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Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2022

10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center Council Chamber,
<https://youtu.be/364ZsULUHHc>, <https://zoom.us/j/615079992>, or
877-853-5257 (toll free) (Webinar ID: 615079992)

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order 10:30am

2. Public Communication

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

3. Consent Agenda

3.1

Attachments: [063022 Minutes](#)

3.2 **Resolution No. 22-5289**, For the Purpose of Adding Existing Projects in the 2021-26 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Meet Required Fall Obligation Targets or Federal Approval Steps (OC23-02-OCT)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-5289](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

4. Ordinances (Second Reading and Vote)

4.1 Ordinance No. 22-1486 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 53.76 Acres Located East of NW Helvetia Road in Hillsboro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 22-1486](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

5. Other Business

5.1 Affordable Housing Bond Site Acquisition Team Update

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Emily Lieb (she,her), Jon Williams (he, him) Eryn Kehe (she, her), Patricia Rojas (she,her), and Willie Poinsette (she,her), to present the Affordable Housing Bond Acquisition.

Staff pulled up the Metro Affordable Housing Bond Acquisition to present to Council.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis encouraged staff and leadership to seek out the most attractive sites for housing, even if it may cost more. She also thanked Staff for their hard work and attention to detail.

Councilor Craddick thanked Staff and Willie, and recognized the importance of affordable and accessible early life education and daycares, and asked staff to think more about including those things in future housing projects. This can help mothers get back into the workforce if they want.

Jon agreed with Councilor Lewis and Councilor Craddick, then gave examples. Staff also hears a lot of interest for this in engagement.

President Peterson agreed and pointed to Metro Kids as a great benefit to the MRC.

Councilor Hwang updated Council on the 74th and Glisan project. He also asked if staff can ponder some policy around capacity building for local, community-based developers. There have been lots of national, for-profit developers that partner with culturally specific non-profits.

They may see short-term savings, but ultimately harm long-term capacity building for local developers.

Jon explained that staff has been going and discussing this issue with those non-profits, and looks forward to sharing more about next steps.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if there are plans to acquire more sites using the unspent funds.

Jon explained that, with their current resources, staff has determined they can develop 8 quality sites, and use their excess funding to ensure they get built.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked Staff and Willie for their work.

Councilor Lewis asked if staff has had conversations with land trusts for future projects.

Staff has been really focused on the rental housing aspect.

Emily and Patricia explained that they have had conversations with land trusts. Multiple districts are actively looking for opportunities there, and use their remaining bond funding there. Gresham, Hillsboro, Clack. County, and Portland.

President Peterson believed that a dedicated funding stream for these projects.

Councilor Nolan explained they were “thinking about it, but didn’t follow through.” They echoed Councilor Lewis’ suggestion. Home ownership should be a big part of future conversations, since it is how Americans build wealth. They also reiterated Councilor Hwang’s support for local developers.

Councilor Rosenthal said he also received similar feedback from the Homebuilders’ Association.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Deputy COO Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items:

- 2022 Giving Campaign has kicked off.
- Metro is hosting their annual silent auction.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- President Peterson will be traveling to Japan with the Seattle Chamber next week. High speed rail and sustainable energy.
- Councilor Hwang introduced a new Metro position, the Partnership and Community Investments Program Manager, is officially open.
- Councilor Craddick updated Council regarding this morning's joint Council and JPAC meeting.
- Councilor Gonzalez echoed Councilor Craddick's update. Lots of good discussion. Will be in Phoenix, AZ next Tuesday, will be back the next day.
- Councilor Lewis updated Council on: the Housing Bond Oversight Committee, Tri County Planning Body, MPAC meetings.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Nathan Kim

Respectfully submitted,