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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

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

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Council President Peterson called on Councilor Dirksen to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Dirksen provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

**Present:** 5 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**Excused:** 2 - Councilor Shirley Craddick, and Councilor Christine Lewis

**2. Public Communication**

Charles Ormsby, City of Lake Oswego: Mr. Ormsby expressed his concern over transit access and efficiency at the intersection of State Street and Highway 43 in the City of Lake Oswego and discussed the impacts of a proposed hotel project on transit access at this intersection. He requested Metro, TriMet and the Oregon Department of Transportation work to reconfigure the intersection.

Terrell Garrett, City of Portland: Mr. Garrett, of Greenway Recycling expressed his concern over Metro's testimony before the Oregon House Natural Resources Committee concerning Mr. Garrett. He stated that claims his company manufactured alternative daily covers was incorrect.

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan discussed the Southwest Corridor project on Barbur Boulevard, stating his concern over the rail line development. He requested review of his pamphlet including proposals for transportation

improvements in the region. (Mr. Lewellan submitted written materials as part of his testimony; please see the May 2 meeting packet.)

Jon George, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: Mr. George, Tribal Council Secretary of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, thanked Metro Council for their support for the Willamette Falls Locks. He discussed the importance of reopening the Locks and highlighted the significance to the tribal community.

Siobhan Taylor, Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition: Ms. Taylor, Executive Director of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition, discussed the 56 mile heritage area centered around the Willamette Falls and shared collaborative efforts by public, private, tribal and non-profit organizations to designate the falls as a National Heritage Area. Ms. Taylor thanked Metro Council for its support of the project. (Ms. Taylor submitted written materials as part of her testimony; please see the May 2 meeting packet.)

Russ Axelrod, City of West Linn: Mayor Russ Axelrod, of the City of West Linn, thanked Councilors for their work and encouraged their continued support for the Willamette Falls Locks. He discussed the value of the Locks as a historical asset and highlighted the economic, recreational and resiliency benefits of the Locks.

Sandy Carter, Willamette Falls Locks Commission: Ms. Carter, Co-Vice Chair of the Willamette Falls Locks Commission, encouraged the Metro Council to include financial support for the Willamette Falls Locks in Metro's upcoming budget. She discussed the benefits of reopening the Locks including access to scenic areas, revitalization of transportation along the river and the deep cultural

significance.

Sharon Nasset, Economic Transportation Alliance: Ms. Nasset recommended that Metro Council review the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway bridge and the addition of a center lift to the bridge. She discussed the benefits to congestion and cost reduction through the addition of the center lift. (Ms. Nasset submitted written materials as part of her testimony; please see the May 2 meeting packet.)

### **3. Resolutions**

- 3.1 Resolution No. 19-4992, For the Purpose of Proclaiming May 5, 2019 as a Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Roger Gonzalez, Metro staff, Ms. Laura John, Director of Tribal Relations for the City of Portland, and Ms. Amanda Swanson, from the Oregon Department of Justice, to introduce the proclamation. Mr. Gonzalez explained that approval of the proclamation would proclaim May 5, 2019 as a day of awareness for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. He read aloud the resolution and highlighted the disproportionate rates of violence, assault and murder against Indigenous women. Ms. Swanson stated the importance of raising awareness of this issue. She discussed the intersection of murdered and missing indigenous women with sex trafficking and shared federal and state efforts to address this issue.

Ms. John spoke to the long history of murdered and indigenous women within the context of colonization and settlement of the Willamette Valley. She discussed the impacts of kidnapping, trafficking and the crisis of unaccounted for missing and murdered Indigenous women on Indigenous communities in the region. Ms. John noted

that momentum of awareness was building and discussed the importance of support and collaboration from local, state, federal, tribal and communities in addressing this issue.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilors thanked the presenters for the proclamation and expressed interest in helping change occur. Councilor Stacey noted the history of genocide of Indigenous people and thanked the presenters for their efforts in raising awareness. Councilor Dirksen and Chase expressed their support in building awareness and emphasized the need for addressing this issue. Councilor Gonzalez stated that Metro Council stood in solidarity on this issue. Council President Peterson thanked all of the women that have brought this issue forward.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

