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Minutes

Thursday, November 5, 2020

2:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

2. Public Communication

There was none.

3. Presentations**Metro Response to Regional Wildfires**

President Peterson introduced Ms. Marissa Madrigal, Chief Operating Officer, to present on the Metro Response to Regional Wildfires. Ms. Madrigal reported on the fires occurring in Oregon in August of 2020. She discussed Metro's operational impacts such as suspended outdoor work at facilities across the agency, evacuations and closures. Ms. Madrigal mentioned the regional response included the opening of two shelters at the Oregon Convention Center, expo center staged Red Cross supply distribution, and debris management. She then provided information on next steps and recommendations.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez inquired how Metro could use facilities such as the Convention Center and Expo Center post-pandemic.

Councilor Lewis stressed the importance of continuing the support for Clackamas County as many were still facing hardships. She also mentioned the significance of connectivity in terms of getting residents out of hazardous areas.

Councilor Chase echoed Councilor Gonzalez’s inquiry and thanked staff for their quick response.

Councilor Stacey voiced his appreciation to staff in their response to the regional crisis.

Councilor Craddick thanked staff efforts to relocate endangered animals during the fires. She also inquired what plans staff had to protect Metro natural areas and staff within it.

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

4.1 Considerations of the Council Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2020 Minutes

4.2 Resolution No. 20-5140, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Members to the Investment Advisory Board

5. Resolutions

5.1

Resolution No. 20-5137, For the Purpose of Recognizing the Observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2020 in the Greater Portland Region

Councilor Dirksen presented on Resolution No. 20-5137. He provided a historical overview of Veterans Day to honor all Veterans. Mr. Mike Amodeo, Program Manager for Environmental Health & Safety, voiced his support of the proclamation. He shared his personal experience in helping

veterans. Mr. Amodeo shared a poem with the Council regarding the importance of recognizing veterans. Councilor Dirksen then read the veterans proclamation.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis thanked Councilor Dirksen and Mr. Amodeo. She voiced her appreciation and thanked all veterans.

Councilor Stacey voiced the importance of supporting veterans, especially during the pandemic.

Councilor Craddick spoke to her familial experience with veterans and the importance of providing natural spaces for them.

Councilor Gonzalez echoed Councilor Craddick's thoughts on the significance of natural spaces for veterans. He thanked veterans for their service.

Councilor Chase stressed the importance of supporting and providing resources for veterans experiencing hardships such as PTSD.

Council President Peterson thanked all veterans within Oregon and throughout the states.

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

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

6. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

6.1 Ordinance No. 20-1450, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter

2.19, Metro Advisory Committees, To Establish the Committee on Racial Equity

Council President Peterson introduced Ms. Raahi Reddy, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to present on Ordinance No. 20-1450. Ms. Reddy reported on the committee on racial equity, which would establish CORE as a permanent committee. She discussed the committee on racial equity impact that ranged from 2017 to 2020. Ms. Reddy urged the Council to have CORE as a permanent committee due to current circumstances and the critical advisory they provide to the Metro Council.

Council Discussion

Councilor Chase voiced his excitement and inquired the process of making CORE a permanent committee.

Councilor Lewis spoke to the importance of implementing CORE as a permanent committee.

Councilor Craddick discussed the maturity of the advisory committee and what she had learned from them.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed his appreciation for the committee and the need to make the committee permanent to hold Metro accountable.

6.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 20-1450

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-1450 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gavelled out of the public hearing. She noted that the Metro Council would hold a second hearing and vote on November 19, 2020.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Marissa Madrigal reported on the community campaign for Metro. She reminded the Council on open enrollment on benefits and discussed the post-election debrief.

8. Councilor Communication

President Peterson congratulated Councilor Elect Nolan and Rosenthal. She also thanked all staff that worked on the Get Moving 2020 transportation measure.

Councilor Gonzalez spoke to his motivation to continue doing the work for the transportation measure. He also mentioned his moderation of the Salmon Bear Trail Forum and the graduation of participants in the Recycle or Not campaign.

Councilor Lewis discussed her dedication to continue the work of the transportation measure and her attendance of the Willamete Falls Locks Commission meeting. She also mentioned the Metro employee of choice regarding benefit gaps for new hires.

Councilor Craddick thanked partners and staff for the transportation measure.

9. Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 05, 2020

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.1	PowerPoint	11/05/20	Metro's Response to Regional Wildfires	110520c-01
6.1	PowerPoint	11/05/20	Committee on Racial Equity	110520c-01