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## Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 2023

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,  
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(toll free)  
**Council meeting**

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## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order 2:00pm

Present: Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Ashton Simpson

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**Present:** 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Council President Duncan Hwang, and Council President Ashton Simpson

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

## 2. Public Communication

Council President Lynn Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.

There were two members of the public that testified:

- Steve Baker, Wilsonville: Spoke about his companies view about how Metro Solid Waste Fees/funds should used.

Mike Lightner, Sherwood: Mike expressed his concerns about Solid Waste Fees & the need to increase transparency about how the fees/funds are being used. Mike also expressed his thoughts on how Metro should move forward implementing the fees.

**3. Consent Agenda****3.1 For the Purpose of Appointing Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) Members (consent)**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5326](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)  
[Attachment 2](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

First: Councilor Christine Lewis Second: Councilor Mary Nolan

Passed unanimously

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

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Hwang, and Simpson

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Gonzalez

**3.2 For the Purpose of Appointing Audit Committee Members (consent)**

Attachments: [Resolution](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff report](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

First: Councilor Christine Lewis Second: Councilor Mary Nolan

Passed unanimously

**3.3 For the Purpose of Appointing Members for the Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) (consent)**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5328.pdf](#)  
[Exhibit A to Resolution No 23-5328.pdf](#)  
[Staff Report.pdf](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

First: Councilor Christine Lewis Second: Councilor Mary Nolan

Passed unanimously

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

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Hwang, and Simpson

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Gonzalez

3.4 **For the Purpose of Re-Appointing Eight Members to the Tri-County Planning Body (consent)**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Resolution 23-5329](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

First: Councilor Christine Lewis Second: Councilor Mary Nolan

Passed unanimously

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

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Hwang, and Simpson

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Gonzalez

**4. Resolutions**

4.1      **Resolution No. 23-5320 For the purpose of adopting solid waste fees at the metro transfer stations and the regional system fee for FY 2023-24**

Attachments:      Resolution No. 23-5320  
Exhibit A to Resolution No. 23-5320  
Staff Report  
Attachment 1 to Staff Report  
Attachment 2 to Staff Report  
Attachment 3 to Staff Report  
Attachment 4 to Staff Report

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Chief Financial Officer Brian Kennedy & Financial Planning Director Cinnamon Williams to present on Resolution 23-5320 on the Solid Waste Fees

Staff pulled up the Solid Waste Fees Update Presentation to present to Council.

Presentation Summary:  
The presentation went over the Solid Waste Fees & how they are implemented. The presentation also went over the staff recommendations.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Nolan expressed her priorities to sticking to the 8% increase cap for each year and move to a cost of service model

Marissa Madrigal explained option 4b more in depth.

Councilor Nolan asked Brian Kennedy what the total balance in the reserve is

Cinnamon Williams came into the conversation and answered that there is \$39 Million in total.

Councilor Hwang expressed that as costs have gone up, he does not know how private transfer stations will be able to match Metros rates and wants a cost recovery model & expressed that he is willing to go up to 11% increase.

Council Deputy Lewis explained going past 8% would not be her best option but she is open to go past it with more communication about it.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if it costs \$4.5 Million to maintain the services and If it is coming out of the reserves, then he asked in what ways inflation effected the tipping and service fees.

Brian Kennedy explained he does not have a direct answer about the exact cost but answered it is between \$3-5 million. He then explained there are different factors effecting the fee's such as contracts.

Council President Peterson asked Councilor Rosenthal on his thoughts about staying at 8%

Councilor Rosenthal explained he prefers to stay at 8% but is willing to go above.

Marissa Madrigal explained the regional system fee funds are compliance, regulation and policy making.

Council President Peterson expressed that they need to get feedback from stakeholders then explained she would be willing to increase past 8% but not much and she did not want to cut any funding.

Councilor Nolan explained she does not want to go past 8% & expressed her objection of going over.

Marissa Madrigal then summarized the council discussion for clarification.

Brian Kennedy explained that the range model would not need to be approved by a third party.

President Council Peterson asked how much time they have in order to speak with partners.

Marissa Madrigal explained she will alert her peers after the meeting.

Brian Kennedy explained that getting a fair package would require staff reductions.

Council President Peterson explained they need at least 2 weeks to have the appropriate conversations and hold another conversation about this in 2-3 weeks.

Marissa Madrigal explained she is trying to figure out the challenge of pushing the conversation to 3 weeks.

Council President Peterson explained it would be best to hold this until the next meeting.

Marissa Madrigal explained that if they can communicate the range to the cities, they can put a place holder at 8-11%

Councilor Rosenthal explained it is a low multiplier on a city and it is a small impact.

Brian Kennedy explained Metro's fees around the garbage service and a small impact would occur.

Councilor Rosenthal asked what would happen if Metro took money from the reserve to cover costs if it would impact the rate adjustment as it is hard to estimate.

Brian Kennedy explained that the recommendation would be not to do that as it is not the best decision.

Council President Peterson explained they need more conversation.

Councilor Nolan expressed that staff needs to be more creative to get more funding from the program

End of discussion.

**5. Presentations**                      **This item was tabled.**

**5.1 Parks and Nature Department Budget Presentation**

Attachments:    [Staff Report](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Jon Blasher to present on Parks & Nature Budget

Staff pulled up the Parks & Department FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget Presentation to present to Council.

Presentation Summary:

The presentation focused on Budget overview, equity metrics, budget modifications, investment in target areas.

Council Discussion:



Council Deputy Lewis asked where the staff is with capacity.

Jon Blasher explained they have limited capacity.

Councilor Hwang asked how the department is able to support roles such as archaeologist & why they have a full time employee vs a partnership with a company.

Jon Blasher explained they have been in contact with the city of Salem about what having a partner would look like but explained they have multiple contracts with archaeologists to have someone on site however they will look at opportunities to look at other options.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if Metro has the capacity to have schematic mapping of tree canopy deserts.

Jon Blaser explained he will have to come back to that answer.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how much money is left in the bond that has not been committed.

Jon Blasher answered \$62 million and \$104,000 being moved through.

Council President Peterson asked a question related to the acceleration of the bond measure for what measures have been placed to move it forward

Jon Blasher explained they have been looking at opportunities to go forward and they have been doing more outreach.

End of Council Discussion.

**6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

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

- Data recourse center Julie & Christine were the keynote speakers in Palm Springs, California and shared the GIS story.

**7. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Hwang gave an update on the Mpac Meeting and explained he had great conversations with partners.
- Councilor Lewis gave an update on the supportive housing committee.
- Councilor Rosenthal gave an update on the Natural areas over-site committee & gave an update on the road show he has been doing with his policy advisor Eduardo & the up coming cities they will visit.
- Council President Peterson gave an update on her trip to Washington DC.
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**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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