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Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021

10:30 AM

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This Council Meeting will adjourn to a Work
Session.

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Council meeting
&
Work Session

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Craddick called the Metro Council meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Public Communication

Deputy Council President Craddick opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.

Chris Smith on behalf of No More Freeways reflected on the MTIP amendment that was discussed in Tuesday's work session and expressed concern about ODOT's assertion that they will manage greenhouse gasses by reducing congestion. Chris argued that VMT is the metric that must be kept track of in order to understand the levels of greenhouse gases emitted.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Craddick moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Presentations**3.1 Emergency Management Follow-up Audit Presentation**

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Brian Evans (he/him) and Angela Owens (she/her) to present on the topic.

Auditor Evans explained why the Auditor's Office performed the follow up audit that was done on Metro's preparedness for emergency management.

Angela summarized the status of the recommendations made by the Office of the Auditor after the initial audit in 2018, then discussed two potential improvements that were identified during this follow up audit.

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal (she/her) responded to Auditor Evans and Angela's presentation by expressing appreciation for the initial and follow up audits and briefly discussed what the emergency management team have recently implemented.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal asked if Council has the ability to declare a regional emergency or disaster and asked if the audit investigated emergency shelter.

In response to Councilor Rosenthal's questions Auditor Evans expressed that he is not sure as to what extent Metro can declare a regional emergency and explained that this follow up audit did not look at emergency sites.

Marissa also responded to Councilor Craddick's question explaining that Metro is able to declare an emergency but this only pertains to Metro's government and does not extend to the community.

Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren (she/her) confirmed Marissa's explanation, reiterating that Metro can declare an emergency for itself and its operations.

Councilor Rosenthal followed up by asking if the state distinguished physical and health emergencies.

Marissa responded to Councilor Rosenthal's follow up

question by explaining that there are distinctions between different types of emergencies that are declared.

Councilor Lewis encouraged Council to have a discussion about what Councilors' roles are in emergencies and believes that Councilors should have had a better communication response during recent regional emergencies to help residents within the region understand what Council was doing and what resources are available.

Deputy Council President Craddick asked staff if they have plans to present to Council about this information again.

Auditor Evans responded to Deputy Council President Craddick's question by explaining that typically the Office of the Auditor only follows up once but expressed that they may need to reassess the frequency of follow ups.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Craddick moved on to the next agenda item.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting minutes for September 30, 2021.

5. Resolutions

5.1 Resolution No. 21-5210, For the Purpose of Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of Metro Councilor for Council District No. 6

Deputy Council President Craddick called on Ina Zucker (she/her) to present to Council.

Ina explained the process of filling Councilor Stacey's seat and highlighted that Council will finish the redistricting process before moving into the process for appointing Councilor Stacey's successor.

Council Discussion:

Deputy Council President Craddick asked staff about the interview process and if Council will put together a group of interview questions.

Ina responded to Deputy Council President Craddick's question by explaining that details about that the interview process are up to Council.

Councilor Lewis asked about the public notification process and what channels Council has control over to get word out about this opening.

Ina responded to Councilor Lewis' question by explaining that the list of communication that Ina discussed in her presentation is the minimum outreach that must be performed by Council and any extra communication can be performed by Councilors.

Councilor Nolan expressed concern about announcing the open seat when the redistricting process is still ongoing and wants Council and staff to give adequate time after district lines are approved to spread notice of the open seat. Councilor Nolan followed up by explaining that by releasing the application for District 6's open seat while District 6's boundaries are not yet set, Metro is putting some applicants at a disadvantage. Councilor Nolan hopes that this will act as incentive for the redistricting subcommittee to work in a timely manner.

In response to Councilor Nolan's comment Ina expressed that staff is considering the conflicting timelines between redistricting and announcing Councilor Stacey's open seat.

Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren (she/her) explained that districts will be finalized before any applications for District 6's open seat are due.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

6. Ordinances (Second Reading)

6.1 Ordinance No. 21-1469A, For the Purpose of Establishing Criteria for Metro Council District Reapportionment and Declaring an Emergency

Deputy Council President Craddick stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 21-1469A took place on Thursday, October 14 and introduced Anne Buzzini (she/her) to present on the Ordinance.

Staff made themselves available for questions.

Staff pulled up *Ordinance No. 21-1469A Proposed Amendments PowerPoint*.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal presented an amendment to Ordinance No. 21-1469A to insert "WHEREAS, the 2020 U.S. Census identified the Metro population as 1,670,601, thereby establishing an average district population of 278,434" in order to add clarification and useful information.

Deputy Council President Craddick called for a motion to amend Ordinance 21-1469A to include "WHEREAS, the 2020 U.S. Census identified the Metro population as 1,670,601, thereby establishing an average district population of 278,434".

