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Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2025

10:30 AM

This Council meeting will adjourn into a work session.

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), www.youtube.com/live/_Hm9DaWsPZ0**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

2. Public Communication

Art Lewellan spoke in favor of safety-based transportation improvements on I-5.

Jose Medina raised concerns about sexual harassment and threats from Levy's management of services at Oregon Convention Center (OCC). President Peterson asked senior staff to follow up.

Veronica Freisen reiterated concerns about management at OCC.

Connor Lynch, Portland State University student, spoke of transparency of data online about housing and homeless services, specifying that more intuitive websites with glossaries would be helpful.

Shaniya Berry, Portland State University student, expressed concerns about access to healthcare for houseless residents.

Birch Clark, Portland State University student, advocated for a housing-first model that specifically includes youth.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Resolution No. 25-5497 For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Members to the Metro Committee on Racial Equity (CORE)

No Discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Resolutions

Staff delivered a joint presentation from Resolutions No. 25-5488 and 25-5489, followed by individual votes on each.

Staff reviewed the engagement Metro conducted to develop the solid waste fees budget, third-party review, and Council direction. Staff also explained that, for the first time, the Regional System Fee and Solid Waste Fee are presented separately in separate resolutions.

4.1 Resolution No. 25-5488 For the Purpose of Adopting Regional System Fee for FY 2025-26

A motion was made by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that Resolution No. 25-5488 be adopted.

Amendment Discussion

During discussion of adoption, Councilor Rosenthal moved to amend the resolution to include “/ton” after the dollar figure for items 1 and 2 in the list of “Regional System Fees by waste class.” Councilors Hwang and Gonzalez asked staff to confirm that the proposed amendment did not constitute a material change to the underlying policy.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Hwang, that Resolution No.25-5488 be amended. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Rosenthal

Nay: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Simpson

Vote on the Adoption of the Resolution**The Resolution was adopted by the following vote:**

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

Nay: 1 - Councilor Rosenthal

- 4.2 **Resolution No. 25-5489** For the Purpose of Adopting Solid Waste Fees at the Metro Transfer Stations and Metro's Community Enhancement Fee for FY 2025-26

There was no additional discussion.

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

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Simpson

5. Adjourn to work session

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor