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Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 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 2:01 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 Gonzalez to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Gonzalez provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

3. Public Communication

Walter Valenta, 40-Mile Loop Land Trust: Mr. Valenta, of the 40-Mile Loop Land Trust, shared that one more segment of the 40-Mile Loop had been completed over the summer. Mr. Valenta thanked Metro for its work and discussed the importance of Metro's work with green space bonds. He presented Council with an award. (Mr. Valenta submitted written materials with his testimony; please see the September 26 meeting materials).

Jim Sjulín, City of Portland: Mr. Sjulín thanked Metro Council for their work on the 40-Mile Loop, adding that the Metro and the City of Portland had been working on the Springwater Corridor and the 40-Mile Loop in collaboration.

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan stated that he was submitting written materials including letters he published on mass transit and land use planning. He proposed a rapid transit study on the Barbur Boulevard

corridor and raised concerns over the anticipated light rail project on that corridor. Mr. Lewellan discussed the Columbia River Crossing and alternative I-5 bridge replacements. (Mr. Lewellan submitted written materials with his testimony; please see the September 26 meeting materials).

4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, 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

- 4.1 Resolution No. 19-5013, For the Purpose of Appointing Damien Hall to the Metro Audit Committee
- 4.2 Resolution No. 19-4995, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of the Members of the Metro Regional Waste Advisory Committee
- 4.3 Resolution No. 19-5012, For the Purpose of Confirming Reappointment of Members to the Investment Advisory Board
- 4.4 Resolution No. 19-5035, For the Purpose of Confirming Appointments to the Metro Committee on Racial Equity
- 4.5 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2019

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 19-5016, For the Purpose of Affirming Support for Our Region's Shared Values

Council President Peterson introduced the resolution, stating that it would reaffirm the Metro Council's values. She called on Ms. Ina Zucker and Mr. Nick Christensen, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Zucker explained that based on Council's initiative, staff

from different departments across the agency convened to discuss how Metro's core values were being implemented through the agency's work. She shared that these values provided a foundation for the resolution before Council, highlighting that the resolution reinforced Metro's values and gave Council an opportunity to provide regional leadership on the shared values of equity, economic justice, climate action and health and safety.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Chase discussed the importance of Metro's leadership in the region within the context of the nation's political climate. Councilor Lewis highlighted Metro's responsibility to the communities within the six districts of the region and shared her appreciation for the resolution. Councilor Stacey stated his support for the resolution and asked that the agency identify work being undertaken to ensure each of the shared values. Councilor Gonzalez shared how powerful it was that the Council could acknowledge white supremacy and its role in creating systemic inequities. Council President Peterson expressed her appreciation for the resolution. Councilors read aloud the resolution.

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

- 5.2 Resolution No. 19-5019, For the Purpose of Proclaiming September 15 Through October 15 Latinx Heritage Month

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Cassie Salinas, Metro Diversity, Equity and Inclusion department staff

member, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Salinas introduced the resolution explaining that that it recognized Latinx Heritage Month. She shared her personal experience as a member of the Latinx community including the fear of deportation of family members and building a network of people in her community. Ms. Salinas discussed the divisive national rhetoric regarding immigrant communities and the impact of national policies on the Latinx community. She introduced Ms. Nayely Interian, Metro Property and Environmental Services intern, Ms. Gloria Pinzon Marin, Metro staff member, Ms. Victoria Lara, Founder of Lara Media Services, and Ms. Dennis Rojas Juarez, from the Rosewood Initiative to provide testimony on the resolution.

Ms. Interian shared her personal experience growing up as a member of the Latinx and discussed the importance of Metro take steps to make everyone feel welcome. Ms. Pinzon Marin shared the history of her name and the personal experiences of her and her family. She discussed the connection to Indigenous culture, the history of colonization and the many contributions of the Latinx, Chicano, Indigenous and Afro Latinos to the world. Ms. Pinzon Marin stated the resolution was a symbolic acknowledgement of the many contributions as well as a recognition of the lack of representation and inclusion from the past.

Ms. Rojas Juarez discussed the importance of sharing her culture and richness and the benefits of having the Latinx community as part the region. Ms. Lara shared her personal experience moving to and raising her family in the United States. She discussed the shared vision to create a sustainable and resilient world where everyone can be heard, seen and appreciated.

Council Discussion:

Council President Peterson thanked presenters for their powerful testimony. Councilors expressed their gratitude for the presenters sharing their stories and stated their support for the resolution. Councilors read aloud the resolution in English and Spanish.

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, 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

Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items: Building Diversity Award for Construction Career Pathways Project, Housing Oregon Leadership award to Metro for its work on the affordable housing bond and the Oregon Zoo receiving multiple awards from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for their conservation and innovation work.

Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Tribal Council meeting with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and tour of the Hyatt Regency Oregon Convention Center Hotel. Councilor Gonzalez acknowledged the youth global climate strike events and the power of activism and youth leadership.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson

adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:17 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on October 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Farrokhzadian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement
Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	Map	9/26/19	Map of Sellwood Gap 2018 submitted by Walter Valenta	092619c-01
3.0	Handout	8/21/19	City Council Communication from August 21, 2019 submitted by Art Lewellan	092619c-02
3.0	Handout	9/26/19	Street Car Expansion and Subway System submitted by Art Lewellan	092619c-03
3.0	Handout	9/26/19	Series of Opinion Articles written by Art Lewellan	092619c-04
3.0	Handout	9/26/19	"Big Mistakes" Article written by Art Lewellan	092619c-05
3.0	Handout	9/26/19	Image of Bridge System submitted by Art Lewellan	092619c-06
3.0	Handout	9/26/19	"Even Thought Its Not Yet Approved, Light Rail Plan is Millions Over Budget" published in Pamplin Media Group submitted by Art Lewellan	092619c-07
3.0	Handout	9/26/19	Barbur Boulevard Light Rail Concerns submitted by Art Lewellan	092619c-08
3.0	Handout	9/26/19	"The Walking Communities of 2040" submitted by Art Lewellan	092619c-09
3.0	Handout	9/26/19	Portland Light Rail Map with Proposed Changes submitted by Art Lewellan	092619c-10
4.5	Minutes	9/26/19	Council Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2019	092619c-11