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Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2017

2:00 PM

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: 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Sam Chase

2. Citizen Communication

There was none.

3. Consent Agenda**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Chase

3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2017**4. Resolutions****4.1 Resolution No. 17-4816, For the Purpose of Approving the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2018-2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program**

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Ted Leybold, Metro staff, for a brief presentation on Resolutions Nos. 17-4816 and 17-4817. Mr. Leybold explained that Resolution No. 17-4816 would approve the air quality conformity determination for the 2018-2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). He informed the Council that the determination analyzed and documented the concurrence of Metro's partner agencies

that the regional transportation investments scheduled in the MTIP would not result in emissions that violated any of the region's air emissions limits. He noted that with the Metro Council's approval, the determination would be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for their concurrence. Mr. Leybold explained that the investments outlined in the MTIP were not allowed to proceed without the FHWA's concurrence.

Mr. Leybold then provided an overview of Resolution No. 17-4817, which would adopt the 2017-2021 MTIP. He noted that the document ensured the financial capacity for all of the MTIP projects to be funded and provided transparency for the process for all of the federal funds that would be spent in the region. He added that it also ensured compliance with federal regulations and acknowledged that the federal investments were coordinated in a comprehensive way, in partnership with the state and transportation and transit agencies. Mr. Leybold noted that the four year period represented \$1.6 billion in investments in 213 projects and provided a general overview of the projects included. He explained that the MTIP was a living document and would be amended over the years to reflect needed adjustments. For example, he stated that with the recent passing of the state transportation package, the MTIP would need to be amended as the package's funds were assigned to projects. Mr. Leybold also shared an overview of the MTIP's extensive public comment process, noting that responses demonstrated that Metro was generally moving in the right direction. He thanked Metro staff, Metro's partner agencies, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), and the Metro Council for their contributions to the program.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey thanked Mr. Leybold for the presentation and spoke to the importance of preserving the region's air quality. He asked about the performance standards set in the air quality plan and the timeline of investments, as well as the potential for reevaluating the region's air quality needs now that its demographics had changed so significantly. Councilor Collette discussed the connection between federal funds and federal air quality standards. Mr. Leybold noted that in addition to not receiving the federal dollars, the region would also experience other significant consequences if it was not in compliance with federal standards, including impacts on industrial permitting. Councilors discussed additional opportunities to limit emissions and preserve air quality.

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

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

- 4.2 Resolution No. 17-4817, For the Purpose of Adopting the 2018-2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area

Resolutions Nos. 17-4816 and 17-4817 were presented together; please see above.

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

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

Excused: 1 - Councilor Chase

5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 17-1407, For the Purpose of Amending the Title 14 Map of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan to Conform with Changes Enacted by the Oregon Legislature in House Bill 2047

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Tim O'Brien, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. O'Brien explained that approval of the ordinance would correct technical errors made to the urban and rural reserves legislative action. He informed the Council that after the Oregon state legislature enacted House Bill 4078, it was discovered that there were a few errors in the legal descriptions of some of the properties and roadways being described as urban or rural reserves. He noted that the errors were corrected by House Bill 2047. Mr. O'Brien explained that Ordinance No. 17-1407 would make the required changes to the Title 14 map, Metro's official map of the urban growth boundary (UGB). He stated that the changes, outlined in the staff report, concerned a road right-of-way and a parcel thereof. Mr. O'Brien noted that there were no significant changes to the map and the adjustment would eliminate future problems if the areas were added to the urban growth boundary later on.

Council Discussion

Councilor Harrington asked if the characteristics of the map ensured that sufficient right of way to allow for proposed sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the road would be preserved if the area outside of the UGB was brought into it in the future. Mr. O'Brien confirmed this was the case.

5.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-1407

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on

Ordinance No. 17-1407 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Hughes gavelled out of the public hearing. He noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 17-1407 would take place on Thursday, August 10.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett noted that Metro's Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) would have its first meeting on July 27 at 6:00pm. She announced that Mr. Matt Tracy, Metro staff, had been appointed to the Gladstone City Council and offered her congratulations. Ms. Bennett then shared details about the new Right 2 Dream Too site near the Moda Center, noting that Metro staff had provided signage to the site and connected its residents to free waste education opportunities.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the East Portland Action Plan meeting on July 26.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:35 p.m. He announced that the Metro Council would convene in the Council Annex for an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e). The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on August 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

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