

Council meeting agenda

Thursday, July 30, 2026

10:00 AM

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3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Resolution No. 26-5627 For the Purpose of Authorizing a
Cell Tower Lease at the M. James Gleason Memorial Boat
Ramp

[RES 26-5627](#)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5627](#)

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Agenda #: 3.1

File #: RES 26-5627

Agenda Date: 7/30/2026

Resolution No. 26-5627 For the Purpose of Authorizing a Cell Tower Lease at the M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING A	)	RESOLUTION NO. 26-5627
CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE	)	
M. JAMES GLEASON MEMORIAL BOAT	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
RAMP	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
	)	Council President Juan Carlos González

WHEREAS, Metro owns and operates the M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp (“Gleason Boat Ramp”), offering picnic and viewing areas, wetland and wildlife habitat, docks, restrooms, and a boat launch, and the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office River Patrol Unit also operates out of the Gleason Boat Ramp; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 1996, Metro Council authorized the Executive Officer to execute a long-term ground lease with AT&T Wireless Services for a cell tower facility on the southeast corner of the Gleason Boat Ramp through Resolution No. 96-2369; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the cell tower facility was to improve the quality of cellular service for the Northeast Marine Drive and Portland Airport area, also providing Metro with rental income; and

WHEREAS, Metro entered into the lease with AT&T Wireless Services on August 15, 1996, which lease automatically renewed for six five-year terms and will expire on August 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, during the lease term, the interest in the lease transferred to the current tenant, NCWPCS MPL 26 - Year Sites Tower Holdings LLC (“Tower Holdings LLC”); and

WHEREAS, Metro wishes to enter into a new lease agreement with terms more favorable to Metro and Tower Holdings LLC desires to renew the lease for the cell tower facility; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 97-2539B on November 6, 1997, “For the Purpose of Approving General Policies Related to the Review of Easements, Right of Ways, and Leases for Non-Park Uses Through Properties Managed by the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department” (the “Easement Policy”); and

WHEREAS, the Easement Policy includes as an exception to the policy for projects designed to benefit a Metro regional park, natural area, or recreational facility; and

WHEREAS, the cell tower facility provides a benefit to the recreational facility of the Gleason Boat Ramp because it provides reliable cellular service for Metro, other public agencies such as the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office River Patrol Unit, and members of the general public, and provides rental income to support Metro operations; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

1. Finds that the public interest will be furthered by entering into a new lease agreement for the cell tower facility to continue the quality of cellular service for Metro, other public agencies such as the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office River Patrol Unit, and members of the general public, as well as the Northeast Marine Drive and Portland Airport area and to provide Metro with rental income to use for park operations; and

2. Finds the cell tower facility under the new lease agreement is a project that provides a benefit to the Gleason Boat Ramp and is therefore excepted from review under the Easement Policy; and
3. Authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and execute a lease agreement for the cell tower facility at the Gleason Boat Ramp with Tower Holdings LLC (or an approved affiliated entity), provided the basic terms are substantially similar to those described on Exhibit A and the form of agreement is approved by the Office of Metro Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 30th day of July 2026.

Juan Carlos González, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Lease Term Sheet

Below are the mutually agreed upon basic terms for a lease between Metro, an Oregon municipal corporation and NCWPCS MPL 26 – Year Sites Tower Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

The obligations of each party will be consistent with the terms set forth in this non-binding term sheet, to be detailed more fully in a lease agreement, subject to approval of the Office of Metro Attorney and Metro Council.

1. **Lessee:** NCWPCS MPL 26 – Year Sites Tower Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
2. **Lessor:** Metro, an Oregon municipal corporation
3. **Property:** The M. James Gleason Boat Ramp property described on the attached Exhibit A, located at 4325 Northeast Marine Drive, Portland, Oregon 97218.
4. **Premises:** Approximately 524 square feet of land as shown on the attached Exhibit B.
5. **Use:** Lessee may use the Premises to maintain, repair, and operate a cellular monopole with antennas, an equipment shelter for housing electronic equipment related to the antennas and its cellular system, and perimeter landscaping (collectively referred to as the “Cell Site Facility”). The Cell Site Facility may only be used in the transmission and reception of radio communication signals (but not including the interception of signals for private, industrial or government intelligence gathering purposes) as part of the operation of Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) licensed commercial cellular service and other related facilities.
6. **Access:** Lessee may access the Premises at all times during the Lease Term for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, or removing the Cell Site Facility.
7. **Lease Term:** The initial term of the lease shall be 3 years.
8. **Renewal Terms:** Three (3) additional terms of five (5) years each, at Lessor’s option.
9. **Lease Commencement:** The Lease will commence effective as of the date the lease is signed. Estimated commencement date is August 2026.
10. **Rental Rate:** \$3,200 per month, paid in advance with 4% annual escalations.
11. **Real Property Taxes:** Lessee will be responsible for any and all taxes, assessments and fees including all personal or real property taxes assessed as a result of the Lease or Lessee’s use of the Premises.
12. **Improvements:** A cellular monopole with antennas and an equipment shelter, as shown on the attached Exhibit C.

