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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, October 31, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**2. Safety Briefing**

Council President Peterson called on Councilor Gonzalez to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Gonzalez provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

**3. Public Communication**

Walter Robinson II, City of Portland: Mr. Robinson, lead organizer with the Getting There Together Coalition, discussed the staff recommendation for the potential regional transportation investment measure, noting that the staff recommendation did not go far enough to address existing transportation, safety, transit and climate needs. He explained that the Coalition recommended investing increased funds in corridors with the greatest need.

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan expressed his concern that Metro Council was ignoring important issues that he had brought to their attention on the Barbur Boulevard Max Project. He stated his objection to the project design and encouraged Council to conduct a study of rapid transit bus service. (Mr. Lewellan submitted written materials with his testimony; see the October 31 meeting materials).

Ron Swaren, City of Portland: Mr. Swaren discussed alternative crossings over the Columbia River, noting the importance of travel between Clark County, Southwest Washington and the greater Portland area. He highlighted the cost and traffic impacts of an Interstate 5 replacement bridge.

Charles Ormsby, City of Portland: Mr. Ormsby shared his family's experience moving to the Pacific Northwest. He discussed difficulty with wheelchair accessibility and transit access on Highway 43 through the City of Lake Oswego and raised concerns over proposed projects in that area that would make accessibility more difficult including slope and space for wheelchairs.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that these items be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

- 4.1 Resolution No. 19-5037, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Involving Four Projects Impacting Portland, TriMet, Tualatin, and Washington County (OC20-02-OCT)
- 4.2 Resolution No. 19-5039, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Execution of TriMet a Park & Ride Agreement at the Portland Expo Center
- 4.3 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2019
- 4.4 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2019

**5. Resolutions**

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Warren Johnson and Ms. Joanna Dyer, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation on Resolution Nos. 19-5022, 19-5023, 19-5024, 19-5025, 19-5026 and 19-5027. Mr. Johnson explained that the resolutions would renew the solid waste franchise agreements for five transfer stations located in the Cities of Forest Grove, Gresham, Sherwood, Troutdale and Wilsonville. He added that Resolution No. 19-5027 would amend the City of Roses franchise agreement to align the term with the other franchise renewals. Mr. Johnson noted that these renewals were brought forward as resolutions to allow for greater flexibility and highlighted that this change would not affect the ability of interested parties, local governments and regulated entities from providing public input. He discussed Metro's regulatory authority over these matters and reviewed Metro's responsibilities in its stewardship of the solid waste system including protecting the environment and health and human services. Mr. Johnson outlined Metro Council's direction that it was currently in the public interest to include some private sector companies in the solid waste system in order to provide certain waste services. He discussed the new approach to wet waste allocations, highlighting upcoming changes to be implemented in 2020.

Mr. Johnson called on Ms. Dyer to provide more detail on the renewals and amendment. Ms. Dyer explained the application and approval process, noting that all five facilities met the approval criteria outlined in Metro code. She noted the benefits of the transfer station to the solid waste system and discussed refinements in language in the franchises that reflected recent Council policy decisions. Ms. Dyer provided a brief summary of each of the changes to the franchises including building foundation for

implementation of the Regional Waste Plan and inclusion of the new tonnage allocation methodology. She outlined the public engagement process and reviewed the comments received during that process.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Gonzalez asked for more specific detail on the public comments received. He asked whether sites were ready to accept food scraps and what performance standards were included in the agreements. Councilor Craddick asked about compactors at facilities. Councilor Lewis asked how Metro staff engaged franchise holders in the process of implementing the upcoming changes to the agreements. Councilor Chase highlighted the importance and availability of the Investment and Innovation Grants.

Council President Peterson opened up a general public hearing for Resolution Nos. 19-5022, 19-5023, 19-5024, 19-5025, 19-5026 and 19-5027 for Councilors wishing to disclose any ex parte contacts or conflict of interest.

Councilor Dirksen stated he did not have any conflicts of interest and noted that he had met with Dean Kampfer, of Waste Management, and Mike Leichner, of Pride Disposal, but did not discuss the franchise agreements with either. Councilor Stacey stated that he had met or spoken with Dean Kampfer and Dan Bates, of Waste Management, K.J. Lewis, of Willamette Resources, Inc., Matt Miller, of Gresham Sanitary, and Alando Simpson, of City of Roses, noting that he did not discuss with them the franchise agreements up for Council consideration.

Councilor Craddick explained that she had met with Dean Kampfer, of Waste Management, K.J. Lewis, of Willamette

Resources, Inc., and Matt Miller, of Gresham Sanitary, and stated that she did not discuss the franchise agreements. Councilor Gonzalez stated he had communicated with or met with Dean Kampfer, of Waste Management, Mike Leichner, of Pride Disposal, and Alando Simpson, of City of Roses, but did not discuss the franchise agreements before Council.

Council President Peterson and Councilor Chase noted that they had past communications with the parties mentioned, but had not discussed the franchise agreements. Councilor Lewis stated she had no ex parte communications.

Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

- 5.1 Resolution No. 19-5022, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of GSS Transfer, LLC, and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise To Operate a Transfer Station

**A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Chase, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.1.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 19-5022, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of GSS Transfer, LLC, and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise To Operate a Transfer Station

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-5022 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

- 5.2 Resolution No. 19-5023, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste
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Facility Franchise Renewal Application of Pride Recycling Company, and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise to Operate a Transfer Station

**A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.2.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 19-5023, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of Pride Recycling Company, and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise to Operate a Transfer Station

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-5023 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

- 5.3 Resolution No. 19-5024, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of Waste Management of Oregon, Inc., and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise to Operate Forest Grove Transfer Station

**A motion was made by Councilor Chase, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.3.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 19-5024, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of Waste Management of Oregon, Inc., and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise to Operate Forest Grove Transfer Station

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on

Resolution No. 19-5024 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

- 5.4 Resolution No. 19-5025, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of Waste Management of Oregon, Inc., and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise to Operate Troutdale Transfer Station

**A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.4.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 19-5025, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of Waste Management of Oregon, Inc., and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise to Operate Troutdale Transfer Station

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-5025 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

- 5.5 Resolution No. 19-5026, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of Willamette Resources Inc., and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise to Operate a Transfer Station

**A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez



- 5.5.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 19-5026, For The Purpose Of Approving the Solid Waste Facility Franchise Renewal Application of Willamette Resources Inc., and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue a Renewed Solid Waste Facility Franchise to Operate a Transfer Station

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-5026 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

- 5.6 Resolution No. 19-5027, For The Purpose Of Approving a One Year Term Extension and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue an Amended Solid Waste Facility Franchise For City Of Roses Disposal & Recycling To Operate COR Transfer Station

**A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.6.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 19-5027, For The Purpose Of Approving a One Year Term Extension and Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Issue an Amended Solid Waste Facility Franchise For City Of Roses Disposal & Recycling To Operate COR Transfer Station

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-5027 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

## 6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items: the upcoming Metro all staff meeting and the kick-off of the Metro community giving campaign.

## 7. Councilor Communication

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Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: Metro Policy Advisory Committee meeting.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:53 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on November 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement  
Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 31, 2019**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	10/31/19	"The Walking Communities of 2040" (revised) submitted by Art Lewellan	103119c-01
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	10/31/19	Series of Opinion Articles written by Art Lewellan	103119c-02
<b>4.3</b>	Minutes	10/31/19	Council Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2019	103119c-03
<b>4.4</b>	Minutes	10/31/19	Council Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2019	103119c-04