



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2015  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Bob Stacey called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:02 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

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

- Deputy COO Scott Robinson will be acting as COO from March 19 through March 30.
- Ms. Bennett thanked those who came to Metro's discussion about women in leadership roles on March 16.
- Ms. Bennett also thanked the Information Services department for their significant work over the past few weeks on the transition to a new high-speed network.

Ms. Bennett introduced Andy Shaw, Metro Policy Advisor, to provide the following legislative updates:

- House Bill 3211 which would designate areas 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D in Clackamas County as acknowledged urban reserves will be up for hearing on March 19. Metro staff will be in Salem opposing the bill to state the Metro Council's position.
- Senate Bill 927 regarding the proposed Oregon Convention Center hotel will replace Senate Bill 64. The new bill has been cosponsored by Senators Rod Monroe and Bill Hansell and aims to address possible legal issues related to the previous bill's relating clause.
- House Bill 3084 which would allow property owners along the edge of the City of Damascus to de-annex from the city under certain circumstances is slated for action on March 19.
- A bill was raised that would require TriMet to consult with Metro in making appointments to the TriMet board of directors. Mr. Shaw confirmed having a neutral position from the Council on the bill. Councilor Chase said he would support it.

Ms. Bennett introduced Stephanie Soden, Director of Communications and Strategic Development for Metro's Visitor Venues, and Grant Spickelmier, Education Curator for the Oregon Zoo, to provide the following zoo updates:

- The Oregon Zoo executive team met on March 10 to discuss Senate Bill 913, proposed legislation that would ban the possession and sale of ivory and rhino horn in Oregon and close a loophole in federal law that leaves ivory sales within states uncontrolled.
- The team found that the bill was consistent with the zoo's conservation efforts and supported its passage. As the Oregon Zoo does have an ivory collection and produces ivory naturally because of its elephant population, it is asking for an exemption for Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) accredited zoos in order to dispel potential liabilities. Museums and institutes for higher learning are already exempt. Mr. Spickelmeier noted that sponsors of the bill are in the process of drafting an amendment and appreciate the zoo's support.
- Mr. Spickelmier noted that a select portion of the zoo's ivory collection is going to be displayed deliberately in the Elephant Lands exhibit to educate the public about the severe consequences of ivory poaching.

Council provided direction to staff in support of the bill and the staff-proposed amendment. Councilor Chase opposed the amendment but supported the contents of the bill.

## **2. REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN MIDTERM REVIEW**

Matt Korot, Program Director of Metro's Resource Conservation and Recycling, and Marta McGuire, Metro Business Recycling Planner, provided the Council with the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) Midterm Review. The ten-year RSWMP (spanning 2008 through 2018) provides a planning and interpretation framework for Metro and the region's work in waste reduction, sustainable operations, and solid waste disposal. While the Solid Waste Roadmap provides a detailed implementation plan for Metro's disposal system, the RSWMP acts as an overarching framework for the all things related to the solid waste system. The purpose of the review was to determine if the RSWMP is being implemented uniformly and consistently across the region; to assess the plan's effectiveness in meeting program objectives and goals; and to determine if major mid-course corrections are needed.

Key elements of the presentation included:

- A brief history of Metro's solid waste planning and waste reduction plans, including RSWMP.
- An overview of the different assessments of the review: overall progress towards the recovery goal, program goals and objectives in the three plan areas, and the overall plan framework and measures.
- Four recommendations moving forward:
  1. Continue work on key programs and increase progress on school-based education and multifamily services
  2. Complete development of the disposal system policies and guidance that are being addressed through the Solid Waste Roadmap
  3. As part of the process for developing the new RSWMP, develop new goals to track environmental progress that consider the lifestyle impacts of products and materials
  4. In 2016, initiate the planning process for the next RSWMP, informed by the Oregon Materials Management 2050 Vision and Framework for Action, adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission in 2012.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Craddick asked about the total number of trucks in the fleet that still need to be retrofitted. Mr. Korot noted that about 119 trucks need to be retrofitted to reduce diesel particulates. Councilors discussed Metro's authority outside of the waste district boundary but within the county area. Councilor Craddick inquired about the role of the plan in reducing plastic waste. Councilor Dirksen shared his experience seeing Marion County's waste system and noted that they collect mixed waste streams to turn into electricity. Councilor Dirksen also noted that in Houston they are considering collecting all waste in one bin then having it sorted by waste services. He asked about the viability of similar systems in the Metro area. Councilor Chase spoke to the importance of Metro's waste reduction day program at Outdoor School. Councilors expressed their thanks to the staff for their work.

**3. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Alison Kean, Metro Attorney, provided Council with her regularly scheduled Metro Attorney Communications. Ms. Kean updated the Metro Council on the status of the urban reserves remand. Ms. Kean noted that Metro Attorney Roger Alfred visited the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission and issued an oral argument regarding the revised remand.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Harrington expressed her gratitude for the Office of the Metro Attorney and the work the department does. She also inquired about how long parties have to appeal. Ms. Kean noted that the deadline is 21 days. Councilor Dirksen asked if the remand only referred to Stafford hamlet in Clackamas County. Ms. Kean noted that urban reserves must be acknowledged as a batch by county. Councilor Craddick asked if there was any opportunity to shift the status of some rural reserves to urban reserves.

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

Councilor Dirksen provided the Council with an overview of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Policy Group meeting he attended on March 12. Councilor Dirksen also reminded councilors of the JPACT meeting on March 19, which will include a possible recommendation from JPACT for adoption of the regional position on federal transportation policy. Councilor Craddick noted that the City of Damascus recently approved annexation of 17 of its parcels under House Bill 429 and officially moved the city boundary. She noted that the City of Happy Valley will be discussing accepting the unincorporated lands. Councilor Craddick noted that the Visitors Development Board approved Metro's request for coverage of the Oregon Convention Center hotel expenses. She also noted that she and Deputy Council President Stacey had attended the Powell-Division Steering Committee. Councilor Harrington provided an update on the Enterprising Places program. Councilor Chase updated the Council on some legislative matters including funding for housing assistance, homelessness assistance, capital investments for housing development and foreclosure prevention.

**5. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Bob Stacey adjourned the Council work session at 3:43 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nellie Papsdorf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nellie Papsdorf, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAR. 17, 2015**

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