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Minutes

Thursday, October 25, 2018

2:00 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 2:02 p.m.

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

2. Public Communication

Courtney Scott, City of Portland: Ms. Scott shared her concerns about the treatment and death of Packy, an elephant at the Oregon Zoo, and the overall treatment of elephants at the zoo. Ms. Scott brought a petition to ban breeding, buying and trading elephants into the Oregon Zoo and stated that another elephant, Chendra, should be released from the zoo. (Ms. Scott submitted a signed petition; please see the October 25 meeting packet.)

Nancy Shaw, City of Vancouver: Ms. Shaw, of Free Oregon Zoo Elephants, expressed her concern for the circumstances of Packy's death and discussed the Association of Zoos and Aquariums materials on the background of breeding, trading and selling elephants at zoos. She testified in opposition to keeping elephants at the Oregon Zoo.

Cathy Davidson, City of Lake Oswego: Ms. Davidson commended the City of Portland for its commitment to 100% renewable energy by the year 2050. She discussed her concerns over the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee reallocation of funds from the elephant center to the polar bear exhibit and proposals for another zoo bond measure. Ms. Davidson proposed business improvements to the zoo and requested a meeting with Council to discuss her proposals. (Ms. Davidson submitted written testimony

please see the October 25 meeting packet.)

Council President Hughes stated he would be happy to take a meeting with her.

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan submitted a transportation improvement proposal for the City of Portland, including the I-5 Columbia River Crossing and requested formal review of his proposal by Metro, TriMet and the city of Portland. He testified in support of the I-5 Rose Quarter auxiliary lane project and stated it would reduce traffic and improve pedestrian crossing. Mr. Lewellan (Mr. Lewellan also submitted written testimony; please see the October 25 meeting packet.)

Sharon Nasset, City of Portland: Ms. Nasset, of the Economic Transportation Alliance, thanked Metro staff for responding to her request for a statement on the Columbia River Crossing. She discussed the most recent Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation meeting and stated the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan required a more robust visioning process.

3. Presentations

3.1 Oregon Convention Center Renovation Update

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Craig Stroud, Oregon Convention Center Executive Director, to provide a brief presentation on the convention center renovation. Mr. Stroud explained that the renovation was a refresh for the 30 year old center in preparation for the opening of the new hotel and would improve the guest experience. He discussed the size of the project and budget and introduced Mr. Brent Shelby, Metro staff, and Mr. Andrew Colas, President of Colas Construction to provide more detail on the project.

Mr. Shelby provided an overview of the construction timeline and explained that the phased construction process would allow the convention center to continue operating through construction. He outlined the scope of the project including interior and exterior renovations and the design goals to bring natural elements into the space. Mr. Shelby shared renderings to illustrate the natural design finishes and explained that the design features would highlight unique areas and promote guests to navigate through the space. He thanked the design and construction teams and shared the project's commitment to local minority and women-owned businesses.

Mr. Colas discussed the project's equity goals and shared key accomplishments, including that 56 percent of contractors on the project were minority and women-owned and emerging small businesses. He explained that this percentage was unprecedented for a project of this size and this project was creating a new model that could be replicated. Mr. Colas then discussed the aim to focus on creating career pathways both in field work and management work for communities of color, women and youth. He explained that by focusing on how businesses affect and change our community, they could set new standards in the construction industry.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Chase commended Colas Construction for their work on this project as well as other projects in the community and framed this work within the context of Metro's construction career pathway project and equity contracting work. He stated these best practices should be shared along with successes and opportunities for

improvements.

Councilor Craddick stated she was impressed with the recruitment of people of color and women into the industry long term and asked how the project was able to achieve that. Mr. Colas explained that the construction industry is relationship based and noted that their family business had built a strong reputation in the community. He also pointed out how Metro's work in the procurement process had removed barriers for contractors.

Councilor Harrington expressed her appreciation for the project's commitment to equity and suggested hosting a youth engagement day in partnership with community based partners where young people and their families could view the completed renovation.

Councilor Dominguez stated that this project had set a goal with 56 percent participation of minority and women-owned businesses that others will want to achieve. She suggested working with Constructing Hope and Portland Youth Builders as opportunities to expose more youth to the project. Mr. Colas explained that Colas Construction worked with Constructing Hope, Oregon Tradeswoman, Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center and some pre-apprenticeship programs.

Council President Hughes commended Colas Construction on their achievements and stated this would set a new standard in the industry. He asked whether there had been any collaboration during the design phase of the renovation with the hotel construction project to create continuity in design features between the two projects. Mr. Shelby explained that although the design phase was complete and there was collaboration between the design teams in the

early phases of both projects. He also noted that both projects were working with the same landscape architect.

3.2 Equity Contracting Report

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Gabriele Schuster, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation on equity contracting results for fiscal year 2017-18. Ms. Schuster reviewed the importance of equity in contracting and shared Metro's commitment to expand opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved and build Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) capacity. She shared that \$9.7 million, or 19 percent, of total contract awards were made to COBID firms. She noted an upward trend in awards to COBID firms and highlighted a peak in the 2014-15 fiscal year due to a large construction project. Ms. Schuster discussed the implementation of new contracting administrative rules and the COBID marketplace. She explained some new features of the marketplace including direct awards for personal services contracts. Ms. Schuster noted that marketplace also served as an introduction to Metro for COBID firms that would lead to larger projects. She then introduced, Ms. Riko Tannenbaum, Metro staff, to present on the small business development and training programs.

