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Minutes

Thursday, September 30, 2021

10:30 AM

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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Craddick called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Public Communication

Deputy Council President Craddick opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.

Robert Liberty: Robert Liberty spoke to a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) amendment widening the I-5 freeway that is coming up on the councilor's agenda in November. Robert expressed concerns about a lack of public outreach work and renderings provided to councilors. Robert expressed a desire for councilors to take a pause and consider what sort of project they desire prior to being boxed into financial support for the project.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Craddick moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Consent Agenda

Council Discussion

There was none.

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Nolan, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

- 3.1 Resolution No. 21-5202, For the Purpose of Confirming the Members of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee

4. Resolutions

- 4.1 Resolution No. 21-5179, For the Purpose of Accepting the Findings and Recommendations in the Regional Congestion Pricing Study

Council President Peterson introduced Margi Bradway (she/her) and Elizabeth Mros- O'Hara (she/her) to present on the Resolution. Staff brought up the *Resolution No. 21-5179 Presentation Powerpoint*.

Staff reviewed changes to the language of the resolution since they had last visited Council. The resolution was recommended for approval by JPACT. Elizabeth provided background on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including key findings from a Regional Congestion Pricing (RCP) study. Staff explained how key findings have impacted program development with respect to pricing, equity, and other outlined goals. Staff outlined the purpose of the resolution and laid out a timeline moving forward.

In response to a question asked by Councilor Rosenthal staff noted that any pricing program put forward should be holistic in order to address the disproportionate effect that implementation may have on rural communities that may be auto-dependent. Staff also noted that there was no guarantee that all methods of application would affect rural communities, and that the impact is dependent on the details. Staff confirmed that no one method satisfies all the goals outlined.

In response to a question asked by Councilor Craddick staff outlined the responsibilities of the role that Metro is filling as

a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the timing issues resulting from the State Legislature designating certain tolling roads. Nevertheless, they hope that results of the study will be utilized presently by relevant organizations (rather than waiting for the 2023 RTP).

Council Discussion

Councilor Nolan expressed a desire to identify specific indicators in achieving measurable outcomes with respect to policy implementation. Councilor Nolan additionally noted that there should be no assumption that the current measure of benefits and burden on [urban and rural] community members is fairly distributed, and that an equitable distribution of burden may not be interpreted as being equitable on its face.

Councilor Lewis expressed appreciation for the robust discussion among JPACT and other organizations around the Congestion Pricing Study and reiterated staff's hope that the outcomes of this study would be taken advantage of by those to whom it is applicable.

Councilor Nolan stated that there is definitive evidence that adding lanes does not decrease congestion, but that congestion pricing is a useful tool for this purpose. They identified this tool as being crucial in projects moving forward.

Councilor Rosenthal reiterated the need to have tolling as one piece of a larger conversation.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

4.2 Resolution No. 21-5201, For the Purpose of Approving the Parks & Nature Bond Local Share IGA Form and Approval Process

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Jon Blasher (he/him) and Alex Gilbertson (she/her) to present on the Resolution. Staff brought up the *Resolution No. 21-5201 Presentation Powerpoint*.

Staff provided a brief overview of the Local Share Program (LSP), shared information about the Inter-Government Agreement (IGA) form and process for delegating approval authority to the Metro Chief Operating Officer (COO). The LSP distributes bond money to projects that meet bond and program criteria within 27 jurisdictions. The IGA form formalizes project commitments in review with jurisdictional partners. Council would be alerted prior to the COO's approval of an IGA. Staff sought Council's approval for the IGA form as well as the approvals process.

In response to a question asked by Councilor Craddick staff noted that updates to Council will vary in level of detail dependent on the complexity of the project.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis identified this funding as being really significant to the districts, as well as small cities. She additionally appreciated the accelerated timeline, as well as the level of communication staff have set up to keep Council informed.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council

President Craddick moved on to the next agenda item.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this Resolution was adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

- 4.3 Resolution No. 21-5204, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Extend for 30 Days A Short-Term Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Agreement with Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas Counties to Implement the Metro Supportive Housing Services Program

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Patricia Rojas (she/her) to present on the Resolution.

Patricia provided a timeline overview and highlights of the progress of the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) measure in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties.

Approval of the resolution was requested to cover the SHS measure services while a more complex long-term IGA is still in development.

Councilor Lewis asked under what conditions the COO would exercise her ability to extend the revenue sharing agreement for another 30 days. COO Marissa Madrigal identified that substantial progress is being made in the development of the IGAs, and that this is criteria she would use to approve an extension.

Marissa identified the counties advancing themselves dollars prior to the SHS taxes being distributed later on in the year as a demonstration of their commitment to this project and the collaborative effort at hand.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Nolan lauded the amazing work that has been done thus far and thanked staff.

Councilor Lewis requested Council be notified if a 30 day extension is incoming. Councilor Gonzalez agreed, affirming the Council's role in oversight.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Craddick moved on to the next agenda item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Nolan, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal (she/her) provided an update on the following events or items:

- Metro vaccine requirement policy
- Hound bond project updates
- National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Parks & Nature Bond Info Session #1
- Middle Housing
- Natural Areas Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee (held 9/15/21)

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Craddick adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:53am

Respectfully submitted,

Shay Starling

Shay Starling, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Written Testimony	09/30/21	Written Testimony	093021c-01
2.0	Powerpoint	09/30/21	Resolution No. 21-5179 Presentation Powerpoint	093021c-02
2.1	Powerpoint	09/30/21	Resolution No. 21-5201 Presentation Powerpoint	093021c-03