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Minutes

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10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdj72mVzM00>,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992 or
888-475-4499 (toll free)

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 5 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 2 - Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

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

Dashiell Harrison expressed that significant increases in wages for Metro employees are needed. The union has been negotiating for nine months and as of Tuesday, they have reached a conceptual agreement, and would like support of the Council for the implementation of this contract.

There being no other testifiers, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Consent Agenda

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

3.1 Consideration of the November 9, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

3.2 Consideration of the November 16, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

3.3 Resolution No. 23-5368 For the Purpose of Reappointing 4 Members to the Metro Affordable Housing Bond Oversight Committee

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5368](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

3.4 Resolution No. 23-5369 For the Purpose of Reappointing Five Members to the Supportive Housing Services Regional Oversight Committee

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5369](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

3.5 **Resolution No. 23-5370** For the Purpose of Appointing Members to the Committee on Racial Equity (CORE)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5370](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Excused: 2- Councilor Nolan, Councilor Simpson

4. Resolutions

4.1 **Resolution No. 23-5362**, For the Purpose of Adopting Metro's Strategic Targets

Attachments: [Resolution 23-5362](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called on Andrea Celentano (she/her), Policy Advisor, Metro Val Galstad (they/them), Program Director, Metro Ina Zucker (she/her), Program Director, Metro to present to Council on Resolution No. 23-5362, For the Purpose of Adopting Metro's Strategic Targets.

Presentation Summary:

COO Madrigal mentioned that if the Council adopts the resolution today, they will create work plans and have discussions on what is needed to have meaningful progress in the strategic targets. They noted that Council direction will be needed in the future, but that they are excited about creating progress towards these goals.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis noted that she is very happy with where they are at with this resolution. Councilor Lewis mentioned that it is lacking in specifics, and asked for the timeline for a public-ready one-pager.

Ina Zucker responded that they are working on a diagram and to create concise messaging. She added that they need a communications specialist to help with that.

Councilor Lewis stated that they need the targets to be crisper.

COO Marissa Madrigal mentioned that they worked towards ensuring how these high-level ideas can directly connect to actionable efforts.

Councilor Gonzalez remarked that it would have been nice to have had a presentation today. He affirmed the comments regarding refinement and stated that a one-pager PDF would have been nice to see today.

Councilor Rosenthal agreed with Councilor Lewis that the next step is putting specific actions to this work.

Councilor Hwang agreed with the previous councilors and noted that the DEI mentioned that they will have an update soon for their work, in addition to the equity work of strategic targets. Councilor Hwang asked about how the two processes may intersect and build upon each other.

Val Galstad responded that they wanted to keep the resolution general because operationalism will be developed as they refine the budget, and they will be coming back to discuss the progress of that.

Councilor Hwang asked what the timeline is for the DEI update.

COO Madrigal responded that the work on that is beginning, and they are still looking at the impacts of the previous plan. She added that one of the guiding principles is racial equity and that is important aspect of the strategic targets.

Council President Peterson thanked the presenters.

Councilor Rosenthal stated that good plans get good actions.

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

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

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

Excused: 2 - Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Simpson

5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 23-1505** For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code to Repeal Section 10.03.130 (Blue Lake Boating Restrictions)

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 23-1505](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson called on Jon Blasher (he/him), Parks and Nature Director, Metro Olena Turula (she/her), Regional Planner, Metro, to present to Council on Ordinance No. 23-1505 For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code to Repeal Section 10.03.130 (Blue Lake Boating Restrictions).

Staff pulled up the Ordinance No. 23-1505 For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code to Repeal Section 10.03.130 (Blue Lake Boating Restrictions) PowerPoint

present to Council.

Presentation Summary:

The presenter discussed amending the Blue Lake boating restrictions. They shared a timeline of Blue Lake Regional Park, and discussed the boating restrictions that restricts access to boats on Blue Lake for members of the public, while granting lake neighbors an exception. The presenter shared that this is inconsistent with Metro's approach to boating rules at other Metro sites and shared a lake access transition plan. The presenter also shared future capital investments to support improved lake access.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis asked what the role of the Marine Board is.

Jon Blasher responded that the Marine Board can regulate what boating activity happens on the lake, and in conversation with them, there was concern about bringing more boats onto the lake. Blasher added that staff relayed that they are comfortable exploring a pilot program to determine where there may be conflicts and mentioned that their commitment is to navigate user conflicts.

Councilor Lewis mentioned their complaint-driven system, asking if they will they be visiting the site or have any state officials help with the training or with the pilot.

Jon Blasher noted that they will be engaging them for expertise and experience.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about if the three horsepower will be rescinded for public use.

Blasher responded that so long as the watercraft does not exceed 17ft boats or 3 horsepower in the winter, they can do that, but in the summer, they cannot.

Councilor Gonzalez noted that the core of this process has been to address structural inequity, which is difficult if a community feels that they are losing something. He thanked Blasher for the history he presented and the work he has done. Councilor Gonzalez noted that he does not want to discount what they have heard from community members, but that this is a good way to promote equity.

Blasher added that motorized boats will be able to be used, but they will require a special permit process.

Councilor Gonzalez noted that practicing good water safety is very important.

Councilor Lewis stated that Councilor Simpson, who cannot be here today, was very helpful in this process.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if they stock the lake with fish.

Blasher responded that yes, the lake is stocked annually. He also mentioned that he would like the Council to come and visit.

Public Hearing:

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No. 23-1505 For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code to Repeal Section 10.03.130 (Blue Lake Boating Restrictions)

There were none.

COO Marissa Madrigal noted that there are people in the audience who have worked hard on this issue.

The second reading and vote for on Ordinance No. 23-1505 For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code to Repeal

Section 10.03.130 (Blue Lake Boating Restrictions) is scheduled for January 4, 2024.

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

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- The affordable housing bond dollars have been fully committed by 2024. The Governor also shared a plan to improve economic outcomes, including a moratorium on the taxes. She added that they can discuss this over the recess.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Hwang noted that they had a good meeting with MPAC and they were able to hear about the draft Sherwood concept plan.
 - Councilor Gonzalez shared an update on Cascadia high speed rail and noted that earlier this year, WashDOT submitted several grant applications for the high-speed rail programs, and both projects were accepted. He noted that there was a lot of energy in addressing the funding gaps and closing policy loopholes where fatal crashes and injuries are improving, and it sparked the fire to work on issues in their transportation system.
 - Councilor Lewis stated that Clackamas County's business alliances' annual meeting was yesterday and mentioned that they are a sponsoring-level organization.
 - Councilor Lewis noted that the tri-county planning body met last night to design the regional program for
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the SHS measure. She added that they are looking for more relationships with landlords to be coordinated.

- Councilor Rosenthal noted that he visited the airport to look at the new terminal they are building and stated that it will be very lovely. He also noted that there is a very proactive progress in developing the south runway.
- Councilor Rosenthal discussed Sherwood, remarking that they are in concert with Metro to influence the legislature on infrastructure issues and they will hear more from them soon. He added that there will be a meeting this morning in Wilsonville, and they will be making testimony on transit and diversion mitigation.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Georgia Langer, Legislative Assistant