



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Rooms 370 A&B

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

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilor Sam Chase

1. Deputy Council President Craig Dirksen called the regular Council meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There was none.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Vote: Deputy Council President Dirksen, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion passed.

4. **RESOLUTIONS**

4.1 **Resolution No. 16-4702**, For the Purpose of Adopting the 2018-2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and 2019-2021 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Policy Statement for the Portland Metropolitan Area

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution No. 16-4702.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called on Mr. Dan Kaempff, Metro staff, for a brief staff presentation. Mr. Kaempff introduced the policy report, noting that it is the result of a year-long process which engaged the Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) as well as local elected officials, agencies, and stakeholders from around the region.

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

LeeAnne Ferguson, Portland: Ms. Ferguson thanked the Council for their support for funding the Safe Routes to School program and active transportation through the Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA).

John Charles, Portland: Mr. Charles discussed transit and mode share funding, spoke to the need to adjust plans and programs based on data, and provided a handout highlighting transportation spending and mode share usage in the Metro region.

Council discussion:

Councilors thanked staff for their work and expressed their appreciation for the amount of public comment received during the process, and highlighted the role of the For Every Kid Coalition in securing funding for active transportation through the RFFA. Councilors also thanked Mr. Charles for his comments and the data that he provided.

Vote:

Deputy Council President Dirksen, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .

4.2 Resolution No. 16-4697, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for FY 2016-17, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Authorizing and Interfund Loan

Deputy Council President Dirksen noted that Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett, in her capacity as Metro's Budget Officer, presented the proposed budget to the Metro Council, sitting as the Metro Budget Committee, at the meeting on April 14th. At the April 14th meeting the resolution, which formally adopts the FY 16-17 budget, was read into the record, a motion was made to approve Resolution No. 16-4697 and adopt the proposed budget, and a public hearing was held. The Metro Council then held a work session to discuss the FY 2016-17 budget on Tuesday, April 19th, followed by a second public hearing on May 5th. Deputy Council President Dirksen noted that last week, the Metro Council held a successful joint meeting with the Multnomah County Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission (TSCC) and added that today Council will consider amendments to the budget and hold an additional public hearing to take public testimony on the proposed amendments and the budget as a whole.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called on Mr. Tim Collier, Metro's director of Finance and Regulatory Services, for a brief staff presentation. Mr. Collier noted that there are 22 department amendments, 18 of which are technical in nature and four of which are substantive amendments that either request the approval of additional Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employees or a significant change in budget assumption. Mr. Collier added that there were no Councilor amendments this fiscal year.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called for a motion to amend Resolution No. 16-4697 to include the staff amendments *en bloc*.

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to accept the amendments to Resolution No. 16-4697 <i>en bloc</i> .
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Dirksen opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 16-4697. Seeing no requests to testify, he closed the public hearing and noted that the final public hearing with Council consideration and vote is scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd.

Council discussion:

Councilor Craddick thanked staff and the Chief Operating Officer for the amendment which recognizes the reduction in health and welfare costs and places excess appropriations into the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Reserve.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called for a voice vote on the motion to amend Resolution No. 16-4697 to include the Department Requested budget amendments *en bloc*.

Vote:	Deputy Council President Dirksen, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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4.3 Resolution No. 16-4708, For the Purpose of Approving the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 16-4708.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called on Chief Operating Officer Ms. Martha Bennett for a brief staff presentation. Ms. Bennett provided a brief history of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) work at Metro and urged Council to adopt the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. She noted that today will be a public hearing only, and that final Council consideration and vote will take place at the meeting on Thursday, June 23rd.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called on Equity Strategy Advisory Committee (ESAC) members Julia Meier and Desirée Williams, to provide a brief presentation. Ms. Meier thanked Metro for their support on behalf of the Coalition of Communities of Color and discussed the institutional and systemic barriers to equity and the benefits that achieving equity will have for the entire region. Ms. Williams emphasized the opportunity for Metro to play a pivotal role in creating solutions to some of the region’s most pressing problems, including transportation, housing and jobs, and noted that advancing racial equity will improve the quality of life for the entire region.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called on Kayse Jama, Executive Director of Unite Oregon, and Rekah Strong, Chief of Operations and Equity at United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, to provide a presentation. Ms. Jama spoke to the partnership between Metro and Unite Oregon and expressed

her appreciation for Metro's community engagement process. Mr. Strong discussed his history as an immigrant and thanked Metro for their commitment to taking action on the issue.

