



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2002 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Saltzman and Sten, 3.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Parsons, Acting Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Michael Frome, Sergeant at Arms.

	Disposition:
<p>DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS NO EMERGENCY ORDINANCES WERE CONSIDERED THIS WEEK</p> <p>ALSO, ITEMS WERE NOT HEARD UNDER A CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>	
<p>1261 Request of Reverend Dr. Hector E. Lopez to address Council regarding the proposed Iraq Resolution (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>1262 Request of Mary Jo Tully to address Council regarding the proposed Iraq Resolution (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>1263 Request of Aseel Nasir Dyck to address Council regarding the proposed Iraq Resolution (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>1264 Request of Dulany Bennett to address Council regarding the proposed Iraq Resolution (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p>	
<p>1265 Consider vacating a portion of SW Davenport Street and Crown Avenue near SW Chelmsford Avenue, at the request of Peter Stott (Hearing; Report; VAC-10007)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	APPROVED; CITY ENGINEER PREPARE ORDINANCE

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1266 Vacate a certain portion of SW Davenport Street and Crown Avenue near SW Chelmsford Avenue, under certain conditions (Ordinance by Order of Council; VAC-10007)	PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 30, 2002 AT 9:30 AM
Mayor Vera Katz	
1267 Accept the Memorial Coliseum Adaptive Reuse Study and Advisory Committee Findings (Previous Agenda 1253)	CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 30, 2002 AT 9:30 AM
1268 Authorize a contract with the Dully Company for consulting services for a Phase II study of alternative public uses for Memorial Coliseum (Second Reading Agenda 1254; waive Code Chapter 5.68)	CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 30, 2002 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Jim Francesconi	
1269 Designate two Heritage Trees and remove one tree from the Heritage Tree List (Second Reading Agenda 1232) (Y-3)	176983 AS AMENDED
Commissioner Dan Saltzman	
1270 Amend contract with Montgomery Watson Harza to extend the contract term through May 31, 2003 and increase the contract amount by \$18,000 for the Powell Butte Master Plan (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 29987)	PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 30, 2002 AT 9:30 AM

At 9:51 a.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Susan Parsons
Acting Clerk of the Council

For discussion of agenda items, please consult the following Closed Caption Transcript.

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WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, OCTOBER 23, 2002

**DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA
THERE WAS NO MEETING**

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Closed Caption Transcript of Portland City Council Meeting

This transcript was produced through the closed captioning process for the televised City Council broadcast.

Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

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Item 1261.

Katz: Get to see you much more often.

*****: Well, I am around.

Katz: Good.

*****: Good morning. Commissioners, mayor --

Katz: Good morning.

Reverend Dr. Hector E. Lopez: I thank you for the opportunity to share with you some reflections regarding the invitation that you have received to consider a resolution or a letter opposing the war on Iraq. There are many reasons that have been given to you recommending the appropriateness of preparing a resolution or a letter regarding this situation, and I believe they speak for themselves. I do think that now after Congress has affirmed the President Bush's authority, it is even more critical to speak out on this. I address you especially because you are our elected leaders. I believe that not only did we elect you to serve us as the administrators and managers of the civic affairs of Portland, but also as people who would serve as moral leaders for our city. We do expect from you voices that affect the well being of the entire community. I believe that we elected you not only for your abilities to manage the city, or for your commitment and dedication to the people of Portland, but also for your interest for justice and the well being of humanity. We need today the leadership you all demonstrated a year ago September, and especially you, Mayor Katz. Your leadership at that time was invaluable at helping to keep this city and this community united. So, I invite you to call for a community-wide forum in cooperation with interfaith and faith communities. Community organizations. The neighborhood associations so that together, we can learn from one another the impact of this proposed venture into warfare on the citizens of Portland and of our nation and of our world. I think we are all familiar with the implications for the city, disruption of families, destruction of relationships that have been developed over the last years, especially among Muslim, Christian, Jew, and all people of good will. This proposed war will incur economic costs to Oregon and particularly, to Portland. 800 million are some of the figures that have been shared about the cost to Oregon from the National Priorities Project. The war, itself, will cost \$100 billion projected with \$50 billion to reconstruct Iraq. The implications for housing, for police, for transportation and health are clear. You have an opportunity to demonstrate that Portland is seriously concerned for the welfare, not only of its constituencies, but also for the welfare of kindred people throughout the world. So, I commend to you the opportunity to add your voice to the City Council to the growing number of elected bodies across the nation that are advocating for peaceful responses to Iraq and other places of conflict. I ask you to show clearly to your constituency and to our national elected leadership that your quest is for peace, that you, as stewards on behalf of the city of Portland, invite dialogue, compassion, and peaceful responses.

