



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Oct. 3, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPT. 26, 2013

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve the Sept. 26, 2013 council minutes.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilor Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion and minutes as amended. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READ

4.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1316**, For the Purpose of Amending the Urban Growth Boundary in the Vicinity of the City of Wilsonville Upon Application By the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Oct. 10, 2013. Ordinance No. 13-1316 will require a quasi-judicial hearing.

- 4.2 **Ordinance No. 13-1318**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2013-14 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Add 0.75 FTE to Each of the Parks Levy Fund and the Zoo Bond Fund.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Oct. 10, 2013.

5. **RESOLUTIONS**

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 13-4462**, For the Purpose of Adopting Changes to the Metro Capital Asset Management Policy.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4462.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Mr. Tim Collier and Mr. Brian Kennedy of Metro provided a brief staff report for Resolution No. 13-4462. Each year, as part of the budget process, the Metro Council is asked to readopt the agency's financial policies. However, given the significance of the resolution's proposed changes, staff has chosen to bring the capital asset management policy for Council consideration and review mid-year. The resolution, if adopted, would approve the following policy changes:

- (1) Consolidate several existing agency policies and procedures into one comprehensive policy;
- (2) Recognize the common practices between MERC and Metro, and consolidate Metro and MERC capital asset management policies; and
- (3) Incorporate the agency's sustainability and green building policies into the capital asset management policy.

(See Exhibit A and staff report for details.)

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilor Craddick, Collette, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

- 5.2 **Resolution No. 13-4464**, For the Purpose of Approving an Agreement Between the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TRIMET) and Metro for Purchase of Convention Event Passes.

Motion:	Council President Hughes moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4464.
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Ms. Teri Dresler of Metro introduced Resolution No. 13-4464, which if adopted would approve an intergovernmental agreement between TriMet and Metro to provide free rail transportation for citywide conventions. The program, previously provided by Fareless Square and other rail programs, was a partnership between TriMet, City of Portland, and Metro under the old visitor facilities intergovernmental agreement. Under that agreement, each of the three parties covered one third of the cost of operation of the program beyond the city center and Lloyd District areas. Unfortunately, Fareless Square was eliminated in fall 2012.

Since September 2012, Metro, TriMet and Travel Portland have discussed opportunities to continue the program as it not only provides economic and environmental benefits, but is also a valuable incentive for meeting planners. In August 2013, the Metro Council approved an amended and restated the visitor facilities IGA which included a new *Convention Visitor Public Transit Passes* bucket. The IGA, as listed in Resolution No. 13-4464, describes the administration of the program and funding, and agreements made between Metro, TriMet and Travel Portland regarding measuring the actual use of transit passes. Funds from this bucket will be used to pay for the pilot program until June 30, 2017. At that time, Metro and partners will review the data collected and determine if the funding is sufficient based on the ticket usage, and discuss if additional visitor facility trust account funds are necessary to cover for the program or if the program should be changed. Metro staff thanked Travel Portland and TriMet for being great partners on this project.

Council discussion

Councilors asked clarifying questions about how many transit passes are actually used by convention goers. Staff estimates that 60 percent of the passes distributed to visitors are actually used. Staff expect to have more concrete data after the close of the program pilot when better information is available on the general trending of what percentage of tickets provided are actually used. Councilors also discussed work Metro, Travel Portland and TriMet are doing to encourage convention attendees to take transit. Examples included improved transit signage at the airport and at rail platforms, and annual trainings with hotel concierge staff on how best to orient travelers and provide simple information on how to navigate the region. Councilors also stated that the program will benefit local hoteliers and businesses in downtown Portland and beyond because it provides convention attendees free, system-wide transportation. Councilors also noted that the program is an opportunity to transition a functional transportation system into an attraction for the region.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilor 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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5.3 Resolution No. 13-4465, For the Purpose of Approving the Oregon Convention Center Hotel Memorandum of Understanding with City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4465.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Ms. Dresler and Ms. Cheryl Twete of Metro provided a brief staff report on Resolution No. 13-4465. Over the past several months, Metro and partners City of Portland and Multnomah County work collaboratively to review, amend and restate the visitor facilities intergovernmental agreement, and develop the Oregon Convention Center Hotel Project's term sheet. As part of that process, partners expressed interest in developing an updated list of goals and expectations about the development and operation of the OCC Hotel.

