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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

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

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

**Present:** 5 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, and Councilor Christine Lewis

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**2. Safety Briefing**

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

**3. Public Communication**

John Charles, Cascade Policy Institute: Mr. Charles, of the Cascade Policy Institute, expressed his concern over the proposed Nature in Neighborhood grant awards, stating that some of the proposed grant awards were not aligned with the stated goals of the 2016 levy. He raised questions about specific proposed grants awards and offered alternative approaches to advancing racial equity.

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan discussed his proposal for the Columbia Bridge River Crossing replacement and offered his rendering of the former post office site in located in northwest Portland. He highlighted the importance of retaining the historic dimensions of the park blocks near the site and the preservation of walkways. Mr. Lewellan expressed his concern for the Southwest Corridor light rail project and recommended bus rapid transit to improve transit along Barbur Boulevard.

**4. Resolutions**

- 4.1 Resolution No. 19-4999, For the Purpose of Proclaiming June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month in the Metro Region

Deputy Council President Chase called on Raahi Reddy, Metro Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director, to provide a brief presentation. Raahi Reddy introduced the proclamation, explaining that it was a reminder of the values of true inclusion. They noted the importance of creating an environment where employees can find community and ally-ship in the workplace. Raahi Reddy discussed strategic partnerships building awareness and cultural competencies within the agency and highlighted the LGBTQ Plus employee resource group. They shared that the Metro, with the help of an inclusion expert, was auditing Metro's policies to create more inclusive policies for trans and non-binary employees. Raahi Reddy introduced Melissa Palavecino, Rosalynn Green, Ernest Hayes and Scott Steyer, Metro staff from the LGBTQ employee resource group, to say a few words.

Melissa Palavecino discussed the progress made and acknowledged the continued violence against the LGBTQ community. They shared their experience with being queer and a person of color and stated the importance of acknowledging those most marginalized within the LGBTQ community. Melissa Palavecino expressed their deep gratitude for the employee resource group.

Rosalynn Green recounted recent attacks against the LGBTQ community and noted that Pride month was both a time for celebration and reflection. They discussed the trauma non-binary workers and faced urged Metro to develop a recruitment and retention strategy for transgender and

non-binary workers of color.

Ernest Hayes read aloud the names of transgender people reported murdered because of their identity in 2019, noting that all of them were black women. They discussed the importance of raising awareness of black and trans lives and noted that LGBTQ people of color had historically been left out of protections granted to others in the community. Ernest Hayes thanked Council for their continued emphasis on racial equity and acknowledged the legacy of racism and its impacts on the queer community.

Scott Steyer shared their experience coming out at a time when discrimination was wide spread and recognized the progress made in the last thirty years. They thanked Council for their support.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Stacey expressed continuing support for the LGBTQ community and for all marginalized groups in the region. He highlighted the importance of building a better and more inclusive community, and thanked the presenters for their testimony. Councilor Lewis shared her gratitude for the presenters and discussed the duality of Pride as both a time of reflection and celebration. She highlighted the significance of creating safer spaces for everyone.

Councilor Craddick thanked presenters for their testimony, stating it was an honor to work with them. Councilor Dirksen discussed the importance of Metro advancing equal rights for everyone in the community. Deputy Council President Chase conveyed his appreciation for the stories told by the presenters and thanked the group for bringing the resolution forward. He discussed continued violence

particularly against transgender people of color and noted the need for continued anti-discrimination efforts.

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

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

## **5. Consent Agenda**

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

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

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

5.1 Resolution No. 19-4996, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Susan Andrews to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCEC)

5.2 Considerations of the Council Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2019

## **6. Ordinances (Second Reading)**

6.1 Ordinance No. 19-1437, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19, Metro Advisory Committees, to Establish the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and to Repeal the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee

Deputy Council President Chase stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 19-1437 took place on Thursday, June 6. He informed the Metro Council that Metro staff were available for questions.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Lewis clarified her statement from the June 6 meeting requesting review of the efficacy of the advisory

committee membership in eighteen months.

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

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

## **7. Resolutions**

### **7.1 Resolution No. 19-4985, For the Purpose of Approving the 2019 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship Grants**

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Crista Gardner, Nature in Neighborhoods Community Grants Program Manager, to provide a brief presentation. Ms. Gardner explained that the grants were funded and guided by policy direction from the 2018 natural areas levy renewal as well as Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity. She shared the purpose of the restoration and community stewardship grants and noted that grant selection was based on the following three goals: improving water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, strengthening community partnerships and increasing economic and environmental activity.

Ms. Gardner introduced Eric Rosewall, Depave Executive Director Emeritus, Leigh Rappaport, Program Manager at Rosemary Anderson High School, and Liz Coll, a student at Rosemary Anderson High School, to share their work.

Mr. Rosewall discussed Depave's Nature in Neighborhood grant project to create a community plaza at the M and M Marketplace in Hillsboro, Oregon. He highlighted the project's work with communities on environmental equity and shared that the project was able to leverage Metro's grant funding for additional funding and services from

partners.

Ms. Rappaport provided background on the Rosemary Anderson High School and Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC) program and discussed the Friends of Trees Rosemary Anderson student leadership training program. She explained that with Metro's grant funding, the program was providing youth opportunities for restoration, advocacy and building connection to nature and the community. Ms. Coll shared her experience as a student in the Friends of Trees Rosemary Anderson student leadership training program.

Ms. Gardner provided background on the grant selection process and the peer review committee, and introduced Ms. Ruby Buchholtz, review committee member. Ms. Buchholtz discussed the selection process and shared that the grants review committee appreciated the variety of applicants in this grants cycle. She noted the number of projects that were advancing racial equity. Ms. Buchholtz stated her support for the committee's recommendations.

Ms. Gardner stated that the review committee recommended fifteen grant awards for a total of \$800,000 and explained each of the grants that were recommended for funding.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Craddick asked about the Backyard Habitat Certification funding to Washington County and the restoration and nature education programming. Councilor Stacey commented on the work of larger, established environmental organizations to engage with organizations that represent marginalized communities. Councilor Lewis

discussed the Gladstone Nature Park butterfly hill project and its efforts to build community connection to nature.

Councilor Chase expressed support of the grant recommendations and recognized the benefits of these projects including job opportunities, inspiring volunteerism and connecting the community with nature. He discussed the importance of increasing access to nature in urban areas and leveraging Metro funds and partnerships to advance maximize impact.

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

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

7.2 Resolution No. 19-4977A, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

Deputy Council President Chase called on Ms. Lisa Houghton, Metro Financial Planning Manager, for a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Houghton explained that the amendments to the fiscal year 2019-20 budget were reviewed and discussed at the June 6 work session. She added that the amendments included five Councilor amendments, six Councilor budget notes and 23 department amendments. She explained that if Council approved the amendments, the 2019-20 adopted would have resources and requirements of \$1,349,000,000 with 959 full-time equivalent.

*Council Discussion:*

There was none.

**Councilor Lewis moved to approve the amendments to the**



**budget for FY 2019-20 and amend Resolution No. 19-4977. Councilor Dirksen seconded. The motion passed.**

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

**7.2.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 19-4977**

Deputy Council President Chase opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-4977 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Deputy Council President Chase gavelled out of the public hearing.

**8. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Mr. Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items: the RID Patrol disposal option for people experiencing homelessness.

**9. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee meeting and the groundbreaking for Rockwood Rising.

**10. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:23 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on June 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement

Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(d), TO CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS WITH  
PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO CARRY ON LABOR  
NEGOTIATIONS.

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2019**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>2.0</b>	Written Testimony	6/13/19	Barbur Boulevard Light Rail Concerns submitted by Art Lewellan	061319c-01
<b>2.0</b>	Essay	6/13/19	The Walking Communities of 2040 submitted by Art Lewellan	061319c-02
<b>2.0</b>	Handout	6/13/19	Drawing of the Gemstone Bridge submitted by Art Lewellan	061319c-03
<b>2.0</b>	Handout	6/13/19	Drawing of the United States Post Office Site Development submitted by Art Lewellan	061319c-04
<b>5.1</b>	Minutes	6/13/19	Council Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2019	061319c-05
<b>6.2</b>	Powerpoint	6/13/19	Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship Grants	061319c-06