

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5477 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL AREAS AND CAPITAL PROGRAM PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

Independent community oversight has been essential to Metro's accountability and delivery on promises made to voters in its funding measures. The Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, which provides independent and transparent oversight Metro's use of capital funds from the \$475 million 2019 parks and nature bond, the parks and natural areas levy, allows committee members to serve up to three two-year terms.

The purpose of Resolution No. 25-5477 is to re-appoint members who have been serving on the committee since it was formed in 2021 to their final term in 2025 to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 25-5477 to re-appoint individuals to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee.

### **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

The current makeup of the oversight committee reflects the Metro Council's direction for members to bring a deep understanding of conservation values and racial equity as well as multiple complementary backgrounds and knowledge across a range of topics including conservation, habitat and biodiversity, finance, working lands, understanding of the disability community and the urban Indigenous community and of issues around tribal sovereignty.

The Metro Council has asked the oversight committee to monitor how bond implementation activities are meeting the direction in the bond measure, to monitor financial aspects of program administration and to share with the Metro Council related concerns or recommendations to help adjust work moving forward.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Metro Council approve Resolution No. 25-5477 to re-appoint individuals to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee.

## **BACKGROUND**

In February 2021, the Metro Council established the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, charged with providing independent and transparent oversight Metro's use of capital funds from the \$475 million 2019 parks and nature bond, the parks and natural areas levy and remaining funds from the 2006 natural areas bond, and confirmed the appointment of a slate of 19 members.

The oversight committee has been meeting since April 2021 and has been focused on reviewing bond programs progress and overall alignment with the three bond criteria. The committee presented its year three report back to the Metro Council in November 2024.

Metro Council Ordinance No. 21-1460, which established the oversight committee in Metro Code section 2.19.222, states that the Committee will be composed of no fewer than 9 and no more than 21 members and that committee members can serve up to three two-year terms. In 2024, in resolution No 24-2408, the Metro Council approved the appointment of seven new members to the committee and re-appointed five additional members.

Parks and Nature is focused on maintaining a healthy committee membership over the life of the bond. The members originally appointed when the committee was established in 2021, who were either appointed to an initial one-year term or an initial two-year term, will be entering their final terms in 2025 and 2026 respectively. So, moving forward, Parks and Nature will focus on recruitment and onboarding of new members to ensure that the committee be continue in a sustainable and consistent way over the life of the bond.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None