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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,  
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992 or  
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

**Council meeting**

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

**2. Public Communication**

Deputy Council President Hwang opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on non-agenda items.

Art Lewellen testified about the importance of having walkable communities with mixed-use transportation opportunities. He re-submitted his essay "Portland in the Year 2040" for the Council's consideration. He also spoke in opposition to development of light rail options along Barbur Boulevard, as he believes it would decrease pedestrian safety and negatively impact the environment.

Seeing no further testimony, Deputy Council President Hwang moved on to the next agenda item.

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### **3. Resolutions**

#### **3.1 Resolution No. 24-5438 For the Purpose of Establishing a Work Group to Evaluate Operating Model of P’5**

Presenter(s): Craig Stroud, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5438](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Deputy Council President Hwang called on Craig Stroud, General Manager of Visitor Venues and Brian Wilson, Interim Executive Director, Portland’s Centers for the Arts to present the resolution to Council.

Staff pulled up the Resolution No. 24-5438 presentation to present to Council.

*Presentation Summary:*

The presenters began with a review of the city-owned performing arts venues that the resolution concerns and explained that an audit found IGA issues. They described the resolution's proposed workgroup, which would be tasked with considering operations, maintenance, business models, and governance analysis. The workgroup would then make recommendations to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) and the Metro Council by the end of the fiscal year. The presenters laid out three paths the Council could choose to take at this time, including adopting the resolution in question.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Rosenthal remarked that it was an improvement to amend the resolution to involve MERC as an oversight body for the work group. He also noted that, although he would like to see some changes to technical language, he appreciates the work that has been done.

Councilor Lewis spoke to the tensions between the City of Portland and Metro and underscored the need to make sure that the new model works equally well for large and small communities and venues.

Deputy Council President Hwang asked the presenters to elaborate on what the process will look like going forward.

The presenters replied that, until the City of Portland also

considers their resolution on the same topic, the next steps cannot be confidently determined.

Councilor Rosenthal noted that it is important to remember the economic context in which the resolution was created.

Seeing no further discussion, Deputy Council President Hwang moved on to the next agenda item.

**This item was adopted.**

#### **4. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

- HR has arranged for a free flu vaccine clinic for employees occurring on November 1st.
- Reminder that the first floor of the parking garage is reserved for bicycle parking only.

#### **5. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Simpson reported that he attended the Travel Portland retreat earlier in the week and that the team at Travel Portland is preparing to come to Council
- Councilor Lewis discussed the third meeting of Vision 43, where work continues forward regarding stakeholder engagement and determining land use.
- Councilor Rosenthal shared that he attended a council

session for the City of Sherwood on Tuesday, which was a productive and cordial meeting centered on regionalism.

**6. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Hwang adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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