

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO)	ORDINANCE NO. 21-1460
CODE CHAPTER 2.19.220 TO ESTABLISH A)	
NEW NATURAL AREAS AND CAPITAL)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT)	Marissa Madrigal with the Concurrence of
COMMITTEE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY))	Metro Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019 the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 19-4988, "For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area General Obligation Bonds in the Amount of \$475 Million to Fund Natural Area and Water Quality Protection and to Connect People to Nature Close to Home; and Setting Forth the Official Intent of the Metro Council to Reimburse Certain Expenditures Out of the Proceeds of Said Bonds Upon Issuance," approving, certifying and referred by the Metro Council to the Metro Area voters on the November 5, 2019 General Election as Ballot Measure 26-203 ("2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure"); and

WHEREAS, at the General Election held on November 5, 2019, the Metro Area voters approved the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure calls for an independent community oversight committee that will review bond expenditures and provide annual reports; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires to create such an oversight committee, to hereafter be known as the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee will effectively replace and assume any and all remaining responsibilities of the existing Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee with respect to any remaining bond expenditures related to the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure (Measure 26-80); and

WHEREAS, the efficacy of the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee will be greatly enhanced, and with it the level and quality of service it provides to the citizens of the Metro Area, by its immediate creation and appointments thereto so that it can begin its work overseeing the implementation of the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure; now therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Metro Code Chapter 2.19 will be amended by removing Metro Code Chapter 2.19.220 in its entirety and replacing it with the following new Metro Code Section 2.19.220:

- (a) **Purpose and Authority.** The purpose and authority of the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee (the “Committee”) is to review whether the six programs described in the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond (Measure 26-203) are meeting the goals and objectives established for the program by the Metro Council. The Committee will also review capital expenditures related to the 2016 Parks and Natural Areas Local-Option Levy (Measure 26-178) and the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure (Measure 26-80).

The Committee will annually report to the Metro Council and such report will:

- (1) Assess progress in the implementation of the bond programs under 2019 Parks and Nature Bond (Measure 26-203), including Metro’s efforts to (i) protect water quality and wildlife habitat and (ii) meet the racial equity, community engagement and climate resiliency criteria described in 2019 Parks and Nature Bond (Measure 26-203).
 - (2) Provide recommendations, if any, to improve efficiency, administration and performance of the bond programs under 2019 Parks and Nature Bond (Measure 26-203).
 - (3) Review (i) 2016 Parks and Natural Areas Local-Option Levy (Measure 26-178) expenditures for compliance with program requirements and (ii) any remaining bond expenditures from the 2006 Natural Areas Bond (Measure 26-80).
- (b) **Membership.** The Committee will be composed of no fewer than nine and no more than twenty one members, all appointed by the Metro Council President subject to Council confirmation. The Metro Council President will designate at least one member to serve as Chairperson of the Committee or may elect to designate two members to serve as co-chairpersons. Committee members will bring a commitment to racial equity values and will include members with technical expertise and lived experience in areas including, but not limited to: finance, land acquisition, land conservation, environmental issues, working lands, tribal sovereignty and issues relevant to the disability community and the urban Indigenous community.
- (c) **Terms.** Notwithstanding Metro Code Section 2.19.030, Committee members may serve up to three (3) two-year terms. All appointments made by the Metro Council President will be for a term of two years or to fill a vacancy in the remaining portion of a term not to exceed two years. Notwithstanding the foregoing or Metro Code Section 2.19.030, one-half of the initial Committee members will be appointed to serve a one-year term, and may be reappointed to serve up to three additional two-year terms.
- (d) **Meetings.** The Committee will meet no fewer than three times per year.
- (e) **Dissolution.** The Committee will be dissolved on July 1, 2035 or upon the issuance of a final report by the Committee after all funds authorized by the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond

(Measure 26-203) and 2006 Natural Areas Bond (Measure 26-80) and the capital funds from the 2016 Parks and Natural Areas Local-Option Levy (Measure 26-178) have been spent, whichever is earlier.

Section 2. This Ordinance being necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the Metro Area by effecting the prompt commencement of the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee appointment process so that as soon as possible it can begin its work overseeing the completion of the 2006 Natural Areas Bond (Measure 26-80) program and the implementation of the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance will take effect immediately, pursuant to Metro Charter Section 38(1).

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Jaye Cromwell, Recording Secretary

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney