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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

**2:00 PM**

**<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> or 888-475-4499 (toll free)**

**Council meeting**

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

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

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

**2. Public Communication**

Susan Bladholm: Ms. Bladholm testified on behalf of Friends of Frog's Ferry, a non-profit focused on bringing a passenger ferry to the region. She requested that Metro include the project in the Metropolitan Transportation Investment Program as part of the financially-constrained project list in order to be eligible for federal funding.

Eric Whitmore: Mr. Whitmore noted that he owned land adjacent to Metro property in Washington County. He shared concerns about Metro's use of this property and how it impacted the land around it, specifically in regards to flooding and water use.

**3. Consent Agenda****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Craddick, to adopt items on the consent agenda.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

- 3.1 Resolution No. 20-5094, For the Purpose of Adding New or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Which Involves Project Changes to Five Projects Impacting Gresham, ODOT, And TriMet (AP20-11-APR)

- 3.2 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2020

**4. Resolutions**

- 4.1 Resolution No. 20-5101, For the Purpose of Proclaiming May 5, 2020 as a Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Council President Peterson called on Andre Bealer and Punneh Abdolhosseini, Metro staff, to present Resolution No. 20-5101. Mr. Bealer introduced the resolution, noting that it sought to bring awareness to the plight of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. He explained that it was important to recognize that those who face the most difficulties during moments of stability were also most impacted by moments of crisis, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Abdolhosseini stated that it was vital to stand in solidarity with the indigenous community and explained that 84% of Native women experience violence in their lifetime. She spoke to the legacy of colonization and white supremacy and how they continued to impact indigenous communities. She recommended that Metro continue to evaluate how it also upheld these beliefs in its own agency, highlighting that racial equity research demonstrated that the region's institutions continued to serve its residents inequitably. She thanked the Metro Council for its ongoing commitment to this issue.

*Council Discussion*

Council President Peterson thanked the presenters for bringing the proclamation forward and speaking to the importance of this work. Councilor Gonzalez thanked Ms. Abdolhosseini for calling out white supremacy and colonialism and how they continue to impact Metro's communities and the world at large. Councilors spoke to the importance of recognizing this history and working to dismantle racism and the violence that often followed as a result. Councilor Dirksen suggested that the Metro Council lobby Congress in support of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 2019, which would expand the ability of law enforcement on sovereign Indian Nation

reservations to actively pursue these types of cases.

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

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

- 4.2 Resolution No. 20-5092, For the Purpose of Approving the FY 2020-21 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

Council President Peterson introduced Marissa Madrigal, Metro's Chief Operating Officer, and Brian Kennedy, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, to present the resolution. Ms. Madrigal introduced the resolution, noting that over the last several weeks, the Metro Council had been briefed on the proposed FY2020-21 budget and the changes necessary to bring the proposed budget (created pre-COVID-19) into balance to align with the updated financial forecasts. She explained that approval of Resolution No. 20-5092 would approve the budget including those changes, as well as set the maximum property tax rates to be levied by Metro and transmit the budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC.)

Mr. Kennedy then reviewed the three proposed tax levies for the next year in more detail. He also reviewed the next steps in the budget process, including that the TSCC would hold its public hearing on the proposed budget on June 4 and the final budget adoption would be held on June 18.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Dirksen asked about the difference between the permanent tax rate and the local option rate. Councilor Chase confirmed that the proposed budget under consideration included the capacity building support for

culturally-specific communities.

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

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

#### 4.2.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 20-5092

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 20-5092 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

#### 4.3 Resolution No. 20-5093, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption from Competitive Bidding and Procurement of Construction Manager/General Contractor Services by Competitive Request for Proposals for Construction of the Commercial Food Waste Processing Facility at Metro Central Transfer Station

Council President Peterson recessed the meeting of the Metro Council and convened the Metro Contact Review Board. She then called on Ms. Gabriele Schuster and Mr. Will Elder, Metro staff, to present the resolution.

Ms. Schuster explained that the resolution would authorize an alternative procurement method for the construction of the Commercial Food Waste Processing Facility at Metro Central Transfer Station. She noted that the state's contracting rules required all public improvement projects to be procured through competitive bidding, but that there were certain exceptions within the rules. She stated that the law permitted procurement request for proposal (RFP) if the method was unlikely to encourage favoritism and would likely result in substantial cost savings and other benefits.

Ms. Schuster explained that given the complexity of the project, Procurement Services recommended this alternative values-based procurement method in the form of an RFP.

*Council Discussion*

Councilors expressed support for the project as well as the alternative procurement method, noting that the project represented a milestone in Metro's work to reduce food waste. Councilor Chase asked about how the project would be impacted by the slowdown in commercial food production and the service industry due to COVID-19.

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

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

4.3.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 20-5093

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 20-5093 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

4.4 Resolution No. 20-5099, For the Purpose of Amending Metro's Rules of Procedure to Advance Equity in Public Contracting

Council President Peterson called on Tracy Fisher and Riko Tannenbaum, Metro staff, to jointly present Resolution No. 20-5099 and Resolution No. 20-5100. Ms. Fisher explained that the resolutions would approve methods of contracting that would bring greater opportunities to businesses certified by the certification office of COBID-certified firms. Ms. Fisher informed the Council that Procurement Services staff had identified actions to take that could provide direct

benefit to these firms, many of which had been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

Ms. Fisher and Ms. Tannenbaum then provided an overview of the resolutions. Ms. Fisher explained that the first resolution would allow for a group of contracts for on-call maintenance and repair to be solicited competitively among COBID-certified firms. She noted that the special procurement method would bring strong contracts to Metro and provide significant opportunity to smaller businesses. Ms. Tannenbaum explained that the second resolution would increase the threshold for the COBID marketplace agreement from \$50,000 to \$150,000, stating that the intended outcome was to reduce barriers and create more opportunities for COBID-certified businesses in an effort to create equity in contracting.

*Council Discussion*

Councilors thanked Procurement Services staff for their work. Councilors asked about the threshold for direct awards and how they would impact Metro work. Councilor Gonzalez asked how the proposed changes would impact the forecasted data for the next fiscal year. After the vote, Council President Peterson recessed the meeting of the Metro Contract Review Board and reconvened the meeting of the Metro Council.

**A motion was made by Councilor Chase, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that this item be approved.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

- 4.5 Resolution No. 20-5100, For the Purpose of Approving a Contract-Specific Special Procurement for On-Call Maintenance and Repair Services

**A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded**

**by Councilor Chase, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**5. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal provided an update on COVID's impacts on the agency and Metro's response.

**6. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Housing Bond Oversight Committee.

**7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:36 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on May 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nellie Papsdorf*  
Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator



**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 7, 2020**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>2.0</b>	Testimony	05/01/20	Testimony from Senia Foster	050720c-01
<b>2.0</b>	Testimony	05/07/20	Testimony from Friends of Frog Ferry	050720c-02
<b>4.4</b>	PowerPoint	05/07/20	Equity in contracting resolutions for Council approval	050720c-03