



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2016

Museum of the Oregon Territory, Tumwater Room

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 2:06 p.m.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Paul Edgar, Portland: Mr. Edgar addressed the Metro Council regarding the region's homelessness issue and spoke to the need for a planned community to help transition homeless veterans in a more productive environment.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve the March 17, 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. 16-4676**, For the Purpose of Approving the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Governance Intergovernmental Agreement Amongst the State of Oregon, Clackamas County, Metro and Oregon City

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution 16-4676.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Metro's Director of Parks & Nature, and Ms. Christina Robertson-Gardiner, City of Oregon City staff, to provide a brief presentation. Ms. Brennan-Hunter thanked the partners for their work on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and discussed the project's vision and four core values. She shared updates on the

Riverwalk vision, the public engagement process, and the project timeline. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner discussed the Riverwalk project development strategy, reviewed the project budget, and spoke to the importance of integrated design, reducing and removing barriers to redevelopment, and public engagement and transparency. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner also emphasized the coordination between the upland area and the Riverwalk site and discussed the development strategy report and public implementation plan. Ms. Brennan-Hunter highlighted the importance of defining decision-making roles moving forward, reviewed the organizational framework presented in the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Governance Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), and thanked Noah Siegel, Metro staff, for his ongoing work.

Council President Hughes opened the floor for any public testimony on the resolution.

Commissioner Tootie Smith, Clackamas County: Commissioner Smith spoke in support of Willamette Falls Legacy Project Governance IGA and thanked the property owner and Portland General Electric (PGE) for their collaboration. Commissioner Smith also emphasized the role of investors and businesses in the project's success and discussed the success of the tours, the project's potential economic benefits, and the importance of the Willamette Falls Locks being open.

Commissioner Martha Schrader, Clackamas County: Commissioner Schrader spoke in support of Willamette Falls Legacy Project Governance IGA and recalled the historical significance of Oregon City. Commissioner Schrader also spoke to the project's potential to be a catalyst for job creation and economic development both in Oregon City and across the region.

Tony Konkol, City of Oregon City: Mr. Konkol spoke in support of Willamette Falls Legacy Project Governance IGA and discussed the project's benefits to Oregon City's employment and property value. Mr. Konkol also emphasized the importance of developing a decision making structure to deal with difficult decisions moving forward and to provide a unified message to constituents and partners.

MG Devereux, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department: Mr. Devereux thanked Noah Siegel for his work and spoke in support of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Governance IGA. Mr. Devereux discussed State of Oregon's role in bringing together those in regulatory and catalyst roles through the Governor's Regional Solutions Team, and ensuring that the cultural elements are protected in interest of tribal members.

Alice Norris, Rediscover the Falls: Ms. Norris spoke in support of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Governance IGA and emphasized the project's role in the economic revitalization of Oregon City. Ms. Norris also discussed the Willamette Falls Heritage Area and the role of partners in providing financial support.

Jonathan Stone, Rediscover the Falls: Mr. Stone spoke in support of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Governance IGA and the Riverwalk project, and emphasized the benefits of these project's on Oregon City's downtown business area.

***Council discussion:***

Council thanked staff and partners for their continued work on this project, and discussed the significance of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project as a regional asset. Councilor Craddick highlighted the project's potential to transform the Willamette Falls into one of the most visited places in Oregon. Council President Hughes emphasized that this project is an example of what can be accomplished through cooperative work and partnerships.

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> .
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3.2 **Resolution No. 16-4678**, For the Purpose of Approving the Newell Creek Canyon Access Master Plan

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 16-4678.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Lisa Goorjian and Mr. Tannen Printz, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation. Ms. Goorjian provided a brief background on Oregon’s history of natural area conservation, discussed the role of the natural areas levy in the area’s continued restoration, and noted the importance of community support to the project’s success. She also explained the planning process and how the Master Plan reflects the region’s investment in planning for the future. Mr. Printz thanked the Council and the stakeholder committee members for their support and provided a brief background on the project, including the area’s ecological value and unique challenges, and emphasized the role of public outreach in the plan’s development. Mr. Printz also discussed the plan’s long-range vision and phase-based development, and reviewed the Newell Creek Canyon zones of use, including a day use area, a multi-use trail network, and a conservation area.

Council President Hughes opened the floor for any public testimony on the resolution.

Scott Archer, Oregon City: Mr. Archer thanked Council for coming to Oregon City and their continued investment and support, and expressed his support for making Newell Creek Canyon accessible to the public for both passive and active uses. Mr. Archer discussed the project’s benefits to both the community and the region, and noted the community support for public access.

William Gifford, Oregon City: Mr. Gifford emphasized the economic vitality that this project would bring to Oregon City and the role of Newell Creek Canyon as a regional attractor. He discussed strategies to improve the safety of the area in regards to the homelessness issue and as area without facilities. Mr. Gifford also thanked Council for Metro’s role in clearing trash from the area, spoke in support of Newell Creek Canyon Access Master Plan, and thanked Tannen for the public comment opportunities. Mr. Gifford also spoke to the need for improved connectivity between Beaver Lane and Otter Lane.

