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Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Bob Stacey

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, introduced a handout that summarized the latest Brownfields Regional Snapshot. She thanked staff, including Senior Public Affairs Specialist Craig Beebe, for creating the Regional Snapshot. Ms. Bennett also introduced a Solid Waste Roadmap handout. Lastly, she provided an update on the five solid waste non-system licenses (NSLs) approved by the Metro Council the previous year. The update was related to waste disposal at the Riverbend, Columbia Ridge, and Coffin Butte landfills.

Work Session Topics:**2:10 2030 Regional Waste Plan Project Work Plan**

Mr. Paul Slyman, Property and Environmental Services (PES) Director, introduced the 2030 Regional Waste Plan along with Principal Solid Waste Planner Ms. Marta McGuire. He explained that the Regional Waste Plan provided a ten year planning framework, established direction in the form of policies and goals for the system, outlined roles and responsibilities, and fulfilled state requirements for a regional waste reduction plan. He emphasized that a lifecycle approach to waste management and equity were also important considerations in the development of the Waste Plan.

Ms. Marta McGuire introduced highlights from the Plan history, and explained that the new plan would attempt to improve household and business recycling, youth education, and statewide product stewardship. Ms. McGuire explained how the plan related to the Solid Waste Roadmap; the 2030 Plan was all-encompassing, while the Roadmap was a detailed implementation of disposal system work. Ms. McGuire highlighted that there were three main forces that provided existing guidance for plan development: national and state materials management plans, state statutes and administrative rules, and Metro regional policies and plans. The life cycle impacts of materials and products would also guide the creation of the new 2030 Plan, and equity would be fully incorporated into the planning process.

Ms. McGuire discussed the 2030 Plan project goal, which was to adopt a plan that reflected community and regional values, sound technical analysis, input from partners and the public, and advanced the region as a leader in conserving resources and protecting the environment. An inclusive engagement approach would be utilized to achieve the plan goals. Ms. McGuire discussed roles of various entities throughout the 2030 Plan development. Metro Council would be responsible for adoption of the plan. The Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC) would be involved, along with two types of proposed work groups: an equity work group and technical work groups. Ms. McGuire stated that the goal was for community input to reach and be considered by the equity and technical work groups, and for continual dialog to take place between the work groups.

Ms. McGuire covered the five phases of plan development. Phase one involved developing a shared understanding of existing policy guidance and commitment to values that would guide development and implementation of the plan. Phase two would include a forum, and Council would

endorse a vision at the end of the phase. Phase three would include workshops and community meetings in its system analysis and goal setting. During phase four of the plan development, technical work groups would develop strategies while looking through an equity lens. Phase five would engage stakeholders in review of the plan, and the plan would come before the Metro Council for adoption.

Mr. Slyman turned to the Council for their questions or input on the draft work plan, particularly in regard to the roles identified for the Council, MPAC, and the equity work group. He asked if the PES Department should bring a final work plan to Council for adoption by resolution.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Collette asked if MPAC would be involved in the planning process; Ms. McGuire affirmed that it would be. Councilor Harrington asked how Metro's Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) would be engaged in reviewing this plan, and thanked staff and community members for their equity work. Councilor Craddick inquired what they were looking for, specifically, when engaging people of color. Mr. Slyman responded that they are open to hearing whatever communities have to say, but proposed that they might hear about how the solid waste system's presence in the lives of people of color could stand to improve. Councilor Chase had a question about how they were going to create meaningful engagement with communities. Ms. McGuire noted that stipends would be provided to community members who participated on work groups, and Mr. Slyman highlighted that this work was deeply embedded with DEI work and the work of Metro's Senior Community Relations Manager, Ms. Becca Uherbelau. Councilor Craddick voiced her approval and looked forward to the regional forum that would be hosted. She was particularly interested in the engagement of communities of color, and suggested holding sub-region forums at locations other than the Oregon Convention Center, to make access for community members

easier and more convenient. With regards to waste management, Councilor Chase highlighted the importance of reducing consumption above all else. Councilor Craddick mentioned the benefits to the economy that this plan would bring; it would aid local glass and metal recycling businesses, and she thought that economic benefit should be acknowledged. Councilor Collette suggested to ask MPAC how best to reach their constituents. The Council agreed to adopt the plan via resolution once it was finalized.

3:00 Metro Attorney Communication

Ms. Alison Kean, Senior Metro Attorney, provided an overview of the projects that Metro's attorneys were currently working on, which included but were not limited to: the natural areas local option levy; the recovery of flood damage expenses from Metro's insurance company; finalizing the draft of procurement administrative rules; construction agreements; Oregon Convention Center hotel project bond work; defending Metro from claims related to incidents that had occurred at Metro venues; public records requests; negotiating with solid waste partners like Republic and Waste Management to ensure that they were adhering to contracts; working with the Department of Environmental Quality with regards to the St. John's Landfill; working with the Planning Department and TriMet on Regional Flexible Funds; working with the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force (UGRTF); and Sherwood School District's proposal to expand the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

3:10 Councilor Communication

Councilor Collette spoke about GLEAN artist selection, lobbying for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project, and working with Commissioner Jim Bernard in an attempt to spread factual information to the public about the urban reserves process taking place in the Stafford area. Councilor Harrington mentioned discussion within her district about whether to adopt sanctuary city language; she expressed that she was proud of Metro's adoption of the Equity

Strategy and the agency's focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. She suggested that staff develop a resolution restating Metro's commitment to these values. Council President Tom Hughes also thought it worthwhile to restate that the Metro Regional Center (MRC) and other Metro venues were inclusive and welcoming spaces. Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett responded that she would work with DEI staff to draft a resolution. Councilor Craddick spoke about an Oregon Zoo Foundation meeting and noted an increase in ZooLights attendance in 2016. She also mentioned a Levee Ready Columbia meeting, and stated that Metro was being asked to contribute more money to the levee system throughout the region. Councilors discussed the grand opening of the Orenco Woods Nature Park in Hillsboro. Councilor Dirksen shared the next step of the Southwest Corridor light rail project, which involved creating a citizen advisory committee (CAC). Councilor Chase spoke about the Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Committee; as Chair of the committee, he was asked to testify on public health modernization and investing in public health. Council President Hughes noted a letter that he wrote to the Condon Times Journal commemorating the passage of Commissioner Dennis Gronquist. President Hughes also relayed information gleaned from his weekly communication with Metro Regional Affairs Manager Andy Shaw related to: transportation, the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force House bill 2095, the Urban and Rural Reserves Senate bill 186, a hazardous waste bill, construction excise tax (CET) and affordability, and obtaining LUFO authority in the SW Corridor. Councilor Dirksen shared that he would testify before the Ways and Means Committee to request that the legislature continue to reserve a portion of lottery funds to support high capacity transit. Councilor Dirksen also spoke about House bill 2464, which would mandate that all vehicles manufactured or sold after a certain date be subject to a mileage fee in lieu of a gas tax. Mr. Jim Middaugh, Metro Communications Director, provided the Council with an update on Oregon Zoo's

elephant, Packy, and the increasing local and national interest in his welfare. The Council discussed Packy's health, the zoo's response to his condition, and the impact that his age and health conditions had on his wellbeing.

3:30 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Taylor Unterberg", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Taylor Unterberg, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout	02/07/17	Brownfields infographic	020717cw-01
1.0	Handout	02/07/17	Solid Waste Roadmap overview	020717cw-02
2.0	PowerPoint	02/07/17	2030 Regional Waste Plan PowerPoint	020717cw-03
4.0	Handout	02/07/17	Levee Ready Columbia 2016 Annual Report	020717cw-04