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Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 2025

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), www.youtube.com/live/IZoN_N4wI7Y**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy President Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Present: 4 - Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Public Communication

None.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 25-5508** For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Zapoura Newton-Calvert and Jon Worley to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Grant Committee

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5508](#)
[Staff Report](#)

- 3.2 **Resolution No. 25-5513** For the Purpose of Appointing Brianna Bragg to the Future Vision Commission

Attachments: [Resolution no. 25-5513](#)
[Staff Report](#)

- 3.3 Consideration of the June 5, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 5, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

- 3.4 Consideration of the June 12, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 12, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

- 3.5

Attachments: [June 17, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

- 3.6

Attachments: [June 26, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

4. Presentations

- 4.1 **Information Technology Audit Results**

Presenter(s): Brian Evans, Metro Auditor

Attachments: [Information Technology Audit](#)
[Information Technology Audit Highlights](#)

Auditor Evans introduced Maggie Muldrew and David Beller, Senior Management Auditors, and they jointly presented the audit's purpose, findings, and recommended actions. Deputy Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott provided the management response.

Councilor Hwang asked for clarity about the primary risks facing the agency and whether the Council or the Chief Operating Officer's office should lead policymaking for cybersecurity. Deputy COO Scott referred to the written management response, which identifies actions led by the COO's office to combat risks, including malware and ransomware.

Councilor Rosenthal asked presenters to elaborate on the impacts of AI and plans to better enforce existing policies. He also asked if current staffing levels are adequate to achieve security goals. Auditor Evans emphasized the importance of strong governance structures broadly and identified the need to assess specific software services. Deputy COO Scott also confirmed staffing is currently adequate.

Samantha Korta, Interim Director of Strategic Operations, shared her background in cybersecurity and spoke to imminent plans to better assess the agency's risks.

4.2 2025 State Legislative Session Recap

Presenter(s): Anneliese Koehler, Legislative Affairs Manager
Kyung Park, State Affairs Advisor

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - End of Session Report](#)
[Attachment 2 - 2025 State Legislative Priorities with Outcomes](#)

Staff presented a summary of the 2025 state legislative session, including tenor, budget constraints and bill highlights.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about the outlook for future transportation investments and highlighted the difference between metro region transportation needs and those needed statewide. Staff responded that a special session dedicated to transportation funding or a larger transportation package in the 2027 legislative session are both possibilities.

Councilor Hwang asked about budget impacts to TriMet, and staff shared their understanding that the current TriMet budget was drafted with the assumption no there would not be additional funds from a transportation package.

Councilor Hwang also reviewed with staff investments in specific housing and homeless services programs, and staff confirmed that allocations for these programs were significant.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for supporting small cities in Salem alongside Metro and asked how the state planned to backfill federal cuts to Medicaid. Staff confirmed that the state budget included set-asides for losses in federal funds, and that additional cuts from the federal budget will not go into effect until 2027.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about funding for industrial site readiness. Staff reported that about one-quarter of the funds requested were ultimately allocated.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal reminded Council and staff about safety procedures for days with a high heat index. She also announced upcoming Metro events at the Oregon Zoo and Portland's Centers for the Arts.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis reported on the Tri-County Planning Body meeting, during which the committee approved a technical assistance plan with funding.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Simpson adjourned the Council meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Buzzini".

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor