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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

**This meeting is off-site at the Oregon Zoo.**

**Oregon Zoo Conservation Hall, 4001 SW Canyon Rd, Portland, OR  
97221; <https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or  
253-205-0468 (toll free); [www.youtube.com/live/ApQLTtQKqnA](http://www.youtube.com/live/ApQLTtQKqnA)**

## **Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Councilor Lewis called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**Present:** 5 - Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Christine Lewis

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

**2. Public Communication**

There was none.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1 Resolution No. 25-5498 For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a New Non-System License to Tidee Bee, Inc. for Transport of Non-Recoverable Solid Waste, Including Putrescible Waste at the Spokane Regional Waste-to-Energy Facility Located In Spokane, Washington**

No discussion.

**A motion was made by Councilor Hwang, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

**5. Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 25-5499 For the Purpose of Adopting the Oregon Zoo Strategic Plan**

Councilor Lewis thanked zoo staff for organizing events related to the Rose Parade featuring Tula-Tu.

Staff shared the strategic plan to support a better future for wildlife, to transform the zoo campus, and to enhance the zoo experience.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the zoo coordinates with any AZA endangered species programs. Rachel Ritchason, Deputy Director of Animal Care referred to AZA requirements to participate in conservation and AZA's Saving Animals from Extinction (SAFE) program.

Councilor Hwang asked about plans for additional fundraising, and staff described the Oregon Zoo Foundation's Conservation Committee supports species recovery efforts with support from environmental and social governance corporate funds and noted the committee's support balances the risk of reduced federal funding.

Councilor Hwang also asked about improvements to safety and the worker experience for zoo employees, especially during climate events. Staff explained that workers safety is embedded in all parts of the strategic plan, with division-specific action plans.

Staff confirmed for Councilor Rosenthal that red pandas are on the endangered species "red list" as defined by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Lewis

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Simpson

## 6. Other Business

### 6.1 Council Discussion of Approved FY2025-26 Budget

Councilor Hwang asked about the process for budget notes and amendments, and CFO Kennedy noted that time is set aside in early June but was not aware of any proposed budget amendments.

6.1.1 Public Hearing for FY2025-26 Approved Budget

There was none.

**7. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

COO Madrigal highlighted water safety resources provided by Metro Parks and Nature.

**8. Councilor Communication**

Councilor Rosenthal updated Council on a Westside Economic Alliance workforce development event focused on construction careers.

Councilor Gonzalez shared a summary of a special JPACT meeting about Regional Flexible Funding Allocation projects. Councilor Lewis thanked staff for the additional level of detail provided on the regional projects.

Councilor Hwang shared that Metro's Social Innovation Council welcomed new members from the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, the Collins Foundation, and the Portland Clean Energy Fund. The group discussed Metro's Future Vision and heard from Michigan's Social Innovation Director.

Councilor Gonzalez encouraged Councilors to emphasize community engagement in the Future Vision process and asked to speak with all Councilors about the Commission candidates.

Councilor Lewis thanked jurisdictional partners from the Willamette Shoreline Right-of-Way Consortium.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilor Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor