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Minutes

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10:30 AM

Happy Valley City Hall (16000 SE Misty Dr, Happy Valley, OR
97086) <https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992
888-475-4499 (toll free)

Council meeting

1. Call to order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30am

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

2. Public Communication

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

There was one member of the public that testified:

- Councilor Sherman, Happy Valley, OR

Councilor Sherman explained he commenting as a resident and not as a Councilor. He explains that as they expand the city, it is drawing others from outside of Happy Valley and wanted to express how proud he is of the progress being made. He then explained they need help with transportation to align the same goals with the state.

Happy Valley Presentation

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Councilor Sherman and Jason Tuck to present the *Happy Valley Presentation*

Staff pulled up the *happy Valley Presentation* to present to Council.

Summary of the Presentation:

The Presentation went over a new downtown vision, community center, library expansion, then went over the parks and recreation progress and programs

Council discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the acres the city bought are listed as an overlay zone.

Jason Tuck explained they need more planning to refine what it will be

Councilor Rosenthal then asked if the density in the town is 60 acres

Jason Tuck explained it is 30 acres and then explained there is no concrete plan.

Councilor Hwang asked how they are financing for the plan.

Jason Tuck explained it is coming from urban renewal and parks SDC's.

Councilor Sherman explained the library expansion is coming from the savings they have had over the years.

Councilor Simpson asked to get walked through the community envisioning to make the plan happen.

Jason Tuck explained they held 18 meetings with technical people and residents that included a consultant to lead the plan.

Councilor Sherman explained they went to every community event and asked people what they want to see at the parks.

Councilor Gonzales asked what the biggest transportation goals the city has and how council can support

Jason Tuck explained the 2 main priorities are Sunrise

corridor C2C Corridor.

Councilor Nolan asked what the council can do to help with the transportation opportunities and investments and if there is a way to collaborate with Metro.

Jason Tuck explained the city would be open to partnering up with Metro and explained they are open to having more discussion how to proceed.

Councilor Sherman explained they need the infrastructure for the land to keep the community together in order to decrease the transportation rates of residents travelling to work outside of the city.

Council President Peterson asked if they need a regional town center for the new downtown.

Jason Tuck explained that may not be necessary but will investigate it.

Council President Peterson then asked if they took a position on the UGB exchange.

Jason Tuck explained they did take a position on the UGB exchange and are in support of it.

End of Presentation.

3. Presentations

3.1 Central Services Budget Presentation

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Andrew Scott and Holly Calhoun to present on the Central Services FY 2023-24

Proposed Budget

Staff pulled up the Central Services FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget Presentation.

Holly Calhoun explained the presentation will go over the finance and regulatory services, capital asset management, communications, human resources, and information technology.

She then introduced Deputy CFO Caleb Ford & Ryan Kinsella to go over the budget overview.

Summary of presentation:

The presentation went over the General and Risk fund, Equity Metrics, and budget modification.

Council Discussion:

Council Deputy Lewis asked if they are in the process of buying a new database to track subcontracts then asked how to find the cost of space not being used in at Metro.

Caleb Ford explained they are using a historical space of the building and then Ryan Kinsella answered the first question by explaining that the measure they are using the COBID measure.

Councilor Simpson asked how they would increase the number of hours of POC doing work.

Ryan Kinsella explained they have some direct control in some things they can do with the contracts and opportunities to make improvements related to that.

Councilor Simpson then asked how people can reach out.

Ryan Kinsella explained continued outreach is what they are doing.

Councilor Nolan asked about the \$1.9M budget for the parking garage at Metro

Ryan Kinsella then explained it is for improvements to the structure of the parking garage.

Councilor Nolan then asked how that will be affected as less people are coming to the office and using the garage.

Ryan Kinsella then explained the money needs to be spent regardless as it is necessary to address the structural issues.

Councilor Hwang asked about SHS and asked if they are subsidizing the SHS general fund in term of admin or if the funds are coming from the administrative funds.

Caleb Ford explained it is from tax levies and potential bond measures. He then explained that SHS is the main fund.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if Metro is planning on taking any authority away from the city of Portland and then asked about the FTE for the Oregon Convention Center and expressed that the Keller and the expo need construction and if it something they will look into in future years

Ryan Kinsella explained they will need 6-12 months and the Keller will need more time.

Caleb Ford explained they are not looking to take away responsibility from the city of Portland and they will need more staff time to handle responses and questions.

End of presentation.

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Julio Garcia and Lia Waiwaiole to present on the Communications Budget

Staff pulled up the Communications Presentation.

Summary of presentation:

The presentation went over the communications budget, equity metrics, engaging with communities, completion of qualitative findings and key findings, investments in target areas.

Council Discussion:

Council Deputy Lewis asked for the presenters to explain the strategies related to Metros goals.

Lia Waiwaiole explained that the department is a way for people to find answers related to waste and recycling and is a way for others to be aware of metros efforts.

Council Deputy Lewis then asked if they have the budget for what they need.

Julio Garcia explained they do have the budget currently and want to hire a full-time investigator.

Councilor Hwang asked for an explanation of the key equity metrics and made a comment about having more content put up in more languages to get the message out better.

Lia Waiwaiole explained they will add more support to

media coordinator and explained the key equity metrics is the input from the community.

Councilor Simpson asked if the budget modifications reflect the need to do coms outreach on a general daily way for everyone in the region and stakeholders.

Lia Waiwaiole explained that they have a new position to look at community engagement and they have a position on the proposed GAPD Budget

Councilor Rosenthal asked about the \$150k allocation and asked if it an FTE, then asked how it will possible to find a media coordinator who will understand all of Metro's goals and needs.

Lia Waiwaiole explained the media and social media experts will focus on bringing people together and help with media marketing/messaging. She then explained the \$150K is for participants, surveys, paid advertising and explained It is a M&S not FTE.

Councilor Gonzales gave some feedback about what he has been hearing and explained that there are certain groups in the region that feel they are being excluded by Metro and they feel they aren't being communicate to. Councilor Gonzales explained they need to communicate with everyone in the region.

Council President Peterson explained she wants the communication department should think more about how will Metro communicate to all the regions and communities and make sure that there is a standard.

End of Presentation.

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Rachell Tull to present on the Information Technology Presentation.

Staff pulled up the Information Technology Presentation.

Summary of presentation:

The presentation went over the budget within the IT department which includes desktop and enterprise software, data storage, web support and desktop support and maintain servers and systems.

The budget modifications included Manager for Project Management office 1.0 FTE, Systems Analyst 1.0 FTE, Enhanced Microsoft Licensing, Data center modernization.

Investments in target areas: Move the Data Center to an outside location with better cooling and heating to help with carbon emissions.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal asked if they are doing to identify areas where they can apply Artificial Intelligence.

Rachell Tull explained they will be looking into ways they use AI for people to get answers from Metros website.

Council Deputy Lewis spoke about the modernization efforts and explained to Rachel to ask for additional investments ahead of time.

End of Presentation.

3.2 Council, COO, GAPD budget presentation

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Andrew Scott to present on the Council, COO, GAPD FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget Presentation.

Staff pulled up the *Presentation*.

Summary of presentation:

The presentation went over the budget overview which includes \$8,070,860 for the person services FTE count and \$2,125,307 for the materials and services. The presentation also goes over two key equity metrics.

Council Discussion:

Council President Peterson asked who has the decision making power

COO Marissa Madrigal explained they have good models in the organizations

End of Presentation.

4. Other Business

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called COO Marissa Madrigal to present on the Amendments to the FY 2023-24 Budget from proposed to approved Presentation.

Staff pulled up the Presentation.

Summary of presentation:

Marissa Madrigal introduced Caleb ford to explain the presentation.

The presentation went over 2 proposed amendments.

Amendment 1 is an increase of \$3,500,750 for the general obligation debt service fund.

Amendment 2 Transfer \$295,000 from the general fund contingency to the COO budget to fund additional scope related to the Expo Future Phase 2 Project.

End of presentation.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communications

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

- Marissa Madrigal gave an update on a fire at Metro South transfer station and will launch an investigation into what caused it.

6. Councilor Communications

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and

events:

- Council Deputy Lewis wanted to recognize the efforts of the Zoo Staff for raising money for the wild life conservation.
- Councilor Nolan gave an update on the senate bill 6-11 is up for a work session on senate rules but will be impacted by the walk out if it were to advance any further.
- Councilor Gonzales spoke about the OMPOC meeting and gave an update on the Oregon Transportation plan and explained the draft is ready for review.
- Councilor Simpson spoke about the how great the Sundays parkways event was and it had a good turnout.
- Councilor Rosenthal spoke about two bills and another bill to advance a trail underneath highway 99 in Sherwood

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 1:09pm

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Respectfully submitted,