



## **METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

August 1, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

The Metro Council recognized and thanked Ms. Robin McArthur for her eight years of service at Metro. Ms. McArthur, director of the Planning and Development Department, will depart Metro on June 21.

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

### **3. IT SOFTWARE CONTROLS FOLLOW-UP AUDIT**

Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn presented on a follow-up audit to an original audit in 2009 that examined the authenticity of data from the software systems at the Zoo, Metro Planning, and Metro Solid Waste. This current audit was to see what progress had been made about general recommendations from the original audit, regarding improved strength of information systems. The improvements hope to accomplish a stronger governance structure, a standalone information system, staff training, security, and data collection to assess impact on Metro resources.

Deputy Chief Operating Office Scott Robinson addressed the Metro Council regarding Auditor Flynn's follow-up audit, stating that the agency has had a varied past when it comes to strengthening information systems in three primary areas; people, process and technology. Deputy COO Robinson noted that this audit focused mainly on the process of governance. The agency has made progress in implementing a more enterprise and standards based approach that gets us to a better place overall in leveraging our existing resources. Deputy COO Robinson stated that we are on the right path, but we are not quite there yet.

Ms. Rachel Coe, Director of Information Services, re-emphasized Auditor Flynn's and Deputy COO Robinson's comments regarding the continued work being done with information services to become as transparent and effective as possible.

**Councilor Questions**

Councilors asked how the agency is being adequately provided the tools needed to accomplish their work, through the budget process. Auditor Flynn stated that there has been no comparative analysis to directly address that question. Deputy COO Robinson stated that the agency is accomplishing the most it can to leverage existing resources and maximize efficiency. Councilors expressed thanks in the hard work put forth in this process.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 25, 2013**

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve the Minutes for July 25, 2013.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey 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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**5. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

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

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1306.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Mr. Roy Brower, Metro, provided information to the Metro Council on Ordinances No. 13-1306 – 13-1310, relating to privately owned and operated transfer stations. Mr. Brower stated that adoption of these ordinances will do three things. They will provide interim clarity for the regions solid waste system by extending the current transfer systems as is, through 2015; they will allow for general market stability and continuity in this interim period; and they will minimize system disruption while the future course of the solid waste system is being considered by council through the Solid Waste Roadmap.

Mr. Brower stated that Ord. No. 13-1306 will eliminate the distinction of transfer stations being local or regional; it will establish a moratorium on new transfer station applications until January 1, 2016; it will eliminate the current tonnage cap; and it will allow transfer stations to accept hazardous waste.

**Council Questions**

Councilors asked why hazardous waste has not been accepted in the past. Mr. Brower stated that in the past there were strict regulations for hazardous waste from third party agencies.

5.1.1 Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1306. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

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 passed.

5.2 **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.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1307.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Mr. Brower stated that the following four ordinances, No. 13-1307 – 13-1310, will all extend solid waste franchises for the next 2 years for transfer stations in Wilsonville, Sherwood, Troutdale, and Forrest Grove.

5.2.1 Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1307. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

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 passed.

5.3 **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.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1308.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

5.3.1 Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1308. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

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 passed.

5.4 **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.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1309.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

5.4.1 Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1309. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

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 passed.

5.5 **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.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1310.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

5.5.1 Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1310. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

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 passed.

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

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1310.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Mr. Brower stated that this ordinance will allow for administrative and procedural change in improving enforcement and contested case procedures related to illegal dumping.

5.6.1 Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1311. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

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 passed.

## 6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 13-4446**, For the Purpose Supporting the City of Beaverton's Affordable Housing Tax Exemption Program for Non-Profit Housing Providers.

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1310.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Mr. Gerry Uba, Metro, introduced Mr. Don Mazziotti, City of Beaverton, to give an overview of the City's Affordable Housing Tax Exemption Program, in hopes of extending this program. Mr.

Mazziotti stated that in 2010, the City of Beaverton implemented an affordable housing study, following the City of Tigard's example, and found that the Beaverton/Hillsboro area has the highest rate of affordable housing, per capita, in the region. Mr. Mazziotti stated that construction costs have increased so much in recent years that affordable housing is extremely hard to even build. The needs for affordable housing in the area are ever increasing, growing 18% every 10 years. It is predicted that 800 more units will meet the city's need. This number of units will also maintain the existing number of affordable housing units. Mr. Mazziotti stated that approval of only 51% of the taxing jurisdictions is needed to extend the affordable housing tax exemption, but he is before the Metro Council, even after having received the needed 51%. He stated that he will be soliciting all of the jurisdictions involved. Mr. Mazziotti stated that he is seeking approval from Metro because he believed it is consistent with Metro's values.

### ***Council Questions***

Councilors expressed their overall appreciation for Mr. Mazziotti and the City of Beaverton for seeking approval from the Metro Council on the issue. Councilors stated the importance of available affordable housing in the region. Councilors also expressed excitement about the projects coming from the tax exemption.

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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## **7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

COO Martha Bennett noted the upcoming open house for the Oregon Convention Center Hotel Project.

COO Bennett stated the first year work plan for the natural areas and parks levy was approved.

## **8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Craddick stated that she attended the first meeting of the Equity Strategy Advisory Committee and is excited for the highly engaged and diverse group on the committee.

Councilor Carlotta Collette stated that she attended the most recent Regional Transpiration Committee meeting, in which the discussion revolved around the 150% List of projects in the region. She noted that working through this list of projects will require a lot of work and she applauds ODOT for their efforts thus far.

Councilor Collette also thanked Councilor Kathryn Harrington for the work she has done reaching out to jurisdictions about the Regional Active Transportation Plan.

Councilor Sam Chase applauded the Zoo Foundation for a successful event in ZooLaLa. He stated that they were able to raise \$ 80 thousand more than last year.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington stated that an overview of Congestion Bottleneck Operations Study (CBOS) will be coming before MPAC and council in the near future. Councilor Harrington also praised the City of Cornelius for recently being awarded a financial audit award for their budget. In

addition, she also praised the City's new City Manager, Rob Drake, for building a stronger community and leveraging the City's resources.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:16 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, August 8th at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber. The Metro Council briefly recessed and then reconvened in the Council Annex for the following:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Montanez  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2013**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.0	Citizen Communication	8/1/13	Ron Swaren written testimony	80113c-01