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Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2025

10:30 AM

This work session will immediately follow the Council meeting.

Start times for agenda items are estimates.

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 work session

10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Work Session to order at 11:14 a.m.

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

10:30 Work Session Topics:**10:30 Future Vision Commission Charge and Process**

Staff reviewed Council engagement on the Future Vision, next steps, process outcomes and principles.

Staff turned to the proposed charge for the Commissioner: to recommend a vision; generate participation; serve as ambassadors; and to consider current conditions, trends and futures, and community values.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how Metro can consider lessons learned from past processes to avoid unintended consequences in the next iteration of the Future Vision. Staff pointed specifically to the fact that past Future Visions were not well-known within the community despite engagement.

Councilor Hwang asked how Metro can remove silos and promote cross-sector collaboration and suggested bringing various audiences together. Staff referred to other regions that could serve as inspiration for this type of collaboration and noted that the team is also working with Metro's Social Innovation Director on partnerships.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for capturing Council feedback and remarked that commissioners will represent multiple communities and viewpoints at once, which may

make it difficult to take information back to those respective communities without resources and support. She recalled support Metro offered to committee members on a past project.

Councilor Gonzalez asked staff to clarify who had already engaged in the process, and staff confirmed they connected with community-based organizations and the business community, with TriMet, and soon, sports and arts organizations.

Deputy President Simpson reiterated his desire to focus on an economic engine in developing the Future Vision. Staff replied that long-term economic plans should dovetail with existing short-term efforts underway.

11:30 Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal provided an update on a recent employee town hall.

11:35 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis updated Council on the Clackamas Village ribbon cutting and the most recent Tri-County Planning Body meeting.

Councilor Gonzalez reported on the most recent JPACT meeting, which discussed the Regional Flexible Funding Allocation proposals and a presentation about the Montgomery Parks Streetcar Locally Preferred Alternative.

Councilor Rosenthal shared that Representative Courtney Neron would replace the late Senator Woods.

President Peterson asked Council to remember Moshu, the Oregon Zoo's late Red Panda.

11:40 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson

adjourned the work session at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anne Buzzini". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor