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Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called the Metro Council work session called to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Lynn Peterson

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

2:10 Regional Solid Waste System Infrastructure

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)
[PowerPoint: Regional Solid Waste System](#)

Deputy Council President Sam Chase introduced Mr. Roy Brower, Metro's Interim Director of Property and Environmental Services.

Mr. Brower provided a brief overview of the three next steps for the project. He reviewed the challenges currently faced by our region in terms of property and environmental services, including outdated systems, lack of severe public and private investment, overcapacity at transfer stations, longer wait times for servicing customers, and population growth.

Mr. Brower stated the theme of the day's discussion as preparing for the future and noted key values including improving jobs, equitable access, health, environment, greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, resilience, and public services. He described the extensive community engagement conducted by the Regional Waste Plan staff and stated a few outcomes from these discussions as to focus on protecting the environment and human health, conserving natural resources, advancing environmental literacy, fostering economic wellbeing for all, ensuring

resilience of our garbage and recycling system, and providing excellent and equitable service.

Mr. Brower reviewed four goals of the project as to invest in communities, improve the system for recovery, prioritize equitable access, and to ensure quick recovery time for our garbage and recycling systems. He noted the importance of essential solid waste services provided by Metro, such as public self-haul, recycling depot, Household Hazardous Waste drop off, and commercial transfer stations.

Mr. Brower stated, as we look forward to the systems of the future, there is a need to expand public services to include education and learning center, resale/repair stores, community meeting spaces and assets, and public parks/trails. He briefly reviewed other potential improvements including greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, providing flexible spaces for the future, implementing disaster debris staging and resilience, Renewable Natural Gas fueling, electrification of truck fleets, and potential rail options to move waste to landfills.

Mr. Brower asked Council for their feedback regarding the priorities and investment areas mentioned above.

Mr. Brower provided an overview of the various investment outcomes under current consideration, including investments in the private sector, Metro's investment and innovation grant, community enhancement program, and capital improvements. He presented the 10-year timeline for regional investments within the programs mentioned above.

Mr. Brower reviewed the agenda for the next week's discussion and the next steps for the project.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick inquired of the multi-family housing

projects and the infrastructure that would be needed to support recycling within these housing units. She requested for consideration of neighborhood recycling stations. Mr. Bower responded that multi-family housing would be considered within the Regional Waste Plan, and a subcommittee or task force will be created to focus on the issue specifically.

Councilors Dirksen advised for staff to consider linking many of the program outcomes together and to organize a regional plan that could address multiple issues with minimal investment to maximize benefits. He suggested a partnership with the private sector to further Metro's impact and to consider food waste services for the future additionally.

Councilor Gonzalez requested for a community of community-based organizations to be included within the regional priorities and outcomes alongside private and public investments. He added his interest in providing new opportunities for community engagement with the addition of new Metro investments.

Councilor Craddick asked for clarification regarding opportunities for facilities to come on board in terms of recycling efforts aside from the innovative and investment grant.

Councilor Lewis addressed the need for proper engagement and clear directives as we look to the future of our property and environmental services systems. She added her appreciation for the investments in household hazardous waste sites and her interest in the role of public-facing entities in recycling education.

Deputy Council President Chase stated his appreciation for addressing the need to be patient and urgent

simultaneously within the program outline, especially as our region's needs continue to expand at an exponential rate while new technology and issues arrive at the same speed. He advised for a few areas in which Metro could be more proactive, including in removing specific kinds of waste from our streams entirely. Deputy Council President Chase reiterated the importance of including multi-family household recycling opportunities as a separate and intentional priority.

Councilor Craddick stated her interest in supporting the regions ability to process food and yard debris as one, which would reduce the food waste entering into the garbage stream.

Councilor Gonzalez stated his appreciation for capital investments, which would result in future job creation and positive economic impact.

2:55 Legislative Update

Deputy Council President Sam Chase introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro's Director of Government and Policy Affairs to provide a brief legislative update. Mr. Shaw noted House Bill 3431 had been approved out of the Senate Rules Committee and was headed to the Senate Floor. He reported on the status of House Bill 3023 regarding transportation network companies, which had been opposed by many local government entities including Metro, as expected not to pass the legislature.

Mr. Shaw stated the plastic bag ban proposal had passed the Senate and was directed to the governor. He added House Bill 2592, regarding vehicle registration fee authority, had passed the House and was being processed in the Senate.

Mr. Shaw mentioned the Household Hazardous Waste bill and its current status as being stuck in deliberation with

opposition from the private sector. He also noted a series of amendments proposed by Senator Betsy Johnson regarding House Bill 2020. However, Mr. Shaw stated there is no confirmation of the changes intending to pass alongside the bill.

Mr. Shaw reported on House Bill 2001, stating Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro's Legislative Affairs Manager, as testifying in support of the underlying goal of the bill on behalf of Metro. However, he noted Mr. Tucker would testify in opposition of the proposed amendments to the bill as they relate to housing forecasting procedures that would directly affect the Urban Growth Boundary and Metro's housing needs analysis process.

Mr. Shaw provided information regarding Senate Bill 226 concerning the status of Damascus city and stated it was on the Senate Floor for consideration. He reported on the Willamette Locks bill as currently stuck in the legislative process, and affirmed more information would be provided after further research and investigation.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick inquired of the intention of House Bill 3023 and the motives behind its initial proposal.

Councilor Stacey inquired if the organizations opposing the Household Hazardous Waste bill were national corporations and if Oregon-based companies were participating as well.

Councilor Craddick asked for clarification regarding the Willamette Locks bill and the mention of a previous discussion regarding a potential match for the project from the state.

Councilor Chase inquired of the Rose Quarter Project and

the Oregon Department of Transportation's legislation concerning updating Highway 205. He requested more information on the status of the project.

3:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott, Metro's Acting Chief Operating Officer, stated Heidi Rahn had stepped in as the Interim Deputy Chief Operating Officer and noted that the Chief Financial Officer recruitment would be up within the week. He added Mr. Julio Garcia, Metro's new Director of Human Resources, would be beginning on July 15th.

3:30 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis reported on her time speaking with an AP Environmental Science class from Centennial High School and emphasized the importance of the engaging youth through such programs. She added she would be attending Clackamas County's upcoming Coordinating Committee's Retreat, which will focus on housing and transportation.

Councilor Craddick noted the groundbreaking for Gresham's Rockwood Rising Project's Rockwood Triangle on June 12th and provided a brief overview of the project.

Councilor Gonzalez stated that he would be out of the office from June 13th to June 19th for personal travel, and from June 21st to 24th he will be in Denver to support the City of Cornelius and attend the All American Cities delegation.

Councilor Gonzalez reported on his intention to attend a workgroup, hosted by the Meyer Memorial Trust, to mobilize philanthropy for racial justice and community land ownership, models. He added that last Thursday, Centro and Washington County had a graduation for the first Latino specific recycling program in history.

Councilor Dirksen reported on his attendance of the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee meeting earlier in

the week and provided a brief overview of the committee's conversations.

Councilors Lewis reported her attendance of a meeting regarding the Oak Grove-Lake Oswego (OGLO) Bridge in Lake Oswego from Metro's 2020 Transportation Investment Measure list.

3:35 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Sam Chase adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2019

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	6/11/2019	Regional Solid Waste System	061119cw-01
2.0	Handout	6/11/2019	Regional System Needs and Priority Outcomes	061119cw-02