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Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

2:00 PM

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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: 2:03 p.m.

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

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

2:10 FY 2019-20 Budget Discussion: Discussion of Amendments

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[Special Appropriations Fiscal Year 19-20](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Andrew Scott, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brian Kennedy, Interim Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, and Lisa Houghton, Financial Planning Manager to discuss some of the potential amendments to the FY2019-20 Budget-both substantive department amendments and technical amendments.

Ms. Houghton briefly outlined the department amendments she had received. She announced that there were 23 department amendments submitted. If approved, they would result in increases in six fund's appropriations to total \$6.5M. Increases included \$1.2M in the General fund, \$2.3M in the MERC fund, and \$1.2M in both the Parks and Natural Area's Local Option Levy and General Asset Management funds. Ms. Houghton announced that the four substantive amendments included:

- Council requested \$28,000 in additional appropriations for travel and staff development due to recent increases in staffing. There would be an offsetting \$28,000 reduction in the General Fund's

contingency.

- Finance and Regulatory Services requested \$100,000 in additional appropriations in the Risk Management fund for a cloud based software solution for incident reporting. The request was in response to a Follow up audit conducted by the Metro Auditor. There would be an offsetting \$100,000 reduction in the Risk Management Fund's contingency.
- Portland's 5 Centers for the Arts asked for approval of the \$2 million dollar Keller Stage Cooling capital improvement project. Although most of the appropriations would come from carry forwards of unspent FY 18-19 appropriations, the contingency would also be reduced by \$250,000.
- Finance and Regulatory Services requested a \$6.5M reduction in the Affordable Housing bond's debt service payments. Property tax revenues would also be reduced by a similar amount; the true interest cost of the Affordable Housing bonds issued was significantly lower than originally estimated.

She noted that there was one remaining Work Session on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, with time allotted for FY 19-20 budget. Ms. Houghton announced that Council Policy Analysts had recently completed a thorough review of the various amounts included in the original schedule's sponsorship category. The revised schedule now showed amounts categorized more accurately. The total \$3.7M did not change; only the amounts by category changed. Mr. Scott expanded on each individual amendment made by the Councilors.

Council Discussion

President Peterson mentioned that there was an overall interest in council about special appropriations and the way they were used. Mr. Scott explained that, unless there are any objections, they would bring the discussed

departments' substantive amendments and technical amendments forward for Council adoption as a block vote on Thursday, June 13, 2019. President Peterson expanded on her requests in appropriations for the Metro Conservation Corp program in the Solid Waste Fund and appropriations for membership fees for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. Councilor Christine Lewis expanded on her appropriations to support additional Community Placemaking grants. She noted that this was a request in effort to move the agency closer to their livability and equity goals. Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez expanded on his appropriations to invest in, lead and co-create a coordinated regional waste prevention promoters program with community based organizations and local jurisdictions that was built on racial equity and environmental justice. He also expanded on his appropriations to develop and implement an updated climate action plan for Metro internal operations.

Mr. Scott noted, from a general fund perspective, Metro had about \$5 million in general fund contingency, which was above Metro's policy level for general fund contingency. Councilor Shirley Craddick inquired about what the Metro Finance and Regulatory Department would want the general fund contingency goal to be. Ms. Houghton explained that Metro policy requested them to reserve 7% of the general fund which was a little less than \$5 million.

Mr. Scott expanded on the Councilor budget notes from Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Sam Chase. Councilor Lewis' budget note request was to have documented legislative intent and Council support for a regional approach to housing that included looking at needed housing at all income levels. Councilor Gonzalez's budget note request was to have documented legislative intent and Council support for 1) the creation of a coordinated, regional strategy to mitigate climate change, 2)

ensuring Metro had access to the best data on greenhouse gas emissions in Greater Portland, and 3) decreasing barriers for COBID firms and the enhancement of Metro's ability to meet their Equity in Contracting Strategy goal. Councilor Chase's budget note request was to have documented legislative intent and Council support for 1) the agency-wide community capacity support program which aimed to leverage and expand upon agency-wide community partnerships that had existed to support community capacity building efforts, and develop long term strategic partnerships in progressing Metro's work to advance racial equity in greater Portland and in the Regional Investment Strategy projects, and 2) a new program that supported funding for technical assistance to advance racial equity for implementing jurisdictions on Metro's regional initiatives.

3:10 Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Investment Measure
Corridor Prioritization

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)
[PowerPoint](#)

President Peterson called on Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro Government Affairs and Policy Development Director, and Ms. Tyler Frisbee, Metro staff, for the Transportation Investment Measure Corridor Prioritization presentation. Mr. Shaw updated Council on the other areas of the bond measure. He announced that the parks bond was ready for referral on Thursday, June 13, 2019. Mr. Shaw also announced that the Oversight Committee would continue their work on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 with more presentations by local jurisdictions. He also noted that the first Local Implementation Strategies would come to Council for approval beginning Thursday, August 1, 2019.

Mr. Shaw reminded Council of the phases of the Task Force's work. He noted that each of these phases listed would end in a recommendation to Council, and Council

would provide direction and reaction along the way. Mr. Shaw also noted that the final referral decision was Council's alone. He reminded council that the first few Task Force meetings were grounded members in Council's direction, Metro policies and Task force values. After that, they focused on identifying potential investment corridors for inclusion in the measure. Mr. Shaw also reviewed the parameters Councilors requested and their extensive direction on the measure's structure, priorities, process, risk management and outcomes.

Ms. Frisbee explained the process the Task Force used to narrow the corridor options for the best outcomes. She reminded Council the Task Force added roughly 15 more corridors for consideration and evaluation, based on local expertise and knowledge, to go through a more detailed evaluation in April 2019. She noted that staff reviewed the corridors of interest and their corresponding data to identify corridors that built on the emphasis of regional distribution, opportunity to advance transit and racial equity, and the ability to deliver investments that would mitigate climate change. Mr. Shaw explained the tiering system they used to rank the various corridors:

- Tier 1- these were corridors that the group actively wanted in the measure. The group believed that this tier would help deliver on the outcomes that were important, that would speak to the public, and would help build a better region
- Tier 2- these were corridors that could be in the measure, depending on how much revenue capacity was available.
- Tier 3- these were corridors that were still important and that still needed investment, but were probably not best suited to receive funding through this investment measure.

Ms. Frisbee reported that the Task Force's Wednesday, May 15, 2019 meeting they set forth a set of potential Tier 1 and 2 corridors based on their understanding of the Task Force's values and evaluations to that date; they continued to discuss that into the Wednesday, May 29, 2019 Task Force meeting. Mr. Shaw brought forward the Task Force's proposed Tier 1 corridors based on their discussions and direction from the co-chairs. He and Ms. Frisbee expanded on all 13 corridors in Tier 1 and provided more information about the vision and what the measure could invest in, as well as some comments from staff.

Council Discussion

President Peterson highlighted the importance of the corridors distinction between tier 1 and tier 2. Councilor Craig Dirksen added the idea that flexibility was important because not every recommended project in tier 1 was possible. Councilor Chase made note that this would require additional funding and/or staff. Councilor Craddick raised concerns because it did not appear that transit was priority and it should be emphasized. Councilor Chase mentioned that he would like to see a climate analysis added to the corridor criteria. Ms. Frisbee emphasized that Council made it clear that they would not fund a highway/freeway project, but that they would provide funding for the well-being of a community, such as the Albina community.

Councilor Lewis made transportation remarks that included her concerns about how the Task Force had struggled to narrow down corridor options. She also conveyed her support for the full suite of Clackamas Corridors. Councilor Lewis also urged Council and Metro staff to consider a plan for an aspirational transit model, a three county plan that included exploration of circulator service in underserved areas. She also noted that she had recommendations that she would share with Council and staff for the T2020 process to raise up Clackamas voices in particular and to

increase access to participation in the process broadly.

Ms. Frisbee further discussed the various corridor options in depth. Councilors had an in depth discussion to clarify issues around the Albina project. Ms. Frisbee announced that if Council supported or approved the recommendation staff brought forward at the meeting the tier 1 corridors would move forward to the local investment teams, which would then start to provide feedback on potential projects and project packages that would later go back to the Task Force in the Fall and the Council immediately after. She announced that the proposed rosters for tier 1 and tier 2 would be distributed to the local investment teams on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Councilor Gonzalez remarked that he continued to hear concerns from advocates and community members from all across the region that they did not want any fare increases in the transit system to occur to pay for the projects discussed.

3:55 Legislative Update

Mr. Shaw informed Council there was language cleanup in HB2017, the transportation package from 2017, to allow metro region to propose a vehicle registration fee that would be outside of what the counties can collect. He announced that introduced Mr. Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager, had informed him that it had passed the floor that morning. Mr. Shaw raised concerns over the progress of the household hazardous waste legislation

In regard to the City of Damascus legislation, he announced there was legislation that clarified what the legislature tried to do when it passed a bill to allow Damascus voters to vote by simple majority, rather than a majority of the registered voters in the city voting. Mr. Shaw reminded Council that the Oregon Court had ruled that the Damascus election was invalid. The court has not ruled that the city still exists; they remanded the subject back to the lower courts for further action.

4:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Scott introduced the new policy advisors and discussed background. The two new policy advisors were Ms. Anne Buzzini for Councilor Dirksen, Mr. Victor Sin for Councilor Gonzalez, and Ms. Kate Fagerholm for Councilor Craddick. He also announced that Mr. Roger Gonzalez, policy advisor to President Peterson, had stepped down from his position and had accepted a new position at Prosper Portland.

4:30 Councilor Communication

Councilor Dirksen announced he had attended that monthly Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) meeting on Monday, June 3, 2019. He noted he had received the Region ACT packet that included the list of recommended projects, which included enhance projects.

Councilor Chase spoke about the Urban Future Global Conference he attended from May 22-24, 2019, in Tusen takk Oslo. He reported that he was asked to present about regional governance and Metro's organizational structure. President Peterson announced that she had been invited to participate in a non-jurisdictional, interested citizens and jurisdictions lead initiative around affordable housing; she highlighted that this group was not led by any one jurisdiction. President Peterson noted that Councilor Chase was her alternative if she could not attend.

4:35 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	06/04/2019	Transportation Funding Measure: Corridors	060419cw-01