Deputy Council President Dirksen called on and Stacey Hopkins, Metro staff, to provide a presentation. Ms. Hopkins discussed her involvement with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and noted that this Strategic Plan was her reason for getting involved after 20 years as a Metro employee. She emphasized the positive impact of the Strategic Plan on inequities within Metro and on the entire region.

Deputy Council President Dirksen opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 16-4708.

Abdiasis Mohamed, Portland: Mr. Mohamed thanked the DEI staff and spoke to the need to implement concepts from the Strategic Plan in practice throughout the region.

Emily Lai, Portland: Ms. Lai spoke to the relationship between Metro and the Momentum Alliance and noted that she feels the need to convince the majority of the public of the urgency and value of equity work. She also noted the need to better identify gender neutral bathrooms in the Metro Regional Center.

Cary Watters, Portland: Ms. Watters thanked Metro staff for their engagement with the Urban Indian community and emphasized the benefit of Metro's equity work for future generations. She also expressed concern regarding the difficulty of applying for large project grants through Metro.

Council discussion:

Councilors thanked the community members who came to provide testimony, and expressed their gratitude for the time put in by staff and the community in the creation of the Strategic Plan. Councilor Collette emphasized the need for equity work and action to be a continuous effort, Councilor Stacey conveyed his appreciation for the opportunity to engage with so many diverse communities throughout the region, and Councilor Craddick acknowledged the accomplishments that Metro staff has achieved through their DEI work and noted that there is still work to be done on building trust in the community. Councilor Harrington discussed the institutional and structural barriers that help to maintain the status quo and expressed her appreciation to the community for their patient engagement. Councilor Dirksen emphasized the economic benefits of continued equity work, spoke to the need to change the way that things are done throughout the region, and noted that Council consideration and vote will take place at the June 23rd Council meeting.

5. ORDINANCES (FIRST READ)

5.1 Ordinance No. 16-1376, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 4.58 Acres Located at 7270 NW Helvetia Road in Hillsboro

Metro Attorney Alison Kean and Deputy Council President Dirksen read the requirements on holding a quasi-judicial hearing and Deputy Council President Dirksen then introduced Metro staff, Mr. Tim O'Brien, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. O'Brien provided a brief report regarding the annexation request, explained the criteria required and that the request did meet the required criteria for annexation into the Metro District Boundary.

Deputy Council President Dirksen opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-1376. Seeing no requests to testify, Deputy Council President Dirksen closed the public hearing and noted that the second reading, Council consideration and vote are scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2016.

Council discussion:

There was none.

6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Martha Bennett, provided an update on the following events or items: the discussion of recent events in Orlando and how it affects Metro staff and the region, PEStacular, the Blue Lake master plan information booth, and the Sixth Annual Barbara Walker Regional Trails Fair.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the AARP Age-Friendly Practices Forum, the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Steering Committee Meeting, the development of a multi-family housing unit by ROSE Community Development Center, the Governor's Locks Task Force meeting, testimony before the Washington State Transportation Panel, the most recent Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting, an summary of the first recent Regional Leadership Forum, and an upcoming Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) Knight Cancer Institute event.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Dirksen adjourned the regular meeting at 4:10 p.m. The Metro Council will convene at the next regular council meeting on Thursday, June 23, 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 JUNE 16, 2016

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Minutes	06/16/2016	Council Meeting Minutes on May 26, 2016	061616c-01
4.1	Testimony, Handout	06/16/2016	2018-2021 MTIP spending plan: The triumph of hope over experience	061616c-02