



Present: Mayor Lou Ogden; Councilor Frank Bubenik; Council President Joelle Davis; Councilor Nancy Grimes; Councilor Paul Morrison; Councilor Jeff DeHaan; Councilor Robert Kellogg

Staff Present: City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Police Chief Bill Steele; Finance Director Don Hudson; Deputy City Recorder Nicole Morris; Assistant to the City Manager Tanya Williams; Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon; Management Analyst II Zoe Monahan; City Engineer Jeff Fuchs; IS Director Bates Russell; Human Resources Director Stacy Ruthrauff

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

### 1. ***SW Corridor Equitable Development Strategy.***

Metro Southwest Corridor Project Manager Chris Ward provided a brief over on the light rail portion of the project. He spoke to extensions and added stops as well as station connections. The project is currently under the Federal Environmental Review process which looks at the ecological and human environmental impacts. The study will provide significant impacts and benefits of each alignment to help determine a local preferred alignment (LPA).

Metro Staffer Brian Harper spoke to the funding sources for the project. He stated one of the key focuses is to evaluate what the quality of life will be for the area after the investment is made. Project outcomes include development of the Southwest Corridor Equitable Development Strategy (SWEDS) which will identify risks and opportunities for placement in the corridor through community driven committees. The Regional Quality of Life (RQL) standard will also be developed which helps to understand the quality of life provided by housing, jobs, education, and service accessibility in the area. Mr. Harper explained the five work components including partnerships and community profiles, corridor and subarea analysis, strategy development and implementation, presentations, and project review.

Mr. Ward spoke to the RQL for the area and the analyses that are being completed to determine the factors. He stated Tualatin is a major job center and will be studied to help improve access to jobs in the region.

Councilor Bubenik asked how the lessons learned from the impact to housing in the Milwaukie area would be used and applied to this project. Mr. Harper stated people who were part of the Milwaukie project are included in the work groups to help share their insights.

Councilor DeHaan asked about the grant funding received. Mr. Harper stated the

project received \$895,000 from the federal government. Councilor DeHaan asked how that funding is being spent. Mr. Harper stated a third is going into analytics for the project, a third to housing costs, and a third is being held back for community groups and pilot projects.

Councilor Bubenik asked what the boundaries for the impact studies are. Mr. Harper stated the same project boundaries for the Southwest Corridor are being used as they exist today.

Mayor Ogden asked about gentrification in the area and what techniques are being used to help with displacement. Mr. Ward stated the City of Portland is looking at purchasing already affordable housing and publicly subsidizing it. Mr. Harper stated they are also working with the Meyer Memorial Trust to look into naturally affordable housing and investments.

Councilor Kellogg joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

## **2. Council Rules.**

Council President Davis provided the Council with a draft of the Council Rules as prepared by the sub-committee. The sub-committee is looking for feedback from the Council. Councilor Kellogg added the rules were drafted based on the League of Oregon Cities model for Council Rules. The committee went through the model and removed items that didn't apply and added items from the Charter, Council aspirations and goal setting sessions, and past practices. They also reviewed other cities rules as examples. Council President Davis stated the draft rules as presented have been reviewed by the City Attorney and meet all requirements set forth by the Charter and State Law.

Councilor DeHaan asked if it is common for Councils to have this type of document. Councilor Kellogg stated larger cities do. Councilor Bubenik added many cities have them not so much as rules but as a guiding document to help new councilors understand the processes and basics of how the Council and city runs.

Councilor Morrison stated he found the document difficult to interpret the difference between a rule and the charter. He would like to see clarification in the handbook on the difference between the two items.

Mayor Ogden stated he felt overwhelmed by the length of the document. He stated the prescriptive language used throughout felt heavy. He concurred with Councilor Morrison in that he would like to see what is charter vs. council rule more clearly defined. He spoke to his concerns with Councilor benefits. He stated he would like to see the per diems for Councilor expenses removed and replaced with reasonable judgment. Mayor Ogden stated he would like to see Robert's Rules of Order used more as a guide for how to govern and less of a mandate.

Councilor Grimes disagreed with the Mayor on the removal of the per diems for Councilor expenses. She stated there needs to be some limits set around expenses.

Councilor Kellogg stated the rules provide advice and guidance to Councilors. They are merely advisory rules. He added the travel policy for Councilors was a direct

copy of the travel policy from the personnel manual for employees.

Councilor Grimes stated she would like to see clarification in the section regarding media statements. She expressed desire to have an order of who gets to express the Council's opinion to the media. Council President Davis stated she felt any member of the Council should be able to talk to the media as long as they are clear when it is their personal opinion and when it is an opinion of the Council.

Councilor DeHaan asked if there was an assessment of the dollar figures of the Council benefits. Council President Davis stated the committee only documented what is currently in place.

Mayor Ogden asked for clarification on the report for reimbursements over \$250 dollars. Councilor Bubenik stated it is a report of activities so citizens can better understand the value and benefits of conferences and events the Council is attending.

The Council decided to continue discussion on the draft rules at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **3. *Climate Cities.***

Council President Davis presented a proposal to join the US Climate Mayors. She explained the background and premise of the group. Noting there is no financial commitment to join, just a commitment to work locally towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions and uphold the Paris Climate Agreement. She provided a template resolution if the Council chooses to join.

Councilor Bubenik asked if there would be additional staff work needed to meet the commitments of the group. City Manager Lombos stated there is no binding commitment by joining. She did add the items you commit to are not currently part of the City's work plan.

Councilor DeHaan stated he is unsure of where this fits into the Council's goals and visions at this time.

Councilor Bubenik stated since the commitment is non-binding he is supportive of joining the group.

Mayor Ogden stated he doesn't believe Council or staff have the capacity to stay connected to the group and is not interested in joining at this time.

Council consensus was reached to continue to the discussion at a future work session when more research could be completed by Councilors.


### **4. *Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.***

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The work session adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

 / Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

 / Lou Ogden, Mayor