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Minutes

Thursday, January 17, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Public Communication

Ellen Ino, City of Portland: Ms. Ino welcomed the new Metro Council and stated she was shop steward at the Oregon Zoo and a member of LiUNA Local 483. She invited Council to the open house for the Portland Progressive Toast Master and the Inner City Blues Festival in April.

John Carter, City of Portland: Mr. Carter testified in opposition to the recent Urban Growth Boundary expansion, sharing his concern for continuing sprawl. He discussed the housing crisis and highlighted development and zoning practices that favored automobile use in the region.

Xavier Stickler, City of Tualatin: Mr. Stickler expressed concern for industrial and commercial interests over housing on major transit corridors in the City of Tualatin. He discussed the impacts of the Urban Growth Boundary expansion on farm and forestlands and advocated for better transit infrastructure, ecological protections and inclusive and fair public space.

Tony Jordan, City of Portland: Mr. Jordan, of Portlanders for Parking Reform, urged Council to implement policies that

address climate change and affordable housing including user pricing for vehicles, reduction of parking and freeway capacity and increased transit capacity. He discussed the increased cost of housing due to parking and noted Metro's role in providing good modelling tools to local jurisdictions.

Bradley Bondy, Clackamas County: Mr. Bondy spoke against the adoption of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and the recent Urban Growth Boundary expansion, explaining that these two decisions did not adequately address climate change or sustainable land use practices. He advocated for the removal of the Damascus area from the growth boundary, a permanent freeze on the growth boundary and requiring all projects included in regional transportation plans demonstrate a reduction in automobile use. (Mr. Bondy provided written materials as part of his testimony; please see the January 17 meeting packet.)

Jeffrey Yasskin, City of Portland: Mr. Yasskin urged Council to aggressively mitigate climate change, highlighting the carbon impacts of Metro's land use and transportation policies. He advocated for policies that encouraged and supported people living closer to their jobs, transit and travel corridors and discouraged cities from expanding away from corridors.

Councilor Stacey explained the recent Urban Growth Boundary expansion, noting the inclusion of missing middle housing opportunities as a requirement for residential development in the newly expanded areas. He discussed the role of the regional affordable housing bond and the potential regional parks and nature investment measure in

addressing the region's needs. Councilor Stacey thanked those who testified for their advocacy.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked those who testified and stated his support for bold policy action to address climate change across Metro's portfolio of services. Councilor Lewis discussed the importance of citizen engagement and good public policy responsive to constituencies, noting that the time limitations of public testimony during Council meetings were not sufficient for a dialogue around these issues. She recommended finding ways to engage with those who had testified.

Councilor Chase discussed the importance of citizen engagement in the upcoming 2040 growth concept refresh and encouraged those who testified to participate the public engagement process. Councilor Dirksen addressed Mr. Xavier and offered to meet to further discuss his concerns.

3. Presentations

3.1 2018 Sustainability Report

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Matt Korot and Ms. Jenna Garmon, Metro staff, to present the 2018 Sustainability Report. Mr. Korot stated that the report reviewed Metro's internal operations for the last fiscal year and that all of the steps laid out in the report were to serve the goal of making Metro's operations more sustainable across all of Metro's facilities, venues and operations. He provided an overview of the policy foundation beginning with the vision set by Council in 2003 and the five quantitative goals consistent with this vision. Mr. Korot then discussed the sustainability plan adopted in 2010 including

agency wide strategies and performance indicators. He introduce Ms. Garmon to provide an overview of Metro's progress thus far.

Ms. Garmon discussed progress in each of the following quantitative goals: reduce carbon, choose nontoxic, reduce waste, increase recycling, conserve water and enhance habitat. She highlighted successes such as the Expo Center roof project, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions ahead of the 2020 and 2025 interim targets and reductions in waste generation. Ms. Garmon noted challenges with water use at the Oregon Zoo and the Glendoveer Golf Course as the region experiences climate change. She then provided an overview of Metro's future sustainability efforts, such as: high efficiency plumbing fixtures, implementation of recommendations from the food waste assessment and creating purchase standards for products used at Metro.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis asked what opportunities for water reduction existed at the Oregon Zoo if the majority of the bond projects at the Oregon Zoo had been completed. Ms. Garmon explained that there were still opportunities for infrastructure repair for leaks. Councilor Craddick asked about water usage for the Glendoveer Golf Course and opportunities to improve the irrigation system.

Councilor Gonzalez asked about the increase in the recycling and garbage rate. Councilor Chase asked what strategies were being developed for diesel reduction. Council President Peterson thanked staff for their work.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Present: 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2019

5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

5.1 Ordinance No. 19-1430, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19 to Establish the Metro Affordable Housing Bond Community Oversight Committee, and Declaring an Emergency

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Jes Larson, Metro staff, to present the staff report. Ms. Larson explained that with the passage of the affordable housing bond measure passed in November there was now a need to create an oversight body for implementation of the bond. She explained that the ordinance provided the necessary amendments to the Metro code to allow for the appointment of the community oversight committee.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Gonzalez asked for clarification about the language of the ordinance that declared an emergency. Mr. Nathan Sykes, Metro Attorney, explained that the emergency clause would make the changes effective immediately and was included to address the speed with which the housing bond was moving.

