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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**10:30 AM**

**This Council meeting will adjourn into a work session.**

**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=gyNYvJE8k-olt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyNYvJE8k-olt)**

**Council meeting**

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

Council President Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:32am.

**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**

Matthew Edwards shared information about the Save the Lloyd Center initiative and requested Metro's support.

**3. Resolutions**

**3.1 Resolution No. 26-5570 For The Purpose Of Demonstrating Metro's Support For Shared Prosperity Through A Strong Regional Economy And Creating A Job Ready Lands Program**

Presenter(s): Councilor Lewis, Metro  
Councilor Simpson, Metro  
Councilor Gonzalez, Metro  
Catherine Ciarlo, Director of Planning, Development, and Research

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5570](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Councilors Lewis, Gonzalez, and Simpson introduced the Economic Development Resolution. They shared their vision for job creation and business retention, high quality jobs, and growth that benefits all.

Council President Peterson opened public communication on Resolution no. 26-5570.

Stephen Green shared that Metro can convene partners and stimulate the economy with this resolution, expressing support for the resolution.

Councilor Hwang arrived at 11:07 a.m.

Dan Eisenbeis expressed support for the resolution and stated a willingness to be partners in the work.

Nate McCoy expressed support for the resolution.

Elizabeth Mazzara Meyers shared regional unemployment data and expressed support for the resolution.

Yohana Parra expressed support for the resolution.

Council President Peterson closed public communication on this agenda item.

Councilor Lewis shared support for the resolution and noted that the Council will need to continue conversations with Tribes as this work moves forward.

Councilor Rosenthal stated that while the resolution has strong intent, he does not support it due to insufficient focus on education and other key parts of economic development in the region.

Councilor Nolan shared that the resolution is important and supports shared prosperity. She noted that it addresses the need for a comprehensive economic development strategy and expressed enthusiasm about participating in its implementation.

Councilor Gonzalez asked Councilor Rosenthal what additional support or changes he would need to vote yes on the resolution.

Councilor Rosenthal responded that he would like greater specificity regarding roles, responsibilities, and overall goals. He emphasized the importance of education systems and noted that while nothing would change his vote on this resolution, he would continue to support economic development efforts in his district.

Councilor Simpson stated that the resolution would improve economic vitality.

**A motion was made by Councilor Simpson, and seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this Resolution is adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Simpson

**Nay:** 1 - Councilor Rosenthal

Council President Peterson re-opened Public Communication on Resolution no. 26-5570.

Evann Goss-Lemelle expressed support for Resolution no. 26-5570.

Council President Peterson closed public communication.

**4. Adjourn to work session** Council President Peterson adjourned the meeting to a work session at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Georgia Langer, Legislative Coordinator