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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 2, 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:** 5 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**Excused:** 2 - Councilor Sam Chase, and Councilor Craig Dirksen

**2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, informed the Council on an email from Mr. Frankie Lewington about the Build Small Coalition and Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) report. She introduced Councilor Stacey. Councilor Stacey shared his thoughts on initiative position 10. Councilor Stacey spoke to a letter from a constituent with their concerns about Measure 5 or 10. Ms. Bennett added that she would email the letter to the Council.

**Work Session Topics:****2:10 2019 Legislative Agenda**

Metro Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro staff. Mr. Tucker announced that he would come to speak with the council three more times before the year ends. He shared that the deadline to request legislative drafts for a bill was last Friday. Mr. Tucker added that the atmosphere is more business-like in the upcoming legislative session and that there wouldn't be much partisan adjustments.

**Legislative Principles**

He discussed that there weren't any changes to the Metro principles from the last time he approached the Council. Mr. Tucker asked if the councilors had any questions or

comments on the principles.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Harrington asked if the legislation is a long session or a short session. Mr. Tucker stated that it would be a long session.

**Disaster Debris Management Sites**

Mr. Tucker shared that Clackamas County had brought forth a legislative concept to help expedite the permitting and opening of a Debris Management Sites following a disaster. He recommended to the Council that Council should support the legislative concept to help identify the potential debris site. Mr. Tucker added that when there was a disaster there would be a need for a place to put the debris. He noted that currently the Counties decided where debris would be located.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Stacey shared his thoughts and requested that there would be support in the reserves. Councilor Harrington asked to include a system to protect natural resources, mainly water quality. Councilor Craddick asked if the legislative would help every County. Mr. Tucker shared that it would be a state wide legislation if it goes through to legislation. Councilor Dominguez shared her thoughts.

**Levee Ready Columbia**

Mr. Tucker announced that there was a Levee Ready Columbia legislative that discussed drainage along the Columbia Corridor. He explained that there was Engineers trying to figure out the problems with drainage. Mr. Tucker added that that it was essential for the Columbia River to be

up to code to receive flood protection from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He noted that there was a fee collecting system that was in place. Mr. Tucker shared that there wasn't enough funding from the four governing bodies. He introduced Mr. Andy Cotugno, Metro staff for Levee Ready Columbia. Mr. Cotugno discussed the legislative recommendations.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Dominguez asked if staff sees competition with current and future bills.

#### **Producers Responsibility for Household Hazardous waste**

Mr. Tucker recalled that the bill for household hazardous waste had been in the process to pass on two different occasions. He announced that state and local government have developed services to help residents dispose waste. Mr. Tucker added that resources had been limited and not all the waste had been collected. He discussed how the additional payment had been given to the ratepayers. Mr. Tucker proposed that it was easy to purchase products so, it should be easy to dispose products. He recommended that hazardous products would be collected at the at retail stores.

#### *Council Discussions*

Councilor Stacey shared his thoughts and concerns.  
Councilor Craddick shared her thoughts.

#### **Industrial Site Readiness**

Mr. Tucker shared that Metro had joined the public and private sector to advocate for the Senate Bill 246 which gave a comprehensive review of the market-readiness of the

Portland region's inventory of industrial sites of 25 acres or more. He added that there had been several attempts to pass the Bill since the year of 2011, and each time wasn't unsuccessful. Mr. Tucker explained that the recommendation was to support Business Oregon in the request for \$5 million to support the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program and the Coalition has submitted a letter of support urging the Governor to include it in her recommended budget.

*Councilor Discussion*

Councilor Stacey shared his thoughts on the program.

**Qualification-Based Selection**

Mr. Tucker noted that the Qualification-based selection (QBS) was a selection of firms providing professional services for public projects. He shared that prior to 2012 QBS requirements only applied to local and state government agencies that received funding over \$900,000. He added that the League of Oregon Cities and the City of Hillsboro have taken the lead on legislation that offered an alternative to the QBS process. Mr. Tucker expressed that Metro would be supporting the alternative approach to the current statutory QBS requirements.

*Councilor Discussion*

There was none.

**Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission**

Mr. Tucker explained that the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) was created to monitor the financial affairs of local governments in Multnomah. He highlighted that legislation recommends that TSCC provided

oversight of Metro's budget process. He added that legislation would increase its budget cap and growth factor. Mr. Tucker recommended that Metro stay neutral on the proposed legislation since the question of revenue-raising authority for TSCC does not appear to affect Metro.

*Councilor Discussion*

Councilor Harrington added to include local jurisdictions that support the legislation.

**Brownfields**

Mr. Tucker recalled that in 2014 Metro led the creation of the Brownfields Coalition. He added that there was over 50 public, private and community organizations that participated. Mr. Tucker announced that the members were seeking solutions to the problems associated to brownfields. He acknowledged that so far the coalition adopted a four part legislative agenda for 2015. Mr. Tucker explained that the coalition members had been working to refine the bill that Metro introduced in 2015. He proposed that Metro support the creation of a state tax credit for brownfield cleanup and redevelopment and support recapitalization of the state's Brownfield Redevelopment Fund.

*Councilor Discussion*

Councilor Harrington shared her thoughts. Councilor Dominguez asked a clarifying question around tax credit.

**3:00 Councilor Communication**

There was none.

**3:10 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Bentley".

ShaToya Bentley, Council Policy Assistant