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## Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

10:30 AM

**This Council Meeting will adjourn into a Council Work Session**

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

**Council meeting**

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

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

**2. Public Communication**

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.

There were none.

**3. Presentation**

**3.1 Proposed Budget Presentation**

Council President Peterson introduced Marissa Madrigal, Brian Kennedy, and Brian Evans to present The Proposed Budget.

Staff pulled up the FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget Presentation to present to Council.

Marissa explain the budget process, budget message themes, budget environment, significant changes to the budget, office of the metro auditor's budget, plans for moving the budget forward, and budget public hearings.

Staff pulled up the Office of the Metro Auditor FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget Presentation to present to Council.

Brian Evans explained what the Metro Auditor does, the office's accomplishments for FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 budget plans. He compared 2020-21, 21-2022, and the 2022-23 budgets while explaining changes. He ended the presentation with explaining future and current audits

underway.

Marissa highlighted important budget meetings and dates for councilors.

President Peterson asked Clerk Connor Ayers to read the resolution number. Connor Read the title resolution number 22-5252 for the purpose of approving the FY2022-202 budget. Setting property tax levies and transmitting the approved budget to the tax supervising and conservation commission.

Council President Peterson Closed the Metro Council Business meeting and reopened the meeting as the Metro Budget Committee.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Lewis asked for clarification on how the Metro Auditor allocates funds and if there are any allocated for external contractors in the FY 2022-2023 budget.

Brian Evans explained 3-5 years ago they had a standing line item for external investigations but due to budget cut during COVID-19 it was eliminated. He further elaborated that historically the funds were not used and therefor that is why they were cut.

Councilor Lewis asked if there were any audits that they would like to do that they do not have internal capacity to fulfill.

Brian explained if this situation arose they would make a budget request or manage it internally.

Councilor Gonzalez asked how housing affordability is being

reflected in the budget.

Marissa emphasized this budget reflects full staffing for the housing bond in order to push projects through and extend funding to partners.

Councilor Gonzalez questioned how the budget cap placed on Supportive Housing Services administrative services was dealt with internally.

Staff assured this question can be answered in more depth during the Supportive Housing Services department budget presentation. Brian explained that the administrative cap did not include the tax collection cost, therefore the cost being proposed is well below the maximum of the 5% allowance included in the measure.

Councilor Gonzalez ask what kind of methodology the departments uses when measuring the equity of their budgets and how they are budgeting for incentives for things such as community engagement with advisory committees and removal of barriers for presentations.

Staff directed councilor Gonzalez to where he can find the proposed outcomes and metrics in the budget document and agreed to follow up about what incentives are being provided.

Councilor Nolan questioned if there will be public testimony at each departments budget presentation.

Marissa answered no, since the department budget presentations will be during Work Sessions, which do not have public testimony. She then explained there are multiple public hearings in the next two months where the public will have the opportunity to comment on any department's budget.

Councilor Nolan raised a concern that the public will not have more opportunities or enough time to question and comment on each department's budget presentations.

Marissa responded that anytime the council is sitting as the budget committee amendments can be proposed and assured that changes to the calendar can be made if the council feels like they would need to add additionally opportunities for public engagement.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if there is flexibility in the Climate Smart Strategy.

Marissa answered that the council can amend proposed budgets before approval and adoption but once it has been approved the budget cannot be increased more than 10%.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the council will be given more clarification on the budget note process.

Marissa assured council that she will be providing them with additional information on the budget note process.

Councilor Hwang ask for a budget overview of the areas that have reserves and how resilient the agency is if there were to be a future down turn.

Brian answered Metro has revised all their budget reserve policies. This is in order to better prepare for potential future down turns.

**Public hearing:**

President Peterson opened the public hearing for resolution 22-5252

There were none.

President Peterson closed the public hearing on the budget for resolution 22-5252

**4. Adjourn to Work Session**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2022**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Powerpoint	4/5/2022	Auditor Budget Presentation FY2022-23	04521c-01
<b>2.0</b>	Powerpoint	4/5/2022	Proposed Budget Presentation FY23 Final	04521c-02
<b>3.0</b>	Testimony	4/5/2022	Disposal Fee Letter	04521c-03