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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

**10:30 AM**

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**Council work session**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Deputy Council President Lewis called the Work Session to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Present:** 5 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson and Councilor Mary Nolan

**Work Session Topics:**

10:30 2023 State Legislative Session Final Report

Presenter(s): Anneliese Koehler (she/her), Metro  
Jenna Jones (she/her), Metro

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Deputy Council President Lewis introduced Anneliese Koehler (she/her), Metro and Jenna Jones (she/her), Metro to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the 2023 Legislative Session Recap *Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Koehler discussed the tone and tenor of the session. Jones explained how the session started and ended. Koehler mentioned the overall legislative themes. Jones gave updates on the legislation related to Metro's priorities. Koehler gave additional updates on Metro's priorities. Jones noted bills of interest.

*Council Discussion*

**Councilor Lewis** thanked staff for their work.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked if the overall sense of the session was productive.

Koehler mentioned that the first couple of months session felt productive and bipartisan. She mentioned that the Republican walk-out and that some were concerned about the rush to pass everything.

Jones added that many of the Senate Republicans were still working in their committees, just not coming to the floor. She mentioned that many things were left out during the barraging process.

**Councilor Simpson** asked how rank choice voting will impact the state. He also asked about the status of the Bike-Bus bill.

Jones noted that there are some places in Oregon that already do rank choice voting. She noted that this is challenge allowing rank choice voting for statewide offices, and that is going to the voters.

Koehler noted that Bike-Bus Bill did pass but had not been signed by the governor yet.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked which bill was Bill 3014.

**Councilor Simpson** mentioned that it was the Bike-Bus bill and explained the bill.

**Councilor Hwang** asked what the final decision was on legislator pay and various offices. He noted the importance of reducing turnover.

Jones mentioned that there was a resolution in Senate Rules to create an independent salary review commission. Staff

will follow-up with more details and to see if it needs voter approval.

**Councilor Hwang** mentioned concerns about a lot of state resources going to a few big projects. He asked if they anticipate a few projects taking much of the resources and the possibility of a future transportation package.

Koehler noted that they really focused on I-5 Bridge. She noted that there are ideas about a 2025 transportation, but they do not know yet. Koehler added that there will be conversations about major projects, tolling and other items in the next couple of years.

Jones noted the bill numbers related to the pay and stated that they were passed. She added that they will go to the voters.

**Councilor Hwang** asked when the bills would be voted on.

Jones mentioned that they will be voted on the next general election in November.

Koehler added that some people want to move to a road user charge.

**Councilor Hwang** asked if they will be in work groups.

Koehler mentioned that there was a listening session tour and work groups for House Bill 2017. She expected that they would use the model again but was not sure.

**Councilor Gonzalez** thanked staff for their work. He asked staff one thing that happened during session that was unexpected.

Koehler mentioned the walkouts even though there was the ballot measure to disincentivize walkouts. She also mentioned the land-use bill.

Jones mentioned the scrutiny of local income taxes. She mentioned that Metro and others were fighting to keep their entire local income tax authority.

Koehler added the other staff and their partners that also helped.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked if there are subsidies to build housing more solar and environmentally friendly. He also asked where the funding for Interstate Bridge will come from.

Jones noted that in the Climate Omnibus bill there were incentives for energy efficiency measure for new residential and commercial buildings. She also mentioned other sources of funding that possibly can be used.

Koehler explained that the funding for the Interstate Bridge Replacement is unclear now.

**Councilor Rosenthal** raised concerns that so much was done that the state agencies may not have enough budget to implement them all.

**Councilor Lewis** suggested that staff have strategies on the gun bill and making sure the legislature understands Metro's role in land use for next session.

#### **11:15 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Andrew Scott, Deputy COO provided an update on the following events or items:

- There was none.

**11:25 Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Simpson** mentioned the Community Cycling Center Trivia Night, a GPI mixer, Good in the Hood 30th anniversary.
- **Councilor Rosenthal** mentioned a tour to Graham Oaks and Portland International Raceway EV competition.
- **Councilor Lewis** mentioned the Portland ePrix event and the SHS Oversight Committee meeting.
- **Councilor Gonzales** mentioned the R-1 ACT meeting.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Work Session at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023**

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