Ms. Tannenbaum gave an overview of the small business development and training program including recent expansions to provide additional workshops. She reviewed the current training opportunities and noted that all of the trainers were representatives from either COBID firms or non-profit organizations. Ms. Tannenbaum explained the program's engagement and outreach efforts and stated that expansion of the programming last year has had significant impact on COBID contracting. She shared feedback from participants and commented that listening to small

businesses was key to developing programming. Ms. Tannenbaum introduced Jess Flores, Metro staff, to share details of a successful contract with a COBID firm.

Mr. Flores provided an overview of a power improvement project for the Expo Center including the scope, budget and timeline constraints complicating the project. He discussed steps in the procurement process to engage COBID firms and shared that the contract was awarded to a COBID firm. Mr. Flores explained that because Metro had an interest in developing COBID contractors he provided additional support to the firm to overcome early construction phase challenges. He informed Council that this additional coaching and support encouraged Portland General Electric, another project partner, to assist the firm as well. Mr. Flores reported that the project was successfully completed and the real success of the project was the development a COBID contractor.

Ms. Schuster concluded that this story exemplified a procurement model focused on removing barriers. She outlined outreach and engagement activities that have fostered trust relationships with COBID firms and shared opportunities to further assess and improve their model.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington thanked procurement services staff for their work and emphasized the community impact of this work. She asked staff why Metro was in a unique position to advance equity in contracting. Ms. Schuster explained that government contracting alone is a barrier for firms and the complicated nature of Metro projects can also pose barriers. She highlighted that procurement services works with project managers to provide better access and

support through the procurement process.

Councilor Stacey commended staff for their work and highlighted the importance of relationship building with historically underserved communities in order to remove social and economic barriers.

Councilor Craddick stated the presentation helped her better understand the challenges COBID contractors face and shared her appreciation for the work of staff. Councilor Dominguez shared her experience work with equity contracting at Home Forward and the importance of relationship building. She thanked project management staff for their remarkable work in building trust relationships with contractors.

Councilor Chase encouraged staff to continue this level of commitment to equity contracting and increasing the pool of qualified contractors. He appreciated the work Colas Construction and Metro staff were doing to continue to develop contractors. Council President Hughes stated the importance of outreach and additional support to COBID contractors in reaching equity contracting goals.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that these items be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

- 4.1 Consideration of October 18, 2018 Minutes

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 18-4940, For the Purpose of Amending Metro's Contracting and Procurement Administrative Rules

Council President Hughes recessed the meeting of the Metro Council and convened the Metro Contract Review Board.

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Schuster to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Schuster reviewed the contracting and procurement administrative rules adopted by Council as the local contract review board in 2017 and explained that staff had been monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the new rules. She stated that the equity contracting rules required clarification on subcontractor planning and reporting requirements and recommended these changes to the contract administrative rules.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington thanked procurement staff for their attention to all of the details in procurement and their outreach efforts.

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

Aye: 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

- 5.2 Resolution No. 18-4941, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption From Competitive Bidding and Procurement of Construction Manager General Contractor Services By Competitive Request for Proposals for Antoinette Hatfield Hall Roof Replacement and Parapet Repair

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Schuster to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Schuster explained the Oregon public procurement rule requirements includes an alternative procurement process in the form of a request for proposal (RFP). She outlined the requirements

for RFPs and how the Hatfield Hall roof replacement project would benefit from the RFP process. Ms. Schuster also discussed the benefit of increasing the COBID subcontracting threshold.

Council Discussion:

Councilors discussed the process for increasing a threshold and whether an amendment to the resolution was necessary. Councilors agreed it was appropriate to raise the threshold for this project alone and that further discussion would be required to determine if the threshold should be increased generally. Councilors agreed to make a motion to adopt the resolution and if necessary, add amended language to increase the threshold.

Council President Hughes recessed the meeting of the Metro Contract Review Board and reconvened the meeting of the Metro Council.

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

Aye: 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the Regional Illegal Dumping patrol pilot program launch to provide disposable bags for those experiencing houselessness and the open house for a new trail segment connecting Tryon Creek to Lake Oswego Foothills Park.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings: Rail-Volution Conference and the quarterly trails forum. Councilor Harrington shared her experience with the quick response and clean-up of a small chemical spill by her garbage hauler and commended their work to resolve the issue.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 4:09 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on November 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Handout	10/25/18	Information Sheet on Elephants at the Oregon Zoo	102518c-01
2.0	Petition	10/25/18	Petition to Discontinue the Breeding, Sale and Trade of Elephants at the Oregon Zoo and Discontinue the Use of Bullhooks at the Oregon Zoo	102518c-02
2.0	Handout	10/25/18	Proposal for Business Improvements	102518c-03
2.0	Handout	10/25/18	Proposal for Transportation Improvements	102518c-04
3.1	Powerpoint	10/25/18	Oregon Convention Center Plaza & Interior Renovation	102518c-05
3.2	Powerpoint	10/25/18	Equity in Contracting Annual Report	102518c-06
4.1	Minutes	10/25/18	Council Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2018	102518c-07