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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**Council work session**

**2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:03p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Kathryn Harrington

**2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

President Hughes introduced Ms. Martha Bennett Chief Operating Officer. Ms. Bennett reminded the Council that the panel of experts on homelessness and housing services from around the region would speak on Thursday, April 19th from noon to 1 p.m. in room 370A and B. She introduced Mr. Brian Harper and Mr. Roger Alfred to review what would happen on Thursday, April 19th council meeting. Mr. Alfred explained that the Council should only consider what was already on the record for the Basalt Creek decision. Ms. Bennett shared that the interview schedule for the Deputy Chief Operating Officer was in the process of being finalized and planned on bringing seven candidates to Metro on April 30 and May 1.

**Work Session Topics:****2:10 FY 2018-19 Budget Discussion**

Mr. Tom Collier, Finance Director, introduced Ms. Lisa Houghton, the Financial Planning Manager. Mr. Collier and Ms. Houghton gave an overview of what was shared at the council meeting on April 12th. The Council had no further questions for Mr. Collier and Ms. Lisa Houghton. See April 12th Council Meeting Minutes to read more on the FY 2018-19 Budget.

**3:10 2018 Urban Growth Management Decision: Trends Behind Regional Population and Employment Growth**

Mr. Ted Reid, Principal Regional Planner, introduced Mr. Jeff Frkonja, Research Center Director, Mr. Dennis Yee, Metro Economist, Mr. Tom Potiowsky, from Portland State University, and Mr. Bill Reid, from PNW Economics. Mr. Frkonja gave an overview of what the process was in order to provide information to the Metro Council. Mr. Yee explained the region's population and unemployment. Also, he shared the regional forecasted economic and population growth. The panel recognized that the population was increasing due to migration and people being able to afford to move. Mr. Yee shared that single family home construction had slowed down and multi-family units had increased. He informed the Council that housing prices were increasing but not as fast as previously. Other topics that were brought to Councils attentions were air cargo, job growth, population and job growth since 2008, and construction increases.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Dominguez asked what the forecast for homeownership growth were. Ms. Bennett asked about single versus multifamily growth. Councilor Chase asked the panel what was the projection for unemployment now and low income now and what was going to look like in the future. Mr. Frkonja explained that staff did not have a projection of the unemployment for now or the future. President Hughes asked if the panel had seen anything change over the last three years that would help understand what would happen for the future.

**4:10 Metro Attorney Communication**

Metro Attorney Alison Kean provided an overview of the projects her office was working on. She informed the Metro Council that the Metro attorneys were working on the following projects: housing bond measure, SW Corridor, Memorandum of Understanding and Intergovernmental Agreement, Basalt Creek, Construction Excise Tax Fund,

2016 South Station, food waste policy, Oregon Zoo, Gresham land use, levees, Portland's, Table 6 lease, Metro Kids, and Human Resources.

**4:20 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Dirksen talked about the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). Councilor Stacey discussed attending a Rosewood Initiative event with Councilor Dirksen.

**4:30 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**ShaToyia Bentley, Council Policy Assistant**