



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

Absent: Councilor Robert Kellogg

Staff City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Police Chief Bill Steele;

Present: Planning Manager Aquilla Hurd-Ravich; Deputy City Recorder Nicole Morris; Assistant to the City Manager Tanya Williams; Parks and Recreation Manager Rich Mueller; City Engineer Jeff Fuchs; IS Director Bates Russell; Parks and Recreation Director Ross Hoover

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### 1. ***SW Corridor Update.***

Metro Staff Chris Ford and TriMet Staff Dave Unsworth presented an update on the SW Corridor Plan. Mr. Ford provided a brief background on the project. He reviewed existing and proposed high capacity transit. It was stated the reason for this plan is due to the 2040 Growth Concept Map where they anticipate more than 70,000 people to be moving in along the corridor. He added the plan is more than a light rail project and includes new walk and bike connections between Barbur and Marquam Hill, a two mile shared transit way to allow buses to bypass traffic congestion, a shuttle between PCC- Sylvania and nearby stations, and continuous sidewalk and protected bike lanes where light rail transit (LRT) is on Barbur.

Mr. Unsworth spoke to the benefits of the project. He stated the line will accommodate 43,000 rides per day. The plan will also help the region address climate action goals by reducing single occupancy driving and housing near stations. He stated LRT has been selected over bus rapid transit for the project. Mr. Unsworth noted there are still major route decisions left to be made. The initial route proposal was prepared by partner staff with the suggestion for LRT. The proposal includes modifications to avoid/minimize impacts to housing, business, and cost identified in DEIS. He spoke to the overall route from downtown Portland to Bridgeport Village. He noted a through route was selected as it provides better connectivity between Tigard and Tualatin, better transit service for downtown Tigard, lower operating costs, and more cost-effective reliable operations. The route is proposed to run along Barbur as it provides a shorter connection to Marquam Hill, faster travel time, and fewer property impacts. Other suggested modifications include using the Barbur route and avoiding Barbur viaducts, running down the center of the road, not rebuilding the Crossroads Bridge, and avoiding Beveland and Ash crossings which can connect easier to downtown Tigard. He spoke to the Bridgeport Village station stating it will provide faster travel times, better proximity to residential areas of Tigard, and displaces

fewer businesses and employees. He touched on the Village Inn concerns stating no final decisions have been made.

Mr. Unsworth spoke to the project cost and funding stating the initial route proposal is estimated to be \$2.6-2.8 billion. They believe up to 50% of this could be funded with the federal FTA New Starts program and the remaining 50% would be local dollars through the state, TriMet, Metro, local cities, counties, and a regional funding measure.

Mayor Ogden asked what the anticipated ceiling is for the project. Mr. Unsworth stated \$1.2-1.25 billion will be from the federal government. Mayor Ogden asked if there have been grants that large given before. Mr. Unsworth stated there have been large grants given to other major cities including New York and San Francisco.

Councilor Bubenik stated when he was in Washington DC last they announced the 50/50 match wasn't happening anymore. He also added citizens are antsy about what the bond measure ask will be. Councilor Dirksen added there isn't enough information to ask how much it's going to cost since it is still being determined what will be included in the package. Mr. Unsworth stated staff is still working on dialing numbers in and finding the most cost effective solutions for the project.

Mr. Unsworth continued the presentation stating the preferred alternative is a single light rail route that includes a Marquam Hill connection, PCC Sylvania Shuttle, and an operations and maintenance facility. He noted the work on the project that remains to be done includes: stations and park and rides, design refinements, and station access improvements. He spoke to upcoming decisions. Noting the comment period will remain open until the end of July. The project is moving towards a locally preferred alternative in August with local hearings to consider route in September and October. After the local preferred alternative is selected the project will be passed over to TriMet for project development in 2019. In 2020 voters will decide on a regional funding measure and in 2022 work will be done to secure federal funds. A targeted opening date is projected in 2027.

Council President Davis stated she is a fan of light rail with dedicated right of ways and elevations. She has concerns with a bond passing in this area in regards to the potential displacement of the Village Inn. She would like other alternatives in the area considered.

Councilor DeHaan asked if there are existing bonds for light rail. Mr. Unsworth stated the orange line bonds are still being paid, he noted they are not property tax funded bonds. Councilor DeHaan asked if there has been value added into the area of the orange line. Councilor Dirksen stated citizens are very happy with the line and property values have increased.

Councilor Bubenik thanked Metro and Tri-Met for the open houses that have been held.

Mayor Ogden asked about cost per ride. Mr. Unsworth stated the FTA requires a combo of ridership from current and forecasted years. They believe the IRP capital cost is \$2.7 billion. The annualized capital cost per ride in 2035 on the initial route proposal would be \$3.67.

