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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,  
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992 or  
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

**Council meeting**

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Present:** 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Ashton Simpson

**2. Public Communication**

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

Seeing none, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

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](mailto: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. Testimony on non-agenda items will be taken at the beginning of the meeting. Testimony on agenda items generally will take place during that item, after staff presents, but also may be taken at the beginning of 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](mailto:legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov). Those wishing to testify in person should fill out a blue card found in the back of the Council Chamber.

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**3. Presentations**

3.1 Auditor’s Office Annual Report

Presenter(s): Brian Evans (he/him), Metro Auditor

Attachments: [Auditor-Annual-report-September-2024](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Brian Evans (he/him), Metro Auditor to present the Auditor’s Office Annual Report.

Staff pulled up the Auditor’s Office Annual Report presentation to present to Council.

*Presentation Summary:*

Auditor Evans described the contents of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 report, which included the findings of performance audits, the management of the financial audit contract, and the administration of the Accountability Hotline. The accomplishments of the Auditor’s office included an increase in the number of audits performed per employee and positive feedback from the programs and persons audited.

*Council Discussion:*

The Council had no questions but expressed their appreciation for the work of the Auditor.

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

**4. Ordinance (Second Reading and Vote)**

4.1 **Ordinance No. 24-1519**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District

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Approximately 18.08 acres in Tigard West of SW 150th Ave and North of SW Beef Bend Rd at the North End

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg, Associate Regional Planner, Metro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1519](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 24-1519 took place on Thursday, October 10th, 2024.

Council President Peterson called on Glen Hamburg, Associate Regional Planner, Metro to answer questions for Council.

Seeing no questions, Council President Peterson called for a vote on Ordinance No. 24-1519. It passed unanimously.

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

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Simpson

**Council will be in Recess following this item and will reconvene at 1pm.**

**5. Resolutions**

5.1 **Resolution No. 24-5436** For The Purpose Of Establishing The Metro Council's Priorities For An Integrated And Expanded Regional Supportive Housing Services And Affordable Housing Program

Presenter(s): Council President Lynn Peterson (she/her)  
Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal

Attachments: [Resolution 24-5436](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson was called to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the Resolution No. 24-5436 presentation to present to Council.

*Presentation Summary:*

Council President Peterson opened the presentation with a review of the Council’s SHS goals and the purpose of the proposed resolution. She explained the principles of the regional program, highlighted important elements of the future package, and discussed a potential ballot measure. Council President Peterson then listed the proposed amendments based on county feedback and Councilor suggestions.

*Council Discussion:*

Seeing none, Council President Peterson moved to the discussion of proposed amendments.

Council President Peterson opened the floor for the Council discussion of proposed amendments to Resolution No. 24-5436.

Councilor Gonzalez proposed an amendment to Action 1(f),

which revises the language to read: "That the program support a culture of continuous learning and is responsive to challenges that need to be addressed."

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilor Gonzalez and Seconded by Councilor Lewis

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Councilor Gonzalez proposed an amendment to Action 1(g), which revises the language to read: "That the program be explicit about how the people of the region can expect to be served, wherever and however they experience the homelessness and affordable housing crisis - for example, a person experiencing homelessness or housing instability, a concerned community member, a housing or service provider, a business owner, or a visitor to the region."

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilor Gonzalez and Seconded by Councilor Rosenthal

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Councilor Rosenthal proposed an amendment to add Action 1(h): "That the program solicits and incorporates technical and practical input from a broad variety of stakeholders that manage and/or are impacted by homelessness and affordable housing need, to include but not be limited to service providers, financial and business interests, people with relevant lived experience, and community and neighborhood leaders throughout the region."

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilor Rosenthal and Seconded by Councilor Lewis

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Councilor Lewis proposed an amendment to add Action

2(g): “A transparent process for ensuring that regional outcomes are advanced, that successes are acknowledged, and that timely improvements are made when progress is insufficient.”

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilor Lewis and Seconded by Councilor Nolan

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Council President Peterson proposed an amendment to Action 3(c)(iv), which revises the language to add: “The Metro Council will establish interim key performance indicators based on work completed to date by the Tri-County Planning Body.”