13. Ownership of Improvements: All improvements listed under Section 12 are Lessee owned.

14. Sublease/Assignment: There are two existing and approved subleases with Verizon and AT&T. Any future subleases are subject to Metro approval, and additional rent equal to \$1,000 per month for each third party operating a broadband wireless communication system and \$250 per month each for any other (non-broadband) third party otherwise subletting space.

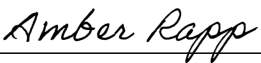
15. Restoration: Lessee will remove the Cell Site Facility and any other improvements made by Lessee to the Premises, unless Lessor provides written notice to Lessee of its election to take ownership of the Cell Site Facility and any other improvements made by Lessee to the Premises which will be at no cost to Lessor.

16. Other Key Terms:

- a. Lessee must comply with Metro policies, rules, and standards, including but not limited to Title X of the Metro Code.

LESSOR:

Metro



Name: Amber Rapp Date: 6/26/2026

Title: Senior Real Estate Analyst

LESSEE:

NCWPCS MPL 26 - Year Sites Tower Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

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Name: Hersh Pise

Date: 6/24/2026 | 11:39:42 AM EDT

Title: National Real Estate Acquisition Manager

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5627 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AUTHORIZING A CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT AT M. JAMES GLEASON
MEMORIAL BOAT RAMP

Date: July 13, 2026
Department: Parks and Nature
Meeting Date: July 30, 2026

Prepared by: Amber Rapp
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ISSUE STATEMENT

Metro Parks and Nature staff requests Metro Council authorize the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with NCWPCS MPL 26 - Year Sites Tower Holdings LLC or their affiliate ("Tenant") for a cell tower facility at M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp (the "Gleason Boat Ramp"), subject to the terms and conditions as approved by the Office of Metro Attorney, which continues an existing relationship under which the Tenant currently operates an existing cell tower facility pursuant to an expiring lease.

ACTION REQUESTED

As per the attached resolution, the following action is requested:

- Authorize the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and execute the cell tower lease agreement on terms substantially similar to those described in Exhibit A.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to sign the lease is consistent with Metro Council past policy direction. In 1996 the Metro Council directed staff to enter into the first long-term cellular lease in this location to provide reliable cellular service in this area and to provide rental income to Metro. Staff reviewed the Metro Council policy direction in Resolution No. 97-2539B, known as the "Easement Policy" and have determined that a this an exception to the Easement Policy as it is a project that provides a benefit to a Metro regional park, natural area, or recreational facility.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

Should Metro execute a lease agreement for an existing cell tower facility at the Metro-owned Gleason Boat Ramp?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Metro Council could:

1. Authorize the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and execute the lease agreement for the cell tower facility. This would allow Parks and Nature to continue an existing relationship under which a tenant currently operates a cell tower facility on Metro owned property, which provides a benefit the recreational facility of the Gleason Boat Ramp by improving cellular service for Metro, Multnomah County Sheriff's

Office River Patrol Unit, and the general public in the area. In addition, Parks and Nature would continue to receive annual lease revenue, which is expected to be approximately \$38,400 in the first year, plus 4% annual increases for the term of the lease.

2. Direct the Chief Operating Officer to not negotiate and execute the lease agreement for the cell tower facility. This would require the existing tenant to remove the cell tower facilities, impacting cellular service for Metro, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol Unit, and the general public in the area. Parks and Nature would lose approximately \$38,400 (plus 4% annual increases) in anticipated lease revenue annually.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends consideration and approval of Resolution 26-5627.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

On August 8, 1996, Metro Council authorized the Executive Officer to execute a long-term ground lease with AT&T Wireless Services for a cellular telephone antenna site on the southeast corner of the Gleason Boat Ramp, under Resolution No. 96-2369. The purpose of the lease was to improve the quality of cellular service for the Northeast Marine Drive/Airport (PDX) corridor area, and Metro desired the proposed rent income. Metro entered into the lease on August 15, 1996 with a term that expires on August 14, 2026.

Parks and Nature staff wish to continue the existing relationship under a new lease with terms more favorable to Metro. Staff have negotiated key terms of the lease with the tenant, attached as Exhibit A, which will be incorporated into a lease agreement on a form approved by OMA. To support the negotiation, Parks and Nature consulted a cell tower expert to advise on the regional market for cell tower lease agreements, which resulted in more favorable terms for Metro as outlined in Exhibit A to the Resolution. Staff are confident that the terms outlined in Exhibit A represent a positive outcome for Metro with the best interest of the public in mind.

