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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992 or
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

Council meeting

This meeting will be held electronically. You can join the meeting on your computer or other device by using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992 or 888-475-4499 (toll free)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 7 - Duncan Hwang, Ashton Simpson, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Mary Nolan, Christine Lewis, Lynn Peterson, and Gerritt Rosenthal

2. Public Communication

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

Rebeccas Quinn, Board President of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley, spoke about the accomplishments of FPTV as supported by SHS funding.

Johnathan Maus shared his experience coaching youth basketball and vocalized his support for the Expo Center's use as a local sports facility.

Denise Skeen, Case Manager of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley, explained that SHS funds have allowed FPTV to support the unhoused community and asked Council to continue to provide SHS funds.

Seeing no further Public Comment, Council President Peterson moved on to the Consent Agenda.

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. Testimony on non-agenda items will be taken at the beginning of the meeting. Testimony on agenda items generally will take place during that item, after staff presents, but also may be taken at the beginning of 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 joining the meeting using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or 888-475-4499 (toll free) and 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.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 **Resolution No. 25-5452** For The Purpose of Organizing The Metro Council and Confirming Committee Members

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5452](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3.2 **Resolution No. 25-5448** For The Purpose Of Adding Or Amending A Total Of Eleven Projects To The 2024-27 MTIP To Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements

Attachments: [Resolution no. 25-5448](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

This item was adopted.

- 3.3 **Resolution No. 25-5454** For the Purpose of Adopting Revised Employment Agreements for Metro's Chief Operating Officer and Metro Attorney

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5454](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

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

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

- 3.4 **Resolution No. 25-5455** For the Purpose of Approving Amendments to the Employment Contracts for Directors, Deputy COOs and the General Manager of Visitor Venues

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5455](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

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

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

3.5 Consideration of the December 12, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [121224c minutes-signed](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3.6 Consideration of the December 19, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [121924c minutes- signed](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution 25-5450 For the Purpose of Representing and Memorializing the Histories and Cultures Associated with the Portland Expo Center

Presenter(s): Stephanie Redman (she/they), Expo Future Project Manager
Craig Stroud (he/him), General Manager Visitor Venues

Attachments: [Resolution no. 25-5450](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson called on Stephanie Redman (she/they), Expo Future Project Manager and Craig Stroud (he/him), General Manager Visitor Venues to present to Council.

Staff pulled up joint presentation on both Resolution No. 25-5450 and Resolution No. 25-5451 to present to Council.

Presentation Summary:

The presenters provided Council with an overview of the Expo Center resolutions, which prioritize the memorialization of injured minority communities and endorse the use of the Expo Center as a hub for regional and national sports.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Hwang requested clarification about the commencement dates included in the resolutions.

The presenters replied that some portions of the project which involve community and partner engagement are given flexible timelines, whereas studies and development milestones have firm deadlines.

Council President Peterson stated the need for quarterly reports on the project to Council.

Councilor Nolan expressed her appreciation for the work of staff and asked the presenters to share specifics about how minority communities will be able to utilize and enjoy the site.

The presenters responded that the memorialization committee is considering several pathways to include minority communities, such as reduced admission costs and creating community meeting facilities.

Councilor Lewis described the extensive work of not just staff but also residents who stepped forward to engage in the development and feedback process.

Council President Peterson thanked staff, partners, and the

community for their work.

Council President Peterson called for a vote on Resolution No. 25-5450. It passed unanimously. 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 Simpson, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

4.2 **Resolution No. 25-5451** For The Purpose Of Redeveloping The Portland Expo Center As A Sports-Oriented Destination Venue

Presenter(s): Stephanie Redman (she/they), Expo Future Project Manager
Craig Stroud (he/him), General Manager Visitor Venues

Attachments: [Resolution 25-5451](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson called for a vote on Resolution No. 25-5451. It passed unanimously. 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: 7 - Hwang, Simpson, Gonzalez, Nolan, Lewis, Peterson, and Rosenthal

5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 25-1522** For the Purpose of Amending the Industrial and Other Employment Areas Map of Title 4 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan for the Montgomery Park area of the City of Portland

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Senior Regional Planner

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1522](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)
[Attachment 3](#)
[Attachment 4](#)
[Attachment 5](#)

Council President Peterson called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Associate Regional Planner and Brian Singer, Principal Planner of the City of Portland to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the Ordinance No. 24-1522 presentation to present to Council.

Presentation Summary:

The presenters described scope of the ordinance, including the removal of certain use restrictions in the Title IV area of Montgomery Park to allow housing, employment, and transit development.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis questioned how the project and ordinance fit with Portland's housing needs assessment.

The presenters answered that the Montgomery Park development plan is in line with the housing goals of the city.

Councilor Hwang asked how the transit development is linked to the development plan.

The presenters replied that the extension of the yellow line can occur independently or in tandem with development of the urban center and housing.

Councilor Gonzalez wondered how Metro can improve the industrial jobs forecast for the region with this development plan.

The presenters stated that last year's urban growth report showed that there are no industrial tax lots of significant size that would be disturbed within the plan.

Councilor Nolan highlighted the innovation and opportunity created with this plan.

Council President Peterson remarked upon the hard work of the planning and development teams.

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

5.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 25-1522

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No. 25-1522 For the Purpose of Amending the Industrial and Other Employment Areas Map of Title 4 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan for the Montgomery Park area of the City of Portland.

Seeing no testimony, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- Reminder that Parks' small community grant applications are due soon.

- The COO met with Portland's city council to discuss SHS funding and reflected the extensive work performed by staff and the Council in 2024 to extend and improve SHS.
- The COO described some of the upcoming projects that the Council look forward to working on in 2025.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Council President Peterson relayed her attendance at the Transportation Research Board conference in D.C.
- Councilor Lewis described her participation in the Racial Equity and Bond Markets cohort. She also reported back on her meeting with the Lake Oswego City Council to discuss housing on Tuesday.
- Councilor Gonzalez expressed his appreciation for staff's assistance with the Legislative Breakfast the week prior. He also promoted the upcoming Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, January 15th, hosted by himself and Councilor Rosenthal, to discuss the future of TV Highway.
- Councilor Rosenthal spoke about his and Councilor Gonzalez's housing discussion with the City of Beaverton the week prior. He also related information from the most recent MERC meeting.
- Councilor Hwang shared an update on the 82nd Street Transit Project, stating that this month the project team will vote on the plan for transit vehicles and routes to advance development.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Cooley

Nicholas Cooley, Legislative Assistant