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Minutes

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10:00 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber;
https://zoom.us/j/615079992 (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President González called to meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Ashton Simpson, and Councilor Miles Palacios

Excused: 1 - Councilor Duncan Hwang

2. Public Communication

Rose Etta Venetucci, IATSE 28, thanked Metro Council for supporting Portland'5 Centers for the Arts' (P'5) 500 employees. She described the transition as challenging and asked Metro Council to facilitate a seamless process.

President González asked Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal to share a brief update on the transition process. COO Madrigal clarified that Metro is not a party to ongoing negotiations between represented employees and the city.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 **Resolution No. 26-5635 For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Kiran Pathakota to Future Vision Commission**

Attachments: Resolution No. 26-5635
Staff Report

3.2 **Resolution No. 26-5620** For the Purpose of Appointing New Members to the Public Engagement Review Committee

Attachments: Resolution No. 26-5620
Staff Report
Attachment 1 - Biographies
Attachment 2 - Washington County Nomination
Attachment 3 - Multnomah County Nomination

3.3 **Resolution No. 26-5639 For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of the Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee Chairperson**

Attachments: Resolution 26-5639
Exhibit A
Staff Report

3.4 **Resolution No. 26-5629** For the Purpose of Amending Rules and Procedures Related to the Conduct of Council Business

Attachments: Resolution No. 26-5629
Exhibit A
Staff Report
Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 24-5379
Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 26-5595

3.5 **Consideration of the July 30, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: July 30, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolutions

5.1 **Resolution No. 26-5633 For the Purpose of Approving Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Funding for Grants Funded with the Construction Excise Tax**

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

Attachments: Resolution No. 26-5633
Exhibit A
Staff Report
Attachment A - Hillsboro Rosa Reserve Full Application

Councilors did not object to President González's proposal to considering Resolution No. 26-5633 prior to the scheduled presentation to accommodate travel times for presenters.

Staff reviewed the process for concept planning grants, which differ from quarterly 2040 grants for planning inside the urban growth boundary. Instead, Hillsboro's concept planning grant would support a future application for an urban growth boundary expansion. Staff then described the project proposal and the next

steps for the Hillsboro grant and quarterly grants.

Dan Rutzick and Nick Baker, representing the City of Hillsboro, joined discussion to answer questions.

Councilor Nolan asked Hillsboro staff to detail how the proposal satisfies housing needs related to density and home price. Hillsboro staff described the city's 2023 Housing Needs Analysis, which considered land inside city limits and expansion areas and identified 15,000 needed units in a full range of housing types. They emphasized middle housing infill in lower-density neighborhoods, a focus on centers and corridors, and the need for additional options to satisfy the identified needs. Hillsboro staff also summarized actions to leverage under-utilized parcels to promote affordable rental and home ownership, including a partnership with Habitat for Humanity and strategies to support regulated units for 80-12% AMI residents.

Councilor Nolan asked Hillsboro staff to clarify if the city would indeed incorporate these objectives in the concept plan, if approved. Hillsboro staff declined to commit to every housing production strategy in development, although the city would include it's approach when returning to council in 2027.

Councilor Palacios expressed interest in accessible housing and options for seniors and whether the 15,000 needed units would include executive housing. Hillsboro staff noted that the range of housing types planned did not include executive housing, but that accessible units and homes for seniors are included.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about specific milestones and addition Council engagement. Metro staff explained that the next milestone is the due date for the mid-cycle expansion on June 5, 2027. Staff further shared that the process does not include additional Council engagement on the concept plan until review

and subsequent expansion decisions.

President González shared his strong support for strengthening housing affordability and options to promote a health and thriving region. Hillsboro staff clarified for President González that 15 units per acre.

Councilor Simpson experienced brief connectivity issues during the meeting and was unable to participate in the vote.

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Council President Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Palacios

Excused: 2 - Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

4. Presentations

4.1 tumwata village Riverwalk Restoration and Community Enhancement Project

Presenter(s): Andy Shaw, Director of Government Affairs and Policy Development
Ryan Webb, Engineering & Community Development Manager, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Kristen Svicarovich, Community Development Manager, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Tony Konkol, City Manager, Oregon City

Attachments: Staff Report
Attachment 1 - Riverwalk Block 3 & 4 Project

Staff introduced Tribal Council members and staff from Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR). Presenters reviewed the project vision and the history of the site and primary project needs, including demolition, remediation, new construction, and clean fill. They highlighted access to river's edge and accessible views of the falls and how the project meets all other criteria for

the Large-Scale Community Visions program. Oregon City staff expressed excitement about their partnership.

Councilor Rosenthal described Willamette Falls as a crown jewel of the region, and that the project would highlight Tribal relationships and support meaningful storytelling.

Councilor Lewis shared that the vision for the project had exceeded her wildest dreams for the program and emphasized her desire to continue to partner with CTGR and Oregon City. Councilor Nolan also shared eagerness to see the project progress.

6. Other Business

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal reviewed Metro's participation in the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium, including a recent meeting partnering with the Washington consortium, which focused primarily on housing concerns.

7.1 Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Committee Report

General Manager of Visitor Venues Craig Stroud shared positive financial updates for many venues and Travel Portland, such as unexpected revenues at the Oregon Convention Center and the strongest services revenue in history at the Portland Expo Center. He also provided a progress update on honoring the historic significance of the Expo Center and upcoming construction to transition the facility to support sports bookings.

Councilor Rosenthal, liaison to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Committee, thanked the team for their work. President González emphasized the good news in the context of economic headwinds facing the region.

7.2 Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee Report

Staff shared that at the previous day's Supportive Housing

Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee meeting, members grappled with their first major action on key performance indicators. Staff reviewed member amendments to the package and clarified for Councilor Rosenthal that the data to inform progress could be disaggregated in many ways.

President González and Councilor Lewis both appreciated that the conversation was in the public, supported by a broad committee of stakeholders, and moving forward.

8. Councilor Communication

Councilor Rosenthal reported that he took a field trip Tualatin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and a visit to a Metro property, the former Eagle Creek Golf Course.

9. Adjourn

President González adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Anne Buzzini, Legislative Services Director
September 25, 2026