



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

April 4, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Craig Dirksen, Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Sam Chase, and Bob Stacey

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Nancy Shaw, 2707 Falk Rd., Vancouver, WA: Ms. Shaw addressed the Council on the elephants, specifically Chendra and Packy, at the Oregon Zoo. She encouraged the Council to send the elephants to an offsite reserve; she recommended either the *Paws* in California or the *Elephant Sanctuary* in Tennessee. She also addressed the living conditions for animals at the Zoo, and stated that this was not conservation, but a death sentence. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

Courtney Scott, 2106 NE Flanders, Portland: Ms. Scott inquired if the Roslyn Lake property had been purchased and when the property would be ready to receive elephants. She encouraged Council to send the elephants to a different preserve if Metro or the Zoo did not have sufficient funds to open and operate the Roslyn Lake property. Additional comments addressed the voter-approved bond measure in 2008, and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. She asked that Metro provide a response to her comments. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

Cherie Lambert Holenstein, 6141 SE Steele St., Portland: Ms. Holenstein stated that voters trusted Metro and supported the 2008 zoo bond measure. She questioned the progress made since 2008, asked if the Council was embarrassed by not honoring the voters' commitment. Additionally, Ms. Holenstein read testimony from Dr. Christopher Holenstein and John Holenstein encouraging the Council to release the elephants to an offsite sanctuary. The testimony cited the elephants' mental and physical health needs, and the need to teach children to respect all life and understand the truth about animals' lives. (Written testimony for Dr. C. Holenstein and J. Holenstein included as part of the meeting record.)

Ninette Jones, 7637 N. Interstate, Portland: Ms. Jones advocated that Packy be sent to *Paws* sanctuary in California. She inquired about the Roslyn Lake site, if it had been purchased and, if not,

why it had not been purchased. She asked about permanent ownership of Samudra, and possible breeding of Chendra. She advocated that no more elephant babies be born on the 1.2 acres at the Oregon Zoo.

Nadine Zimmer, 1529 NE 21st St., Portland: Ms. Zimmer stated that the elephants' release to a sanctuary is long overdue. She stated that elephants do not belong in zoos, and that many zoos have already closed their elephant exhibits.

Syd Most, 4501 N. Montana Ave., Portland: Ms. Most echoed comments from previous testifiers. She stated that she has been an animal advocate all of her life, and highly values the elephant species. She talked about an elephant's life in the wild, and offered that people should model their lives and society after the elephants. She also stated that she hired a psychic to visit Packy at the Zoo, and stated that he is so depressed the psychic could not connect with him.

Cindy Kocgy, 13795 SW Latigo Circle, Beaverton: Ms. Kocgy stated that during her family's frequent visits to the Zoo, her children would ask questions about the animals' strange behaviors. She stated that she answered the questions by stating that society grossly underestimates the scope and scale of animal intelligence, but that she still believed the Zoo's idea of conservation. She stated that she has undergone a huge awakening and has concluded that Packy is being treated cruelly. She posed two questions for Council thought: (1) is it okay that Packy has been standing around for 50 years in the same cage; and (2) What do you think he is thinking? She believed he was hurting and requested that he be retired.

Nancy Newell, 3917 NE Skidmore St., Portland: Ms. Newell stated that she testified before the Council on behalf of Packy and the programs for preservation. She stated that public interests were made clear by the passage of the 2008 bond measure. She inquired about the public records request process and stated that receiving information about Packy's health was in the public's interest. She stated that she would seek legal action if needed. She recommended the zoo announce that Packy is being transported to a sanctuary for his 51st birthday.

Bette Shefsik, 2826 NE 61st Ave., Portland: Ms. Shefsik stated that she was recently at the Oregon Zoo and noticed that Packy has significantly aged since her last visit in 2007. She stated that every being has a right to retire. She emphasized that elephants need more room to roam, and that standing for long periods of time on concrete is damaging to elephants' feet. She encouraged the Zoo to release Packy to Paws in California.

Rebecca Silvey, 16915 SW Ledgestone Drive, Beaverton: Ms. Silvey stated that it was tragic that Packy has been in captivity since birth. She urged the Council to release not only Packy, but all of the elephants, to a sanctuary.

Art Lewellan, 3205 SE 8th Ave., Apt. 9, Portland: Mr. Lewellan submitted maps and information on earthquake zone structures in the Pacific Northwest for the Council to review. He also stated that he did not like the new Columbia River Crossing project bridge design. He stated that the Council could benefit from studying his proposed drawings. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2013

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve the Council minutes for March 14, 2013.
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Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Stacey, Chase, Dirksen, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READ

- 4.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1299, Ordinance No. 13-1299**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2012-13 Budget and Appropriations Schedule, Adding 5.50 FTE and Amending the FY 2012-13 through 2016-17 Capital Improvement Plan.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2013.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 13-4416**, For the Purpose Authorizing Metro to Apply for Two Local Government Grants from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department and Delegating Authority to the Sustainability Center Director to Sign the Applications.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4416.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Metro staff Ms. Mary Ann Cassin introduced the resolution. The resolution, if approved, would allow the staff to apply for two state grants, one for the Farmington natural area and one for the Scouters Mountain natural area. Staff anticipates that Metro’s application will be competitive in the grant cycle, and emphasized the support from local partners. Ms. Cassin stated that matching funds for both projects are already either in place or committed and in transition from local partners. Additionally, she noted that the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District will assume management of one park.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Stacey, Chase, Dirksen, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on:

- The *Recycle More Recycle Less* campaign is scheduled to launch this week in two neighborhoods, one in Gresham and one in southeast Portland.

- Ms. Bennett and Councilor Collette have been invited to the April 10 Clackamas County Business Alliance meeting to discuss the urban growth boundary and urban growth report process.

7. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION

Metro Attorney Ms. Alison Kean Campbell did not have any new, non-privileged information on litigation to share with the Metro Council.

Ms. Kean Campbell stated that she would be out of the office April 9 – 12, 2013 at the Best Practices trip in Atlanta.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor updates included the recent Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation meeting, Beaverton City Council meeting, Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission meeting, League of Women Voters forum, Clackamas County Business Alliance meeting, quarterly exchange meetings in District 2, Washington County's *State of the County* address, and recent lobby trip to Salem, Oregon on housing affordability issues.

Highlighted upcoming events included community tours of the new Kaiser Permanente Westside Medical Center in April. Tour details are available on Kaiser's website.

9. ADIURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:52 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 2 p.m. at the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2013

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Testimony	April 2013	Written testimony and handouts provided by N. Shaw	40413c-01
2.0	Testimony	N/A	Written testimony provided by C. Scott	40413c-02
2.0	Testimony	4/4/13	Written testimony provided by J. Holenstein	40413c-03
2.0	Testimony	N/A	Written testimony provided by C. Holenstein	40413c-04
2.0	Testimony	N/A	Written handouts provided by A. Lewellan	40413c-05
5.1	Legislation	N/A	Revised Resolution No. 13-4416. Includes both clean and redline versions.	40413c-06