



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
May 15, 2014  
Metro, Council Chamber

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

Excused: All Council Members Present

Council President Hughes noted a quorum was present and called the regular council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Hughes welcomed citizens in the audience who came to speak on the West Side Trail and members of the Oregon Zoo staff. He thanked them for taking time from their schedules to come talk to Council and introduced the rules for citizen communication.

He first called on two members of the audience who were in attendance to speak to the West Side Trail. Both citizens spoke of their involvement with the West Side Trail issue, its process, and hope for passage.

The Metro Council then heard from approximately 10 Oregon Zoo employees regarding recent Oregon Zoo personnel changes. A majority of testifiers were from the City of Portland with the exception of one from Hillsboro, OR, one from Beaverton, OR, and one from Banks, OR. Councilor Harrington expressed her appreciation for the work done.

Comments primarily focused on concern with how the Oregon Zoo is managed as it relates to personnel issues and associated processes. Specific issues include the recent dismissal of Executive Director Kim Smith and Senior Veterinarian Mitch Finnegan, Ph.D. All spoke to the special relationship zoo employees had with Dr. Finnegan and his skills and reputation within the veterinary profession. The zoo employees requested that Dr. Finnegan be reinstated and submitted a petition signed by 55 (as of May 15, 2014) Oregon Zoo employees. The signed petition was accompanied by numerous letters of support for Dr. Finnegan.

Council President Hughes acknowledged the testimony and correspondence received and expressed the Council's appreciation for both the Zoo employees work and passion.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Hughes noted there were three items on the consent agenda: (1) consideration of Council Minutes for May 8, (2) Resolution No. 14-4502, and (3) Resolution No. 14-4525.

**Council President Hughes asked for a motion. Councilor Chase moved the Consent Agenda. Councilor Craddick seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.**

**4. RESOLUTIONS**

**4.1 Resolution No. 14-4522, For the Purpose of Approving the Westside Trail Master Plan.**

**Council President Hughes requested a motion. Councilor Harrington moved Resolution No. 14-4522. Councilor Collette seconded.**

Council President Hughes called on the Director of the Sustainability Center Jim Desmond and Project Manager Robert Spurlock to present the department staff report. Mr. Desmond provided a thorough overview of the presentation and then turned it over to Mr. Spurlock to walk the Council through a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights include the process followed such as working in coordination with regional partners, public engagement, technical analysis, property acquisition, and impact to environment / wildlife.

Council President Hughes noted that the Council had received three submitted letters of testimony. One from the Bicycle Transportation Alliance in support of the Westside Master Plan, one from the Forest Park Neighborhood Association in opposition, and one from Mike Robinson on behalf of Walter Bowen in opposition.

He then asked for questions and/or comments from Council. Points raised by Council include praise for the project and work well done, benefits or importance of Metro's regional trails, challenges involved with regional trail systems, relationship to transportation systems, and mitigation of impacts.

**Seeing no further questions or comments from Council, Council President Hughes called for a vote. The Council Administrator called roll. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.**

**5. ORDINANCES - FIRST READ**

**5.1 Ordinance No. 14-1330, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 24.55 Acres Located Along NW Brugger Road and NW Kaiser Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County.**

Council President Hughes asked the Court Administrator to read the ordinance into the record by title only. Ordinance No. 14-1330 was read into the record. Council President Hughes noted that second read and public hearing is scheduled for May 29.

**6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett briefed the Council on five issues:

- next week's Council Work Session and attendance;
- cancellation of the May 22 Council Meeting;
- Per House Bill 4029, Metro's role in reporting the City of Damascus's boundary issue to the Oregon State Department of Revenue and to Clackamas County if the City fails to act within the required 30 days;
- Metro Paint – Oregon Paint Recycling Program; and
- the Oregon Zoo's California Condor program.

**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Hughes called on his colleagues. Councilor Harrington updated the Council on MPAC's recent meeting. Councilor Craddick briefed the Council on the Oregon Zoo Bond Committee's work and her tour of the elephant exhibit. She also noted the dedication of the 4<sup>th</sup> and Main Affordable Housing Project in Downtown Hillsboro. Councilor Dirksen and Council President Hughes also commented on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Main project.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. The Metro Council will convene in next regular council meeting on Thursday, May 29 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Troy Rayburn  
Council Administrator

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION / HANDOUTS:**

**TTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 15, 2014**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Testimonial Letter from Amy, Zoo Employee	51514-01
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Testimonial Letter from Jan Mothershed	51514-02
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Black and white photo of zoo medical procedure	51514-03
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Testimonial Letter from Michelle Schireman	51514-04
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Testimonial Email from bufalmaco@comcast.net	51514-05
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Testimonial Email from Rick Harvey	51514-06
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Testimonial Letter from Julie Christie	51514-07
2	Handout	5/12/2014	Testimonial Letter from Richard Grudzien	51514-08
2	Handout	5/7/2014	Testimonial Letter from Margot Monti	51514-09
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Celess Zinda	51514-10
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Nicole Nicassio-Hiskey	51514-11
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Hannah Feral	51514-12
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Kristen Watson	51514-13

2	Handout	5/9/2014	Testimonial Letter from Madison Denison	51514-14
2	Handout	5/8/2014	Testimonial Letter from Kelli Harvison	51514-15
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Pam Starkey	51514-16
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Miscellaneous Testimonial Letter - No author cited	51514-17
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Julie (no last name given)	51514-18
2	Handout	No Dated Given	Testimonial Letter from Amber Morrow	51514-19
2	Handout	No Date Given	Testimonial Letter from Tina Johnson	51514-20
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Becca (No last name given)	51514-21
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Lori Zanotta	51514-22
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Mitch Bergren	51514-23
2	Handout	5/12/2014	Testimonial Email from Bree Boothe	51514-24
2	Handout	5/12/2014	Testimonial Email from Mathew Brooks	51514-25
2	Handout	5/12/2014	Testimonial Letter from Shannon LaMonica	51514-26
2	Handout	5/12/2014	Testimonial Letter from Amanda Standford	51514-27
2	Handout	5/12/2014	Testimonial Letter from Theresa Rounds	51514-28

2	Handout	5/12/2014	Testimonial Email from Hazel Koonce / Megan Koonce	51514-29
2	Handout	No Date Given	Testimonial Letter (No author's name given)	51514-30
2	Handout	May 13, 2014	Testimonial Email from Deanna Sawtelle	51514-31
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Gwen Harris	51514-32
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter from Lauran Hunter	51514-33
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Petition: Signed by 55 Oregon Zoo Employees	51514-34
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Petition Letters (14)	51514-35
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Testimonial Letter (No author cited)	51514-36
2	Handout	5/8/2014	Metro Council Minutes for May 8, 2014	51514-37
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Letter from Perkin Coie signed by Michael C. Robinson RE: Westside Trail Master Plan	51514-38
2	Handout	5/15/2014	Testimonial Letter from Carol Chesarek RE: Westside Trail Master Plan	51514-39
2	Handout	5/13/2014	Testimonial Letter from Gerik Kransky RE; Westside Trail Master Plan	51514-40
2	Handout	No Date Noted	Memorandum of Understanding RE: 21 <sup>st</sup> Century ACT	51514-41