

# **Metro**

*600 NE Grand Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232-2736  
[oregonmetro.gov](http://oregonmetro.gov)*



**Metro**

## **Minutes**

**Thursday, November 2, 2017**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

---

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

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

**Present:** 7 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**2. Citizen Communication**

Mike Connors, City of Portland: Mr. Connors of the firm Hathaway Larson, representing Resource Recovery Systems, LLC, expressed concerns about the draft Metro Solid Waste Innovation & Investment Program proposal. He explained that his clients supported the concept of a financial assistant program designed to facilitate new technologies and innovations but were concerned it had not been designed to provide equal opportunities for all parties in the industry. (Mr. Connors also provided written testimony; please see the November 2 meeting packet.)

**3. Presentations****3.1 Parks and Nature Annual Report and Annual Oversight Committee Report**

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Jonathan Blasher, Metro's Parks and Nature Director, and Mr. Dean Alterman, of the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee. Mr. Blasher informed the Council that the Parks and Nature annual report outlined the department's work over the last year. He noted that one highlight of the last year was the renewal of the operating levy, constituting five years of additional investments and allowing Metro to continue its work taking care of and improving the region's natural areas.

Mr. Blasher then provided an overview of the department's efforts over the past year, including: restoring a wide variety of habitat by planting more than 1 million native plants,

thinning trees, and taking care of waterways; providing additional access to nature by opening new destinations and improving existing ones; developing, designing, and opening new sites, such as Orenco Woods Nature Park and the Farmington Boat Launch; educating the community and providing a wide variety of volunteer opportunities; supporting Metro's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion by creating partnerships with community-based organizations and investing in businesses owned by women, minorities, and small business owners; preserving more than 6,000 acres of land and maintaining regional historic cemeteries.

Mr. Blasher also highlighted how the investments made by voters had been used, noting that the department was in spending range across all program areas for the 2013 levy and that all of the projects promised to voters in the levy had been completed.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Harrington thanked Mr. Blasher for the report, noting that it was very informative. She asked how Metro's restoration efforts measured up to the committee's original recommended goals.

Mr. Dean Alterman provided an overview of the Annual Oversight Committee report. Mr. Alterman explained that the current iteration of the Annual Oversight Committee was tasked with overseeing open space preserved for the future, grants to local jurisdictions, and the Nature in Neighborhood capital grants. He noted that the program made significant progress in all three areas in the last year. He reviewed the department's achievements over the last year as well as the committee's highlights. He explained that the committee had worked with staff to work on certain recommendations, such as revising what constituted an unusual circumstance when acquiring land, monitoring

capital construction projects, metrics for determining how money is spent and the public benefit, and trail reportage.

Mr. Alterman acknowledged the rest of the committee members and thanked the Metro Council for the opportunity to serve on the committee.

*Council Discussion*

Councilors thanked the Oversight Committee for their expertise and insights. Councilor Harrington noted that it was a system that worked well and helped preserved the public's trust. She added that she would appreciate if the committee would review the parks database, particularly focusing on its timeliness, thoroughness, and analyses of properties. As the councilor liaison to the Oversight Committee, Councilor Dirksen attested to the diligence of its members.

3.2 Equity in Contracting Annual Report

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Gabriele Schuster, Procurement Manager, to present the Equity in Contracting Annual Report. Ms. Schuster explained that equity in contracting was important, as it supported sustainable economic growth, expanded economic opportunities to historically underserved business communities, and built certified firm capacity to compete for public contracts. Ms. Schuster highlighted improvements in Metro's procurement program, such as expanded engagement and outreach at trade shows, expositions, and business organization meetings; workshops and training opportunities that helped businesses improve their ability to prepare responsive and competitive bids and proposals; and the update of Metro's Equity in Contracting administrative rules. Ms. Schuster provided an overview of contract dollars awarded and spent to certified firms.

Ms. Schuster informed the Metro Council of upcoming efforts for Metro's procurement department. She explained that rather than doing four large workshops each year, staff

hoped to provide smaller, monthly meetings to support the hands-on approach that feedback showed was very valuable to participants. Ms. Schuster noted that staff would also focus on improving their equity strategy meeting to ensure that the department followed through on its goals to see positive results. She added that staff would also take part in an unconscious bias training to ensure that unconscious biases were addressed during the evaluation process, as part of a larger goal to identify any further barriers underserved businesses faced. Ms. Schuster then invited the Council to the Small Business Open House, taking place February 21, 2018, hosted by Metro and Multnomah County.

*Council Discussion*

Councilors expressed appreciation for the report. Councilor Dirksen asked how additional event opportunities would affect the staffing budget. Councilor Collette thanked Ms. Schuster for reaching out to local businesses and noted that procurement trainings and other opportunities had significantly improved over the last few years. Councilor Craddick asked if staff had considered providing procurement in other parts of the region.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2017

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilor Chase, seconded by Councilor Stacey, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

- 4.2 Resolution No. 17-4844, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add and Amend Multiple New HB2017 Awarded Projects Plus to Add

or Amend 2018 MTIP Projects that Require Implementation Corrections  
(SP17-02-SEP)

- 4.4 Resolution No. 17-4852, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of  
Patrick Ranspot and B. Jonas Biery to the Investment Advisory Board

**5. Resolutions**

- 4.3 Resolution No. 17-4850, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating  
Officer to Purchase Certain Property in the Johnson Creek and Watershed Target  
Area Under the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure

Councilor Chase requested that Resolution No. 17-4850 be removed from the consent agenda. He explained that he would not be voting in favor of the resolution as it included greater flexibility to acquire property to support Metro's bond strategy and he preferred the current set of guidelines and policies.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

**Nay:** 1 - Councilor Chase

- 5.1 Resolution No. 17-4848, For the Purpose of Approving an Increased Multi-Year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funds for the Years 2019-34, Funding the Division Transit Project, the Southwest Corridor Transit Project, Arterial Bottleneck Projects, Active Transportation Projects, and Enhanced Transit Projects, and Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet Regarding the Increased Multi-Year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funds

*Council Discussion*

Councilors Stacey and Craddick commended Councilor Dirksen for his advocacy on behalf of meeting air quality standards and allocating regional flexible funds in order to best benefit the region.

**A motion was made by Councilor Harrington, seconded by**

**Councilor Dirksen, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

**6. Ordinances (Second Reading)**

- 6.1 Ordinance No. 17-1408, For the Purpose of Adopting Amendments to Title 14 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan to Improve the Regional Growth Management Process

Council President Hughes announced that Ordinance No. 17-1408 had been pulled from the meeting's agenda and would come to council for consideration at a later date.

**7. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Chief Operating Officer Pro Tem Scott Cruickshank announced that the Hip Hop Nutcracker would be playing at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on November 15.

**8. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the opening of the new Jade/APANO Multicultural Space, the Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) meeting, and the Metro All-Staff meeting at the Oregon Convention Center.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:25 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on November 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator



