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Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Present: 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Safety Briefing

Council President Peterson called on Councilor Chase to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Chase reviewed safety information for the meeting including the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

3. Public Communication

Ron Swaren, City of Portland: Mr. Swaren discussed regional transportation issues and expressed concern over the cost to benefit analysis of seismic upgrades to the highway system as proposed by the Oregon Department of Transportation. He proposed a northern connection between Cornelius Pass Road and Columbia Boulevard and outlined the benefits of the proposed connection on traffic congestion, transit and cost. (Mr. Swaren provided written materials as part of his testimony; please see the February 7 meeting packet.)

4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Dirksen, that these items be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

4.1 Resolution No. 19-4966, For the Purpose of Approving an Employment Agreement with the Chief of Staff

4.2 Resolution No. 19-4961, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Involving Eleven Projects Impacting ODOT, Oregon City, and TriMet (JA19-05-JAN)

4.3 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2019

5. Resolutions

5.1 Resolution No. 19-4960, For the Purpose of Amending the Oregon Zoo Bond Implementation Plan to Allocate Program Reserves

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Don Moore, Oregon Zoo Director, Ms. Heidi Rahn, Metro staff, and Ms. Susan Hartnett, Oregon Zoo Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee Chair, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Rahn reviewed the major projects outlined in the 2008 zoo bond measure, stating these projects aimed to support animal welfare, increase community access to conservation education and improve sustainability at the zoo campus. She discussed the progress on each of the eight projects and highlighted key accomplishments in supporting animal welfare through including the completion of a veterinary medical center, new penguin filtration systems and the elephant lands habitat.

Mr. Moore discussed the remaining projects at the zoo campus to expand the rhino habitat and construct new primate and polar bear habitats and noted that the rhino habitat project would be funded entirely through the Oregon Zoo Foundation. He explained that the new primate

habitat would provide more flexibility and features to support natural chimp behavior. Mr. Moore discussed key design features of the new polar bear habitat including a large landscape, a salt water pool and areas to keep bears cool.

Ms. Rahn explained that the resolution would amend the currently allocated project budgets to align with the final cost estimates on the projects. She discussed the funds available in the zoo bond program contingency and close out funds to complete the projects.

Ms. Hartnett shared her commitment to the oversight committee and completion of the bond program and discussed the committee's participation in developing these final projects. She explained that the committee's unanimous recommendation to Council was reached through consideration of the committee's guiding principles including the commitments set out in the original bond measure and the zoo's conservation programming and animal welfare priorities.

Council Discussion:

Councilors thanked the oversight committee, staff and the Oregon Zoo Foundation for the progress made on the zoo bond program.

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

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the following events or items: the appointment of Mr. Roy Brower as interim Director of

Property and Environmental Services department and call for artists for Metro's Regional Travel Options program.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, the Oregon Zoo Foundation meeting, the Forest Grove Community Enhancement Grant Committee meeting, a meeting with the City of Forest Grove, the Ultra High Speed Ground Transit Advisory Group and the Young Elected Officials Network Women's Conference. Councilors welcomed Mr. Paul Slyman, newly appointed Chief of Staff, to the Council office.

Council President Peterson asked Councilors whether Metro Council should join a letter from the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization to support House Bill 2208. Councilors stated their support for joining the letter.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:47 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on February 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2019

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Handout	2/7/19	Washington County Transportation Futures Study submitted by Ron Swaren	20719c-01
3.0	Letter	2/2/17	Letter to Oregon Transportation Commission from Matt Garrett, Directed of the Oregon Department of Transportation	20719c-02
4.3	Minutes	2/7/19	Council Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2019	20719c-03
5.1	Powerpoint	2/7/19	Oregon Zoo Final Bond Project Budget Allocation	20719c-04