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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, January 4, 2018**

**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 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**2. Public Communication**

There was none.

**3. Resolutions**

- 3.1 Resolution No. 18-4861, For the Purpose of Organizing the Metro Council and Confirming Committee Members

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

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

- 3.2 Resolution No. 18-4862, For the Purpose of Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of Metro Councilor for Council District No. 2, passed 01/04/18  
Errata correcting date applications due

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

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

- 3.3 Resolution No. 17-4824, For the Purpose of Adopting the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Master Plan

Council President Hughes requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Don Krupp, Clackamas County: Mr. Krupp, County

Administrator for Clackamas County, testified on behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. He expressed the county's support for the resolution and the Willamette Falls Riverwalk master plan. He thanked all of the partners and jurisdictions involved and highlighted the benefits that would come from the development of Willamette Falls.

MG Devereux, Oregon State Parks: Mr. Devereux, Deputy Director of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, testified in support of the master plan, noting its quality and the collaborative efforts that created it. He highlighted key elements of the plan that deserved recognition, such as reestablishing public access to the falls and preserving the cultural resources of the site. He also thanked former Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette for her leadership and drive on the project.

Carlotta Collette, City of Corvallis: Ms. Collette, former Metro Councilor, also testified in support of the resolution. She thanked the project staff and partners for all of their work, and urged the Council to adopt the master plan.

Shelly Parini, Rediscover the Falls: Ms. Parini, Interim Executive Director for Rediscover the Falls, testified on behalf of the Rediscover the Falls group in support of the master plan. She explained that the project would provide widespread benefits to the community, including economic opportunities and public access to the majestic natural area. On behalf of Rediscover the Falls and the rest of the partners, Ms. Parini recognized Councilor Collette for her contributions to the project.

Council President Hughes then introduced Ms. Alex Gilbertson, Metro staff, and Mr. Phil Lewis, City of Oregon City staff, to provide an overview of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and the master plan. Ms. Gilbertson gave a brief background of the project and the four partner agencies involved: Clackamas County, the City of Oregon City, Metro, and the State of Oregon. She explained that since 2015, project staff had been involved with the Riverwalk planning, design, and community engagement. She noted that in addition to many public events, project outreach also included conversations with agency groups, stakeholders, and local tribes, to understand the complexities, science, history, and cultural significance of the site. Ms. Albertson explained that these conversations provided themes and values that were incorporated into the master plan. She noted that the master plan was formulated to fit the various future needs and factors that were expressed during project development.

Mr. Lewis spoke to how the project would benefit the City of Oregon City. He explained that the addition of the Willamette Falls Riverwalk would create a regional park in historic downtown Oregon City, expand recreational opportunities in the region, and meet the city's goals and vision. Ms. Albertson informed the Council that goals for phase one of the project included providing a prominent view of the falls, safe and secure interim access, habitat restoration, and building demolition to prepare the site for future phases. She noted that approval of the plan was an important step in the project and recommended adoption of the resolution.

*Council Discussion*

Councilors expressed support for the resolution and thanked Councilor Collette for her leadership. Councilor Dirksen remarked that he was impressed by the breadth of study and the creativity used to find the best use for the site. Councilor Harrington thanked everyone for their work and expressed her appreciation for the collaborative process used to develop the plan. Councilor Craddick asked about the project's next steps and the timeline for construction.

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

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

**4. Ordinances (Second Reading)**

- 4.1 Ordinance No. 17-1414, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 1.2 Acres Located at 7200 NW Kaiser Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County

Council President Hughes stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 17-1414 took place on Thursday, December 14. He informed the Metro Council that Metro staff was available for questions.

*Council Discussion*

There was none.

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

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

**5. Consent Agenda**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

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

- 5.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2017
- 5.2 Resolution No. 18-4860, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Maria Hernandez, Emily Lai, and Beverly Drottar as Community Representatives to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee

**6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast event and letters of intent received from five cities planning on applying for urban growth boundary (UGB) expansions. She also recognized Ms. Stephanie Soden, Metro staff, for her ten years working at Metro. The Metro Council thanked Ms. Soden for her contributions to the region and wished her well in her future endeavors.

**7. Councilor Communication**

There was none.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:51 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on January 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in

the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator