

Council meeting

Minutes

July 19, 2022

## Metro

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Tuesday, July 19, 2022

10:30 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or  
929-205-6099 (toll free)

**Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting  
to order  
at 10:30 a.m.

**Present:** 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Shirley Craddick,  
Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor  
Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**2. Public Communication**

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members

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of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.  
There was none.

Peterson Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President  
moved on to the next agenda item.

### 3. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

- 3.1 Ordinance No. 22-1482, For the Purpose of Creating A New Metro Code Chapter 5.11 to Establish the Disaster Debris Reserve and Disaster Debris Management Grants Program  
**Assigned to Council, second reading is scheduled for July 28, 2022.**

Council President Peterson called on [Courtney Patterson] [she/her], Metro Asset Division Manager, and Jim Quinn [he/him], Metro Solid Waste Resilience Planner to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the [*Disaster Debris Reserve and Grant Program Presentation*] to present to Council.  
Staff presented regarding an ordinance that would establish a disaster debris reserve and grant program.

#### *Council Discussion*

**Council President Peterson** asked about the outreach work being done with city managers and mayors, in lieu of the ice storms.

COO Marissa Madrigal and Staff discussed their engagement with cities and identified ways Metro can support them: through funding, debris management, and communication/coordination.

**Councilor Hwang** asked how far the \$5 million reserves can

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go, and asked if the funds would be distributed to local governments or private contractors.

Without specific numbers to present, Staff decided on \$5 million based on research done with the annual cost of natural disasters, and believed it can cover debris removal for 3-5 disasters. This reserve is intended to fill the gaps that FEMA reimbursements can leave. The funds can possibly go to both.

**Councilor Nolan** asked a few questions:

- Since the reserve will be funded by earmarking current revenue streams, where did those funds go before? Does this mean cutting funding for other services?
- They also asked why Staff does not charge local governments, and allow them to create their own natural disaster cleanup reserves.
- They asked if these funds mainly come from street sweeping after natural disasters.

Staff explained that their budget is based on estimates of annual solid waste fee revenue, and any unspent funds will go to the reserves. They do not affect any fee or future fee calculations, and the revenue comes from a regional systems fee. These are fluctuating, one-time fees, and are placed in a “reserve within a reserve.” They do not directly support other programs

Staff had not explored this option but explained that local governments came to Metro asking for financial support. It is also difficult to predict where natural disasters will occur, so centralized funds allow Staff to better respond when and where they hit.

Most of these funds come from cleaning up contaminated soil, only a small percentage comes from street sweeping,

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and none comes from natural disaster cleanup.

**Councilor Craddick** asked for more details around how Staff decided on the \$5 million cap, and why have a cap in the first place.

Staff reiterated that the cap was based on future projections, and that FEMA reimbursements will still cover around 80% of natural disaster cleanup costs.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked if Staff believes it necessary to clearly define “materials” vs. “waste.”

Staff explained that the DEQ assists in classifying waste. However, they agreed that clear definitions would be helpful.

### 3.2.1 Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-1482

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No. 22-1482

There was none.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to Council Discussion.

## 4. Other Business

### 4.1 Affordable Housing Bond Annual Report

Council President Peterson introduced Patricia Rojas (she/her), Metro, Emily Lieb (she/her), Metro, Jenny Lee (she/her), Affordable Housing Bond Oversight Committee, and Steve Rudman (he/him), Affordable Housing Bond Oversight Committee to present to Council. Staff pulled up the [*Metro Affordable Housing Bond Annual Report Presentation*] to present to Council.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked if there are other units being built by other agencies, and not specifically funded by the bond, and if Staff has identified any priority areas for housing development.

Staff explained that there are multiple funding sources, like the Portland Bond and Federal programs. Making sure those resources reach those most in need is an ongoing conversation.

**Councilor Lewis** emphasized the importance of federal funding, and shared two thoughts: How can we make the most of our acquisition dollars, and we should start involving childcare providers as family units are built.

**Councilor Gonzalez** asked how Metro can find innovative ways to meet affordable housing needs, and how Metro can create more homeownership opportunities.

Staff mentioned taking a design-oriented approach. Future housing bonds and projects will have more opportunities to create homeownership.

**Councilor Hwang** asked multiple questions:

- He asked if any of these programs have adapted new technologies, like 3D printing and mass timber.
- He also asked if, with hindsight, the co-chairs would have done anything differently.
- He asked if there will be more appetite for workforce housing, or other ways to reduce the required

subsidy per unit.

- He finally asked Staff how they are thinking about things that could be prioritized differently.

Staff provided their thoughts about the ongoing issues, and how they would have run their stakeholder meetings

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differently.

**Councilor Lewis** asked what the committee co-chairs needed from Council to continue their work over the next year. She also asked how to ensure the two program oversight committees are properly coordinating with one another.

The Committee Co-Chairs mentioned improving their report outs from their local implementation plans and removing needless barriers. Steve believed that Metro has coordinated with other jurisdictions remarkably. The Co-Chairs thanked for Metro's investments, which helped with staffing, but believe more investment will be needed to answer many of Council's questions.

### 5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- There were none.

### 6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- There were none.

### 7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Kim, Legislative Assistant