



## METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

Feb. 13, 2014

Metro, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called the regular council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Dana Carstensen, Hillsboro: Mr. Carstensen stated that he has been an employee at the Oregon Zoo for eight months. He discussed the positive workforce and environment, but expressed a desire for more respect and dignity for employees seeking assistance in hard economic times.

Matt Ellison, Portland: Mr. Ellison stated that he has worked as a temporary food service worker for three years at the Oregon Zoo. He attributed his family's security and stability in paying for healthcare to his parents' union jobs with living wages. He described the Oregon Zoo workforce as a diverse group of giving, creative, confident, exuberant human beings that has become his second family and support structure. He spoke of his experience with security and stability as a privilege denied to deserving workers. He stated that paid sick leave should be a right for Metro employees who otherwise must choose between going to work sick or staying home.

Elizabeth Anne McDonnell, Portland: Ms. McDonnell stated that she accepted a job at the Oregon Zoo for the flexible schedule and stayed because of the sense of camaraderie among workers and commitment to their work. Ms. McDonnell stated that she has worked at the zoo for seven years and is still classified as a temporary employee. She discussed temporary employment status as a cause for low morale at the Oregon Zoo and also labor shortages approaching the Zoo's busiest season. She cited the pay-freeze in place as another reason for low morale. She stated that the pay freeze has been in place for three years and is not communicated during the hiring process.

Les Poole, Gladstone: Mr. Poole stated that he owns property in Damascus and is concerned about results of Metro's Urban Growth Boundary work. He cited the year 2000 when Metro's expansion into Beaver Creek was overturned and, as a result, Metro began to introduce expansions individually. Mr. Poole stated opposition to potential legislation in Salem regarding the Legislature's role in Urban Growth Boundary decisions, but expressed support for Counties to address solutions.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve the Feb. 13 consent agenda, which consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of the Council Minutes for Jan. 23, 2014; and</li> <li>• <b>Resolution No. 14-4504</b>, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Purchase Property in the Willamette River Greenway Target Area.</li> </ul>
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Vote: Deputy Council Sam Chase, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion passed.

**3. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

3.1 **Ordinance No. 14-1323**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 and Related Provisions of Metro Code Chapter 7.01 to Allow Solid Waste Disposal Fees and Charges and Solid Waste Excise Tax Rates to Take Effect at the Beginning of Each Fiscal Year, and to Update Other Sections of Metro Code.

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Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Ordinance No. 14-1323.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Sam Chase called on Mr. Brian Kennedy to provide a brief staff report.

Mr. Kennedy stated that Ordinance No. 14-1323 imposes three changes in the Solid Waste section of the Metro Code. The first change allows the solid waste rates to take place at the beginning of the fiscal year. The effect is expected to be slightly lower solid waste rates and slightly higher collections of excise tax to the general fund. The second change paves the way for a simpler and more transparent rate ordinance in the future by allowing Council to adopt rates by a simple rate schedule each year. The third change directs the Chief Operating Officer to have staff develop administrative procedures regarding handling of contaminated soils and the rates for those soils.

Deputy Council President Chase called for Council questions. There were none.

Deputy Council President Chase opened a public hearing. Seeing no citizens who wished to comment, the public hearing was closed.

Vote: Deputy Council Sam Chase, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion passed.

**4. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following items:

- Community Partners for Affordable Housing will be holding its annual Homeward Bound Event on April 11 at the Oregon Zoo where Councilor Dirksen will be awarded Friend of Affordable Housing for his services as Mayor of Tigard.
- Due to a major landslide near Hood River that closed the Interstate-84 freeway between Troutdale and Hood River, Metro's solid waste has been diverted around Mt. Hood.
- Metro and the City of Hillsboro sold an 11-acre parcel of Orenco Woods Nature Park on Tuesday, February 11 to Polygon Northwest, a residential developer, for \$3.4 million. Orenco Woods Nature Park will be a 42-acre park with a master plan approved by both Metro Council and Hillsboro City Council. Ms. Bennett thanked Ms. Barbara Edwardson and Ms. Hope Whitney for their work on the transaction.

## 5. **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). Councilor Dirksen clarified Mayor Doyle's statement on Portland's growing population by stating that the population growth estimate was a 40-year estimate based upon the population beginning in the year 2000.

Councilor Collette expressed condolences for William Wild, a representative member on MPAC, who passed away.

Deputy Council President Chase sought Council authorization on a Customer Advisory Board (CAB) event Travel Portland would be hosting. All Councilors gave thumbs up to approve the CAB authorization.

## 6. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Chase adjourned the regular meeting at 2:38 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

The Metro Council recessed into the Council Annex for an executive session held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h). To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 13, 2014**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
3.0	Minutes	1/23/14	Council minutes for Jan. 23, 2014	21314c-01