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Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Councilors Present: Councilors Craig Dirksen, Bob Stacey, Shirley Craddick, Sam Chase, Carlotta Collette, and Kathryn Harrington

Councilors Excused: Councilor Hughes

Deputy Council President Kathryn Harrington called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:04 p.m.

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Don Robertson, Interim Director of Parks and Nature, provided brief background and an update to the Chimney Park Trail and Bridge. Mr. Robertson recalled that the Chimney Park Trail and Bridge project was a partnership between Metro Regional Government, City of Portland, and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The project would attempt to extend linkages to the 40-mile loop trail via a proposed bridge over Columbia Boulevard. Mr. Robertson shared that a second draft Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA), prepared by Metro's Parks and Nature Staff, was rejected by the City of Portland. The following were points Mr. Robertson noted were included in the rejected IGA:

- Metro would contribute \$1.9 million in services and cash for the project
- ODOT would contribute roughly \$1.6 million in services and cash for the project
- City of Portland would contribute around \$200,000 in services and cash for the project
- City of Portland would contribute 100 percent of cost overruns for the project
- City of Portland will lead the public outreach efforts

for the project.

Mr. Robertson stated that the last two bullets were not agreeable to the City of Portland. The City of Portland rejected the notion that it would have to pay for cost overruns, insisting that Metro should manage potential cost. Also, the City of Portland would conduct public outreach efforts for the project, if Metro would reimburse for costs. Thus, Mr. Robertson provided three updated options that would take into account the developments related to the proposed IGA:

1. Metro would accept the IGA revisions by the City of Portland that would require Metro to manage any overrun cost along with reimburse City of Portland for public outreach costs.
2. Facilitate discussion between officials from Metro and City of Portland to find a mutually satisfactory resolution.
3. Discontinue the project.

Mr. Robertson then asked the Council for directions on moving forward with the proposed project. He also indicated that opinions on the three options would be useful in assessing the next steps for the project. In respect to contingency plan and overall project design, Mr. Robertson indicated that such designs were still in planning phase, and that final designs would reflect the developments associated with a potential IGA between the City of Portland and Metro.

Mr. Roger Alfred, Legal Counsel for Metro, provided an update on the Stafford IGA. According to Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, there were multiple drafts of the proposed IGA being circulated. So, in order to clarify the developments related to the IGA and overall reserves process, Ms. Bennett explained that an update would

promote consistency. Mr. Alfred conveyed that the recent process of adopting and designating urban reserves, Metro agreed to work with the Cities (Tualatin, West Linn, and Lake Oswego) and Clackamas County in order to come into an agreement that would allow Metro to avoid litigation in regards to the Stafford urban reserve designation. Mr. Alfred indicated the Cities would provide their feedback for the draft IGA later next week. Mr. Alfred also noted that the Stafford IGA would be a general framework for the reserve process of the Stafford area.

Work Session Topics:

2:10 Budget Discussion

Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services (FRS), introduced the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 proposed budget. Mr. Collier noted that the FY 2017-18 budget did not showcase any problematic increases. However, Mr. Collier did note that there would be an amendment to the FY 2017-18 budget relating to the Oregon Convention Center Hotel Project. The amendment was a response to the final closing date for the issuance of the Oregon Convention Center Hotel Revenue bonds. According to document provided to Council from Financial and Regulatory Service staff, the proposed budget assumed the bonds would be issued and the proceeds transferred to the Trustees for disbursement by the end of the current fiscal year. Mr. Collier raised concern that the bond closing was scheduled for early July, which would occur during the next fiscal year. If this were to occur, Mr. Collier indicated that Metro would not have sufficient appropriations to transfer funds to the Trustee/Disbursing Agent. Thus, preparation of an immediate supplemental budget in July to serve the transfer was proposed by Mr. Collier; this would be the situation if

the bond closing were to occur during the next fiscal year. Ms. Lisa Houghton, Financial Planning Manager, highlighted key dates and deadlines for the FY 2017-18 Council Budget Review. Ms. Houghton noted that Councilor Amendments to the FY 2017-18 budget were due by Tuesday May 23, 2017. Assuming no changes between the proposed and approved budget, Resolution 17-4770 would allow Council approve budget for transmittal to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Committee. Amendments to the budget would be reviewed Tuesday June 13, 2017(a Work Session), whereas the Council would consider and vote on the amendments to the budget on June 15, 2017 (Council Meeting) in the form of Resolution 17-4769. If needed, there would be another Budget Work Session on June 20, 2017, for additional discussion of Councilor amendments. Final action would be taken on June 22, 2017 for adopting the budget.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington remarked that under special appropriations, the Metro Export Initiative would last at least six years. She noted that six years was a long time for a program to be running and was wondering what the work plan was for year six into the initiative. She also noted that the place making grants were typically oversubscribed; there was a larger demand and not enough supply to match. Councilor Harrington indicated that the Ipads used for Work Session and Meetings were slow and other jurisdictions had docking stations with their Ipads connected to them. Councilor Chase noted that he would propose an amendment in order to finance a study in association with TriMet in order to study resources that can finance Low Income Fare Taskforce. Councilor Harrington thanked FRS staff regarding the development of the proposed budget, and making sure that allocations of funds and other aspects of the budget were consistent with the six desired outcomes

within Metro's vision.

