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Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

10:30 AM

The Council work session will adjourn into a Council meeting.

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), www.youtube.com/live/nBODW3UF-IE**

Council work session

10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Ashton Simpson, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 1 - Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

10:30 Work Session Topics:

10:30 Solid Waste Public-Private Partnerships

Presenter(s): Brian Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - DRAFT Resolution No. 25-5506](#)

Staff described how public-private partnerships are used to deliver projects and shared a timeline for moving forward with a policy to support these partnerships. Staff noted to expect minor revisions to the draft resolution. Deputy President Simpson, legislative sponsor, thanked staff and highlighted the importance of the opportunity.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the defined length of a partnership impacts its likelihood of success. Staff explained that the length is industry-dependent, reflects the purpose of the collaboration, and unlikely to be successful in 1-2 years. Staff also suggested that other departments may find utility in these partnerships, with support from finance, operations, and other technical staff.

Councilor Lewis reflected on the need to respect the expertise of and risk taken by vendors and service delivery organizations, suggesting Metro go beyond partnership and commit to true collaboration.

Councilor Hwang asked the logic behind milestones named in the ambitious timeline in the resolution. He highlighted the need for outreach and asked whether Metro staff are resourced to conduct that work. Staff described initial work at the outset of this policy as having only a minimal, if any, financial impact.

11:00 Council Direction on the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation

Presenter(s): Grace Cho, Principal Transportation Planner
Jean Senechal Biggs, Resource Development Manager
Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - 2028-2030 RFFA Program Direction \(2024\)](#)
[Attachment 2 - Memo to JPACT: Bond Proposal Updates](#)
[Attachment 3 - Memo to TPAC: Step 2 Allocation Options](#)

Staff described the opportunity to leverage addition funds by bonding flexible funds, the funding requests received and the detailed the process for implementing the bond approach. Staff then described the process for collating feedback to develop an allocation packages.

Councilor Hwang asked if projects were tied to uncertain funding sources, whether Metro is the best agency to act as the bonding entity and how funds would be reallocated if projects fail to secure full funding. Staff explained the projects may be re-assessed by JPACT and Metro Council as needed.

Councilor Rosenthal expressed skepticism about the certainty of federal funding. Staff and Metro Attorney MacLaren emphasized that each contract is unique, and master agreements are carefully reviewed for compliance.

Councilor Lewis asked the impact of anticipated federal redistribution funds, which staff said have historically ranged from none to millions.

12:00 President's Work Group on the Future of Supportive Housing Services Implementation: Discussion

Presenter(s): Council President Lynn Peterson, Metro
Liam Frost, Housing Director, Metro

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

President Peterson shared an update with Council about the work group she convened regarding the future of supportive housing services (SHS) in the region. She described the process, goals, and outcomes of the work group.

Councilors Lewis thanked the work group participants for their contributions and open-mindedness.

Councilor Hwang asked about next steps and what findings from the process could be relayed to partners in the community. President Peterson suggested convening a new policy advisory committee in Fall 2025.

Councilor Nolan emphasized the need for a primary mission and goal that is broadly understood by the public and asked when regional partners would agree to definitive, measurable progress. President Peterson referred to the program reform legislation scheduled for consideration in July and added that the policy committee supported by those reforms would be focused on the desired KPIs.

Councilor Lewis addressed the somber impacts of economic conditions and state and federal funding, which are likely to materialize in fall and increase need for services. She expressed the need to determine an approach for people newly falling into homelessness who do not fit neatly into existing population categories.

12:30 Adjourn to Council meeting

There being no additional discussion, President Peterson adjourned into a Council meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor