

Council meeting

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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, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on non-agenda items. Michael Harrison spoke about the growing E-bike and bicycle demographic. Harrison proposed a plan for the city to implement an elevated skyway infrastructure system. Harrison explained there are systems such as the plan proposed around the world, and he explained he received 500 signatures from the community. Alondra Flores Avina testified on behalf of Trash for Peace and spoke about how the 2030 regional waste plan has made an impact with Trash For Peace and the community they work with and expressed that they look forward to working with Metro.

3. Presentations

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 23-5354** For the Purpose of Proclaiming September 15 - October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the Portland Metro Region

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5354](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson called on Eduardo Ramos (He/Him), Policy Advisor, Metro and Amparo Agosto, (She/Her), Community Engagement

Manager, TriMet to present.

Eduardo Ramos (he/him), in his introductory remarks, extended a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests gathered in the council chamber. He highlighted the remarkable contributions of these guests within the community. Ramos emphasized the inception of the Latinos in Government initiative, a beacon for fostering equitable and thriving communities. He underscored the significance of bringing attention to Hispanic Heritage Month, emphasizing the need for collective reflection on how each individual can contribute to the betterment of the Latino community. Subsequently, Ramos introduced Amparo Agosto to address the council.

Amparo Agosto, in her presentation, shed light on the rich diversity within the Latino community, underlining the importance of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. She emphasized the critical role this celebration plays in paving the way for the success of future generations of Latinos. Agosto called upon Metro and its regional partners to amplify their voices and support for the Latino community, urging a united effort to uplift and empower.

Following her address, Ramos extended recognition to Cynthia Gomez for her distinguished career and mentorship in higher education. He emphasized Gomez's pivotal role in numerous endeavors aimed at supporting Latinos and positively impacting the lives of many. With gratitude, Ramos then introduced Cynthia Gomez to share her thoughts.

Cynthia Gomez reminisced about her early childhood experiences and her decision to dedicate her career not only to the community but also to Portland State University. She stressed the importance of garnering public support for the university, which, in turn, would enhance the prospects of

student success. Gomez expressed her heartfelt thanks to Eduardo Ramos for his commendable contributions.

Ramos rounded out the presentation by showcasing visual representations of Cynthia Gomez's extensive community service. He expressed gratitude to the Metro council for granting the opportunity to make this impactful presentation.

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve Resolution 23-5354 For the Purpose of Proclaiming September 15 - October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the Portland Metro Region.

Council discussion:

Councilor Gonzales expressed gratitude to Eduardo and his team for their commendable efforts and acknowledged the substantial work accomplished.

Councilor Hwang commended Metro's dedication to centering the racial equity strategy and extended thanks to the presenting team for their significant contributions.

Councilor Simpson acknowledged the impressive work conducted by the team within the community and extended gratitude for their efforts.

Councilor Lewis expressed appreciation for the team's ongoing contributions and dedication.

The council discussion concluded.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

- 4.1 **Resolution No. 23-5349**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Michael Hull and Sanjaya Silga to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCEC)
Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5349](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)
- 4.2 **Resolution No. 23-5350**, Resolution 23-5350 For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Investment Advisory Board
Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5350](#)
[Staff Report](#)
- 4.4 Consideration of the June 15, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
Attachments: [061523c Minutes](#)
- 4.3 Consideration of the May 30, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
Attachments: [053023c Minutes](#)
- 4.5 Consideration of the June 22, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
Attachments: [062223c Minutes](#)
- 4.6 Consideration of the June 29, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

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Attachments: [062923c Minutes](#)

- 4.7 Consideration of the July 11, 2023 Council Meeting **Minutes**

Attachments: [071123c Minutes](#)

- 4.8 Consideration of the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [071823cw Minutes](#)

- 4.9 Consideration of the July 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [072023c Minutes](#)

- 4.10 Consideration of the July 27, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [072723c Minutes](#)

5. Resolutions

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 23-5351** For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Dañel Malán to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5351](#)
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Council President Lynn Peterson called on Steve Faulstick (he/him), General Manager of Metro Visitor Venues, Metro to present The Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Dañel Malán to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.

Steve Faulstick spoke about the nomination of Daniel Malan to serve a 4-year term. Faulstick then spoke about her co creating the bilingual Educational Program and her other work she has done within the community.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis thanked Faulstick and expressed she is excited for Danel Malan future participation.

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Council President Lynn Peterson called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 23-5351** For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Dañel Malán to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

- 5.2 **Resolution No. 23-5352** For the Purpose of Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Property for the Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Deployment Center

Attachments: [Resolution 23-5352](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Marta McGuire, WPES Director Stephanie Rawson (she/her), Community Stewardship Program Manager to present on **Resolution No. 23-5352** For the Purpose of Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Property for the Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Deployment Center

Marta McGuire took the lead in presenting and addressed the critical need for approval to acquire a property intended for storing the RID utility vehicles, situated on the SE 8th Ave site.

Subsequently, Stephanie Rawson delved into the program overview, highlighting key elements such as addressing clean-up issues, securing \$2.5 million in funding, outlining long-term implementation strategies, discussing building

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improvements, and providing insights into the current staff levels.

Following the presentation, the council engaged in a discussion:

Council President Peterson expressed her anticipation for the future and extended gratitude to Stephanie and her team for their commendable achievements.

Councilor Gonzales conveyed his admiration for the impressive work accomplished and thanked the team for their efforts.

Council President Lynn Peterson called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 23-5352** For the Purpose of Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Property for the Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Deployment Center.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

6. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

- 6.1 **Ordinance No. 23-1497** For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 0.71 Acres Located West of NE Starr Blvd, North of NE Huffman St, and South of NE Constable St in Hillsboro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 23-1497](#)
[Staff Report](#)

[Exhibit A](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Associate Regional Planner, Metro, to present on Ordinance No. 23-1497 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 0.71 Acres Located West of NE Starr Blvd, North of NE Huffman St, and South of NE Constable St in Hillsboro.

Carrie McLaren, Metro Attorney (she/her), provided an overview of the procedural requirements for this segment of the meeting.

Council President Peterson proceeded to inquire if any council members had any conflicts of interest.

Council members responded that they did not have any conflicts of interest to declare.

Following these introductory proceedings, a summary of the presentation is as follows:

Glen Hamburg explained the rules and proposal related to the annexation.

A public hearing was conducted during this session; however, there was no testimony from the public, and council members did not engage in a discussion on the matter.

Council President Peterson noted that the vote on the annexation proposal is scheduled to take place during the upcoming September 28th council meeting.

This marked the conclusion of Glen Hamburg's presentation,

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ending this segment of the meeting.

7. Other Business

7.1 Regional Waste Plan Outcomes and Council Priorities Discussion

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Marta McGuire (she/her), WPES Director to present on the 2030 Regional Waste Plan Outcomes - Investments and Priorities presentation.

Staff pulled up the presentation.

Summary of presentation:

Marta McGuire went over the Sept 12 work session recap, Metro authorities and roles, current actions and investments areas, regional outcomes, and direction on council priorities.

Council discussion:

Council President Peterson asked where the actual reduction of waste outcomes is in the presentation

Marta McGuire explained that it is a primary objective of the plan as it serves as Metro's strategic waste reduction plan, and clarified it is inherent in the statements around better purchasing choices and reduction of consumption.

Peterson then asked if there was any formal statewide regulatory direction.

McGuire pointed out the presence of state recovery goals.

Councilor Rosenthal suggested considering appropriate training as technology advances.

Councilor Hwang asked about the approach to addressing illegal dumping in the context of regional outcomes.

McGuire linked this concern to the "excellent, accessible, and resilient garbage and recycling system" part of the presentation.

Shane Abma, OMA advisor (he/him), presented next on Metro's regulatory authority by explaining Metro's regulatory authority.

Abma focused on Metro-Specific Solid Waste Statutory Authority, including flow control authority.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Gonzalez asked about the connection to household garbage.

Abma explained the existence of a hazardous waste collection site.

Councilor Hwang inquired about Metro's authority over RID Patrol.

Abma indicated that he would address this matter later in the presentation.

Councilor Lewis expressed surprise at Metro having authority over liquid waste.

Abma clarified that it falls under the broader category of solid waste.

Warren Johnson, Metro staff, clarified that the definition in the solid waste code includes liquid waste, and it was an unintended distinction from the past.

Councilor Hwang sought clarification on the term "control" in this context.

Abma explained that it denotes regulation, as originally drafted by a lawyer.

Councilor Gonzalez asked about the historical development of Metro's authority in the home rule charter's early days.

Abma discussed Metro's regional challenges and the elimination of the need to involve the legislature in decision-making.

Council President Peterson suggested hosting a knowledge-sharing session with the individuals who crafted the language to understand the historical context better.

Marta McGuire then resumed presenting and covered current actions and investment levels.

Council discussion:

Peterson inquired about how regulatory services are funded.

McGuire explained they are funded through the solid waste system fee.

Councilor Gonzalez asked about I and I grants and their accessibility to local governments.

McGuire clarified that the grants were only available to

private entities.

President Peterson probed further about how Metro's fees impact the industry, their fairness, and what they fund and when.

McGuire explained they are working on budget round tables to aid in budget and fee development.

Councilor Rosenthal raised questions about evaluating the self-haul location's potential to increase recycling and reuse and the plan for regulating private haulers.

McGuire noted that these issues would be addressed as part of the system facility plan discussion and acknowledged the existing gap in the region.

Councilor Lewis inquired about the absence of the reuse collaborative warehouse from the presentation.

McGuire indicated they would consider adding it to support infrastructure.

Councilor Gonzales asked about the implementation timeline for the phased requirements and sought clarification on the term "infrastructure."

Pam Peck, Metro staff, explained the delay in implementing the phases, extending them by about a year.

McGuire explained that they plan to revisit the definition of "infrastructure" in the near future as part of their investment discussions.

Councilor Hwang asked about WPES collaboration in advancing Metro's goals through investment and innovation

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grants partnerships with the housing department.

McGuire highlighted the importance of partnerships and their use of grants and round tables to incorporate Metro's input.

Councilor Simpson requested an overall summary of worker safety and employee experience, aiming to enhance Metro for its employees.

McGuire noted that they have made investments within the WPES department to address resource allocation.

Rob Nathan, equity culture and engagement manager WPES (he/him), encouraged further discussion on the authority and capacity to invest in workers.

Councilor Simpson expressed the desire to see Metro's commitment to employee well-being.

The council discussion concluded at this point.

8. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- She explained that on September 19th the Planning and Development staff will bring a new an updated work plan around the urban growth report.
- On September 29th she will be attending a new round table for the 2024 urban growth report.
- Council could consider a third work session around strategic target.

9. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and

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events:

- Councilor Hwang announced they are recruiting 3 more members for the Committee on a Racial Equity (CORE).
- Councilor Rosenthal noted he, Councilor Gonzales and Commissioner Malan attended the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Celebration.
- Councilor Simpson informed council that he and Congressman Blumenauer and east county officials met to discuss what is needed in district one. He said

lifting people up and the quality of life were the main takeaway.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sermad Mohamad, Legislative Assistant