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Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026

10:30 AM

This Council work session will immediately follow the Council meeting.

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=LqU10DawfWg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqU10DawfWg)

Council work session

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Peterson called the work session to order at 11:03 a.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Ashton Simpson, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 1 - Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Work Session Topics:**2.1 Chief Operating Officer Legislative Update**

Anneliese Koehler, Legislative Affairs Manager, and Kyung Park, Legislative Affairs Advisor, provided an update from the state legislative session. They highlighted the quarterly revenue forecast, a bill to decouple Oregon's tax code from provisions of federal tax code.

Legislative staff provided an update on a Metro priority, extended producer responsibility for batteries, which passed out of committee. A bill addressing serial communications and food and beverage provision for elected officials also heads to committee. A strong majority of House members supported a bill to restrict speculative ticketing. Staff committed to provide additional information about a micromobility bill, per Councilor Rosenthal's earlier question about safety for e-bikes.

Staff confirmed for Councilor Hwang that there is no formal opposition to the speculative ticketing bill, although some members of the committee voted against it.

2.2 Regional Land Banking: A Tool to Unlock Housing Opportunities

Presenter(s): Malu Wilkinson (she/her), Deputy Director of Planning,

Development and Research
Andrea Pastor (she/her), Senior Development Project
Manager
Brian Harper (he/him), Principal Regional Planner

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Fact Sheet](#)

Staff presented the project background, considerations, and proposed approach for a land banking study. They emphasized that Metro's has supported land banking projects in the past, such as developing recommendations to use land banking to reduce displacement along Southwest Corridor.

Councilor Hwang referred to land banking examples from around the country that are not managed by a single agency but rather a public-private partnership. He felt this model would generate more investment from philanthropy and allow projects to move more quickly and flexibly.

Staff clarified for Councilor Rosenthal that they hoped Council would provide direction on a framework by fall. They also specified that the process is integrated with brownfields work.

3. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal shared with Council that a suite of ethics policies that are undergoing updates.

4. Councilor Communication

Councilor Rosenthal updated Councilors on the Westside Economic Alliance legislative update, which included discussion of bills pertaining to land use, transportation, and taxes.

Councilor Lewis testified at the House Transportation Committee, supporting a bill to create a statewide transit funding study. President Peterson testified in support of the package to support the Moda Center, which included sharing the impacts to Metro of prioritizing the project.

Councilor Hwang thanked communications staff for their work, resulting in positive earned media.

5. Adjourn

President Peterson adjourned the work session at 11:38 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anne Buzzini".

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
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