Parks and Nature reviews new requests for leases under the Easement Policy as adopted by Metro Council. However, this is an existing lease that Metro staff believe benefits the Gleason Boat Ramp and Parks and Nature operations, and wish to continue. Section 12 of the Easement Policy provides limited exceptions to the Easement Policy, including for projects that provide a benefit to a Metro regional park, natural area, or recreational facility. Staff have determined the lease for the cell tower facility fits this exception as a project designed to benefit the recreational facility of the Gleason Boat Ramp by providing reliable cellular service benefits to Metro, other public agencies such as the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol Unit that operates out of the Gleason Boat Ramp, and members of the public, in addition to bringing in lease revenue that helps fund park operations.

Legal Antecedents

- Metro Council Resolution No. 96-2369, For the Purpose of Authorizing a Long Term Lease Agreement of Property for a Cellular Telephone Antenna Site at the M. James Gleason Boat Ramp (August 8, 1996)
- Metro Council Resolution No. 97-2539B, For the Purpose of Approving General Policies Related to the Review of Easements, Rights of Ways, and Leases for Non-Park Uses Through Properties Managed by the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department (November 6, 1997)

Anticipated Effects

Parks and Nature will move forward with negotiating and executing a new lease to continue the existing relationship with the current tenant for the operation of the existing cell tower facility at the M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp.

Financial Implications

Parks and Nature will receive approximately \$38,400 in annual rent revenue for the first year of the lease. Rent will increase 4% annually thereafter for the term of the lease.

BACKGROUND

The Metro Code requires Metro Council approval of new requests for easements, right of ways and leases over Metro property. As an owner of approximately 18,000 acres of land across the greater Portland region, Metro's Parks and Nature Department receives frequent requests for new easements, right of ways and leases over Metro property for both park and non-park uses. In 1997, to ensure that the habitat and natural area purposes for which voters funded Metro's property acquisition are not eroded over time by non-park uses, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 97-2539B.

Resolution No. 97-2539B directs staff to make recommendations to the Metro Council on whether an easement, right of way or lease request should be granted, and the policy provides the framework for staff to make its recommendations. Projects that are incorporated into a Metro management plan or master plan, or benefit a Metro regional park, natural area, or recreational facility, are excepted from the Easement Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

None



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Agenda #: 3.2

File #: RES 26-5628

Agenda Date: 7/30/2026

Resolution No. 26-5628 For the Purpose of Appointing Members to the Zoo Bond Oversight Committee

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 26-5628
MEMBERS TO THE OREGON ZOO BOND	)	
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
	)	Council President Juan Carlos González

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2025, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-1534, "For the Purpose of Repealing Metro Code Section 2.19.240 (Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee) and Replacing it with a New, Updated Metro Code Section 2.19.240 (Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee)," creating a new Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee consisting of 13 to 17 members to be appointed by the Metro Council President, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2025, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 25-5522, "For the Purpose of Appointing Members to the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee," appointing fifteen initial members to the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030, "Membership of the Advisory Committees," states that all members and alternate members of all Metro Advisory Committees must be appointed by the Council President and will be subject to confirmation by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code Chapter 2.19.240(d) provides that the Metro Council President will appoint one member of the Committee to serve as the Committee's Chairperson, and may appoint one member of the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair; and

WHEREAS, Robin Michel-Lenihan resigned from the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee in February 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President appoints Greg Dirks to serve the remainder of Robin Michel-Lenihan's two-year term on the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President appoints James Louderman and Connor Sumpter to serve two-year terms on the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires to confirm these appointments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council confirms the appointments of Greg Dirks, James Louderman, and Connor Sumpter to the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, for the Committee positions and terms set forth therein.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 30 day of July, 2026.

Juan Carlos González, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Resolution No. 26-5628
EXHIBIT A

Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee
Members for Appointment

Greg Dirks – Remainder of Robin Michel-Lenihan's 2-year term

Greg Dirks is a Clackamas County resident who has worked for the City of Wood Village for 18 years and has served as City Manager since 2019. He holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Administration from Western Oregon University. Born and raised in Oregon, he has dedicated his career to public service and local government. His professional experience includes overseeing capital projects, budgeting, and community engagement initiatives. Outside of work, he has a strong appreciation for zoos, aquariums, parks, and wildlife experiences, which he enjoyed sharing with his late wife prior to her passing in December 2025. He brings both professional expertise and a personal commitment to conservation and community connection to his service.

James Louderman – 2-year term

James Louderman is a resident of Clackamas County with over 12 years of experience in organizational responsibility, serving as a corporate sustainability professional, managing GHG accounting, energy and water efficiency, waste diversion, and supply chain responsibility. He currently holds the position of Environment & Community Impact Manager at Tillamook and has previously overseen sustainability programs at Nike and Pacific Foods. James is committed to fostering meaningful progress through grassroots efforts and has served as Chair of the Woodstock Farmers Market as well as an advisor to the James Beard Public Market. He earned a Master of Arts in Environmental History from Portland State University and possesses extensive expertise in analyzing the interplay between natural and built environments.

