



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Dec. 11, 2014

Metro, Council Chambers

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

2. FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FINANCIAL AUDIT RESULTS PRESENTATION

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn and James Lanzarotta, Brad Smith and Ashley Austin from Moss Adams to provide a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Financial Audit Results. Ms. Flynn explained that Oregon State Law requires that Metro have independent auditors review financial transactions and records each year, so the Moss Adams auditors are here to provide the results of this year's audit. Mr. Smith gave an overview of the audit process and described what they'd be presenting today including of the nature of the audit, results of the audit, new and upcoming audit standards coming soon, and provide a few best practices or improvements that Metro could make. The auditors indicated that the audit went very well with no reportable findings or efficiencies in internal control that needed to be reported to Metro Council. The auditors pointed out a couple of best practices that would be helpful to implement relating to streamlining internal processes, but overall reported that Metro had a really great report. They also noted the great communication and hard work of Metro staff and management.

Council President Hughes called for the management response and introduced Finance and Regulatory Services (FRS) Director, Tim Collier. Mr. Collier addressed the recommendations from the auditors, explained the Popular Annual Financial Report and thanked his staff who worked on this report and with the auditors throughout the audit process.

Council Discussion

Councilors thanked FRS Director, Tim Collier and his staff, Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn and her staff, and Moss Adams for working through a complex and difficult process and creating a great document.

3. METRO CENTRAL ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE 2015 FUNDING PRESENTATION

Deputy Council President Sam Chase explained that the Central Enhancement Committee has been in place for a number of years and was established to mitigate the impact of a transfer station in our Northwest and part of North Portland area. He stated that the committee has been an incredible tool to mitigate the effects of that transfer station and the surrounding neighborhoods. Councilor Chase introduced Committee Member, Mary Peveto, to provide information about the criteria for the grant program and other components of how that committee and decision making process is put together. Ms. Peveto described the committee, provided information on the current grant cycle (\$114,787.50 for 2015) versus last cycle (\$72,000 awarded in grants for 2014), and described the grant process and awarded given this year. She explained that the award recipients this year hit all of the committee’s major categories that they seek, primarily organizations that are improving the safety and appearance of area neighborhoods. The grant recipients for 2015 included: Linnton Community Center, Rebuilding Together Portland, Forest Park Conservancy, Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, Friendly House, Chapman Elementary School and Portland Public Schools, Lift Urban Portland, Meals on Wheels People, Portland Festival Symphony at Cathedral Park and Store to Door. Ms. Peveto again thanked the Metro Council for their support.

Councilor Chase thanked Ms. Peveto for her work on the committee and next introduced Anna Goldrich, Executive Director of Sauvie Island Center. He explained that while they are not a grant recipient this year, they are a good example of the kind of work that the grant money helps make happen. Ms. Goldrich gave a short presentation of the history of Sauvie Island Center, founder Sherry Raider, and the farming/CSA program that Ms. Raider helped start to provide an education program for children to introduce them to fresh food and farming, with help from previous grant awards from the Central Enhancement Committee.

Council Discussion

Councilors thanked committee members for their hard work, time and the grant package of grants.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 **Resolution No. 14-4592**, For the Purpose of Confirming Appointments to the Metro Public Engagement Review Committee

4.2 **Resolution No. 14-4578**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Council President’s Reappointment of Chris Erickson to the Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to adopt the consent agenda items.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Harrington, Dirksen, Chase, Collette, Craddick 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 READ)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 14-1350**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code 2.02.010, Personnel Code

6. **ORDINANCES (SECOND READ)**

6.1 **Ordinance No. 14-1349**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 14.81 Acres Located North of NW Springville Road and East of NW Kaiser Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Ordinance No. 14-1349.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Metro Attorney Alison Kean and Council President Hughes read the requirements on holding a quasi-judicial hearing and Council President Hughes then introduced Metro staff, Tim O'Brien, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. O'Brien provided a brief report regarding the annexation request, explained the criteria required and explained that the request does meet the required criteria for annexation into the Metro District Boundary.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-1349. There were no public comments on the ordinance.

