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## Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2026

10:00 AM

This Council meeting session will adjourn into a Council work  
session

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber;

<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or

253-205-0468 (toll free),

**Council meeting**

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

Acting Council President Hwang called the meeting to order at 10:05.

**Present:** 5 - Acting Council President Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Christine Lewis

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Ashton Simpson

**2. Public Communication**

None.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1 Resolution No. 26-5598 For the Purpose of Confirming a Member to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee**

Attachments: [Staff report](#)  
[Resolution No. 26-5598](#)

**3.3 Resolution No. 26-5595 For the Purpose of Amending Rules and Procedures Related to the Conduct of Council Business**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5595](#)

**3.4 Consideration of the March 19, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [March 19, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**3.5 Consideration of the April 7, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [April 7, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**3.6**

**Consideration of the April 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [April 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Councilor Rosenthal asked that Resolution No. 26-5592 be

removed from the consent agenda for additional questions.

**A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3.2 Resolution No. 26-5592 For the Purpose of Issuing a Non-System License to Veris Industries LLC for Transport and Disposal of Non-Recoverable Solid Waste, Including Putrescible Waste at the Spokane Regional Waste-to Energy Facility Location in Spokane, Washington**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5592](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Exhibit B](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Councilor Rosenthal asked whether the applicant for the non-system license in Resolution No. 26-5592 had resolved past violations and the anticipated tonnage to be transported under the license. Staff noted that the applicant's previous failures to complete required reports for a non-system license were determined to be due to the death of a compliance employees, and that a second non-system license was no longer active due to the closure of receiving facility. They added that the license permits up to 500 tons annually, but that anticipated tonnage is closer to 75 tons per year.

Councilor Simpson joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

**A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Presentations**

**4.1 Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Project: Findings and Recommendations**

Presenter(s): John Mermin, he/him, Metro, Senior Transportation Planner  
Ted Leybold, he/him Metro, Transportation Policy Director

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 26-5564](#)  
[Attachment 2 - Exhibit A to Resolution No. 26-5564](#)  
[Attachment 3 - Exhibit B to Resolution No. 26-5564](#)  
[Attachment 4 - Exhibit C to Resolution No. 26-5564](#)

Staff reviewed the report and previous engagements with Metro Council and other bodies. They then presented the tiered routes and recommendations.

Councilor Rosenthal commented on the importance of the work, noting that disasters are not created equally and require different approaches.

Staff explained per Acting Council President Hwang's question that the maps of the regional emergency transportation routes would be incorporated into the regional transportation plan, and that additionally, project elements from the report would be incorporated.

Staff also clarified for Councilor Simpson that while the primary purpose of the routes is response and not evacuation, the maps are beneficial to both actions. They confirmed that other partners, including the National Guard, could utilize the maps.

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

5.1 **Ordinance No. 26-1541** For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately Three Acres in Washington County at NW 185th Ave and NW Springville Rd

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

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-1541](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)

Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren read the procedural requirements for the land use annexation.

None of the Councilors disclosed ex parte contacts or declared conflicts of interest. Staff then reviewed the property in question and described the reasons an annexation was required, despite recent changes to state law to streamline the annexation system. Acting Council President Hwang announced that Council would consider Ordinance No. 26-1541 on April 30, 2026.

**5.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 26-1541**

No testimony received.

**6. Other Business**

No other business.

**7. Adjourn to Work Session**

Acting Council President Hwang adjourned the Council meeting into a work session at 10:39 a.m.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor  
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