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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, November 13, 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/watch?v=BdtlXCKorcs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdtlXCKorcs)**

## **Council meeting**

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

Councilor Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. To ensure quorum throughout the meeting, Councilor Lewis announced a change to the order of business to hear Chief Operating Officer and Councilor Communications first, and to consider Resolution No. 25-5522 before Resolution No. 25-5521.

**Present:** 4 - Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Christine Lewis

**Excused:** 3 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

**2. Public Communication**

None.

**3. Consent Agenda****3.1 Consideration of the October 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Presenter(s):

Attachments: [10092025c Minutes](#)

**3.2 Consideration of the October 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Presenter(s):

Attachments: [10142025c Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor Hwang, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal announced the upcoming Zoo Lights, Brew Lights and employee night at the Oregon Zoo.

**7. Councilor Communication**

Councilor Rosenthal updated Council on the Kelly Creek project, and Councilor Hwang shared he would attend a Metro Mixer event with the City of Gresham. Councilor Lewis remarked on legislative transportation investments and the benefits those funds could bring to cities and counties.

**4. Resolutions**

**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

**4.2 Resolution No. 25-5522** For the Purpose of Appointing Members to The Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee

**Presenter(s):** Heidi Rahn, Director, Oregon Zoo  
Beth Redmond - Jones, Director of Campus Planning and Development, Oregon Zoo

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 25-5522](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Staff reviewed the purpose of the Zoo Bond Oversight Committee and the skills of the slate of candidates. They announced that Monique Claiborne, President and CEO of Greater Portland, Inc. and Sarah Mastrioneni, Director of Capital Projects and Planning, Portland Trailblazers, as the chair and co-chair candidates.

Councilor Hwang inquired about the rationale for both 1- and 2-year terms in the first slate of committee members and asked about representation in Clackamas County. Staff confirmed that bond members may renew their service for up to six years in total, with a staggered term expiry across the committee. Staff also shared that although there were five applicants from Clackamas County, none remained responsive throughout the recruitment. Additionally, additional positions remain open to allow for ongoing recruitment.

Councilor Hwang excused himself from the meeting following the vote.

**A motion was made by Councilor Hwang, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this item be approved. 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

**4.1 Resolution No. 25-5521 For the Purpose of Approving Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding for Grants Funded with the Construction Excise Tax**

**Presenter(s):** Hau Hagedorn, Community Investment Manager  
Serah Breakstone, 2040 Grants Program Manager

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 25-5521](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)

Staff reviewed the three 2040 Planning and Development Grants recommended in the resolution, and also referenced a fourth grant applicant who would continue to work with staff toward a successful application in the future.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about community visioning efforts at the Eastport Plaza and staff confirmed that this effort is significant and considered in the grant. Councilor Rosenthal asked for clarification about the timeframe for the Clackamas County project.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Lewis

**Excused:** 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

**4.3 Resolution no. 25-5532 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Findings and Recommendations in the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Statistical Area**

Presenter(s): Eliot Rose (he/him), Senior Transportation Planner  
Kim Ellis (she/her), Climate Program Manager  
Ted Leybold (he/him), Transportation Policy Program Director

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5532](#)  
[Exhibit A - Comprehensive Climate Action Plan](#)  
[Staff report](#)

COO Madrigal introduced the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and highlighted the changes in federal funding that have occurred since Metro first received a grant for the CCAP. Staff also reviewed Metro's history of climate leadership and the purpose of the CCAP.

Councilor Nolan asked the timeline for achieving state targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Staff specified that additional resources are necessary to achieve those targets. Councilor Nolan then emphasized the need to focus on strategies that don't require investment but rely on changes in practices.

Councilor Lewis shared an exchange with staff about whether Clackamas County's unadopted climate plan has or will have a positive impact.

Councilor Rosenthal identified future work to partner with local jurisdictions seeking to adopt their climate priorities within the regional plan, which has slightly different priorities.

Councilor Gonzalez appreciated the clarity of the CCAP's direction and stressed the importance of the advocacy role elected officials play in addition to staff implementation of the plan. Councilor Nolan agreed with Councilor Gonzalez and acknowledged that political leadership on climate action has been lacking.

**A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this item be approved. The**

**motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Lewis

**Excused:** 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

**5. Other Business****5.1 Council Discussion of Funding Priorities Related to Resolution No. 25-5544**

**Presenter(s):** Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, District 4

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 25-5544 as Adopted](#)

Councilor Gonzalez asked for Council support to allocate \$500,000 to provide critical assistance to residents suffering from direct action from the federal government based on real or perceived identities. He specified his legislative intent to provide support to families who have lost a primary income earner and need support such as eviction prevention services.

Councilor Nolan noted that federal funding for families and social services is not improving, and that Metro supported a previous effort to backfill Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program dollars because of a temporary lag in federal funding. However, Councilor Nolan expressed support for COO action if it included a more strategic recommendation for Council to consider such unbudgeted expenditures.

Councilor Gonzalez was amenable to this adjustment and emphasized the opportunity to build on support offered by other local jurisdictions. Councilor Rosenthal also agreed that a regular system or framework would be useful.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Councilor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

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

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor  
December 8, 2025