



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Swaren, Portland: Mr. Swaren addressed the Metro Council regarding the Southwest Corridor Plan and spoke to his participation at a recent Oregon Transportation Commission meeting.

Lisa Frank, Portland: Ms. Frank addressed the Metro Council about the support from For Every Kid Coalition for Safe Routes to School and spoke to attending the recent Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting to ask for dedicated funding through the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Art Lewellan, Portland: Mr. Lewellan provided the Metro Council with several maps and expressed his opposition to the Bertha tunnel boring machine.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Stacey requested the removal of the minutes for the March 10, 2016 Metro Council meeting from the consent agenda in order to address an amendment to the minutes.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 16-4688.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Councilor Stacey spoke to Council discussion after the presentation of Resolution 16-4686 at the March 10th Council meeting, where Councilor Craddick seconded Councilor Stacey's motion for a continuance of the resolution to enable Council to acquire additional information before taking action. As this information was omitted, Councilor Stacey moved to amend the March 10th minutes to reflect the correct Council action.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve the March 10, 2016 minutes as amended.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

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

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Resolution No. 16-4687, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2015-16 Budget and Appropriations Schedule and FY 2015-16 Through FY 2019-20 Capital Improvements Plan to Provide for a Change in Operations

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution 16-4687.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Metro staff, Ms. Kathy Rutkowski, to provide a brief presentation. Ms. Rutkowski noted that the action in front of Council is the second of the third consolidated budget amendments that Council will see this year, including eleven separate requests. Ms. Rutkowski briefly explained each item and the associated fiscal implications.

Council discussion:

In response to councilor request for clarification regarding the risk management claims expense, Ms. Rutkowski noted that this budget action is to avoid over-expenditure at the end of the year. Councilor Craddick inquired about the allocation of Metro Central Enhancement Grant funding and Councilor Chase noted the existence of a grant funding reserve for quality enhancement applications.

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

3.2 Resolution No. 16-4689, For the Purpose of Adopting Debt Management Policies Related to Post Issuance Tax Compliance and Continuing Disclosure

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 16-4689.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Metro staff, Ms. Kathy Rutkowski, to provide a brief presentation. Ms. Rutkowski noted that the issuance of tax exempt bonds bring along the obligation to meet continuing disclosure requirements. Ms. Rutkowski spoke to Metro's promise to provide certain annual financial information and notices of specific events to the public. Ms. Rutkowski added that tax-exempt bonds are subject to applicable Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recommendations and while these recommendations are not binding, staff believes it to be prudent

for Metro to develop written policies and procedures to track and implement these recommendations.

Council discussion:

In response to councilor inquiry about the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, Mr. Tim Collier, Metro Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, noted that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) look more favorably on issuers who have written adopted policies related to continuing disclosure and post-issuance compliance. Mr. Collier added that almost all of Metro's bonds are tax exempt, excluding pension liability bonds.

Vote:

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

4. ORDINANCES (FIRST READ)

4.1 Ordinance No. 16-1369, For the Purpose of Adopting Solid Waste Charges and User Fees for FY 2016-17

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Metro Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Collier spoke to the adoption of increased solid waste rates for fiscal year 2016-17, noting that the rates were developed using the same model as last year and are predominately based on cost. Mr. Collier noted that rising tonnage and low inflation is reducing upward pressure on rates overall and an independent rate review found that Metro's rates were set using a reasonable and sound process.

Council discussion:

In response to councilor request, Mr. Collier commented on the process of information being publicly available to all citizens who have questions, from those who are licensed garbage collectors who are franchised by local government to the members of the general public. Mr. Collier noted that staff hired an expert to review Metro's rates, make several recommendations to improve the processes every year, and produce a publically accessible report.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-1369. Seeing no requests to testify, Council President Hughes closed the public hearing and noted that the second reading, Council consideration, and vote were scheduled for March 31, 2016.

4.2 Ordinance No. 16-1372, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.01 Relating to Excise Tax Regarding Exemptions

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Metro Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Collier noted that this ordinance is a continuation of a process that began in 2004 with the adoption of comprehensive financial policies. Mr. Collier highlighted the creation of the consolidated general fund, the exemption of the Oregon Zoo from payment of the Oregon excise tax, and generated enterprise revenues containing excise tax. Mr. Collier spoke to a resolution in 2008 which indicated that Metro would evaluate exempting other general fund functions from excise tax in the future. Mr. Collier added that this Council action will complete the evaluation and add exemption relating to excise tax for Metro regional parks and natural areas, research center, and Metro Regional Center operations.

Council discussion:

There was none.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-1372. Seeing no requests to testify, Council President Hughes closed the public hearing and noted that the second reading, Council consideration, and vote were scheduled for March 31, 2016.

5. ORDINANCES (SECOND READ)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 16-1370**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 9.87 Acres Located at 7775 NW Kaiser Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Ordinance 16-1370.
Second:	Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.

Council discussion:

There was none.

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

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: public comment phases for the Chehalem Ridge Nature Park Master Plan, Draft Equity Strategy and Southwest Corridor Plan, a City Managers meeting, noted that Council meetings have been cancelled for next week, Blue Lake Bunny Bonanza Candy Hunt, Egg Hunt for Kids with Disabilities: Maddy's Blue Lake Adventure, and the Oregon Zoo Rabbit Romp.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: JPACT meeting, Regional Leadership Forum series, Governor's Transportation Vision Panel, Willamette Falls Locks Task Force meeting, Willamette Falls Locks site tour and Tribal History Event, Regional Snapshot Speaker Series Event, a hosted conversation by Powell's Books with Janette Sadik-Khan and Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Travel Oregon meeting, Visitors Development Fund (VDF) Board of Directors meeting, and the 100th Anniversary of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:55 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Museum of the Oregon Territory in the Tumwater Room in Oregon City.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Giraud". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the phrase "Respectfully submitted,".

Kate Giraud, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2016

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Testimony, Letter	03/17/2016	Testimony from Lisa Frank	031716c-01
1.0	Testimony, Handout	03/17/2016	Testimony from Art Lewellan	031716c-02
2.2	Minutes	03/10/2016	Council Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2016	031716-03