



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**  
Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2015  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Ron Swaren, Portland: Mr. Swaren addressed the Metro Council on the SW Corridor project and high-capacity transit (HCT) buses, providing a Portland Transport flyer about access and mobility in the Portland/Vancouver region.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to adopt the items on the consent agenda.
Second:	Councilor Sam Chase seconded the motion.

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

**3. RESOLUTIONS**

3.1 **Resolution No. 15-4606**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Execute a Declaration of Cooperation in Support of the Columbia River Levee Repair and Accreditation Oregon Solutions Process

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Resolution 15-4606.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Andy Cotugno, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. Cotugno provided background on when this resolution and topic has previously come to the Metro Council, explaining that the prior Council act in 2014 allowed the most critical work to get started. He stated that since then the districts and partners involved have worked on a declaration of cooperation, determined how the large group of stakeholders will do business, what is the

current shape of the levees, districts and the railroad embankment, and are looking at potential approaches such as certifying the area as one large district instead of four smaller districts, which could allow for more efficient use of funds. Mr. Cotugno noted that the most significant addition to this version of the declaration of cooperation is that during the upcoming phase, the process will start examining financing options and a governance option. He also laid out next steps relating to potential funding options and what Metro's next financial commitment might be.

***Council discussion***

In response to councilor inquiry regarding relying on the railroad companies to build and maintain a levee, Mr. Cotugno discussed a number of options currently on the table for how levees and embankments might be dealt with, either with or without funding from the railroad companies. Councilors thanked Mr. Cotugno and those involved with the project, noting that changes could have a positive ecological effect on the Columbia Slough.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Harrington, Craddick, Stacey, Collette, Dirksen, and Chase voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.
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**3.2 Resolution No. 15-4612, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Reauthorizing an Interfund Loan**

Council President Hughes stated that Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, in her capacity as Metro's Budget Officer, presented the proposed budget to the Metro Council, sitting as the Metro Budget Committee, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and that this resolution was formally read into the record, a public hearing was held and then the resolution was carried over to May 7<sup>th</sup> and now to this meeting. He stated that the Metro Council held a joint meeting with the Multnomah County Tax Supervisory Commission, in which the Council received and clarified elements of the budget, so that today the Council could consider amendments to the budget and hold an additional public hearing. Council President Hughes also noted that at today's meeting, the Council would make a motion on the resolution, consider any amendments and vote on them, and then do a final vote on the full amended budget package before the final Council consideration and vote scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Motion:	Councilor Bob Stacey moved to approve Resolution 15-4612.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing. There were no public comments, so the public hearing was closed.

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Metro Finance and Regulatory Services Director, to present the department requested amendments for the FY 2015-16 budget. Mr. Collier provided a brief report on the 22 department amendments, 13 of which are technical amendments that request a carryover of already-approved projects, and also noting that the list of amendments were distributed to the Council on June 5<sup>th</sup> and reviewed and discussed at the Council work session on June 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Mr. Collier noted that there were two amendments requested by councilors. Council President Hughes called for a motion on the department amendments as a block.

Motion:	Councilor Sam Chase moved to approve the department requested amendments.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

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

Council President Hughes called for a motion on the first councilor amendment, introduced by Councilor Stacey.

Motion:	Councilor Bob Stacey moved to approve the first councilor amendment to the budget.
Second:	Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.

***Council discussion***

Councilor Stacey provided a brief description on his proposed amendment, explaining that it's a cost-benefit analysis tool that is being applied to the transportation process and transportation projects and is currently being used in other regions of the country. He added that this amendment would initiate the development of the cost-planning process for our region. Councilor Dirksen also commented that this tool could be very useful in trying to identify ways to better prioritize and use the funds that we have for regional transportation planning.

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

Council President Hughes called for a motion on the second councilor amendment, introduced by Councilor Collette.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve the second councilor amendment, Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee and Stakeholders Speakers Bureau, to the budget.
Second:	Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.

***Council discussion***

Councilor Collette provided a brief description on his proposed amendment, explaining that the Speakers Bureau would help provide speakers at MPAC meetings, as well as more broad events including luncheon events, evening events, and partnering with cities or other local governments to bring speakers out to different communities, and would act as another tool to help make our regional discussions more lively and informed, improve member attendance and interest in issues around the region.

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

Council President Hughes requested a motion to postpone consideration of Resolution No. 15-4612 as amended to June 18<sup>th</sup> for a final vote.

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve postponing consideration of Resolution No. 15-4612 as amended to June 18 <sup>th</sup> .
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

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

**4. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Scott Robinson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the following events or items: June 10<sup>th</sup> PESTacular event with over 100 Metro employees, June 14<sup>th</sup> Portland Pride Parade, “Macbeth” at Lone Fir Cemetery by Portland Actors Ensemble (June 18 – July 25; free event), June 13<sup>th</sup> Bowling for Rhinos fundraising event at Sunset Lanes in Beaverton (3:30 – 6pm), and a new sustainability policy at the Oregon Convention Center to increase recycling.

**5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: PESTacular lunch with Metro staff, C4 Retreat, Boring Bicycle Festival on Saturday from 7am – 1pm, reception for the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board of Trustees on June 11<sup>th</sup>, Oregon Enhancement Grant Committee meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, recent MPAC meeting, Hotel Eastlund grand opening event, Orenco Station ribbon cutting event, and recent JPACT meeting.

**6. ADIJURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:06 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2015**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	Handout	09/07/2012	Portland Transport: Guest Post on Community Transit Double Tall Buses After One Year	061115c-01
2.0	Minutes	05/14/2015	Council Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2015	061115c-02
3.1	Supplemental handout	06/09/15	Supplemental handout: Resolution No. 15-4606 (updated Attachment 3 to Staff Report)	061115c-03
3.2	Supplemental handout	06/05/15	Supplemental handout: Resolution No. 15-4612 (Department Requested Amendments to FY 2015-16 Budget Memo)	061115c-04
3.2	Supplemental handout	06/05/15	Supplemental handout: Resolution No. 15-4612 (Councilor Amendments to FY 2015-16 Budget Memo)	061115c-05