Connor Sumpter – 2-year term

Connor Sumpter is a Clackamas County resident and licensed Oregon CPA with bachelor's degrees from the University of Montana in accounting and finance. Connor currently works at Deloitte & Touche, serving as an auditor to both public and private clients. He brings professional experience in financial oversight, risk management, and internal controls gained through his current role and prior experience in community banking. Outside of work, Connor volunteers with Oregon Business Academy to provide business education and mentorship to high school students across the state. His connection to the Oregon Zoo stems from years of membership and visits with friends and family, giving him a personal appreciation of the Zoo's impact on the community. Connor looks forward to serving the public and supporting the Oregon Zoo on the Zoo Bond Oversight Committee with his financial experience and commitment to the Oregon community.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5628 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OREGON ZOO BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Date: July 13, 2026

Department: Oregon Zoo

Meeting Date: July 30, 2026

Prepared by: Leslie Jorgensen,
leslie.jorgensen@oregonzoo.org

ISSUE STATEMENT

In May 2024, Metro area voters approved a \$380 million obligation of bond funds to support capital improvement projects at Oregon Zoo. As part of the public accountability plan for the ballot measure, Metro committed to establishing a community oversight committee to report annually on progress to Metro Council.

In July 2025, Metro Council passed Ordinance No. 25-1534 to establish the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee, which will convene periodically to receive reports and updates on the status of the bond program and determine whether such status and implementation are consistent with the voter-approved bond measure.

In November 2025, Metro Council passed Resolution No. 25-5522 to appoint the first members of the Zoo Bond Oversight Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution No. 26-5628, confirming the appointment of three new members to the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee. In March 2026, Metro launched a special recruitment for Clackamas County residents, due to the resignation of committee member Robin-Michel Lenihan.

Per Metro's Charter, the committee will consist of residents from Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties who will serve staggered 2-year terms, with a maximum length of service of 6 years. Committee members hold expertise for a variety of competencies relevant to the implementation of the Zoo bond, including business and non-profit management, construction and capital improvement, finance, accessibility, and legal compliance.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

This action supports Metro's commitment to the public related to the May 2024 Ballot Measure 26-244.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommend that Metro Council make the following appointments to the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee:

- Greg Dirks for the remainder of Robin-Michel Lenihan’s 2-year term as Committee Member; and
- James Louderman and Connor Sumpter for 2-year terms as Committee Members.

Additional details can be found in Exhibit A of the Resolution.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee is intended to assist Metro Council in holding the Oregon Zoo accountable for the expenditure of the general obligation bond funds. It is an independent committee which sets its own agenda within the limits of its purpose, authority, charter and Metro rules and requirements. The committee process allows voters the opportunity to be invested stakeholders in the outcomes of the bond, connects them more intimately to the operations of the Zoo and the impacts of the Metro Regional Government, and is a vital connection in ensuring public trust and support.

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2024, Metro area voters passed Ballot Measure 26-244 authorizing Metro to issue up to \$380 million of general obligation bonds to fund Oregon Zoo capital projects to:

- Improve facilities to enhance educational opportunities for children and other visitors to learn about animals and habitat conservation.
- Conserve water and energy in operations and updated infrastructure.
- Improve facilities supporting the Zoo’s conservation work protecting and restoring threatened and endangered species in the Northwest and beyond.
- Increase accessibility for visitors of all abilities, including improved paths and exhibits.
- Improve protection from heat and extreme weather for animals and visitors.
- Improve facilities to prepare for animal care in a natural disaster or emergency.

The bond measure language included a public accountability plan which requires annual audits, and annual reports to Metro Council by a community oversight committee.

ATTACHMENTS

None



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Consideration of the July 2, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, July 2, 2026

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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President González called the Council meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

2. Public Communication

Sharon Nasset, resident, referred to an alternative design for the Rose Quarter transportation project, which she submitted to Council as written materials. She expressed concern about future benefits and impacts of the existing design.

3. Presentations**3.1 Update on Proximity and Experience to Parks and Nature**

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Parks and Nature Director
Beth Cohen (she/her), Strategic Funding Program Manager

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenters reviewed past Council requests for more information about residents' proximity to and experiences with Metro parks and natural areas. They shared key feedback from Councilors about the definition of "access," including a desire to take a broad view that prioritizes maximizing public benefits and community engagement. They proposed a broad definition of community and climate resilience to combine proximity and experience with community empowerment and economic vitality.

Councilor Lewis asked staff to provide or develop maps of destinations and accessibility features. Staff referred to existing materials online and committed to maintaining strong communications. Councilor Lewis also raised her interest in investing in the Willamette River Trail, and staff noted the funding is available to acquire gaps in the trail network.

Staff clarified for President González that a timeline for next steps is iterative and that some features are constantly monitored.

