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Minutes

Thursday, July 21, 2022

10:30 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
929-205-6099 (toll free)

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Lewis called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Public Communication

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

Rachel testified against Metro's proposal to contract out the OCC's AV department.

Michael Puoncil testified to advocate for a full cleanup of the Willamette Cove.

Becca Lewis testified against Metro's proposal to contract out the OCC's AV department.

3. Consent Agenda

Deputy Council President Lewis called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal supported the shoreline rail repair project, but believed it should be a separate item from the consent agenda, rather than part of the RTP. He also asked for more information, perhaps a staff presentation, on this item.

Staff explained that historically, maintenance and

rehabilitation projects are not put in the RTP, while new capital projects are.

Councilor Nolan encouraged their colleagues to deter to the President for scheduling agenda items.

Councilor Craddick asked if a streetcar between Portland and Lake Oswego is built in the future it would use this rail. She also asked to clarify if this project is in the RTP. Staff answered yes, this is the rail a future streetcar would use. The current agenda item being discussed is just repair and maintenance, so it is not specifically mentioned in the RTP.

Carrie McLaren also clarified Councilor Rosenthal's concern regarding JPACT minutes on the consent agenda.

**A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, to approve the Consent Agenda..
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 3.1 For the Purpose of Amending and Adding to the 2021-26 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Two ODOT Projects Enabling Project Phases to Move Forwards and Addressing Funding Shortfalls (JN22-13-JUN1)

 - 3.2 Resolution No. 22-5272, For the Purpose of Amending or Adding to the 2021-26 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) TriMet's New Willamette Shoreline Rail Repair Project and Addressing ODOT Needed Project Funding Needs (JN22-14-JUN2)

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4. Ordinances (Second Reading and Vote)

Deputy Council President Lewis stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1481 took place on Thursday, November 7.

Deputy Council President Lewis called on [Tim O'Brien] [he/him], Metro to present to Council, and answer any questions.

There were none.

4.1 Ordinance No. 22-1481, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 23.85 acres located in the vicinity of SW Frog Pond Lane in Wilsonville

Deputy Council President Lewis stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1481 took place on Thursday, November 7.

Deputy Council President Lewis called on [Tim O'Brien] [he/him], Metro to present to Council.

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

5. Other Business**5.1 State Legislative Affairs Update**

Deputy Council President Lewis called on [Anneliese Koehler] [she/her] Metro, and [Jenna Jones] [she/her]

Metro, to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the [*State Legislative Agenda Update Presentation*] to present to Council.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal asked three questions:

- Do you anticipate a bill that is going to limit the amount of funding we can allocate for industrial lands?
- Do you anticipate any moves to limit the amount of money that can be diverted from other transportation projects to the interstate bridge?
- Do you anticipate any of the smaller cities will try to exempt themselves from the climate parking strategies requirements?

Anneliese has seen some sort of land use legislation practically every session, so Council should anticipate something like that. Regarding diverting funds, she has not seen any stakeholders who wish to do so. She has not heard any jurisdictions seeking to exempt themselves from the climate parking requirements, but she believes there is desire to amend them.

Councilor Craddick encouraged Council to consider working more closely with the state legislature to advance Metro's climate goals.

Councilor Hwang asked how Staff adapted and kept Metro up to date, when things in the state legislature can shift rapidly. They also asked if Metro has contract lobbyists. Staff explained they have a high-level set of principles that guide their work at the state legislature. They also hold weekly meetings with Metro staff, in the past they have

included Councilor Lewis and Council President Peterson. Metro has had contract lobbyists in the past, but it largely depends on factors like staffing needs and subject matter.

Councilor Nolan aligned themselves with Councilor Craddick's statements, and listed some possible policy goals for Staff to pursue, including new infrastructure projects. Staff will provide Council with an update with more information at a later time.

Councilor Rosenthal wished to remind Council to consider trees and urban vegetation, though they can interfere with solar panels, and consider natural solutions over technological fixes. Staff agreed that striking a balance between both is an important ongoing conversation.

Deputy Council President reminded Council that big recycling legislation is currently part of the legislative session, and hopes they will provide their support for it, especially the elimination of single-use grocery packaging, as it changes.

Councilor Craddick asked about the bag ban, and if it will be implemented post-pandemic. Jenna explained that the bag ban was not suspended during the pandemic; it was simply not enforced.

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

5.2 Update on Regional Flexible Funds Allocation and Parks Bond Coordination

Deputy Council President Lewis called on [Robert Spurlock] [he/him], Metro, and Dan Kaempff [he/him], Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the [*Council Work Session Bond Trails Grant Presentation*] to present to Council.

Council Discussion

Councilor Nolan asked if Metro's review process had requirements that exceed ADA standards.

Robert explained that Staff reviews projects on a case-by-case basis. Most of the bridge projects are "requesting planning and development funding," and Staff can influence their design using Metro guidelines.

Councilor Rosenthal noticed that the bridge sketch presented to Council included stairs but no ramps, and asked if this is the actual design. He also asked for clarification regarding the "high" risk rating and what it specifically means. Finally, he referenced Exhibit F of the original bond language which states the trails are meant to connect to rivers, wetlands, and other natural areas, which is specifically mentioned in the rating process. A lot of these proposed trails connect urban areas, and was concerned the bond's wording may be too limiting.

Robert clarified that the bridge is owned by Trimet, and has stairs and an elevator.

Dan explained the risk assessment process and the factors considered. A "high risk" project means there are more complexities when working through its scope and budget.

Robert clarified that their rating system does include a trail's connectivity with water and natural areas.

Councilor Lewis asked about the consequences of prioritizing funding for construction or planning projects.

Robert explained that staff is currently working on a

recommendation for Council, and will present it when ready.

Councilor Craddick emphasized that Metro needs a combination of construction projects and planning projects funded, so there are projects ready in the pipeline when more funding becomes available.

Robert explained that Staff is happy with the current slate of projects because, however the funding package turns out, it will include a lot of different projects.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if Council can approve funding by September rather than October. He also asked if Council can receive a “scorecard” regarding any changes from the original conceptual network of trails.

Robert like the scorecard idea, and that staff was going to propose a date in September for approval.

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

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- MERCK commission negotiations are ongoing, and she is happy to update Council offline.
- There are potential extreme high temperatures in the coming days.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Craddick** updated Council regarding the monthly JPACT meeting, the newly earthquake ready Burnside Bridge, and Tuesday’s opening of Hacienda’s

new formal housing program.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Kim

Nathan Kim, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF July 21, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.1	PowerPoint	7/21/2022	Metro State Legislative Agenda Setting	072122c-01
6.1	PowerPoint	7/21/2022	Council Work Session Bond Trail Grants	072122c-02