Council discussion

There was none.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Dirksen, Harrington, Collette, Chase and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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7. **RESOLUTIONS**

7.1 Resolution No. 14-4576, For the Purpose of Supporting the Reopening of the Willamette Falls Locks

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution 14-4576.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Metro staff, Andy Cotugno, and Lisa Naito of Hooley Naito LLC and representative of the National Historic Preservation, provide a brief staff report on the resolution. Mr. Cotugno explained that the resolution proposed was to endorse the action by the Corps of doing the repair and reopening the Willamette Falls Locks. He also stated that this resolution recognizes the work that the Corps is doing now, what potential role Metro may have as a regional government, and supports the creation of a state task force to explore options for the repair transfer and funding such an improvement. Ms. Naito thanked the Council for their support, the hard work and dedication of Mr. Cotugno, and Metro for leading the support of the Willamette Falls Locks. She described the Locks as a historic and national treasure, discussing the potential

positive impacts and value of opening the Locks including tourism, freight, education and recreation.

Council discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for the work being done around such an important asset to the region, thanking Mr. Cotugno and Ms. Naito for their hard work, as well as the rest of their team. Councilors all fully supported the resolution and were happy to be a part of moving the ball forward in the process.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Dirksen, Collette, Chase and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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7.2 Resolution No. 14-4590, For the Purpose of Amending the Natural Areas Acquisition Refinement Plan for the Willamette River Greenway Target Area

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution 14-4590.
Second:	Councilor Sam Chase seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Sustainability Director, Jim Desmond, and Metro staff, Hillary Wilton, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. Desmond provided information on the resolution, which would amend the refinement map for the Willamette River Greenway Target Area to include five tax parcels. Mr. Desmond also announced that with this amendment, Metro has signed two easements from land owners, which are granting easement from the river up into the properties amended giving access from US 99 all the way to where the dam begins and out along the railroad line that continues to the south end of the property. He explained that this is an extraordinary donation of valuable land as that it helps achieve the principal goal that Council had set for the project, allowing a public walkway to be built. Mr. Desmond said that in addition, the Falls Legacy, new owner of the Blue Heron site, has agreed to pay no less than 20% of the future operation and maintenance costs of the public walkway once constructed.

Councilor Collette read a letter from Mr. George Heidgerken, principal of Falls Legacy LLC, in support of the resolution. She also introduced Mr. Deane Funk of Portland General Electric, who also donated easement and provided testimony in support of the resolution. Public testimony in support was also heard from former Oregon City Mayor, Alice Norris, and current Oregon City Mayor, Doug Neeley.

Council discussion

Councilors thanked Jim Desmond and his staff, as well as the entire Willamette Falls team, and all of the partners involved in such a great project. They noted that this was a great example of a truly regional project and such an important area to preserve and call attention to. Councilors also thanked Mayor Neeley and Mayor Norris for their leadership and hard work from the Oregon City staff, as well as leadership from the Clackamas County Board.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Dirksen, Harrington, Collette, Chase and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett, COO, provided an update on the following events or items: G9 meeting, Inauguration on January 6 at 4 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center, and Zoo closure that evening due to the wind conditions and potential safety hazards.

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Outer Powell Decision Committee meeting, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting on December 11th, Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting on December 10th, Transportation Policy Group meeting in Salem, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Steering Committee meeting, Eagle Landing development update, Groundbreaking of The Kenton on Friday, December 12th, and a forum on land acquisition and use.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:14 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, December 18 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra Eldridge, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DEC. 11, 2014

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Handout	12/11/2014	Popular Annual Financial Report	121114c-01
3.0	Handout	12/11/2014	Metro Central Enhancement Grants 2015 Awards List	121114c-02
4.1	Handout	12/11/2014	Public Engagement Review Committee	121114c-03