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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

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

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**2. Safety Briefing**

Council President Peterson called on Councilor Chase to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Chase provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

**3. Public Communications**

Ron Swaren, City of Portland: Mr. Swaren discussed the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Rose Quarter Project public hearing and the development planned for the Rose Quarter area. He advocated for a western arterial highway through Cornelius Pass Road and Columbia Boulevard. Mr. Swaren stated the benefits of a west side alternative route to the transportation system.

**4. Consent Agenda**

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

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2019

**5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)**

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 19-1433, For the Purpose of Adopting Solid Waste Charges and User Fees for FY 2019-20

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Cinnamon Williams, Property and Environmental Services Finance Manager, to provide a brief presentation on the ordinance. Ms. Williams stated that the ordinance was the annual adoption of the solid waste rates and user fees. She noted that the tonnage charge would remain unchanged and highlighted small increases to the regional system fee, the clean wood fee, the yard debris fee and the residential organics fee. Ms. Williams explained that staff was recommending keeping the commercial organics rate fee flat in order to support Metro's recovery work in this area. She discussed the results of the independent consultant review, highlighting their recommendation to continue to use the rate setting model for annual financial planning to identify operating and capital needs.

*Council Discussion:*

There was none.

**5.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1433**

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-1433 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Bruce Walker, City of Portland: Mr. Walker, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Portland, testified in opposition to the increase of residential organic tip fees. He discussed the City of Portland's residential food scrap program and noted the impact to Portland rate payers from the proposed organic tipping fee increase. Mr. Walker urged Council to consider increasing the tip fee by half of the proposed amount and reviewing whether further increases would be necessary in fiscal year 2020-2021. (Mr. Walker provided written materials as part of his testimony; please see the March 14 meeting packet.)

Seeing no further testimony, Council President Peterson gavelled out of the public hearing. She noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 19-1433 would take place on Thursday, March 21.

**6. Resolutions**

6.1 Resolution No. 19-4972, For the purpose of approving an amendment to the Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Andy Shaw, Government Affairs and Policy Department Director, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Mr. Shaw explained that the resolution would allow a funding contribution to the acoustical shell project at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall from the Visitor Facilities Trust Account (VFTA). He noted that this allocation would provide matching funds to a variety of funding sources for the project including a private charitable contribution. Mr. Shaw reviewed the funding system for the VFTA, highlighting funds available to cover this expenditure.

Mr. Nathan Sykes, Metro Attorney, recommended amending the resolution language to strike language authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to approve the amendment and replace it with language that the Metro Council approves the first amendment.

Councilor Stacey moved to adopt the resolution as amended. Councilor Gonzalez seconded the motion.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Dirksen shared his appreciation for the partnership between Metro, Multnomah County and the City of Portland that led to the successful amendment to the intergovernmental agreement and stated he looked forward further agreements between the parties on the VFTA. Council President Peterson stated she looked forward to a larger package of agreements between the parties.

**A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be adopted. The motion**

**passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

**7. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Platinum level L.E.E.D. recertification of the Oregon Convention Center, nature trail community forum at Glendoveer Golf Course and Women's History Month exhibit in the Metro Regional Center lobby.

**8. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Marquam Hill Green Ribbon Committee, Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee and the Levee Ready Columbia Project meeting.

Council President Peterson read a statement celebrating Women's History Month.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:35 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on March 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2019**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Minutes	3/14/19	Council Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2019	31419c-01
<b>5.1.1</b>	Letter	3/14/19	Letter from Bruce Walker City of Portland Solid Waste and Recycling Manager	31419c-02
<b>6.1</b>	Powerpoint	3/14/19	Portland's Center for the Arts Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall	31419c-03