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Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2025

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), www.youtube.com/live/WxkDVCEXlko**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Public Communication

None.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 25-5509** For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Purchase Property Contiguous to Property Owned by Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5509](#)
[Staff Report](#)

- 3.2 **Resolution No. 25-5506** For the Purpose of Considering Public-Private Partnerships to Fulfill 2030 Regional Waste Plan Goals

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5506](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Councilor Rosenthal moved approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolutions

- 4.1 **Resolution No. 25-5507** For the Purpose of Approving Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Parks and Nature Director
Crista Gardner(she/her), Program Manager for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5507](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5507](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff described the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant program. Community speakers Ajah Maloney, Development Director of Hoyt Arboretum Friends, and Laura Trunk, Jackson Bottom Restoration Biologist, shared the importance of these funds.

Councilor Rosenthal expressed support for the slate of projects and acknowledged three projects in District 3, and Councilor Gonzalez described these projects as the types of investments that best serve community. Councilor Hwang appreciated the emphasis on partnering with school districts. Councilor Lewis appreciated the projects' ability to connect people to specific elements of nature across the region.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

4.2 Resolution No. 25-5495 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project

Presenter(s): Melissa Ashbaugh (she/her), Senior Transportation Planner

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5495](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5495](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Local Actions of Support](#)

Max Powers, Cascade Policy Institute, spoke in opposition to the locally preferred alternative (LPA), citing concerns about bus lanes.

Metro staff presented the elements of the LPA and reviewed input from the public and partner agencies.

Councilors Hwang and Lewis, 82nd Avenue Transit Committee Co-Chairs, thanked partners for their work, highlighted the broad support for the project and celebrated the milestone and the committee's work to refine the LPA.

Councilor Rosenthal clarified with TriMet staff details about infrastructure to support hydrogen fuel buses, and Councilor Gonzalez complimented the planning process for being thorough and effective.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

4.3 Resolution no. 25-5496 for the Purpose of Endorsing the 82nd Ave Development Strategy

Presenter(s): Brian Harper (he/him), Principal Regional Planner
Zachary Lauritzen (he/him), Oregon Walks Executive Director - 82nd Ave Coalition and Project Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5496](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5496](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Metro staff and Zachary Lauritzen, Oregon Walks Executive Director and 82nd Avenue Coalition, described how a development strategy can complement transit planning through separate efforts to stabilize households and businesses. They reviewed the engagement process that informed the strategy and discussed next steps.

Councilor Rosenthal expressed strong support and invited the project team back for additional Council support in the future. Councilor Lewis thanked the community for engaging in a good process and producing a strong product.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, and seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this resolution is approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

4.4 Resolution no. 25-5504 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project

Presenter(s): Kate Hawkins, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5504](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5504](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Local Actions of Support](#)

President Peterson joined the Council meeting remotely.

Staff provided a summary of the Tualatin Valley Highway LPA (TV Highway), including mode, alignment, general station locations and the process for developing the LPA.

Councilor Rosenthal thanked partners for their work on improving safety in the corridor and thanked Councilor Gonzalez for his leadership on improving the highway. Councilor Gonzalez demonstrated strong support and excitement for implementing the project after decades of need.

Councilor Hwang asked how staff are approaching anti-displacement or funding mechanisms to complement the LPA. Staff referred to the equity coalition and TriMet's Community Benefits Agreement.

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

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

- 4.5 **Resolution No. 25-5494** For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2024-25 Budget and Appropriations Schedule and FY 2024-25 Through FY 2028-29 Capital Improvement Plan to Provide for Changes in Operations

Presenter(s): Amanda Akers, Budget Manager
 Jon Irwin, Financial Analyst

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5494](#)
 [Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5494](#)
 [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1 - Summary of June 2025 Amendments](#)
 [Attachment 2 - Capital Improvement Plan Changes](#)

Staff described small changes to the current fiscal year budget and capital improvement plan. There was no additional discussion.

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

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

5. **Ordinances (Second Reading and Vote)**

- 5.1 **Ordinance No. 25-1531** For the Purpose of Indexing the Supportive Housing Services Personal Income Tax Exemption Amounts for Tax Years 2026-2030 and Adjusting Estimated Payment Requirements

Presenter(s): Justin Laubscher, Tax Compliance Program Manager

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1531](#)
 [Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 25-1531](#)
 [Exhibit B to Ordinance No. 25-1531](#)
 [Staff Report](#)

During consideration of the ordinance, Councilor Gonzalez introduced an amendment in reference to a previous Council

discussion about the basis for indexing in future years of implementation, as drafted in the distributed material. Councilor Rosenthal seconded the motion to amend. The motion passed unanimously and Council returned to consideration of the ordinance.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for being proactive in clarifying the tax policy before the coming tax season, and President Peterson thanked Council for expediting the change to provide reliability and clarity to taxpayers, and to provide relief to taxpayers who may no longer be high-income, as intended.

Councilor Rosenthal moved adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez. The ordinance was adopted, as amended, by the following vote:

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

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Deputy COO Andrew Scott thanked Metro staff for providing free life jackets and water safety tips.

7. Councilor Communication

President Peterson thanked staff for their support at the State of the Region.

Councilor Nolan reported out on the most recent MPAC meeting and thanked members for supporting the Montgomery Park Streetcar and TV Highway LPAs.

Councilor Gonzalez added that JPACT unanimously supported the Montgomery Park Streetcar LPA and shared a visit to Working Theory Farm with President Peterson.

Councilor Lewis updated Council on the Washington Park Zoo Train Task Force meeting, working toward a draft report.

There being no further business, President Peterson adjourned the

meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor

8. Adjourn