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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,  
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or  
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

**Council meeting**

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

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

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

**2. Public Communication**

Dorian Russell and Lucy Simmons, HomePlate Youth Services, supported stronger protections for homeless populations before reducing revenues.

Carol Greenough, local advocate, opposed cutting the tax rate.

Myra Mendoza, Family Promise, opposed funding cuts for services.

Kim Marshall, Project Homeless Connect, supported a pause on policy proposals until partners have more time to come to agreement.

**3. Ordinances (Second Reading and Vote)**

- 3.1 Ordinance No. 25-1522** For the Purpose of Amending the Industrial and Other Employment Areas Map of Title 4 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan for the Montgomery Park area of the City of Portland

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1522](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Exhibit B](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)  
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[Attachment 3](#)  
[Attachment 4](#)  
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There was no discussion.

**A motion was made by Councilor Nolan and seconded by Councilor Rosenthal.**

**The motion was carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Simpson, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Lewis

#### **4. Work Session**

##### **4.1 Integrated and Expanded Regional SHS/Affordable Housing Program: Proposed Policy Package**

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[Attachment 4](#)

President Peterson reminded Council of past actions and direction related to the draft ordinance before Council, and Metro staff presented an overview of a draft of Ordinance 25-1525, a measure to refer changes to the Supportive Housing Services tax to voters, and companion legislation, Ordinance 25-1526, that would further detail programmatic changes.

Councilors Gonzalez and Hwang urged stronger support for coalition building prior to referral.

Councilor Nolan advocated for greater specificity in data collection, a representative HHPAC that addresses tensions about regional representation in Metro policymaking, and for shifting focus from how dollars are spent to strategies that reduce homelessness to zero.

Councilor Lewis and Hwang reiterated the need for a

regional, transparent system.

Councilor Simpson spoke to the importance of regionalism and the importance of collaborating, including the need for a data sharing agreement and clear metrics.

Councilor Lewis emphasized the need for additional housing, particularly permanent supportive housing, to ensure improving outcomes for affected residents. Requested an addition to the ordinance that specifies continued funding is contingent on Metro having access to data.

President Peterson described the ordinances as striking a balance between improving outcomes and ensuring transparency.

Councilor Lewis asked to consider Department of Revenue as the tax collector in the future, and which entity or entities would have the authority to make a decision to change collectors.

Councilor Rosenthal expressed concern about designing HHPAC in the spirit of JPACT, which receives and programs federal funds, and suggested that Council adopt a more creative approach.

Councilor Simpson asked for clarification about the ways that local jurisdictions may collaborate in the future, and Councilor Gonzalez asked for more information about funding for city programs and preferred a collaborative process over a direct allocation to cities.

Councilor Hwang asked how the proposed process could help foster trust between parties and help break patterns of limiting services within county or city lines. President Peterson added that the process of receiving services

should be streamlined regardless of location within in the region.

Councilor Nolan pointed to a lack of transparent goals and data and expressed support for changes to the program only under four standards: 1) a census of all individuals experiencing homelessness, with a plan designed for each individual and an identified implementing partner; 2) funds mandated based where residents are living based on that data; 3) significant improvement toward achieving functional zero chronic homelessness; and 4) not changing the tax rate and providing the services voters expected.

**5. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

COO Madrigal shared free parking information and educational opportunities at Metro parks for MLK Jr. Day.

**6. Councilor Communication**

Councilor Rosenthal acknowledged the contributions of retiring Commissioner Roy Rogers to transportation policy in the region.

Councilor Gonzalez reported out on the January JPACT meeting, including new members and the cooling corridors and Regional Flexible Funds presentations and discussions. He also highlighted a TV Highway legislators' breakfast.

Councilor Simpson invited Councilors to the East Metro Housing Summit.

**7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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