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Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Shirley Craddick called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:05 p.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Excused: 1 - Council President Tom Hughes

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Deputy Council President Craddick announced that two guests from the Provincial Government of West Java were present to learn more about Metro. She then introduced Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer to present her communications. Ms. Bennett explained there were two letters for Council consideration. She described the first letter as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) foreword, which was the first item in the RTP which laid out challenges as well as deliverables. She explained Council received a letter last month from Washington County school districts regarding the 2018 UGB expansions. She stated the second letter was a draft response addressing those concerns while highlighting the current and school-specific UGB expansion processes. Council suggested revisions to both letters and gave approval for Council President Hughes to sign on their behalf. She reminded Council of the Friday, December 7, City Club Forum which focused on Council President Hughes and would reflect back on the eight years he had lead the Metro Council. She mentioned the potential Parks and Nature bond coming to work session had been delayed until January in order to receive the upcoming Council's considerations.

Work Session Topics:

2:10 Solid Waste Road Map Update

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Mr. Paul

Slyman, Director of Property and Environmental Services, and Mr. Ken Ray, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, to present the Solid Waste Road Map Update.

Mr. Slyman started the presentation with a short video from 2014 which was used for community outreach. He summarized the regions solid waste system and how the roadmap changed over the years. He introduced an infographic which demonstrated the region's system of waste to the landfills, which included removing food, recovering more and converting waste to energy. He explained how questions from the public had been turned to projects staff had been working on. He went into detail about the following project topics and where staff was in the process of completion:

- Foundational work
- Food scraps capacity
- Long-term management
- Metro South Station
- Transfer station configuration
- Fee and tax policies
- Landfill capacity policy

He expressed the importance of changing the conversation, including community input. He explained staff explored advance material recovery and waste to energy in terms of new technical ways for long-term waste management. He concluded that advance material recovery would not be pursued due to the lack of market. He described the effort of receiving a health impact assessment for waste to energy, revealing it was also not worth the effort to pursue in the current climate. He explained the current capacity of Metro South Station, the study done to try to reveal improvements and noted potential sites being explored for retail. He elaborated on the transfer station configuration and how a task force was created to explore what Metro's role would

be. He recalled tonnage allocations and rate transparency had been the two outcomes of the task force that was brought to Council. He explained the transfer system configuration resulted in the effort to re-launch the Metro South Station improvements. He noted the taxing of only waste being disposed, as opposed to composting and recycling. He stated staff would be adopting average daily cover for administrating rules. He explained after 2020, waste would go to landfills in the valley. He shared exploring all these questions lead to the Landfill procurement, which was just signed by Ms. Bennett last week. He addressed the trucking and disposal contract. He presented two videos that showed the stories of workers at Metro South Station. He spoke to the Regional Waste Plan being comprehensive and currently open for public comment.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington expressed the creativity of the work that had been done, noting how staff pushed boundaries on community engagement and strategies for approaching the topic. Councilor Dirksen spoke to the complexity and challenge of the work. Councilor Craddick asked about next steps and how the future would be influenced. Councilors recognized Mr. Slyman and his entire team on the work that had been done.

2:55 Councilor Communication

Councilor Dirksen reviewed the Oregon Leadership Summit which addressed several topics of concern to Oregon in the near future. He summarized the Oregon Department of Transportation Region 1 meeting and provided a handout.

3:05 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the
Metro Council work session at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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