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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, February 5, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Online only: <https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or  
253-205-0468 (toll free)**

**Council meeting**

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

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

**2. Public Communication**

None

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1 Consideration of the January 29, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [January 29, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

**4. Resolutions**

**4.1 Resolution No. 26-5566 For The Purpose of Approving a Contract-Specific Special Procurement for the Custom Design and Fabrication of an Electric Train for the Oregon Zoo**

Presenter(s): Gabriele Schuster (she/her), Procurement Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5566](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

President Peterson opened a meeting of the Metro Contract Review Board to consider the legislation.

Councilor Hwang wondered whether a new electric train would be able to run the full track of the Washington Park Railway, if reinstated. Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren reminded Council that approval of the special procurement is considered only in their capacity as the Metro Contract Review Board.

Councilor Lewis asked if a retrofit could be considered, and whether the contract was for more than one train. Utpal Passi, Deputy Director, Oregon Zoo, explained that one train runs at a time except during Zoo Lights, that purchasing a single train can serve as a proof-of-concept, and that the proposal considers a new train, not a retrofit.

After the vote, President Peterson adjourned the meeting of the Metro Contract Review Board and reconvened the Metro Council meeting.

**A motion was made by Councilor Simpson, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

4.2 **Ordinance No. 26-1540 For the Purpose of Amendment Metro Code Chapter 7.05 (Income Tax Administration) Regarding the Personal Income Interest Rate Adjustment Process, Making Conforming Amendments to Metro Code Chapter 7.06 (Personal Income Tax), and Declaring an Emergency.**

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

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1540](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

[Exhibit C](#)

[Staff Report](#)

No discussion.

**A motion was made by Councilor Simpson, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

None

**7. Councilor Communication**

**8. Adjourn**

President Peterson adjourned the Council meeting at 10:14 a.m.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor

February 9, 2026