



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Sept. 4, 2014

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 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Courtney Scott, Portland: Ms. Scott addressed the Council on the elephants at the Oregon Zoo, dedicating her testimony in the memory of Watoto, the elephant matriarch from the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, Wash. She encouraged the Council to release the Oregon Zoo's herd to an elephant sanctuary, starting with Packy. She cited health issues, such as foot disease and tuberculosis, as reasoning. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

Nancy Newell, Portland: Ms. Newell addressed the Council on the elephants at the Oregon Zoo. She shared information from recent scientific studies on elephants and cognitive awareness, encouraging the Council to release the Oregon Zoo's herd. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

Ann Radley, Vancouver: Ms. Radley addressed the Council on the elephants at the Oregon Zoo. Ms. Radley compared the health issues and recent death of Watoto, the elephant from the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, to Packy.

Sandy Miller, Portland: Ms. Miller addressed the Council on the elephants at the Oregon Zoo. She encouraged the release of the herd to an elephant sanctuary, citing physical and mental health issues as reasoning.

Terry Parker, Portland: Mr. Parker spoke to the Council about reducing the demolition rate of single family homes. He suggested that instead Metro offer home rehabilitation and deconstruction incentives to encourage reuse and reduce the amount of debris going to landfills. (Written testimony included as part of the meeting record.)

3. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2014

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to adopt Council Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2014.
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 passed.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution No. 14-4557, For the Purpose of Ratifying the 2014-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between AFSCME 3580 and Metro

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 14-4557.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Metro staff, Lisa Colling, who presented a staff report on the 2014-2017 agreement between AFSCME 3580 and Metro. Ms. Colling highlighted four key elements of the three-year agreement:

- Wages, specifically cost of living adjustments
- Health insurance changes regarding premium sharing
- Union bargaining specifics
- Additional provisions.

Prior to Council discussion, Council President Hughes introduced Sustainability Center principal planner and AFSCME 3580 President, Matt Tracy. Mr. Tracy encouraged the Council to pass the resolution and recognized both bargaining teams for their good work.

Council President Hughes welcomed Council discussion on the resolution. Councilors acknowledged the bargaining teams and thanked them for their great work.

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. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following items:

- Status of the ongoing public comment period and outreach events for the Powell-Division Corridor Project, including the Native American Youth and Family Center Powwow on Saturday, September 6
- Congratulated Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Natural Areas Program director, who was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the Oregon Recreation and Park Association

- Informed Council that the Oregon Zoo will host the first-ever symposium about nature-based play on September 15.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Harrington recognized the City of Hillsboro and Metro Transit Oriented Development Program project, 4th and Main, which received the Better Bricks Award for Public-Private Partnership from the Portland Business Journal.

Councilor Craddick discussed the Powell-Division Equity Work Group event, which she attended with Councilor Stacey.

Council President Hughes discussed the Waste Management Community Partnership reception and dinner, which he attended with Councilor Harrington, where the Intertwine Alliance was awarded \$150,000 based on encouragement from Council President Hughes and Councilor Harrington

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:37 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, September 11 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra Eldridge, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEP. 4, 2014

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Testimony	9/4/14	Testimony from citizen Courtney Scott	9414c-01
2.0	Testimony	9/4/14	Testimony from citizen Nancy Newell	9414c-02
2.0	Testimony	9/4/14	Testimony from citizen Terry Parker	9414c-03