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## Minutes - Final

Thursday, May 2, 2024

10:30 AM

**Budget notes from Councilor Rosenthal have been withdrawn. The Metro Council will next discuss budget notes and amendments on Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber.**

Thursday, May 23, 2024

<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID:  
615 079 992 or 888-475-4499 (toll free)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afy9UF-6Wxl>

**Council meeting**

**This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber.**

**You can join the meeting on your computer or other device by using this link:**

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

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

**2. Public Communication**

Public comment may be submitted in writing. It will also be heard in person and by electronic communication (video conference or telephone). Written comments should be submitted electronically by emailing [legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov). Written comments received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting will be provided to the council prior to the meeting. Testimony on non-agenda items will be taken at the beginning of the meeting. Testimony on agenda items generally will take place during that item, after staff presents, but also may be taken at the beginning of the meeting.

Those wishing to testify orally are encouraged to sign up in advance by either: (a) contacting the legislative coordinator by phone at 503-813-7591 and providing your name and the agenda item on which you wish to testify; or (b) registering by email by sending your name and the agenda item on which you wish to testify to [legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov). Those wishing to testify in person should fill out a blue card found in the back of the Council Chamber.

Those requesting to comment virtually during the meeting can do so by joining the meeting using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or 888-475-4499 (toll free) and using the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom or emailing the legislative coordinator at [legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov). Individuals will have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated at the meeting.

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**3. Consent Agenda**

3.1 Consideration of the March 7, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [030724c signed](#)

**approved**

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

3.2 Consideration of the April 4, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [040424c minutes](#)

**approved**

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

3.3 For the Purpose of Re-Appointing Members to the Supportive Housing Services Tri-County Planning Body (TCPB)

Attachments: [Resolution 24-5411](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Staff Report](#)

**approved**

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

**4. Resolutions**

4.1 Resolution No. 24-5397 For the Purpose of Approving the FY 2024-25 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

Presenter(s): Marissa Madrigal (she/her), COO, Metro  
Brian Kennedy (he/him), CFO, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5397](#)

[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 24-5397](#)

[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called on Marissa Madrigal (she/her), COO, Metro, and Brian Kennedy, CFO, Metro to present to Council.

*Presentation Summary:*

Brian Kennedy (he/him), CFO, Metro, detailed the process leading to the current rate proposal, emphasizing the council's previous recommendations and the adopted 11% fee increase from the prior fiscal year. He explained the extensive engagement activities over the last year, which included roundtables, task force meetings, and communications with various stakeholders. The waste fee policy task force prioritized setting fees at the full cost of service and maintaining separate reserves, while Metro's solid waste services focus on equity, health, and the environment rather than just cost efficiency. He highlighted the proposed 11.9% fee increase for the next fiscal year, stressing the need to cover the full cost of services and avoid depleting fund balances, ultimately recommending the council adopt the new fee structure.

*Council Discussion:*

President Peterson (she/her), requested further clarification on the apparent disparity between the cost of service reduction in the budget compared to the proposed eleven percent increase in the tipping fee. How would items conflicting present such a drastic picture.

Brian Kennedy (he/him), stated the reason for the conflict in budget is because there is only one expensed budget including the state grant funds which caused a smaller capital program for the 2025 fiscal year.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President

Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

**adopted**

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

4.2 **Resolution No. 24-5404** For the Purpose of Adopting Solid Waste Fees at the Metro Transfer Stations and the Regional System Fee for 2024-25

Presenter(s): Brian Kennedy (he/him), CFO, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5404](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 to Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 2 to Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 3 to Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called on Brian Kennedy, (he/him), CFO Metro, to present to council.

Brain Kennedy, CFO Metro, explained the process of developing the rate proposal and answered questions about council’s adoption of an 11% fee increase. over the past year, there were extensive engagement activities, including budget roundtables and a waste fee policy task force. Kennedy emphasized the importance of setting fees at the full cost of service, discussed the criteria prioritized by the task force, and detailed the staff recommendation for adopting resolution 24 5404 to set solid waste fees at the cost of service for fiscal year 24-25.

*Council Discussion*

President Peterson inquired about the overall cost of service provision reduction on the budget versus the tipping fee.

Brian Kennedy stated that the main reason for the difference

is because there was a one-time expense budgeted in the current fiscal year with the inclusion of expenditure of state grant funds that offset the revenue; making the budget smaller.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson adjourned to the TSCC hearing on the Oregon Zoo Bond.

**adopted**

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

**5. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

There were none.

**6. Councilor Communication**

There were none.

**7. Adjourn to TSCC hearing**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

*Anushka Kargathara*

Anushka Kargathara, Legislative Assistant