

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, May 20, 2019

Committee Members Present: Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle.

Committee Members Absent: Atlas-Ingebretson, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Sterner

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:01 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 6 Atlas-Ingebretson, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Sterner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Cummings to approve the agenda.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 6 Atlas-Ingebretson, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Sterner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 6 Atlas-Ingebretson, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Sterner

INFORMATION

1. Covid-19 Impacts on Unemployment, Income, and Housing Cost Burden

Metropolitan Council Research designed a scenario analysis of how the Twin Cities region's workforce and households are impacted by the current economic crisis. We sought to answer: What impacts will job losses have on households' incomes? How much will federal responses mitigate the economic pain?

Our analytic approach was to apply national field-specific job loss rates to the Twin Cities population; subtract estimated lost employment and lost earnings; and calculate new outcomes for workers and households, for varying lengths of economic "shutdown", with and without the federal relief response. Results of the analysis include resulting employment, incomes and income change, poverty rates, and housing cost burden rates for each demographic group. All of these results are tabulated by occupation and industry sector, by race, by housing tenure, and by pre-crisis income quintile. Results are being published to the metro council.org website.

Council members had questions and comments regarding CARES Act funds, data, debt burden, prioritizing our goals, and how can Metropolitan Council support unemployment, income and housing. As a reminder we need to be caution around the timing for engaging due to COVID and we may see an increase in vacancy rates in apartments and decrease in the tax credit for funding for affordable housing developments.

Staff provided the following links to the Council members:

<https://metro council.org/Data-and-Maps/Research-and-Data/Research-by-topic/COVID-19-Economic-Impacts.aspx>

<https://evatool.oregonmetro.gov/>

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/guides-and-tools/economic-value-atlas>

2. Information Item: Economic Value Atlas: Introduction

Dan Marckel provided an overview of the Economic Value Atlas interactive tool, engagement process, economic value atlas v1.0: Portland Metro, Economic value atlas v1.0: Portland Metro, participants and steps. Adie Tomer, Brookings Institution gave an update on Portland's progress, how they are using the tool, and recommends looking at the values and tools Portland is representing online. Council members had comments and questions relating to the tribal consultation policy, engagement, values, and the importance of being inclusive.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/announcing-the-economic-value-atlas-a-new-approach-to-regional-transportation-and-land-use-planning/>

Wulff reminded that we need to be compassionate to all people who have lost their jobs and we may see an increase in vacancy rates in apartments and decrease in the tax credit for funding for affordable housing developments.