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Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Chase called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Deputy Council President Chase 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.

Present: 6 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Public Communication

James Beriault, City of Lake Oswego: Mr. Beriault discussed the Expo Center development opportunity study and shared that the economic impact and business usage of the Expo was missing from the study. He urged Council consider the importance of Expo to the community and the economy. (Mr. Beriault submitted written materials with his testimony; see the December 12 materials packet).

Ninette Jones, City of Portland: Ms. Jones expressed her concern for the trapping and killing of sea lions in the region's rivers, noting the importance of sea lions to the ecosystem. She asked Metro to protect sea lions. (Ms. Jones submitted written materials with her testimony; see the December 12 materials packet).

Les Poole, City of Gladstone: Mr. Poole discussed the upcoming transportation investment measure, noting that the measure was so large in scope that it would not receive voter support. He requested Council consider two separate

bond measures to address the region's transportation needs.

3. Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 3.1 Resolution No. 19-5055, For the Purpose of Accepting the November 5, 2019 General Election Abstract of Votes for Metro and Authorizing Continuation of the Parks and Nature Program During Refinement Planning
- 3.2 Resolution No. 19-5057, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Idris Ibrahim, Gladys Alvarado, and Donovan Smith as Community Representatives and of Taren Evans, Yousif Brahim and Wilson Munoz as Alternate Community Representatives to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee
- 3.3 Resolution No. 19-5058, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Members to the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee
- 3.4 Considerations of the Council Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2019

4. Presentations**4.1 Parks and Nature Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee Report**

Deputy Council President Chase called on Mr. Jon Blasher, Director of Parks and Nature, and Mr. Peter Mohr, Chair of the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Blasher explained the role and annual reporting process of the oversight committee. Mr. Mohr provided a summary of the annual report, highlighting that more land had been acquired with bond funds that originally anticipated. He discussed the success of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants program and explained the land acquisition expenditures. Mr. Mohr then discussed the administrative costs of the bond, noting the importance of communicating the success of the bond with low administrative costs.

Council Discussion:

Councilors thanked the committee for their service and expressed their appreciation for staff's work in implementing the bond measure. Councilor Craddick shared her gratitude for the work on Johnson Creek Watershed. Councilor Lewis asked what metrics should be used to monitor performance on capital improvements. Councilor Gonzalez asked how equity performance measures were monitored.

5. Resolutions**5.1 Resolution No. 19-5053, For the Purpose of Approving Refinements to the 2040 Planning and Development Grant Program**

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Elissa Gertler, Director of Planning and Development, and Ms. Lisa Miles, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation on the

resolution. Ms. Gertler explained that the proposed program refinements to the 2040 Planning and Development Grant program were based on recommendations from the grant screening committee and direction from the Metro Council. She noted that the proposal would strengthen the equitable development approach and lead to more impactful racial equity outcomes, streamline the application process and facilitate more effective administration of the program.

Ms. Miles reviewed the program refinements including a simpler application process, consideration of comprehensive planning grants during urban growth management decision cycles and grant funding supporting technical work and community involvement. She noted that eligible applicants would be teams of both a local government and a community partner.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Stacey asked if any grants would be issued for new urban growth boundary expansion areas before the next Urban Growth Report. Councilor Lewis asked about the grant criteria for several projects in District #. Councilors Gonzalez and Dirksen expressed their appreciation for the proposed changes and the program's responsive to the region's needs. Councilor Craddick asked about if grants could be awarded to assist jurisdictions implement House Bill 2001. Deputy Council President Chase discussed the importance of engaging with applicants earlier in the process

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

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen,
Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items: applications open for the 2020 cycle of Metro's Nature in Neighborhood grants.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors expressed appreciation for Ms. Sara Farrokhzadian's, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator, work in the Council office and wished her well in her next role at Metro.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Chase adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:16 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on January 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement
Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2019

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.1	Handout	12/12/19	Written Statement submitted by James Beriault	121219c-01
2.1	Handout	12/12/19	Written Statement submitted by Ninentte Jones	121219c-02
2.1	Handout	4/19/19	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Fish Screening and Passage Program: 2019 Statewide Fish Passage Priority List	120519c-03
3.4	Minutes	12/12/19	Council Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2019	121219c-04