

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 25-5474  
PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN )  
WASHINGTON PARK FOR USE BY THE ) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer  
OREGON ZOO ) Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with  
 ) Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro owns and operates the Oregon Zoo pursuant to its statutory and charter authority; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo operates on 65 acres owned by Metro and entirely surrounded by the City of Portland’s Washington Park, and as such its growth is limited; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, an adjacent educational non-profit, the Portland Children’s Museum 2 (“CM2”) ceased operating, leaving the building and its approximately 3.4-acre site vacant to this day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland Parks Department (“City”) owns the land and building that formerly housed the CM2 (“CM2 Property”); and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Zoo and the City began discussing the complimentary nature of their related missions in Washington Park, and City’s willingness to sell the CM2 Property to Metro for Zoo purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo determines the CM2 Property to be an important potential opportunity for future growth and evolution; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Zoo staff presented the City with a Letter of Interest containing the basic elements of a proposed sale to Metro. Based on the letter, the Zoo and the City began to negotiate the terms of the proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement between the parties, conditioned upon the approval of each party’s elected council; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2024, the City Council approved the sale of the CM2 Property to Metro for the Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.04.050 requires Metro Council approval of all real property purchases and acquisitions; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the City of Portland for the purchase of approximately 3.4 acres of land and associated improvements in Washington Park formerly occupied by the Portland Children's Museum 2, and authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to acquire the property in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, subject to satisfactory completion of all due diligence and fulfillment of all other contractual conditions precedent, or as otherwise approved by the Office of the Metro Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 10th day of April, 2025.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney