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Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 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 2:01 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

Commissioner Leslie Wetherell, Gilliam County:

Commissioner Wetherell introduced herself as the newest Gilliam County Commissioner. She highlighted Gilliam County's positive and productive relationship with Metro over the years and explained that the county's contract with Metro continued to serve as a catalyst for economic vitality in Gilliam County's communities. She noted that as such, the county was awaiting the final request-for-proposal (RFP) and awarding of Metro's solid waste disposal contract, and had already provided feedback on the initial draft RFP.

Judge Steve Shaffer, Gilliam County: Judge Shaffer of Gilliam County echoed Commissioner Wetherell's comments about the importance of the partnership and the stability and economic vitality it provided in the county. He provided an overview of the comments Gilliam County and the cities of Arlington and Condon submitted on the draft RFP, including giving greater weight to the broader impact on host communities. Along with Commissioner Wetherell, he thanked the Metro Council for their time and for their collaborative efforts thus far.

Dave Moore, City of Vancouver: Mr. Moore, of Unite Here 8, shared the challenges Aramark employees at the Oregon

Convention Center (OCC) faced related to parking. He noted that it was difficult for many employees to find adequate parking and added that many who worked odd hours dealt with safety issues and vandalism. He expressed concern that removing additional parking spots as part of the upcoming OCC renovations would make it even more difficult for workers to commute.

Micealle Hawkins, City of Portland: Ms. Hawkins, of Unite Here 8, also shared concerns about transportation options for food and beverage workers at the OCC. She explained that discounted bus passes would make it much easier for OCC workers to commute to work by transit. She explained that the high cost of living in the Portland metropolitan region was a challenge for many OCC workers and added that it would be especially important to have additional transit options when parking availability was limited.

Be Marston, City of Portland: Ms. Marston, of Unite Here 8, also testified in support of improved mass transit and parking options for food and beverage workers at Metro's visitor venues. She explained that such efforts would better support the workforce at these venues as well as the agency's sustainability goals. She encouraged the Metro Council to consider providing additional options and asked for further dialogues around these issues.

Councilors asked about the current parking conditions at the Oregon Convention Center. Councilor Chase asked how many and how often employees at the OCC parked versus took transit. Ms. Marston expressed interest in better defining that data. Councilor Harrington asked for additional

contextual information, including an overview of all transit/parking options that were covered for the employees at Metro's different facilities around the region.

Jim Robison, City of Portland: Mr. Robison, as president of Healthcare for All Oregon, asked for Metro's support in its efforts to provide healthcare for all. He explained that his organization was interested in nationwide efforts to provide healthcare, but realized that it was an issue that also needed to be discussed and highlighted at the local level. He asked for Metro's support and expressed interest in talking further about how to best support universal healthcare in the region.

Ellen Ino, LIUNA 483: Ms. Ino thanked Councilor Harrington for visiting the Oregon Zoo and working with the food service workers firsthand. She also shared the impacts of the summer's severe heat on the zoo workers who spent their time working outside. Ms. Ino then invited the Metro Council to experience ZooLights with zoo employees to see how they managed admissions and ticket scanning.

Dana Carstensen, City of Hillsboro: Mr. Carstensen shared concerns about conditions at the Oregon Zoo during the summer's heat wave. He highlighted management decisions when it was incredibly hot, including not allowing employees to use the misting stations or wear cold packs to stay cool. He emphasized that it was important for Metro to properly take care of its employees, particularly in extreme weather.

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

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Craddick, 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 August 17, 2017
- 3.2 Resolution No. 17-4822, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Sell Certain Real Property as Part of the Natural Areas Program's Disposition of Agricultural Lands Policy

4. Resolutions

- 4.1 Resolution No. 17-4832, For the Purpose of Proclaiming September 26 and 28, 2017, as Minority Enterprise Development Week

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Tracy Sagal, Metro Procurement staff, for a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Sagal explained that Minority Enterprise Development Week was a national celebration put on by the Department of Commerce and Minority Business Development agency, and added that the Business Diversity Institute (BDI) hosted a local event each year.

Ms. Sagal informed the Council that Metro staff regularly engaged in Minority Enterprise Development Week as well as BDI's other activities. She noted that the programs supported Metro's efforts to increase equity in contracting and urged the Council to support the proclamation that would declare September 26 and 28 as Minority Enterprise Development Week, demonstrating support for Metro

staff's efforts to improve the capacity of historically underutilized businesses to collaborate to eliminate structural barriers to their success.

Council Discussion

There was none.

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, 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

- 4.2 Resolution No. 17-4828, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Grant to the City of Portland a Stormwater Line Easement Over Zoo Property, Accept from the City of Portland a Drop-off Lane and Sidewalk Easement Benefiting the Zoo, and Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland to Share Improvement Costs

Council President Hughes called on Deputy Chief Operating Officer Scott Robinson for a brief presentation on the resolution. Mr. Robinson explained that the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) culminated several years of working collaboratively to deliver on improvements to the Washington Park parking area, as well as the Oregon Zoo Education Center drop-off area. He noted that the agreement resolved outstanding issues dating back more than 15 years between Metro and Portland Parks & Recreation. Mr. Robinson informed the Council that the IGA contained four important elements: the IGA requested Metro Council approval for granting a shared easement for a stormwater line that had been constructed by the Oregon Zoo on behalf of Portland Parks & Recreation, largely through zoo property, in conjunction with the construction of the Education Center; the IGA would result in reimbursement to the zoo of 80% of the construction costs, i.e. \$427,220; if approved, Parks & Recreation would grant a permanent sidewalk and drop-off lane easement to

provide access to the lane in front of the Education Center, to be used by the zoo; and the IGA would include an operations agreement that outlined how the zoo would use the drop-off area in peak traffic periods.

Mr. Robinson noted that the Portland City Council approved the agreement on September 13 and recommended that the Metro Council approve the resolution.

Council Discussion

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett thanked Mr. Robinson for all of his work on the agreement and the corresponding resolution.

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

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett shared the Oregon Convention Center plaza and interior renovations project schedule. She announced that the Oregon Zoo had won two awards at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) annual conference. Ms. Bennett also noted that the Eagle Creek wildfire continued to burn and gave an update on affected facilities. She explained that Blue Lake Park had reopened but Oxbow Park and three cemeteries near the area affected would remain closed until local evacuation orders were lifted.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), the

upcoming Rail~Volution Best Practices trip to Denver, the Mayors and Chairs meeting on September 13, the recent Community Planning Organization (CPO) 13 meeting, and the first meeting of Portland Community College's Southeast Campus Presidents Advisory Council.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:02 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on September 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator