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Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

11:00 AM

**The Council meeting will immediately follow the Council work
session**

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,

**<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), www.youtube.com/live/nBODW3UF-IE**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Public Communication**3. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)**

- 3.1 **Ordinance No. 25-1531** For the Purpose of Indexing the Supportive Housing Services Personal Income Tax Exemption Amounts for Tax Years 2026-2030 and Adjusting Estimated Payment Requirements

Presenter(s): Justin Laubscher, Tax Compliance Program Manager

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1531](#)
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 25-1531](#)
[Exhibit B to Ordinance No. 25-1531](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff described the proposed changes to Metro's tax code for the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) tax, with an anticipated implementation for the 2025 tax year.

Councilor Lewis urged strong communications with taxpayers to ensure awareness in advance of the coming tax season. Councilor Rosenthal clarified with staff how withholdings would be rounded.

Councilor Hwang asked the rationale for proposing to change the code effective tax year 2025, not 2026. Staff noted that limited time-frame of the 10-year tax and also confirmed that the platform for filing taxes online would remain the same.

Councilor Nolan asked the percentile of earners above the current and future threshold, but staff noted that comparisons are difficult given the heavy investment in capital gains among the affected tax base.

Metro Attorney MacLaren committed to ensuring non-substantive

amendments to the language of the proposed legislation to ensure it reflects state law.

Staff confirmed for Councilor Lewis the reliability of Bureau of Labor and Statistics indices.

3.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 25-1531

There was no public testimony.

4. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal updated Council on a city/county manager retreat at the Oregon Zoo.

Metro Attorney MacLaren invited Council to an event appreciating summer law clerks around the region.

5. Councilor Communication

Deputy President Simpson reported the Blue Lake grand opening and Delta Park Powwow.

Councilor Lewis shared that the Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Committee made awards in excess of \$300,000.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor