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Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2026

10:00 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber;
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=G2qE1_tmiUI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2qE1_tmiUI)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Gonzalez called the Council meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

2. Public Communication

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Resolution No. 26-5613 For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Investment Advisory Board

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5613](#)
[Staff Report](#)

3.2 Resolution No. 26-5606 For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Veronica Dullack and Richard Gronostajski and Reappointment of Sanjaya Silga and Cecelia Estravis to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Grant Committee

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5606](#)
[Staff Report](#)

3.3 Consideration of the June 2, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 2, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3.4 Consideration of the June 4, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 4, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor Hwang, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentations

4.1 Transfer Station Operating Controls Follow-Up Audit Results

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

Attachments: [Transfer Station Follow-Up Audit](#)
[Transfer Station Follow-Up Audit Highlights](#)

Presenters discussed the results of the follow-up audit for the transfer station operating controls. They shared that continued work to implement recommendations will strengthen controls outlined in the 2025 Regional Systems Facilities Plan. They shared that eleven recommendations were implemented and nine were in progress.

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott and Waste Prevention and Environmental Services (WPES) Director Marta McGuire provided the management response. They expressed their support for the core recommendations of both the original audit and the follow up audit.

Staff acknowledged a significant opportunity to streamlined training and operating controls as employees at the transfer station are brought in-house.

5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 26-1545** For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 29 Acres in Hillsboro Along Northeast Evergreen Road and Northwest 273rd Avenue

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Senior Regional Planner

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-1545](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Ordinances No. 26-1545 and 26-1546 were presented and a single public hearing was conducted.

Deputy Attorney Nathan Sykes read the procedural requirements for ex parte contacts.

Councilors stated that they do not have a conflict of interest on either ordinance.

Staff shared brief information on the two ordinances.

Councilor Nolan felt it encouraging to see annexation proposals to support industrial land for jobs. Council President Gonzalez asked when people can expect jobs to open at the site.

5.2 Ordinance No. 26-1546 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately Half an Acre Along the Northwest Springville Road in Washington County

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Senior Regional Planner

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-1546](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

See Agenda Item 5.1 for a description of these two items, which were heard together.

5.2.1 Public Hearing on Ordinances No. 26-1545 and 26-1546

Brian Varricchione, on behalf of the applicant, described approval for two speculative industrial buildings.

Louis Fontenot Jr., on behalf of the applicant, shared a project timeline of about 12 to 14 months before employment at the site begins. Per a question from Councilor Nolan, he discussed potential employment figures, noting that one tenant had appetite for several hundred, and another nearby building as approximately 100 to 140 employees.

6. Other Business

6.1 Council Discussion: On-Boarding Incoming Metro Councilor For District 4

Presenter(s): Victor Sin (he/him), Council Office Manager

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Staff presented on the on-boarding process for the new councilor who will serve District 4. He asked for feedback on the onboarding packet, which includes sharing knowledge of agency and

administrative functions, knowledge of agency business and departments, and Council decorum.

Councilor Nolan expressed approval of the onboarding process. Councilor Simpson responded that he also did not get an onboarding packet, stating that he thinks it is a great idea. Councilor Lewis encouraged her colleagues to visit more natural areas as part of their education about the region.

Council President Gonzalez requested staff return with an updated packet, with additional future discussion on governance.

Councilor Nolan suggested that they create something that identifies the kind of information that councilors have found useful in doing their jobs. They also suggested asking the new councilors, as well as incumbent councilors, if there is anything they need more information on. They emphasized the need to make this process a partnership.

Council President González noted that he would like to have more conversations about rules and decorum, including attendance and in-person protocol. He shared a desire to learn more about how committee appointments work, council appointments and getting things on the agenda.

Councilor Hwang shared his onboarding was similar plan to this one, noting that a policy advisor's knowledge of the region and connections strengthened the work of a new councilor. He emphasized the need to ensure they have strong onboarding for policy advisors.

Staff shared that the onboarding for policy advisors will be in similar. He emphasized a desire for them to participate in the same meetings and site tours. Councilor Simpson shared that it

would be advisable for the next policy advisor to be experienced and knowledgeable about Metro.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal added that there is a heat advisory for this weekend. She noted that all jurisdictions are activating the heat policies that are in place.

7.1 SHS RPOC Update (Liam Frost, Housing Director)

Housing Director Liam Frost shared details of the Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee meeting that occurred this week. He noted that the number of voices and perspectives at the table were affirming. He also provided an update on committee membership.

Councilor Hwang acknowledged tension within the group about the Regional Investment Fund (RIF) and thanked President González for his closing remarks.

Councilor Lewis agreed that there was some division during the RIF discussion. She added that she wants to discuss individual perspectives in future meetings. President González emphasized the importance of listening and working through the disagreements.

8. Councilor Communication

President González shared he met with TriMet General Manager Sam Desue to discuss transit funding and governance. He also had coffee with Senate President Rob Wagner; they discussed continued coordination with Council and their aligned values.

Councilor Lewis shared that she and Councilor Hwang attended and participated in the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Economic Study Design Workshop. Councilors Lewis and Hwang agreed it was a successful and engaging event.

Council President González shared that he will be out of office

next week.

9. Adjourn

President González adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Buzzini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor