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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, May 25, 2017**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

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

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

**Present:** 7 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**2. Citizen Communication**

Ellen Ino, LIUNA 483: Ms. Ino, on behalf of LIUNA 483, thanked the Metro Council for their past support. She invited the Council to take advantage of the fact that managers at Metro could work to reacquaint themselves with methods and routines to maintain knowledge, skills, and abilities and to understand the work provided. She encouraged them to learn how tasks were completed at the Oregon Zoo, including making elephant ears and handling cash and ticket sales.

Elizabeth Goetzinger, AFSCME Local 3580: Ms. Goetzinger, Metro staff and President of AFSCME Local 3850, noted that union members were a significant part of Metro's workforce and represented almost 2,000 of its employees. She informed the Metro Council that the agency's unions worked together on key issues and shared values. She stated that they greatly valued their relationship and collaboration with Metro management.

**3. Consent Agenda**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

- 3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2017
- 3.2 Resolution No. 17-4787, For the Purpose of Providing ODOT with the Roadway Segment Additions in the Portland Metro Region, for USDOT's National Highway Freight Network (NHFN)
- 3.3 Resolution No. 17-4797, For the Purpose of Delegating Authority to the Chief Operating Officer to Execute Employment Agreements with the Metro Department Directors

#### **4. Resolutions**

- 4.1 Resolution No. 17-4807, For the Purpose of Confirming Appointments to the Metro Committee on Racial Equity and Amending its Charter

Council President Hughes introduced Resolution No. 17-4807, noting that it would confirm the appointment of the 13 remaining members to serve on Metro's Committee on Racial Equity (CORE). He added that the resolution would also amend the CORE charter to include a non-voting liaison to the CORE from the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC). President Hughes explained that the MERC was providing solid leadership in advancing racial equity and there were many opportunities for implementation of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the venues. He noted that MERC Chair Karis Stoudamire-Phillips had agreed to serve as the MERC liaison, if approved. He then called on Mr. Juan Carlos Ocaña-Chíu, Metro staff, for a brief presentation on the resolution.

Mr. Ocaña-Chíu informed the Council that following the approval of Resolution No. 17-4775, which established the CORE, approved its charter, and appointed its two founding co-chairs, Metro began the solicitation of applications from

members of the public interested in advancing racial equity by serving on the committee. He provided a brief overview of the recruitment process, noting that it resulted in 71 applications. He explained that the 13 new members, listed on Exhibit A of the resolution, were committed to advancing racial equity, with expertise in a number of fields related to the work. He stated that they came from all areas of the greater Portland region and brought diverse lived experience and a wealth of connections and relationships, particularly with historically marginalized communities. Mr. Ocaña-Chíu acknowledged seven of the nominated CORE members in the audience and thanked the Council for their consideration.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Chase thanked Metro Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion staff and the Committee on Racial Equity for all of their important work.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

4.2 Resolution No. 17-4793, For the Purpose of Adopting an Update to the Metro Diversity Action Plan

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Patty Unfred, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Director, and Ms. Kari Meyer, Metro staff, for a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Unfred provided a brief history of Metro's Diversity Action Plan. She noted that it had been five years since the current version of the plan was introduced and

explained that Resolution No. 17-4793 would provide needed updates.

Ms. Kari Meyer provided a summary of the plan and an overview of its updates. She informed the Council that staff had worked across the agency to identify challenges it had faced and successes it had celebrated since the 2012 plan was implemented. She explained that the update would align the Diversity Action Plan with the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at Metro and also prioritize the content of the actions as the agency moved forward with implementation. Ms. Meyer also noted that the update identified quantifiable targets to allow the agency to better track its progress as it moved forward and enhanced language to create clearer roles throughout its implementation.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Harrington thanked staff for the update and noted that she found the materials very useful. Councilor Craddick stated that she appreciated how it would prioritize Metro's Equity Strategy and help the agency measure its success. Councilor Dirksen noted that the steps outlined in the document would provide the plan with flexibility as needed. President Hughes noted that he appreciated how the plan would help systems become more equitable.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

4.3 Resolution No. 17-4776, For the Purpose of Adopting the Powell-Division Transit

## and Development Project's Locally-Preferred Alternative

Councilor Stacey provided a brief introduction to Resolution No. 17-4776 and Ordinance No. 17-1396. He explained that after three years of work, the proposed resolution would adopt a locally-preferred alternative (LPA) for the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project, connecting downtown Portland, Gresham, and vital communities in between. Councilor Stacy stated that the project would improve access in the corridor to jobs, essential services, and schools, and improve safety in a corridor that experienced significant transit ridership but inadequate pedestrian facilities and frequent crashes. He expressed strong support for the project, noting that it had been developed using a new model of decision making that centered on community participation and robust engagement.

He then introduced four project partners: Mr. Duncan Hwang of the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), Ms. Chabre Vickers of Portland Community College (PCC), Ms. Leah Treat of the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), and Mr. Neil McFarlane of TriMet. The partners expressed support for the resolution and ordinance, highlighting the focus on community development, inclusive engagement, and serving historically underserved communities. Mr. Hwang noted that the community would continue to be engaged and focused on holding all agencies involved accountable in order to build the best project possible.