**MOTION:** Moved by Council President Peterson and Seconded by Councilor Gonzalez

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Councilor Lewis proposed an amendment to Action 3(c)(vi), which revises the language to read: “coordinating the integration of regional housing need analyses and local housing production targets mandated by the State of Oregon, including the identification of barriers and potential solutions to fulfilling these mandates and to creating affordable housing.” The amendment was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilor Gonzalez and Seconded by Councilor Rosenthal

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Councilor Rosenthal proposed an amendment to Action 3(e) (i), which revises the language to read: “be advised by one or more advisory subcommittees of its determination,

representing expertise or interests relevant to the operation of the regional system, potentially including groups representing housing providers, supportive service providers, service users, and local jurisdictional and community interest groups.”

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilor Rosenthal

**ACTION:** Motion failed 5-0 with 1 abstention

Council President Peterson proposed an amendment to Recital (n) to revise the language to read: “WHEREAS, addressing homelessness requires funding for dedicated supportive services, rental assistance, and ample affordable housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness; and....”

**MOTION:** Moved by Council President Peterson and

Seconded by Councilor Gonzalez

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Council President Peterson proposed an amendment to add a new Recital, which reads: “WHEREAS, in seeking long-term funding for an integrated regional supportive housing services and affordable housing program, the Metro Council wishes to strike an appropriate balance between the longevity and rate of regional taxpayers’ contributions to addressing these needs, and the necessity of securing greater contributions from State and Federal partners....”

**MOTION:** Moved by Council President Peterson and

Seconded by Councilor Lewis

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Council President Peterson proposed an amendment to Action 1(a) to revise the language to read: “That the



program be founded on a truly regional plan that builds toward regional outcomes - including ensuring homelessness is rare, brief and nonrecurring, and that affordable housing need continues to be met, with a clear commitment to prioritize the populations described as Populations A and B in the current Supportive Housing Services program, including families and individuals experiencing chronic homelessness or who are at greatest risk of experiencing homelessness.”

**MOTION:** Moved by Council President Peterson and  
Seconded by Councilor Gonzalez

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Council President Peterson proposed an amendment to Action 3(f) to revise the language to add: “Staff will provide recommendations for this transition as well as recommended next steps for the current Metro Affordable Housing Bond Oversight Committee.”

**MOTION:** Moved by Council President Peterson and  
Seconded by Councilor Lewis

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Councilor Lewis made closing remarks and referenced a comment made by Andy Miller - “individual success is not rolling up into collective impact.” She noted the tension that exists between oversight of pods of activity and finding regional success. She spoke to the many different approaches that are necessary to address the homelessness crisis but emphasized the importance of a cohesive plan.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson called for a final vote on the amended Resolution No. 24-5436. It passed unanimously.

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Simpson

#### **5.1.1 Public Comment for Resolution No. 24-5436**

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Resolution No. 24-5436 For The Purpose Of Establishing The Metro Council's Priorities For An Integrated And Expanded Regional Supportive Housing Services And Affordable Housing Program.

Chair Harrington, Washington County, noted that she submitted feedback the day prior through a letter sent to Council. She expressed concern that there is an expectation for counties to do more work with fewer resources. She stated that rental assistance is key for housing stability but is not yet properly funded. Chair Harrington also voiced concern that creating a regionwide oversight committee oversteps the bounds of the Council's authority.

Chair Tootie Smith, Clackamas County, shared that while Clackamas County did not support the initial housing bond, the county has exceeded expectations to the point of receiving national recognition. She explained that while the county can accommodate a tax cut of 10%, it cannot be expected to extend services. Chair Smith also stated her belief that the State bears some responsibility for addressing the housing crisis and emphasized that the

counties need seats on the oversight committee.

Chair Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County, testified that Multnomah County is committed to a coordinated approach. She stated that the county is back on track and delivering results, but extending the SHS measure now would threaten the success of its programs. She asked Council to wait until the new revenue forecast before making changes to the tax structure and to establish a series of formal conversations regarding the measure where counties are included.

