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Minutes

Thursday, January 30, 2020

2:00 PM

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Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Bob Stacey

2. Public Communication

Dani Boss, City of Portland: Ms. Boss testified on the Expo Center Development Opportunity Study. As Director of Sales and Marketing at the Red Lion Hotel in Jantzen Beach, she spoke to the economic importance of the Expo Center and the positive impacts it has for local businesses. She shared concerns about how local businesses would suffer if the Expo Center's model were to significantly change.

Les Poole, City of Gladstone: Mr. Poole requested that the Metro Council make a stronger commitment to a careful analysis of its financial impacts, particularly in regards to their work related to transportation issues and investments. He also shared concerns about Metro's potential transportation investments measure and its costs.

Ronald Swaren, City of Portland: Mr. Swaren testified on the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement project. He shared concerns about Metro's involvement in the projects as well as the proposed costs.

Ron Buel, City of Portland: Mr. Buel testified on Metro's potential transportation bond measure. He urged the Council to support investments that would address climate change and air pollution. He expressed opposition to funding future highway projects.

3. Consent Agenda**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Stacey

3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2020

4. Presentations

4.1 Hyatt Regency Final Project Report

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Scott Cruickshank, Director of Visitor Venues, and Ms. Hillary Wilton and Ms. Ashley McCarron, Metro staff, to present the Hyatt Regency Final Project Report. Mr. Cruickshank recognized the staff and project partners that worked on the hotel and thanked them for their contributions. He provided a brief history of the project, beginning with the opening of the Oregon Convention Center in 1990. He then gave an overview of the hotel, noting that it featured 20 meeting rooms and 39,000 square feet of event space. Ms. Wilton then presented the project's Community Construction Training programs, noting that the hotel project adopted the highest workforce social equity goals at the time. She reviewed the goals for this aspect of the project and highlighted the impressive outcomes of the project. Mr. Cruickshank then shared the forecasts of the economic benefits of the hotel and informed the Council that the Hyatt Regency was exceeding these estimates, providing significant economic benefits to the region.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed their support for the project and thanked Metro staff and project staff for all of their work. Councilors Craddick and Chase praised the model for the project, noting that it provided significant economic

development and career opportunities to the community.

Councilor Dirksen highlighted the impressive construction of the hotel and how it added to the vitality of the district.

4.2 Employment Agreement Audit

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Brian Evans, Metro Auditor, to present the Employment Agreement Audit. Mr. Evans provided an overview of the audit, highlighting the different approval processes for agreements and recommendations to improve Metro's employment agreement protocols. He shared complications that arose due to the current system, including that there were discrepancies among agreements and a lack of clarity about who had the authority to approve subsequent amendments to agreements. His recommendations were as follows: increase transparency and clarify approval authority, specify within resolutions if the approval was one-time or for future employees in the same position, specify within resolutions if approval had been delegated for subsequent amendments, analyze separation amounts periodically and compare them to appropriate benchmarks, and create and utilize a consistent process to review employment agreements and separation agreements for compliance with Metro Code and related delegated authority approvals.

President Peterson then called on Mr. Andrew Scott, Interim Chief Operating Officer, to provide the management response. He agreed that Metro should be clear and transparent with regards to the approval authority for employment agreements. He recommended that Council delegate authority to the COO to approve all employment agreements for director-level positions and above, while also clarifying the parameters of those employment agreements. He also proposed discussing these clarifications and receiving direction from Council at a future work session.

Council Discussion

Councilors agreed to discuss the recommendations further at a February work session. They thanked Mr. Evans for his work.

5. Resolutions

5.1 Resolution No. 20-5073, For the Purpose of Adopting an Agenda for the 2020 Oregon Legislative Session

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Andy Shaw and Ms. Anneliese Koehler to present Resolution No. 20-5073. Mr. Shaw explained that adoption of the resolution would approve Metro's legislative principles and priorities for the 2020 Oregon Legislative Session. Ms. Koehler then provided an overview of the principles and priorities proposed, including legislation related to addressing climate change and developing a program for product stewardship for mattresses.

Council Discussion

There was none.

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

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Stacey

5.2 Resolution No. 20-5069, For the Purpose of Supporting Statewide Product Stewardship Legislation for Mattresses

Councilor Craddick called on Ms. Pam Peck and Mr. Scott Klag, Metro staff, to present the resolution. Ms. Peck explained that approval of the resolution would support statewide project stewardship legislation for mattresses. She noted that this work was part of the recycling system improvement policy work that Council directed staff to pursue at its December 3 work session. Mr. Klag gave an overview of the state's legislation and discussed key

elements of the bill, including the significant need for mattress recycling and how the program would function, including how it would collaborate with businesses.

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick expressed support for both the resolution and statewide legislation. Councilor Dirksen asked about how mattresses were currently disposed of and why the legislation was significant.

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

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Stacey

- 5.3 Resolution No. 20-5075, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption from Competitive Bidding and Procurement of Construction Manager General Contractor Services by Competitive Request for Proposals for the Oregon Convention Center VIP Suite B and Prefunction A & C Restrooms

Council President Peterson recessed the meeting of the Metro Council and convened the Metro Contract Review Board. She then called on Ms. Gabriele Schuster and Mr. Dan Hoskin, Metro staff, to provide a presentation on Resolution No. 20-5075.

Ms. Schuster explained that the resolution would authorize an alternative procurement method for the construction of the Oregon Convention Center's VIP Suite B and Prefunction A and C restrooms. She noted that the state's contracting rules required all public improvement projects to be procured through competitive bidding, but that there were certain exceptions within the rules. She stated that the law permitted procurement through request for proposal (RFP) if the method was unlikely to encourage favoritism and would likely result in substantial cost savings and other

benefits to Metro. Ms. Schuster explained that given the complexity of the project, Procurement Services staff recommended this alternative procurement method in the form of an RFP.

Council Discussion

Councilor Dirksen expressed his support for the alternative approach as it allowed staff to address the unique needs of certain projects when necessary. Councilor Lewis asked staff to describe the complexities of the project. Mr. Hoskin gave an overview of the project, including working around the general public and events without serious impact to cost and public safety.

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

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Stacey

5.3.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 20-5075

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 20-5075 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gavelled out of the public hearing. She then adjourned the Metro Contract Review Board and re-convened the meeting of the Metro Council.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott, Interim Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the Chief Operating Officer recruitment.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis provided an update on the Oak Grove - Lake Oswego Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge policy meeting.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:31 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on February 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator