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Council meeting agenda

Thursday, April 4, 2024

10:30 AM

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Consideration of the February 22, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

[24-6046](#)

Attachments: [022224c Minutes-Signed](#)

3.2 Consideration of the February 29, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes [24-6047](#)

Attachments: [022924c](#)

4.1 Resolution No. 24-5400 For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Office to Purchase Certain Property in the Clear Creek Target Area Under the 2019 Natural Areas Bond Measure **RES 24-5400**

Attachments: Resolution 24-5400.pdf
Exhibit A to Resolution 24-5400.pdf
Staff Report.pdf

5. **Chief Operating Officer Communication**

6. **Councilor Communication**

7. **Adjourn**

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**Consideration of the February 22, 2024 Council
Meeting Minutes**
Consent

Metro Council Meeting
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Minutes - Draft

Thursday, February 22, 2024

11:00 AM

Hidden Creek Community Center, Kalapuya Room. 5100 NE
Hidden Creek Dr, Hillsboro, OR 97124,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992>

Council meeting

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Hidden Creek Community Center. You can join the meeting on your computer or other device by using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/615079992>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Consideration of the January 4, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

3.2 Consideration of the January 18, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

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

Excused: 2 - Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Simpson

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 24-5373 For the Purpose of Approving Funding for the Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher, he/him, Metro
Crista Gardner, she/her, Metro
Gabrielle Brown, she/her, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5373](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Presentation Summary:

Jon Blasher (he/him) introduced the presentation and expressed enthusiasm about the meeting held at Hillsborough's newest park. Blasher highlighted the park's connection to the regional parks and nature system, emphasizing Metro's 25-year investment in nature and public service. While the park wasn't funded by bond dollars, it is part of the collaborative effort to build a regional system that includes protection of natural areas, regional trails, system planning, grant making, community investments, and operating historic cemeteries and regional nature parks. The regional system aims to provide neighborhood recreation, connection with nature, and diverse recreational opportunities just minutes away from home, striking a balance between meeting nature's needs and offering people in greater Portland access to various outdoor experiences. acknowledges the unique community involvement in designing Chahalam Ridge and introduces the Nature Neighborhoods Community Choice grants, emphasizing the importance of lessons learned in improving future rounds of community choice grants. A shout-out is given to the team, led by Krista Gardner and Gabrielle Brown, for their efforts in the process.

Blasher furthered by discussing the agenda and the approaches to shift decision-making power in grant-making through community engagement, featuring the Program Design and Review Committee. The community-driven process for grant idea collection, project development, and community vote is outlined. The speaker previews the upcoming discussion on projects recommended by the committee and voted on by the community. Additionally, an invitation to tour the facility and have lunch in person is

extended.

Jon Blasher concluded by thanking the Program Design and Review Committee, highlighting their diverse backgrounds and commitment to Metro's parks and nature mission. The committee's work in creating the Choice Grants guidebook and implementing the participatory process for grant idea collection and development is acknowledged. Committee members Kevin Hughes and Isaiah Jackman are welcomed to share their experiences.

Jon Blasher passed the presentation to Kevin Hughes (he/him) from the Hillsboro Park and recreation department planning and development division. Hughes identified himself as both a member and an employee of Hillsborough Park and Recreation Department's planning and development division. He highlighted his personal decision to join the committee due to the rare community engagement opportunity and the chance to collaboratively build a grant program from scratch with other community members. He acknowledged the distinct nature of the effort, especially in the realm of participatory budgeting. He appreciated the positive experience on the committee, noting Metro's efforts to include skilled facilitators and ensure equity for members with different backgrounds and skill sets. The collaborative development of a grant guidebook serves as the foundation for the community choice grants, offering community members a direct voice in their democracy. Reflecting on the meaningful aspects of the work, Hughes emphasized the uniqueness of witnessing a grant program's entire development and implementation process. The collaboration with a diverse committee, noting the value of direct community interactions and the opportunity to reconnect with the people they serve. Expressing gratitude to Metro, the speaker acknowledges the program's impact in pushing the boundaries of

engagement processes and elevating voices traditionally left behind. Hughes concluded and extended thanks to Metro from both the community member and practitioner perspectives, recognizing the program's contribution to learning in the field of engagement practices.

Kevin Hughes passed the presentation to Isaiah Jackman (he/him) a Washington County community member representative and a Master student at Portland State University. From the moment Isiah joined, he noticed the efforts made to ensure his voice was acknowledged and his presence mattered within the committee. He expresses gratitude for the warm welcome during the kickoff event in spring of 2023, appreciating the considerate details like providing food and holding the gathering on the metro building's rooftop instead of a conventional conference room. Despite initial reservations about representing the black community, he found that his feedback was valued and encouraged during subsequent committee meetings. The project's commitment to improving racial equity and climate resilience was consistently emphasized and held accountable at each stage of the process. While the project timeline was meticulously organized, there was flexibility granted to ensure adequate time for community engagement and committee member involvement. Throughout the process, his feedback was incorporated in various ways, including adjustments to survey formatting, updates to the mapping tool for community votes, and brainstorming inclusive aspects of engagement materials. The project's adaptability extended to visuals and the distribution of materials, reflecting a commitment to incorporating community input into the project's original process and deliverables. He expressed gratitude by giving a special thanks and shout-out to Crista, Gabrielle, and Amberto (no longer working for Metro) for their inclusive

facilitation in the successful pilot project. He also acknowledged the hard work of his fellow committee members, commending their authentic contributions to the process. Proud to be part of a community that values equity, inclusion, and cultural preservation in parks and nature areas.

Isiah Jackman passed the presentation to Crista Gardner (she/her) Krista Gardner (she/her), the program manager for Metro's Nature and Neighborhoods Capital Grant. She provided an overview of the two components of the Capital grant-Nature Neighborhoods Capital Grant program and Nature Neighborhoods Community Choice grant, with respective awards of \$5 million and \$2.3 million in capital investment.

Krista highlighted the committee's role in producing a guidebook and request for proposals during the program design phase. Metro leadership's commitment to flexible funding engagement and project development led to the hiring of a consultant team, including Design Co-locate, JLA, and Multicultural Collaborative, aligning with the committee's intent. The pilot's location in Washington County prompted the formation of a coordination team with partners from Beaverton, Hillsborough, Cornelius Forest Grove, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District, Dwelton Soil and Water Conservation District, and Clean Water Services.

The participatory process, developed collaboratively by the committee and Metro staff, aligns with the purpose and criteria of the parks bonds, legal and financial constraints, and project development best practices. It also respects the autonomy and capacity of local jurisdictions in Washington County. Krista emphasized the incorporation of participatory budgeting principles, highlighting community-led program design, idea generation,

collaborative project development, and community voting as key steps in the process. She encourages further engagement with the Washington County partners during the lunch and tour after the meeting.

Participatory grantmaking, deeply rooted in community organizing and public participation, sought to elevate community engagement from mere information dissemination to active involvement and collaboration. This intentional approach was meticulously planned over a year, involving scoping, pre-planning, research, interviews, workshops, and joining an international community of practice. With input from Washington county partners and a consultant team, the process applied a racial equity framework, engagement goals, and audience mapping to align with guiding principles for meaningful public engagement. The strategy included diverse outreach methods, such as tabling events at Dia de los Muertos, Eid Alpha Tier, farmers' markets, and sporting events. With an emphasis on racial equity, bilingual materials, Spanish and ASL interpretation, and native speaker involvement were incorporated. The engagement effort prioritized accessibility, incorporating interactive, tactile, and audio components, as well as creating an accessible website. The Community Design Advocates program, led by consultant co-locate, involved community leaders like Brandon, who provided valuable insights and expertise, enriching the engagement process.

Crista Gardner invited community member Brandon Culbertson, a member of the Northern Arapaho and Cinnabon City Fort Peck tribes. Culbertson shared his excitement and gratitude for being present to speak about his experience and convey a message from the cloak eight team. He acknowledges Daria Martin Bham of Northwest Indigenous Connections for their crucial role in community connection and respect. He expressed gratitude to Sal

Brennis for providing space at Rock Creek and accommodating community needs, Brandon highlights the significance of the community engagement event as the largest gathering of Native people in Washington County's lived memory. He outlined the importance of representing the Native community on their terms, building connections, and appreciates the support from the team. Brandon reflected on the historical lack of native representation in the region and the impact on identity development, especially for youth. He shares personal experiences, including the removal of a totem in Shoot Park, and looks forward to creating spaces where his children can feel seen and valued. He discussed the colonial history in Oregon and the overshadowing of Native communities, Brandon stressed the importance of tribal communities having access to spaces for connection and healing. He expresses gratitude to Councilor Gonzalez for championing indigenous and tribal community resources. Lastly, Brandon thanked everyone for the opportunity and highlighted the significance of community engagement, hoping other districts can experience similar inclusive efforts. He appreciates the collaborative approach and concludes with a message of building representation and engagement to foster a stronger community.

Crista Gardner concluded and passed the presentation to Gabrielle Brown (she/her), the program manager for the Nature Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants. She conveyed her excitement as she presented the recommended projects for funding. Acknowledging the technical issues, she shared details about the 15 projects proposed by community members through a collaborative effort with partners and design consultants. Gabrielle explained the process undertaken by the Nature Neighborhoods Program Designer Review Committee in

selecting the projects. She outlined the criteria, including community votes, grant guidelines, geographic distribution, and committee judgments. The total funding recommended for the 15 projects is \$2.3 million out of the \$3.9 million requested. She introduced each project, providing information on proposed improvements, ecological enhancements, and community benefits. The projects range from enhancing parks, creating nature play areas, restoring wetlands, promoting cultural significance, to introducing pollinator pathways and public art installations. In addition to the 15 projects, Gabrielle highlighted two more projects to be presented by partners. She invites attendees to explore posters and the website for detailed information. Gabrielle emphasizes the community-driven nature of the projects, expressing gratitude for the collaboration that has led to the successful implementation of the Nature Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants.

Gabrielle concluded and passed the presentation to Peter Swinton (he/him), an urban planner with the Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department (THPRD). He presented the "Connecting People and Habitat in Aloha" project. He discussed the proposal to expand the gleaning garden along the north side of the park, incorporating culturally significant plants with feedback from the Latinx community. Peter emphasized the educational aspect, introducing signage to inform visitors about the plants and their significance. The project aimed to deepen THPRD's relationship with the community, particularly the Latinx community, and explores a potential partnership with Adelante Mujeres. The intention was to invite patrons into the park, connecting them with nature through existing natural areas, viewpoints, trails, bridges, and shelters. Peter provided details on the project's location in the Aloha neighborhood, its focus area for engagement according to

the Community Vulnerability Index. The estimated cost for the project was \$249,600, covering the expansion of the gleaning garden, interpretive signage, permitting, and project development. Expressing gratitude to Metro for their leadership and partnership, Peter acknowledged the collaborative efforts with Gabrielle and Krista. He also highlighted the rich conversations observed during the process, citing Brandon, Kevin, and Isaiah's impactful contributions. Later, another project presented by Peter Swinton is discussed, focusing on Steva Park in Cornelius. The project aimed to provide river access, including a fishing pier and watercraft launch, and features community gardens with first foods. The award for this project is just over \$150,000, with plans to work on securing a match for the funds. Peter expressed gratitude for the opportunity to share and thanks the team for their work on the program. Presentation concluded. President Peterson called for motion and second.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Gonzales thanked the presenters and highlighted the efforts of community members who presented their side of community input experience.

Councilor Gonzales invited Michael Young (he/him) to talk about the use of AI in the design process and the curation of the visuals. Young highlighted the challenges of scaling up the works for hundreds submitted ideas. Young explained the team's decision to explore novel methods, including the use of ethical AI. The team engaged in productive conversations and opted for Adobe Firefly; an image generator trained solely on Adobe stock imagery. This choice addressed ethical concerns and aimed to provide equitable visualizations for each project idea.

The rationale behind using Adobe Firefly ensured the

consistency and prevent biases based on graphic quality, allowing community members to make informed decisions without being influenced by rendering skills. Michael hopes that Metro continues to evaluate and incorporate such approaches in the future.

Councilor Lewis expressed her delight at the community turnout at the Hidden Creek Community Center. She suggested that larger spaces might be necessary for future events. Emphasizing the council's investment in community engagement, she noted that participatory budgeting was initially integrated into the measure without a fully developed plan. Despite legal constraints associated with bond frameworks, the community actively contributed to shaping and implementing the participatory budgeting process. She anticipated not only celebrating the 15 projects but also extracting valuable lessons from the experience. Looking ahead, she envisions replicating this model in every district, allowing communities to actively contribute to park and nature projects across the territory. Acknowledging the leadership from the COO's office, she remained optimistic about the future of community engagement in parks and nature initiatives.

Councilor Nolan highlighted that the effort goes beyond merely doing favors for the dominant culture but involves acknowledging shortcomings and valuing the wealth of insight brought by participants. Expressing gratitude, they specifically thanked Brandon and Isaiah for their invaluable insights and acknowledged the commendable work of Clean Water Services. Additionally, they extended thanks to the voters of the region, noting the significant 67% approval for the council.

Councilor Hwang expressed appreciation for the stakeholders involved in the process and highlighted key themes such as innovation, power-sharing with the community, and the willingness to try new approaches.

Acknowledging the legacy left by predecessors, he thanked them for envisioning the initiative. Addressing a specific question, they pondered the significance of the 1650 votes received and whether there were established goals or metrics for the community voting process. They questioned if the number of votes aligned with expectations, considering each metro district's population of 280,000 residents, and whether the goal was to achieve more significant participation. Their inquiry delved into the aspects of both small "d" and big "D" democracy and the desired level of engagement.

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

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

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

Excused: 2 - Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Simpson

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Andrew Scott (he/him), Deputy COO provided an update on the following events or items:

- Thanked the team and staff on their work and efforts on the community choice grants presentation.
- Acknowledged the importance of community input in decision making especially for a big organization of Metro.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

Councilor Hwang expressed gratitude to the Madam President and reported on Metro's recent small business

open house at the convention center. The event aimed to promote diverse contracting with Montema county and Metro, attracting 450 attendees from small businesses, which was double the previous year's attendance. He acknowledged Gabby Schuster and colleagues for organizing the successful event. Additionally, he shared insights from the recent committee on racial equity meeting, where discussions focused on the urban growth boundary and decision-making processes. Presentations from staff members were well-received, and there was enthusiasm about incorporating a racial equity lens into future discussions on the urban growth boundary.

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Councilor Gonzalez summarized the recent JPAC meeting held last Thursday. The meeting covered two significant agenda items. Firstly, they discussed the 2027-2030 MTIP program direction, which involved discretionary allocations, bond repayment schedules for major transportation projects, and an overview of policy considerations for various cycles. Additionally, there was a thorough conversation about the 2023 RTP implementation, MPIP amendment, and the adoption process for twelve projects.

Notably, these larger projects were identified during the 2023 RTP process, aligning with the region's overarching visions and goals.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Consideration of the February 29, 2024 Council
Meeting Minutes**
Consent

Metro Council 4th Meeting
Thursday April , 2024

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:32am.

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Duncan Hwang

2. Public Communication

There were none.

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

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Resolution No. 24-5384 For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Seven Projects in the 2024-27 MTIP to Meet Federal Transportation Project Delivery Requirements

Attachments: [Resolution no. 24-5384](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, 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 Simpson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Hwang

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 24-5394 For the purpose of confirming the appointment of Chris Oxley to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5394](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called on Marissa Madrigal (she/her), Metro COO, to present to Council.

