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Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Chase called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:02 p.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Christine Lewis

Excused: 1 - Lynn Peterson

2:05 Safety Briefing**Work Session Topics:**

2:10 Albina Vision

Deputy Council President Chase introduced Ms. Rukaiyah Adams from Albina Vision. Ms. Adams provided a brief overview of the history of the Albina community and explained the process by which African Americans and other minority groups within the area had been displaced over time. Ms. Adams noted the six values they hope to see reflected in the rebuilding of this community as: to create a place for the community to live, work, and play, to be frank and open in regard to why the community was initially destroyed, to heal ourselves and the community, to reconnect the public to the river, to integrate the arts in the process and product, and to be intentionally remarkable in rebuilding the community.

Ms. Adams introduced Mr. Tim Eddy, President of Hennebery Eddy Architects. Mr. Eddy provided an overview of the key issues and opportunities that helped shape the vision framework for this project. Mr. Eddy explained two key issues that needed to be addressed as to keep I-5 moving efficiently through the project space after construction and to consider how highway caps may be utilized to allow for more green spaces. Mr. Eddy summarized the current development plan and asked Council for any feedback.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey stated his appreciation for the Albina Vision development plan and suggested intertwining this project with Metro's Regional Investment Plans for housing, parks and nature, and transportation. Ms. Adams responded with confirmation that Albina Vision will be working in congruence with Metro's upcoming regional investment projects.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired if Albina Vision was expecting any private funding, and also asked how Metro's two major redevelopment projects aligned with this vision in terms of problems and opportunities. Councilor Craddick inquired if there had been any discussion regarding building a tunnel and relocating I-5 underground. Ms. Adams responded that while a tunnel would be more efficient, it would also increase costs dramatically in comparison to the green cap option.

Councilor Lewis stated her appreciation for the value of "intentionally remarkable". She also inquired how the interpretation of the history of the community and the river will be integrated into the project. Ms. Adams explained three ways of honoring the location's heritage would be by recognizing the past, protecting affordability, and looking to the future to include large format art installations.

Councilor Dirksen advised to keep in mind the long term goals of the project, specifically in relation to freeway reconstruction as to not limit future transportation options.

2:40 Oregon Department of Transportation Rose Quarter Project

Attachments: [PowerPoint: ODOT I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project](#)

Deputy Council President Chase introduced Ms. Megan Channel from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Ms. Caitlin Reff from the City of Portland to present on the Rose Quarter Project. Ms. Channel provided

a brief overview of the Rose Quarter Project's missions and priorities, and the surrounding community's history. Ms. Reff briefly explained the project's existing elements and goals. She further described how the Rose Quarter Project would work in hand with the Albina Vision project to increase the connectivity and livability of the area.

Council Discussion

Councilor Dirksen inquired about the differences between the ODOT proposal and the Albina Vision proposal, including whether the highway caps could be inter-connected. Ms. Channel responded that connecting the two caps would categorize them to be a tunnel, which would require drastic structural changes and increase the negative effects of construction for the surrounding community.

Councilor Stacey requested confirmation that community partners and businesses would have adequate opportunity to publicly present their suggestions for this project. Councilor Gonzalez inquired what the additional cost of widening the I-5 caps would be and how the Rose Quarter Project would impact greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental metrics.

Councilor Lewis stated her appreciation for leading this project through a community engagement lens. She also inquired about the capacity for the caps to bear load in any way, especially since even if housing is not built, a need for other facilities was apparent whether that be restaurants or restrooms.

Councilor Lewis requested for information regarding the environmental and technical assessments when they are available. Councilor Stacey inquired if ODOT would be eligible to partner with Metro's Construction Careers Pathways Project (C2P2) for the construction and execution

for this project.

Deputy Council President Chase advised that staff provide the community with opportunities to participate in this project by executing community engagement strategies, such as providing the public with stipends for their time and debriefing them in terms of transportation or planning jargon.

Ms. Teresa Boyle from ODOT added that this transportation project could be used to catalyze a future vision to change and reconnect the community to the area.

3:10 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Ina Zucker, Metro's Program Director, stepped in for Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro's Chief Operating Officer, and introduced Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro's Legislative Affairs Manager. Mr. Tucker provided a brief report regarding current legislation in the state. He explained that Metro had provided a short statement of support for Senate Bill 608 along with Clackamas County and Multnomah County. He additionally noted three upcoming legislative hearings for the Brownfields Tax Credit, the Cap and Invest Bill, and the Household Hazardous Waste Bill, and provided a brief summary of each.

Mr. Tucker further discussed the Missing Middle Housing Bill and stated that it is still under works, especially as some cities are in objection to the mechanics of the bill and how it affects their comprehensive infrastructure plans.

Council Discussion

Deputy Council President Chase inquired how the caps on environmental metrics, such as from landfill emissions, are calculated. Mr. Tucker responded that they will be reported by the ton, however, how those tons would be calculated was being reworked to be more efficient and accurate than

in prior years.

The Council stated that they are in general support of the Cap and Invest Bill's objectives, however some details needed to be explored.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired about a land use bill proposed by Senator Betsy Johnson and what affect it would have on the Metro region. Mr. Tucker responded that he would keep the Council updated as more information arose.

3:20 Councilor Communication

Councilor Stacey presented the definition of sideboards. Councilor Lewis acknowledged the Chinese New Year and stated that it was the year of the pig.

3:30 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Sam Chase adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	2/5/2019	Albina Vision	020519cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	2/5/2019	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project	020519cw -02
3.0	Handout	2/5/2019	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Map	020519cw -03