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Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2018

2:00 PM

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Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 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. Public Communication

Mr. Les Poole, City of Gladstone: Mr. Poole raised concerns about the legality of the recently adopted affordable housing bond measure. He shared concerns that tolling as it had been discussed would cause more traffic in already overburdened areas. Mr. Poole emphasized the need to consider transportation alongside housing and land use.

Mr. Phil Lapp, City of Sherwood: Mr. Lapp discussed the annexation of Brookman Road and shared concerns that the development would not be coordinated to address traffic, schools and other issues. He highlighted that adding more homes would add traffic to the small road and asked for more information on the plan for the annexed property.

Council Discussion

Council President Hughes noted that Mr. Lapp ought to have been called to testify during the public hearing on item 6.1. He explained that they would include Mr. Lapp's testimony in consideration of item 6.1.

3. Presentations**3.1 Community Placemaking Grants Presentation**

Attachments: [PowerPoint Community Placemaking Grant Program](#)

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Dana Lucero and Ms. Elissa Gertler, from Metro's Planning and Development department to provide a presentation.

Ms. Gertler put the program in the context of the work of the planning department, and explained that the department had increased their emphasis on community engagement, community capital and racial equity. She added that these grants expressed a desire to invest in people as well as places.

Ms. Lucero explained that the presentation was an update since they had awarded the 2018 grants for their second cycle for the program. She reminded council that the Community Placemaking Program was put in place to help people tackle community challenges through creative arts-based and equity-focused projects.

Ms. Lucero shared that they recognized that community groups had both a stake and a solution to the challenges that they faced and the program validated those challenges and offered Metro's trust in the community's solutions. She conveyed that it was a creative, flexible program that moved Metro closer to advancing the 2040 vision by supporting people's agency to influence place as well as desired outcomes.

Ms. Lucero discussed the grants awarded by Metro and the programs that were supported by the grants. She noted that council would be given a calendar of events this summer. She explained that council would hear from some of the different grantees. Ms. Lucero introduced Ms. RaShaunda Brooks and Mr. Donovan Smith with Art Saved my life.

Ms. Brooks explained that Art Saved My Life was a three-month residency program that supported artists from North and Northeast Portland, specifically black and brown artists. She shared that they hoped to give the artists time and space and financial means to focus on their art without pressure. Ms. Brooks conveyed that this was a priority

because the black and brown community in Portland had experienced hardship over the years and they wanted to respect the communities that were established and show their care through art.

Ms. Brooks discussed that Art Saved My Life was from a collective of community organizations that came together to focus on the healing of artists in their communities. She shared the artists that had been participating in the program, and noted that their program also helped find resources to support the artists such as doctors, counselors and art supplies.

Mr. Smith reiterated that the work they were doing was a new iteration of what their collective platforms had already been doing, and the money that they had received from Metro allowed them to take the program to new levels. He explained some of the work that resident artists had been doing through the program, and emphasized that this was a community project that was focused on building up communities in need in Portland.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Dominguez asked what the age range of artists was. Mr. Smith shared that the artists were between 24 and 50 years old. Councilor Dominguez asked if there were participants in the program that were suffering with mental health issues and thriving in the program. Mr. Smith confirmed that there were.

Ms. Lucero introduced the next community members, Ms. Shyla Spicer, Executive Director of the Portland All Nations Canoe Family.

Ms. Spicer explained that they were an intertribal, intergenerational canoe family grounded on their canoe

culture and put together to learn and preserve cultural identity and protect water. She conveyed that they were a group of over 30 tribes and non-native people, and that they honored and respected the diversity of the group.

Ms. Spicer shared that they currently had one canoe that gave them a set of life skills including working together, keeping their bodies strong and taking care of one another as one large family. She added that they paddled together to move forward, that going forward had to be done together, and that this theory embodied the canoe family to provide a strong foundation for future generations.

Ms. Spicer discussed how they 2018 grant funds would allow them to build a new dugout canoe for their Columbia River Voyage. She conveyed that the canoe allowed them to go to different communities and share traditions.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Dominguez asked how long it would take to build a canoe. Ms. Spicer explained that it would take a year and maybe longer, but they were aiming for July of 2019.

Ms. Lucero introduced Mr. Kolini Fusitua representing members of the Tongan community in Portland and Tonga Day. Mr. Fusitua expressed appreciation for the generous grant that allowed Tonga Day to be possible. He provided some history regarding the Tongan community in Portland from the 1970's onward.

Mr. Fusitua conveyed that the grant allowed for building relationships between the Tongan community and Metro and the general public. He recalled that Tonga Day allowed the Tongan community to share their culture through dances and performances and music. Mr. Fusitua invited the Metro Council to the 2018 Tonga Day. He emphasized that

the grant allowed the celebration to be big enough to be brought into the mainstream and thanked the council again for the grant.

Council Discussion

Councilor Harrington expressed appreciation for the groups that stepped forward to seize the opportunity to pursue these grants. She thanked the groups for sharing their projects with the council. Councilor Harrington explained that in the initial stages of the of the program's proposal she was not completely on board. She shared that she was concerned that jurisdictions would use the funds rather than the funds going to community projects. Councilor Harrington conveyed that through the process and serving on the Grant Review Committee, she was in full support of the program. She thanked staff for their work on initiating and carrying out the program.

Councilor Craddick shared her appreciation for the opportunity to get to know the community grantees and their work. She requested that staff send council invitations to any events held by grantees.

Council President Hughes called for a brief recess for council, staff and the grantees to take a picture.