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 26-5587 For the Purpose of Adopting the 2027-2030 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program For the Portland Metropolitan Area

Presenter(s): Gabriela Lopez, Senior Transportation Planner
Blake Perez, Associate Transportation Planner

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5587](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B \(Appendix I\)](#)
[Exhibit B \(Appendix II\)](#)
[Exhibit B \(Appendix III\)](#)
[Exhibit B \(Appendix IV\)](#)
[Exhibit B \(Appendix V\)](#)
[Exhibit B \(Appendix VI\)](#)
[Exhibit C](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff presented the purpose of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) and its function and the process for developing and compiling the project and program list.

Presenters clarified for Councilor Hwang to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the more effective tool for setting regional policy, while the MTIP programs projects and programs that have been measured against goals of the RTP.

Councilor Lewis noted that the MTIP is especially important work because it helps unify jurisdictions as they grapple with complicated planning across boundaries. She referred to a new capital improvement project list developed by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and urged caution, lest jurisdictions begin to confuse the MTIP with ODOT's list.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by

Councilor Simpson, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

5. Ordinances (Second Reading)

5.1 Ordinance No. 26-1547 For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 2.19.280 to Add One Member to the Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee

Presenter(s): Liam Frost (he/him), Housing Director

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-1547](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council provided its unanimous consent to accept additional public comment on the ordinance.

Oscar Arana advocated for passage of the ordinance and emphasized the important of including culturally specific voices on the committee.

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

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

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

6.1 MERC Update (Craig Stroud, General Manager of Visitor Venues)

The scheduled agenda item for a Regional Waste Advisory Committee update was postponed. Instead, Craig Stroud, General Manager of Visitor Venues, provided an update on the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC).

General Manager Stroud announced a new booking policy at

MERC venues and an employee relations update. He explained that unlike the AFSCME contract that Metro Council ratifies, MERC maintains some legacy community benefits agreements from its independent era and ratifies those agreements unilaterally. He also described the impacts of the Rose Quarter closure on clients, exhibitors and staff.

President González also touched on economic data and tourism data presented at the Visitor Development Fund. He expressed concern about the speed of progress for the Portland's Centers for the Arts transition of management with the City of Portland. He hoped the City Councilors were aware of the complexity of work of managing the venues.

7. Councilor Communication

No Councilor communications.

8. Adjourn

President González adjourned the Council meeting at 11:18 a.m.

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

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
July 21, 2026



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Consideration of the July 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President González called the Council meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: 4 - Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Christine Lewis

2. Introductions and Meeting Overview

President González described the procedures for interviews and a public hearing.

3. Candidate Interviews

Applicant Josh Manous shared a personal statement about his experience as a teen in the LGBTQ+ community and serving the community as advocate regarding identity theft. He recalled his experiences with housing insecurity and the need for safe, stable housing, and he expressed his interest in ensuring transit serves high-density areas. On diversity, equity and inclusion, he described his long history of working to prevent HIV and how those experiences shed light on best practices for community engagement. He committed to keeping community in conversation in the role of Metro Councilor and emphasized his desire to serve in the position only for the interim period, until the January inauguration.

Applicant Miles Palacios described a lifelong commitment to public service, raised by two public servants. He touched on many of Metro's service areas including transportation and development planning, waste management, parks and conservation, and venues. On housing, he expressed concern about future planning and whether jurisdictions will adequately account for the aging population. He talked about his experience with youth and student leaders and small businesses in communities of color. He noted that elected leaders should be accessible to their constituents.

4. Public Hearing on Vacancy in the Office of Metro District 4 Councilor

No testimony.

5. Council Nominations and Voting

Councilor Hwang nominated Miles Palacios, seconded by Councilor Nolan. The Councilors voted by written ballot and each announced their candidate following the vote. **President González, Deputy President Hwang and Councilors Simpson and Nolan all voted for Miles Palacios.**

6. Resolutions**6.1 Resolution No. 26-5624 For the Purpose of Appointing a Councilor to Fill the Vacancy in the Office of Metro Councilor for Council District 4**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5624](#)
[Manous, Josh](#)
[Palacios, Miles](#)

After a unanimous vote representing a majority of the sitting Council to move forward with Miles Palacios, Councilors then considered a resolution to make the appointment.

To that end, **Councilor Nolan moved to amend Resolution No. 26-5624, seconded by Hwang**, to update the blank space in the resolution with Miles Palacios's name. The amendment passed unanimously.

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

Aye: 4 - Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Council President Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 2 - Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Lewis

7. Appointed Metro District 4 Councilor Remarks

Councilor Palacios thanked the community and Metro Council for the opportunity to begin his term early and start immediately to

work for the betterment of the region, including District 4.

8. Other Business

Jenny Villareal, public notary, administered the oath of office.

President González opened an additional opportunity for public comment to accommodate residents attending the meeting.

Henney Sullivan, Working Theory Farm, spoke to changes in the Hillsboro community from a small farm town to a bustling suburb.

