



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

2. NATURAL AREAS MAINTENANCE AUDIT FOLLOW-UP PRESENTATION

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Auditor Brian Evans to provide a brief update on a Natural Areas Program audit around the maintenance program. Auditor Evans explained that the audit report provided nine recommendations, as well as five additional recommendations in a separate letter to Management. He noted that in the follow-up audit, the Auditor's Office found that of the recommendations submitted, ten were still in process, three had been implemented, and one had not been implemented. Auditor Evans thanked Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Interim Sustainability Center Director, Paul Slyman, Parks and Environmental Services Director, and their staff for their assistance during the audit.

Council President Hughes introduced Kathleen Brennan-Hunter to provide the Management Response. Ms. Brennan-Hunter thanked the Auditor and his staff for their work in helping Metro improve our practices. She highlighted a few of the actions taking as a result of the first audit, as well as work still in progress based on the recommendations received, noting that they were on track to complete these efforts and implement the good practices.

Council discussion

Councilors thanked Auditor Brian Evans and his staff for a great report, hard work on the audit and continuing to help improve government transparency and best use of public money. Councilors noted that additional information in the audits would be helpful, as the follow-up audit did not seem to have as much information as the first audit had in it.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 15-4609**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2015-18 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Revise the Scope of the US26 ATMS/ITS Project to Include the Scope of the Federal Tiger Grant Award

3.2 **Resolution No. 15-4610**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2015-18 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add the Boring Road Bridge Overcrossing Project

3.3 Consideration of Council Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2015

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to adopt the consent agenda items.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

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

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 **Resolution No. 15-4616**, For the Purpose of Adopting a Regional Position on Federal Transportation Policy

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Resolution 15-4616.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Andy Cotugno to provide a brief staff report on the resolution. Mr. Cotugno provided a proposed regional position on federal transportation policy, which has been vetted and recommended by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), as well as the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee. He noted that there are specific program recommendations in the position, as well as some projects listed but it is not meant to cover every single project as not all need congressional intervention. Mr. Cotugno stated that the brochure (Exhibit A to the resolution) would also be a leave-behind for the Washington D.C. trip attended by JPACT members in the spring.

Council discussion

There was none.

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

5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett, COO, provided an update on the following events or items: the Metro Comprehensive Annual Financial Report received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence for the 23rd consecutive year, upcoming Metro 101 Forums in Clackamas and Washington Counties next week, Solid Waste Roadmap presentation at the 4/8 MPAC meeting, the April Metro Hotsheet and Easter events this weekend including the Rabbit Romp at the Zoo, Glendoveer Golden Easter Egg Hunt and the Blue Lake Park egg hunts.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following events or items: a recent casting and fishing event at Blue Lake Park, ODOT's Outer Powell Safety Program meeting focusing on 99th – 176th and Powell Blvd., Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) event with the Cost of Congestion presentation, the next TIGER grant cycle (Tiger VII), Oregon Active Transportation Summit earlier in the week, update on the newly planned Council Creek Regional Trail, Port of Portland breakfast event on the role of agriculture at the Port, update on potential creation of a Heritage Area around Willamette Falls, recent MERC meeting on the bond work at the Zoo, Councilor Collette's Metro 101 presentation for Lake Oswego city councilors, upcoming Clackamas County Coordinating Committee meeting, and Council President Hughes took a quick thumbs up/down vote for authorization of two Travel Portland familiarization tours (June and July), which were voted unanimously thumbs up.

7. ADIURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:54 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Oregon Zoo in the Vista Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra Eldridge, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APR. 2, 2015

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.3	Minutes	03/19/2015	Council Meeting minutes from March 19, 2015	040215c-01