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Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

10:30 Work Session Topics:

10:30 Investment and Innovation Grant Program Assessment Findings

Presenter(s): Suzanne Piluso (she/her), Investment and Innovation Program Manager, WPES

Marta McGuire (she/her), WPES Director

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[I&I Assessment - Executive Summary Final](#)

Dr. Marta McGuire and Susanne Piluso, Waste Prevention and Environmental Services, presented the Investment and Innovation (I&I) program assessment and recommendation.

The assessment found a significant impact on waste reduction and equity and identified a need for future investment to mitigate climate impacts and high-impact materials, support underserved communities and leverage the Recycling Modernization Act and Reuse Impact Fund.

Staff recommended deferring I&I program development as new funding is now available for reuse and recycling.

Councilor Hwang asked if deferring program development has been presented to assessment stakeholders and about the opportunity cost of deferral. Staff noted stakeholders will be informed of Council direction and that the program is

currently deferred.

Councilor Gonzalez emphasized the need to continue funding and integrating Metro's reuse programs.

Councilor Lewis supported the recommendation to defer and advocated for reuse innovation investments at the state level.

11:15 Introduction to Metro's State-Mandated Regional Housing Coordination Strategy

Presenter(s): Emily Lieb (she/her), Housing Department Policy Director
Eryn Kehe (she/her), Urban Policy and Development Manager

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

Emily Lieb, Housing, and Eryn Kehe, Planning, outlined Regional Housing Coordination Strategy (RHCS) requirements and Metro's role coordinating local production strategies.

Councilor Nolan asked staff to include current racial equity data in the approach to inform future evaluation metrics.

President Peterson reiterated the need for a gap analysis for each demographic.

Councilor Lewis highlighted the need for production strategies that are compatible with the housing market and don't rely on public funding to create units.

Councilor Hwang noted that new ideas often come with political implications for local jurisdictions and asked how the RHCS will inform policies.

Councilor Gonzalez emphasized the trade-offs inherent in crisis response.

Deputy Council President Simpson advocated that strategies that reflect workforce and income conditions.

President Peterson highlighted the importance of the fiscal health of cities as a barrier to growth and housing units.

Councilor Lewis asked about counties' responsibilities for unincorporated areas and suggested that county land use staff may need additional resources to support this work.

Councilor Nolan asked if RHCS requirements are equal to the meet the Governor's 36,000-unit goal. Staff replied that the strategies include outcomes other than unit goals.

President Peterson reiterated that production goals should match need, and staff responded that the state develops the unit goals, considering data from Metro's Urban Growth Report.

12:00 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Holly Calhoun, Deputy COO, updated Council on cancellations from the prior week's weather impacts and announced the name of the Oregon Zoo's new baby elephant.

12:05 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis reported out on the Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee meeting to prepare recommendations for the annual report, and the Supportive Housing Services Tri-County Planning Body's meeting about regionalism and the Regional Investment Fund. She also reported on the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board meeting, which highlighted the Zoo's strong financial health.

Councilor Gonzalez updated the Council on two presentations with President Peterson: NAIOP, Westside Economic Alliance, and Revitalize Portland Coalition about supportive housing services.

President Peterson shared an open invitation to join a Metro and Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission joint meeting on April 3 about Public Private Partnerships.

12:10 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Buzzini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Buzzini, Legislative Advisor