**4. Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Resolution No. 19-4983, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Involving One Project Impacting SMART (AP19-08-APR)
- 4.2 Resolution No. 19-4990, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Derron Coles and Kelly Stevens to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCEC)
- 4.3 Consideration for the Council Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2019

**5. Resolutions**

- 5.1 Resolution No. 19-4991, For the Purpose of Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Housing Authority of Clackamas

County to Provide Affordable Housing Bond Funding to Acquire Real Property

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Emily Lieb, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Lieb stated that the resolution would approve housing bond funding for a phase one project brought forward by the Housing Authority of Clackamas County. She discussed the role of phase one projects in the overall housing bond implementation plan, noting local implementation strategies were being developed. Ms. Lieb explained that the resolution, if approved, would provide \$2.7 million in funding for the acquisition of an existing structure for rehabilitation into 45 units of permanent supportive housing. She shared that based on preliminary assessment the Housing Authority would be seeking additional bond funding for rehabilitation costs later this year. Ms. Lieb provided additional project details including 45 project based rental assistance vouchers and onsite supportive services. She shared the project timeline and reviewed legal attachments to the legislation.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Stacey asked whether this allocation was proportional to Clackamas County's targets for affordable housing units. Ms. Lieb explained that the project would achieve roughly 13% of the County's progress towards deeply affordable 30% area median income (AMI). Councilor Chase commended Clackamas County for their exemplary work. Councilor Gonzalez asked for clarification on the project's per unit costs, Minority Owned, Women Owned and Emerging Small Business contracting goals and proposed metrics on advancing racial equity. Councilor Dirksen highlighted the importance of this project in providing permanent supportive housing, noting that cost

per unit for supportive housing was not necessarily comparable to all housing projects. Councilor Dirksen asked whether the supportive services including a health and wellness clinic would be available to the community.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.2 Resolution No. 19-4976, For the Purpose of Approving the FY 2019-20 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services to present on Resolution No. 18-4873. Mr. Collier explained that adoption of the resolution would approve the 2019-20 budget, set the maximum tax levies for fiscal year 2019-20, and authorize the transmittal of the approved budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC.) Mr. Collier then provided an overview of the budget process. He informed the Council that the TSCC would hold their hearing on Metro's approved budget on June 6, after which they would provide Metro a letter certifying the review of the budget. He added that the Council would hold additional meetings in June to discuss the budget, consider and vote on amendments, and ultimately adopt the budget prior to the end of the current fiscal year.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Gonzalez asked whether other partnering counties tax commissions reviewed Metro's budget similar

to the TSCC.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

#### **5.2.1 Public Hearings For Resolution No. 19-4976**

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-4976 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gavelled out of the public hearing.

#### **6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Mr. Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items: Community Placemaking grant awards.

#### **7. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Housing Bond Oversight Committee meeting. Councilors thanked Ms. Mary Rowe, outgoing Director of Human Resources, for her work and wished her luck on her retirement.

#### **8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Chase adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:20 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on May 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement  
Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 2, 2019**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>2.0</b>	Handout	5/2/19	DEIS Alternative Route Between Springfield and Oregon City submitted by Art Lewellan	50219c-01
<b>2.0</b>	Handout	5/2/19	Drawing of Single Deck and Double Deck Bridges submitted by Art Lewellan	50219c-02
<b>2.0</b>	Handout	5/2/19	Proposed Transit Map submitted by Art Lewellan	50219c-03
<b>2.0</b>	Letter	5/2/19	Letter to the Metro Council from the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition	50219c-04
<b>2.0</b>	Report	July 2018	Willamette Falls National Heritage Area Feasibility Study	50219c-05
<b>2.0</b>	Handout	5/2/19	Adding a Center Lift to the BNSF Rail Bridge submitted by Sharon Nasset	50219c-05
<b>4.3</b>	Minutes	5/2/19	Council Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2019	50219c-06