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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
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Council meeting

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Public Communication

Laura Golino de Lovato, NW Pilot Project: Supported SHS reform package.

Jon Isaacs, Portland Metro Chamber: Advocated for more time for coalition building.

Sahaan McKelvey, SEI: Advocated for more time for coalition building.

Jenna Golden, tax preparer and resident: Supported SHS tax based on need and experience with high-earner taxpayers who are happy to contribute.

Matt King, resident: Opposed reducing the tax on high earners based on personal experience paying the tax.

Amanda Saul, Home Forward: Support renewal and extension of SHS tax.

Rachel Atcheson, resident: Opposed reducing the tax on high earners and its sunset, based on personal experience paying the tax.

Britannie McGurk, Family Promise: Supported extension of the tax.

Angela Martin, Here Together: Supported the coalition effort

to continue working forward an agreement.

Christine Elmore, resident: Supported the effort to continue the tax and improve access to services.

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.

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3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 25-5447** For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Grant a Non-Park Use Easement to Clackamas County at Pecan Creek Natural Area

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5447.pdf](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5447.pdf](#)
[Exhibit B to Resolution No. 25-5447.pdf](#)
[Staff report.pdf](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Councilor Lewis moved to adopt the consent agenda,
Councilor Rosenthal seconded.

This item was adopted.

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

3.2 **Consideration of the January 9, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [010925c minutes-signed](#)

Councilor Lewis moved to adopt the consent agenda, Councilor Rosenthal seconded.

This item was adopted.

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

4. **Work Session**

4.1 **Integrated and Expanded Regional SHS/Affordable Housing Program: Proposed Ordinances and Proposed Councilor Amendments**

Presenter(s): Council President Lynn Peterson

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

President Peterson summarized the collaboration between partners working to build a strong coalition and advocated for referral to the November 2025 ballot to provide time to support that effort, with a work session in two weeks and a work group to begin in February.

Councilors Lewis and Nolan supported a work group but noted that there are immediate opportunities for improving service delivery, including previous recommendations from the oversight committee. President Peterson asked for a work plan to track these actions.

President Peterson, and Councilors Lewis, Nolan, and Simpson discussed data sharing agreements, particularly the importance of participation in data sharing to improve service delivery, the urgency of the need, and the need for

greater transparency.

Councilor Hwang summarized conversations with community-based organizations. Key themes included identification of shared goals, the urgency of a tax extension, the predictability of resources, and shared ownership of programs and service delivery.

Councilor Gonzalez added that those same conversations highlighted data agreements and performance metrics as ways to accelerate service delivery, and that taking additional time to build a coalition would have a positive impact.

Councilor Rosenthal expressed a desire that service providers use data sharing that are consistent and mindful of civil/privacy rights at a time when some agencies may be updating their policies.

President Peterson identified April or May for referral vote.

Councilor Lewis asked the work group to collaborate with Oregon Department of Revenue to improve future tax collection.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

COO Madrigal updated Council that staff are analyzing federal executive orders to determine impacts on operations.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

Councilor Simpson shared that Gresham City Councilors

highlighted the need for stronger partnerships with Multnomah County. He also reported out on a Greater Portland, Inc., board meeting that highlighted recent job growth.

Councilor Gonzalez announced a forthcoming resolution with Councilor Rosenthal addressing the harms to immigrant communities in the region.

Councilor Lewis voiced the desire for stronger telecommunications from Metro and reported out on a recent Center for Civic Leaders event about adolescents in the region.

7. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Cooley, Legislative Assistant