluated Council initiatives according to different levels of Council involvement and considered how

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to best phase various projects and funding requests. Councilors discussed potential initiatives and priorities such as the Southwest Corridor project, Division Bus Rapid Transit, the 2018 Oregon legislative agenda, transportation funding, earthquake preparedness, low-income transit fares, a regional parks district, equity strategy implementation, regional resilience, and technological investments. Councilor Chase discussed connections between transportation funding and equitable housing. Councilor Harrington expressed concerns about achieving the full list of initiatives in the available timeframe. Councilors discussed how to best use Council and staff resources to achieve the Council's desired outcomes.

**4:10 Next Steps and Debrief**

COO Martha Bennett explained that she would update the Council Initiatives documents and timeline according to the Council's direction. She noted that the Council would have another retreat in January or February 2017 to further discuss upcoming projects.

**4:30 Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council retreat at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2016**

None.