2:40 Sherwood School District UGB Major Amendment Application

Mr. Tim O'Brien, Principal Regional Planner, indicated that the Sherwood School District was applying for an amendment to the UGB in order to build a new high school. Mr. O'Brien indicated that the size of the lot was about 76 acres, with addition acres for roadway. Mr. O'Brien noted that there was a natural gas pipeline easement that intersected a portion of the lot. In order to compensate for the increase in students, the current high school would be repurposed into a middle school, whereas the middle school would be repurposed into a elementary school. Mr. O'Brien also indicated that a recent bond measure was passed by Sherwood residents to upgrade school facilities. The current high school was overcapacity and according to projects, the capacity would run over for the next few years. By 2025, there would be at least 2,200 students at the current high school, which would be over the capacity (1500 students).

Councilor Discussion:

Councilor Chase asked how much of the bond measure would be dedicated to the high school itself, rather than general upgrades to school facilities in the Sherwood School District. Councilor Craddick noted that Sherwood had previous expansion in the South West region. She wanted to know how the current scenario of expansion would influence the decision making process during the growth management cycle in 2018. Councilor Harrington asked about the property adjacent Heid Road. She inquired about the lot being split or a complete lot. Councilor Harrington mentioned the Beaverton High School project from 2016, made the mistake of not relegating the girls' team to be year round, whereas the boys' team had year round access. Also, Councilor Harrington asked staff about the amount of acreage would be required for transportation improvements in the South East corner of the expansion zone for the

proposed high school. Councilor Craddick raised concerns that the property location could impede road connectivity.

3:30 Metro Attorney Communication

Ms. Alison Kean, Metro Attorney, shared with Council that Metro had met most conditions to close the bond issuance for the Oregon Convention Center Hotel. Ms. Kean mentioned that the closing may occur during July because the hotel's developer is still finalizing finances. There would be a ratings presentation with Moody's and Standard and Poor's either next week or whenever the developer is ready. Ms. Kean indicated that Metro Solid Waste Staff were working with Washington County Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Agriculture to remove a Japanese Beetle infestation in north Bethany. In respect to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project, Ms. Kean indicated that Metro was in the permitting stage for preserving historical sites. This was another step towards the planned demolition in 2018, with consultation from federal, state, and local authorities including community stakeholders.

3:40 Councilor Liaison Updates and Council Communication

Mr. Andy Shaw, Regional Affairs Manager, noted that April 18, 2017 was the last day for a bill to move out of its committee of origin. Mr. Shaw noted that the Metro sponsored Land Use Bill 2095 was able to pass the entire house and was now in consideration in the senate. Two reserves bills that were of concern to Metro were now dead according to Mr. Shaw. Mr. Shaw indicated that there were land use bills that Metro staff testified against. Series of bills related to the allowance of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in rural residential areas failed. A bill related to diesel

consumption had been amended at least twice. The rules committee was considering amendments to add to the diesel bill. In regards to Senate Bill 2007, a bill relating to housing supply, city permitting and design would have the senate discussion before approval. For transportation legislation, House Bill 3202 was undergoing changes in draft language and Mr. Shaw had testified on the bill's behalf. Another transportation bill, House Bill 3231 would allow special districts to be created in order to establish a highway authority. For general transportation funding, Mr. Shaw noted that a number of lobbyists would meet with Senator Boquist in order to communicate the structure of the budget, and scope of the bottleneck projects for the proposed Regional Transportation Package.

Council Communication:

Councilor Collette conveyed to Council that the memorial for Lyn Sharpe, as a part of the City of Milwaukee's Earth Day Celebrations. Also, Councilor Collette mentioned that the Willamette Falls Riverwalk would have an update via a public event on June 3, 2017. There would be a design presentation along with guest speakers who will go over details regarding the project. Councilor Dirksen mentioned that a survey, in association with the 2018 Regional Transportation Package, was conducted from March 3-28, 2017. Mr. Dirksen shared a high level summary document that showcased results from the survey. Councilor Harrington shared that she would be attending a best practices trip to Japan in order to learn about earthquake response and preparedness. She mentioned that Japan was beginning to transition to mostly electric energy, and many sectors were beginning to phase out fossil fuels etc. Councilor Stacey mentioned that on May 18, 2017, he would introduce Ordinance 17-1401, that would adopt landfill

capacity policy and amendments to Metro Code.

3:50 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Kathryn Harrington adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amaanjit Singh