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Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2023

10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center Council Chamber,
<https://youtu.be/8aVn5HgE0R8>, <https://zoom.us/j/615079992>, or
877-853-5257 (toll free) (Webinar ID: 615079992)

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 1 - Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

There was no public testimony.

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

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Consideration of the December 15, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [121522c Minutes](#)

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 23-5312 For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of David Penilton to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5312](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Steve Faulstick (he/him), Metro, General Manager Visitor Venue, to present to Council.

Faulstick mentioned that in the staff report, the Clackamas County Commission recommended David Penilton as a Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commissioner following the resignation of John Erickson. Faulstick noted that if confirmed by the Metro Council, Penilton will serve the rest of Erickson's term that ends on January 26, 2024. Faulstick highlighted Penilton's career and experience in the travel and tourism industry.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis shared that she has previously worked with David Penilton and that Penilton would be a great addition to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission. Councilor Lewis expressed sadness for the passing of John Erickson.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this Resolution was adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 22-1487**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 2.02.010

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 22-1487](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Marissa Madrigal (she/her), Metro, Chief Operating Officer, to present to Council.

Madrigal stated that the ordinance would affirm the Metro Council's authority to delegate signature authority to the Chief Operating Officer for employment contracts of executive level positions. Madrigal mentioned that there will need to be resolution to delegate this authority to the Chief Operating Officer in the future.

Staff mentioned that the ordinance will clarify the definition of executive level positions and that "Executive Level" replaced the term "Director Level". Staff also emphasized that executive level employment contracts must use the same terms, except for compensation. The Chief Operating Officer may negotiate vacation accruals and salary. The resolution must clearly state the position and the compensation provisions for the delegation. Staff added that the Metro Council will need to approve and authorize amendments to employment agreements. Staff mentioned that the language was changed to be more inclusive and to remove passive voice.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Gonzalez asked if the Chief Operating Officer or the Metro Council would have the authority to terminate or demote employees. He expressed concerns if the Metro Council would have to terminate or demote employees publicly. He also asked how long executive employment agreements are.

Staff stated that current employment agreements allow for

termination and reassignment, so the Chief Operating Officer would not need a resolution to be brought before the Metro Council. Staff mentioned that during the Covid-19 pandemic, all directors were asked to take furlough which changed their compensation and benefits. Staff explained that this would be an example of the amendment that would have to be brought before the Metro Council.

Staff noted that employment agreements go into effect once signed and remain in effect until resignation or termination.

Councilor Rosenthal asked to clarify the phrase “identical except for compensation”. He asked if compensation, including total compensation, was meant in the strict sense or in the broad sense.

Staff clarified that compensation was in the broad sense. Staff stated that compensation included benefits such as vacation.

Public Hearing:

Council President Lynn Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No.22-1487.

There was no public testimony.

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

- 5.2 **Ordinance No. 23-1489** For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 11.17 acres located in Wilsonville at the west end of SW Frog Pond Ln and North of SW Brisband St

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 23-1489](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Carrie MacLaren (she/her), Metro Attorney to read the procedural requirements for the meeting.

MacLaren stated that land use application that requires an additional hearing. She added that council members must declare any conflicts of interest or ex-parte contact. MacLaren also described the petition process, the appeal process, and the hearing procedure.

Council President Lynn Peterson asked if any Council members must announce any conflicts of interest or ex-parte contact.

There were no conflicts of interest or ex-parte contacts.

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Metro, to present to Council.

Hamburg stated that the annexation is an important step for urban development. The territory has been approved for a subdivision but need to be annexed to the Metro boundary. Hamburg mentioned that in the staff report it says that the annexation application meets the criteria for annexation to the Metro boundary. The territory is in the city of Wilsonville and urban services will be provided by the city of Wilsonville. Hamburg owners have agreed to the annexation. Staff had notice published in the Oregonian and sent notice to the surrounding property owners and other parties with interest. Staff has received one phone call from a surrounding property owner that supported. Staff recommends approval of the annexation.

Council Discussion:

There was no council discussion.

Public Hearing:

Council President Lynn Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No. 23-1489.

There was no public testimony.

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

6. Other Business**6.1 High Capacity Transit Strategy Update: Readiness Tiers**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)
[Attachment 3](#)
[Attachment 4](#)
[Attachment 5](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Margi Bradway (she/her) and Metro and Ally Holmqvist (she/her), Metro to present High Capacity Transit Strategy Update: Readiness Tiers.

Staff pulled up the *HCT Strategy Update: Vision & Corridor Readiness Tiers Presentation* to present to Council.

The presentation began with an introduction about the update for High-Capacity Transit study was needed to create vision of High-Capacity Transit in region and including Bus Rapid Transit and expansion bus rapid transit. The update was also needed to speak to Federal partners, especially for the FTA, to advocate for more federal funding.

