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Minutes

Thursday, February 27, 2025

10:30 AM

This Council Meeting will adjourn to a Work Session.

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Council Meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

Les Poole expressed concern about Metro's role in transportation planning and accountability in supportive housing services.

3. Consent Agenda

Councilor Rosenthal removed the January 23rd, 2025 minutes from the consent agenda to correct an error.

3.1 Consideration of the February 6, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 6, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

This item was approved.

3.2 Consideration of the January 23, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [January 23, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

This item was withdrawn.

4. Resolutions**4.1 Resolution No. 25-5458 For the Purpose of Providing Direction to Metro Staff for Follow Up Activities Related to the 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision**

Presenter(s): Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), Director, Planning, Development and Research
Eryn Kehe (she/her), Urban Policy and Development Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5458](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff reviewed Council's actions adopting the 2024 urban growth management decision, summarized previous work

sessions to refine Council's shared values for improvement, and described the staff direction in the resolution.

Councilor Hwang specified that CORE's recommendations focused on agency-wide and continuous improvements, and COO Madrigal described additional planned actions to support agency-wide improvements.

Councilors Rosenthal and Nolan advocated for clearer deadlines for each action, and Councilor Lewis emphasized the importance of urgency in collaborating over deliverables. President Peterson asked for frequent updates to Council about the pace of implementation.

Councilor Lewis appreciated the prioritization of Tribal consultation and Councilor Nolan urged staff to measure differences in outcomes based on the implementation of new processes.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff to employ an expansive definition of equity.

Councilor Gonzalez asked how local governments can improve regulatory processes to accelerate positive outcomes.

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

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

5. Ordinances (Second Reading and Vote)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 25-1527** For The Purpose Of Annexing To The Metro District Approximately 5.46 Acres In Hillsboro Along NW West Union Rd East Of NW Helvetia Rd

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Senior Regional Planner

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1527](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution 25-1527](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1- Proposal No. AN0724](#)

No discussion.

Councilor Nolan moved adoption, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Simpson

- 5.2 **Ordinance No. 25-1528** For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 9.02 (Ballot Measures, Initiative, and Referendum) to Improve Clarity and Incorporate Plain Language Best Practices and Declaring an Emergency

Presenter(s): Shane Abma, Senior Attorney

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1528](#)
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 25-1528](#)
[Staff Report](#)

No discussion.

Councilor Lewis moved adoption, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Simpson

6. Other Business

No other business.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal updated Council on the impact of recent federal direction. Councilor Nolan asked how the COO's office would prioritize funding for the upcoming budget cycle in an uncertain funding environment and Councilor Lewis expressed concern about specific federal criteria.

Adjourn to Work Session**8. Work Session Topics:****8.1 Supportive Housing Services Data Sharing Agreement**

Presenter(s): Kristin Dennis, Chief of Staff, Metro
Yesenia Delgado, Supportive Housing Services Manager, Metro
Vahid Brown, Deputy Director, Clackamas County Housing and Community Development
Anna Plumb, Deputy Director, Joint Office of Homeless Services
Jes Larson, Assistant Director, Washington County Housing Services

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenters described the purpose of a data sharing agreement, service applications, and the existing information management system. They also detailed the elements of the data sharing agreements.

Presenters confirmed for Councilor Lewis that aside from emergency winter weather shelters and domestic violence services, there are no services provided without data collection and that data is consistent across counties.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the data will be integrative with OHSU's health dashboard and affordable housing data and presenters said there are options for overlaying data for each concern.

Councilor Gonzalez asked about staff capacity for data alignment and comparable examples from other regions. Presenters responded that there are multiple existing systems in the Portland region to improve access to services, and Metro staff said there is existing capacity to promote coordination. Councilor Gonzalez also expressed

concerned about the ability to invest in new data systems relative to the remaining life of the measure.

Councilor Hwang asked if the data agreement will specify characteristics of and financial data about the populations served, which presenters confirmed.

Councilor Nolan clarified with staff the methods for administering the existing system and Metro's access and control of data outputs. Staff responded that existing data sets are defined in the agreement; future sets would require renegotiation.

President Peterson, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Lewis asked clarifying questions about tracking chronically homeless residents and the variety of services an individual may receive. President Peterson also advocated for a clearer picture of data beyond the Metro measure to ensure the program is efficient. Councilor Rosenthal confirmed with presenters options for collecting data for homeless youth.

9. Councilor Communication

Councilor Rosenthal updated Council about the new chair of MPAC, Councilor Brett Sherman, and that the City of Portland has nominated new representatives.

Councilor Hwang updated Council on CORE and thanked President Peterson for serving as a CORE liaison this year.

President Peterson updated Council on Metro's regional investment funds from the SHS measure. She asked Council to consider an ordinance that provides more flexibility in how Metro partners with other local governments and ensures fairness among partners. Councilors agreed to direct Metro staff to draft an ordinance for consideration on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Buzzini". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Anne Buzzini, Legislative Coordinator