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro staff, for a presentation on the resolution and ordinance. Ms. Mros-O'Hara provided an overview of the locally-preferred alternative, including

features of the bus-rapid transit system, the chosen route, and safety and station improvements. She noted that project partners including the Cities of Portland and Gresham had unanimously adopted the LPA. She explained that in response to public feedback, the LPA included additional clarification about how the Powell project would move forward and how the project would fit into the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Regional Transit Strategy planning processes. She informed the Council that adoption of the resolution would adopt the LPA and adoption of the ordinance (to be voted on June 1) would amend the 2014 RTP to include the LPA.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Craddick thanked all of the project partners for their contributions and commitments. She emphasized that the project focused not only on transit improvements, but also on affordable housing, equitable development, and bicycle and safety improvements. She noted that the strong community involvement in the project provided significant benefit to its development. Councilor Collette also expressed support for the project. She explained that it would inform Metro's transportation projects for years to come, particularly concerning public engagement. Councilor Harrington thanked Metro staff and their partners and expressed admiration for the level of community planning provided by the Cities of Portland and Gresham.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey



**5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)**

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 17-1396, For the Purpose of Amending the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project

Resolution No. 17-4776 and Ordinance No. 17-1396 were presented together; please see above for more information.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-1396 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 second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 17-1396 would take place on Thursday, June 1.

- 5.2 Ordinance No. 17-1404, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 9.02 Ballot Measures, Initiative and Referendum

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Hope Whitney of the Metro Attorney's Office to provide a brief staff report on Ordinance No. 17-1404. Ms. Whitney informed the Council that the ordinance would revise Metro's Code governing citizen initiatives, referendum, and referrals by the Metro Council. She explained that the existing code was quite lengthy because it summarized tracts and restated state law on the topic. She noted that Metro's Code was overdue for an update and as a result conflicted with state law in some areas. She provided an overview of the changes proposed, including deleting redundant provisions, clarifying who was in charge of meeting the various legal requirements, and filling in gaps where topics were not addressed in state law.

*Council Discussion*

Council President Hughes asked Ms. Whitney to address

Metro Auditor Evans' concerns that the ordinance would negatively affect the public hearing process. Ms. Whitney explained that the existing code required Metro Council referrals by resolution and also required two public hearings when the Metro Council proposed an amendment to the Metro Charter. She stated that when revising the code, she felt that two public hearings were not necessary. She noted that the proposed resolution would make the process the same for referring amendments to the Metro Charter, ballot measures, and bond measures. Councilor Dirksen clarified that there would still be a public hearing in case of referral. Ms. Whitney replied that the Metro Council would still be required to allow public testimony but would not be required to hold a formal public hearing.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-1404 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 second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 17-1404 would take place on Thursday, June 1.

## **6. Ordinances (Second Reading)**

### **6.1 Ordinance No. 17-1401, For the Purpose of Adopting a Landfill Capacity Policy and Amending Metro Code Chapters 5.00 and 5.05**

Council President Hughes stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 17-1401 took place on Thursday, May 18. He informed the Metro Council that Mr. Paul Slyman, Director of Metro's Property and Environmental Services, was available for questions.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Stacey expressed his support for the ordinance,

noting that he felt it aligned well with Metro's values regarding solid waste. He explained that he supported the ordinance because it was important to invest the region's waste where it was wanted and needed and where the adverse effects of waste disposal were much lower. Councilor Dirksen noted that he understood the concerns about Riverbend Landfill, but stated he would be voting against the ordinance, as its approval would not keep waste from going to the landfill. He explained that he felt an unintended consequence of the ordinance was that it could lead to the landfill being open longer than it would be if Metro continued to send its waste there, since it would take longer to reach capacity. Councilor Harrington noted that a voicemail she had received from a Yamhill County Commissioner had been transcribed and included in the record. (Please see the May 25 meeting packet.) She explained that given the Metro Council values regarding improving its solid waste system and feedback from her constituents in Washington County, she would vote in support of the ordinance. Councilors Chase, Craddick, and Collette also spoke in support of the ordinance, noting environmental concerns and community feedback. Council President Hughes stated that he would be voting against the ordinance as he felt it was up to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Yamhill County, and the courts to determine whether the landfill should be able to operate and/or expand.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

**Nay:** 2 - Council President Hughes, and Councilor Dirksen

**7. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the urban and rural reserves process, the Memorial Day at Lone Fir Cemetery event, and a free training provided by Metro that taught attendees how to find government contract opportunities and connect with prime contractors by using the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN). She noted that the Metro Regional Center would be closed in honor of Memorial Day, but added that the rest of Metro's facilities would be operating.

**8. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Clackamas Cities Dinner, the reveal of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project design scheduled for June 3, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Update meeting, the quarterly Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC) meeting, the Rosewood Initiative grand opening celebration, a Far West Recycling tour, and the Forest Grove Community Enhancement Committee meeting. Councilor Dirksen noted that Metro would have a mini-float in the Grand Floral Parade on June 10 and encouraged people to volunteer and decorate it. Councilor Chase thanked Mr. Ernest Hayes, Metro staff, for his work organizing a lobby day at the state legislature focused on low-income transit fares advocacy.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:56 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on June 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the

council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator