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Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber;
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free),**

Council work session

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Hwang called the work session to order at 10:31 a.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Ashton Simpson, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Work Session Topics:

2.1 Supportive Housing Services Healthcare Alignment Overview

Presenter(s): Liam Frost (he/him), Interim Housing Director
Ruth Adkins (she/her), Metro Senior Regional Policy Analyst
Adam Peterson (he/him), Healthcare and Homeless Services Integration Portfolio Manager, Health Share of Oregon
Dr. Cat Livingston (she/her), Medical Director, Health Share of Oregon

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - TCPB Healthcare Alignment Regional Implementation Strategy](#)

Mindy Stadtlander, CEO of Health Share of Oregon, thanked Metro for its support and collaboration. She provided an overview of Health Share’s services and described the links between the organization’s success and needed supportive housing services in the region.

Dr. Cat Livingston, Medical Director of Health Share, then reviewed interventions for high-acuity populations, particularly those that reduce emergency room visits, such as improved community support for wound care and

addiction services for pregnant patients.

Adam Peterson, Healthcare and Homeless Services Integration Portfolio Services Manager at Health Share, spoke to the positive results case conferencing has had.

Councilor Lewis thanked the presenters for their work advancing a key recommendation of the Tri-County Planning Body and noted that the new oversight committee for the Supportive Housing Services measure will have additional space for healthcare experts.

Councilor González asked how Health Share's definition of homelessness aligns with homeless service providers. Presenters from Health Share said they use the definitions that supportive housing providers use. Staff emphasized the investment in structure and connection between healthcare and service providers.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about the cohort served through integration and about homeless youth. Presenters defined the cohort as 400 patients and that all youth accessing services could be considered, with Oregon Health and Science University serving as a partner.

Councilor Lewis asked the health experts what initiatives they would support if they were able to invest in something new. Presenters noted the positive outcomes with peer services for behavioral health for people living in permanent supportive housing. They also noted that improved entry into the system is working well.

Councilor Hwang asked the experts what advice they would

give the incoming Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee. Presenters hoped to continue align resources and priority populations to serve and appreciated the increased healthcare representation.

2.2 Economic Development Council Work Group Update

Presenter(s): Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), Planning, Development and Research Director
Tom Rinehart, Tom Rinehart Strategies

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Councilor Simpson opened the presentation and described the issues the work group had focused on and the findings of a comparison to peer regions.

Tom Rinehart, Rinehart Strategies, shared ways Metro invests in economic development and its role in the ecosystem of partners developing strategy and recruiting businesses.

Staff described four recommendations with short-term steps: a jobs-ready land program, the Housing Production Acceleration Fund, an update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and strong integration of economic development in planning and decision making.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how key industries would be determined and whether the Westside Economic Alliance had provided feedback on the recommendations. Councilor Simpson noted that the Councilors who participated in the work group solicited feedback from regional stakeholders.

Councilor Nolan asked about a public process and whether the economic development policies would be integrated with the Future Vision process. Staff explained that the Future Vision recommendations will be submitted in about a year, but that the level of specificity for economic development will be broad. Because the comments from the Future Vision Commission thus far align with the work group findings, the two projects are able to move forward in unison.

Councilor Lewis added that the timelines with the most weight in her estimation were the agency budget adoption, next steps to update the CEDS, and the 2027 legislative session. Councilor Nolan expressed concern that urgency about previously established deadlines unduly affects Council decision-making; they asked that more information about work groups be shared with Councilors on an ongoing basis.

Councilor Hwang asked how the work would ensure that economic benefits are shared equitably. He also asked for specific return-on-investment scenarios for various economic interventions. Rinehart referred to targeted strategies expected to have a strong ROI.

Councilor Nolan urged the program to measure outcomes that demonstrate the character of investments and benefits. They expressed concern about attracting companies who favor policies that result in negative impacts to the economy, environment, and workers broadly.

Councilor González recommended updating Council

procedures and codifying new ways the Council works to develop policy, including improved role definition and explicit references to previously-adopted policies. Councilor Hwang added that better documentation of the process that could be shared with others would also help improve communications.

Chief of Operating Officer Madrigal reminded Council of the Strategic Targets and further reminded them that racial equity is no longer a separate consideration but now underpins all agency policy goals.

Councilor Lewis reiterated her concern for the project timeline. She also advocated for moving Councilor communications to earlier in agendas.

3. Chief Operating Officer Communication

None

4. Councilor Communication

Councilor Rosenthal shared that Tualatin and Wilsonville are both pursuing tax increment financing.

Councilor Nolan reported back on the last Regional Waste Advisory Committee meeting. The committee considered recommendations for Council, which they will finalize and transmit to Council later this spring.

Deputy President Hwang thanked staff for a well-run event at the Oregon Convention Center over the weekend.

5. Adjourn

Deputy Council President Hwang adjourned the work session at 12:19 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anne Buzzini".

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
February 9, 2026