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Minutes

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

2:00 PM

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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: 2:07p.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett announced that May was Asian and Native Hawaiian- Pacific Islander (ANHPI) heritage month. She invited the Council to a lunch and learn that was on Thursday, May 31st in the Council Chambers from noon to 1pm. Ms. Bennett announced that she would be out of the office Thursday and Friday to attend an International Capital Market Association (ICMA) Board meeting in Montreal. She shared that Scott Cruickshank, General Manager of Visitor Venue would act as Chief Operating Officer for Thursday's work session. Ms. Bennett announced Nellie Papsdorf's last week at Metro. There was treats and well wishes planned for 1:00pm on Thursday in room 501.

2:10 Work Session Topics:

Regional Investment Strategy Update: Housing Measure Recommendation

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Bennett. Ms. Bennett announced that she would discuss the big picture, feedback received concerning the draft framework, and would give her recommendation. She reminded the Council of the conversation about the need for housing and the Council's commitment.

She acknowledged the poll that was done in the fall of 2017.

Ms. Bennett shared that an increase in public concern was coupled with a belief that government could make a positive difference. Ms. Bennett added that the public's concerns also showed in the late April 2018 Metro Opt In survey which found two-thirds of respondents encouraged community investments in affordable housing.

Ms. Bennett announced that the framework for the recommendation was based on a set of core values, developed by the Stakeholder Table. She introduced Ms. Anneliese Koehler who had been a public policy advocate with the Oregon Food Bank since 2012. Also she shared that Ms. Koehler was vice chair of the Welcome Home Coalition steering committee. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and History from Amherst College. She was a part of both the stakeholder and technical advisory table.

Ms. Bennett highlighted the following items in the recommendation core values:

- Lead with racial equity
- Prioritize people not served by the market
- Opportunities throughout the region
- Long term benefit and good use of public dollars

She informed the Council that around 12,000 people would be impacted if the constitution and bond measure pass. Yet, about 7,500 people if only the bond measure pass in November. Ms. Bennett explained that 45% of homes would be at 30% median income. She expressed jurisdictions questions about land acquisition and local government collaboration with Metro. Ms. Bennett announced that Thursday, June 7th, was the vote on the COO recommendation and the Council's vote on the Bond Measure going on the ballots in November.

Council Discussion

President Hughes shared concerns from the mayors

meeting and asked what the Housing bond can and can't do. Ms. Jess Larson explained that the bond would help people who were homeless or seeking resources for housing. She added that Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas County housing authority has already agreed to partner with Metro. Councilor Stacey shared questions and concerns about not repeating racial exclusion in housing. Ms. Bennett assured that Metro would work with local government and make sure that racial equity values would align with Metro. Councilor Chase shared his thoughts about the process, how his jurisdiction think about new construction and the importance of accountability to voters. Councilor Harrington asked for more information about how many units would house large families. She noticed some separation between the COO recommendation and the framework. Councilor Craddick asked a question about land acquisition development and how Metro staff would prevent gentrification. Councilor Dominguez acknowledged the work the Metro staff had done and shared insight on previous committees throughout her journey with Metro. Councilor Dirksen noted that the bond was not going to be perfect and asked what the 7% administration fee covers. Ms. Bennett explained that 7% was to cover the overhead cost. Ms. Larson clarified that the 7% administration cost wasn't a fee, but was for an administrative cost cap.

3:10 Councilor Communication

President Hughes announced a letter from the Joint Committee of Transportation at the Oregon State Capital for the I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvement Project.

3:30 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ShaToyia Bentley