Alfredo Avalos, Working Theory Farm, shared a life-changing experience at the farm, terming it a supportive environment and good opportunity for youth. A community member named Mia agreed that the farm is a great place for youth to gather.

Riagne Brooks, Working Theory Farm, described the farm as a diverse community that empowers youth, provides access to resources and teaches work ethic in a position environment.

Councilor Nolan thanked the advocates for their comments.

9. Adjourn

President González adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
July 21, 2026



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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy President Hwang called the meeting to order at 10:13.

He acknowledged Council Intern Wren Helzer-Florer for her service to Metro and her future role as a congressional staffer. He thanked her for her service to Metro, including the development of new leadership programs for future interns and teens.

Councilor Lewis added thanked Wren for her work on her significant work to support the Willamette Falls Lock Authority. Councilors Rosenthal and Palacios echoed those comments.

Present: 4 - Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Miles Palacios

Excused: 3 - Councilor Mary Nolan, Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

Sharon Nasset provided public comment on the I-5 bridge. She had previously asked several governments for additional information about the project details and the project alternatives. She provided additional written comment with technical details (see appended materials to the meeting packet).

3. Consent Agenda

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

3.1 Resolution No. 26-5619 For the Purpose of Amending or Adding Six projects to the 2024-27 MTIP to Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5619](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

[Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by

Councilor Rosenthal, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution no. 26-5596 For The Purpose of Amending Metro's Procurement and Public Contracting Administrative Rules

Presenter(s): Gabriele Schuster, Procurement Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5596](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

[Exhibit C](#)

[Staff Report](#)

Staff reviewed the changes to the state law and opportunities to increase efficiency in procurement and contracting rules while bringing Metro's Rules up to date.

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

Aye: 4 - Councilor Hwang, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Palacios

Excused: 3 - Councilor Nolan, Council President Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

4.2 Resolution No. 26-5600 For the Purpose of Amending Three I-5 Rose Quarter Projects to the 2024-2027 MTIP to Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements

Presenter(s): Gabriela Lopez, Senior Transportation Planner
Monica Blanchard, Interim Project Director, Oregon Department of Transportation
David Kim, Project Delivery Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5600](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Staff Memo on Major Project Assessment](#)
[Attachment 2 - Project Fact Sheet: Construction Phases](#)

Staff from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) presented the project overview and support from project partners. They then described the three specific amendments under consideration in the resolution. Metro staff described the Major Project Assessment and past actions and meetings at Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Deputy President Hwang invited public comment on the resolution.

Joe Cortwright expressed concerns with the project, citing environmental issues related to emissions and the impacts to future generations.

Sharon Nasset agreed with the comments from Joe Cortwright, and she focused her comments as to how the off-ramps are designed advocated for options that better support mobility for Central Eastside travelers.

Councilor Lewis described the morning's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting in her role as the Chair. She noted that the committee received the same presentation as Council and support was unanimous, although diversion concerns were noted at that time.

This matter was adopted

Aye: 4 - Councilor Hwang, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Palacios

Excused: 3 - Councilor Nolan, Council President Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Office Marissa Madrigal thanked Kim Paul and Julie Christie, who both celebrated 25 years of service to Metro in July, as well as Dave Cutter, who worked for the Portland's Centers for the Arts for 50 years in July.

5.1 JPACT Update (Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director)

Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director, shared two additional items presented at JPACT earlier in the day. Including preparations for the September trip to Washington, D.C. to advocate for transportation priorities. Additionally, JPACT heard an update on the Regional Transportation Plan. One question from Rosenthal. Semi technical.

5.2 RPOC Update (Liam Frost, Housing Director)

Yesenia Delgado, Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Division Manager, reported the highlights of the most recent SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (RPOC) meeting, which included discussion of key performance indicators and goals. She shared that Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck shared goals developed by the Metropolitan Mayors Consortium. Staff shared Council's desire to further define roles at the committee and how define how members work to set direction. The committee extended the timeline for adopting key performance indicators to allow for more discussion at a future meeting.

Deputy President Hwang added that the group discussed the future possibility of subcommittees, and Councilor Lewis added that she observed power dynamics within the group that should be considered.

6. Councilor Communication

Deputy President Hwang thanked Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal for moderating a panel as part of Climate Week.

Councilor Lewis attended an event at the Willamette River Greenway, which she said models accessibility for those with disabilities seeking to access the waterfront.

7. Adjourn

Deputy President Hwang adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. into an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real estate transactions.

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

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
July 22, 2026



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Consideration of the July 21, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President González called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

2. Introduction and Grants Overview

Parks and Nature Director Jon Blasher introduced the five grant programs under consideration.

3. Resolutions**2.1 Resolution No. 26-5579 For the Purpose of Approving Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants**

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher, Parks and Nature Director
Crista Gardner, Capital Grants Program Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5579](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff and guest presenters described the eight projects across the region recommended for funding through Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

Staff clarified for Councilor Hwang that approximately \$5 million or more was secured in matching funding to support the projects funded by the grants.

