



Memorandum

Date: December 6, 2012

To: John Kovash, Mayor
Members, West Linn City Council

From: Chris Jordan, City Manager *cf*

Subject: Miscellaneous Items

Mayors' Letter Regarding Metro Open Space Levy

Attached is a letter to Metro Council President Tom Hughes signed by numerous mayors in the metro region raising concerns about Metro's proposal to place a levy on the May ballot for management and maintenance of metro's parks and open spaces.

Letter to the County Concerning the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Ambulance Services

Attached is a letter that I have sent to Clackamas County regarding the RFP for ambulance services. Our emergency responder partners at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) requested that I send the attached letter as they believe that a delay would be beneficial to all of their partner cities.

Attachment



November 30, 2012

Tom Hughes, Honorable Council President
Metro Council
600 N.E. Grand Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97232

RE: Metro Natural Area Levy

Dear President Hughes:

Please accept this letter into the record for consideration on your proposed Metro Natural Area Levy scheduled for a Metro Council meeting in December.

The Regional Mayors' group met and discussed the Levy proposal at its meeting in November. Metro Council President Tom Hughes and COO, Martha Bennett were in attendance and discussed the proposed Levy. Significant concerns were raised by the Mayors at that time and the group is unanimously requesting a delay in the Levy decision until further impacts to cities are evaluated. The current compression analysis was conducted using last year's tax data and did not include the results of the tax measures passed in November.

As you are aware, some Metro area cities are more impacted by compression than others. As a result, the financial burden for the levy would not fall evenly on households and their communities across the region. Some cities would have their ability to raise revenue for vital police and fire protection services substantially limited as a result of having additional regional levies on the books.

In addition to concerns regarding compression, the plan for the remaining natural area's bond purchases and impacts on long term maintenance needs are still unclear to our group. Without further information and clarity regarding the plan for past voter-approved investments, it is hard for us to see the value in asking voters for additional resources.

We also feel that, preceding any discussions about future revenue for Metro, we would encourage the Metro elected officials to sit down early next year with local elected officials to review and discuss their respective governmental roles in the region; where are they aligned, and where is there conflict, potential or actual. We believe that Metro can be helpful in a

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number of areas, but we remain concerned that those areas of assistance should be in partnership and coordination with local government.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our input.

Sincerely,



Jerry W. Willey, Mayor
City of Hillsboro

Shane Bemis, Mayor
City of Gresham

Wade Byers, Mayor
City of Gladstone

Lori DeRemer, Mayor
City of Happy Valley

Craig Dirksen, Mayor
City of Tigard

Denny Doyle, Mayor
City of Beaverton

Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor
City of Milwaukie

Jack Hoffman, Mayor
City of Lake Oswego

Jim Kight, Mayor
City of Troutdale

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville

Keith Mays, Mayor
City of Sherwood

Doug Neeley, Mayor
City of Oregon City

Lou Ogden, Mayor
City of Tualatin

Gery Schirado, Mayor
City of Durham

Ron Shay, Mayor
City of King City

Patricia Smith, Mayor
City of Wood Village

Steve Spinnett, Mayor
City of Damascus

Pete Truax, Mayor
City of Forest Grove

Mike Weatherby, Mayor
City of Fairview



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December 6, 2012

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Dear County Commissioners:

Thank you for allowing me to submit this letter in response to the Clackamas County Ambulance RFP process. As a city that will be directly impacted by the outcome of this process, I am asking that you consider putting the RFP on hold until such time that the desired outcomes of this process are well-established.

This is a dynamic time for all government organizations as we seek to sustain and, in some cases, stabilize our financial and operational infrastructure. It has become even more critical that we collaborate and pursue partnerships that make sense for our organizations and, more importantly, the communities we serve.

I am aware that you have received a proposal that seeks to begin integrating public and private emergency medical services (EMS) in Clackamas County. While we are not directly involved in the operational aspects of ambulance transport and EMS provision, our partners at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue have informed us that in the future there are going to be even more demands placed upon a system with limited resources. We see the RFP process as an excellent opportunity for our elected officials, EMS providers, and County staff to begin creating an emergency medical services model that demonstrates excellent and sustainable service, fiscal stewardship, and the ability to respond to future healthcare goals.

I encourage the Commission to put the RFP on hold and utilize this time to determine what is best for the citizens of Clackamas County today, and in the future.

Sincerely,

Chris Jordan, City Manager
City of West Linn