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Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2020

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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

2. Safety Briefing

The Council debuted a new safety briefing video that included information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers, and automated external defibrillators.

3. Public Communication

There was none.

4. Resolutions

- 4.1 Resolution No. 20-5061, For the Purpose of Organizing the Metro Council and Confirming Committee Members

Council President Peterson noted that with the new year, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez had been appointed Deputy Council President. She thanked Councilor Chase for serving as the 2019 Deputy Council President.

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

Aye: 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

5. Consent Agenda**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Lewis, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.1 Resolution No. 19-5047, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2019-20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Add Funding For the Clackamas Corridor Management and Emerging Technology Projects
- 5.2 Resolution No. 19-5050, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Project to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Involving Two Projects Impacting ODOT (DC20-05-DEC2)
- 5.3 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2019

6. Presentations

6.1 Metro Code of Ethics Audit

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Brian Evans, Metro Auditor, and Ms. Simone Rede and Mr. Elliot Shuford, Metro staff, to provide a presentation on Metro's Code of Ethics Audit. Mr. Evans introduced the audit and explained that Metro's Code of Ethics sets expectations for Metro employees, and includes a mix of guidance, policy, legal requirements, and value statements to help the organization and its employees navigate ethical questions that might arise during the course of their work. He stated that the objective of the audit was to see if there were ways to strengthen and promote an ethical culture at Metro, as well as to clarify or simplify ethical expectations for employees to make it easier to understand and respond to ethical questions.

Ms. Rede and Mr. Shuford then presented the audit results and their recommendations. They noted that the audit found that there were barriers to understanding ethical expectations and that the code did not integrate policies, legal requirements, and organizational values. Ms. Rede stated the audit's recommendation that these be better integrated to make relevant guidance easier to find. She also shared recommendations focused on improving guidance,

training, and communication. Mr. Shuford then shared recommendations related to Metro's responses to potential ethical issues, with a focus on collection and analysis of information and investigations. He highlighted the recommendation that Metro clarify roles and responsibilities for conducting investigations of potential ethical issues.

Council President Peterson then called on Interim Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott, to provide the management response to the audit. Mr. Scott reviewed the audit recommendations and outlined the agency's efforts to address the audit findings, highlighting the importance of ethics in public service.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis asked about clarifying the investigation role. Councilor Craddick asked about the timeline for protocol changes and additional audit follow-ups. Councilor Stacey spoke to the importance of having a comprehensive statement of ethical consideration. Councilors thanked Auditor Evans and his staff for their work.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Interim Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott announced that Metro would be designating a free parking day at Metro parks to honor Commissioner Nick Fish's legacy of service to parks and nature.

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Metro Council public hearing on transportation on January 13, the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC), Levee Ready Columbia, and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:44 p.m. She noted that the Metro Council would then meet in an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a), to consider the employment of a public officer, employee staff member, or individual. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on January 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

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