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Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2023

10:30 AM

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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Lewis called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 4 - Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Mary Nolan

2. Public Communication

Deputy Council President Lewis opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.

There were none.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Lewis moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Presentations**3.1 Year 2 Report from Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee**

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Metro
Burt Edwards (he/him)
Cary Watters (she/her)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Year 2 Committee Report](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis introduced Jon Blasher (he/him), Metro, Burt Edwards (he/him), and Cary Watters (she/her) to present the Year 2 Report from Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee. Blasher discussed the role of the oversight committee and the progress made on the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond. Watters noted some highlights and findings from the Year 2

Report. Edwards discussed some of their work to make sure implementation is consistent with the bond's goals and criteria. Watters and Edwards explained the committee's recommendations.

Council Discussion

Councilor Hwang noted criticism from the public. He asked if Metro is moving with urgency and making more green space available for the community.

Watters mentioned the need for more education and expectation setting within the community.

Edwards noted that Metro does well with their level of community engagement and land acquisition decision.

Blasher explained some opportunities to inform the public about expectations.

Councilor Hwang noted the need to be thoughtful when communicating to the public.

Councilor Simpson wanted to see an increase in the COBID numbers and highlighted the benefits of trail program.

Watters suggested that Metro increase opportunities to firms may not be COBID certified, but eligible through other certifying agencies.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if they are communicating enough about the difficulties of restoration to the public.

Watters noted that community messaging and expectation setting is a key issue.

Edwards mentioned that Metro staff can put together information and communications more accessible to the public.

Blasher mentioned that there is information on their website, but there are opportunities for more effective communication.

Councilor Rosenthal suggested making clear the purpose of the site to the public. He commented that each site is unique.

Blasher mentioned that they detail the factors for land acquisitions. He also mentioned that they can remind people about the focus for different areas.

Watters suggested that the mapping tool could be used to inform the public about the purpose.

Councilor Lewis noted her interest in comparison to 2006 in their work plan and their Blue Lake case study. She thanked staff and the committee for their work.

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1 **Resolution No. 23-5341**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Interim Plan

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5341](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)
[Attachment 3](#)

- 4.2 Consideration of the May 9, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [050923c Minutes](#)

- 4.3 Consideration of the May 11, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [051123c Minutes](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Council Discussion

Councilor Hwang asked to pull Resolution No. 23-5346 from the Consent Agenda

Deputy Council President Lewis called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Resolution No. 23-5346.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Simpson, to adopt items on the consent agenda.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

4.4 **Resolution No. 23-5346**, For the Purpose of Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing a Lease of a Portion of the Irving Street Garage

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5346](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 1](#)

Council Discussion:

Councilor Hwang raised concerns about the use of the garage. He suggested that staff plan how the revenue can be used to mitigate climate impacts.

Councilor Lewis stated that it should be possible for staff to come back with a recommendation on spending the funds.

Marissa Madrigal, COO, noted that the revenue will go into the general fund and that the garage had been leased in the past.

Ryan Kinsella, Metro, stated in addition to losing revenue, there are bio-hazard clean-up expenses to maintain the garage.

Councilor Lewis asked when staff would come back to Council.

Kinsella mentioned that they can come back during the next budget amendment process.

A motion was made by Councilor Simpson, seconded by Councilor Hwang, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Lewis moved on to the next agenda item.

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 23-5337**, For the Purpose of Distributing \$18.8 Million of Carbon Reduction Program Funds for the Years 2022-2026, Pending Inclusion in the 2024-2027 MTIP

Presenter(s): Ted Leybold (he/him), Metro
Grace Cho, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5337](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Ted Leybold (he/him), Metro, and Grace Cho, Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *Carbon Reduction Program - Recommended Allocation Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Cho explained the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP),

including the CRPs for Oregon and Portland. Leybold discussed the CRP Policy Framework, the Council's input, and the input from stakeholders. He noted the development and narrowing of investment options and mentioned the TPAC Recommendation. Leybold explained the next steps and requested that Council adopts the resolution.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal raised concerns about 82nd Ave and TV Highway projects because he has not seen a direct correlation between administrative improvements and greenhouse gas reductions.