4. Consent Agenda

Council President Hughes called on Councilor Stacey to make changes to the minutes from the June 7, 2018 council meeting. He corrected a statement on the record to say "Councilor Stacey described the bond's five dollar per month tax increase for a typical home-owner as a reasonable cost."

This item was adopted.

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2018

Attachments: [Council Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Chase, that this item be adopted as amended.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 4.2 **Resolution No. 18-4881**, For the Purpose of Approving the Exchange of Metro Owned Land on Government Island for Port of Portland Owned Land in Smith and Bybee Wetlands

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-4881](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 18-4881](#)
[Exhibit A-1 to Resolution No. 18-4881](#)
[Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 18-4874**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

Attachments: [Resolution 18-4874A](#)
[Exhibits A-C to Resolution No. 18-4874A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Tim Collier for a brief presentation on the resolution.

Mr. Collier explained that the amendments to the fiscal year budget were distributed to council on Thursday, June 7th and reviewed and discussed at the June 12th council work session. He added that there were no councilor amendments this year. Mr. Collier shared that there were a total of 32 department amendments, nine substantive and 23 technical amendments. He explained that the combined amendments increased appropriations by approximately \$8.2 million and add three and a half FTE.

Mr. Collier conveyed that if council approved the requested amendments the budget amendments, the budget would

have resources and requirements of \$669 million and 919 FTE.

Council Discussion:

There was none.

Councilor Harrington moved to approve the amendments to the budget for FY19. Councilor Craddick seconded. The motion passed.

Aye: 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

5.1.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 18-4874

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 18-4874 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Hughes gavelled out of the public hearing.

5.2 **Resolution No. 18-4900**, For the Purpose of Proclaiming June as LGBTQ Pride Month in the Metro Region

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-4900](#)
[Staff Report to Resolution No. 18-4900](#)

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Ernest Hayes, Metro Council Office staff for a brief presentation on the resolution.

Mr. Hayes presented the proclamation and explained that over 100 Metro staff and their families would be marching in this year's pride parade over the weekend. He expressed gratitude for the council's efforts and recognition for LGBTQ residents in the region through the proclamation. Mr. Hayes read a statement from Mr. Rob Nathan, from Metro's Property and Environmental Services department.

Mac Martinez, from Metro's Parks and Nature department shared their experience with working at Metro and their personal experiences transitioning. They expressed gratitude to the council for their consideration for the proclamation.

Ms. Oriana Quackenbush, Metro Parks and Nature discussed her positive experiences coming out at Metro, and how she had seen shifts in inclusion. She highlighted the Employee Resource Group that made people feel more welcomed, and expressed pride in working at Metro. Ms. Quackenbush invited the council to a pride flag raising ceremony in the plaza outside of the Metro Regional Center following the day's meeting.

Ms. Kimberley Luoto thanked the Metro Council for providing opportunities for the LGBTQ communities at Metro to express pride this month.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey expressed continuing support for employees and for all marginalized groups in the region. He highlighted the importance of building a better and more inclusive community, and thanked the presenters for coming forward.

Councilor Dominguez shared gratitude for the work of the presenter's, and applauded them for their bravery at the meeting. She offered her support both personally and in her role as a councilor.

Councilor Chase conveyed his appreciation for the stories told by the presenters and thanked the group for bringing the resolution forward. He noted the need for creating a welcoming atmosphere at Metro and in the community.

Councilor Craddick thanked the presenter's for offering council an opportunity for councilor's to learn and be more inclusive individuals, as well as broadening inclusion at Metro.

Councilor Harrington emphasized the importance of ensuring that everyone felt safe, valued and included, and noted the benefits of Metro employee's bringing their whole and best selves to work. She expressed thanks to Ms. Martha Bennett for providing council with opportunities to expand their horizons and participate in diversity trainings.

Council President Hughes shared that Metro was like a family, and demonstrating values that families ought to demonstrate. He highlighted that this was an important message to send to the rest of the world and that he was happy to be able to do that.

A motion was made by Councilor Dominguez, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

6. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 18-1422**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 45.68 Acres Located Along SW Brookman Road in Sherwood

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 18-1422](#)
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 18-1422](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 to Staff Report](#)

Metro Attorney Alison Kean and Council President Hughes read the requirements on holding a quasi-judicial hearing and Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Tim O'Brien, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. O'Brien

provided an overview of the annexation request, explained the criteria required and stated that the request met the criteria for annexation into the Metro District Boundary.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 18-1422 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Hughes gaveled out of the public hearing. He noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 18-1422 would take place on Thursday, June 21.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick asked about the area covered by the concept plan and how it compared to the area being brought into the Metro boundary. Mr. O'Brien explained that the concept plan included a much larger area that stretched north of the Brookman area. He conveyed that there would likely be another annexation at some point in the future, and that there would be extensive planning processes and opportunities for citizen involvement once the city developed their comprehensive plan.

Councilor Dirksen clarified that Mr. Lapp had had his questions answered. Mr. Lapp confirmed.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items:

- Metro participation in Pride
- Barbara Walker Trails Fair on June 20th
- Procurement staff counseling

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events:

Councilor Dirksen discussed that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southwest Corridor Lightrail Project had been released. He shared where to find the study and announced that the next steering committee meeting would be a public hearing on the draft on July 19th at Tigard Town Hall.

Councilor Harrington provided an MPAC update. She shared that King City and Hillsboro provided presentations on their Urban Growth Management proposals.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:23 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on June 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

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