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Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

9:00 AM

Priority Setting Session

Multnomah County Drainage District

Council priority setting session

9:00 Welcome and Goals for the Day

Council President Peterson called the Council priority setting session to order at 9:03 a.m.

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Reed Wagner, Executive Director of the Multnomah County Drainage District, and Ms. Karen Carrillo, Public Affairs and Project Manager for the Multnomah County Drainage District, to provide a brief presentation.

Mr. Wager reviewed the history of the drainage district and discussed the district's role in flood control and land use. Ms. Carrillo explained the demographics of the residents in the district and highlighted both the number of residents in the Columbia Slough watershed and industrial jobs in the district. Mr. Wagner discussed the Levee Ready Columbia project and noted the project's goal to fund inspections and improvements of the levy and to provide a collaborative governance structure for the jurisdictions in the area.

Council President Peterson stated the objective for the meeting was to clarify Council's final budget priorities in preparation of the 2019-20 fiscal year budget. She shared that this would also provide an opportunity to identify roles for Council and staff in advancing these initiatives.

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Tobey Fitch, of Fitch Associates, to review the day's agenda. Mr. Fitch reminded Council of their January 22 priority setting discussion and explained that this discussion would allow Council to further refine and clarify their initiatives.

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

9:10 Confirm Council Initiatives Prior to Upcoming Budget

Council President Peterson called on Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett to review funding for Metro Council's initiatives in the upcoming budget. Ms. Bennett stated that given Council's direction on its priorities, she wanted to ensure that the Metro Council's initiatives (discussed at the January 22 Council priority setting session) aligned with the work program and spending plan for the next 18 months. She proposed a draft work plan highlighting funding plans, project timelines and key staff on Council's priority initiatives including the transportation investment measure, the parks and nature bond, the 2040 Vision refresh and the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. Ms. Bennett asked the Council to update and confirm the initiatives as needed, in order to ensure that desired products were adequately resourced with funding and council time.

10:30 Break

10:40 Council Discussion

Councilors discussed the initiatives and confirmed the spending plans were in alignment with their priorities. Councilors also identified liaisons for each of the priorities and discussed the role of the liaisons in communicating with fellow Councilors and advancing the work. Council President Peterson highlighted the substantial work required of Council for the transportation funding measure. Councilors noted the importance of continued guidance to staff on the housing implementation to ensure that the phase one projects are in alignment with the implementation strategies. Council President Peterson and Councilor Dirksen identified a regional role in equitable housing beyond the housing bond.

Councilors discussed the timeline for the 2040 Vision refresh and agreed that although this was a high priority for Council, Council would take up this work in late 2020 or 2021. Councilors confirmed that the initial phase of work for the 2040 Vision refresh in 2019 would concern trends in employment lands.

Councilors Craddick and Lewis conveyed the importance of the Committee on Racial Equity in Metro's work and advocated for a more formal role for the committee. Council President Peterson discussed the Construction Pathways Career Project's role in the regional investment strategy projects.

11:40 Next Steps and Debrief

Mr. Fitch reviewed next steps including upcoming strategic planning work. He led a small group exercise with Council and staff to discuss desired outcomes of Council's strategic planning work. Councilors Dirksen and Stacey pointed to Metro's six desired outcomes and their role in framing the strategic planning work. Councilors discussed the need for a long range vision and identifying key outcomes for this vision.

12:00 Adjourn

Council President Peterson adjourned the priority setting session at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Farrokhzadian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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