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Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 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 call to order at: 2:03 p.m.

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, announced that Mr. Paul Slyman, Metro staff, sent an email that formally announced the Notices of Intent to Award contracts for the disposal and transportation of garbage from both transfer stations starting in January 2020. She added that next Monday, November 19th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Metro staff, Councilors, and their families, explore Washington Park institutional staff and their families, Oregon Zoo Foundation staff and board, and Oregon Zoo volunteers were invited to the Oregon Zoo lights. Ms. Bennett reminded Council that there wasn't a work session or Council meeting and Metro Regional Center is closed on Thursday and Friday.

Work Session Topics:

- 2:10 Proposed Removal of the CET Sunset Provision and Proposed Policy and Investment Framework for Cycle 7 of 2040 Planning and Development Grants

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)
[Ordinance No.18-1425](#)
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 18-1425](#)
[Draft to Resolution No. 18-4916](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[PowerPoint:2040 Grants](#)

Council president Hughes introduced Ms. Lisa Miles and Mr. Roger Alfred, Metro staff. Ms. Miles announced that she had come before Council to give an update on the progress of the 2040 grant framework. She explained that the goal of the grant program was to remove barriers to development and advance proposals for equitable development. Ms. Miles shared that wording had been change to align with

Metro's racial equity plan. She informed the council of the funding break down. Ms. Miles introduced Mr. Alfred to discuss recommended code amendments. Mr. Alfred mentioned that there was wording change in the 7.04.020 Policy and Purpose and 7.04.210 Dedication of Revenue. He added that 7.04.040 Exemptions was changed to clarify who would be served. Mr. Alfred explained that 7.04.220 Procedures for Distribution now had wording that grants may also be distributed to private entities for projects that are endorsed by a local government and in the public interest. He shared that 7.04.230 Sunset Provision was removed. Ms. Miles informed the Council of the timeline for grant cycle seven.

Council Discussion

Council President Hughes asked a clarifying question. Councilor Dominguez shared her concerns on equitable development wording. Councilor Craddick asked about regional support on the word changes of the grant program. Councilor Chase shared his thoughts. Councilor Stacey shared his thoughts.

3:10 Regional Investment Strategy: Parks and Nature framework

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Bennett and Metro Staff, Mr. Jon Blasher. Ms. Bennett announced that the parks and nature stakeholder table was finishing up the first stage of creating framework for the Parks and Nature Bond. She added that Mr. Jon Blasher had come to ask for the council's feedback of the progress that had been made for the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond. Mr. Blasher announced that the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond purpose was to connect people and nature. He gave an overview on what had been discussed within the stakeholder table. Mr. Blasher shared that the first phase of the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond would be to protect the clean water and

healthy habitat.

He highlighted the following items that stakeholders wanted to invest, prioritize and protect:

- o Protecting and improving water quality, emphasis on headwaters, wetlands, floodplains and riparian
- o Salmon, trout steelhead and lamprey
- o Culturally significant land and plants
- o Sites identified and supported by communities of color and other historically marginalized communities
- o Fish and wildlife habitat

Mr. Blasher explained that the phase two would consist of long-term community engagement. He discussed that one of the stakeholder group goals were to prioritize sustaining legacy parks. Mr. Blasher expressed the need of invest in projects that are identified and support communities of color. He added that universal inclusive design of parks and nature for current and future community needs were requested. Mr. Blasher emphasized that improving access and supporting community gatherings was discussed.

He spoke to the last phase that consisted of nature in neighborhood capital grants. Mr. Blasher conveyed that it would be similar to previous bonds but would have new expectations to community engagement. He shared that a per-capita formula was going to be used to determined funding amount per county. Mr. Blasher explained that parks providers within Metro's jurisdiction would be eligible for the funds.

Council Discussion

Councilor Chase shared that he noticed that previous conversations were included in documents. He asked what

the target areas were. Councilor Harrington shared her thoughts of the framework. Councilor Dominguez shared her thoughts about how the money would be distributed. Councilor Craddick shared her thoughts on prioritizing investments and taking care what Metro already have. Councilor Stacey shared his thoughts on trails funding collaboration with transportation. He added his thoughts on staying within the means of the \$.19/1,000 tax rate. Council President Hughes shared his observation of balance and flexibility in the framework.

4:10 Councilor Communication

There was none.

4:20 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ShaToyia Bentley, Council Policy Assistant