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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

**10:30 AM**

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## **Council work session**

**10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Mary Nolan

**Work Session Topics:****10:35 RID Patrol and Community Cleanup Progress Report**

Council President Peterson introduced Stephanie Rawson (she/her), Jon Mayer (he/him), Roy Brower (he/him) to present on the topic.

Staff brought up the *RID Patrol and Community Cleanup Progress Report PowerPoint Presentation*.

Roy Brower explained that the presenters are providing Council an update on the RID program and community cleanup services since the budget expansion from earlier this year. He then broke down the impacts to service levels that the COVID-19 pandemic had on cleanup programs. Roy explained how cleanup programs are bouncing back thanks to the 2021 budget increase and highlighted some of the program's current partners.

Stephanie Rawson shared updates on the RID Patrol Program expansion, cleanup data, partners and coordination, and RID Patrol's new leased facility.

Jon Mayer discussed how the increased budget has allowed WPES to support community cleanups, start the Community Cleanup Sponsorships Pilot, support community collection events and increase paint donations to support graffiti abatement.

In response to Councilor Nolan's question Stephanie expressed that RID Patrol frequently receives repeat cleanup requests and that this data is tracked. Stephanie added that RID Patrol also looks at how often they go back to the same location and that they look for information about who is dumping, in an attempt to understand the root cause of the dumping.

Stephanie responded to Councilor Craddick's questions by explaining that most cleanups are within central Portland and explained that RID Patrol is very coordinated with social services, but they don't have anyone on their team employed specifically to interact with homeless people in order to help provide services to the individuals.

In response to Councilor Rosenthal's question Stephanie explained that Washington County does not have a RID Patrol equivalent and that RID Patrol and local law enforcement agencies both issue citations.

Stephanie responded to Councilor Lewis' question by explaining that the RID team has had some transition but expects to be fully staffed by the end of this calendar year.

Jon responded to Councilor Lewis' questions by explaining that their community collection events have been understaffed and they are looking to re-staff a number of positions.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Nolan expressed pleasure with this progress report and asked staff if they track the repeat location cleanup requests. Councilor Nolan expressed that while removing trash in a timely matter is important, another

point of emphasis should be making sure trash is not dumped in the first place by understanding the root causes of why people are dumping. Councilor Nolan followed up with a final question asking if RID Patrol is taking steps to address restrictions on the program's ability to cleanup spots because of different legal obstacles.

Councilor Craddick asked staff where most of the cleanups are occurring and how much RID Patrol is coordinating with teams across Metro who approach homeless individuals to assist them with finding permanent housing. Additionally, Councilor Craddick asked about RID Patrol's work with people living in abandoned vehicles. Councilor Craddick expressed that she would like to see more work being done to educate the public about RID Patrol, especially within the City of Portland.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff if Washington County has a RID Patrol equivalent and who cites people who are illegally dumping.

Metro Council President Peterson summarized her main takeaways from shadowing a RID Patrol team last week.

Councilor Lewis asked staff if the RID team and community collection events are fully staffed.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next Work Session Topic.

#### 11:05 Redistricting Process & Engagement

Council President Peterson introduced Anne Buzzini (she/hers) and Ina Zucker (she/her) to present Redistricting Process & Engagement.

Staff brought up *Redistricting: Process & Engagement Powerpoint Presentation*.

Ina briefly summarized the previous redistricting conversation.

Anne reviewed the values and criteria that Council will be using on throughout the redistricting process, proposed a redistricting process and timeline to Council, and asked Council if staff should begin developing and implementing the redistricting process.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Rosenthal highlighted that some of the criteria is less important than other criteria, stating that prioritization and detail is important within this process.

Council President Peterson summarized Councilor Rosenthal's concerns and suggested that the Council subcommittee will deal with prioritizing these criteria.

Councilor Nolan explained that criticality of different criteria must be discussed by Council and that they currently have too many criteria being considered.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed that not segmenting communities of color while redistricting is very important.

Councilor Craddick highlighted that it is important for neighborhood associations do need to be considered especially in Gresham and Portland and supports taking school districts into consideration to try to keep them as intact as possible.

Councilor Lewis reflected that Council is ready to move forward with this process as quickly as possible and stressed the importance of considering communities while redistricting.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next Work Session Topic.

#### 11:50 2020 Census Data Presentation

Council President Peterson introduced Clint Chiavarini (he/him) and Margi Bradway (she/her) to present on the topic.

Staff brought up *Redistricting Initial 2020 Census Data PowerPoint Presentation*.

Margi explained that this presentation is to summarize the data that came from the 2020 census.

Clint explained Public Law 94-171 and what data is available from the census so far and takeaways from the 2020 census. Clint specifically looked at population growth within counties, cities, and Council districts and broke down this growth by race/ethnicity. Clint then discussed changes in districts since 2010 and presented a few discussion questions to Council.

In response to Councilor Rosenthal's question Clint expressed that they are not sure how accurate this census data is, however, the numbers are in line with the American Community Survey implying that the margin of error for these numbers is relatively small.

*Council Discussion*

Metro Council President Peterson asked about what data points have been used in past redistricting processes.

Councilor Nolan highlighted that council should be mindful of existing zoning and urban reserves in redistricting decisions.

Councilor Lewis expressed that Council should consider housing data that is available while redistricting.

Councilor Rosenthal agreed with both Councilor Nolan and Lewis and asked staff about the accuracy of the data presented.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next Work Session Topic.

#### **12:20 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

Heidi Rahn is the new Oregon Zoo Director.

#### **12:25 Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

Rosenthal observed that his district will be within the new congressional district.

#### **12:30 Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2021**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	PowerPoint	10/05/21	RID Patrol and Community Cleanup Progress Report PowerPoint	100521cw-01
<b>2.0</b>	PowerPoint	10/05/21	Redistricting Process & Engagement PowerPoint	100521cw-02
<b>3.0</b>	PowerPoint	10/05/21	Redistricting Initial 2020 Census Data PowerPoint	100521cw-03