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Minutes

Thursday, June 20, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Safety Briefing

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Sara Farrokhzadian, Metro staff, to provide a safety briefing. Ms. Farrokhzadian provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

3. Public Communication

Courtney Scott, City of Portland: Ms. Scott, President of Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants, requested Council close the elephant exhibit at the Oregon Zoo and retire the elephants to a sanctuary. She advocated for the end of breeding and importing elephants at the zoo as well as the end of the use of bull hooks. Ms. Scott discussed the impacts of captivity on elephants and recommended alternative conservation and exhibit programs for elephants.

Nancy Shaw, City of Vancouver: Ms. Shaw read aloud a story about an Asian elephant living at the Performing Animal Welfare Society sanctuary. She highlighted the positive impacts of rehabilitation efforts at the sanctuary and noted three sanctuary locations in the United States. (Ms. Shaw submitted written materials as part of her testimony; please see the June 30 materials packets).

Annette Hadaway, City of Portland: Ms. Hadaway

responded to a letter to from Council President Peterson to Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants, explaining her observations about the elephant's behavior and habitat at the zoo. She shared her experience learning and providing elephant foot care to captive elephants in Nepal. Ms. Hadaway described the circumstances of elephant captivity in Nepal and noted that even in captivity Nepalese elephants had a longer life span than elephants in Oregon.

Diane Nauretz, City of Portland: Ms. Nauretz expressed her concern over the Oregon Zoo elephants and shared her belief that Oregon's climate was not suitable for elephants. She stated that sanctuaries were the only appropriate place for the elephants.

Colin Durfue, City of Portland: Mr. Durfue stated his opposition to animal captivity and shared his observations of elephant at the zoo. He urged Council to relocate the elephants at the Oregon Zoo to sanctuaries.

Ty Young: Mr. Young discussed the decline of the elephant population worldwide, stating the importance of large sanctuaries. He shared his observations of elephant's emotional depth and urged Council to relocate the Oregon Zoo elephants to a sanctuary.

Anne Radley, City of Vancouver: Ms. Radley stated her opposition to the Oregon Zoo elephant program, explaining the emotional depth of elephants. She discussed the use of bull hooks and urged Council to issue a public statement discontinuing the use of negative reinforcement techniques with the elephants at the zoo.

Cathy Davidson: Ms. Davidson discussed the differences in perception about the feeling of pain and asked Council to

imagine themselves experiencing a life of captivity as she described it. She urged Council to close the Oregon Zoo.

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan discussed the region's bus system, stating his opposition to the dark blue color on TriMet's buses because of the color's visibility in dark conditions and offered alternative color choices. He recommended bus rapid transit for the Barbur Boulevard corridor and discussed potential litigation for the Southwest Corridor project. (Mr. Lewellan submitted written documents as part of his testimony; please see the June 20 materials packet).

4. Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

- 4.1 Considerations of the Council Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2019
- 4.2 Resolution No. 19-5000, For the Purpose of Re-Adopting Metro Code Chapter 7.03 (Investment Policy) for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 19-4973, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2018-19 Budget and Appropriations Schedule

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Lisa Houghton, Metro Financial Planning Manager, for a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Houghton discussed the amendments and additional appropriations, explaining that this was the last of three budget amendments for the fiscal year 2018-2019. She reviewed how the additional appropriations would be used.

Council Discussion:

There was none.

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

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.2 Resolution No. 19-4984, For the Purpose of Adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-20 Through 2023-24 and Re-Adopting Metro's Financial Policies

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Lisa Houghton, Metro Financial Planning Manager, for a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Houghton explained that Resolution No. 19-4984 was a companion resolution to the next resolution on Council's agenda. She noted that the resolution would approve the capital improvement plan for five years beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020. Ms. Houghton stated that the resolution would also readopt the agency's financial policies and reviewed the proposed revisions to the policies.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Dirksen expressed his support for the capital improvement plan, noting the importance of staff's financial planning to budget for these projects.

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

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

6. Resolutions (Second Reading)

- 6.1 Resolution No. 19-4977A, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

Deputy Council President Chase noted that Council considered amendments to the budget on June 13 and held an initial public hearing on the proposed budget. He called on Ms. Houghton, Metro Financial Planning Manager, for a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Houghton explained that approval of Resolution No. 19-4977A would adopt Metro's fiscal year 2019-2020 annual budget. She stated that the budget was initially presented to Council on April 11 and approved for submission to the Multnomah County Tax and Supervising Conservation Commission (TSCC). Ms. Houghton noted that it was reviewed and certified by the TSCC on June 6 following a public meeting. She reiterated that the Council approved a series of amendments to the approved budget on June 13. Ms. Houghton informed the Council that the total budget was \$1.349 billion and included 958.71 full-time equivalent employees.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Dirksen discussed the notably larger budget as compared to last year due to passage of the affordable housing bond. Councilors Gonzalez, Lewis and Chase thanked staff, stakeholders and Councilors for their work on the budget and noted that the budget reflected Metro values.

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by

Councilor Craddick, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

6.1.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 19-4977A

Deputy Council President Chase opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-4977A and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Deputy Council President Chase gavelled out of the public hearing.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott thanked Finance and Regulatory Services staff for their work on through the budget process. He noted that the adoption of the budget marked the end of a long, collaborative planning process and thanked Council and staff for their efforts.

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation meeting, the Transportation Funding Task Force meeting and the City of Cornelius's 2019 All-America Cities finalist presentation in Denver, Colorado.

Deputy Council President Chase thanked Mr. Nathan Sykes, Acting Metro Attorney, for his leadership over the last few months as acting Metro Attorney.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:50 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting

on July 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center
in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement
Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2019

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Handout	6/2/19	Email containing Performing Animal Welfare Society May 2019 Newsletter submitted by Nancy Shaw	062019c-01
2.0	Handout	6/13/19	Drawing of the ZGF Architects Design for the United States Post Office Site Development submitted by Art Lewellan	062019c-02
4.1	Minutes	6/20/19	Council Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2019	062019c-03