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Minutes

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10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://www.youtube.com/live/MExjo4tkk6E?si=SzyWldErbyyeRGBj>
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992>, or 877-853-5257 (toll free) (Webinar ID:

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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

3. Presentations

3.1 National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools

Council President Peterson introduced Katie McDonald, Tribal Liaison Metro, to present on the National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools

Staff pulled up the National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools to present to Council.

Summary of the Presentation:

Katie McDonald mentioned that she was joined by her colleague, Ashley Scofield, from the Government Affairs and Policy Development Office, to present on this significant topic. McDonald proceeded to address the purpose of the presentation, which is to pay tribute to the survivors and victims of the residential, day, and mission schools in Canada and the United States. She highlighted that Alaskan natives, American Indians, and Native Hawaiians had their identities, cultures, and languages forcibly stripped away due to their enrollment in these federally funded Indian boarding schools. McDonald delved into the historical context, describing the immense suffering that tribes endured at the

hands of the government. She concluded her presentation by urging consideration of support for native-run organizations and encouraging brainstorming on ways to assist those affected.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Nolan expressed gratitude to Katie McDonald for her informative presentation and for shedding light on this important issue.

Councilor Gonzales acknowledged McDonald's presentation and applauded her for prompting the council to take action. He also expressed eagerness to support the resolution and any additional measures Metro can undertake as an agency.

Councilor Lewis thanked McDonald for her willingness to share her story and bring attention to the council. She expressed her desire to advance the resolution and proposed that Metro work on crafting a letter to partner jurisdictions lacking tribal affairs departments.

Councilor Rosenthal voiced his support for the resolution, emphasizing the importance of raising awareness about this subject.

Councilor Lewis concluded the discussion by expressing her anticipation for the resolution's passage.

End of Discussion.

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1 **Resolution No. 23-5355**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Members of the Metro Regional Waste Advisory Committee (RWAC)

Attachments: [Resoution No 23-5355](#)
[Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, 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. Resolutions

- 5.1 **Resolution 23-5356**, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption from Competitive Bidding and Procurement of Construction Manager/General Contactor Services by Competitive Request for Proposals for the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall Roof Replacement

Attachments: [Resolution 23-5356](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council Deputy Lewis Introduced Kim Paul (she/her), Procurement Analyst, Metro, and Nancy Strening (she/her), Senior Construction Project Manager, Metro to speak about Resolution 23-5356 for the purpose of authorizing an exemption from competitive bidding and procurement of constriction manager/general contractor services by competitive request for proposals for the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall Roof Replacement.

Kim Paul provided an overview of the State of Oregon Public Contracting Rules and Metro's contracting rules. She emphasized the inclusion of criteria related to contractors' experience, diversity, and overall best value for Metro. She also proposed utilizing the RFP (Request for Proposals) process as the most efficient method for this purpose and sought approval to proceed with it.

Councilor Nolan inquired whether the request for interest or proposals would encompass prevailing wage requirements.

Both Paul and Streining confirmed that prevailing wage requirements would indeed be included.

Councilor Rosenthal sought a preliminary estimate of the project's cost.

Streining explained that the estimated cost would be approximately in the range of \$3,000,000.

Councilor Rosenthal further inquired about the availability of contractors for the project.

Streining mentioned the intention to initiate the bidding process before summer and stated that there should be at least half a dozen qualified contractors in the area.

Councilor Hwang inquired about the incorporation of elements from the construction careers pathway programs if Metro moves forward with the RFP.

Streining clarified that these elements would be incorporated into the requirements and would be a part of the pre-bidding process.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about the timeline for releasing the RFP once it receives approval.

Streining indicated that it could be released as early as the following week.

Council Deputy Lewis raised a procedural question, asking Nathan Sykes if the council was acting as the local contract review board and if this needed to be mentioned.

Nathan Sykes, Deputy Metro Attorney, explained that Council Deputy Lewis would transition into the contract review board's role and then return to the council meeting.

End of Discussion.

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

Aye: 6 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

6. Ordinances (Second Reading)

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](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 1 - Council President Peterson

7. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

7.1 **Ordinance No. 23-1496**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to Comply with Federal and State Law and

Amending the Regional Framework Plan

Attachments: [Ordinance-23-1496](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)

Council Deputy Lewis opened the floor to members of the public who wished to provide testimony on Ordinance No. 23-1496.

Sarah Iannarone (she/her) from The Street Trust expressed her belief that the mobility and pricing policies are moving in the right direction. She emphasized the need for substantial investments in neighborhoods, particularly those in need, to ensure safe transit and streets conducive to walking and biking. Iannarone also raised the issue of the \$1.2 billion in safety projects proposed by ODOT and urged the council to consider unbundling them.

Representative Khanh Pham extended gratitude to those who have been closely following the plan's development. She encouraged the council to pursue advocates and investments that would contribute to lower emissions and reduce traffic fatalities.

Ariadna Gonzales (she/her) from GTT emphasized the significance of the high-capacity transit strategy and highlighted the crucial role played by ACT investments, which stem from the tenacity, leadership, and engagement of local jurisdictions. She stressed the importance of continuing to advocate for an ACT strategy that amplifies the voices of local leaders and expressed GTT's support for the RTP's emphasis on safety pillars.

Brett Morgan (he/him) from 1000 Friends of Oregon outlined several key points. He stressed the need to unbundle the operations list and emphasized the importance

of safety projects. Morgan also voiced support for Chapter 8 policy and called for increased engagement with the community in the RTP.

Indi Namkoong (she/they) from Verde conveyed appreciation for the engagement and consideration shown by staff in their work on the RTP. Namkoong underscored the importance of unbundling the \$1.2 billion allocated for safety projects to provide clarity on funding distribution.

Aaron Kuehn addressed the RTP investment categories. He noted that 45% of the spending is allocated to driving, while only 7% is allocated to biking. Kuehn recommended reducing funding for specific projects with the goal of shifting resources from driving-focused modes to walking and biking-focused modes. He provided a list of recommended reductions for the council's consideration. (his recommendation to council is to reduce the following projects; RTP ID's: 10866, 11176, 12020, 11990, 11904, 11969,11991, 10867, 11301, 11330, 11988.)

End of Public Hearing.

8. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the following events and items:

COO Madrigal discussed the recent developments related to WPES (presumably an acronym or specific event). She highlighted the extensive work done in collaboration with the panel. Madrigal also expressed how inspiring it was to listen to individuals discuss climate change and to hear insights from experts regarding the way forward.

Madrigal expressed her appreciation for everyone who attended the Expo Future Executive Steering Committee

meeting.

9. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

Councilor Nolan reported on discussions within MPACT (presumably a committee or organization related to transportation). She noted that there were conversations addressing transportation issues and expressed that there would be challenging times ahead in this regard.

Councilor Rosenthal mentioned the upcoming Galas and stressed the importance of councilors attending these events.

10. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

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