



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**  
Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes, and Councilors Sam Chase, Craig Dirksen, Kathryn Harrington, Shirley Craddick, and Bob Stacey

Councilors Excused: Councilor Carlotta Collette

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:03pm.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There was none.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:	Councilor Sam Chase moved to adopt items on the consent agenda.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Chase, Craddick, Dirksen, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**3. RESOLUTIONS**

3.1 **Resolution No. 16-4686**, For the Purpose of Receiving a Report from Staff on Title 13 Performance Measures

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 16-4686.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Heather Nelson Kent, Metro Parks & Natural Areas Grant Programs Manager, for a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Nelson Kent discussed Metro's role in the region and its two key goals for Title 13, which include protecting farm and forest lands outside of the urban growth boundary, as well as preserving nature inside of the boundary. She discussed the regulatory and non-regulatory tools used to protect nature, including the Nature in Neighborhoods Ordinance No. 05-1077B, explained the changing development practices and indicators that measure performance, and reviewed the next steps for Title 13. Councilors asked clarifying questions regarding the overall acreage that is regulated, how the conservation areas

relate to the overall regional conservation strategy, the percentage of habitat conservation areas within the public domain, and the use of tree canopy coverage to measure habitat loss. Councilors also raised concern about whether the protections currently in place are adequate to ensure that the tree canopy will continue to be preserved, and spoke to postponing the adoption of the report.

Council President Hughes noted that there were members of the public who had filled out testimony cards relating to the resolution and invited them to provide testimony at this time.

Mr. Jim Labbe, Portland: Mr. Labbe spoke against adopting the report at this time, requesting a more robust report that outlines in more details the activities of the past ten years and outlines the activities of the next ten years moving forward. Mr. Labbe also requested that Council commit to doing this process again in another ten years.

### ***Council Discussion***

Councilor Stacey moved for a continuance of Resolution No. 16-4686 to enable the Council to acquire additional information before taking action. Councilor Craddick seconded the motion. Councilors expressed the need for more time to explore the information and requested a work session on the topic to discuss further, noting that the resolution should be brought back to Council within a month of that work session. Council President Hughes called for a voice vote on the motion for a continuance, which was unanimously passed.

## **4. ORDINANCES (FIRST READ)**

### **4.1 Ordinance No. 16-1370, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 9.87 Acres Located at 7775 NW Kaiser Road in the North Bethany Area of Washington County**

Metro Attorney Alison Kean and Council President Hughes read the requirements on holding a quasi-judicial hearing and Council President Hughes then introduced Metro staff, Mr. Tim O'Brien, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. O'Brien provided a brief report regarding the annexation request, explained the criteria required and explained that the request does meet the required criteria for annexation into the Metro District Boundary.

In response to Council inquiry, Mr. Roger Alfred, Office of the Metro Attorney, explained that the process of determining by ordinance that all of the North Bethany areas not yet within the Metro District Boundary would be automatically annexed under a legislative determination that they meet the requirements would require a change to the Metro code.

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-1355. Seeing no requests to testify, Council President Hughes closed the public hearing and noted that the second reading, Council consideration, and vote were scheduled for March 17, 2016.

**5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the Zoo bond funds have been sold, Multnomah County excise tax, Portland Metropolitan Regional Emergency Public Information Officer work group, and the retirement party for Mr. Andy Cotugno, Metro staff.

**6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Dr. Wielebnowski's presentation at the Hillsboro Rotary luncheon, Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting, upcoming talk by former New York City transportation commissioner, Beaverton's work on assessing new technologies and how they might impact decision making processes around transportation and infrastructure, Washington County's Transportation Futures Study, and the upcoming Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting.

**7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:16 p.m. The Metro Council will convene at the next regular council meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyra Schneider, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAR. 10, 2016**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
2.1	Minutes	3/3/2016	Council Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2016	031016c-01
3.1	Testimony, handout	3/8/2016	Written testimony from Mike Houck	031016c-02
3.1	Testimony, handout	3/10/2016	Testimony from Jim Labbe	031016c-03