Blane Meier, Oregon City: Mr. Meier shared how he hopes to capitalize on the tourism coming to Oregon City as a result of these projects, and spoke to his support of developing bike trails in Newell Creek Canyon.

Sha Spady, Oregon City: Ms. Spady discussed Metro’s history with parks and green spaces planning, as well as Metro’s history with Newell Creek Canyon, and thanked Council for its continued support.

**Council discussion:**

Council thanked staff and partners for their continued work and support, as well as members of the public who participated in the public comment process. Councilor Craddick highlighted the issue of homelessness as a unique challenge for Newell Creek Canyon and noted the importance of finding support for displaced homeless communities. Councilor Harrington expressed her excitement for the opportunity to improve restoration efforts while also providing public access to natural areas, and discussed the importance of trail connectivity. She also discussed levy restrictions and spoke to the need for continued support for levy programs to enable additional development. Councilor Chase highlighted the importance of preserving natural areas nearby as urban growth and density increases.

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> .
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**3.3 Resolution No. 16-4680, For the Purpose of Approving 2016 Nature in Neighborhoods Regional Trails Grants**

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution 16-4680.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Heather Nelson Kent, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation. Ms. Nelson Kent briefly discussed the history of Nature in Neighborhoods (NIN) grants being used to fund trail projects, and introduced Ms. Georgena Moran, a 2014 NIN grant recipient. Ms. Moran gave a presentation on the Access Recreation project and showed a video summarizing the project’s work. Ms. Nelson Kent discussed the highly competitive nature of NIN grants, highlighted the importance of the review committee’s role in the grant review process, and introduced Ms. Holly Van Houten, a member of the 2016 NIN Trails Review Committee, to provide additional information on the review process. Ms. Van Houten discussed the project criteria, which included the goals of increasing access to nature in the regional trail system and increasing nature within trail systems. Ms. Van Houten also discussed the variety of project types, including programmatic approaches, projects designed to attract more people to region, and projects in all different stages of the development and implementation process. Ms. Nelson Kent introduced the nine projects that were selected for funding, including Phase Two of Access Recreation, the McLoughlin to Canemah Trail Plan, Cedar Creek Trail/ Ice Age Tonquin Regional Trail Signage, Wood Village-Fairview Interceptor Trail, Rood Bridge Park Canoe Launch, North Johnson Creek Trail Extension, Clackamas Community College Shared Use Path, Phase Two of Living Cully Walks, and Wisdom Springwater Trail Partnership.

Council President Hughes opened the floor for any public testimony on the resolution.

Brian Wegener, Tualatin: Mr. Wegener thanked Council for their support, spoke in support of upgrading the Tualatin River Park Trail, and expressed his appreciation for the partnership between Metro and Tualatin Riverkeepers.

Joseph Marek, Oregon City: Mr. Marek spoke in support of the McLoughlin to Canemah Trail Plan, emphasized the importance of providing public access to recreation near neighborhoods, and thanked Council for their support of this project and the City of Oregon City for their efforts to improve access to recreation within the city.

***Council discussion:***

Council thanked the community members for their applications, voters for their support of the levy, and the review committee for their work. Councilor Harrington discussed the defining role of the Regional Active Transportation Plan and the importance of building trails both for recreational and transportation uses.

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> .
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**4. ORDINANCES (FIRST READ)**

**4.1 Ordinance No. 16-1373, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 2.02.120 and Declaring an Emergency**

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Hope Whitney, Office of the Metro Attorney, to provide a brief presentation. Ms. Whitney noted that Metro adopted the Code of Ethics to conform to substantive changes in State law at that time that rendered Metro's previous code out of date. She noted that this ordinance removes the duplicate portion of the code.

***Council discussion:***

There was none.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-1373. 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 April 14, 2016.

**5. ORDINANCES (SECOND READ)**

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

Motion:	Councilor Bob Stacey moved to approve Ordinance 16-1369.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette 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 <u>passed</u> .
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5.2 **Ordinance No. 16-1372**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.01 Relating to Excise Tax Regarding Exemptions

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Ordinance 16-1372.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey 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 <u>passed</u> .
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**6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Scott Robinson provided an update on the following events or items: mushroom discovery hikes will be held on April 2nd at Smith and Bybee Lake and April 9th at Oxbow Regional Park and the Next Generation Infrastructure presentation by Hillary Brown on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:30pm.

**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Collette noted that over 725 people attended the Willamette Falls Legacy Project open house.

**8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:15 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the Council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2016**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	Testimony, Letter	03/31/2016	Written testimony from Paul Edgar	033116c-01
1.0	Testimony, Handout	03/31/2016	Better Built Barns Brochure from Paul Edgar	033116c-02
2.1	Minutes	03/17/2016	Council Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2016	033116c-03
3.3	Handout	03/31/2016	Access Recreation Flyer	033116c-04
3.3	Testimony, Handout	03/31/2016	A Paddler's Access Guide to the Lower Tualatin River from Brian Wegener	033116c-05