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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

Council meeting

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

Public comment may be submitted in writing. It will also be heard in person and by electronic communication (video conference or telephone). Written comments should be submitted electronically by emailing legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Written comments received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting will be provided to the council prior to the meeting.

Those wishing to testify orally are encouraged to sign up in advance by either: (a) contacting the legislative coordinator by phone at 503-813-7591 and providing your name and the agenda item on which you wish to testify; or (b) registering by email by sending your name and the agenda item on which you wish to testify to legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Those wishing to testify in person should fill out a blue card found in the back of the Council Chamber. Those requesting to comment virtually during the meeting can do so by using the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom or emailing the legislative coordinator at legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Individuals will have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated at the meeting.

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on non-agenda items.

Art Lewellan, MRC: Testified in opposition to several regional infrastructure projects.

There being no further testimony, Council President

Peterson closed the public hearing on non-agenda items.

3. Presentations

3.1 Regional Supportive Housing Services And Affordable Housing Funding: Governance And Accountability

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson opened the presentation on Governance and Accountability for Regional Supportive Housing Services and Affordable Housing Funding.

Staff pulled up the “Regional Housing and Supportive Services Funding: Governance” slides to present to Council.

Presentation

Council President Peterson described the key themes from feedback on Supportive Housing Services (SHS) funding as urgency, stability, and accountability. Council President Peterson outlined four guiding strategies for improving governance around SHS: 1) building a truly regional program, 2) improving accountability, 3) addressing the full scope of need, and 4) demonstrating outcomes.

Council Discussion

Topic No. 1: Regionalism

Councilor Simpson advised against recreating the current structure and highlighted the importance of improving metrics and data collection standards across the region.

Councilor Lewis expressed support for a single-body oversight committee structure that continues the vision of the Tri-County Planning Body.

Councilor Rosenthal emphasized the role of the three counties in implementing housing services and expressed that the proposed oversight body HHPAC should not be modelled on JPACT.

Councilor Gonzalez remarked on the technical challenges of aligning the region with local governments and recommended pursuing more formal engagement efforts.

Councilor Lewis distinguished between JPACT's goal of spending federal resources and advised that the new system focus on regional priorities.

Council President Peterson conveyed the expectation for the regional system to move people out of homelessness and into supportive services as quickly as possible. Council President Peterson noted the lack of detailed information around lived experiences of those within the current system and emphasized that coordination efforts should balance expertise and the ability to move agency and funds.

Topic No. 2: Accountability

Council President Peterson reviewed the proposals from Resolution No. 24-5436, including transitioning oversight to HHPAC to establish regional SHS standards.

Councilor Rosenthal remarked that HHPAC would have a predictive role and need to include project funders.

Councilor Lewis stated that the corrective action process needs to be collaborative, and accountability is critical.

Councilor Simpson advised clear authority with access to regional data and program monitoring.

Councilor Hwang expressed that the appointment process should ensure involvement does not seek to maximize profits but to improve the regional system.

Councilor President Peterson asked Councilors to comment on the desired role of the Metro Council in HHPAC to provide guidance for staff.

Councilor Lewis clarified that concurrence does not enable rapid response and more transparency is necessary.

Councilor Nolan recommended that certain decisions, such as the appropriation of funds, should be made by the bodies accountable to voters.

Councilor Rosenthal concurred with Councilor Nolan's remarks and suggested that corrective actions and data gathering could be delegated to HHPAC, while other areas could be addressed by Council.

Council President Peterson expressed that HHPAC would not be strictly advisory and would have decision-making power.

Councilor Gonzalez noted "advisory" as a complicated term in discussions and raised the issue of independent review.

Council President Peterson suggested an independent oversight committee to handle specific requests from external auditors as an option.

Topic No. 3: Scope

Councilor Lewis conveyed that affordable housing is the priority and regional coordination needs to be intentional.

Councilor Rosenthal concurred with Councilor Lewis on

improving community coordination at the regional level.

Councilor Simpson emphasized the need for clarity regarding scope.

Councilor Gonzalez added that the scope needs to address housing affordability at deeper levels.

Councilor Hwang expressed support for the direction and recommended setting a clear review period regarding stable base allocation.

Council President Peterson suggested re-evaluation every five or six years and defining Metro's role.

Councilor Nolan proposed a review every three years to establish a clear timeframe. Councilor Nolan emphasized an approach that removes financial interest and balances expertise with lived experience.

Councilor Hwang advised staggering the review process from Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Urban Growth Management (UGM) assessments.

COO Madrigal noted that establishing ethics was a key theme from stakeholders for assembling the committee.

Topic No. 4: Demonstrating Outcomes

Councilor Nolan expressed that achieving functional zero homeless is the desired outcome and the performance metrics reflect the process, not the outcome.

Councilor Simpson conveyed the need to set timeframes for goals and outcomes, an escalation process if decisions are stalled, and commitment to progress on regional priorities.

Councilor Rosenthal advised that the Council consider whether HHPAC would require dedicated staff.

Council President Peterson stated the intent would be for existing SHS program staff and planning staff to support HHPAC.

Councilor Gonzalez identified the lack of common definitions for program data across the regional system as a fundamental issue of streamlining governance.

Councilor Lewis expressed that it is necessary to have access to the raw data and outcomes must be viewed in context of the funds.

COO Madrigal summarized the proposed changes in governance as well as the need for data and analysis, common definitions, corrective action strategies, and outcomes in context.

Council President Peterson concluded with a list of proposed elements for the SHS measure.

Councilor Gonzalez acknowledged the window of opportunity to broaden engagement on the SHS.

Seeing no further discussion, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

4. Ordinances (Second Reading and Vote)

- 4.1 **Ordinance No. 24-1520** For the Purpose of Expanding the Urban Growth Boundary to Provide Capacity for Housing and Employment to the Year 2044 and Amending the Metro Code to Conform

- Attachments:
- [Ordinance No. 24-1520](#)
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Council President Peterson stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 24-1520 For the Purpose of Expanding the Urban Growth Boundary to Provide Capacity for Housing and Employment to the Year 2044 and Amending the Metro Code to Conform took place on November 21, 2024.

Council President Peterson announced that Planning, Development, and Research staff were available to answer questions related to Ordinance No. 24-1520.

There were none.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal thanked staff and the City of Sherwood for their work.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked staff for their work and noted the multiple recommendations to proceed.

Councilor Nolan conveyed that staff did not meet basic procedural elements and raised concerns over shortcomings with the Sherwood Concept Plan.

Councilor Lewis reflected on the planning process and commended staff for Tribal Consultation and habitat preservation efforts. Councilor Lewis acknowledged the importance of cities for the health of the region.

Councilor Hwang expressed appreciation for staff, data modeling, and the City of Sherwood.

Council President Peterson thanked Metro staff, the City of Sherwood, and residents for their participation in the process.

Seeing no further discussion, Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-1520.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal and seconded by Councilor Gonzalez.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Nay: 1 - Councilor Nolan

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

- Thanked the Council for productive budget preparation discussions.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- There were none.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma McIntosh

Emma McIntosh, Legislative Assistant