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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,  
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or  
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

## **Council work session**

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber.

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### 10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Work Session to order at 10:33 a.m.

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

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

### 10:30 Work Session Topics:

10:30 Presentation on the Regional System Facilities Plan Draft and Public Comment Period

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

Council President Peterson introduced Marta McGuire (she/her), Director of Waste Prevention and Environmental Services, Estee Segal (she/her), Principal Planner, and Luis Sandoval (he/him), Principal Planner, to present on the topic of Regional System Facilities Plan Draft and Public Comment Period.

Staff pulled up the “Regional System Facilities Plan” slides to present to Council.

#### *Staff Presentation*

Presenters described the regional priorities and strategic targets of the Regional System Facilities Plan. McGuire highlighted the changing waste and recycling needs of the region over the past forty years. Segal outlined the plan, listed the key investment areas, and reviewed themes from

the public comment period. Presenters shared proposed revisions to the draft plan and requested input from the Council prior to the revised plan's referral to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee (RWAC).

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Rosenthal expressed support for the proposed plan.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for their work and conveyed support for the proposed changes. Councilor Lewis emphasized the expansion of the regional depot system as a priority.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed support for referring the plan to RWAC. Councilor Gonzalez remarked that city and community engagement efforts were reflected in the current framework and thanked staff for promoting regionalism.

Councilor Hwang stated general support for the plan along with the RWAC referral and inquired about the multi-family pilot.

Presenters clarified that the multi-family pilot results were part of the Bulky Waste Policy Project, which is distinct from the Regional System Facilities Plan. Presenters noted that the two projects complement each other in addressing service options to improve the convenience of collection at both curbsides and facilities.

Councilor Rosenthal thanked the stakeholders who were proactive in providing feedback and inquired about the wet waste transfer capacity.

Presenters responded that the plan seeks to decrease wet waste at Metro's transfer stations and would likely lead to a public-private partnership for developing a new commercial wet waste transfer station.

Council President Peterson recalled that Metro had pivoted its focus to keeping waste out of landfills and acknowledged its agreement with the industry for Metro to take on a regulatory role and provide oversight to keep the regional market stable and maintain sufficient wages.

Seeing no further discussion, Council President Peterson thanked the presenters and moved onto the next agenda item.

#### **11:30 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

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

- There were none.

#### **11:35 Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Rosenthal reported on the Natural Areas Oversight Committee meeting and thanked the Capital Management and DEI teams for giving a presentation on public benefits guidelines
- Councilor Lewis hosted a tour at the Willamette Falls Locks with various local leaders in attendance

#### **11:40 Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 11:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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