Madrigal described who Chris Oxley is, lauding his experience in sports, the entertainment industry, and sustainable venue operations.

Council Discussion:

President Peterson spoke positively of Oxley’s experience and working with him in the past.

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: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Hwang

4.2 **Resolution No. 24-5385**, For the Purpose of Adopting Metro’s Public Engagement Guide

Attachments: [Resolution 24-5385](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called on Gloria Pinzon Marin, She/they, Principal Community Engagement Lead, Metro Communications, Lia Waiwaiole, she/her, Director of Communications to present to Council.

Staff pulled up Resolution No. 24-5385 For the Purpose of Adopting Metro’s Public Engagement Guide, Phase 1 Powerpoint to present to Council.

In the presentation, the speakers highlight revisions made to the public engagement guide since its last iteration and advocate for the adoption of its core principles. They detail adjustments to the guide, which now comprises three sections and an appendix, and illustrate how staff can utilize it to shape engagement strategies across varied projects. Noteworthy topics discussed include methods for identifying target audiences and appropriate engagement techniques, accompanied by examples such as the spectrum of engagement levels and a power mapping tool. The presenters also relay feedback garnered from public commentary, emphasizing recurring themes like accountability, transparency, and the importance of prioritizing the voices of affected individuals within project contexts.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Gonzalez thanked the presenters and their team for their hard work on this project.

Councilor Lewis reiterated thanks, emphasizing PERC’s expertise.

Councilor Rosenthal echoed previous comments, pointing out that applying this engagement guide will be the next challenge.

President Peterson’s connection was lost, so Deputy Council President Lewis proceeded.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Lewis moved on to the next agenda item

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Hwang

5. Ordinances (Second Reading)

5.1 Ordinance No. 24-1506 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 2.02 Acres Located in Wilsonville at the Northwest Corner of SW Frog Pond Lane and SW Stafford Road

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1506](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 24-1506 took place on February 8th, 2024.

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Associate Regional Planner, Metro, to present to Council. Hamburg briefly explained that these ordinances are to annex a couple of properties into Metro’s boundaries in order to allow for future urbanization.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Lewis moved on to the next agenda item

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

Aye: 5 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Hwang

5.2 Ordinance No. 24-1507 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 5.39 Acres Located in Wilsonville on the South Side of SW Frog Pond Lane, as well as a Portion of the SW Frog Pond Lane

Right-Of-Way, West of SW Stafford Road

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1507](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 24-1507 took place on February 8th, 2024.

Council President Peterson called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Associate Regional Planner, Metro, to present to Council. Hamburg explained that this ordinance would allow for the residential development of this property.

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

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

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Hwang

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- Looking forward to all staff Town Hall event this afternoon.
- Tomorrow is the first meeting of a new Stakeholder Advisory Committee to look at affordable housing funding. This meeting will be focused on defining the problem.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Simpson recognized Black History Month - thanked Black ERG co-chairs for their work, and reflected on Oregon's history of racial injustice. He told the stories of multiple notable Black figures that have shaped and supported Metro and the Portland area.
- Councilor Nolan announced that WPES Fee Taskforce had its last meeting, although additional amendments were made that will be reviewed soon by the Council. She also noted that MPAC met last night and detailed what was discussed.
- Councilor Rosenthal noted the loss of a mayor in Durham and a recall in King City which raises uncertainty about governance, particularly regarding the approved comprehensive plan for Kingston Terrace's development and its potential impact on decision-making processes
- Councilor Lewis reported that the Supportive Housing Oversight Committee met recently and made some language changes to the Annual Report, and it should be coming to Council in the next month. She also praised the engagement of the Expo Futures teams and appreciated spending time with them at the Winterhawks game.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:17am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Hart

Sam Hart, Legislative Assistant

**Resolution No. 24-5400 For the Purpose of Authorizing
the Chief Operating Office to Purchase Certain Property in
the Clear Creek Target Area Under the 2019 Parks and
Nature Bond Measure.**

