



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2015  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Carlotta Collette

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:05 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated the Council on the following items:

- Ms. Bennett invited Andy Shaw of Metro to discuss land use legislation affecting Metro. Mr. Shaw provided a description of these senate bills regarding land use, how they would affect Metro and the recommended positions Metro should take.
- A Council discussion followed after each synopsis of the individual land use bills.

**2. SECOND QUARTER MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Scott Robinson, Metro

- Mr. Scott Robinson presented to the Council how Metro met its mission and goals through the public-facing programs from October 2014 through 2015. The management report was organized by describing major accomplishments, goals and projects in each of the six districts of Metro and for the Metro region as a whole. For the six districts and Metro Region these included:
  - District 1
    - Levy in action at Blue Lake Park
    - Soil stabilization project
  - District 2
    - Natural Area Bond success and Willamette Falls Riverwalk Easement
    - 1% for Art in Action at Scouter Mountain
  - District 3
    - Southwest Corridor Plan moves forward
    - Native Plant Center
  - District 4
    - New Community Enhancement Fees approved
    - The CORE rises near Orenco
  - District 5

- Metro Paint breaks records
- Zoo Train returns on time and budget
- District 6
  - Property acquisition-SE 82<sup>nd</sup> and Division for a future Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
  - Powell-Division Transit and Development project
- Metro Region
  - OCC set a record for space rental in 2014 (topping 2013 by 9.6%)
  - Council adopted a preferred Climate Smart strategy
  - Equity Framework Report completed

***Council Discussion:***

- There was none.

**3. REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX AND COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS IMPLEMENTATION**

- Mr. John Williams of Metro began by describing the recommendation from the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). These recommendation from MTAC to MPAC would lead to the recommendations of MPAC to the Metro Council and Chief Operating Officer (COO) on the revisions to the Administrative Rules for Construction Excise Tax (CET) and Community Planning and Development Grants (CPDG).
- Mr. Gerry Uba referred to page 12 of Attachment C in the packet: Administrative Rules: Metro Code Charter 7.04, on how planning work elements or guidelines have been identified in Title 6 of the Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan and how they were previously addressed or will be addressed as part of the proposed application.

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilors raised concerns about diluting the criteria in the handbook and the complexity that these revisions create. Mr. Williams responded that this is meant to make it easier for local governments to meet the requirements of Title 6.
- Council President Hughes raised concerns about smaller communities with less planning staff being able to follow these rules and that there should be a form of best practices implementation.

**4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

- Councilor Craddick updated Councilors that there is legislation in Washington that would like to remove Oregon legislators from being able to vote in their Southwest Washington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Currently both Oregon legislators and Washington legislators are allowed to vote in each other's MPO's in Southwest Washington and the Portland Metro region of Oregon.
- Councilor Craddick also announced that the International Trails Symposium will take place in May and all councilors are invited to attend.
- Councilor Chase acting as the liaison for the design part of the Convention Center hotel project announced that it is moving along well and the design process of the hotel will soon

be submitted to review, which is where the Portland Design Commission will take a preliminary look at the project.

- Councilor Chase had his first meeting as the liaison for the Institute for Metropolitan Studies. The meeting looked at what MPO's and governance structures have been successful across the country particularly in areas (cities, counties, states) separated by a major river.
- Councilors Dirksen and Stacey co-chaired the SW Corridor Steering Committee on March 9<sup>th</sup> and discussed the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project and the Southwest Corridor Plan.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Botond Kovacs". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Botond Kovacs, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH. 10, 2015**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Handout	03/10/15	Synopsis of Land Use Legislation Affecting Metro and Recommended Positions	031015cw-01
<b>1.0</b>	Letter	03/11/15	Testimony of Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager In Support of House Bill 3082 House Committee on Human Services and Housing	031015cw-02
<b>1.0</b>	Map	03/10/15	Land Use Legislation Affecting Southwest Clackamas Northwest Marion County	031015cw-03
<b>4.0</b>	Handout	03/10/15	2015 International Trails Symposium	031015cw-04
<b>4.0</b>	Handout	03/10/15	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Metro Trails Fair and 2015 International Trails Symposium	031015cw-05
<b>4.0</b>	Magazine	03/10/15	American Trails Fall 2014	031015cw-06