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Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: 5 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, and Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Excused: 2 - Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Councilor Bob Stacey

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, reminded Councilors that the upcoming work session on April 26th would be held at the Madison Room, Portland'5. She noted the following day would be the quarterly Trails Forum, where a discussion of improving trails would take place. She announced the forum would be followed by a 30th anniversary reception. Ms. Bennett introduced Mr. Roger Gonzalez, Chief of Staff to the Council President, to present two draft response letters to Council. He described the draft response letter to the Metro Regional Solutions Advisory Committee, which referenced Levee Ready Columbia. Councilors reviewed the draft and agreed to send the response letter under Council President Hughes' signature. Mr. Gonzalez provided background on the Division Transit Project Draft letter addressed to Mayor Bemis, explaining the letter asked him to reconsider Gresham's participation in the project. Councilor's suggested minor edits and agreed to send the letter under Council President Hughes' signature, once changes were made.

2:10 Work Session Topics:**2:10 Regional Investment Strategy Update**

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Policy Advisor, and Ms. Emily Lieb, Principal Regional Planner, to present on the Regional Investment Strategy Update.

Mr. Shaw explained the presentation would provide Council with an update, with the opportunity to ask questions and hear feedback on the Regional Investment Strategy. He summarized that staff had been working hard on all aspects of the strategies integrated approach. He noted staff's work with partners and the community, discussing what the ideal region would look like and how to invest for such desired outcomes. He provided background on the vision, where every Metro area resident had a safe and affordable place to live, in a vibrant neighborhood, with easy access to natural areas and clean water, and transportation options for getting around the region. He explained the Regional Investment Strategy was all

about advancing the vision.

Mr. Shaw announced the conversation would be primarily focusing on the housing measure, but expressed the Parks and Nature and Transportation work would be continued. He listed the following topics to be discussed:

- Providing an update of community partnerships and engagement with jurisdictions, partners and the public, and welcome a community partner to share their own work with you.
- Discussing a distribution concept for ensuring that bond funds help create and protect homes throughout the region
- Discussing a draft decision timeline for getting to a recommendation and referral

Ms. Lieb reminded Council of the Draft Stakeholder table values. She listed the stakeholder meetings, technical tables, *Color of Law* discussion, informational staff meetings and updates to Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) that had been organized since the team was last in front of council. She announced the draft framework for the regional housing measure would be released April 26th to the Technical Table.

Mr. Shaw explained updates to the Community Partnership Program. He stated Metro provided \$110,000 to six organizations who were doing work across region to engage, educate and empower communities and reflect their priorities and voices in the final ballot measure. He explained that the organizations were holding discussion groups, training leaders, surveying residents, educating their networks and building capacity to understand and change the regions affordable housing crisis.

Mr. Shaw introduced one of the partners, Ms. Kari Lyons from Welcome Home, to share on some of the community partnership work that was underway.

Ms. Lyons described the Welcome Home Coalition, and the many stakeholders involved. She explained the coalition's primary goal was to receive more funding for support services and affordable housing in the region. She explained the strategies on informing the public, and the policy development. She mentioned the partnership with Metro, thanking staff for their work. She described the survey the committee puts out monthly, and how that information was brought to community partners.

Councilor Discussion:

Councilor Dominguez complimented the Welcome Home Coalition for emphasizing and reframing the word opportunity, explaining she had a similar experience being on the Housing Committee. Councilors asked what Metro could do to help the coalition. Councilors thanked Ms. Lyons for the Coalition's work.

Ms. Lieb discussed the distribution concept. She explained staff had examined possible approaches, feedback from advisory tables, how to

apply what was heard and explored the limitation of the data received. She expressed the importance of remembering that the project and programmatic decisions made during implementation were more significant to advancing racial equity and affirmatively furthering fair housing than the method of funding distribution. She explained implementation decisions regarding location criteria, screening criteria and other community values would be key places to ensure successful outcomes for the targeted population communities identified. She stated the discussion draft framework would identify accountability and oversight approaches to ensure that the elements were built into the implementation structure. Mr. Shaw noted the tentative schedule ahead.

Councilor Discussion:

Councilor Dominguez discussed her recent Housing Committee meeting in Clackamas and details in relation to the distribution. Ms. Bennett expressed her desire for council to discuss housing the people as opposed to the continuous conversations around money. Council discussed strategies on efficient time and conversations in order to be responsive to community needs. Ms. Alison Kean, Metro Attorney, mentioned the affordability definition and how it would not change in regards to funding, the bond and measures. Councilor Harrington commented on the framework of the regional investment strategy, questioning the timeline. She urged staff to continue with work regardless of negative feedback. Councilor Craddick requested a factsheet available for distribution, and discussed anticipated fatigue. Councilors thanked staff for their work on informing the region and provided briefings.

2:55 Councilor Communication

There was none.

3:05 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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