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Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Councilor Harrington called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

Excused: 2 - Councilor Shirley Craddick and Councilor Craig Dirksen

2. Public Communication

Terrell Garrett, Greenway Recycling: Mr. Garrett thanked Metro staff and Council for raising the wage of employees at the Metro Central transfer station.

Les Poole, City of Gladstone: Mr. Poole expressed concern over the growth forecasts and housing affordability in the region. He also asked Council not to support tolling of roads.

Sharon Nassett, City of Portland: Ms. Nassett, of the Economic Transportation Alliance, spoke about the Columbia River Crossing and alternative locations for the bridge. (Ms. Nassett submitted attachments with her testimony. Please see the October 4 materials packet).

Art Lewellan: Mr. Lewellan discussed his opposition to the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project and the project proposal for development of the former United States post office site.

3. Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

- 3.1 Consideration of September 27, 2018 Minutes
- 3.2 Resolution No. 18-4904, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Two Members and Appointment of a New Member to the Metro Audit Committee

4. Presentations

- 4.1 Leading with Race: Research on Justice in Washington County

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Raahi Reddy, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, to provide background on the Leading with Race: Research Justice in Washington County report. Ms. Reddy provided a brief introduction to the report and introduced Ms. Shweta Moorthy, Coalition of Communities of Color (Coalition) researcher, and Mr. Robin Ye from Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) to present the report.

Ms. Moorthy provided an overview of the Coalition's research justice vision and the goal to conduct research in service of social justice. She identified the rights of communities set out in the research justice principles and explained that at the intersection of these rights research could serve social justice with the aim to decolonize data and research. Ms. Moorthy outlined the research goals, the process for designing the research agenda and the community review process. She shared that the report was comprised of eight community narratives accompanied with data, four jurisdictional profiles and calls to action.

Ms. Moorthy shared three key findings: first, people of color have always lived in Washington county, second, the reality of people of color consists of both experiencing oppression by racist institutions and practices and their resilience to that oppression and third, communities of color are experts

in their own lived experience. She highlighted select data findings and shared community voices.

Mr. Ye commented on the research methodology as a participant and collaborator and noted that the narratives accompanying the data worked to counter dominant culture narratives. He shared his personal experience living in Washington County and discussed the ways the narratives in the report provided a context for jurisdictions to better support their communities.

Councilors read aloud data points and community voices narratives. Ms. Moorthy discussed the calls to action and explained that the calls to action held the research accountable to the participants.

Mr. Ye discussed the work of APANO in civic and public engagement and highlighted the opportunity to improve data practices particularly with the 2020 census.

Council Discussion:

Council President Hughes discussed the potential impacts of proposals to underfund the 2020 census and asked what role Metro could play in supporting good data practices. Mr. Ye pointed to opportunities for Metro to build better data practices and trust with the community. Ms. Moorthy added that repairing relationships with communities of color was a key factor.

Councilor Harrington, Council President Hughes and Councilor Dominguez discussed census data, the role of Metro's research center in supporting good census operations and the importance of just data.

Councilor Dominguez expressed her appreciation for the report. She acknowledged the ways public policy has created and perpetuated disparities and conveyed her support for conducting a report in Clackamas County.

Councilor Chase thanked the Coalition for their work and highlighted the calls to action. He discussed the importance of the report for the entire agency and how it can inform Metro's work.

Councilor Harrington discussed the power of the Coalition's research methodology and asked whether the Coalition planned to share the report with other jurisdictional partners. Ms. Moorthy confirmed that there were upcoming presentations and noted the opportunity for Metro to assist in helping the Coalition build relationships with jurisdictions. Mr. Ye noted the threat to future research and trust building with communities if jurisdictions do not respond.

Councilor Stacey reflected on his own experiences and examination of structural racism and noted that communities are the best and most reliable narrators of their own lives. He thanked Metro staff and the Coalition for their work.

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 18-4936, For the Purpose of Proclaiming October 8, 2018 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Greater Portland Area

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Cassie Salinas and Mr. Roger Gonzalez, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Salinas provided historical context on the injustices suffered by Native people and the perseverance of the

Native community in the region. She noted the Native American community in Portland is descended from more than 200 Tribes and is the ninth largest Native American population in the country. She shared the resolution's importance in recognizing and honoring this history.

Mr. Gonzalez highlighted the work needed to improve the conditions for Native and Indigenous people in the region. He emphasized opportunities for Metro to develop better partnerships and engagement practices with Native communities. Mr. Gonzalez introduced Mr. Sean Cruz, from the Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival. Mr Cruz spoke about Jim Pepper and his role in the community. He discussed Oregon's history and federal and state policies that led to genocide, family separations and systemic inequities.

Mr. Gonzalez introduced Ms. Laura John, Tribal Relations Director for the City of Portland, and Ms. Shyla Spicer, Executive Director of Portland All Nations Family. Ms. John explained that the City of Portland was recognizing the same day as Indigenous Peoples' Day and provided background on the first resolution in 2015. She read aloud the excerpts from the original resolution. Ms. John stated that passage of the resolution would be an enactment of the original resolution's intent.

Ms. John discussed the City of Portland's inaugural Tribal Nations Summit and thanked Metro for sending key staff to the concurrent training on the value of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers to Tribes in our region. She emphasized the role of improved Tribal relations in improving the prosperity of Native communities in the region. Ms. John explained that the indicators in the Coalition report reflect genocide, displacement and colonization and that working

to address racism, exclusion and inequities in Native communities would address those same issues in every other community.

Ms. Spicer shared her family's experience with invisibility in Washington County and explained that proclamation for Indigenous Peoples' Day was a significant opportunity to affirm that indigenous people were never invisible.

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

Aye: 5 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the upcoming annual Salmon Homecoming Celebration at Oxbow Regional Park.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilor Harrington discussed public comments on the economic forecast in the urban growth report and emphasized the difference between the forecast and an economic development strategy.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:45 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on October 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement
Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Report	03/2011	Third Bridge Corridor Preliminary Benefit Analysis	100418c-01
2.0	Image	10/4/2018	Ariel View of Alternate Bridge Location	100418c-02
2.0	Letter	08/29/2012	Letter from Board of Clark County Commissioners to Washington Columbia River Crossing Oversight Committee	100418c-03
2.0	Letter	11/15/2010	Letter from The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council to Ms. Sharon Nasset	100418c-04
2.0	Letter	07/23/2010	Letter from Board of Clark County Commissioners to The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council	100418c-05
2.0	Notice	09/27/2005	Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Agency Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement, Federal Register Notice from September 27, 2005 Vol. 70, No. 186 page 56523-56524	100418c-06
3.1	Minutes	10/4/2018	Council Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2018	100418c-07
4.1	PowerPoint	10/4/2018	Leading with Race: Research Justice in Washington County	100418c-08
5.1	Brochure	10/4/2018	The 6 th Annual Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival: Making the Invisible Visible	100418c-09
5.1	Brochure	10/4/2018	Making the Invisible Visible: Portland's Native American Community	100418c-10