Consent

Metro Council Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 2024

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 24-5400
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO PURCHASE)
CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CLEAR CREEK) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
TARGET AREA UNDER THE 2019 PARKS AND) Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
NATURE BOND MEASURE) Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 19-4988, referring to the voters of the Metro area the question of authorizing Metro to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$475 million for the purposes of protecting natural areas, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat and connecting people to nature (the “2019 Parks and Nature Measure”); and

WHEREAS, at the election held on November 5, 2019, the voters in the Metro area approved the 2019 Parks and Nature Measure (Ballot Measure 26-203); and

WHEREAS, the Clear Creek Target Area was identified in the 2019 Parks and Nature Measure as one of 24 regional target areas for land acquisition; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 19-5055, authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to continue to acquire property with 2019 Parks and Nature Measure funds in accordance with the Acquisition Parameters and Due Diligence Guidelines of the Amended and Restated Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan (adopted pursuant to Metro Council Resolution No. 14-4536) and Open Spaces Leasing Policy (adopted pursuant to Metro Council Resolution No. 97-2483); and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2022, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 22-5250, “For the Purpose of Approving Acquisition Target Area Refinement Plans for the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure,” which included the Clear Creek Target Area Refinement Plan and authorized the Chief Operating Officer to acquire specific properties identified on corresponding confidential tax-lot maps, provided such acquisitions comply with the applicable Amended and Restated Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan requirements; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1997, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 97-2483, which authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute future leases of Metro real property when such leases (1) relate to the acquisition of a natural area property acquired with bond proceeds, (2) contain a term of no more than one year; and (3) provide for lease payments of not more than \$2,000 per month; and

WHEREAS, Metro has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with a landowner (the “Seller”) to purchase 18.72 acres of land, as more particularly identified and described on Exhibit A to this resolution (the “Property”), and for the Seller to grant to Metro a right of first opportunity to purchase approximately 295 acres of real property owned by the Seller; and

WHEREAS, the Property was identified as a Tier I property under the Clear Creek Target Area Refinement Plan and acquisition of the Property is in the public benefit because it meets the Refinement Plan goals and objectives of protecting riparian, floodplain and aquatic habitats on Clear Creek, prioritizing lands adjacent to publicly owned lands that allow for reconnection of floodplains and restoration of aquatic habitat that benefit Salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout and Pacific Lamprey; and

WHEREAS, the appraisal of the Property does not support the purchase price agreed to by Metro and the Seller, and therefore in accordance with the Acquisition Parameters and Due Diligence Guidelines, the Chief Operating Officer must obtain Council approval to close the transaction and acquire the Property; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing month-to-month residential lease on a portion of the Property that will be assigned to Metro at closing with monthly lease payments of \$2,269, which amount is above the rent cap provided in in Resolution No. 97-2483; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to: (1) acquire the Property identified in Exhibit A at the negotiated purchase price, provided that the acquisition is otherwise in accord with all of the other Acquisition Parameters and Due Diligence Guidelines of the Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan; and (2) execute an assignment of lease to assume the existing lease on its terms and a subsequent lease for the residential home on the Property at the current amount of \$2,269, an amount higher than the rent cap provided in Resolution No. 97-2483.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of April 2024.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A

Property Legal Description

PARCEL I:

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, and Tracts "A", "B", "C" and "D", EMMERT'S CLACKAMAS RIVER ESTATES, in the County of Clackamas and State of Oregon.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the ownership of the State of Oregon in that portion lying below the line of mean high water.

