



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Nov. 21, 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 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ellen Ino, Portland: Ms. Ino discussed her transition from child to adulthood; highlighting her employment at the Oregon Zoo. She offered councilors an opportunity to job shadow her at the Oregon Zoo to better understand why she is thankful to work for Metro.

Andrew Stoltz, Unite Here #8: Mr. Stoltz addressed the Council on behalf of union-represented Aramark employees at the Oregon Convention Center. He stated that Unite Here is about to begin the economic portion on the union's contract negotiations. He stated that the industry gratuity rate is approximately 64 percent, but Aramark employees currently receive 54 percent. He believed that Aramark employees provide high-quality, professional service to Metro and the OCC. He encouraged Metro to support the union and encouraged Aramark to help close the gap on disparities.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Nov. 21 consent agenda, which consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of the Council minutes for Nov. 7, 2013; and• Resolution No. 13-4471, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Metro Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

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. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

4.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1322**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2013-14 Budget and Appropriations Schedule and the FY 2013-14 through 2017-18 Capital Improvement Plan.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2013.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 **Resolution No. 13-4476**, For the Purpose of Updating the Public Engagement Guide, Formerly the Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning to Conform to Federal Public Engagement Requirements and Established Guidelines for Inclusive Public Engagement.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4476.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Ms. Patty Unfred and Ms. Cassie Salinas of Metro introduced Resolution No. 13-4476. As a recipient of federal transportation funding, Metro is required to periodically update its public participation plan. Staff worked with the Public Engagement Review Committee and Metro’s advisory committees to develop a revised public participation plan, titled Metro’s *Public Engagement Guide*, which sets forth the processes for implementing Metro’s public involvement program and compliance with federal public engagement requirements. The guide – developed as a resource for Metro and local jurisdiction staff, and the public – establishes best practices for ensuring everyone has opportunities to participate in regional planning and decision-making processes in the Portland metro area. The guide provides:

- An overview of Metro as an agency;
- Tools for connecting with Metro to receive information;
- A description of how Metro’s decision-making processes typically work and how to engage during decision-making; and
- Examples of engagement tools and techniques to reach and include underserved populations such as those with limited English proficiency, low-income, elderly and communities of color.

Over 1,400 comments were received from the public and advisory committee members during the 45-day public comment period. Feedback received was used to update the guide included as Exhibit A to Resolution No. 13-4476. Pending the Metro Council’s approval, staff will forward the final plan to the federal government for its review and approval prior to the December 2013 deadline.

Council discussion

Council thanked Metro staff and PERC for their exemplary work and emphasized the significance of the *Public Engagement Guide*. Councilors appreciated the guide’s focus on tools to engage traditionally underserve populations such as communities of color and low-income residents, and believed the guide would serve as a valuable resource for local government staff. Councilors asked clarifying questions about the local engagement and non-discrimination checklist and requirements for local governments. Staff clarified that the checklist provides best practices to help local cities and counties meet federal non-discrimination requirements and assure full compliance with Title VI and environmental justice regulations. While the checklist is not a requirement, it does call for local governments to complete a summary of the key elements of the public engagement process, including outreach to communities of color, etc. for the project. In addition, it outlines the types of documents local governments must retain when submitting a plan to the federal government. Additional discussion address attendance by Metro and local government partners at project events and engagement at the neighborhood level.

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 passed.

5.2 Resolution No. 13-4483, For the Purpose of Approving the Orenco Woods Nature Park Master Plan and the Name of the Orenco Woods Nature Park.

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4483.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter and Mr. Rod Wojtanik of Metro provided a brief presentation on Orenco Woods Nature Park. In the winter of 2011, Metro and the City of Hillsboro purchased the 42-acre former Orenco Woods golf course. In addition, the then Metro Council authorized the net proceeds from the sale of approximately 11-acres in the southeast corner of the parcel to be used to plan and develop the park. In January 2013, Metro and the city entered into an agreement with Polygon Northwest Company, LLC as the buyer for the parcel. The total proceeds from the sale, approximately \$3.4 million, will be divided evenly between the city and Metro to be used for park development and natural resource restoration. Staff anticipates the 11-acre property sale will close in early 2014. Their presentation focused on the project’s goals and conservation targets, and draft master plan, renderings and potential park amenities including forest canopy bridge, and environmental stations. (Full presentation included as part of the meeting record.)

Metro staff welcomed Ms. Mary Ordal of City of Hillsboro and Ms. Bonnie Kookan of the Orenco Neighborhood Association and Parks Advisory Committee to share a few words. Ms. Ordal and Ms. Kookan expressed the city and advisory committee’s support for the project, and thanked Metro and the city for its partnership.

The city approved the master plan in June 2013. Adoption of Resolution No. 13-4483 would approve the master plan and would formally name the park the *Orenco Woods Nature Park* in honor of the Oregon Nursery Company’s connection to the site.

Council Discussion

Council stated that property is a wonderful asset for not only the local community but also the entire Portland metro region. Councilors congratulated presenters on the significant milestone in bringing the park to life. Councilors discussed the benefits the park will provide the region's residents – from nature trails to expanded environmental education for children – now and into the future. Councilors asked clarifying questions about the proposed Polygon Northwest residential development. Staff stated that Hillsboro is a very diverse community and that more than 30 percent of the city's residents are from minority communities. The park, which sits just east of the city center, is near the city's higher-density residential area. Additional discussion address the park's proximately to two light rail stations.

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 passed.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following items:

- The Metro Equity Strategy Advisory Committee was held on Monday, Nov. 18. Meeting topics included establishing a definition of equity and establishment of the equity baseline workgroup. The next Advisory Committee meeting is schedule for January 2014.
- The Oregon Legislature recently passed House Bill 2620 which aims to better align community development and economic development strategies. A series of workshops have been scheduled, including one workshop at Metro on December 5.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: North Portland Enhancement Committee meeting, and Portland Business Alliance event.

8. 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, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOV. 21, 2013

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	11/7/13	Council minutes for Nov. 7, 2013	112113c-01
5.2	PowerPoint	11/21/13	Orengo Woods Nature Park	112113c-02