Tualatin City Councilor Bridget Brooks thanked Council for their consideration of a recommended grant for the Tualatin Riverfront Park and Trail. She thanked Councilor Rosenthal for his representation of District 3.

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

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

2.2 **Resolution No. 26-5581** For the Purpose of Approving Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher, Parks and Nature Director
Crista Gardner, Capital Grants Program Manager
Gabrielle Brown, Capital Grants Program Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5581](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants staff joined the presenters. They described efforts to include more people in feedback, including a dozen community events, and noted that it resulted in one of the most successful community budget programs of its size nationally. Presenters also described the following resolution (Resolution No. 26-5625) as part of the same presentation.

Franklin Ouchida, Oregon Wheelchair Hikers, described the ways feedback from the community led to improvements in mobility and accessibility on trails, including accessibility for individuals that can only access existing facilities with difficulty.

Staff then provided a brief overview of the 23 projects recommended for funding, including a new process of community-led acquisitions.

Councilor Lewis emphasized the success of community budgeting and thanked Metro and the community for their support for this program in District 2 and for participation. She thanked the cities, parks districts, and other owners of the projects.

Councilor Hwang asked whether the current round of projects

considered for funding were more heavily weighted toward restoration and whether engagement efforts were more efficient this round, after investments in engagement in the first round. Staff explained that the requests reflect individual community needs and identities and that they saw a 20% decrease in program cost compared to first round, largely attributable to adaptation and reuse of materials.

Councilor Palacios and President González both spoke broadly in favor of community budgeting.

Grover Boanefel, community advocate, described his difficulty choosing projects to vote for from such a well-qualified list of proposals, and he urged adoption.

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

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

2.3 Resolution No. 26-5625 For the Purpose of Approving Funding for Protect and Restore Land Community-Led Acquisition Grants

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher, Parks and Nature Director
Crista Gardner, Capital Grants Program Manager
Gabrielle Brown, Capital Grants Program Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5625](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Presenters also described the resolution as part of the presentation for Resolution No. 26-5581. Councilor discussion was directed at the Community Choice program.

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

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

- 2.4 **Resolution No. 26-5580** For the Purpose of Approving 2026-26 Nature in Neighborhoods Community Stewardship Community Stewardship and Restoration Community Grants

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Parks and Nature Director
Karissa Lowe, Community Grants Program Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5580](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 26-5580](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff specified that Nature in Neighborhoods Community Grants include two programs; the recommended grants fall under the Restoration and Stewardship program.

Staff described the recommended grants. Leigh Rappaport, Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC), spoke in favor of funding for the POIC Natural Resource Pathway Project.

Councilor Lewis described her enthusiasm for community organizations dedicated to restoration and access to nature; Councilor Simpson uplifted the food sovereignty projects.

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

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

- 2.5 **Resolution 26-5578 For the Purpose of Approving a Third Round of Funding for Parks and Nature Bond Large-Scale Community Visions Program**

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Parks and Nature Director
Linda Bartolini Venegas (she/her), Large Scale Community

Attachments: Visions Program Manager
[Resolution No. 26-5578](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff reviewed the Large Scale Community Visions Program, including updated recommendations based on Council feedback during a recent work session.

Representatives from Working Theory Farm described their grant proposal, which Council had previously asked staff to include in their grant recommendation.

Councilor Nolan expressed concern that the Bird Alliance was not invited to present as a guest speaker, and staff noted each program invites one speaker based on availability.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how reductions in funding would affect project scope and viability, and staff provided high-level details about how updated recommendations for funding affect project scope.

City of Tigard Mayor Yi Kang Hu urged Council to restore the full \$3.8 million funding for Ash Creek Nature Link. He specified that the funding gap is large enough to make the project infeasible. He emphasized that the project is shovel-ready and in a low-income neighborhood that would serve children and seniors.

Tigard City Councilor Bridget Brooks noted that there is a time-limited donation to support the project, complicated by unexpected changes to their anticipated funding. She emphasized the declining level of services for city residents.

Kelley Beamer, Executive Director at East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, introduced Jordan Adams, graduate of the fisheries program. He shared his experience in restoration

and monitoring water quality and dams.

Joe Wisniewski, City of Tigard engineer, described the difficulty of moving forward on the Ash Creek project with reduced funding, noting that the full award is the last piece of funding for a publicly owned asset on public property.

Elizabeth Edwards, Clean Water Services Chief of Staff, explained that Clean Water Services is the largest match funder of the Ash Creek project.

Dr. Leslie King, Sandy River Watershed Council, explained that the Sandy River flows to Kelly Creek. She noted the significance of the dam removal project and how Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) students were essential to understanding salmon kills in the river and the significance of the dam removal project.

