



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**  
Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Council President Craig Dirksen

Deputy Council President Craig Dirksen called the regular council meeting to order at 2:02pm.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. LeeAnne Ferguson, Portland: Ms. Ferguson spoke to the Council about the For Every Kid Coalition, noting that it represents over 80 organizations and 2,500 members in the region, and that Council received a letter from the coalition last week. She requested that funding be included in proposals in the Regional Flexible Funds Allocation process for Safe Routes to School, specifically asking for \$15 million.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Vote:	Deputy Council President Dirksen, and Councilors Chase, Collette, Craddick, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**3. RESOLUTIONS**

3.1 **Resolution No. 15-4672**, For the Purpose of Authorizing General Obligation Bonds Under the 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond Measure

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 15-4672.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called on Ms. Kathy Rutkowski, Metro's Budget Manager, to provide a brief staff report. Ms. Rutkowski provided background on the 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond, explaining what has been used and what is still remaining to be authorized. She noted conditions that dictate how much of the bond funds can be issues at a time and anticipated funds to be issued over the next two years.

### ***Council Discussion***

There were no questions from Council. Councilors noted their appreciation for the great work that Ms. Rutkowski and staff had down in protecting the buying value of taxpayers' investments through the payment schedule.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Dirksen, and Councilors Chase, Collette, Craddick, Stacey, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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### **4. ORDINANCES (SECOND READ)**

Deputy Council President Dirksen noted that there were several members of the public who had filled out testimony cards relating to Ordinance Nos. 15-1364 and 15-1366, requesting that they give their testimony at this time.

Ariel Whitacre, Portland: Ms. Whitacre addressed the Metro Council on the two ordinances, noting her request for Council to delay their votes today. She said that the Natural Areas Land Management Team's opinion was that this code change is not only about clarification but provides authorization of a proposed rule enforcement manual, which has yet to be approved. She added that the proposed manual could put the team in potentially dangerous situations that they are not trained for and that the work should be performed by trained law enforcement instead.

Kristina Prosser, Troutdale: Ms. Prosser spoke to the safety inadequacies that the proposed rule enforcement manual presents for staff, including safety issues surrounding working alone in remote natural areas, limited cell phone reception in some natural areas, lack of physical addresses in some natural areas, and little to no training in handling situations (such as dealing with citizens with mental illness or drug abuse issues). She recommended that the Metro Council hire law enforcement officers to handles these types of duties instead of the Natural Areas Land Management Team.

Justin Cooley, Tigard: Mr. Cooley requested that the Metro Council delay their votes on the two ordinances today. Mr. Cooley emphasized that in addition to the previous testimony heard, another consideration is that the current staff team was hired as a direct result of the 2013 levy, so they should continue working on the levy-related work only and not be assigned unrelated duties.

Erica Askin, Portland: Ms. Askin, representing the Natural Areas Land Management Team as their labor union rep (LIUNA Local 483), spoke to the Metro Council about additional concerns of the Union including that the proposed rule enforcement manual indicated significant changes to the work conditions of the union members, potentially putting them in harm's way. She also noted that professional law enforcement should be handling those duties and requested that Council to either table the vote until these concerns are addressed between the union and management, or to specifically record that the adoption of the ordinances will not authorize the manual.

### ***Council Questions***

Councilors requested that the Metro Attorney, Ms. Alison Kean, clarify whether the adoption of the ordinances would adopt or approve the proposed rule enforcement manual that staff referred to. Ms. Kean clarified that the ordinance changes add authority that already exists in State law under Oregon Code to cite for civil penalties and that Council was not being asked to rule on any labor issue, which would be handled in labor negotiations, or any changes to Metro or staff authority.

Councilors thanked staff for their testimony and stated that they appreciated their concerns, as well as appreciation for the great work that they do in our natural areas and parks.

4.1 **Ordinance No. 15-1364**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.03 to Approve a Schedule of Civil Penalties for Metro's Parks, Cemeteries, and Natural Areas

Deputy Council President Dirksen noted that the first read and public hearing on this ordinance took place on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Ordinance 15-1364.
Second:	Councilor Sam Chase seconded the motion.

**Council discussion:**

There was none.

Vote: Deputy Council President Dirksen, and Councilors Harrington, Stacey, Craddick, Collette, and Chase voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion passed.

4.2 **Ordinance No. 15-1366**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapters 10.01 and 10.02 to Clarify Rule Enforcement Procedures Within Metro's Parks, Cemeteries, and Natural Areas

Deputy Council President Dirksen noted that the first read and public hearing on this ordinance took place on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Ordinance 15-1366.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

**Council discussion:**

There was none.

Vote: Deputy Council President Dirksen, and Councilors Harrington, Stacey, Craddick, Collette, and Chase voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion passed.

**5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Thank you to staff that brought food for the diversity lunch today, upcoming Equitable Housing Summit on Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, and the kick-off of the Chehalem Master Planning process on February 24 from 6-8pm at Central Cultural de Washington County.

**6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Kick-off of Chehalem Ridge Master Planning process on February 24, Forest Grove Town Hall meeting at the Community Auditorium, Tualatin River Keepers Annual Meeting at Beaverton Library starting at 12:30pm this weekend, Wednesday's Council and MPAC-sponsored Speaker Series "Inclusive Economy" and panel discussion, Tuesday's Clackamas County Diversity Leadership Commission meeting, and tonight's Clackamas Cities Dinner.

**7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Dirksen adjourned the regular meeting at 2:37 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexandra Eldridge".

Alexandra Eldridge, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JAN. 28, 2016**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.0	Minutes	01/21/2016	Council Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2016	012816c-01
4.1, 4.2	Testimony, handout	01/28/2016	Testimony from Ariel Whitacre on Ordinance Nos. 15-1364, 15-1366	012816c-02
4.1, 4.2	Testimony, handout	01/28/2016	Testimony from Kristina Prosser on Ordinance Nos. 15-1364, 15-1366	012816c-03
4.1, 4.2	Testimony, handout	01/28/2016	Testimony from Justin Cooley on Ordinance Nos. 15-1364, 15-1366	012816c-04