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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.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Councilor Nolan joined at 10:36 a.m.

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

Public comment may be submitted in writing. It will also be heard in person and by electronic communication (video conference or telephone). Written comments should be submitted electronically by emailing legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Written comments received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting will be provided to the council prior to the meeting.

Those wishing to testify orally are encouraged to sign up in advance by either: (a) contacting the legislative coordinator by phone at 503-813-7591 and providing your name and the agenda item on which you wish to testify; or (b) registering by email by sending your name and the agenda item on which you wish to testify to legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Those wishing to testify in person should fill out a blue card found in the back of the Council Chamber. Those requesting to comment virtually during the meeting can do so by using the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom or emailing the legislative coordinator at legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Individuals will have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated at the meeting.

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

There were none.

3. Presentations

3.1 National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding School Survivors

Attachments: [Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Katie McDonald, Tribal Liaison at Metro to present on the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding School Survivors.

Staff Presentation

Katie McDonald stated that she and other Metro staff were at the meeting to bring awareness to the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding School Survivors, September 30, and the lasting impact of the institutions on tribes and indigenous communities. McDonald highlighted the loss of native language as a direct effect of the policies, gave a blessing, and introduced colleagues Felicia Teba, Karissa Lowe, and Michael Lee to present further on the topic.

Felicia Teba shared a personal impact story of the experiences of the boarding schools on two generations of Teba's family and expressed hope that people affected by the boarding schools receive healing.

Karissa Lowe, Community Grants Program Manager, reviewed the 2nd volume of the DOI report, stating that it includes policy recommendations for consideration by Congress and the Executive Branch to continue to chart a path to healing and redress for tribes and other indigenous communities. Lowe expressed that while the report demonstrated progress, there was still a need for more work and a more comprehensive report.

Michael Lee (they/them) reviewed the National Native

American Boarding School Healing Coalition's proposed legislation. Lee shared the recommendations for the government to continue to investigate, document, and report on the histories and long-term impacts on indigenous communities at the federal level and emphasized the importance of regional governments like Metro to make efforts to spread awareness and support healing.

Council President Peterson thanked the presenters, and the Council held a moment of silence.

The Council took a recess from 11:02 a.m. until 11:08 a.m.

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1 **Resolution No. 24-5427**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Chris Oxley to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

Attachments: [Resolution 24-5427](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 24-5427, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Chris Oxley to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried 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 No. 24-5431** For the Purpose of Accepting the Oregon Zoo 2024 Campus Plan

Attachments: [Resolution no. 24-5431](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

Council President Peterson called on Heidi Rahn, Director of the Oregon Zoo, and Utpal Passi, Deputy Director of the Zoo, to present the Oregon Zoo 2024 Campus Plan to Council.

Staff pulled up the Zoo Campus Plan slides to present to Council.

Staff Presentation

Heidi Rahn shared that the Zoo had celebrated 50 years of AZA accreditation. The investments from the community to update the zoo to meet the gold standard of facilities and care. Rahn highlighted conservation and education efforts at the Zoo.

Utpal Passi stated that the Zoo staff received broad community support for the goals of the plan, to improve accessibility and guest amenities, and update and replace outdated animal habitats. Passi expressed that the new campus plan was a significant opportunity to advance the Council's goals for equity, accessibility and economic vitality, and stated that the plan aligns the long-range vision of Metro.

Council Discussion

Councilor Hwang asked the presenters about safety improvements as part of the Zoo Plan. Rahn responded that better work spaces would be integrated into the design in each of the Zoo Plan's project areas.

Councilor Nolan expressed gratitude to the region's voters for supporting the Plan and the Zoo staff for their

collaborative approach.

Seeing no further discussion, Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-5431.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Simpson, that the Resolution be approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Public Hearing for 2024 Urban Growth Management: Chief Operating Officer Recommendations

6.1 2024 Urban Growth Management: Public Hearing on Chief Operating Officer Recommendations

Attachments: [Staff report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)
[Attachment 3](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Eryn Kehe and Catherine Ciarlo to present on the topic of the 2024 Urban Growth Management: Chief Operating Officer Recommendations ahead of the Public Hearing.

Staff pulled up the UGM: COO/Staff Recommendations- Public Hearing slides to present to Council.

Staff Presentation

Kehe summarized staff engagement with Metro’s advisory committees, the youth cohort, and various interest groups on the topic of Urban Growth Management. Kehe reported the new analyses in the 2024 Urban Growth Report, along with the recommendation to expand the Urban Growth

Boundary to include the Sherwood West urban reserve based on a regional need for land for housing and industrial development.

Council Discussion

Councilor Hwang inquired about gentrification and displacement trends.

Kehe responded that those dynamics were being considered.

Councilor Rosenthal noted that Metro's goal is not only to provide regional perspective but also to create viable communities and expressed that there needs to be a balance of regional and local priorities.

Ciarlo responded that the recommendations regarding Sherwood West emphasize regional values while recognizing the community's unique needs. Kehe added that specific zoning and land use plans will be decided largely by local government.

Councilor Nolan inquired about the assumption of available land in the report due to the possibility of an executive order from the Governor of Oregon to add acreage. Kehe stated that while staff were aware of this, there had not been time to re-open the report with the new information.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired about the growth scenarios and which elements give the council discretion. Kehe clarified that the "baseline" for growth indicates the most likely scenario based on statistical and expert analysis, and the COO recommends the baseline for growth.