5.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1430

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-1430 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gavelled out of the public hearing. She noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 19-1430 would take place on Thursday, January 31.

6. Ordinances (Second Reading)

6.1 Ordinance No. 19-1429, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 20.8 Acres Located at 7331 SW Boeckman Road in Wilsonville

Council President Peterson stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1429 took place on Thursday, January 10. She informed the Metro Council that Metro staff were available for questions.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Dirksen stated his support for the ordinance noting that this property was within the Urban Growth Boundary and had been part of the City of Wilsonville's long range plans. He explained that annexation of the property was required before any development could take place.

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

Aye: 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

7. Resolutions

7.1 Resolution No. 19-4955, For the Purpose of Ratifying the 2018-2023
Collective Bargaining Agreement Between LIUNA and Metro

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Ross Hume and Ms. Terry Smith, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report on the resolution. Mr. Hume explained that the resolution would ratify the 2018 - 2023 collective bargaining agreement between Metro and Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). He provided an overview of the agreement, highlighting key features including a \$15 an hour minimum wage, 3.25 percent cost of living increase in the first year, the addition of a holiday the day after Thanksgiving, a health care stipend and the creation of a regular benefit eligible park work classification. Mr. Hume noted the collaborative relationship with union representatives.

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Nicole Nicassio-Hiskey, a LIUNA representative from the Oregon Zoo, to provide a brief statement on the agreement. Ms. Nicassio-Hiskey reviewed the negotiation process, highlighting key components of the contract including the \$15 an hour minimum wage and the cost of living adjustments. She raised concerns over the issue of seniority, explaining that seniority was the best process to provide fair and unbiased decisions for members. Ms. Nicassio-Hiskey stated that the Laborers Local 483 supported the resolution.

Council Discussion:

Councilors thanked staff and LIUNA leadership for their work on successful negotiations. Councilor Lewis

acknowledged the progress made in the agreement in developing a framework for seasonal employees and stated the need for continued work in policies that value employees as people. Councilor Gonzalez discussed the importance of the inclusion of the \$15 an hour minimum wage specifically for the impacts on the diverse workforce at Metro's venues and noted the precedent it set for the entire agency. Councilor Chase emphasized Metro's commitment to its workforce and the value of its employees in serving the region.

Council President Peterson conveyed the importance of the precedent set in the contract, explaining the need for continued policy work. She shared her appreciation for the work of staff in making Metro's venues highly rated visitor destinations.

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

Aye: 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

7.2 Resolution No. 19-4952, For the Purpose of Establishing an Affordable Housing Fund and For Amending the FY 2018-19 Budget and Appropriations Schedule

Council President Peterson introduced Ms. Lisa Houghton, Metro staff, for a brief staff report. Ms. Houghton explained that the resolution would allow the agency to move forward with the affordable housing program approved by voters in November 2018. She highlighted the budgetary implications of the action including increased staff for program implementation, engagement, oversight and compliance. She noted that the resolution would also establish an

affordable housing fund to record the program's transactions, therefore providing greater accountability and transparency.

Council Discussion:

There was none.

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

Aye: 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

7.3 Resolution No. 19-4953, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2018-19 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Provide for a Change in Operations

Council President Peterson introduced Ms. Lisa Houghton, Metro staff, for a brief staff report. Ms. Houghton provided an overview of the funding requests and noted that they included increased staffing for the Council Office, an extension of a limited duration position in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion department for the Construction Career Pathways Project and a transfer from the general fund contingency.

Council Discussion:

Council President Peterson stated that this action was consistent with Council's priorities, noting the importance of the Construction Career Pathways Project to the local workforce and the region.

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

Aye: 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

8. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Martin Luther King Jr. Day service event and the Daily Journal of Commerce article on the Construction Career Pathways Project.

9. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation, the opening of the Oxbow Regional Park welcome center opening, the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee and a lunch and learn hosted by Oregon State Representative Janeen Sollman.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:34 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on January 31, 2019 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 JANUARY 17, 2019

| ITEM | DOCUMENT TYPE | DOC DATE | DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION | DOCUMENT No. |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| 2.0 | Written Statement | 1/17/19 | Policy Suggestions for a More Ambitious Metro submitted by Bradley Bondy | 11719c-01 |
| 3.1 | Powerpoint | 1/17/19 | Sustainability Annual Report | 11719c-02 |
| 4.1 | Minutes | 1/17/19 | Council Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2019 | 11719c-03 |