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Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Bennett informed the Metro Council that she had given them a memo concerning the annual reports for the Title 4 industrial and other employment areas that were a part of the urban growth management plan. She noted that there were minor changes. She introduced the new Council Office intern Ms. ShaToyia Bentley. Ms. Bennett also announced that Mr. Roger Gonzalez would now act as Council President Hughes' Chief of Staff and Ms. Taylor Unterberg would be taking on Ms. Beth Cohen's responsibilities while she was on family leave.

Work Session Topics:

2:10 Proposed Policy and Investment Framework for Cycle 6 of 2040 Planning and Development Grants (CPDG)

Ms. Elissa Gertler, Director of Planning and Development, began by thanking everyone for their time. Ms. Gertler informed the Metro Council that the presentation would serve as an annual report of the 2040 Planning and Development grant program. She explained that there were several changes to the plan and provided an overview of the changes. Ms. Gertler explained that her staff had used surveys to find areas for improvement, and had also worked with the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT). She added that staff had also tried to reflect the Metro Council's feedback that asked for additional policies focused on equitable housing and racial equity in the next cycle. Ms. Lisa Miles began to talk about the actions that had been taken over the past year to have a smooth grant process. She noted that last year's goal was to have 50% of the

funding go towards equitable development. Staff noticed that it wasn't specific in the wording so now they want to achieve that in this cycle. 49% of the funding did go to equitable development. She explained that in the future, staff wanted to ensure that their definition for equitable development was not exclusive and that projects would be funded that would have a positive impact on people of color and other marginalized communities.

Council Discussion

Councilor Dirksen asked for more information on how the staff came up with the information provided for article IV A-6 and where it would be further defined in the document. Ms. Miles informed the Councilors that a more detailed explanation would be in the resolution. Also, Councilor Dirksen asked where an advocate could find this type of information. Ms. Miles responded that it would be available in the resolution and the handbook staff would provide. Councilors discussed Resolution No. 18-4863 section C and E in the redlined version which referred to exemptions and rebates. Councilor Craddick asked if there was a plan to inform other elected officials. Ms. Miles informed the Council that staff would be announcing the program but also encouraged the Metro Council to inspire local jurisdictions to submit proposals. Councilor Stacey inquired how the money would be distributed to ensure it was used properly. He also asked if grants would only be made available within the designated growth areas.

Councilor Harrington reflected on the materials and how they related to previous policies. Councilor Dirksen expressed support for including Metro's six desired outcomes. Councilors recommended wording changes in Sections C and E. Councilor Chase asked about the budget. Councilor Craddick asked about the legal definition of fee and tax. Councilors discussed the program budget. Councilor Craddick requested that the program include a

performance review and storytelling portion.

3:10 Councilor Communication

Councilor Dirksen discussed the Southwest Corridor Equitable Development Strategy (SWEDS) and the potential transportation bond measure. Councilor Stacey mentioned the Division Transit and Development project. He explained that there had been some setbacks with the Division Transit project. Councilor Harrington gave an update on the upcoming Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) annual. Councilor Craddick discussed the SW Washington Regional Transportation Council meeting.

3:30 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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