



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

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

Before beginning the agenda, Council President Hughes recognized Ms. Tanya Collier, a former Metro Councilor who passed away on August 21, 2015. President Hughes gave a brief overview of Ms. Collier's extensive career in public service and praised her passion and determination in all aspects of life. The Council offered condolences to Ms. Collier's family, including her son, Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services at Metro.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Swaren, Portland: Mr. Swaren addressed the Metro Council on a proposed Western Arterial Highway and provided Council with written testimony, which was added to the record.

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

3.1 Resolution No. 15-4641, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Phase 2 of the Columbia River Levee Analysis Cost Sharing

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 15-4641.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Andy Cotugno, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report on the resolution. Mr. Cotugno explained that the resolution was the third of three dealing with Metro's connection to the levee system along the Columbia River corridor. He noted that the Metro Council had previously approved signing on to an intergovernmental agreement making a funding contribution towards phase one of the levee work regarding the area with the most immediate concerns. Mr. Cotugno explained that the Council then signed a second resolution to sign on to the declaration of cooperation, which establishes the overall framework and process. The third resolution, Resolution 15-4641, provides a funding contribution to the second phase of the work at the same level as the first (\$300,000). Mr. Cotugno added that the contribution was not based upon ownership or jurisdictional responsibility, but upon being a good regional partner and recognizing the regional significance of the extensive activity in the corridor.

Council discussion

Councilor Chase inquired about the nature of the contribution from Multnomah County. Mr. Cotugno responded that the county's role is focused on handling the finances and negotiating with the state. He added that there are also ongoing discussions regarding whether or not Multnomah County will share costs with some of the smaller cities that may experience challenges meeting the project's financial needs. Councilor Chase asked about the challenges with the levee in regards to its deficiencies and potential future problems. Mr. Cotugno noted that engineering results show that peninsulas one and two are generally in good shape, with the exception of the railroad berm. The railroad berm, built as a railroad on a trestle and later covered with dirt, was not built to the standards of the levee and not meant to act as one. Mr. Cotugno then gave a brief overview of the consequences of these deficiencies, noting financial, safety, equity, and community concerns. Councilor Craddick inquired about the involvement of communities east of the airport, such as Interlachen. Mr. Cotugno explained that there has been extensive community outreach on the project, but he was not sure if that specific community was involved. Councilor Craddick asked if the levees could be removed, as that could be a significant opportunity for restoration of the slough. Mr. Cotugno responded that that discussion was ongoing, but environmental enhancement potential was also being considered as the project developed.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Chase, Collette, Craddick, Dirksen, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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3.2 Resolution No. 15-4647, For the Purpose of Endorsing Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers Regarding Mitigation of Adverse Impacts Due to Closure of the Willamette Falls Locks

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution 15-4647.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Andy Cotugno, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report on the resolution. Mr. Cotugno explained that Resolution 15-4647 was similar to Resolution 15-4641 but not as far developed as it still needed a clearly defined funding program or set of criteria. Mr. Cotugno noted that the resolution responded to the Army Corps' abandonment and disinvestment of the Willamette Falls Locks. Mr. Cotugno explained that after the Willamette Falls Locks was closed in 2011, the Army Corps agreed to go through an evaluation process under Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act with the help of the National Trust for Historic

Preservation. The evaluation found that there were adverse effects as a result of the closure of the Locks that need to be mitigated. Resolution 15-4647 seeks to develop what that mitigation may look like. Mr. Cotugno explained that the agreement is an important step of concluding the process because it acts as an obligation for the Army Corps to begin developing a response to these concerns. Mr. Cotugno explained that the memorandum of agreement is between the Army Corps, the state Historical Preservation Officer, and the National Historical Advisory Council. They are the official parties of the agreement, while Metro and others are signed on as concurring parties, meaning they provide statements of support but don't have authority over the decision. Mr. Cotugno recommended that Metro approve signing onto the memorandum of agreement to stay involved and participate in the process as it moves forward.

Council discussion

Councilor Chase noted that it was important to emphasize the financial significance of the Willamette Falls Locks in terms of tourism and business. He also inquired about the involvement of the Port of Portland. Mr. Cotugno explained that the Willamette Falls Locks group has pursued participation by the Port of Portland but their interest seems limited as the Port's function is somewhat distant from the location at hand.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Chase, Collette, Craddick, Dirksen, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4. ORDINANCES (SECOND READ)

4.1 **Ordinance No. 15-1360**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 89 Acres Located East and West of SW Roy Rogers Road and West of SW 150th Avenue in the River Terrace Area of Tigard

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Ordinance 15-1360.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Council discussion

There was none.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Chase, Collette, Craddick, Dirksen, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4.2 **Ordinance No. 15-1359**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 8.4 Acres Located at Tax Lot 1N117A000500 in the North Bethany Area of Washington County

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Ordinance 15-1359.
Second:	Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.

Council discussion

There was none.

Vote:

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

5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Mr. Scott Robinson provided an update on the following events or items: journalist Kim-Mai Cutler to discuss housing issues in the Bay Area at the Metro Regional Center on September 18, Oregon Zoo to celebrate International Vulture Awareness Day September 18-19, and Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated at Metro from September 15-October 15.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

There were none.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:36 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Harrison Park School (2225 SE 87th Ave. Portland, OR 97216).

Respectfully submitted,



Nellie Papsdorf, Council Policy Assistant

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

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Testimony	09/17/2015	Western Arterial Highway Public Testimony	091715c-01