

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING) RESOLUTION No. 14-4578
THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REAPPOINTMENT)
OF CHRIS ERICKSON TO THE METROPOLITAN) Introduced by Tom Hughes,
EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION) Council President

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(a) provides that the Metro Council President shall appoint all members to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(b) provides that the Council President’s appointments to the Commission are subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(d)(2) the City of Portland has recommended the reappointment Chris Erickson as a member of the Commission; and

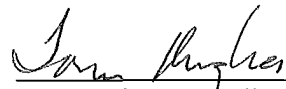
WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(e)(1), the Metro Council President has the authority to concur with the City of Portland’s nomination of Mr. Erickson or reject it; and

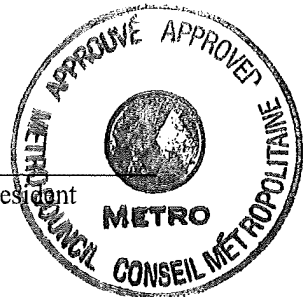
WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has concurred with the City of Portland’s re-appointment recommendation of Mr. Erickson, and submitted his reappointment of Mr. Erickson to the Metro Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that Chris Erickson has the experience and expertise to make a substantial contribution to the Commission’s work; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council hereby confirms the Council President’s re-appointment of Chris Erickson as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, for a four-year term as provided by the Metro Code, beginning on January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2018.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 11th day of December, 2014.


Tom Hughes, Council President



Approved as to Form:



Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14- 4578, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS ERICKSON TO THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: December 11, 2014

Prepared by: Scott Robinson

BACKGROUND

The Metro Code, Section 6.01.030(a), gives the Metro Council President sole authority to appoint all members of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Council. Section 6.01.030(d)(2) of the Metro Code allows the City of Portland to recommend the re-appointment of a Commissioner for the Council President's consideration. Under section 6.01.030(e)(1) of the Metro Code, the Metro Council President has the authority to concur with City of Portland's re-appointment and submit it to the Metro Council for confirmation, or reject it.

Charlie Hales, City of Portland Mayor, has recommended Chris Erickson for reappointment on the Commission. The council President has concurred with this recommendation and accordingly submitted his reappointment of Mr. Erickson to the Metro Council for confirmation. A copy of the recommendation letter from the Mayor is attached as Attachment 1 to this Staff Report. A copy of Mr. Erickson's biography is attached as Attachment 2 to this Staff Report.

If confirmed, Mr. Erickson will, pursuant to the Metro Code, serve a 4-year term beginning January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2018.

Metro Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett concurs with this appointment.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- **Known Opposition.** None
- **Legal Antecedents.** Metro Code as referenced above.
- **Anticipated Effects.** Reappointment of Mr. Erickson to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, in the manner provided by the Metro Code.
- **Budget Impacts.** None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The chief Operating Officer recommends approval of Resolution 14-4578 to confirm the reappointment of Chris Erickson to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission and to begin serving January 1, 2015.



OFFICE OF MAYOR CHARLIE HALES
CITY OF PORTLAND

September 9, 2014

Tom Hughes, President
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave
Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Hughes,

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate a representative for the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission. The City of Portland supports the reappointment of Chris Erickson as its representative on MERC for a second four-year term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

Mr. Erickson's experience in the hospitality industry as well as his service on several community and executive boards makes him an ideal candidate to serve as a member of the MERC Commission, which guides budget and policy decisions for several Portland venues including Portland's Centers for the Arts, Oregon Convention Center and Portland Expo Center.

Please accept our recommendation to reappoint Mr. Erickson to MERC.

Sincerely,

Charlie Hales
Mayor, City of Portland

Attachment 2

Resolution 14-4578: Confirming the Council President's Reappointment of Chris Erickson to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

Chris Erickson Biography

Chris Erickson has been serving individuals in the hospitality and guest services industry for over 25 years. His professional career began in Seattle at WestCoast Hotels and has grown to include numerous 4 star locations and award winning organizations.

Mr. Erickson attended the University of Washington graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1991. He was then accepted to the Washington State University Management Development Program in Seattle, Washington where he earned accredited certification in Hospitality Management. Chris received his Certified Hotel Administrator accreditation in 1999.

Since July of 2006, Mr. Erickson has been General Manager of the award-winning, Forbes 4-Star Heathman Hotel.

Mr. Erickson currently serves on several community and executive boards, including on the Oregon Tourism Commission, to which he was appointed to by the Governor of Oregon in 2008. Chris is also the Chairman of the Travel Portland Executive Board and serves on the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) and the Board of Directors of the Oregon Historical Society. In 2008 Mr. Erickson received the prestigious American Hotel and Lodging Associations State Leadership award for the State of Oregon. In 2013, Mr. Erickson was awarded Lodging Operator of the Year by his peers and the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association. Mr. Erickson was also awarded the Board Member of the Year award by the Oregon Historical Society and Museum.