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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber;
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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Peterson called the Council meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and acknowledged visiting students from the Korean American Youth Ambassador Program.

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

Matt Henderson, Save Lloyd Campaign, shared that the group has collected over 10,000 signatures of residents hoping to maintain the Lloyd Center and its ice rink. He described alignment between community needs regarding Lloyd Center and Metro's own priorities of the region, including the potential to convert the space into a reuse mall. He requested additional meetings with Metro Council.

3. Resolutions

3.1 Resolution No. 26-5567 For the Purpose of Adopting Oversight and Accountability Measures and Agenda Priorities For The Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee

Attachments: [Resolution no. 26-5567](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Deputy President Hwang summarized previous Council discussions to set specific parameters for the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Reforms Work Plan. He acknowledged concerns heard from local government partners and community organizations and appreciated the collaboration and communication.

Councilor Lewis shared that she met with Clackamas County Commissioner West and planned to move an amendment to the resolution. The resolution was distributed in the meeting.

Councilor Lewis clarified for Councilor Nolan that the amendment was drafted to make clear that the SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (RPOC) and Metro Council would both have oversight of the Regional Investment Fund (RIF).

Council then received public comment on the resolution.

Angela Martin, Here Together, appreciated the collaborative approach to delivery of the 20202 SHS ballot measure in upcoming years. She spoke about the importance of continuous improvement, resulting in expanded services and better outcomes for residents.

Jon Isaacs, Portland Metro Chamber, expressed concern about how the original ballot measure's intent has been implemented. He described the resolution and proposed amendment as concrete improvements to the program. He supported the resolution.

Alex Phan, SHS reform work group participant, noted the importance of working across government and community to efficiently distribute resources to those who need them. He urged Council to adopt the resolution.

Anna Kurnizki, Community Warehouse, shared the impact of delayed funding. She supported the resolution, hoped the reforms would support flexibility, and urged quick action.

Council then resumed consideration of the resolution. Following a motion on the resolution, Councilor Lewis moved the amendment as distributed to Council, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal.

Councilor Nolan shared their support for the resolution but expressed concern that the proposed amendment would create an untenable reliance of the support of RPOC or county partners to

spend RIF funds, should Metro Council disagree with their positions. Councilor Lewis noted that the amendment language is consistent with the underlying resolution as to the input of each of those groups.

Councilor Rosenthal described the need to balance regionalization with the needs of counties and populations to be served. He supported the amendment.

Councilor González thanked Councilor Lewis and highlighted the importance of Council's relationship to RPOC, including the concurrence model of decision-making delineated in the original reforms package.

Deputy President Hwang shared his true preference to hold the Regional Investment Fund at Metro but appreciated the amendment for addressing those concerns as able.

Councilor Lewis moved to the amend the resolution with the language attached to the meeting materials. Councilor Rosenthal seconded the amendment. The amendment passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Councilor Nolan

During discussion of the resolution as amended, Councilor Rosenthal recognized the significant body of work assigned to RPOC over a short amount of time. Deputy Council President Hwang thanked his colleagues for their feedback on the resolution. Councilor González echoed those remarks.

President Peterson said the reforms would put the program on

the best track possible for the life of the bond measure. She thanked all those who participated in discussions to improve the program over the past several years.

After the vote, Councilor Lewis was excused from the remainder of the meeting to visit with mayors from the region. She thanks President Peterson for her service to the Council.

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, 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

- 3.2 **Resolution No. 26-5573** For the Purpose of Amending the Metro Affordable Housing Bond Work Plan to Delegate Authority to Negotiate and Approve Revisions to the Local Implementation Strategies to the Chief Operating Officer

Presenter(s): Kristin Dennis, Chief of Staff

Attachments: [Resolution no. 26-5573](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Councilor Rosenthal asked if staff could provide specifics about changes to local implementation strategies. Staff noted that specific requests have not come forward but that ensuring projects remain eligible for other sources of funding may benefit from flexibility in enacting administrative changes.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Lewis

3.3 Resolution No. 26-5582 For The Purpose of Allocating Funds from the 2019 Metro Parks and Nature Bond Measure to the Willamette Cove Nature Park

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Parks and Nature Director
Andrew Scott (he/him), Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5582](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1--Resolution No. 26-5561 \(Master Plan Adoption\)](#)
[Attachment 2--Willamette Cove Master Plan](#)
[Attachment 3--Willamette Cove Master Plan Appendix](#)
[Attachment 4--Councilor Stacey Budget Note \(2021\)](#)
[Attachment 5--Resolution No. 20-5149 \(Bond Eligibility\)](#)

Staff clarified for Councilor Rosenthal that the resolution would secure \$15.6 million for Willamette Cove Nature Park, without a certain amount of funding to come from any one Parks and Nature Bond funding areas under which the park would be eligible.

Councilor Nolan appreciated former Councilor Chase and President Peterson for their work to invest in Willamette Cove.

Council received public comment on the resolution from John Charles, Cascade Policy Institute, who described Willamette Cove as a liability rather than asset. He expressed concern about operations and maintenance costs and access to nature at the site in the years following remediation.

President Peterson thanked staff for their work on the complex project.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Lewis

4. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Officer Madrigal announced that the Future Vision project is moving into a community engagement phase, including an upcoming survey that will be made available to all residents of the region.

5. Councilor Communication

Councilor Rosenthal recognized those honored at the Women of Influence luncheon.

Councilors González, Simpson, Rosenthal and Nolan thanked President Peterson for her service to the region.

President Peterson thanked her colleagues and Metro staff for their commitment to the region.

6. Adjourn

Seeing for further business, President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
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