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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,
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Council Meeting**

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber. You can join the meeting on your computer or other device by using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/s3EqH88P3Ck?feature=share>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Public Communication

3. Presentations

3.1 Pride Month 2023: Transgender inclusion at Metro

Attachments: [Transgender Inclusion](#)

Staff pulled up the presentation to present to Council.

Metro COO Marissa Madrigal went over the presentation.

Summary of presentation: The presentation went over current issues that affect those in the transgender & LGBTQ community, and goals within Metro to create more progress.

Sebrina Owens-Wilson, Russ Sanchez, and S.B Collins went over the comprehensive employee policy on gender equity in the workplace which includes training courses & tool kits to help employees who transition.

Council discussion:

Council President Peterson spoke about making sure the

entire region feels like a safe space for everybody and making sure moving forward Metro is applying an inclusive transgender lens in everything Metro does in the future.

Councilor Lewis explained that there needs to be more work done although things have improved. She thanked the presenters for speaking.

Councilor Hwang asked what can Metro do, in order not do the bare minimum?

Owens-Wilson explained that going to the federal level would help and make sure the inclusive transgender lens is an explicit part in all equity work within Metro.

COO Madrigal explained that Metro does provide certain positions in employee Resource Group leadership premium compensation.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed his feelings about what is going on & explained that it is a mandate for Metro to make the region a right place and be held accountable.

Councilor Rosenthal expressed his gratitude to the presenters and acknowledged that the cities he represents don't have a lot of push back and are starting to apply DEI analysis such as the city of Wilsonville.

End of council Discussion.

3.2 2019 Parks & Nature Bond Measure Audit Presentation

Attachments: [Parks and Nature Bond Audit](#)
[Parks and Nature Audit](#)

Council President Peterson called on Auditor Brian Evans, Mason Atkin, & David Beller to present on the 2019 Parks & Nature Bond Measure Audit Presentation.

Staff pulled up the presentation to present to Council.

Summary of presentation: the presentation went over four objectives, summarize and define access, determine the current state of access in Metro land portfolio, determine if the bond is structured to increase access and identified opportunity to increase access.

Council discussion:

Marissa Madrigal acknowledged the agency's work on the 2019 bond to work on racial equity and community engagement.

Parks and Nature Director Jon Blasher spoke about the commitment to close the gaps pointed out in the audit and continue to work with the community.

Councilor Nolan acknowledged the audit provided solid research and dialogue and expressed that this is how every audit should be & thanked Blasher and his team for the work that has been done.

Councilor Hwang asked what the level of urgency to the approach of work is and then followed up with a second

question asking if the work can be expedited sooner than December 2024.

Jon Blasher explained that they don't want to undercut a process with engagement.

Madrigal explained that Metro wants to make sure there is time to provide performance measures.

Councilor Hwang explained that he hopes Council can help expedite the process.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if Metro anticipates they are going to have certain categories of purchases and acquisitions dedicated for protection/public access and if Metro will see that in the future.

Council President Peterson explained that is up to Council on how to move forward.

Councilor Lewis asked if they prefer to have the deadline sooner or later.

Auditor Evans explained that it is a very difficult process, and the pace is appropriate to be successful.

Councilor Gonzalez asked if the recent cycle of community choice grants is an example of the window in this audit or did it close than begin again, and how this fits into the

recommendations.

Auditor Evans explained they developed a conceptual framework with questions such as: how do we get to the sites, how do you experience the sites and how welcome do you feel. He then explained they did not include these questions into the framework.

4. Resolutions End of discussion.

4.1 Resolution No. 23-5335, For the Purpose of Adopting the 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5335](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Metro Council Worksheet](#)

Staff pulled up the presentation to present to Council.

Summary of presentation:

The presentation went over the purpose and function of the MTIP, development activities from summer of 2020 until now, the 2024-2027 MTIP- System Investment Type, 2024-2027 MTIP overview - mobility and climate, equity, project highlights, public comment, and setting the stage 2027-2030 MTIP.

Council discussion:

Councilor Hwang asked what the benefit would be of doing a deeper engagement process.

Grace Cho explained that staff feels comfortable moving forward despite the lower number of comments received.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if they have a list of larger projects that could be added on the list and if there is a process that addresses green house gases and safety.

Ted Leybold explained that projects come to the MTIP when they are financed, and they have consensus in the region to move forward.

Grace Cho answered the second question and explained that there isn't a formal process.

Council President Peterson called for a motion to pass.

Councilor Rosenthal moved to pass the motion and Councilor Hwang seconded.

Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Hwang, and Simpson

Resolution adopted.

This item was adopted.

4.1.1 Public Hearing for Resolution 23-5335

4.2 Resolution No. 23-5344 For the Purpose of Approving Fiscal year 2023-24 Funding for a 2040 Planning and Development Grant Funded with the Construction Excise Tax

Attachments: [Resolution 23-5344](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment A](#)
[Attachment B](#)
[Attachment C](#)

Council President Peterson called on Glen Hamburg, Skyler Warren & City of Tigard Council President Yi-Kang Hu to present on Resolution No. 23-5344 For the Purpose of Approving Fiscal year 2023-24 Funding for a 2040 Planning and Development Grant Funded with the Construction Excise Tax.

Staff pulled up the presentation to present to Council.

Summary of presentation:

The presentation went over the UGB exchange and the complex planning task with 500 acres of land that include two sections that are sensitive habitat areas, adjacent to major roads, near other jurisdictions & 3 school districts. The deadline is in February 2027 and the area will have a minimum of 3000 homes. The city of Tigard's request, which totals \$700,000, must align with Metro's criteria, have the support of the Tigard City Council, be funded by the city itself for staffing, and also involve the city's pursuit of additional funds.

Skyler Warren and Yi-Kang Hu reviewed the second part of the presentation, which covered the concept plan and council packet, and requested council approval for the plan.

Council discussion:

Councilor Lewis asked if \$700,000 enough.

Yi-Kang Hu explained he will speak to Metro staff and come back with an answer.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the plan would include more than more than 10 units per acre and then asked if they plan coordination with King City.

Skyler Warren explained they will have higher housing density and that only 350 acres are developable and that they have been coordinating with King City and continue to do so as they meet regularly.

Council President Peterson called for a motion to pass.

Councilor Rosenthal moved and Councilor Hwang seconded. Resolution adopted.

This item was adopted.

Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Hwang, and Simpson

This item was adopted.

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Hwang, and Simpson

5. Other Business

5.1 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision: Work Program Status Updates

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

Moved to another Council Meeting date.

6. **Chief Operating Officer Communication**
7. **Councilor Communication**
8. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:57 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF July 20, 2023

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	07/20/2023	Res. No. 23-5335 24-27 MTIP Adoption	072023c-01
2.0	PowerPoint	07/20/2023	Resolution 23-5344	072023c-02
3.0	PowerPoint	07/20/2023	Trans inclusion at Metro	072023c-03
4.0	PowerPoint	07/20/2023	UGM	072023-04