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Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:04 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Christine Lewis

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

2:10 Regional Street and Trail Design Guidelines

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)
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Ms. Margi Bradway, Metro Deputy Director of Planning and Development, announced that their presentation was an update of Metro's Urban Design Guidelines, also called Metro's Livable Streets and Trails Initiative. She gave a background on Metro's history with Urban Design beginning from 1996. Ms. Lake McTighe, Metro Regional Planner in the Planning and Development department, continued the historical background and expanded on the changes since 1996 in Metro's transportation policy. She noted that Metro now had outcome based or performance based frameworks for the regional transportation plan they had adopted a climate smart strategy, and they had a vision zero target, an active transportation plan, and a transit strategy. Ms. McTighe stated that the content of the final guideline draft was based on research and best practices of the field and that it followed guidance provided by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, as well as the National Association of city transportation Officials (NACTO). She gave a brief overview of the guide's timeline and she expanded on the various types of agencies and organizations that had been involved

in the technical work group that had reviewed the products and providing input.

Ms. McTighe emphasized that the guidelines linked land use and transportation worked to implement Metro's policy visions such as the 2040 Growth Concept. She summarized the components of the guidelines and expanded on the guideline's design functions and classifications. Ms. McTighe outlined the performance-based design decision-making framework. She expressed that an important part of this design process was stakeholder engagement throughout the process especially in the impacted communities nearby. It was important for these input check-ins to be frequent and documented.

Council Discussion

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez raised concerns over the capacity of the Washington County Transportation Department considering their jurisdictional coverage and whether they could meet the urban needs of a growing urban area. Ms. McTighe noted Washington County was in the process of updating their design guidelines. Ms. Bradway guided Councilor Gonzalez to *Andrew Singelakis*, Director of Land Use and Transportation at Washington County if he wanted to get involved in that process.

Ms. McTighe announced that she would discuss the guidelines with JPAC on the on March 21, 2019 and with the Policymakers Forum on April 22, 2019. Councilor Sam Chase questioned if the guidelines took into consideration changes in transportation technology such as automated vehicles, Uber, and Lyft. Ms. McTighe stated that they planned to have strong policy guidelines for such changes and that they would look into case studies to guide them. Ms. Bradway emphasized the important of curb space management. She noted that the Planning and Development department was set to conduct a mobility study around the curbside needs of the

region.

3:10 Regional Investment Strategy Bi-monthly Update

Attachments: [PowerPoint](#)

Parks and Nature

Mr. Andy Shaw, Director of Government Affairs, discussed the oversight committee that took place the day prior. He announced that Mrs. Martha Bennett, Metro's Chief Operating Officer, Jon Blasher, Director of Metro's Parks and Nature and Brian Kennedy, Community Engagement and Business Services Program Director met with Regional City County Managers the day before. The discussion was mainly around the parks and nature renewal, local options, and how that might work. He announced upcoming engagements around Glendoveer, Caneman Bluff, and Newell Creek Canyon. Mr. Shaw noted that getting feedback at the engagements would help feed into the parks nature of measure. He announced that staff would attend the work session the following week to discuss the ranges memo. Mr. Shaw shared that in April staff would bring back more information around the parks and nature measure to get approval from council to bring that proposal out and to get feedback.

Housing

Mr. Shaw announced the oversight committee had a second meeting the prior week on Monday, and they agreed on the decision-making protocol that they had been working on since their first meeting. He conveyed to Council that they would consider a resolution on the first phase one project the following week. Mr. Shaw announced that the housing team was set to hire a new Policy Manager, and that he would keep Council up to date on the process. Mr. Shaw noted that housing staff was scheduled to talk to Council April 16, 2019, to discuss the implementation strategy development, and they would present some options for the

site acquisition portion of the bond measure.

Transportation

Mr. Shaw updated Council on the progress of the last two Task Force meetings. He announced that the focus of the next planned meeting would be on corridors. After the meeting, staff planned to tier the corridors in areas that are mentioned during the meeting. Following the stage, staff planned for local partners to work with the community to start the advancement of more specific projects along those key quarters.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez questioned if the phase one projects received proportional investment as they would in phase two of the normal phase throughout the life of the bond. Mr. Shaw noted that he would follow up with Councilor Gonzalez to address this issue. Councilor Gonzalez inquired about why certain people stepped down from the Task Force. He questioned if the Councilors have a specific engagement plan for their implementing jurisdictions and how they engage city councilors, mayor's, county commissioners and the commission chair, or if that was a responsibility that was delegated to the Task Force. Mr. Shaw explained that the task was mostly for Task Force members.

3:40 Legislative Update

Mr. Shaw reported that Mr. Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager, testified the previous day on two bad land use bills. He noted that one required a local jurisdiction to expand their urban growth boundary if they found impacts of gentrification; the other would have allowed UGB expansions to create workforce housing and workforce employment. Mr. Shaw announced that Metro's Household Hazardous Waste bill, HB 2772, passed out of its Policy

Committee and that it was in the Ways and Means committee. He also announced that House Bill 2020 Carbon cap and invest still had amendments pending and that Metro staff was involved in the crafting of the amendments. He discussed the state of the TMC's (Transportation Network Companies) bill. Mr. Shaw advised that there needed to be clarification on the plastic bag ban, H.B. 2509. He noted that both sets of amendments posted a statewide fee, but required a low-income exemption. Mr. Shaw sought Councilors suggestion on whether there should be a fee on paper bags, and if it was a preemption versus a floor.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick suggested that the city should have flexibility in the ban, so they should establish a floor. Councilor Chase inquired about how the money from the ban would be captured. Mr. Shaw responded that the ten-cent fee would go to the retailer. Councilors and Mr. Shaw concluded that they would support the band, they sought a floor, and if there was a fee there needed to be a low-income exemption.

3:45 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mrs. Bennett asked Mr. Shaw to give an overview on the Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement (VFIGA) amendment. He discussed the resolution, which occurred the past Thursday, which authorized the Chief operating Officer to agree to an amendment to the existing visitor facility, trust account intergovernmental agreement (IGA). Mrs. Bennett discussed the solid waste rates item that would be discussed that Thursday before Council.

3:50 Councilor Communication

Councilor Craig Dirksen discussed the Partnerships and Innovative Learning Opportunities and Transportation (PILOT) program committee he had met with the previous Friday. The PILOT program committee focused on how to

use emerging technologies to the communities' advantage. He explained that the committee solicited for proposals from the region from organizations that had ideas on how to carry out such a project. Councilor Dirksen also announced that the Southwest Corridor Steering committee met the TriMet Southwest Corridor Steering committee that past Monday and they discussed the two issues that still came up around the locally preferred alternative and the actual alignment.

Councilor Craddick spoke about the Division Transfer Project Open House; one had occurred the previous week one at Portland Community College and the second was in Gresham City Hall. Councilor Gonzalez announced that he and Mr. Shaw presented at the Washington County Commission for T2020 and the Regional Investment Strategy.

3:55 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	03/12/2019	Regional Investment Strategy: Update	031219cw-01