Mayor Ogden asked about the process of getting a better presumption on the total funding and when there would be more certainty on the cost. Mr. Unsworth stated the final costs should be available in 2019. Mayor Ogden asked when the final decision will be made on the location in the Bridgeport area. Mr. Unsworth stated it will get perfected by the steering committee members in the next 6-8 months during the project design phase.

## **2. *Metro Update with Councilor Craig Dirksen.***

Metro Councilor Dirksen and Metro Staff Andy Shaw provided information on the upcoming affordable housing measure. Councilor Dirksen stated Metro Council will be referring a measure to the region voters to create Affordable Housing for 12,000 low income people. Metro Councilors and staff have met with groups across the region to develop the measure in a way that is most feasible for the region. Councilor Dirksen stated housing affordability is an overarching regional challenge. The best solution to this is a regional approach to bring all of the local communities to the table to address the problem together. Metro will be the lead on this as they are able to implement a region wide tax and bring economies of scale to the project. Metro Staff Andy Shaw spoke to the bond measure. He stated the measure proposes a \$652.8 million general obligation bond. The bond could potentially serve 12,000 people by producing 3,900 units. The average tax would be \$60 per year.

Mayor Ogden asked if the money will be used to offset the costs of building. Metro Staff Shaw stated the Housing Authorities would work with other agencies to underwrite the cost of the actual development. The tax credit would draw down the cost of building. The rent would then cover the operations and maintenance of the facilities.

Mayor Ogden asked about the amount of vouchers Washington County had issued. Metro Staff Shaw stated Washington County offered up 200 vouchers that are currently not being used. He also noted they will need to find additional support services for the lowest income levels.

Councilor Bubenik presented four concerns from the Policy Advisory Board (PAB): not enough vouchers, the administrative costs associated with a program, metros final approval to override per the bond, and the amount of land for a large complex in Washington County. Metro Staff Shaw stated staff is working with the PAB on those concerns.

Council President Davis stated she is concerned there are no requirements set to provide housing at certain poverty levels. Metro Staff Shaw spoke to the funding breakdown. He noted it is not dispersed by poverty levels.

## **3. *Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update.***

Parks and Recreation Director Ross Hoover, Parks and Recreation Manager Rich Mueller, and Project Consultant Cindy Mendoza presented an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Director Hoover briefly reviewed the goals and objectives of the plan. He then proceeded to present the two types of recommendations: system wide and site specific. The system wide recommendations addressed:

- Accessibility and inclusivity in parks and facilities.
- Walkability, bikeability, and interconnected city by providing a network of regional and local trails.
- Conserving and restore natural areas.
- Vibrant programs, events, and recreation opportunities.
- Support of public arts through programs, parks, and public spaces.
- Promotion of a unique identity, economic vitality, and tourism.
- Manage and maintain parks, facilities, and programs.

Site specific recommendations included:

- Enhancements to large neighborhood parks.
- Replacement of amenities and maintenance of small neighborhood parks.
- Maintenance at community parks.
- Plan for and maintain natural parks and areas.
- Connect and enhance trails and greenways both regionally and locally.
- Plan for new parks and potential partnerships.
- Plan for new facilities including a community recreation center, sports fields and courts, and other outdoor facilities.
- Plan for additions to public art.

Consultant Mendoza spoke to next steps. Staff is currently working on an action and funding plan for implementation. A draft plan will be prepared for the council in the coming fall with an adoption scheduled for late fall/early winter.

Councilor Morrison stated he has seen other communities self-fund athletic fields and wanted to know if staff has looked into that type of funding. Director Hoover spoke to balancing funding and revenue to build sustainable facilities.

Councilor DeHaan spoke to the online questionnaire. He stated the top item was to build more connected trails and the least favorable was public art. He asked how these priorities are being balanced. Consultant Mendoza stated she is working on a public priorities checklist as part of the plan.

Councilor Bubenik asked if a new Community Center would just be augmenting the Pohl Center or if it would be a new facility. Consultant Mendoza stated the vision for this type of facility is for a multipurpose community and recreation center that combines cultural and performing arts, and does not include an aquatic facility. How that would happen has not been further explored.

Mayor Ogden asked if there are specific projects identified. Director Hoover stated there is a matrix included in the packet that lists the specific projects. The prioritization discussion will bring forward potential costs and scale for the projects. Mayor Ogden asked when that process will happen. Director Hoover stated it is happening currently at the staff level and will come back to Council late summer/early fall.

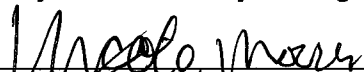
#### **4. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.**

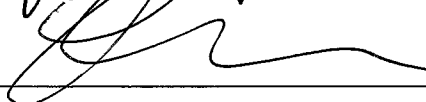
None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The work session adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

  
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