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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

**2:00 PM**

**<https://zoom.us/j/93558032526> or 253-215-8782**

**Council meeting**

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:01 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

**2. Public Communication**

Robert Liberty, Portland: Mr. Liberty spoke to the historical benefits (and lack thereof) of railway systems with particular emphasis on cost reduction and its relationship to travel time. He then implored councilors-next time a measure comes before them which proposes expansion of transportation networks based on trade travel time-to ask for a quantification of that impact, and what else could be done with that money that could have a much greater impact on the economy.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Nolan, that this was approved the Consent Agenda.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Stacey, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

3.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for the February 4, 2021 Meeting.

3.2 Resolution No. 21-5154, For the Purpose of Amending Two Existing and Adding One New Project to the 2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Impacting Clackamas County, Metro, and Washington County (JAN21-06-JAN)

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

4.1 Ordinance No. 21-1462, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapters 5.02 and 7.01 to Change the Due Dates for Solid Waste Excise

Taxes and Regional System Fees and Add Finance Charges for Late Payments of Regional System Fees to Align with Solid Waste Excise Taxes

President Peterson introduced Brian Kennedy to present on the topic of Ordinance No. 21-1462. Mr. Kennedy explained that the change would move payments to the end of the month, and that it was requested by Metro's business partners. He then explained the differences between the present and proposed finance charges for late payments before inviting questions from Councilors.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Craddick asked whether or not a late fee impacts the timeliness of payments. Mr. Kennedy noted that the late fee charge may have an impact; however, they have a great degree of compliance with fees.

In answer to a question asked by Councilor Rosenthal, Mr. Kennedy asserted that they do their best to partner with their associates to ensure reasonable and timely payments, as well as maintain a comprehensible process. Councilor Rosenthal supposed that this ordinance might introduce less flexibility, and Mr. Kennedy stated that staff maintain some leeway in that department.

In answer to a question asked by Councilor Gonzalez, Mr. Kennedy explained that the requests they received amounted to one or two participants, while large companies (who are largely unaffected by this change due to consistent cash flow) provided no comment.

4.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 21-1462

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-1462 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

- 4.2 Ordinance No. 21-1461, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 16.2 Acres Located at 17045 and 17117 SW Brookman Road in Sherwood.

President Peterson introduced Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren, who explained the legislative process for approving annexations. President Peterson then introduced Tim O'Brien (Metro) to explain the purpose, region, and criteria designated for annexation.

*Council Discussion*

There was none.

4.2.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 21-1461

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-1461 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gavelled out of the public hearing. She noted that the Metro Council would hold a second hearing and vote on February 25, 2021.

- 4.3 Ordinance No. 21-1457, For the Purpose of Adopting the Distribution of the Population and Employment Growth to Year 2045 to Local Governments in the Region Consistent with the Forecast Adopted by Ordinance No. 18-1427 in Fulfillment of Metro's Population Coordination Responsibility Under ORS 195.036.

President Peterson then introduced Ted Reid (Metro Planning and Development Dept.), Chris Johnson (Metro Research Center), and Roger Alfred (Office of the Metro Attorney) to present on Ordinance No. 21-1457.

Mr. Reid explained the purpose of the forecast, as well as its role in coordination with the Urban Growth Report.

Mr. Johnson then proceeded to cover the components

(households and jobs) of the distributed forecast and identified key takeaways. He presented the Metro Forecast and Local Jurisdiction Review Timelines, expanding on coordination efforts before outlining prospective next steps.

*Councilor Discussion*

In response to a question asked by Councilor Craddick Mr. Reed and Mr. Johnson explained that zoning information, local company plans, and other factors play a factor in determining these numbers.

Councilors Craddick and Stacey inquired as to the role that the 2020 census would play in impacting this data, and why it isn't being factored into this projection. Mr. Johnson explained that doing so would impact projects presently in motion, but could inform future projects.

Councilor Rosenthal asked some specifics about the projections, particularly with respect to Tualatin (where there was no projected growth) and growth in unincorporated areas (comparatively to urban areas).

Mr. Johnson explained that a decrease in population could be explained by a decrease in household size. Additionally, he expanded on the cooperation of special districts and school districts with their county.

Councilor Craddick asked how the pandemic has impacted the assessment; Mr. Johnson replied, noting that this assessment occurred pre-pandemic. President Peterson asserted an opinion that another work session would probably be necessary in order to dig into those trend lines that would impact future projections.

Councilor Rosenthal clarified that the next forecast would occur in 2023, and that the census and COVID-19 do not

presently impact the forecast.

President Peterson introduced a want to revisit the topic in a work session, centering on a need to further discuss forecasting trends.

#### 4.3.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 21-1457

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-1457 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gavelled out of the public hearing.

#### 4.4 Ordinance No. 21-1460, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19.220 to Establish a New Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, and Declaring an Emergency

President Peterson introduced Jon Blasher (Parks and Nature Director) and Beth Cohen (Parks and Nature Strategic Funding Project Manager) to present on Ordinance No. 21-1460.

Ms. Cohen explained how the establishment of an independent committee would ensure commitment to Metro's code and values in the application of the bond program. Additionally, application of the 2016 bond measure would be reviewed, evaluated, and improved upon for the 2020 bond measure by this committee.

Ms. Cohen recommended approval of this ordinance, and asserted that next steps would include a vote to come to the council as of February 25, 2021.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Rosenthal asked whether or not the Council would have communication with this committee throughout the

year; Ms. Cohen responded by noting that a liaison may be appointed, or other forms of reporting would be possible.

#### 4.4.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 21-1460

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### 5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal announced that the Oregon Convention Center and the Metro Garage would be opening as an emergency cold weather shelter. She also announced that some parks might be closed due to inclement weather.

Ms. Madrigal introduced Brian Moore (Willamette Falls Legacy Project Manager) to provide an update on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

Mr. Moore recapped the site context and background, approved master plan design, and collaboration with the Grand Ronde Tribe to develop a revised Phase 1 Approach. Next steps would include 18 months of permit approval (including collaborating with stakeholders, developing a schedule, etc.), and 18 months of construction.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Craddick asked whether public access would be more limited than initially conceived. Mr. Moore noted that the Main St. area would still be public, but during construction it would not be available.

### 6. Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis announced that the Expo Development Opportunity Study would be on the agenda for March 2,

2021. She additionally announced that the Oregon Zoo Foundation met for the first time (in 2021) that morning.

**7. Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:38 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
	PDF Slide Supporting Testimony	02/11/21	Robert Liberty, City of Portland	021121c-01
	PDF Slide	02/11/21	WFLP Metro Council Briefing	021121c-02
	PPT	02/11/21	Council Distributed Forecast Slides	021121c-04
	PDF Slide	02/11/21	Council Distributed Forecast Slides	021121c-05