Seeing no further discussion, Council President Peterson moved onto the invited testimony of representatives from the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Committee on Racial Equity (CORE).

Council President Peterson introduced MPAC Chair Pam Treece.

Pam Treece, MRC: reported that the deliberation between MPAC and the City of Sherwood had been difficult but respectful. Treece conveyed that the members voted in favor of the COO staff recommendation for approval to the Metro Council with a few amendments. Treece concluded, on behalf of MPAC, that the region needs to accommodate the future growth that supports the economy and housing needs and placed trust in the Council to make the appropriate decisions.

Councilor President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Rosenthal expressed appreciation for Treece's leadership in the process.

Council President Peterson introduced Temmecha Turner, Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) Co-Chair, Saerom Yoo, CORE Co-Chair, and Tristan Penn, former CORE Co-Chair and UGB roundtable participant.

Saerom Yoo, MRC: recalled that CORE members had been involved in the UGB process for the past year, and while they had submitted recommended conditions of approval, CORE wanted to offer feedback to the Council. Yoo shared that CORE members felt tokenized, and that racial equity was an afterthought. Yoo mentioned lack of data justice, little connection between the UGB and Metro's strategic plan to advance racial equity, a lack of goal implementation, and disregard for historical land exploitation of BIPOC as

points of concern.

Temmecha Turner, MRC: provided a list of guiding recommendations to implement racial equity and inclusion criteria into future processes. Suggestions included: staff training on racial equity impacts, evaluation of data and methodologies to ensure racial justice, investment in resources for thoughtful engagement, commitment to accountability and sincere relationship-building, respect for the lived experience of disenfranchised community members, and centering human impact.

Tristan Penn, MRC: highlighted concerns about the lack of data equity and analysis that does not consider racial equity. Penn shared three recommendations: develop a framework for data equity, collaborate more intentionally with the DEI department and CORE, and provide consistent professional development throughout all departments of Metro.

Councilor President Peterson thanked the CORE representatives for the constructive remarks and offered a public apology.

Councilor Hwang further expressed gratitude for their expertise and emphasized the importance of CORE.

Councilor Rosenthal expressed appreciation and questioned if there were structural problems embedded in the proposal that would make it difficult to incorporate CORE's recommendations, or if those changes could occur within the process.

Yoo conveyed CORE's belief that the changes could be incorporated into the development of the comprehensive plan pending approval of the 2024 UGM recommendations.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed appreciation and stated his personal commitment to make improvements.

Councilor Nolan inquired about racial equity impacts of the current concept plan and invited the representatives to share further comments and reflections.

Yoo noted concerns about a lack of community oversight with the concept plan which seemed dismissive of BIPOC in Sherwood and reported speaking with City of Sherwood staff to incorporate recommended conditions of approval and request proactive engagement.

Penn echoed concerns about the lack of consideration for racial equity but highlighted constructive and encouraging dialogue with staff in the UGR roundtable discussions.

Turner added that they met with community members to discuss concerns about potential economic and environmental impacts.

Councilor Nolan acknowledged omissions and affronts to the members of CORE and offered a collective apology.

Seeing no further discussion on the invited testimony, Council President Peterson opened the 2024 Urban Growth Management: COO/Staff Recommendations for public comment.

Jeffery Kleinman, MRC: Testified in opposition to proposed Urban Growth Boundary expansion

Troy Williver, MRC: Testified in opposition to proposed UGB expansion

David Nemarnik, MRC: Testified in opposition to proposed UGB expansion

Diane Jarvis, MRC: Testified in opposition to proposed UGB expansion

Michael Goeckner, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Clayton Madey, Zoom: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Alyssa Palmer Goeckner, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Brian Weissman, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Peter Foster, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Amelia Larkin, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Damien Hall, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Jane Butler, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Alexis Miller, Zoom: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Terrel Smith, Zoom: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

expansion

Indi Namkoong, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Mike Connors, MRC: Testified in opposition to proposed UGB expansion

Councilor President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Simpson left the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

There was quorum to continue the public hearing.

Ron Bunch, MRC: Testified about infrastructure cost analysis concerns pertaining to the proposal

Gerard Mildner, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Kyler Fitch, Zoom: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Todd Christiansen, Zoom: Testified in opposition to proposed UGB expansion

Kelly Ross, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Brad Smith, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Titonion Wallace, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Dr. C.N.E. Corbin, Zoom: Testified about environmental

justice concerns pertaining to the proposal

The Zoom meeting ended at 1:17 p.m. and resumed at 1:19 p.m.

Staff addressed the technical difficulties and the Metro Council continued the public comment session.

Preston Korst, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Sam Diaz, MRC: Testified in opposition to proposed UGB expansion

Nelly McAdams, MRC: Testified in opposition to proposed UGB expansion

Nick Triska, MRC: Testified in support of proposed UGB expansion

Deputy Council Chair Hwang stated that continuation of the public hearing would be scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- Deferred due to time constraints

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Deferred due to time constraints

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council Chair Hwang adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma McIntosh

Emma McIntosh, Legislative Assistant