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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**Council work session**

**2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

**2:05 Safety Briefing****Work Session Topics:****2:10 Legislative Agenda**

President Peterson introduced Randy Tucker, Metro's Legislative Affairs Manager, and Anneliese Koehler, Metro staff, to speak on the 2020 Legislative Agenda.

Mr. Tucker noted the Metro Council 2020 Legislative Principles had not changed since they were last adopted. He announced there were limited opportunities for bills in this session. Mr. Tucker reported on legislation related to climate, climate smart strategies, and their implementation and discussed the draft legislation for Senate Bill 1530.

Mr. Tucker discussed the product stewardship program for mattresses. He stated the legislation did not pass at the end of the previous session and remarked on the disagreement around the enforceability of the program between the mattress industry and advocates of the legislation. He recalled Metro's expressed interest in passing a regional measure on product stewardship for mattresses if the state failed to pass legislation on the topic.

Mr. Tucker asked Councilor Lewis to discuss Willamette Falls Locks. She highlighted the bill's sponsorship and the positive reception it had received.

Ms. Koehler discussed House Bill 2003. She explained that the changes to this bill would require Metro area cities to do

housing needs analysis and would result in housing production strategies.

Mr. Tucker reported on legislation regarding urban growth management, transportation, and jurisdictional transfer. He noted that there was only placeholder language on topics.

*Councilor Discussion*

President Peterson asked for clarification on the funding distribution in Senate Bill 1530.

Councilor Stacey inquired about the process of notifying mattress industries on Metro's interest in drafting and passing product stewardship legislation.

Councilor Chase recommended Metro enhance the legislative principles on affordable housing.

Councilor Craddick inquired about housing needs analysis being conducted by Metro area cities.

Councilor Dirksen asked about the funding mechanisms for Willamette Falls Locks.

2:55    Clean Air Construction Standard

President Peterson introduced Jenna Garmon, Program Manager of Property and Environmental Services, and Tracy Fisher, Senior Procurement Analyst.

Ms. Garmon provided a brief overview of the previous guidance Council provided on the adoption of a Clean Air Construction Standards. She described the environmental, social, and health reasons for establishing a construction standard.

Ms. Garmon discussed the components of the proposed standard and listed the engine requirements applicability. She noted when the idle reduction requirements and engine requirements would be phased in. She added that the proposed standard included exemptions and a Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) extended timeline. Ms. Garmon listed the regional partners that were working on a regional collaborative clean air standard.

Ms. Garmon reviewed the program adoption scenarios. The first scenario would pair Metro's formal procurement thresholds of \$100,000 for public improvement and \$150,000 for other construction services with a medium to high level of support for COBID firms. The second scenario would pair a \$500,000 threshold and provide a basic to medium level of support to COBID firms. Ms. Garmon highlighted the existing funding for diesel upgrades and proposed that Metro contract with a diesel expert to receive technical assistance with the program standards.

Ms. Fisher discussed the recommendation for an upgrade fund for contractors. She noted the benefits of including an upgrade fund and reviewed the costs associated with a basic, medium, and high level of support for upgrades. Ms. Fisher listed the proposed procurement rules and procedures changes. She requested Council direction on which threshold to adopt for the Clean Air Construction Standard and what level of support Metro would like to provide to COBID and small firms.

#### *Councilor Discussion*

Councilor Stacey inquired about the status of Clackamas

County, Port of Portland, Tri-Met, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in collaborating on a regional clean air standard. He raised concerns about the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) absence in this process and asked if staff had surveyed COBID firms about their equipment use and needs.

Councilor Craddick asked about ODOT's participation in the regional collaboration and the application timeline for contractors seeking Metro funds.

President Peterson inquired about how the clean air standard would address idling. She suggested Council adopt varying threshold levels for external and internal Metro projects.

Councilor Chase asked how House Bill 2007 aligned with the Clean Air Construction Standard.

Councilor Dirksen inquired why the regional collaborative did not come up with a base standard threshold for the region. He recommended Council adopt a low threshold.

Councilor Gonzalez asked for clarification on the technical assistance provided by each scenario.

Councilor Lewis recommended a scenario for the Parks and Nature department.

President Peterson proposed Council adopt the \$100,000 threshold for internal Metro projects and the \$500,000 threshold for external projects. She suggested Council discuss the length of periodic review for these thresholds at a later work session.

3:40 Supportive Housing Services

Presentation postponed to February 18.

**4:10 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

There was none.

**4:15 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Gonzalez discussed Resolution No. 20-5067 and the Mattress Stewardship Program Resolution.

Councilor Stacey raised concerns about Hillsboro's participation in Metro's Food Scrap program.

Councilor Chase provided an update on the January 16th Here Together meeting.

Councilor Craddick announced her attendance at the Gresham Community Enhancement Program.

**4:20 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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