The resolution, if adopted, would approve a memorandum of understanding between Metro, the city and county that memorializes the goals and issues and concerns raised, and can be used to guide Metro's future discussions with the Hotel development team. The MOU goals address, for example, hotel brand, size and available amenities, parking and labor peace agreements, establish a commitment that the hotel will serve as a rate leader, and calls for a land appraisal to verify the

appropriate market value. Staff confirmed that the city and county approved the MOU on Sept. 19 and Sept. 26 respectively. (Full MOU included as Exhibit A to resolution.)

Council discussion

Councilors thanked Council President Hughes for his leadership and Metro and partner staff for their hard work on the project. Councilors stated that Metro and partner jurisdictions have managed to move the project to the furthest point to date, a project concept that began 25 years ago. Councilors stated that the MOU provides an opportunity identify and acknowledge the issues and/or concerns raised by Metro, partners and the public, and assure all parties that these concerns will be addressed. Councilors emphasized that project decisions are not made unilaterally, and that the MOU is a useful tool to have in place as development discussions move forward.

Additional comments addressed the hotel design. Councilors expressed interest in developing a hotel that encompasses the Portland area's brand, look and feel.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilor 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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5.4 **Resolution No. 13-4466**, For the Purpose of Approving the Amended Agreement Regarding Consolidation of Regional Convention, Trade, Spectator and Performing Arts Facilities Owned and Operated by the City of Portland and Metro.

Motion:	Councilor Craddick moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4466.
Second:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Ms. Twete introduced Resolution No. 13-4466. If adopted, the resolution would amend a consolidation agreement between the City of Portland and Metro regarding Metro's management of the city's *Portland's Center for the Arts* facilities: the Schnitzer, Winningstad, Keller, Newmark, and Brunish theaters. The amended agreement would:

- (1) Modify the consumer price index definition that guides the annual adjustment in the payment of funding from the city to Metro for operating the performing arts centers;
- (2) Clarify that the city's contributions to Metro can be used for both operating and capital expenses at the art facilities; and
- (3) Update the notification provisions between the city and Metro for official notifications.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilor 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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6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on:

- Ms. Bennett thanked the Westside Economic Alliance (WEA), Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA), and Homebuilders Association for hosting the Oct. 2 forum on infrastructure. She thanked the organizations for leading a robust and engaging conversation.
- Councilors are invited to attend two upcoming Transit Oriented Development events: Oct. 9 groundbreaking ceremony of the Radiator project, and Oct. 24 hardhat tour of the Prescott apartment complex.
- Metro has received a membership offer to sit on four local business association boards, WEA, CCBA, Columbia Corridor Association, and the East Metro Economic Alliance, at a reduced rate of \$10,000 total. Council President Hughes would be responsible for appointing the Metro representatives to the associations; all positions would be voting members. Ms. Bennett confirmed that there are sufficient funds in Metro's FY13-14 budget. Ms. Bennett asked, and fully received, the Metro Council's support for the agency to become members of the above four associations.
- The tour of Waste Management's Arlington landfill is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 4. The bus will leave promptly at 7:45 a.m.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Land Conservation and Development Commission's Local Officials Advisory Committee meeting, Oregon Zoo Foundation meeting, MERC meeting, and Washington County's Community Participation Organization (CPO) #7 meeting.

Councilors expressed interest in a work session to discuss the Oregon Zoo Foundation's recent structure and organizational changes. In addition, councilors requested information on which, if any, areas in the Metro service district overlap with urban and/or rural reserves.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:12 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCT. 3, 2013

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.	Minutes	9/26/13	Council minutes for Sept. 26, 2013	100313c-01
5.3	Legislation	N/A	Revised Res. No. 13-4465 (redline)	100313c-02