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## Minutes

Thursday, April 29, 2021

3:00 PM

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free)

**Council work session**

**3:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting call to order at: 3:01 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

**3:05 Oregon Zoo Budget**

Council President Peterson introduced Interim Zoo Director Scott Cruickshank (he/him) and Oregon Zoo Financial Manager Tom Rogers (he/him), to review their FY 2021-22 budget.

Scott Cruickshank and Tom Rogers reviewed the changes to the Zoo budget and the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Furthermore, Scott Cruickshank reviewed the Oregon Zoo's 2021-2022 priorities and strategic framework.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Lewis asked staff if they calculated the projected earnings from a summer concert series tentatively scheduled for summer 2022 and to review the 20 full-time positions that were removed due to budget cuts last year.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff if there are any other areas or programs they would like to focus on in the future.

Councilor Craddick asked staff when they think they will be able to start working on the Master Plan and if they have found other funding sources to help get that work started earlier.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next Work Session Topic.

**3:50 Parks & Nature Budget**

Council President Peterson introduced Metro Parks and Nature Director Jon Blasher (he/him) and Melissa Weber (she/her) to present the 2021-2022 Parks and Nature budget.

Jon Blasher and Sarah Weber reviewed both the 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 Parks and Nature budgets. Additionally, Jon summarized the Parks and Nature department's programmatic changes and strategic framework for 2021-2022.

***Please Note:** Due to technical difficulties, Council President Lynn Peterson was unable to run the meeting so Deputy Council President Shirley Craddick ran the remainder of the work session.*

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Nolan asked Jon Blasher what resources the Parks and Nature department needs in order to meet the Metro Council's Diversity Equity and Inclusion goals (DEI).

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff to review the process of power mapping and how staff plans to incorporate climate justice into Parks and Nature projects.

Councilor Lewis asked staff if they need more funds or resources for the Parks and Nature Bond Levy development project.

Councilors thanked Parks and Nature staff for all of their work and for their presentation.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Craddick moved on to Chief Operating Officer Communication.

#### **4:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Before reviewing events and updates, Marissa informed

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Council about the noose left at Metro South Transfer Station and the other racially charged harassment faced by Metro South staff over the past year.

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal (She/Her), provided an update on the following events or items:  
Willamette Week article on the Oregon Convention Center  
Vaccination site

**4:30 Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: Transit-Oriented Development Steering Committee meeting and the April 28 Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting

**4:35 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Shirley Craddick adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pilar Karlin*

Pilar Karlin, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2021**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	PPT	04/29/21	Oregon Zoo Budget PowerPoint	042921cw-01
<b>2.0</b>	PPT	04/29/21	Parks & Nature Budget PowerPoint	042921cw-02