



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Dec. 5, 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. AUDIT OF THE ORGANIC WASTE PROGRAM

Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn and Mr. Brian Evans of the Office of the Metro Auditor provided a presentation on a recent audit of the effectiveness of the region's organic waste program. The objectives of the audit were to determine the program's impact on the regional recovery rate, and to identify potential actions Metro might take to improve the program. The Auditor's Office overviewed the audit's scope, methodology, and findings. The report provided Metro three recommendations moving forward:

1. Metro should address the commercial and residential organic waste recovery program to determine cost effectiveness in meeting statutory and environmental goals.
2. If Metro determines the program to be cost effective and beneficial, the agency should determine the leadership role it is willing to take to advance the program's goals.
3. Metro should clarify how the agency would meet internal goals and performance measures to ensure the three departments involved are aligned to achieve the program's desired outcome.

The audit, released in October 2013, was included in the FY 2012-13 audit schedule. (Full audit included as part of the meeting record.)

Mr. Matt Korot of Metro thanked the Metro Auditor and her staff for their work, and provided a brief management response. Mr. Korot stated that the audit conveys the complexity of the organics system and makes useful findings and recommendations that will help management moving forward. He stated that the region has made process in recovering food from the waste stream, but

there is more work to be done. He briefly addressed each of the audit’s three recommendations and how staff is responding. For example, in response to the first recommendation, Mr. Korot stated that the agency is currently working on a project, the Solid Waste Roadmap, which is focused on ensuring there is adequate long-term capacity to process the region’s waste. Staff will be reviewing the direct costs and environmental benefits of increasing food waste recovery as part of the project. (See report for full management response.)

Councilor discussion

The Metro Council thanked the Auditor for her report. Councilors asked clarifying questions about the contribution of food waste on the regional recovery rate. Audit staff stated that, despite the increases in food recovery programs such as that at the City of Portland, food waste only contributes approximately 1.4 percent of the total regional recovery rate.

Councilors discussed the different waste programs in the region, and asked the Auditor’s Office for recommendations on possible incentives to encourage local jurisdictions to implement garbage collection and food recovery programs. Audit staff stated that one incentive would be to keep prices low to encourage those producing waste to participate in the program, while collecting sufficient revenue to create a long-term sustainable system for those processing the waste. The Auditor and Councilors emphasized the complexity of the issue, and that the agency’s values must be weighed in addition to the costs and benefits. Councilors stated that the Auditor’s Office should help to define metrics for measuring the costs and benefits of a program, but that the Council – as the agency’s policy leaders – should decide how to balance or match up the costs and benefits. Councilors stated that costs and benefits carry nonmonetary elements that must be considered. Councilors highlighted, as an example, relationships with local governments as a nonmonetary element that would need to be discussed. Additional discussion addressed the Solid Waste Roadmap project.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Dec. 5 consent agenda, which consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Council minutes for Nov. 21, 2013; and • Resolution No. 13-4484, For the Purpose Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee.
Second:	Councilor Sam Chase 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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5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 13-1313**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Metro Geographic Information System Map of Metro’s District and Jurisdictional Boundaries and Making Technical Corrections.

Second read, public hearing and Council consideration and vote scheduled for December 12.

6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

6.1 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.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Ordinance No. 13-1322.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Mr. Tim Collier of Metro provided staff's report on Ordinance No. 13-1322, the first of four quarterly scheduled consolidated budget amendments. Mr. Collier summarize the ordinance and stated that if approved, it would amend the FY 13-14 budget and 2017-18 capital improvement plan for seven projects, add or recognize 1.7 FTE to the adopted budget, transfer \$210,000 from the General fund contingencies, \$75,000 from the General Asset Management Fund Contingency and Approximately \$577,00 from the MERC fund contingency.

Of the eleven requests outlined in Ordinance No. 13-1322:

- Seven requests were related to capitals projects, such as construction of a gender-neutral bathroom at the Metro Regional Center (MRC), and installation of a technology cooling system at the Oregon Convention Center.
- Two requests addressed staffing needs at Metro venues. The first request included one, three-year limited duration Metro venues policy coordinator position at the MRC, and the second request included one 0.5 FTE Security Officer position, and one 0.2 FTE increase to an existing 0.6 FTE Farm Mentor position at the Oregon Zoo.
- One request was for funds to review and update Metro's First Opportunity Target Area program.
- One request was for funds to purchase licenses for the agency's new budget management software.

Council President Hughes gaveled and opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-1322. Seeing no members of the public who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Council discussion

Councilors asked clarifying questions about the number of budget requests in the first quarter, and competition of Metro's central data center. Staff stated that the current budget was fairly set in April 2013. It is common for changes or requests to occur. Staff did not believe the number or the amount of the first quarter consolidated budget amendments were a lot, but stated that they would continue to monitor staff requests. In addition, staff noted that setting a schedule for consolidated amendments prevents the Council from having to consider one off amendments throughout the fiscal year.

In addition, staff addressed the completion of Metro's central data center. Metro is consolidating three technology data centers into a single enterprise call center at the OCC to serve all Metro properties. Funds requested, \$100,00 from the General Fund Reserve, would be used to install a dedicated, energy efficient cooling system. Staff stated that Metro is pursuing a new technology configuration that needs less physical space, and therefore creates less heat and requires less cooling. That said, staff stated that the agency's Information Services Department was mindful of

the of the OCC's LEED certification standards, and selected a cooling system consistent with the building's accreditation. The funds for the project were proposed from the General Fund Reserve because the project would serve multiple Metro properties.

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.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following items:

- A status up on how inclement weather is affecting Metro properties and facilities.
- The City of Portland held a press conference about Washington Park's new parking management plan. The new rules will take effect in January 2014. Direct questions and public inquiries to Teri Dresler of Metro.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Oregon Zoo Art Committee and Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission meetings. Additional updates addressed the former Blue Heron site's new buyer, the Langley Company. Councilors stated that Langley wants to partner with the project moving forward.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:54 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Dec. 12 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 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