



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Oct. 31, 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 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. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Oct. 31 consent agenda which consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of the Council minutes for Oct. 24, 2013;• Resolution No. 13-4470, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Javier Fernandez to the Investment Advisory Board; and• Resolution No. 13-4472, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Mary Peveto and Jason Joy to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCEC).
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Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution No. 13-4468A, For the Purpose of Adopting the Southwest Corridor Shared Investment Strategy.

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4468A.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Councilors Dirksen and Stacey provided introductory remarks on the Southwest Corridor project, a project which began over two years ago. Councilors stated that the efforts each city in the corridor put into its own land use planning work formed the basis of the plan and guides partners to move forward collaboratively towards implementation and investing limited public dollars in a way that supports the community vision. The Steering Committee's recommendation, outlined in the resolution, includes a package of investments and actions to support the local land use visions. All nine of the participating agencies – Sherwood, King City, Beaverton, Durham, Tigard, Portland, Tualatin and Washington and Multnomah Counties – have approved resolutions in support of the Southwest Corridor Shared Investment Strategy. In addition, the project has received letters from TriMet, Lake Oswego and ODOT, Region 1 endorsing the plan. In addition, the Metro Policy Advisory Committee and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation unanimously expressed their support for the legislation.

Council welcomed Mayor Lou Ogden of Tualatin, Councilor Gretchen Buehner of Tigard, General Manager Neil McFarlane of TriMet, and city staff Josh Alpert of the Portland Mayor's Office to share a few words. Presenters provided brief updates on their jurisdiction or agency's current planning activities and emphasized the positive impact the project will have on the communities along the corridor. Presenters thanked Metro for its leadership and hosting a collaborative process, and stated that while the investment strategy is a significant accomplishment and step forward, there is more work to be done.

Ms. Malu Wilkinson of Metro provided a brief overview of the Southwest Corridor Plan, Shared Investment Strategy, and recommendations from the project Steering Committee. The southwest project corridor, which runs from southern downtown Portland to the city of Sherwood, was identified as a top priority for high capacity transit and one of two top priority mobility corridors in the region. Her presentation included information on the project vision, partnership, public involvement, and steering committee's recommendations on transit, roadway and active transportation, and green projects, and development incentives and policy changes. Resolution No. 13-4468A, if approved, would direct Metro staff to move into the project refinement phase. Staff anticipates the steering committee will consider a decision to move the project into the federal planning process, under the National Environmental Policy Act, in 2014. Additionally, the resolution would renew and reauthorize the steering committee, and create a public-private partnership, *ID Southwest*, composed of housing providers, community-based organizations, etc. to help the steering committee and project partners implement the Shared Investment Strategy. (Presentation included as part of the meeting record.)

Council discussion

Councilors thanked presenters for attending the meeting and their thoughtful comments, and Ms. Wilkinson for her leadership on the project. Councilors thanked partners and local community groups for their professionalism and creation of a collaborative process. Councilors emphasized the

magnitude of the shared investment strategy, and stated that the resolution was proof that regional needs can be achieved through the achievement of local, city and county community visions, and land use visions. Councilors congratulated partners on their exemplary work and new, smart approach to corridor planning. Councilors emphasized the model's integrated approach to include elements such as green projects and land use visions, in addition transportation needs; and how the plan was crafted by linking local communities' aspirations together. Councilors stated that partners need to continue to work collaboratively moving forward and deliver funding to implement the plan. Councilors recommended staff create a document for future use that provides easy to digest information on the shared strategy, and outlines each jurisdiction's vision and how the visions fit together.

Additional comments addressed housing and transportation costs and the financial burden these essentials can have on low-income populations. Councilors were interested in increasing opportunities for this population by reducing the housing and transportation cost burdens. Staff stated that station communities and opportunities for affordable housing and transit would be a key element in future planning and discussions with city project partners.

Vote:

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

5.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1321**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 2.54 Acres Located at 6500 NW Kaiser Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County

Second read, quasi-judicial hearing, and Council consideration and vote on Ordinance No. 13-1321 is scheduled for Nov. 7.

6. **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

6.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1317**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.02 (Financing Powers).

