



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Council President Tom Hughes and Councilor Carlotta Collette

Deputy Council President Craig Dirksen called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated Council on a survey associated with the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project. Ms. Bennett reminded Council that Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the Metro Regional Center, along with other operations, will be closed.

**2. RESOLUTIONS**

2.1 **Resolution No. 16-4682**, For the Purpose of Delegating the Chief Operating Officer the Authority to Execute an Employment Agreement with the Director of the Oregon Zoo

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 16-4682.
Second:	Councilor Sam Chase seconded the motion.

***Council discussion***

There was no discussion.

Vote: 

Deputy Council President Dirksen, and Councilors Harrington, Craddick, Stacey, and Chase voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**3. WINTER 2016 REGIONAL SNAPSHOT: JOBS AND THE ECONOMY**

Mr. Ted Reid, Metro regional planner, Mr. Craig Beebe, Metro public affairs specialist, and Ms. Rebecca Hamilton, Metro systems analyst, provided Council with an overview of the winter 2016 Regional Snapshot, which focuses on jobs and the economy. Mr. Reid spoke to the success of the regional economy but expressed concern regarding slow growth of middle income jobs and economic disparities. Ms. Hamilton spoke to the web-based nature of the Regional Snapshot and its

goals to provide a high level overview of the current state of the region, identify major trends, and raise questions on where we are going and how. Mr. Beebe highlighted the decision to interview experts on video about regional economic strengths and challenges, including both employers and workers. Mr. Reid presented and discussed a handout for the upcoming Regional Snapshot Speaker Series, Building an Inclusive Economy, which will be moderated by Dwayne Johnson. Additionally, Mr. Reid spoke to various upcoming events, including the Equitable Housing Leadership Summit.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Craddick spoke to the importance of communicating with those who are represented by Metro and acknowledged the helpful nature of this program, as it provides information to pass along through districts and segue into the values of other Metro programs. Councilor Harrington expressed her appreciation for having one-pagers for Council exchanges and the continuation of conversations around the region. Councilor Harrington added that this program provides Metro's regional partners and the general populous the opportunity to become more involved. Deputy Council President Dirksen thanked staff and spoke to the great reaction in his district regarding both the program and the Regional Snapshot handout.

**4. LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FOR SOLID WASTE**

Mr. Paul Ehinger, Metro program director, and Mr. Rob Smoot, Metro engineer, provided Council with an update on staff's analysis of options for long-term management of our region's garbage and requested Council's support and guidance on continued analysis of advanced material recovery and waste-to-energy. Mr. Ehinger highlighted the solid waste hierarchy and discussed the importance of diversifying the options and techniques for waste management. Mr. Ehinger spoke to a holistic approach to advanced material recovery and sought approval from Council to investigate a waste-to-energy option more thoroughly. Mr. Smoot noted that advanced material recovery of mixed wet waste is equipment and labor intensive and suggested taking a more measured approach to determine if this process can fit into the region. Mr. Smoot expressed certainty that Covanta can provide unique opportunities and expansion capabilities. Mr. Smoot acknowledged that future research and relevant data will help answer questions related to health and environmental benefits, transportation benefits, energy production, and advantages of including the waste-to-energy technique to diversity the portfolio.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Harrington inquired about timeline specifics and the estimated volume that Covanta could handle if they chose to expand. Councilor Harrington asked for confirmation that further exploration of advanced material recovery will not impact the other aspects of the road map. Councilor Chase noted that unless there is compelling data, Metro does not need to continue intense research relating to advanced materials recovery. Councilor Chase expressed his appreciation for staff being clear and transparent with exploring the Covanta option. Additionally, Councilor Chase spoke to the importance of researching environmental impacts of burning waste. Councilor Craddick recommended continuing research related to both advanced material recovery and waste-to-energy to ensure that due diligence was taken. Additionally, Councilor Craddick discussed advanced material recovery for plastics. Councilor Stacey conveyed his support for further exploration of advanced material recovery. Councilor Stacey requested additional information related to waste-to-energy and greenhouse gas emission, noting that he needs a better understanding of long-term risk with ash disposal and localized air quality impacts. Deputy Council President Dirksen recommended the continuation of exploring advanced material recover, as there may be an opportunity to focus on specific materials to reduce the complexity of the system. Deputy

Council President Dirksen inquired whether there are anticipated advancements that would make it worthwhile to wait to make a decision.

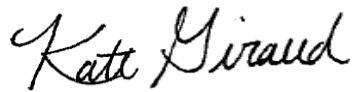
**5. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Chase discussed the Legislative Housing Emergency Forum, where legislators listened to testimony from speakers relating to housing needs and policies that can help to alleviate housing emergencies.

**6. ADIJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Dirksen adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Giraud".

Kate Giraud, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>2.1</b>	Handouts	1/12/16	Resolution No. 16-4682 with Staff Report	011216cw-01
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	1/12/16	Winter 2016 Regional Snapshot PowerPoint Presentation	011216cw-02
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	1/12/16	Regional Snapshot Speaker Series Flyer	011216cw-03
<b>4.0</b>	Handout	1/12/16	Long-Term Management Options for Solid Waste PowerPoint Presentation	011216cw-04