Jennifer Bohmer, Vice President of Advancement and Community Engagement at MHCC, described the opportunities available to the 18,000 students at MHCC, who are overcoming challenges to achieve a higher education, including two-thirds who struggle to meeting basic needs.

Micah Mescal, Urban Conservation Director for Bird Alliance of Oregon, explained that the project seeks to bring nature to an urban environment along NE 82nd Boulevard. He spoke to the City of Portland's desire to fund the project as well.

Councilor Nolan asked if each project sponsor would abandon their project with partial funding.

Tigard applicants said they would pursue additional funding through Nature in Neighborhoods programs, but there would be a high risk of returning grant funds for inability to deliver, especially considering the disposition of donated property

contingent on full funding.

Henney Sullivan from Working Theory Farms committed to accepting partial funding and would use the partial funding to seek additional funds to finalize the project.

April McKeown, Kelly Creek Dam Removal Project Manager, explained that the project can't be scaled down and is on track to reach full funding on time for project completion.

After the resolution was moved and seconded, Councilor Rosenthal moved to amend the resolution as described in his amendment, distributed and included in the meeting packet. His amendment proposed to remove funding for the Bird Alliance project and to pull funds from Work Theory Farms to fully fund the Ash Creek project in Tigard, in accordance with staff's original recommendation.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilors resumed discussion on the main motion. Councilor Hwang recalled his previous hope that other funding solutions existed.

Resuming his previous hope to identify other funding solutions, he asked Metro staff to provide a plan and feasibility for accelerating the next round of Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants. Deputy Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott asked Council to consider unintended consequences, which would be included in a proposal for accelerating the program in the coming weeks.

Councilor Nolan appreciated her colleagues and the process to deliberate about the funding recommendations, namely, policymaker discretion following a staff recommendation that

followed a rigorous scoring process.

Councilor Simpson thanked voters for supporting the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond and he expressed his strong support for the Kelly Creek project at MHCC. He acknowledged the Vance Project, also located in District 1, which was not recommended for funding.

Councilor Palacios asked staff to specify in their proposal for an accelerated capital funding program to include details about engagement.

Councilor Lewis recalled that Large Scale Community Visions was designed to be a funding program to provide catalyst funding for community projects. She strongly supported the dam removal at Kelly Creek.

Councilor Rosenthal appreciated program efforts to simplify applications and provide community oversight. He disagreed with Council action to overrule the staff scoring criteria, and expressed concern that Council deliberation to do so may have lacked some critical information.

President González reiterated the exceptional proposals, both recommended for funding and otherwise. He thanked community members for their advocacy throughout the process.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Councilor Rosenthal

4. Chief Operating Officer Communication

No updates.

5. Councilor Communication

No updates.

6. Adjourn

President González closed consideration of the substantive agenda by appreciating the role of parks and natural areas in the greater Portland region. Deputy COO Scott shared those sentiments and appreciated the community engagement and the role of smaller projects in transforming the region.

President González adjourned the Council meeting at 12:48 p.m.

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Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor

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Thursday, July 23, 2026

10:00 AM

This Council Meeting will adjourn to a Work Session

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber;
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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President González called the Council meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

2. Public Communication

No testimony.

3. Consent Agenda**3.1 Consideration of the June 18, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [June 18, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3.2 Consideration of the June 23, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 23, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3.3 Consideration of the June 25, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 25, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Simpson, seconded by Councilor Lewis, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolutions**4.1 Resolution No. 26-5612 For the Purpose of Approving Targeted Universalism as Metro's Framework to Achieve Equitable Outcomes**

Presenter(s): Marissa Madrigal (she/her), Chief Operating Officer
Sebrina Owens-Wilson (she/her), Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5612](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 16-4708](#)
[Attachment 2 - Exhibit A to Resolution No. 16-4708](#)

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal introduced the targeted

universalism framework, and DEI Director Sebrina Owens-Wilson recounted Metro Council's policy commitments to racial equity, presented the elements of targeted universalism and reviewed the outcome of a final retreat that included Metro Council, senior leadership and equity leadership.

Councilor Simpson applauded the team for their thorough work and the opportunities presented by the framework to close gaps in racial equity across the region.

Councilor Lewis further appreciated the groups that participated in targeted universalism development process, which included hundreds of staff and not just Council. She described a deeply collaborative process that reflected the services Metro offers to the public.

Councilor Rosenthal identified the opportunity to help regional partners incorporate targeted universalism principles in their governance as well.

Councilor Palacios appreciated the work of his colleagues prior to his joining the Council and emphasized the expansive impact the framework would have.

President González shared his concerns about worsening conditions for community members and the opportunity for meaningful change through targeted universalism. He also described his first interactions with Metro as a young advocate participating in the process to create the first Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

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

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

5. Adjourn to Council Work Session

President González adjourned the Council meeting into a work session at 10:44 a.m.

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Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
July 23, 2026