



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Lou Ogden; Councilors Chris Barhyte, Monique Beikman, Joelle Davis, Jay Harris, and Ed Truax; Councilor Donna Maddux (*participated by telephone until 6:30p*)

STAFF

PRESENT: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager; Paul Hennon, Community Services Director; Dan Boss, Operations Director; Mike McKillip, City Engineer; Kent Barker, Police Chief; Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Senior Planner; Doug Rux, Community Development Director; Nancy McDonald, Human Resources Director; Carina Christensen, Assistant to the City Manager; and Maureen Smith, Recording Secretary

The special work session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Operations Center.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operations Director Dan Boss gave a brief update on the parking lot project and gave a brief tour of the lot and what's been happening at Operations.

Community Development Director Doug Rux gave a brief update on the Herman Road project.

2. ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. *Strategic Management Plan*

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos gave a brief update and distributed the Strategic Management Plan.

The Plan includes the proposed long-term five year goals done by the Council at their retreat. A progress report of the Plan on the performance objectives was reviewed which is broken into categories that include: *completed, underway, ongoing* and *not started*.

Councilor Harris mentioned Objective 1.8 and has spoken with officials at the recent Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) C4 retreat, and that it could be a possible project that could be accomplished as there is money available and if other jurisdictions are interested. Mayor Ogden cautioned before asking for follow through, with the amount of funding that may be involved and staff time, Council should make sure what it really involves before giving an assignment to staff

On Objective 2.1, Complete the Town Center Plan, Mayor Ogden commented on his continued interest in redevelopment being located by the river, and is a big issue for him. Mr. Rux explained that buildings would not be able to be up against the river, what with setbacks, etc. It was still an interest expressed by Mayor Ogden to have the redevelopment as close to the river as possible.

Ms. Lombos continued the review of the objectives that are currently underway.

Councilor Harris mentioned the issue of "meth" use that had been brought before Council a few years back and whether it is continuing its widespread use. Councilor Maddux said meth use is down as opposed to a few years ago. It is still a problem but not to the extent it was.

Councilor Barhyte said as councilor he would like to see the Police Department's Community Response Unit (CRU), in place that was able to work on these types of issues with the community. Police Chief Barker explained the unit has not been up and running for three years due to staffing issues, and those officers were needed elsewhere. Ways to enhance recruitment efforts were mentioned and what it would take to get the CRU going again. Ms. Lombos said this is a discussion for the upcoming budget process.

Councilor Maddux left the meeting (telephonically at this point)

Ms. Lombos continued with review of the ongoing objectives, and distributed a new budget calendar. The budget process will be starting soon and the point of tonight's discussion on the work plan feeds into the budget process. Mayor Ogden asked staff what would be a workable methodology of when to revisit this work plan, a "check in" type of process. Ms. Lombos said as items are brought up there will be conversations with Council about work load, etc., and that it is really an ongoing process.

B. Metro's Strategies for a Sustainable and Prosperous Region

City Manager Lombos said Metro released their report, a 700+ page document, with comments due by October 15, 2009. Ms. Lombos distributed the report, which focuses on six attributes, in particular "suburbia". Discussion followed, and Council expressed their views of Metro, and to raise Metro's awareness of cities' real livability issues - people really do want to live in suburbia.

Councilor Harris left at this point in the meeting.

Ms. Lombos reviewed various points made in the Metro document and discussion followed. Staff will return to Council at the October 12, 2009 meeting and present a compilation of Council's comments to present to Metro by the October 15, 2009 deadline.

Senior Planner Aquilla Hurd-Ravich presented a PowerPoint on Metro's "Making the Greatest Place". Strategies for a sustainable and prosperous region were reviewed, 1) Make the most of what we have; 2) Protect our urban growth boundary; and 3) walk our talk. Population forecast was reviewed and the projections for 2050 to 2060 in the three county area. Numbers for employment for the seven county area was also reviewed. Discussion continued on employment figures.

Aspirations and investments were reviewed, and Ms. Lombos said this is part of the City's response to Metro. An "Investing in Great Places" matrix created by Metro was reviewed, which included a matrix for Town Centers, Corridors, and Employment.

The next focus was Urban and Rural Reserves. Discussion on how Metro arrived at their calculations, and the seven factors used to determine the dwelling units in the reserves areas. This is another issue that will be brought back before Council at the next meeting to forward comments on to Metro, providing a specific map, and coordination with Sherwood.

C. *Regional Transportation Plan Update*

City Engineer Mike McKillip presented a PowerPoint on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and how it ties into Metro's "Making the Greatest Place" sustainable and prosperous region. Vibrant communities, economic prosperity, safe and reliable transportation, leadership on climate change, clean air and water, and equity

Strategies for a sustainable and prosperous region include: make the most of what we have; protect our urban growth boundary; walk our talk; make transportation investments that increase safe, affordable and convenient travel options for everyone and help the region's businesses and industry remain competitive

Mr. McKillip reviewed the six RTP components; 1) regional street design; 2) regional streets and throughways system; 3) regional transit system; 4) regional bicycle system; 5) regional pedestrian system; 6) regional freight system. Mobility corridors are looking at the entire regional area, not only at freeway but parallel facilities/connections.

Next steps of the plan were reviewed, with the public comment period ending on October 10, 2009, to consideration of a final adoption of the RTP by ordinance June, 2010.

Brief discussion on "connectivity" in Tualatin. The northern arterial out, and consider alternative alignments, 124th Avenue improvements, with five lanes at \$82 million also in the plan. Discussion followed and it was noted Tualatin was asked by Tigard on thoughts regarding the Hall Boulevard extension.

Discussion concluded.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The special work session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

Recording Secretary 