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Minutes

Thursday, June 1, 2017

2:00 PM

AGENDA REVISED 5/31/17

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 2:00 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

There was none.

3. Presentations**3.1 Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN) 2016-2017 Report**

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Kim Smith and Ms. Lin Harmon-Walker of the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN) for a presentation. Ms. Smith explained that the mission of GPSEN was to connect diverse organizations in a collaborative network that multiplied their collective capacity to educate, empower, and engage for a sustainable future and to advance formal and informal education, training opportunities, and public awareness campaigns. She noted that GPSEN was one of more than one hundred Regional Centers of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE) working around the world towards these goals. She shared the GPSEN's sustainable development goals, including quality education, climate action, and sustainable cities and communities. She highlighted that GPSEN could support the metropolitan region by helping organizations expand and engage beyond silos, leverage resources, and increase their collective impact.

Ms. Lin Harmon-Walk explained how the GPSEN as part of its work for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and

Cultural Organization (UNESCO), strove to support the Global Action Programme by supporting education for sustainable development. She provided an overview of the program's priority action areas, including supporting local missions and strategic plans, transforming learning and training environments, building capacity of educators and trainers, empowering and mobilizing youth, and accelerating sustainable solutions at the local level. She provided examples of past GPSEN projects and emphasized that GPSEN was focused on increasing the collective impact of such actions using a number of different strategies. Ms. Smith then asked the Metro Council for their feedback, particularly around how to best support Metro and build collaborative regional efforts.

Council Discussion

Council President Hughes highlighted the economic advantages the Portland metropolitan region experienced due to its reputation as an advocate for renewable and sustainable policies. Councilor Chase emphasized the importance of local initiatives and partnerships in widespread, robust responses to climate change. Councilor Dirksen suggested GPSEN become involved in Metro projects that related to sustainability, including Climate Smart Communities, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the Solid Waste Roadmap. He also suggested that GPSEN connect with business organizations such as the Westside Economic Alliance and local youth advisory councils in order to build relationships with business leaders and engaged youth. Councilors thanked the Ms. Smith and Ms. Harmon-Walker for their presentation.

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Chase, seconded by Councilor Collette, 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

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2017
- 4.2 Resolution No. 17-4812, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President's Appointment of Deanna Palm to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission
- 4.3 Resolution No. 17-4813, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President's Appointment of Dañel Malán to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 17-4790, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption from the Competitive Bidding Procedures and Authorizing Procurement by Request for Proposals for the Construction of the Willamette Falls Riverwalk

Council President Hughes recessed the meeting of the Metro Council and convened the Metro Contract Review Board. He called on Ms. Gabi Schuster and Ms. Alex Gilbertson, Metro staff, for a brief presentation on Resolution No. 17-4790.

Ms. Schuster explained that the resolution would authorize an alternative procurement method for the construction of the Willamette Falls Riverwalk. She stated that the state's administrative rules allowed exemptions from competitive bidding and permitted procuring public improvement projects by a request-for-proposal (RFP) as long as the method was unlikely to encourage favoritism and would likely result in substantial cost savings as well as other benefits.

Ms. Schuster informed the Council that given the complexity of the construction of the Willamette Falls Riverwalk,

procurement services recommended the alternative procurement method for the project. She noted that it would allow for the general contractor and designer to work together, increasing collaboration and avoiding costly redesign and work change orders. She added that the RFP process would allow for evaluation of proposals and provide for an overall best value for Metro as it would include criteria for sustainability, diversity, and cost.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey noted that the complexities of the project and explained that they made the project a good fit for exemption from competitive bidding. He thanked Councilor Collette and Metro staff for providing an opportunity to see the design and visit the Willamette Falls site.

A motion was made by Councilor Collette, 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

5.1.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 17-4790

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 17-4790 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Hughes gaveled out of the public hearing.

President Hughes then adjourned the Metro Contract Review Board and reconvened the Metro Council.

6. Ordinances (Second Reading)

6.1 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

Council President Hughes stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 17-1396 took place on Thursday, May 25. He informed the Metro Council that Ms. Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro staff, was available for questions.

Council Discussion

Councilor Collette expressed her support for the project and its robust public engagement.

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Craddick, 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

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

Council President Hughes stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 17-1404 took place on Thursday, May 25. He informed the Metro Council that Ms. Hope Whitney, Metro staff, was available for questions.

Council Discussion

There was none.

A motion was made by Councilor Collette, seconded by Councilor Chase, 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

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the urban and rural reserves process and the annual Bowling for Rhinos fundraising event at the Oregon Zoo on June 10. She noted that Metro had received a very strong bond rating on its 2017 hotel tax bonds and thanked Metro staff and the Metro Council for supporting Metro's sound fiscal policies.

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the reveal of the Willamette Falls Riverwalk design on June 3, the final disposition study on the Willamette Falls Locks, the Columbia Ready Levee project, the Westside Economic Alliance summit, an open house for the Main Streets on Halsey project, and the Institute for Metropolitan Studies Board meeting. Councilor Dirksen noted that he would be unable to make the Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission budget hearing on June 8.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:13 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on June 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator