



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**  
Meeting Minutes  
July 28, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular Council meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner Steve Novick, Portland: Commissioner Novick expressed his support for high capacity transit in the Southwest Corridor and urged the Councilors to approve Resolution No. 16-4713, stating that the plan would help better serve the region’s residents, commuters, and businesses.

Sunnie Page, Tigard: Ms. Page, owner of the Ballroom Dance Company in Tigard, raised concerns about the Southwest Corridor project, noting that two of the proposed plans for the Tigard Transit Center would seize all or part of her property. Because of this, Ms. Page urged the Councilors to choose the proposed Ash Street Avenue option.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to adopt items on the consent agenda.
Second:	Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Dirksen, Craddick, Chase, Collette, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**4. RESOLUTIONS**

**4.1 Resolution No. 16-4713, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Proposed Range of SW Corridor High Capacity Transit Alternatives for Environmental Review and the Updated Project Purpose and Need Statement**

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Resolution No. 16-4713.
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Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.
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Council President Hughes called on Ms. Malu Wilkinson and Mr. Chris Ford, Metro staff, for a brief presentation. Ms. Wilkinson provided an overview of the SW Corridor project and the role it would play in the region’s high capacity transit network. She explained that the project would provide additional capacity for the high travel demand within the corridor by utilizing a package of transportation investments to improve connectivity. Mr. Ford spoke to the project’s vision-based collaborative approach and outlined the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee’s recommendations, including using light rail instead of bus rapid transit.

***Council discussion:***

Councilors expressed support for the project and the level of engagement used to make such significant planning decisions. Councilor Harrington asked staff to update the regional map used in the materials to include the cities on the western edge of the region. Councilor Stacey thanked staff for keeping the Council informed of the project’s progress.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Dirksen, Craddick, Chase, Collette, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**4.2 Resolution No. 16-4721, For the Purpose of Directing the Chief Financial Officer to Ensure that Metro Ceases to Invest in Securities Issued by Any Fossil Fuel Companies Listed on the Carbon Underground 200 List**

Motion:	Councilor Bob Stacey moved to approve Resolution No. 16-4721.
Second:	Councilor Sam Chase seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Councilor Stacey for a brief presentation. Councilor Stacey stated that reducing greenhouse gas emissions was one of Metro’s core values as part of its desired outcome of climate leadership. He explained that by ensuring Metro ceased investing in fossil fuel companies, Resolution No. 16-4721 would help the agency meet the benchmarks outlined in its Climate Smart Strategy and achieve its climate leadership goals. He noted that by ceasing to invest in any fossil fuel companies, Metro would also minimize its financial risk by separating itself from increasingly strained resources such as coal. Councilor Stacey emphasized his support for the resolution and recognized it as an important step in Metro’s ongoing commitment to sustainability.

Council President Hughes opened the floor for any public testimony on the resolution.

Ms. Sandy Polishuk, Portland: Ms. Polishuk, coordinator of 350PDX’s Divestment/Reinvestment Team, expressed her support for Resolution No. 16-4721, emphasizing the importance of divestment and its positive effects on the environment. Ms. Polishuk thanked Metro for its work and praised the Council for its forward thinking.

Mr. Bryan Brumley, Portland: Mr. Brumley spoke in support of Resolution No. 16-4721. He explained that as a Certified Financial Planner, he specialized in portfolios that did not include companies on the Carbon Track 200 list. He noted that it was important for local governments to set high standards for the bonds in which they invest and expressed appreciation for Metro's ongoing efforts to promote sustainability in the region.

Ms. Linda Craig, Portland: Ms. Craig expressed her support for divestment strategies and urged the Metro Council to approve Resolution No. 16-4721. As a member of the Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee, she commended Metro's commitment to energy reduction and sustainable operations. Ms. Craig stated that passing the resolution would mark an important milestone in Metro's significant history of protecting the livability of the region.

Ms. Debby Garman, Hillsboro: Ms. Garman spoke in support of Resolution No. 16-4721. She emphasized the importance of Oregon's incredible natural resources and expressed concern about growing environmental threats due to climate change. She noted that holding the securities of fossil fuel companies would be inconsistent with Metro's sustainability goals and urged the Council to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Peter Teneau, Portland: Mr. Teneau thanked the Metro Council for its work and expressed his support for Resolution No. 16-4721. He shared his personal experiences divesting from fossil fuel securities and emphasized the importance of protecting the world's natural resources.

Mr. Jack Herbert, Cedar Hills: Mr. Herbert spoke in support of Resolution No. 16-4721 and urged the Metro Council to encourage other jurisdictions in the region to make the same commitments. He noted that Metro had an important leadership opportunity in the region that could be used to set an example for the rest of the Portland metropolitan area.

***Council discussion:***

Councilor Chase clarified that Metro did not currently invest in any of the companies on the Carbon 200 List, but added that the resolution highlighted Metro's strong commitment to promoting sustainability in its programs, venues, and projects. Councilor Harrington expressed her support for the resolution and encouraged the public to urge their local jurisdictions to support similar initiatives. Councilor Dirksen announced that he would be voting against the motion, noting that he felt it was unnecessary and would limit Metro's ability to respond to the market. Councilors expressed their support for the resolution. Council President Hughes expressed reservations related to Resolution No. 16-4721, but noted that he had decided to vote in favor as it was important to support such work.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Chase, Collette, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. Councilor Dirksen voted against the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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3.3 **Resolution No. 16-4722**, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption from Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Procurement by Request for Proposals for the Construction of Nature-Based Play Area and Associated Infrastructure at Oxbow Regional Park

Motion:	Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 16-4722.
Second:	Councilor Sam Chase seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Rod Wojtanik and Ms. Gabriele Schuster, Metro staff, for a brief presentation. Ms. Schuster explained that Metro’s Parks and Nature department planned to construct a new nature-based play area at Oxbow Regional Park as part of the voter approved 2013 Operating Levy. Due to the nature of the project, Ms. Schuster recommended the Metro Council authorize procurement by a Request for Proposal (RFP) rather than a Request for Bid (RFB) as she believed a value and experienced based selection process was more appropriate than a traditional competitive bid process. Mr. Wojtanik provided an overview of local nature-based play areas and the plans proposed for Oxbow. He noted that nature-based play areas fostered creativity and encouraged families to interact with the natural world.

***Council discussion:***

Councilor Harrington expressed support for the post-project evaluation and asked that the findings be made available to the public and Metro’s partners. Councilor Craddick thanked staff for their work and asked about their experiences working with local jurisdictions to build such amenities. Councilor Collette noted that the nature-based play areas at Metro’s other parks were much-appreciated by the public and Councilor Dirksen stated that they were a great resource for engaging children with their environment.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Dirksen, Craddick, Chase, Collette, Harrington, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**5. ORDINANCES (SECOND READ)**

5.1 **Ordinance No. 16-1377**, For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Boundary Approximately 11.84 Acres Located South of SW Friendly Lane in the River Terrace Area of Tigard

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Ordinance 16-1377.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 16-1377 took place on Thursday, July 21, 2016. He called on Mr. Roger Alfred of the Office of the Metro Attorney to provide a brief update regarding a letter of testimony received in opposition to the ordinance. Mr. Alfred explained that the staff report had been amended to address the letter, which raised concerns about the development of the property and if open spaces in the area would be

protected. Mr. Alfred noted that the City of Tigard had found that the proposed development was consistent with the city's open space protections.

***Council discussion:***

There was none.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Dirksen, Stacey, Chase, Collette, Craddick, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**6. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Martha Bennett, provided an update on the following events or items: upcoming application deadlines for Metro's community enhancement grants on September 16 and Regional Travel Options grants on September 23, and a Lunch and Learn event scheduled for August 1 focused on designing spaces for inclusive play. Ms. Bennett also announced the departure of Mr. Colin Deverell, Council Policy Coordinator for Council President Tom Hughes. Ms. Bennett, Council President Hughes, Councilors, and Metro staff expressed their appreciation for Mr. Deverell's significant contributions to Metro and its work.

**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Dirksen provided an update on the following meetings or events: following concerns related to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) proposed measurement of congestion, 19 senators and 48 representatives had sent a letter to Secretary Foxx requesting a reevaluation of the measures.

**8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:15 p.m. The Metro Council will convene at the next regular council meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the council chamber at the Metro Regional Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Nellie Papsdorf, Interim Regional Engagement and Legislative Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 28, 2016**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
4.1	PowerPoint	07/28/2016	Southwest Corridor Plan, Resolution 16-4713	072816c-01
4.2	Testimony	07/28/2016	Written Testimony from Sandy Polishuk	072816c-02
4.2	Testimony	07/28/2016	Written Testimony from Bryan Brumley	072816c-03
4.2	Testimony	07/28/2016	Written Testimony from Linda Craig	072816c-04
4.2	Testimony	07/28/2016	Written Testimony from Debby Garman	072816c-05
4.3	PowerPoint	07/28/2016	Oxbow Regional Park and Nature-Based Play Improvements	072816c-06