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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 5, 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 to order at 2:03 p.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**

Ms. Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, reminded staff of the annual Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) budget hearing preceding in the Council Annex on Thursday. She mentioned a speaker who was scheduled for June 25th at the Keller Auditorium was viewed as controversial by many important Metro stakeholders who had asked Metro to cancel the show. She explained that Metro could not restrict access based on the content of a performer's speech nor cancel a contract with a promoter based on disagreement with the content of their speech. She announced the pre-proposal period for the first round of Investment and Innovation grants had launched, and applicants were encouraged to participate in one of two pre-proposal workshops that would be hosted at Metro on Tuesday, June 19th.

**2:10 Work Session Topics:****2:10 Solid Waste Roadmap: Food Scraps Policy Update**

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Paul Slyman, Executive Director of Property and Environmental Services (PES), Ms. Pam Peck, Planning Manager for PES, and Ms. Jennifer Erickson, Principal Solid Waste Planner, to present the Food Scraps Policy update.

Mr. Slyman explained his team would be providing an update on the proposal which would require certain businesses to separate food scraps from garbage. He announced the proposal policy was a result of a year and a half's worth of collaboration with stakeholders around the region. He summarized that Ms. Peck would be providing background on why the policy was introduced and waste related prevention and donation partnerships underway, and Ms. Erickson would provide specific changes made to the policy. Mr. Slyman shared the impact of removing food waste in garbage and it's relation to the solid waste roadmap. He presented a graph explaining the Metro Region Disposed Recoverables and how recoverables guide staff's work.

Ms. Peck presented the hierarchy image of food recovery for prevention and donation. She provided examples across the nation of recovery success. She explained Metro and it's local government partners which

included the Cities of Beaverton, Gresham and Portland, along with Clackamas and Washington counties who had established two key partnerships: Oregon Restaurant Lodging Association (ORLA), and the Oregon Food Bank and area food pantries. She summarized the focus of staff's work was around food scraps that were generated from both the business sector and commercial sector, because 55% of food waste comes from the commercial sector. She explained the history of the work which dated back to 1993.

Ms. Erickson reviewed details that pertained to the policy and described the separation requirement overview. She identified the following key policy elements:

- Local government adopted policy by July 2019.
- Consistent regional performance standards.
- Implementation flexibility.
- Local governments could grant temporary waivers to businesses.
- Metro continued to provide funding support.

She described the following local government requirements:

- Sent notice to affected businesses.
- Required businesses to separate food from other waste.
- Provided educational materials and program setup assistance.
- Ensured collection service was provided.
- Enforcement, grant waivers, reporting.

She stated the following business requirements:

- Separated food waste from other waste for collection.
- Collection service would be required by property managers.
- Applied only to "back of house" waste.

Ms. Erickson expressed the changes made from the last time staff was in front of council, which were a revised implementation timeline and the access to services payments instead of distance waivers. She introduced the base time zones, access to services payment zones to describe how calculations were made and data was compiled. She explained the calculations included the following:

- Average cost to operate collection vehicle.
- Additional time to transfer service.
- Number and type of businesses within each payment zone.
- Estimated tons captured in each zone.
- Estimated loads per week from each zone.
- Business group implementation timelines.

She demonstrated calculation examples and listed estimated costs for the next five fiscal years. She showed a list of the Stakeholder engagement that had included Business survey and interviews, Individual businesses and industry associations - meetings and presentations, Local government meetings and presentations, and the Food Rescue Agency Roundtable. She concluded by reviewing the policy timeline and what to expect next.

*Councilor Communication:*

Councilor Harrington questioned the franchising pick-up collection and the time frame of such pick-up times. She questioned the estimates for the access to service of payments, and the general effectiveness of drop off's. Councilor Dominguez questioned how the payments were going to be applied and distributed. Councilor Dirksen mentioned there would be no change in revenue toward Metro, and commented that those costs were going to be taken from the budget. He expressed the cost-burden over the worse-case-scenario and suggested including the rest of the jurisdictions. Councilor Chase asked if staff had evaluated the impact of the community with the increased operation at the Metro Central Facility. Council asked for more scenarios of mitigating the fee.

**3:00 Regional Investment Strategy Update: Housing Measure Recommendation**

Ms. Bennett announced that Council would be acting on two resolutions at Thursday's Council meeting which would be introduced as one topic, one that adopted the framework and the other that referred to the housing bond. She introduced Ms. Elissa Gertler, Planning and Development Director, and Andy Shaw, Policy Advisor, to present the Regional Investment Strategy update.

Ms. Gertler noted Council's request of more data on need and distributed a handout titled "Metro Region Housing Affordability and Housing Needs - By the Numbers". She mentioned the Opted-in data which was collected through a survey. She expressed all data would be made available online and on Granicus. She discussed the revised framework and clarified the revisions. Mr. Shaw recalled there was a new draft resolution to accompany the referral resolution. He announced that he anticipated a lot of testimony. He provided updates on the eight community partner organization groups Metro funded and the work that had been done. He explained the majority of what staff learned from the group's outreach was incorporated at the stakeholder table of process through meetings. He reviewed the mechanics of Thursday's Council meeting and what was to be expected.

*Councilor Communication:*

Councilor Harrington thanked staff for the quickly revised work based on Council's concerns. She asked for follow-up before Thursday. Councilors discussed the Administrative Cap, and agreed to reduce the cap from 7% to 5%.

**3:30 Emerging Technology Strategy Discussion Draft**

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Eliot Rose, Senior Technology and Transportation Planner, and Ms. Tyler Frisbee, Policy Development Manager, to present the Emerging Technology Strategy Discussion Draft.

Ms. Frisbee recalled Mr. Rose's ten and a half months with Metro. She explained that, as a part of the RTP process, Mr. Rose had worked on the

Emerging Technology Strategy (ETS). She noted the draft strategy was passed by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation, and she conveyed positive feedback from public across the region.

Mr. Rose explained his purpose was to provide an overview of the discussion draft of the ETS. He explained, pending approval by Council, the ETS would be included as part of the public review draft of the RTP. He reviewed the emerging technologies and shared vehicle services. He stated the mission statement, which read, "We need this strategy so that we can guide innovation in transportation technology toward creating a more equitable and livable region." He mentioned even people who don't use emerging technologies were affected by them. He discussed how emerging technologies were intertwined with the major transportation and land use issues affecting the region-congestion, rising housing costs and the suburbanization of poverty, flat transit ridership-both for better and worse. He stated the ETS analyzed such broader impacts across the region. He described how technology made pressing regional issues even more urgent. He recalled that the ETS would be a standalone strategy and part of the RTP plan. He shared the updated main components in the strategy. He listed the following four key policies of focus:

- Equity: Made emerging technology accessible, available, and affordable to all, and used technology to create more equitable communities.
- Choices: Used emerging technology to improve transit service, provide shared travel options throughout the region and supported transit, bicycling and walking.
- Information: Used the best data available to empower travelers to make travel choices and planned and managed transportation system.
- Innovation: Advanced the public interest by anticipating, learning from and adapting to new developments.

He explained the changes and revisions made to the policies in the vision. He presented info-graphs that outlined a path to long-term success, and a table that elaborated on individual technologies. He concluded the presentation by listing the two-year next steps which included the following:

- Funded technology pilot projects (through new and existing grant programs).
- Convened stakeholders to establish consistent new mobility policies across the region.
- Developed better data and tools to plan for emerging technologies.
- Advocated for state and federal technology policy that supported regional goals.

#### Councilor Communication:

Councilor Dominguez shared she was working with Ford's Electric Vehicles on a pilot project that had been returning positive outcomes and suggested connecting with Mr. Rose to share the projects data. Councilor Chase commented on researching other jurisdiction's projects and data as a part of the next step strategies.

**4:15 Councilor Communication**

None.

**4:30 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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