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Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2017

2:00 PM

AGENDA REVISED 05/03/17

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: 5 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 2 - Councilor Carlotta Collette, and Councilor Craig Dirksen

2. Citizen Communication

There was none.

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Craddick, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 2 - Councilor Collette, and Councilor Dirksen

3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2017

3.2 Resolution No. 17-4786, For the Purpose of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Unified Planning Work Program and Certifying that the Portland Metropolitan Area is in Compliance with the Federal Transportation Planning Requirements

3.3 Resolution No. 17-4792, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Two Members and Appointment of a New Member to the Metro Audit Committee

3.4 Resolution No. 17-4785, For the Purpose of Amending the 2015-18 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Modify and/or Add New Projects as Part of the March 2017 Formal MTIP Amendment Involving a Total of Twelve Affected Projects for ODOT, TriMet, and Multnomah County

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 17-4794, For the Purpose of Confirming Appointments to the Metro Public Engagement Review Committee

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Becca Uherbelau for a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Uherbelau explained that approval of the resolution would appoint four new members to Metro's Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC). She noted that the committee served as a key component of the agency's efforts to develop successful public engagement processes, practices, and outcomes. Ms. Uherbelau provided an overview of the committee's membership as well as its work plan for the next year. She acknowledged that committee appointments were typically considered as part of the consent agenda, but noted that through public engagement, Metro's community partners and stakeholders had consistently expressed interest in having more opportunities to interact directly with decision-makers. She explained that by having the members introduce themselves, she hoped to advance such opportunities.

Ms. Uherbelau then invited the following new PERC members in attendance to introduce themselves: Ms. Sprinavasa Brown, Catlin Gabel Alumni Program Director and Executive Director for Camp ELSO; Ms. Libra Forde, Chief Operating Officer at Self-Enhancement, Inc.; and Ms. Fiona Yau-Luu, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator for the Oregon Community Health Workers Association. The new members provided overviews of their backgrounds and highlighted their excitement to serve on the committee. Ms. Uherbelau thanked the new members for their commitment and recognized the departing PERC members who had served on the committee for its first six years.

Council Discussion

Councilors thanked the new committee members for their time and service. Councilor Craddick noted that she was happy to see geographical diversity among the applicants. Councilor Harrington asked about the range of applications received. Ms. Uherbelau explained that 12 applications were received and noted that 75% were women, 66% identified as

people of color, 16% were from Clackamas County, 33% were from Multnomah County, and 50% were from Washington County. Councilors highlighted the importance of PERC's feedback in Metro's work and thanked the members again for their willingness to participate.

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

Aye: 5 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

4.2 Resolution No. 17-4769, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

Council President Hughes stated that the Metro Council held a work session on the FY 2017-18 budget on Tuesday, April 18. He explained that the Council would hold a public hearing on Resolution No. 17-4769, which would formally adopt the budget, and would not take action on the resolution at the current meeting. President Hughes further clarified that following the hearing, the Council would consider a second resolution approving the budget for transmittal to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission for review.

Council Discussion
There was none.

4.2.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 17-4769

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 17-4769 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Hughes gaveled out of the public hearing. He noted that an additional public hearing on Resolution No. 17-4769 was scheduled for Thursday, June 15, with Council consideration and vote scheduled for Thursday, June 22.

4.3 Resolution No. 17-4770, For the Purpose of Approving the FY 2017-18 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Tim Collier, Metro's Finance and Regulatory Services Director, for a brief presentation on the resolution. Mr. Collier informed the Council that the resolution provided for three actions: it approved the 2017-18 budget, set a maximum property tax rate to be levied by Metro in the coming year, and directed Metro's Chief Operating Officer and staff to transmit the budget to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission for review. Mr. Collier provided an overview of the three proposed tax levies for the next year and noted that the proposed budget also increased the full-time equivalent (FTE) employees of Metro by a total of 5.05.

Mr. Collier also highlighted a recommended amendment to the resolution that would provide sufficient appropriations in the General Revenue Bond Fund should the Oregon Convention Center Hotel bond sale occur in FY 2017-18 rather than FY 2016-17 as originally anticipated.

Council Discussion
Councilors discussed the budget process. Councilor Harrington highlighted that the proposed budget could be found online at www.oregonmetro.gov. She expressed support for the proposed budget and noted that it documented what the agency hoped to achieve through its investments as guided by its strategic objectives.

A motion was made by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be amended. A motion was made by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that this item be adopted as amended. The motions passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 2 - Councilor Collette, and Councilor Dirksen

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett noted that the renovation of the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall's Portland sign had begun. She invited the councilors to attend the Return & Remembrance event at the Expo Center on May 6. She also provided an update on the urban and rural reserves process, noting that Multnomah County would hold a public hearing on May 11.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Pacific University Hillsboro Campus, the groundbreaking celebration for the Rise Central, and the Home for Everyone Coordinating Board meeting on May 3. Councilors also discussed the Oregon Business Leaders' Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Task Force's recommendation to advance congestion pricing in the Portland Metro area to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:44 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on May 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator