



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Oct. 4, 2012

Metro, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Barbara Roberts, Carl Hosticka, Kathryn Harrington, Carlotta Collette and Shirley Craddick

Councilors Excused: Councilor Rex Burkholder

Councilor Carl Hosticka convened the regular council meeting at 2:05 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Sherman, Portland: Mr. Sherman addressed the Council on the Oregon Convention Center hotel project. He stated that he asked an event planner why he would not book a convention in Portland and indicated the response was because Portland is a tier two city. However, he stated that the event planner would consider Portland if he received a \$50,000 subsidy. Mr. Sherman believed this was less than what Hyatt was requesting and could provide a better bang for the buck. He also stated that he spoke with members of the business community and stated that they do not see any conference business. He shared his calculations on what it would take (e.g. number of conferences, guests, room rates) in order to break even. He encouraged the Council to consider other options to encourage business in Portland that would not cost \$4 to \$5 million per year.

Councilors asked Mr. Sherman to follow-up with more information and share his calculations in writing.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPT. 20, 2012

Motion:	Councilor Barbara Roberts moved to approve the minutes for Sept. 20, 2012.
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Vote:	Councilors Roberts, Hosticka, Craddick, Collette and Harrington voted in support of the motion. (Council President Hughes was excused for the vote.) The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4. ORDINANCES - FIRST READ

4.1 **Ordinance No. 12-1284**, For the Purpose of Amending the Employment and Industrial Areas Map of Title 4 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan to Reflect Existing Uses and Zoning and Public Purchases.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Oct. 18. Councilor Craddick was assigned carrier for the legislation.

- 4.2 **Ordinance No. 12-1290**, For the Purpose of Amending the Employment and Industrial Areas Map of Title 4 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan Upon Application by City of Troutdale.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Oct. 18. Councilor Craddick was assigned carrier for the legislation.

- 4.3 **Ordinance No. 12-1288**, For the Purpose of Amending the Employment and Industrial Areas Map of Title 4 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan to Upon Application by City of Happy Valley.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Oct. 18. Councilor Craddick was assigned carrier for the legislation.

5. **ORDINANCES – SECOND READ**

- 5.1 **Ordinance No. 12-1286**, For the Purpose of Repealing and Replacing Metro Code Title X, Chapter 10.04 Pioneer Cemeteries.

Motion:	Councilor Roberts moved to approve Ordinance No. 12-1286.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Roberts introduced Ordinance No. 12-1286. Councilor Roberts stated that the proposed Metro Code changes have been long in the making and that staff conducted diligent research in best practices and policy considerations in the industry. She stated that not only would the changes lay the foundation of governance, but also provide direction and clarity on the rules and regulations for Metro’s customers. She stated that the proposed changes were customer focused. Vague language has been clarified, or cemetery specific language has been added, to the proposed code changes to reflect what is commonly found in similar operations. Councilor Roberts stated that the ordinance, if approved, would replace the existing code language by giving clear guiding principles that allow for exceptions to maintain flexibility for Metro customers and serve in the best interest of the cemeteries.

Councilor Roberts welcomed Metro staff Rachel Fox and Mr. David Noble of Metro’s Cemetery Advisory Committee. Mr. Noble, the Executive Director of the Riverview Cemetery, expressed his support for the ordinance and stated that the proposed changes are sensitive to Metro’s customers while being consistent with industry practices. He stated that the changes are necessary for the long term and responsible care of the cemetery properties. He highlighted a few reasons why he was in support of the ordinance such as new code language that sets conditions for contractors, addresses and clarifies cemetery rules, and adds the names and locations of Metro’s cemeteries. Ms. Fox overviewed the actions Metro has taken to ensure the cemeteries are managed professionally and respectfully such as operational improvements (i.e. Metro’s recordkeeping), formation of an advisory committee, raising fees, and recent committee member tour of Metro’s cemeteries.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-1286. Seeing no citizens who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Council thanked Ms. Fox and complimented staff on their hard work, professionalism, and great customer service. Councilors also thanked Mr. Noble and committee members for their service on the advisory committee.

Vote:

Council President Hughes and Councilors Roberts, Hosticka, Craddick, Collette and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 in favor, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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5.2 **Ordinance No. 12-1289**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2012-13 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for Compliance with Title VI the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to approve Ordinance No. 12-1289.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Harrington introduced Ordinance No. 12-1289. Councilor Harrington stated that appreciating diversity and promoting an atmosphere of equality by treating all people with respect is one of Metro's core values. She emphasized that the agency can demonstrate this value by working to ensure that all residents can fully participate in Metro's decision-making processes. As a recipient of federal funds, Metro is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which ensures that public funds avoid subsidizing or result in discrimination based on race, color or national origin (including limited English proficiency). Councilor Harrington highlighted current efforts already underway to engage diverse groups, such as the Regional Flexible Funds environmental justice work group, the Regional Travel Options and Kaiser ¡Vámonos! program, and upcoming Council review and consideration of a budget amendment to begin a process to develop an agency-specific equity strategy.

Councilor Harrington stated that – based on federal approval of Metro's Title VI and LEP plans – approval of Ordinance No. 12-1289 would secure additional resources necessary to complete the work plan, including gathering demographic data, conducting outreach, and providing notification and language assistance.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-1289. Seeing no citizens who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Vote:

Council President Hughes and Councilors Roberts, Hosticka, Craddick, Collette and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 in favor, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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Council President Hughes welcomed the testimony of one citizen who wished to speak after the Council's formal action:

- Evelyn Murray, Conflict Diamond: Ms. Murray addressed the Council on development in the Gresham area and the city's local African-American community. She emphasized that Gresham lacks development and stated that this too is a language and communication issue. She stated that the local residents don't have power and emphasized that Metro Councilor are their leaders.

Councilors highlighted other programs Metro has instituted to better engage the community such as Opt In and the Public Engagement Review Committee.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 12-4373**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Dedicate Right-of-Way at Glendoveer Golf Course to the City of Portland.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Resolution No. 12-4373.
Second:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Craddick asked Metro staff Lydia Neil to introduce Resolution No. 12-4373. The resolution if approved would authorize the Metro COO to dedicate right-of-way at Glendoveer Golf Course to the City of Portland. Ms. Neill stated that the City has requested the small right-of-way be dedicated in order to complete a set of sidewalk and accessibility improvements at the corner of 148th and Gilsan Street. While the City does not plan to improve the full street, Ms. Neill stated that the improvements would help fill gaps in the sidewalk along the property. She indicated that the proposed improvements would provide better pedestrian access between the surrounding neighborhood and walking trail that fronts the golf course. She stated that the project provides a great partnership opportunity with the City.

Council asked clarifying questions about the difference between an easement and a dedication. Legal counsel clarified that a dedication is granted to, and then accepted by, another public entity. A dedication does not go through a formal easement request process and does not have the same normal laws of an easement. The entity that accepts the dedication also accepts all liabilities and duties.

Vote:

Council President Hughes and Councilor Roberts, Hosticka, Craddick, Collette and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 in favor, the motion <u>passed</u> .

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett reminded Council that there is Metro agency all staff meeting scheduled for Wed., Oct. 10. Additionally, she announced that Councilor Roberts received the lifetime achievement award from the Center of Women, Politics and Policy.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor updates included the recent Zoo Bond Arts Committee meeting, Active Transportation Executive Council meeting, Regional Lands Development Ready forum, Gresham Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit, Metropolitan Coordinating Council, a meeting with Commissioner Fish regarding natural areas, and recent visiting delegations from China, and New South Wales, Australia. Highlighted upcoming meetings or events included the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee retreat, Metro Policy Advisory Committee meeting, Coalition for a Livable Future's annual summit, Fields Property acquisition celebration, and Savannah Oaks trail opening.

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9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:12 p.m. Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K Newell", is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement and Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCT. 4, 2012

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
	Agenda	10/4/12	Revised 10/4/12 Council agenda	100412c-01
3.0	Minutes	9/20/12	Council summary for 9/20/12	100412c-04