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Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2017

2:30 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Sam Chase

2. Citizen Communication

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan shared potential designs for transportation systems in the City of Portland, including a realignment of Interstate 5 on the east bank. He stressed the importance of integrated modes in transportation planning and recommended that TriMet use bus-rapid transit in the Barbur Boulevard Corridor.

Annette Hadaway, City of Portland: Ms. Hadaway expressed her concerns about the treatment of elephants at the Oregon Zoo. She stated that she had first testified on behalf of Packy the elephant in December 2015 and noted that activists had been advocating for Packy's release to a sanctuary for more than a decade. Ms. Hadaway shared a petition created to send Chendra the elephant to a sanctuary, adding that the petition received over 170,000 signatures and continued to grow. (Ms. Hadaway also provided hard copies of the signatures as part of her testimony; please see the February 23 meeting packet.)

Nadine Zimmer, City of Portland: Ms. Zimmer mourned the death of Packy and criticized the Oregon Zoo for euthanizing him. She expressed concerns about the conditions of the elephant enclosures at the Oregon Zoo and urged the Metro Council to send the remaining elephants to an animal sanctuary.

Susie Killian, City of Portland: Ms. Killian addressed the Metro Council with concerns about the elephants at the

Oregon Zoo. She urged the Metro Council to send its remaining elephants to a sanctuary and provide them with more room to roam, companionship, and complex family structures. She explained that Chendra, the only elephant of her species currently at the Oregon Zoo, was particularly susceptible to psychological challenges. She emphasized that the Metro Council should consider alternative exhibits at the Oregon Zoo and put an end the elephant program.

Courtney Scott, City of Portland: Ms. Scott criticized Metro and the Oregon Zoo for euthanizing Packy the elephant. She noted that many people, including some of Packy's keepers, did not feel it was necessary. She urged Metro staff to release Packy's medical records and have a postmortem analysis performed in order to better analyze their decision. She also recommended that Chendra be sent to an animal sanctuary.

Sandy Miller, City of Portland: Ms. Miller expressed her concerns about elephants at the Oregon Zoo and criticized the Metro Council for their management of the elephant program. She read from a letter to a concerned citizen from Councilor Sam Chase concerning the elephants' care and responded to his comments. (Ms. Miller also provided written testimony; please see the February 23 meeting packet.)

Nancy Shaw, City of Vancouver: Ms. Shaw provided a list of births and deaths at the Oregon Zoo. She noted that she felt zoos were not suitable for elephants and urged the Metro Council to end its elephant program at the Oregon Zoo and send all of the remaining elephants to animal sanctuaries. (Ms. Shaw also provided written materials; please see the February 23 meeting packet.)

Jenny Brown, City of Portland: Ms. Brown highlighted the need for Metro and the Oregon Zoo to reexamine the practice of animal captivity. She explained that zoos in

Buenos Aires and Costa Rica would soon be closing due to new understandings of the needs and well-being of animals. She recommended that Metro and the Oregon Zoo follow this trend and begin sending its elephants to sanctuaries.

Cherie Lambert Holenstein, City of Portland: Ms. Holenstein urged the Metro Council to end the elephant program at the Oregon Zoo. She expressed concerns about keeping animals in captivity and recommended that Metro staff consider the needs of the elephants and other animals at the zoo.

Bette Steflik, City of Portland: Ms. Steflik highlighted the importance of Packy the elephant at the Oregon Zoo and how much he was appreciated by the community. She criticized the Oregon Zoo for euthanizing him when he still appeared happy and healthy. She expressed condolences for his death and urged the Metro Council to send the rest of the Oregon Zoo elephants to a sanctuary.

Ann Radley, City of Vancouver: Ms. Radley shared comments from the petition created online concerning the treatment of elephants at the Oregon Zoo, including comments about the conditions of elephants in captivity and requests that Chendra be sent to an animal sanctuary. She asked the Metro Council to review the petition and consider their request.

Council President Hughes thanked all of the testifiers for their comments. He noted that the Metro Council continued to grieve the loss of Packy and expressed condolences for his death. He emphasized Metro and the Oregon Zoo's strong commitment to animal welfare and thanked the testifiers for continuing to remind them of the need for consistent, quality care.

3. Presentations

3.1 DEI Difference Makers Awards

Council President Hughes introduced the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Difference Maker Awards, noting that the awards honored and recognized Metro employees whose actions and behaviors had helped Metro grow as an agency. He explained that in January Metro celebrated its third annual DEI Awareness Month. He stated that as part of that celebration, employees were invited to nominate their colleagues or project teams for their contributions to embracing diversity, advancing regional equity, and practicing inclusion. Council President Hughes explained that the presentation was intended to honor the recipients of the DEI Difference Maker Awards. He stated that the Metro Council was grateful for the awardees contributions, talent, and commitment to helping Metro be a regional leader of advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. Council President Hughes then called on Ms. Patty Unfred and Ms. Amy Croover, Metro staff, to call upon the recipients and present the awards.

