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Minutes

Thursday, December 9, 2021

10:30 AM

**<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

2. Public Communication

There was none.

3. Presentations**3.1 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Audit Presentation**

Council President Peterson introduced Metro Auditor, Brian Evans (he/him), Principal Management Auditor, Simone Rede (she/her) and Senior Management Auditor, Nicole Pexton (she/her) to present on the item.

Staff gave a brief overview of the history of the introduction of “equity” as a component of Metro values and practices over the course of the last 15 years.

The audit found that Metro has made progress on most of the strategic plan efforts. Results of the audit were broken down into two subcategories: 1) Implementation of the Strategic Plan and 2) the Plan’s Objective to Increase Workforce Diversity.

Implementation of the Strategic Plan

A sample of action items were reviewed. Findings indicated that actions and responsibilities were not clearly defined, impacting Metro’s ability to fulfill them. Resources to fulfill actions were unable to be clearly tracked as a result.

Recommendations by staff include: 1) assign responsibilities for actions to specific units or roles, 2) define when actions

are complete and what is expected, and 3) establish a consistent method of monitoring resources to quantify actions.

Plan Objective: Increase Workforce Diversity

Findings indicated that information was limited to assess results. Other data sources were used to analyze results-2016 demographic makeup of Metro vs. demographics of the population. Recommendations by staff include: 1) increase Metro's accountability to communicate information to the public, suggesting that the DEI program develop objectives and report results annually 2) identify whether new strategies are needed and consult best practices for innovations, and 3) reestablish CORE sub-committees.

Marissa Madrigal responded with management's intentions to establish more structure in response to the auditor's office findings.

In response to a questions asked by Councilor Craddick Marissa noted that various departments-even if they have yet to establish their own DEI Plan-factor Metro's strategic framework (inclusive of the "Equity" value) into their processes. Raahi Reddy further explained that every department is expected to establish a Racial Equity Plan specific to their department.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis expressed concerns regarding the recommendation to re-establish CORE sub-committees, citing their autonomy as a body. Staff assured councilors that a briefing with CORE is in motion and clarified their understanding of CORE and Metro staff.

3.2 Parks and Nature Presentation on Annual Report

Council President Peterson introduced Parks and Nature Director, Jon Blasher (he/him) to present on the item.

Staff pulled up the *Parks and Nature Annual Report Powerpoint Presentation*.

Staff covered how previous investments (the 2006 Natural Fund, 2019 Fund Measure, and the Parks and Levy Renewal) have supported restoration and maintenance of trails, park improvements, community education and stewardship, community investments; diversity, equity and inclusion; protecting land, historic cemeteries, and honoring those at Block 14. Staff reviewed a breakdown of the total spending and touched on projects moving forward.

Staff fulfilled a request by President Peterson to review expectations (in terms of acceleration) that may be coming down the line now that a foundation for that work has been established.

Councilors commended staff on their hard work and excellent communication with partners.

Council Discussion

There was none.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Councilor Gonzalez

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2021
- 4.2 Resolution No. 21-5223, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to issue a renewed Non-System License jointly to Willamette Resources Inc. AND Republic Services of Clackamas and Washington Counties to transport food waste to the pacific region compost facility located in Benton county, Oregon
- 4.3 Resolution No. 21-5226, For the Purpose of Confirming Appointments to the Metro Committee on Racial Equity
- 4.4 Resolution No. 21-5224, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President's Appointments of Omar Qutub as Public Member and Elizabeth Amaira Streeter as Alternate Public Member of Multnomah County to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)
- 4.5 Resolution No. 21-5227, For the Purpose of Reappointing Members to the Metro Supportive Housing Services Regional Oversight Committee

5. Ordinances (Second Reading)

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 21-1466, For the Purpose of Repealing Metro Code Chapter 7.03

Council President Peterson called on Caleb Ford, Metro Deputy Chief Financial Officer, to present on the ordinance.

Staff reviewed language and technical changes from previous years. Staff summarized changes resulting from recommendations by the Investment Advisory Board.

Council Discussion

There was none.

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

Aye: 4 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Nolan

Excused: 1 - Councilor Gonzalez

Abstain: 1 - Councilor Rosenthal

6. Resolutions

6.1 Resolution No. 21-5207, For the Purpose of Adopting the Metro Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Council President Peterson reiterated that Caleb Ford, Metro Deputy Chief Financial Officer, remains available for any further questions on the resolution.

Council Discussion

There was none.

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

Aye: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Councilor Gonzalez

6.2 Resolution No. 21-5214, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President's Appointment of 3 Commissioners to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

Council President Peterson called on Kristin Dennis (she/her), Chief of Staff to the Metro Council, to present on the resolution.

Kristin summarized the purpose, formation, and composition of the MERC Commission. Kristin noted that staff expect to return to Council in January with a nominee from Clackamas County.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis wished to recognize the importance of MERC as a body and called out the importance of the work still to be done to fill out the commission body with Clackamas County's recruitment in the new year.

Councilor Craddick reiterated Councilor Lewis' recognition of the body and expressed support for the three individuals who were nominated. She further asked what sort of framework was provided to Clackamas County regarding a nominee. Staff noted that they did not have that information currently, but would provide it directly.

President Peterson spoke to the value of MERC and thanked them for all their hard work.

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

Aye: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Councilor Gonzalez

- 6.3 Resolution No. 21-5231, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Extend the Short-Term Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Agreement with Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas Counties to Implement the Metro Supportive Housing Services Program

President Peterson called on Kristin Dennis (she/her), Chief of Staff to the Metro Council, and Shane Abma, Metro Assistant Attorney, to present on the resolution.

Kristin explained the necessity of the resolution while active negotiations are underway, citing January as a potential deadline for a long-term agreement.

Council Discussion

Councilor Nolan expressed their concerns regarding the continued extension and sought an update on what progress had been made. Staff noted that there are some outstanding items that are still being worked through. In response to a question regarding the ordering of endorsements of the IGA staff clarified that this ordering has not yet been established and that they are happy to take direction.

Councilor Craddick identified that it has been 7 months since the money backing this agreement began flowing, and that she is concerned about this length of time. She also expressed wanting an update on how these funds have been used in the interim. President Peterson and Patricia Rojas confirmed that an update would be coming in January.

Councilor Lewis noted that wind-down provisions are not a priority, and that if they must be negotiated further down the road in order to ensure the IGA is finalized shortly then she would welcome that. She further encouraged the county negotiation staff to meet Metro's degree of haste with respect to finalizing this IGA during the negotiations to take place on the 15th.

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 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

Excused: 1 - Councilor Gonzalez

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following

events or items:

- Update on the Ridwell Subscription Recycling Application
- Regional Refresh Fund

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- MPAC

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shay Starling, Legislative Assistant