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## Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 2022

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**<https://youtu.be/-ICoQSRIRsc>**

**<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or**

**929-205-6099 (toll free)**

**Council meeting**

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

**Present:** 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

**2. Public Communication****3. Resolutions**

- 3.1 **Resolution No.22-5282**, For the Purpose of Directing the Chief Operating Officer to Update and Replace Metro's Green Building Policy with the Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Implement the Policy

Council President Peterson called on [Ryan Kinsella]  
[he/him], Metro  
to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the [*Proposed Sustainable Building Sites Policy*] to present to Council.

In their presentation, Staff outlined the benefits of the proposed policy.

*Council Discussion:*

**Councilor Hwang** asked how solar roofing factors into the proposed policy and asked if using solar could be an opportunity to advance community wealth.  
Staff explained that solar is very important if they are to reach their goal of a 70% reduction in energy use.

**Councilor Lewis** asked two questions

- She asked how this policy how partial ownership of a given site will affect implementation of the proposed policy.
- She also asked if any staff were willing to share their work with the State legislature's Rebuilding Task

Force.

Staff explained that the policy has language that addresses sites Metro does not fully own.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked if the use of composite wood has been compared to more traditional construction methods. Staff had not considered it, but would be happy to look further into it.

**Councilor Craddick** asked if and how landscaping would be factored into this policy and how it would contribute to climate goals. She also hopes, in the future, that Metro's infrastructure funding, particularly for housing projects, will require developers to meet Metro's sustainability standards.

Staff explained that the policy provides landscaping guidance to site developers. Jenna Garmon added that Councilor Craddick's suggestion has been discussed amongst staff and would be happy to come back to Council with more information.

**Council President Peterson** agreed with Councilor Craddick but warned that such policies can stifle housing access and place more burdens on developers during a period of economic hardship. It will require finding the right balance between meeting Metro's climate goals and making sure things get built.

**Councilor Nolan** had multiple comments:

- They encouraged Staff to consider a scenario where nothing is built, since that is the most sustainable option.
- They also emphasized the importance of Metro meeting its own standards to show other agencies their commitment to sustainability and equity, especially during economic downturns.
- They agreed with Councilor Lewis, that Metro

should strive to make interagency cooperation the norm when it comes to construction.

- Finally, they echoed Councilor Craddick's hope that Metro can implement its policies beyond its owned and/or operated buildings.

**Council President Peterson** asked if the plan includes a tree replacement policy.

Though it is not explicit in this plan, other local jurisdictions do require it.

**Council President Peterson** asked Staff to draft a tree replacement policy for Council to approve and add to the plan.

COO Marissa Madrigal agreed.

**Councilor Lewis** asked where constituents will be able to access this policy. Metro's policies can be difficult to find online and she hopes this policy, because of its "potency and political relevance," will be easily accessible to the public.

COO Marissa Madrigal and Staff agreed with Councilor Lewis and promised it "is on our radar."

**Councilor Gonzalez** appreciated and recognized Staff's hard work. Similar plans have been brought to previous Councils, and he is happy to see Staff continue to build upon it.

**Councilor Nolan** asked if mechanisms for amending a tree replacement policy exist if Council were to adopt it. Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren explained that the Metro COO has the power to adopt this policy and, if adopted, the resolution in front of Council would give the COO the authority to make minor modifications to the policy. This means, after adopting the resolution, the COO would follow Council's direction and add a tree replacement policy.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President

Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

**A motion was made by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this Resolution was adopted..**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

- 3.2 Resolution No. 22-5284 For the Purpose of Allocating \$152.8 Million of Regional Flexible Funding for the Years 2025-2027, Pending Adoption of the 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Council President Peterson called on [Margi Bradway] [she/her], Metro and Dan Kaempff [Metro] [he/him], Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *[2025-27 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Presentation]* to present to Council.

In their presentation, Staff provided background information on the proposed resolution.

*Council Discussion*

**Councilor Craddick** asked Staff to describe the project for the bridge above Columbia Blvd. and noted she did not see it on the list of projects that received RFFA funding allocation. She then asked when adequate funding to finish the project will be available.

Dan admitted that he had forgotten to add that particular project to the presentation and apologized, and clarified that the proposed resolution would give said project the funding it needs to be completed.

**Councilor Hwang** asked about the conditions of approval. He noted that many of the proposed projects have a high probability of implicating cultural resources and asked for more information about the cultural resources report. He also noted that some projects referenced the report, while others did not, and wondered if the projects were using the same guidelines.

Before receiving federal funding, projects must go through a cultural resource screening. Similar screenings were conducted by consultants for these projects. Staff explained that cultural resource guidelines for contractors differ based on the definitive or potential presence of cultural resources at a given site.

**Councilor Lewis** voiced her support for the resolution but noted that there were significantly fewer proposed plans from her district, mainly because of a lack of capacity. In the future, she hopes more is done to help build the planning capacity of small and mid-sized cities.

**Council President Peterson** echoed Councilor Lewis' concerns.

Margi noted that they cannot legally suballocate, that funding needs to be equal for all jurisdictions. Though Staff did not receive as many applications from Clackamas County, around 70% of the applications were approved.

**Councilor Gonzalez** was impressed by the high quality of each project on this year's list.

**Councilor Rosenthal** agreed with Councilor Gonzalez's praise, agreed with Councilor Lewis' concern, thanked Metro Staff for working closely with his constituents, and expressed optimism about the future of these projects.

**Councilor Craddick** noted that some projects require multiple funding cycles to be completed, and thanked Staff for their due diligence.

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

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

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

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

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

- Metro South Transfer Station has been closed due to a chemical release. No personnel were injured.
- Coalition of Communities of Color hosted a recruitment session yesterday at the MRC.
- The Expo RFEI closed yesterday. 8 submittals were received.
- A new mural has been installed on the walls of the Irving Street Garage.

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

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Rosenthal** updated Council regarding a symposium he attended, hosted by Centro Cultural. He also invited everyone to attend the Annual El Tigre festival.
- **Councilor Gonzalez** updated Council regarding a new capital grants pilot program that is working with Parks and Rec departments in his district. He also informed Council about his meeting with the Unidos US board president.
- **Council President Peterson** reminded Council that Bob Stacey's Remembrance of Life celebration will be held at the MRC on December 3rd, at 1pm. She also updated Council regarding her participation in the American Public Transportation Association Conference in Seattle.

**6. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nathan Kim*

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