



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

July 25, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Bob Mahoney, 240 Park Dr., Oregon City: Mr. Mahoney addressed the Council about the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. Mr. Mahoney stated that in the significant occurrences that were formative of the United States, the Willamette Falls Site is one of extreme historical significance. He emphasized the pioneering spirit that made it possible to settle the west and that same pioneering spirit drives us today. Mr. Mahoney thanked the Council for their courage in redevelopment of the site, but encouraged public ownership of the site.

Councilor Carlotta Collette encouraged Mr. Mahoney to participate in sharing his vision for the site by visiting www.rediscoverthefalls.com.

Councilor Craig Dirksen stated that although the site cannot be fully owned by the public, the Metro Council is working hard to ensure the right balance of public/private investments.

Chris Boatright, 3323 SW Multnomah Blvd., #59, Local 483/Oregon Zoo, Portland: Mr. Boatright began by stating that he is a U.S. Army Veteran, attended Portland State University, and has worked for the Zoo for the past 3 years. He stated that he is somewhat of a contradiction to the typical food service worker. He was clear however, that there are many well educated people of all sexes and races that work in the food service industry, defying that stereotype. Mr. Boatright stated that temporary Zoo workers would like to form an organized union to have better representation of their rights as workers.

Joshua Wilder, 17246 SW Pleasanton Ln., Local 483/Oregon Zoo, Portland: Mr. Wilder stated that he is a college student majoring in computer sciences and has worked part time at the Zoo since 2007. He stated that when times get tough for Zoo workers, the hour cap for part time employees makes it hard to earn needed income. He stated that being able to organize will provide Zoo workers a more effective way to voice their needs.

Toby Green, 220 SE 154 St., Local 483, Portland: Mr. Green began by stating that he is the organizer of the Zoo workers and that he thanks Metro for striving to be fiscally responsible. He also thanked the workers for the valuable resources they provide the agency. He noted that temporary employees are always thought about in terms of “cost” and are never considered part of the team. By allowing the Zoo workers to organize, they would be afforded the right to become a part of the team and be seen for the value they provide.

COO Martha Bennett expressed concern that in the past when groups have organized, there have been a number of people who were against organizing. She did note that Metro is defining what it does mean to be a temporary employee as well as working on healthcare issues, federal benefits, and sick leave. COO Bennett stated that having the Zoo workers organized will make for a more strait forward conversation.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 2013

Motion:	Councilor Bob Stacey moved to approve the Council Minutes for July 11, 2013.
Second:	Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.

Vote:	Council President Hughes and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1306**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.01 Regarding Solid Waste Transfer Stations.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013.

4.2 **Ordinance No. 13-1307**, For Purpose of Approving a Transfer Station Franchise Extension and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Modified Franchise for Willamette Resources, Inc.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013.

4.3 **Ordinance No. 13-1308**, For Purpose of Approving a Transfer Station Franchise Extension and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Modified Franchise for Pride Recycling Company.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013.

4.4 **Ordinance No. 13-1309**, For Purpose of Approving a Transfer Station Franchise Extension and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Modified Franchise for Troutdale Transfer Station.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013.

- 4.5 **Ordinance No. 13-1310**, For Purpose of Approving a Transfer Station Franchise Extension and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Modified Franchise for Forest Grove Transfer Station.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013.

- 4.6 **Ordinance No. 13-1311**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.09 Regarding Illegal Disposal of Solid Waste.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013.

- 4.7 **Ordinance No. 13-1312**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 9.85 Acres Located at 17030 NW Brugger Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2013.

5. **RESOLUTIONS**

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 13-4444**, For the Purpose of Approving an Inventory of Unclaimed Burial Spaces to be Reclaimed by Metro Under Senate Bill 1537.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4444.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Mr. Paul Slyman and Ms. Kimberly Palmero provided a brief staff presentation on Resolution No. 13-4444.

Mr. Slyman began by noting the age of the cemeteries in the Portland area. He stated the Escobar Cemetery in Gresham, turns 99 years old this year. In the past, large numbers of plots in cemeteries were very common. However, over time a large number of unused plots were forgotten about and resold, illegally. It has been determined that 532 burial sites have been illegally resold. Mr. Slyman stated that he is asking the Metro Council for permission to take action. Ms. Palmero stated that over a 9 month period, she has identified unclaimed burial spaces, and illegally transferred burial spaces, as well as defining the process for free and clear resale of plots. Ms. Palmero stated spaces that are being targeted are ones in which the original owner has not claimed in the past 75 years. She stated that next steps in the process include utilizing an inventory of unclaimed spaces, providing notice to original owners or decedents of unclaimed spaces, and giving those people 120 days to come forward and claim their space. If no one comes forward to claim the space after the 120 days, the space will officially be deemed vacant and will then be prepared for resale with free and clear titles.

Council Discussion

Councilors asked what would happen if the original owner of a plot does not come forward during the 120 day period, their plot gets sold and used, and then they come forward wanting the space. Mr. Slyman stated that Metro will work the original owner to find a new, comparable plot. Councilors asked what type of documentation would be needed to prove original ownership. Ms. Palmero stated that they will use any reasonable form of documentation that proves relationship to the original owner. Councilors asked what happens when multiple decedents that want plots. Mr. Slyman stated Metro will not be involved in any decision making of that kind. Councilors thanked Mr. Slyman and Ms. Palmero for the work that has gone into this process.

Vote:	Council President Hughes and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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5.2 Resolution No. 13-4445, For the Purpose of Approving the Sale of Certain Real Property to Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4445.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Motion:	Councilor Bob Stacey moved to postpone any further action on Resolution No. 13-4445 until the date certain on September 5, 2013.
Second:	Councilor Sam Chase seconded the motion.

Council Discussion

Councilor Bob Stacey made the motion for more time to further clarify the details of the resolution. COO Bennett asked for additional remarks from the Council as to what they would like to see transpire with this resolution in the time leading up to September 5th. Councilors agreed that a landscape picture would be helpful for further action with Union Pacific Railroad Company. This would present an opportunity for Union Pacific to utilize land for its given purpose and improve their collaborative efforts in a positive way to address regional concerns.

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

COO Martha Bennett had no updates for the Council.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) on August 2. Councilor Collette noted that July 25th marks

the half completion point of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project. The project has provided more than 6800 jobs.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:00 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, August 1st at 2 p.m. at Metro’s Council Chamber. The Metro Council briefly recessed and then reconvened in the Council Annex for a work session.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Montanez
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 25, 2013

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Handout	N/A	Written material submitted by Chris Boatright regarding organization of a labor union for temporary Zoo employees	72513c-01
2.0	Handout	N/A	Written material submitted by Matt Ellison regarding organization of a labor union for temporary Zoo employees	72513c-02
2.0	Handout	N/A	Written material submitted by Melissa Carley regarding organization of a labor union for temporary Zoo employees	72513c-03
2.0	Handout	N/A	Written material submitted by Elizabeth Anne McDonnell regarding organization of a labor union for temporary Zoo employees	72513c-04
N/A	Agenda	7/24/13	Revised Agenda	72513-05