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Minutes

Thursday, July 9, 2026

10:00 AM

**Beaverton City Hall, 12725 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, OR 97005;
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=27ix8ej_7D8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27ix8ej_7D8)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President González called the Council meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: 4 - Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Christine Lewis

2. Introductions and Meeting Overview

President González described the procedures for interviews and a public hearing.

3. Candidate Interviews

Applicant Josh Manous shared a personal statement about his experience as a teen in the LGBTQ+ community and serving the community as advocate regarding identity theft. He recalled his experiences with housing insecurity and the need for safe, stable housing, and he expressed his interest in ensuring transit serves high-density areas. On diversity, equity and inclusion, he described his long history of working to prevent HIV and how those experiences shed light on best practices for community engagement. He committed to keeping community in conversation in the role of Metro Councilor and emphasized his desire to serve in the position only for the interim period, until the January inauguration.

Applicant Miles Palacios described a lifelong commitment to public service, raised by two public servants. He touched on many of Metro's service areas including transportation and development planning, waste management, parks and conservation, and venues. On housing, he expressed concern about future planning and whether jurisdictions will adequately account for the aging population. He talked about his experience with youth and student leaders and small businesses in communities of color. He noted that elected leaders should be accessible to their constituents.

4. Public Hearing on Vacancy in the Office of Metro District 4 Councilor

No testimony.

5. Council Nominations and Voting

Councilor Hwang nominated Miles Palacios, seconded by Councilor Nolan. The Councilors voted by written ballot and each announced their candidate following the vote. **President González, Deputy President Hwang and Councilors Simpson and Nolan all voted for Miles Palacios.**

6. Resolutions**6.1 Resolution No. 26-5624 For the Purpose of Appointing a Councilor to Fill the Vacancy in the Office of Metro Councilor for Council District 4**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5624](#)
[Manous, Josh](#)
[Palacios, Miles](#)

After a unanimous vote representing a majority of the sitting Council to move forward with Miles Palacios, Councilors then considered a resolution to make the appointment.

To that end, **Councilor Nolan moved to amend Resolution No. 26-5624, seconded by Hwang**, to update the blank space in the resolution with Miles Palacios's name. The amendment passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor Hwang, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Council President Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 2 - Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Lewis

7. Appointed Metro District 4 Councilor Remarks

Councilor Palacios thanked the community and Metro Council for the opportunity to begin his term early and start immediately to

work for the betterment of the region, including District 4.

8. Other Business

Jenny Villareal, public notary, administered the oath of office.

President González opened an additional opportunity for public comment to accommodate residents attending the meeting.

Henney Sullivan, Working Theory Farm, spoke to changes in the Hillsboro community from a small farm town to a bustling suburb.

Alfredo Avalos, Working Theory Farm, shared a life-changing experience at the farm, terming it a supportive environment and good opportunity for youth. A community member named Mia agreed that the farm is a great place for youth to gather.

Riagne Brooks, Working Theory Farm, described the farm as a diverse community that empowers youth, provides access to resources and teaches work ethic in a position environment.

Councilor Nolan thanked the advocates for their comments.

9. Adjourn

President González adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
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