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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

### **Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:03 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. Safety Briefing**

Council President Peterson called on Councilor Stacey to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Stacey provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

**3. Public Communication**

Ron Swaren, City of Portland: Mr. Swaren discussed the cost of seismic upgrades to the highway system as proposed by the Oregon Department of Transportation. He expressed concern over the cost of replacing the I5 bridge and advocated instead for a northern connection as a western route.

**4. Resolutions**

4.1 Resolution No. 19-4964, For the Purpose of Establishing and Confirming Appointments to the Regional Transportation Funding Task Force

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Andy Shaw and Ms. Tyler Frisbee, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Frisbee explained that the Transportation Fund Task Force would be charged with advising the Metro Council on the development of a transportation investment measure. She noted the four major policy documents approved by Council that would inform the investment measure including the Regional Transportation Plan, the Climate Smart Communities Strategy, the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity and the 2040 Vision. Ms. Frisbee reviewed the phases of work for the task force and noted that at the completion of each phase task force recommendations would be brought forward to Council for refinement and action.

Ms. Frisbee reviewed the makeup of the task force, highlighting proportional representation from each of the three counties, a majority of people identifying as women and strong representation from communities of color. She discussed the importance of ongoing community and partner engagement to complement the work of the task force.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Craddick asked how staff would keep the public informed and engaged in the process. Ms. Frisbee explained that a broad engagement plan was being developed for the investment measure and noted that the plan would include reaching out to community members through community groups, online engagement and providing continued opportunities for feedback.

Councilor Chase asked what steps were being taken to engage culturally specific communities and communities of color and provide capacity for these communities to engage. Ms. Frisbee explained that staff was working with culturally specific community groups to identify ways these communities would like to be involved in the process.

Councilor Gonzalez discussed the importance of fostering relationships with community based organizations and encouraged the agency to use models such as the equity work group to engage young people of color and transit dependent individuals to participate in shaping the future of the region.

Councilor Lewis asked about opportunities for stakeholders and individuals to identify key transportation corridors. Ms. Frisbee discussed the task force's role in identifying and prioritizing key corridors.

Council President Peterson noted that Mr. Nathan Stokes, an appointee to the task force, was missing from list and requested his name be added.

Councilor Stacey discussed the importance of ensuring that communities of color and under-represented communities and their representatives have the resources to participate in the engagement process. He noted the responsibility of members of the task force to communicate with their constituencies to better represent these perspectives as transportation users.

Councilor Dirksen discussed the important role of the task force in identifying potential solutions to region wide transportation challenges. Councilor Craddick expressed her support for the creation of the task force. Councilor

Gonzalez discussed the need to improve commutes and safety while also advancing equity and mitigating the effects of gentrification along the TV Highway corridor. Councilor Lewis expressed her appreciation for the community leaders participating in the task force and the framework in place to move the work forward. Councilor Chase noted the impact of traffic congestion and diesel particulate matter on the health of communities, particularly communities living in more congested corridors. Council President Peterson stated that this work was setting a culture of regional transportation funding for the future and discussed the role of the task force in identifying how transportation will be used to increase access in their communities.

**A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, 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

## **5. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: a request to self-haulers to delay hauling solid waste to Metro transfer stations until March 1 due to inclement weather in the Columbia Gorge and Metro's small business open house held in conjunction with Multnomah County.

**6. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizen Oversight Committee, the Marquam Hill Connector Green Ribbon Committee, the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee, the Westside Economic Alliance Transportation Committee. Councilor Lewis noted a collaborative report by Oregon State University on Oregon's Childcare Deserts. Council President Peterson discussed proper code of conduct at Metro's advisory committee meetings to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

**7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:57 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on February 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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