Ms. Patty Unfred congratulated the nominees and award recipients, as well as Metro employees who took the time to nominate their colleagues. Mr. Unfred noted that the group resented a broad spectrum of Metro employees, demonstrating Metro's commitment to infusing diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the agency. Ms. Croover then recognized the following award recipients: Allison Dumas, Dennis Yee, Gabi Schuster, Janet Lee, Mary Rose Navarro, Molly Chidsey, Pam McElwee and Jody Van Riper, Peggy Morell, the Powell Division Project Team, and Robyn Williams and the P'5 Team. The Metro Council thanked the recipients for their contributions to Metro and the region.

3.2 Organic Waste Follow-Up Audit

Council President Hughes called on Metro Auditor Brian

Evans and Mr. Elliot Shuford, Senior Management Auditor, to present the Organic Waste Follow-Up Audit.

Mr. Brian Evans informed the Council that the presentation followed up on an audit completed in 2013 following several changes to the organic waste system, including the start of the City of Portland's residential program and new regulatory changes for organic materials. Mr. Evans explained that the 2013 audit highlighted three main challenges: 1) capacity near the region to process material that was collected, 2) the quality of the material that was collected, and 3) finding the appropriate balance between incentives for the public to separate their food waste and incentives for the industry to develop enough resources to be able to process food waste efficiently.

Mr. Shuford stated that the original audit made three main recommendations: 1) ensure the goals and performance measures related to the organic system are aligned, 2) assess the cost effectiveness of the organic waste recovery as a priority for the region, and 3) further define Metro's leadership role for the program. Mr. Shuford explained that the follow-up audit found progress in all three of the recommendations, although only the first was fully implemented. He noted that while there was better information available about the cost effectiveness of organic waste, a full cost benefit assessment of organics or solid waste strategies had not been completed. Mr. Shuford recommended that Metro compare strategies for different materials using a common measure, such as dollars per ton. Mr. Shuford noted that some of the third recommendations long-standing challenges had been addressed by instituting tighter material quality standards and making a clearer priority of commercial over residential recovery. He stated that staff also researched important ground work for future decisions in Metro's role in organics and presented options to incent or require businesses to participate in food waste recovery, but decisions about the options would not be

finalized until this year or next. Mr. Shuford added that the audit noted there could be challenges or risks associated with local processing for organics and, depending on how an agreement with a local processor was structured, financial liabilities for Metro.

Mr. Paul Slyman and Mr. Matt Korot provided the management response. Mr. Slyman thanked Auditor Evans and Mr. Shuford for the follow-up audit and described upcoming developments in Metro's food waste program.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey expressed his appreciation for the audit. He explained it would be critical to find a balance between cost effectiveness and the importance of taking better advantage of the region's waste. Councilor Collette stated that it was useful to have the follow-up audit while in the process of developing Metro's Solid Waste Road Map, adding that it provided helpful guidance, advice, and direction.

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2017

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Harrington, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Chase

5. Ordinances (Second Reading)

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 17-1393, For the Purpose of Approving a Solid Waste Facility Franchise Application and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a New Franchise to SORT Bioenergy, LLC, to Operate an Anaerobic Digestion and Energy Recovery Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon

Council President Hughes stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 16-1393 took place on

Thursday, February 16, 2016. He informed the Metro Council that Mr. Paul Slyman, Director of Metro's Property and Environmental Services, was available for questions.

Council Discussion

Mr. Paul Slyman described the process moving forward following approval of Ordinance No. 17-1393. Councilor Harrington highlighted that the ordinances was part of Metro's important and ongoing work to make the best use of the region's waste stream.

A motion was made by Councilor Collette, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Chase

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the results of Metro's 2016 Compliance Report and the 25th anniversary of the Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the selection process for the new Oregon Zoo Foundation Executive Director, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) meeting, the Westside Economic Alliance meeting, the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting, an Equitable Housing Initiative Speaker Event on March 17 at the Metro Regional Center, an open house for the Troutdale 40-Mile Loop Trail Master Plan, the Clackamas County Community Forum on Stafford

Reserves, and the progress of Oregon House Bills 2095 and 2094.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 4:10 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2017

| Item | Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|--------------------|
| 2.0 | Citizen Communication | 2/23/2017 | Art Lewellan Transit Handout | 022317c-01 |
| 2.0 | Citizen Communication | 2/23/2017 | Art Lewellan Transit Handout | 022317c-02 |
| 2.0 | Citizen Communication | 2/23/2017 | Oregon Zoo Elephant Handout | 022317c-03 |
| 2.0 | Citizen Communication | 2/23/2017 | Response to Councilor Chase Elephant Correspondence | 022317c-04 |
| 2.0 | Citizen Communication | 2/23/2017 | Chendra the Elephant Petition | 022317c-05 |
| 4.1 | Minutes | 2/23/2017 | Council Meeting Minutes on February 16, 2017 | 022317c-06 |