Staff mentioned features of High-Capacity Transit and what it needs to be successful. Staff noted that there is still work to be done such as to make transit more frequent and more reliable. The vision of the network investments is to support regional goals and make connections to regional centers and

major town centers. Through JPAC workshops and tabling events with the public, staff received feedback on the need to support current High-Capacity Transit priorities and focus on where people are riding today for future corridors. Staff also mentioned how staff determined the readiness for corridors by categorizing the corridors by tier. The presentation had several maps, such as a map of where people ride today and future, travel times, and what streets are more transit supportive. Staff also looked at plans and policies transitive already in place that would make High-Capacity Transit successful. Staff also considered the complexity of planning certain corridors.

Staff described the differences between the different tiers. Tier 1 corridors are already regional priorities such as the Interstate Bridge. Tier 2 corridors are ready for investment within the next five years. Staff explained that Tiers 1 & 2 are the scale of investments for the regional transportation plan. Tier 3 corridors have some elements of readiness but need more time or are wait for plans to happening. Tier 4 corridors are important but not showing that they are ready for investment yet.

Staff discussed different ways that they have conducted out outreach such as tabling events and focus groups. For need steps, Staff will work on a report describing what they did and why. Staff mentioned that they will also need additional study to realize the vision.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez thanked the staff for their work. He added that it was important to use the plan to show the region the plans and what resources are needed for investment. Councilor Gonzalez noted that there is more work to be done to get more people to approve of the plan.

Bradway agreed with Councilor Gonzalez. She described the

differences between corridors of regional important and corridors that would be successful at High-Capacity Transit. Staff expressed that corridors that are lower on the list or not on the list are still important, however, High-Capacity Transit may not be the right tool for those corridors.

Councilor Lewis thanked the staff for their work and for doing community outreach. She agreed that the plan should move forward but noted that there are communities with no transit should not be forgotten. She mentioned that there are other tools like regional shuttles that should not be forgotten.

Councilor Rosenthal thanked the staff for the presentation. He reiterated Bradley's point that there are other priorities for other streets and those not on the defining list. Councilor Rosenthal also commented that he hoped that the districts look at the differences of each of the corridors, instead of thinking that each corridor under the same tier is the same. He asked about the financial resources would be needed. He asked about the funding for the next two years and if there would be enough funding for Tier 1 and Tier 2.

Bradley explained that for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 corridors, staff hoped to receive Federal funding for the new starts or small starts. Tier 1 has new starts such as light rail in the Southwest corridor. Small starts are typically BRT such as 82nd Avenue and TV-Highway. Staff mentioned that there needs to be a local match for federal funding. For the Southwest Corridor, the local match was in the transportation measure that failed. Staff added there was no other funding sources for that project. Staff noted that TriMet and Metro leadership think that \$800 million would be the minimum amount of funding for construction for that project. Staff mentioned that after the study is adopted in the Regional Transportation Plan, then Metro and their partners at TriMet can work together on the work plan.

However, Staff mentioned that it is not clear if there will be enough local match for the federal funding to do everything. Staff noted that the local match can be sourced from anywhere including from Metro.

Council President Lynn Peterson asked if there was a way to show how each transit tool helps to increase accessibility. She asked about a way to show parts of region that meet minimum accessibility and areas of improvement. Council President Peterson mentioned the importance of accessibility especially as the region becomes more unaffordable.

Staff explained that the transit vision maps, and future network maps would be a great start. Staff also mentioned that there are performance measures that look at accessibility.

Council President Lynn Peterson asked if express bus service was included in the conservation. She mentioned that 67% of Clackamas County go to three other counties to go to work, but there is not much accessibility because there are only two bridges.

Bradway mentioned that the express bus service would be under enhanced transit improvements. There have also been successful bus-to-shoulder experiments. Staff also mentioned that Metro was beginning on the second phase of the better bus program and staff is working with locals to identify locations that would improve travel times.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

- 10 out of the 92 applications for the Community Placemaking grants were selected. Some of these grants will help to create two pop-up markets and a

celebration of BIPOC construction pioneers.

- The 2023 Investment and Innovation grants pre-proposal applications through February 23rd, 2023

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Hwang** mentioned that new officers were voted into MPAC. He expressed some of the concerns from MPAC members about tier placement of various corridors, garbage and recycling and other concerns. He also gave an update on CORE. He noted there was a presentation on a garbage and recycling facilities plan and they will need to recruit a new DEI director.
- **Councilor Gonzalez** mentioned that he went to a Westside Economic Alliance reception. He expressed their priorities for housing and behavior health. He noted that he looked forward to Metro Council working with the Metro Regional caucus to get the resources for the Supportive Housing Services measure to succeed. Councilor Gonzalez suggested that the Metro Council should continue to work with State Representatives and Senators to make their priorities known.
- **Council President Lynn Peterson** mentioned that she went to the Westside Economic Alliance forum. She stated that it was interesting that developers moved their business prior to Covid to the West side because they wanted to be in jurisdictions that were quicker and easier to work with. However, they are finding it hard because those jurisdictions do not have enough resources.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jemeshia Taylor".

Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF January 26, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PowerPoint	1/26/2023	HCT Strategy Update: Vision & Corridor Readiness Tiers	012623c-01