Commissioner Martha Schrader, Clackamas County, listed the ways that Clackamas County has exceeded its goals. She shared her belief that the system is working well as-is and that trying to make changes will reduce county funding and success. She also voiced concern that the expansion of the oversight committee could violate the IGA and urged Council not to move forward at this time.

Commissioner Mark Shull, Clackamas County, shared that the proposal will be very unpopular with the residents of Clackamas County, raising concerns about the cost of an oversight board. He expressed that the county feels a lack of autonomy with the expansion of Metro's power. Commissioner Shull stated the county has more expertise in housing issues than Metro and that he supports making advancements in addressing the housing crisis with the time remaining.

Commissioner Paul Savas, Clackamas County, expressed his perspective that Clackamas County was unfairly asked to

frontload money when the housing bond passed. He stated that extending the measure would require a cut to resources, create bureaucracy, and take up valuable money from housing services. He also conveyed that he disapproves of the Council's decision to prioritize the presence of non-elected officials on the oversight committee.

Commissioner Ben West, Clackamas County, described the proposed resolution as drastic and unfair, claiming that Clackamas and Washington Counties are being punished for the failures of Multnomah County. He expressed his opinion that Clackamas County's autonomy and leadership are being threatened despite the county's continued success.

Commissioner Sharon Meieran, Multnomah County, agreed with Commissioner West's testimony. She stated that Metro's job is not to redirect funds but to hold counties, and Multnomah County specifically, to its goals. She expressed her appreciation for the corrective actions taken by Metro but believes they were insufficient. Commissioner Meieran added that cities ought to be responsible for housing and counties for services.

Angela Martin, HereTogether Oregon, spoke in support of the resolution, sharing her perspective that reforms are necessary, including the development of a regional plan and better direction to ensure that resources go to those in need. She stressed the importance of a region-wide approach with clear accountability, including the creation of an oversight committee.

Andy Miller, Our Just Future, shared his perspective as an employee of Our Just Future, which he stated is funded by SHS dollars and bond funds to develop affordable housing. Miller explained that the individual successes of counties are insufficient because homelessness is a systemic problem. In addition to supporting the measure, he asked for an investment in the housing services workforce and a continuation of resources to address this regionwide issue.

Cameran Murphy, Boys and Girls Aid, stated that the region is not ready for a sunset on the housing measure as it is critical to continue housing youth beyond the six-year mark. She described the importance of involving community members and service providers, not just elected officials, in the decision-making process, and she requested that funding goes primarily to the most severe cases of homelessness.

Brooke Goldberg, Central City Concern, shared her support of the resolution and the continued fiscal support structure to build a better housing system. She endorsed the extension of the bond to create a strong regional safety net and explained that data is more critical to success than oversight. She concluded by stating that success will depend upon partnerships across systems.

John Isaacs, Portland Metro Chamber (PMC) stated that the PMC represents the largest, most diverse businesses and networks in the region. He shared his support of the resolution, emphasizing the importance of course correction for the resources offered by the housing bond. He shared his support of additional oversight, a greater focus on the

unsheltered population, and an extension of the tax until 2050 if it is paired with a cut to personal income taxes.

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

## 6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- She expressed appreciation for the partnerships that came together for the Employee Town Hall earlier in the week.
- The Willamette Cove project has an upcoming opportunity for community to contribute to the design of the park and trails.

## 7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Lewis attended the TriMet celebration for a Zero-Emission Fleet investment. She also reported that Expo futures subcommittee had one of its last meetings and discussed the possibility of a seasonal track.
- Councilor Hwang attended a meeting the evening prior, where the CCBA and the Chinese community asked for a formal apology from Multnomah County for events of the 1940s.
- Councilor Gonzalez reported on JPACT meeting, including the adoption of its State Legislative Priorities. He also showed off the community engagement award given to Washington County for the Council Creek Regional Trail Project.

- Councilor Rosenthal reported on the morning's MERC meeting and shared that the P5's IGAs will be discussed in upcoming meetings.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nicholas Cooley*

Nicholas Cooley, Legislative Assistant