PARCEL II:

A tract of land in the Horace Baker Donation Land Claim in Township 2 South, Range 3 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Clackamas and State of Oregon, described as follows:

Beginning at a 1 inch iron shaft at the Northwest corner of that tract conveyed to Ruth Gekler by Deed recorded in Book 301, Page 575, said corner being described therein as being on the East line of said D.L.C. North 11°30' East 475.20 feet from the intersection of said East line and the centerline of the County Road (now Market Road No. 28); thence North 15°00' West 171.3 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe; thence North 60°23' West 65.7 feet to a wood stake in a small creek; thence South 61°55' West 92.7 feet; thence South 0°22' West 22.3 feet to an iron rod and the true point of beginning; thence continuing South 0°22' West 59.3 feet to an iron rod at the Southeast corner of a concrete driveway; thence South 13°24' West 99.4 feet to an iron rod; thence South 48°19' West 121.4 feet to an iron rod; thence South 71°03' West 90 feet, more or less, to the Northeast line of the County Road; thence tracing the Northeast line of said road in a Northwesterly direction to the center of Clear Creek; thence tracing the center of said creek downstream in a Northeasterly direction 330 feet, more or less, to a point that is North 46°41' West from the true point of beginning; thence South 46°41' East 30 feet, more or less, to an iron rod on the right bank of Clear Creek; thence continuing South 46°41' East 98.2 feet to the true point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH an Easement for access over the following described tract:

Beginning at the most Southerly corner of the above described tract, said corner being on the Northeast line of Market Road No. 28; thence Southeasterly along said line of Market Road No. 28 to a point that is 20 feet from the Southeast line of the above described tract when measured at right angles thereto; thence Northeasterly, parallel with and 20 feet from the Southeast line of the above described tract, 310 feet, more or less, to a point that is South 76°36' East 20.00 feet from the iron rod at the corner of the concrete driveway; thence North 76°36' West 20.00 feet to said iron rod; thence Southwesterly tracing the Southeast line of the above described tract to the most Southerly corner thereof and the point of beginning of the tract herein described.

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-5400, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO PURCHASE CERTAIN
PROPERTY IN THE CLEAR CREEK TARGET AREA UNDER THE 2019 PARKS AND
NATURE BOND MEASURE

Date: March 26, 2024
Department: Parks and Nature
Meeting Date: April 4, 2024

Prepared by: Shannon Leary,
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Presenter(s), (if applicable): not
applicable
Length: not applicable

ISSUE STATEMENT

The Chief Operating Officer requests authorization from the Metro Council to acquire a particular property (the “Property”) in the Clear Creek Target Area.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests Council authorize the Chief Operating Officer (or her designee) to acquire the Property in accordance with the terms outlined in the purchase and sale agreement.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Acquisition of this Property will fulfill the overarching goals and objectives set by the Metro Council through Resolution 19-4988, the 2019 Parks and Nature bond measure, as well as meet target area specific goals and objectives for the Clear Creek Target Area identified in the Target Area Refinement Plans for the bond measure as adopted by the Metro Council via Resolution 22-5250.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

Should the Metro Council authorize the Chief Operating Officer to acquire the Property in accordance with the terms outlined in the purchase and sale agreement?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Option 1: The Metro Council authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to acquire the Property in accordance with the terms outlined in the purchase and sale agreement. This enables the Property to be protected in perpetuity and is in alignment with previous Council legislation directing staff to achieve the goals and objectives of the 2019 Parks and Nature bond measure as well as the specific target area goals and objectives adopted by the Metro Council through the Target Area Refinement Plans. Metro’s acquisition of the Property will be funded through the 2019 bond funds and funding is available in this fiscal year’s budget to acquire the Property.

Option 2: The Metro Council does not authorize the Chief Operating Officer to acquire the Property. This will prohibit Metro from implementing this portion of previous Council direction through the 2019 Parks and Nature bond measure and Target Area Refinement Plans.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the Metro Council authorize the Chief Operating Officer to acquire the Property in accordance with the terms outlined in the purchase and sale agreement.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Property, 18.72 acres in size, is located at the confluence of Clear Creek and the Clackamas River. Over the past 30 years and three bond measures Metro has protected almost 750 acres upstream on Clear Creek and approximately 715 acres upstream on the Clackamas River.