Councilor Lewis mentioned that basing their work with the Climate Smart Strategy gives them more tools. She asked staff to talk about the research on signal timing and the work on Better Bus.

Leybold mentioned that the Climate Smart Strategy was based on regional modeling instead of by the individual project. The climate smart implementation element will help them do project-level analysis.

Leybold noted that signal timing investment helps reduce the bus emissions attracts more ridership.

Councilor Rosenthal suggested that there needs to be more specific in the outcomes.

Councilor Hwang asked about the evaluation process and if there are federal requirements for evaluation.

Leybold mentioned that new starts projects are evaluated, so there will be better understanding of benefits and impacts of the investment, like emission reduction.

Cho stated that the federal program does not have a reporting requirement. She mentioned that they do evaluate the package of investments related to the goals of the Regional Transportation Plan, like their climate change goals.

Councilor Hwang asked about the 82nd and TV Highway allocations can be used as local match.

Leybold noted that Carbon Reduction Program Federal funds cannot be used as the local match for the New Starts program. He mentioned that TriMet agreed to help fund both programs, but he did not know the funding source.

Councilor Simpson thanked staff and suggested they try to get measurable outcomes.

Leybold mentioned that the resources from the Carbon strategy investment could help them provide more information.

Councilor Lewis noted that the Council wants more concrete measures and hoped to be more innovative at TPAC.

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

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

5.2 **Resolution No. 23-5331**, For the Purpose of Adopting Guiding Principles of Meaningful Public Engagement

Presenter(s): Gloria Pinzon Marin (She/They), Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5331](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Gloria Pinzon Marin (She/They), Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *Guiding principles for meaningful public engagement and Public Engagement Guide Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Kimberlee Ables, Strategic Communications Manager mentioned the work of her team. Pinzon Marin discussed the 2023 public engagement guide update, the key terms, and the proposed guiding principles. Pinzon Marin mentioned the feedback they received from Council

Council Discussion:

Councilor Hwang thanked staff for their work.

Councilor Rosenthal suggested adding “culturally distinct” communities to Principle Five.

Councilor Lewis stated that Councilor Rosenthal’s suggestion will not be resolved before they vote.

Councilor Rosenthal was still comfortable voting.

A motion was made by Councilor Hwang, seconded by Councilor Simpson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

- 5.3 **Resolution No. 23-5330**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2022-23 Budget and Appropriations Schedule and FY 2022-23 Through FY 2026-27 Capital Improvement Plan to Provide for Changes in Operations

Presenter(s): Cinnamon Williams (she/her), Metro
 Patrick Dennis (he/him), Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5330](#)
 [Exhibit A](#)
 [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1](#)
 [Attachment 2](#)
 [Attachment 3](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Cinnamon Williams (she/her), Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *Resolution 23-5330: FY 2022-23 Budget Amendment Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Williams explained each of the June Budget Amendments, which included Smith & Bybee Wetlands and the Oregon Zoo Transfer and the Appropriation Changes by Fund. Williams also explained the Capital Improvement Plan Amendments.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Hwang asked about the Arlene cooling tower and what was the total amount for the replacement.

Williams noted that the amount for the cooling tower is for spending this month.

Kennedy stated that they still need to determine the cost but needed appropriation for the work they are doing.

Councilor Hwang asked about the contingency fund and if they can pay for the new cooling tower in the future. He also asked if this was a temporary solution.

Kennedy believed the fund was over \$10 million but expected that they will need support from the City of Portland. He noted that this is most likely a temporary solution

Councilor Lewis asked Madrigal for a deeper dive on the tower if they will be sharing the cost with the City of Portland.

Madrigal noted that staff's work will be determining who is responsible for which expenditures. She mentioned that Metro does pay for some of the facilities' maintenance.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if they would have to add something to this year's budget for the cooling tower.

Kennedy mentioned to expect a mid-year budget amendment for the 2023-2024 budget or for fiscal year 2024-2025.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Hwang, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

6. Resolutions (First Reading and Public Hearing)

6.1 Resolution No. 23-5333, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

6.1.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 23-5333

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

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5333](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Marissa Madrigal (she/her), Metro, and Brian Kennedy (he/him), Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget Amendments & Budget Notes Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Kennedy explained that there have been no budget amendment changes since the June 13th Work Session. He also explained each of the Budget Note changes.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal asked if they added wording to clarify which small communities in one of the budget notes. He commented that there are communities not with the Metro boundary that are still of interest.

Kennedy noted there were no changes to the wording. He mentioned that staff can bring them a project plan that Council can clarify.

Public Hearing:

Deputy Council President Lewis opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Resolution No. 23-5333.

There were none.

A motion was made by Councilor Simpson seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, the proposed amendments in the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, to include the proposed budget notes oin the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang,

Excused: and Councilor Simpson

3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

7. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

7.1 **Ordinance No. 23-1495**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary approximately 4.86 acres Located in Tigard on the West Side of SW 150th Ave

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Metro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 23-1495](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 1](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney, to explain the procedural requirements.

MacLaren explained the procedures for the meeting.

Deputy Council President Lewis asked if any of the Councilors had conflicts of interest or Ex Parte contacts.

None of the Councilors had conflicts of interest of Ex Parte contacts.

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Metro to present to Council.

Hamburg noted that the territory was not directly adjacent to the area that was add through the exchange.

Public Hearing:

Deputy Council President Lewis opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No. 23-1495.

Matt Wellner, one of the property's owners: thanked staff and mentioned his support for the Ordinance.

Deputy Council President Lewis stated the second reading and vote will be June 22, 2023.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Lewis moved on to the next agenda item.

8. Ordinances (Second Reading and Vote)

- 8.1 **Ordinance No. 23-1493**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 20.27 Acres Located in Hillsboro on the East Side of NE Sewell Ave

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Metro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 23-1493](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 1](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 23-1493 took place on Thursday, May 18.

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Metro, to present to Council.

Council Discussion

There was none.

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

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

- 8.2 **Ordinance No. 23-1494**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 27.41 Acres Located in Hillsboro on the East Side of NE Sewell Ave and the North Side of NE Evergreen Rd

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Metro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 23-1494](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 23-1494 took place on Thursday, May 18.

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Metro, to present to Council.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis asked if there was a staff report.

Hamburg stated that the report is the same from a few weeks ago. He mentioned that the territory is adjacent to the property just approved for annexation.

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

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Nolan

9. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

- Staff's work with Multnomah County on their Corrective Action Plan

Council Discussion

Councilor Simpson asked if salary increases for outreach workers is included.

Madrigal noted that a COLA increase for partner is a part of the discussion.

Councilor Lewis mentioned that \$2 million for COLA is in their new amended plan, but it might not be enough.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if they would need corrective action plans with the other counties.

Madrigal mentioned that no other county has triggered a corrective action plan, and this was the first corrective action plan.

Councilor Hwang asked if clarify the process of what happens once there is a plan.

Madrigal mentioned that the corrective action plan is outlined in the IGA.

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney, stated that the corrective action plan does not need approval from the oversight committee or the Tri-County body. She also explained the process.

Councilor Hwang asked if staff makes the decision and keeps the Council informed.

MacLaren noted that was correct.

Councilor Lewis suggested having an update for Council every week for the upcoming month.

10. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Lewis** gave updates on the Tri-County Planning Body meeting and the Metro South Community Enhancement grants, and JPACT meeting
- **Councilor Rosenthal** gave an update on community enhancement grants for Wilsonville and Sherwood.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	06/15/2023	Carbon Reduction Program – Recommended Allocation Presentation	061523c-01
2.0	Powerpoint	06/15/2023	Guiding principles for meaningful public engagement and Public Engagement Guide Presentation	061523c -02
3.0	Powerpoint	06/15/2023	Resolution 23-5330: FY 2022-23 Budget Amendmen Presentation	061523c -03
4.0	Powerpoint	06/15/2023	FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget Amendments & Budget Notes Presentation	061523c -04
5.0	Testimony	06/15/2023	Richard Ellmyer Testimony	061523c -05