Ms. Alison R. Kean, legal counsel, stated that Ordinance No. 13-1317, 13-1319, and 13-1320 are proposed updates to Metro Code for Council consideration.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Ordinance No. 13-1317.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Mr. Tim Collier of Metro introduced the Ordinance No. 13-1317. Chapter 3, Section 10 of Metro's Charter provides the agency broad authority to issue revenue, general, and special obligation bonds, certificates of participation and other obligations. Metro Code Chapter 7 further provides that Metro, from time to time, may issue revenue bonds for purposes determined by the Metro Council to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the functions, duties and operations of the agency. However, Mr. Collier stated that the Code also requires that in situations where the bonds

issued are used to finance property, Metro must end in an installment sale or loan agreement. These types of agreements are typically used in conduit revenue bond transactions where the issuer loans the bond proceeds to a conduit borrower. He stated that requiring a lease-purchase, installment sale or loan agreement in non-conduit financing hinders Metro's ability to structure transactions in the most efficient way possible. If approved, the ordinance would amend Metro Code to remove the lease purchase installment sale or loan agreement requirement in situations where Metro is issuing a revenue bond to finance property owned by another public or private entity.

Council President Hughes gaveled and opened a public hearing. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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6.2 **Ordinance No. 13-1319**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.16 (Naming of Facilities).

Motion:

Council President Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 13-1319.
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Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter of Metro provided a brief staff report for Ordinance No. 13-1319. Metro Code Chapter 2.16 outlines the agency's policy for naming Metro facilities. Metro Code currently requires that the Council adopt an ordinance in order to name a Metro facility, and requires that Code Section 2.16.030 also be amended to include the name and address of the new facility. Ordinance No. 13-1319 would allow the Metro Council to name agency facilities by resolution. In addition, it would remove the requirement that the Metro Code must be amended to include the name and location of the facility. Ms. Brennan-Hunter stated, for example, that the new system outlined in Ordinance No. 13-1319 would apply to the Council's upcoming consideration of naming Parks and Natural Areas facilities.

Council President Hughes gaveled and opened a public hearing. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Council discussion

Councilors stated that the proposed new system maintains transparency for the public, increases efficiency, and uses public dollars more wisely.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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6.3 **Ordinance No. 13-1320**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Title IV (Oregon Zoo Regulations) and Metro Code Chapter 2.14 (Facilities Related Parking-Policy and Regulations).

Motion:	Councilor Dirksen moved to approve Ordinance No. 13-1320.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Ms. Kim Smith of the Oregon Zoo provided a brief staff report for Ordinance No. 13-1320. She reminded the Metro Council that the council previous approved the Transportation Management Parking Agreement. Per that agreement, the City of Portland now governs all parking in Washington Park. Ms. Smith stated that the Park's Transportation Management Association – for which she is a board member – is up and running and has begun to look at managing parking throughout the entire system. As such, approval of Ordinance No. 13-1320 would amend Metro Code to accurately reflect that the Oregon Zoo no longer has governance or management over Washington Park's south parking lot.

Council President Hughes gaveled and opened a public hearing. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Council discussion

Councilors asked, and staff confirmed, that approval of the ordinance would simply amend Metro Code language to comply with previously approved agreements.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Chase, Dirksen, Collette 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

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following items:

- Ms. Bennett announced that Pietro Ferrari has accepted the position of Metro's Equity Manager.
- Metro's Charitable Giving Campaign kicked off on Oct. 29 and runs through November. She stated that the agency's goal is to have 25 percent participation rate from Metro employees and hopes to raise \$80,000. She encouraged the Metro Councilors to participate and highlighted upcoming fundraising events including bingo and pie auction.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors congratulated Councilor Harrington for receiving Oregon Walks' prestigious 2013 Westin award.

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Aloha-Reedville Community Plan open house, NW Natural company commuter luncheon, tour of the Foster area flood plain, meeting with representatives from the East Portland Action Plan, and the City of Portland's Council meeting. Highlighted upcoming meetings or events included: Center Cultural's annual gala, City of

Beaverton's Council meeting, downtown revitalization workshop in Cornelius, and Willamette Falls presentation with Tom Meyer. Additional councilor comments addressed the Alma Gardens senior affordable housing development, and the City of Forest Grove's adoption of a sustainability action plan.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:28 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7 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. 31, 2013

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	10/24/13	Council minutes for Oct. 24, 2013	103113c-01
4.1	Legislation	N/A	Revised Resolution No. 13-4468 and select Exhibits (redline)	103113c-02
4.1	Letter	10/29/13	To: Bob Stacey and Craig Dirksen From: Loretta Smith RE: Multnomah County representation on the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee	103113c-03
4.1	PowerPoint	10/31/13	Southwest Corridor Plan – Phase 1 Recommendation	103113c-04