Metro protection of the Property is in alignment with the 2019 Parks and Nature bond measure because this Property contains floodplain and riparian habitat along Clear Creek and the Clackamas River. As it contains the confluence of Clear Creek and the Clackamas River it also would provide a corridor for wildlife, both aquatic and terrestrial species. The Property is adjacent to public lands owned by Clackamas County Parks and Forests and may provide an opportunity for restoration of aquatic habitat to benefit Salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout and Pacific Lamprey.

In addition to the Property at the confluence of Clear Creek and the Clackamas River, the seller owns tax lots that connect Metro's Clear Creek Natural Area to the Clackamas River that, if acquired by Metro, would facilitate significant ecological uplift in terms of restoring prairie habitat, and creating a large, protected wildlife corridor. Staff were able to negotiate as part of acquisition of the Property that the seller would grant Metro a Right of First Opportunity to purchase the seller's additional property. This would provide a future opportunity to acquire property to expand upon Metro's prairie restoration efforts at Clear Creek Natural Area and connect prairie and wildlife habitat between Clear Creek and the Clackamas River.

The Metro Council has previously delegated authority to the Chief Operating Officer to acquire natural areas and trail property in accordance with the parameters set forth in the Acquisition Parameters and Due Diligence Guidelines of the Amended and Restated Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan ("Work Plan"), which includes a purchase price that is supported by an independent appraisal. The negotiated price for this Property is above the appraised value and thus is outside of the Work Plan parameters, requiring specific Metro Council authorization to purchase the Property.

Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback

Acquisition of the Property advances goals of the Clackamas Partnership, a coalition of 15 organizations and agencies working to recover Salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout and

Lamprey in the Clackamas River watershed. Clear Creek is an important cold-water tributary to the Clackamas River watershed.

There is no known opposition to the Metro’s acquisition of the Property.

Legal Antecedents

1995 Open Spaces bond measure; 2006 Natural Areas bond measure

Resolution No. 19-4988, “For the Purpose of Submitting the Voters of the Metro Area General Obligation Bonds in the Amount of \$475 Million to Fund Natural Area and Water Quality Protection and to Connect People to Nature Close to Home; and Setting Forth the Official Intent of the Metro Council to Reimburse Certain Expenditures Out of the Proceeds of Said Bonds Upon Issuance”, adopted by Metro Council on June 6, 2019.

Resolution No. 22-5250, “For the Purpose of Approving Acquisition Target Area Refinement Plans for the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure”, adopted by Metro Council on April 14, 2022.

Anticipated Effects

Should Metro Council authorize the COO to acquire this property, Metro is expected to close on the Property on April 5, 2024 and subsequently manage it as a natural area for fish and wildlife habitat and to improve water quality.

Financial Implications

Purchase of the Property will occur with 2019 Parks and Nature bond funds and is within the budget allocation for fiscal year 2024.

BACKGROUND

This work builds on the 1995 and 2006 bond measures, which included funds for land acquisition for conservation and future trail development. The 2019 Parks and Nature bond measure, referred to the voters by the Metro Council in June of 2019, established principles and criteria to guide protecting and restoring greater Portland’s special places and securing gaps in the regional trail system in geographically specific target areas and regional trail corridors.

The principles, program criteria, and geographically specific 24 target areas identified in the 2019 Parks and Nature bond measure and subsequent refinement plans reflect Council direction and community priorities. The bond program protects land and water, aligns with regional conservation goals, strengthens our region’s climate resilience, and benefits communities who have been historically excluded from decision making or have not benefitted equitably from past investments. The refinement plans for each target area, adopted by the Metro Council in 2022 via Resolution 22-5250, articulate goals and objectives for each of the bond-identified target areas and were developed thorough a robust public engagement process including ecological assessments of each target area and

stakeholder interview sessions and roundtable discussions with people who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color, or a person living with a disability.

ATTACHMENTS

None

- Is legislation required for Council action? Yes No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? Yes No
- What other materials are you presenting today? Not applicable