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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

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

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**Excused:** 2 - Councilor Bob Stacey, and Council President Lynn Peterson

**2. Safety Briefing**

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

**3. Public Communication**

Matt Shipkey, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District: Mr. Shipkey stated that the conservation district's primary purpose was to protect soil and water resources and conveyed the district's support of the potential open space bond measure. He advocated for deepening Metro's partnership with the soil and water district and asked Council to consider making proposed open space bond funds available to support the protection of working farmland properties. Mr. Shipkey discussed the benefits of sustainable management of agriculture, including access to farmland for new and disadvantaged farmers, and explained that there were opportunities to leverage local funds with state funds for this initiative. (Mr. Shipkey submitted written materials as part of his testimony; see the April 11 materials packet.)

Sharon Nasset, Economic Transportation Alliance: Ms. Nasset discussed the I5 project environmental assessment

and stated opportunities for improvements had been overlooked. She explained the missed opportunities to create event drop off plans for the Moda Center and Oregon Convention Center events and to allow shuttle service to downtown hotels.

Charles Ormsby, City of Lake Oswego: Mr. Ormsby requested assistance with transit access and efficiency at the intersection of State Street and B Avenue in Lake Oswego. He discussed the difficulties that transit dependent riders, specifically riders with disabilities, were experiencing and stated his belief that riders were not being served by the City of Lake Oswego. Mr. Ormsby highlighted unsafe pedestrian walking routes and explained his frustration with the lack of response and coordination from local agencies involved.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

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

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

**Excused:** 2 - Councilor Stacey, and Council President Peterson

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2019
- 4.2 Resolution No. 19-4980, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Amend the Non-System License for Gresham Sanitary Service to Authorize an Increased Tonnage Limit for Transport and Disposal of Putrescible Waste at the Wasco County Landfill and, Under Certain Unusual Circumstances, Finley Buttes Landfill.
- 4.3 Resolution No. 19-4986, For the Purpose of Approving an Amendment to the Distributed Antenna System License Agreement at the Oregon Convention Center

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

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 19-1436, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro Boundary Approximately 21.57 Acres Located at 4091 NE Constable Street and Approximately 12.1 Acres Located West of NE Starr Boulevard and South of NE Huffman Road in Hillsboro

Deputy Council President Chase and Metro Attorney Nathan Sykes read the requirements on holding a quasi-judicial hearing. Council President Chase stated that the case being reviewed in the proposed ordinance were two requests from Flexential Colorado Corps and T5 Data Centers to annex the Metro district boundary and stated the specific locations. He asked if Councilors had ex parte contact to disclose or conflicts of interests to declare and noted there was none.

Deputy Council President Chase introduced Mr. Tim O'Brien, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. O'Brien provided an overview of the annexation request, explained the criteria required and stated that the request met the criteria for annexation into the Metro District Boundary.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Dirksen asked whether the two petitioners were seeking annexation for two parcels. Mr. O'Brien confirmed that each petitioner was petitioning annexation for a separate parcel. Councilors Gonzalez and Craddick discussed the process for annexations to the Metro District Boundary for parcels already in the Urban Growth Boundary. Deputy Council President Chase asked whether these annexations would promote job creation. Mr. O'Brien explained that while data centers do not employ many people, they support many other employment uses.

Deputy Council President Chase opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-1436 and requested that those

wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Deputy Council President Chase gavelled out of the public hearing. He noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 19-1436 would take place on Thursday, April 25.

## 6. Ordinances (Second Reading)

- 6.1 Ordinance No. 19-1434, For the Purpose of Approving an Increased Tonnage Allocation and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue an Amended Solid Waste Facility Franchise for GSS Transfer, LLC

Deputy Council President Chase stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1434 took place on Thursday, April 4. He informed the Metro Council that Metro staff were available for questions.

*Council Discussion:*

There was none.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

## 7. Resolutions

- 7.1 Metro Chief Operating Officer Acting as Budget Officer Presents the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and Budget Message to the Metro Council, Acting as the Budget Committee
- 7.1.1 Resolution No. 19-4976, For the Purpose of Approving the FY 2019-20 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Martha

Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, in her capacity as Metro's Budget Officer, to present the proposed budget to the Metro Council, sitting as the Metro Budget Committee. He noted that she would be joined by Metro Finance and Regulatory Services Director Tim Collier.

Ms. Bennett introduced the budget process and outlined next steps. She explained that the budget needed to be strategically aligned with the Council's objectives and priorities. Ms. Bennett shared Metro's budget message, noting that it focused on: continuing to deliver high quality public services; advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; tackling financial headwinds; and investing in agency infrastructure. Ms. Bennett provided an overview of how the proposed budget was developed using decision-making tools such as the six desired regional outcomes, the Metro Compass, and guidance from Council work sessions and retreats. She then gave a high-level review of the budget's deliverables.

Mr. Collier provided an overview of the numbers within the budget. He explained that the projected budget was approximately \$1.349 billion, noting the increase from the sale of the housing bonds. He discussed important impacts on the budget, including: an increase in property taxes, decreasing bond expenditures for the natural areas and zoo bonds, an increase in 25.25 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees, economic and financial trends, venues operations, and transient lodging tax.

Mr. Collier presented the Office of the Auditor's budget, providing the proposed budget breakdown and a comparison to budgets from previous years.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Craddick asked about the Expo Center venue summary. Councilor Gonzalez asked how the transfer station contracts were factored in to budget forecast for the Property and Environmental Services fund. Councilor Lewis discussed the FY 2018-19 ending fund balance and asked about the agency's preparedness for financial headwinds.

7.1.2 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 19-4976

Deputy Council President Chase opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-4976 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Deputy Council President Chase gaveled out of the public hearing. He noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Resolution No. 19-4976 would take place on Thursday, May 2.

**8. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: launch of social media effort and survey for the public comment period on the draft framework for the potential Parks and Nature bond.

Councilor Lewis announced that Willamette Falls Trust received a \$7 million gift from two family foundations.

**9. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Transportation as Liberation event, the Willamette Falls Locks Commission meeting, and the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee meeting. Councilor Craddick announced that the Federal Transit Administration awarded \$87 million to for the Division bus rapid transit project.

**10. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Chase adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:23 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on April 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Farrokhzadian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement  
Coordinator



**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2019**

| <b>ITEM</b> | <b>DOCUMENT<br/>TYPE</b> | <b>DOC<br/>DATE</b> | <b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>DOCUMENT No.</b> |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>3.0</b>  | Letter                   | 4/3/19              | Letter to the Metro Council from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District             | 41119c-01           |
| <b>3.0</b>  | Pamphlet                 | 4/4/19              | Working Farmland Protection Program from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District | 41119c-02           |
| <b>3.0</b>  | Flyer                    | 4/4/19              | Headwaters Farm Incubator from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District           | 41119c-03           |
| <b>4.1</b>  | Minutes                  | 4/11/19             | Council Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2019  | 41119c-04           |
| <b>7.1</b>  | Powerpoint               | 4/11/19             | Proposed Budget FY 2019-20   | 41119c-05           |
| <b>7.1</b>  | Handout                  | 4/11/19             | FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget by the Numbers  | 41119c-06           |