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Minutes

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10:30 AM

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ID: 615079992)

Council meeting

This meeting will be held electronically. You can join the meeting on your computer or other device by using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/615079992>, or 877-853-5257 (toll free) (Webinar ID: 615079992)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present Councilors: Peterson, Rosenthal, Hwang, Lewis, Nolan,

Excused: Simpson, Gonzales

Present: 5 -Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang.

Excused: 2 - Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Ashton Simpson.

2. Public Communication

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

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Lewis moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Resolutions

- 3.1 Resolution No. 23-5314 For the Purpose of Amending the Affordable Housing Bond Work Plan to Allocate Bond Funds for Metro Administrative Costs

Attachments: [Resolution 23-5314](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
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Deputy Council President Lewis introduced Emily Lieb and Patricia Rojas to present on the Purpose of Amending the Affordable Housing Bond Work Plan to Allocate Bond Funds for Metro Administrative Costs

Staff pulled up the Presentation

Summary of presentation:

Allocating \$700,000 from the \$12.7 Million from the unallocated housing bond. This presentation is an update from the last presentation that needed more clarification. The findings showed that the Housing Department needed the \$5 million to fund the department as soon as possible. When the Housing department acquired the 5% cap out of the \$12.7m, Metro did not know the full cost to fund the department. The presentation went over the Metro administration Bond funds and broke down how all the money is shared between Metro and its partners.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal expressed his support for the program and asked how the other partners feel about the funding as it may not align with their interests.

Patricia Rojas answered by explaining that they checked in with the existing partners and agreed they were all on board with no concerns.

Emily Lieb answered by explaining that everyone is supportive after many conversations the week prior to the council meeting.

Councilor Nolan expressed her support to move forward, then expressed her concerns about how Metro entered into an agreement with the legislature & that the agreement may conflict with the bond administrative costs being capped at 5%.

Brian Kennedy made it clear that was no written agreement to related to the 5% cap, but it was more of a discussion.

Councilor Lewis expressed that it is important to bring forward more funds to continue with the program as it is important and move forward with the investment.

Councilor Hwang asked what would happen to the money from option 3.

Emily Lieb explained that the money would still be used for other bond costs.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if it was possible to come up with a 7% cap instead of 5%.

Brian Kennedy explained it was due to the program being new and it was an estimated projection at the time.

Emily Lieb explained that the program had a recommendation of being at 7% cap however it was divided up between other departments.

Deputy Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang

Excused: 2 -Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Ashton Simpson

4. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following

events or items:

- The internal requirement for the new DEI recruitment has a healthy pool of new candidates.
- The planning director recruit has a lot of good new feedback.
- April 11 is the kickoff the budget season.
- Expo Future project team assembled a draft with a structure and timeline.

5. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Rosenthal expressed the P5 tour was a good experience.
- Councilor Nolan expressed her concern for people with eviction history may not be fairly accepted for public housing.
- Councilor Lewis gave an update about the road show, and they will be in our region April 8th and gave an update on the House Bill 2007 is being worked on to let local government including Metro to regulate concealed handgun owners on their properties.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:20am

Respectfully submitted,

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