



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Feb. 12, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Courtney Scott, Portland: Ms. Scott expressed concern about the elephants and the Elephant Lands project at the Oregon Zoo, requesting that Packy and the full herd be moved to an elephant sanctuary as soon as possible.

Mars Green, Portland: Ms. Green addressed the Metro Council on the elephants at the Oregon Zoo, expressing concern for their health and requesting that the Zoo stop elephant breeding.

Joan Johnson, Tigard: Ms. Johnson discussed the elephants at the Oregon Zoo, addressing health concerns, animal welfare, elephant breeding, and releasing Packy to an elephant sanctuary.

2. UNESCO, METRO AND GPSEN: COLLABORATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE PRESENTATION

Council President Hughes welcomed and introduced Dr. Kim Smith, Portland Community College and Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN), and Dr. Charles Hopkins, United Nations University and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to provide a presentation on the relationship between Metro and the UNESCO/GPSEN program. Dr. Hopkins provided a brief background on the program, describing the role of education, training in the private and public sectors and their work in trying to build a more sustainable region. Dr. Smith gave background on GPSEN, provided information on a recent report submitted to the UN, and discussed goals for the upcoming year including funding and where the organization should be housed.

In response to council inquiry, Dr. Smith provided information on how the Metro Council can help through funding, better coordination across jurisdictions and organizations relating to sustainable education or student opportunities. Dr. Hopkins also provided information about international connections, which the councilors might assist with as they are part of delegation trips.

3. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 29, 2015

Motion:	Councilor Bob Stacey moved to adopt the January 29, 2015 minutes.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

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

4. ORDINANCES (FIRST READ)

4.1 **Ordinance No. 15-1351**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 9.8 Acres Located at 17170 NW Brugger Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County

5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett, COO, provided an update on the following events or items: EXPO Center NW Sportsman’s Show, upcoming Finance and Regulatory Services and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion event, Valentine’s Day Zoo events (including Free Admission Day), and Martin Luther King Jr. holiday closure at the Metro Regional Center.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following events or items: Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting, which discussed the Urban Growth Management Decision work program and Community Planning and Development Grant administrative rules, GLEAN art event, Zoo All-Staff luncheon, Zoo Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee, Greater Portland, Inc. Best Practices Trip in Houston, Open House event for Killen Wetlands, Friday, February 20th Suburban Cycling and Potential for Growth event sponsored through Coalition for a Livable Future, Nature In Neighborhoods Grant Review Committee meeting, Smart Growth Conference in Baltimore, Powell-Division upcoming workshops, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation meeting, Clackamas County Mayors meeting, Mayors and Chairs meeting on Urban Growth Management Decision, and the State Road User Fee Task Force meeting.

7. 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, February 19, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra Eldridge, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 12, 2015

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Handout	02/12/2015	GPSEN and The GAP handout	021215c-01
2.0	Handout	02/12/2015	Aichi-Nagoya Declaration handout	021215c-02
3.0	Minutes	01/29/2015	Council Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2015	021215c-03