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Nolan, that Resolution 21-5174A be amended to include "WHEREAS, the 2020 U.S. Census identified the Metro population as 1,670,601, thereby establishing an average district population of 278,434". The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

Councilor Lewis asked if the average in the amended whereas clause is the same as what is stated in the original ordinance.

Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren responded to Councilor Lewis' question by confirming that the calculation used in the whereas clause is the same that is annunciated later in the ordinance.

Councilor Rosenthal presented a second amendment to Ordinance No. 21-1469A to move (b) school districts to (g) in order to provide clarity on Metro's priorities for the redistricting process.

Deputy Councilor President Craddick called for a motion to amend Ordinance 21-1469A to move (b) school districts to (g).

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that Resolution 21-5174A be amended to move (b) school districts to (g).

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this Ordinance was adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

7. Adjourn to a Work Session

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Craddick adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:28 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Craddick called the Work Session to order at 11:45 a.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Work Session Topics:

2.1 Supportive Housing Services Resolution Report

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Patricia Rojas (she/her) and Nui Bezair (she/her) to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up *Metro Regional Supportive Housing Services Powerpoint Presentation*.

Patricia introduced the presentation, explained the Affordable Housing Bond and Supportive Housing Services (SHS) and explained how this fits in their goal of ending homelessness in the region.

Nui provided context for homelessness in the region, summarized causes of homeless and the scale of homelessness.

Patricia explained COVID's effects on homeless visibility in the region and impact reduction services. She then summarized SHS's projected year one goals and winter strategy and progress made with the Metro Affordable Housing Bond.

Nui explained that SHS is building a system of care to eliminate homelessness and summarized shelter's role in the housing crisis response system by looking at how many shelter beds are needed in a community, who shelter serves and where people go after shelters. Nui then looked at outflow of homelessness and into housing by looking at, factors that effect outflow, how outflow can effect shelter availability, stressed the importance of balance between shelter inflow and outflow, highlighted the regional shelter capacity by county, and summarized strategies for how SHS is bringing resources to meet the needs of homeless individuals.

Patricia highlighted Metro owned sites that could be used for shelter purposes and explained three staff recommendations for Council.

Council Discussion

Deputy Council President Craddick requested that Federal, State and Tribal Affairs Legislative Agenda be tabled to a future date in the interest of time and summarized Patricia and Nui's presentation.

Councilor Nolan asked staff if they are confident that Metro is on a path that gets the region to functional zero for homelessness within 10 years.

Patricia responded to Councilor Nolan's question by stating that she is confident that SHS is moving in the right direction towards ending homelessness, however there are a number of significant factors that could make it more difficult to get to homelessness to functional zero.

Councilor Gonzalez asked staff how many people are Metro going to be able to serve who are outside right now, stressed the importance of getting the tri-county regional advisory committee up and running and asked about timing for other supportive services like mental health and drug addiction support.

Patricia responded to Councilor Gonzalez's question by explaining that she does not know what number of people SHS will be able to help who are outside right now but Patricia highlighted that SHS increasing shelter capacity by 40% will have a significant impact on helping people this winter.

Councilor Lewis expressed that the lack of coordination within the region to get available eviction prevention dollars out to those that need them is a major problem and stated that she would like more information about how many people are providing supportive services.

Councilor Nolan agreed with Councilor Lewis' comments about the importance of coordination within the region and stressed the importance of recognizing individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless. Councilor Nolan also asked staff about the costs to perform a PIT count so Metro can have more accurate data and thanked staff for the work and presentation.

Deputy Council President Craddick requested that this discussion continue at a later date and explained the community needs more information about Metro's plans to limit homelessness. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Craddick moved on to the next agenda item.

2.2 Federal, State and Tribal Affairs Legislative Agenda

Deputy Council President Craddick requested that Federal, State and Tribal Affairs Legislative Agenda be tabled to a future date.

3. Chief Operating Officer Communication

There were none.

4. Councilor Communication

There were none.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Craddick adjourned the Metro Work Session at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stellan Roberts

Stellan Roberts, Legislative Assistant

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4. Consent Agenda

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Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting minutes for September 23, 2021.

5. Resolutions

5.1 Resolution No. 21-5210, For the Purpose of Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of Metro Councilor for Council District No. 6

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

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- 6.1 Ordinance No. 21-1469A, For the Purpose of Establishing Criteria for Metro Council District Reapportionment and Declaring an Emergency

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this Ordinance was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PowerPoint	10/21/21	Supportive Housing Services Resolution Report Presentation PowerPoint	102121c-01
2.0	PowerPoint	10/21/21	Ordinance No. 21-1469A Proposed Amendments PowerPoint	102121c-02