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## Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2026

10:00 AM

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=VJNSQ5G06vE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJNSQ5G06vE)

**Council meeting**

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

Acting Council President Hwang called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Christine Lewis

**2. Public Communication**

No testimony.

**3. Consent Agenda****3.1 Resolution No. 26-5611 For the Purpose of Appointing Members to the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5611](#)  
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 26-5611](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

**3.2 Resolution No. 26-5603 For the Purpose of Reappointing Two Members to the Audit Committee**

Presenter(s):

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5603](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

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

**4. Resolutions****4.1 Resolution No. 26-5602 For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption from Competitive Bidding and Procurement of Construction Manager/General Contractor Services by Competitive Request for Proposals for the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall HVAC Equipment Replacement Project**

Presenter(s): Kristin Hennings (she/her), Senior Project Manager, Capital Asset Management  
Deanna Podbeilan (she/her), Procurement Analyst, Finance and Regulatory Services

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5602](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Acting Council President Hwang recessed the Metro Council Meeting and called to order a meeting of the Metro Contract Review Board.

Councilor Nolan asked staff to shed light on the frequency of exemptions from the process and wondered whether the contracting rules should be updated. They specifically inquired about the percentage of capital projects that utilize exemptions and the dollar amounts of those projects. Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren clarified that state law may guide Council in future decisions about contracting rules.

Acting Council President Hwang asked for more insight into the project, as the asset will soon be transferred to the City of Portland. Staff explained that the City of Portland bears financial responsibility under the arrangement, which takes place before the eventual transfer.

Staff also confirmed for Councilor Rosenthal that the exemption would allow a contractor to come into the project earlier, develop efficient and thoughtful drawings, and reduce the risk of a halted project.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Acting Council President Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Lewis

#### 4.1.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 26-5602

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No testimony.

**5. Ordinances (Second Reading)**

**5.1 Ordinance No. 26-1543 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro Boundary Approximately 10 Acres in North Bethany Along Northwest Kaiser Road**

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

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-1543](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)

Councilor Gonzalez excused himself from the remainder of the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

There was no additional discussion on the ordinance.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Acting Council President Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Simpson

**Excused:** 2 - Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Lewis

**6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Chief Operating Officer Madrigal shared her takeaways from a recent trip to Vancouver, B.C. to learn about economic development. She cited sports events and other investment in community culture that draw tourism to the region by fostering local interests. Councilor Simpson his interest in defining the region's culture, especially around sports.

**7. Councilor Communication**

Councilor Rosenthal updated Council on his recent presentation to the Tualatin City Council about Metro's core values. He reported the City Council was engaged and also

interested in solid waste fees.

Acting Council President Hwang shared that the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee received an excellent presentation about the Governor's Prosperity Council.

On the subject of sports, tourism and economic development, Councilor Nolan added that there are many models of tourism to borrow from. Councilor Nolan hoped future approaches would minimize the negative impacts to the region of increased tourism. Councilor Rosenthal added that many sectors can promote regional identity and growth, in addition to tourism.

**8. Adjourn**

Acting Council President Hwang adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor  
May 29, 2026