Katz: Thank you. 1262.

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*****: Good morning.

Katz: Good morning, Mary Jo.

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Mary Jo Tully: My name is mary jo tully and I am the chancellor of the roman catholic archdiocese of Portland. All of us know that we live in a very fragile world, and in a frightening time. We live in the mist of what has been already casually called a war on terror, and yet we speak of another conflict, a war unlike any in our history. A war that defies those of us who have supported what we call the "just war theory." in times past, we spoke of civilians who would die as collateral damage. Secondary. This concept is far too casual for our situation today. The 90% military deaths and 10% civilian casualty rate we might have expected in times past has been reversed. The use of massive military force to remove the current government of iraq would have incalculable effects on this civilian population that has suffered so much from war, from repression, and a debilitating embargo. We know that 90% of those killed in a war today would be civilians. Men, women, and children who are noncombatants. Concerned for the life, the safety, and the security of the iraqi people seems sorely missing from the debate today. Concern for what a preemptive strike on iraq would do to the soul of the american people is absent, too. What does a proposed war in iraq have to do with life in Portland, Oregon? A war with iraq and perhaps, even the consideration of a preemptive strike affects the soul of the city and the character of its people. It communicates a message to this generation and to future generations that war is more effective than words. That violence is an acceptable answer, acceptable answer to our problems. We join the american bishops in imploring the united states' government to continue diplomatic efforts aimed in part at resuming rigorous, meaningful inspections. To have effective enforcement of the military embargo and other legitimate ways to contain and deter aggressive iraqi actions. To maintain political actions and much more carefully focused economic sanctions, which do not threaten the lives of innocent iraqis. We urge nonmilitant support for iraqis who offer democratic alternatives. This morning's newspaper suggested that the question of the city council resolution is moot. Whether such a resolution can change the course of national history is not the question we address here today. Instead, we look to you for a statement that reflects the great concern of the people of Portland for human life and for the very spirit and character of our country and city. Thank you.

Katz: 1263.

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Katz: Just want to remind everybody that there are three minutes, and you hear the little buzz.

*****: Thank you very much. Good morning.

Katz: Good morning.

*****: Mayor, good morning.

Katz: Identify yourself.

*****: Excuse me?

Katz: Identify yourself for the record.

Aseel Nasir Dyck: Yes. My name is aseel nasir dyck, and I am here representing Portland's muslim community. I would also like to say that I am an american citizen of iraqi origin, having been born in baghdad 60 years ago. So, I would like to, to favor the resolution that is being presented by my colleagues. I, myself, believe that silence is acquiescence in what is going on, and that this council is an appropriate forum, no matter what our professional field is, to speak out and we have people in the past whom we regard as icons of humanity, who have spoken out and have not been limited by the fact that they are professionally physicians or theologians or social workers. So, please feel that this forum is important since you represent us all and this is something that has to do with the security, safety, and the well being of our american society and the society at large since we are a global society now. I only look back at, for example, the way the situation is in iraq right now. There are a lot of things that we do not hear about here in this press. Although, if you were to listen to, perhaps, european or new zealand or australian or asian or african newspapers, you can find that to be so. But, it was this government that puts saddam hussein in power because he

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was anti-communist, and he would be the most fervent one to reach and destroy the communist enemy. It was us who supplied saddam hussein with anthrax, with botulism from the maryland germ center in rockville, maryland. It is us who kept him in power for many years and did not worry about his people. It was we who silently acquiesced while an embargo was placed, not on hussein and his cohorts but the innocent people of iraqi, muslim, christian, jewish, bahaii, sabian, mandain, all who have suffered so that over a million and a quarter of people, mostly civilians, have died, mostly as a result of the depleted you're rain yam in the shelling of iraq and in our bombing of civilian infrastructures like water facilities. Please let us not be silent. 9-11 did not come out of nowhere. It is for us to stand up for justice everywhere, to put justice in its place. Not cohort with a thug and a murderer and then on the other hand for reasons that can only be described as the acquisition of oil, top to destroy the cradle of civilization, iraq, which is mesopotamia, and thank you.

Katz: Thank you.

Item 1264.

Dulaney Benett: Good morning. My name is dulaney bennett, thank you for giving me this opportunity to address you. I am a teacher, a clinical psychologist, and the head of a school here in Portland. I'm also a member of Multnomah monthly meeting, the religious society of friends, also known as quakers, and historical peace church, many of whose members are pacifists. I am also the daughter of a decorated infantryman who died on the battlefield in france in 1944 in the summer following "d" day. A veteran who was deeply convinced that he was safe guarding his political values, his country, and his wife and unborn child who sits before you today. I am also the mother of a son who turned 18 yesterday and sat down last night to contemplate his draft registration application. Unlike his grandfather, he feels no such assurance that the aggression contemplated by country today is the necessary means of safe guarding his nation's freedoms or a cause worthy of the sacrifice of his own life. Rather, he sees our government contemplating a war whose purposes are unclear about which our allies are ambivalent and in which the outcomes may place the united states at greater risk than the causes. Members of council, I am the past national chairperson of the american friends service committee, an international quaker peace and justice organization with programs around the world. Founded in 1917 and winner of the nobel peace prize, the embassy has worked in gaza, the west bank, israel, jordan and iraq since 1948. On a trip to baghdad in the summer following desert storm, I witnessed the beginnings of the protracted sufferings of children, deprived of basic medical supplies by the iraqi sanctions imposed unsuccessfully for the past decade. The preemptive unilateral military action now being contemplated against iraq would be the crowning blow to the already severely compromised infrastructure that subbords civilian life in iraq, particularly services for children, such as health care and education. Further, the removal of saddam hussein might well create a level of political chaos requiring billions of u.s. Dollars and the deployment of large numbers of troops and civilians post-war for an indeterminative future. Finally, it would destabilize the middle east in ways that we cannot now predict, including inciting even greater and the american feeling in countries that are struggling to remain our allies in spite of hardline arab militant minorities. I come before you this morning knowing that you wield no powers with regard to our nation's declaring or waging war. Nevertheless, as a governing body of a major u.s. City, you can speak with authority about the cost to our citizens of an ill-conceived and dangerous war. Every war uses precious national resources, human and financial, that otherwise go to strengthen our nation here at home. This is a time of great domestic challenge for the united states. Not only are we facing a war on terrorism on our own soil, but forces us to exercise great wisdom and balancing our civil rights with national security, but also we face the great internal threats to our domestic security, poverty, hunger, lack of education, and lack of health care. In order to --

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Katz: Excuse me, your time is up.

*******:** Sorry.

Katz: Why don't you finish your sentence.

Benett: Okay. In order to wage the domestic war, we cannot afford to divert resources to a war on Iraq that is not absolutely necessary for a national security or humanitarian purposes.

Katz: Thank you. All right, everybody. 1265.

Item 1265.

Katz: Do we have -- okay. Come on up.

Mark White, Office of Transportation, Right of Way Acquisition: Good morning. My name is Mark White with the office of transportation, right-of-way acquisition. I'm here this morning to present the proposed vacation of a portion of southwest Davenport Street, originally as Crown Avenue. The portion consists of an irregularly shaped unimproved stub approximately 200 feet in length by 40 feet wide. The petition was filed on May 8th by Miss Renee France, an attorney representing Mr. Peter Stott. The office of transportation finds no present or future need for this street. All members were notified and no objections to the vacation were filed. All issues have been resolved and the petitioner agrees to conditions of this vacation. The petitioner's representative is here to address any questions.

Katz: Could you identify on this map which, which part it is?

*******:** Yes. It's --

Katz: Oh, there's one -- okay.

*******:** It's the irregularly shaped --

Katz: Somebody highlighted it for Commissioner Saltzman. Okay. All right. Thank you. Questions? Further testimony? Okay. This is a report. We will vote on that and prepare an ordinance for next week. Roll call. Is there anybody here who else wants to testify? All right.

Saltzman: Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. Thank you. The ordinance will be prepared. 1266.

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Katz: All right.

Saltzman: We just did that.

*******:** This is the ordinance.

Saltzman: Oh, I'm sorry.

Katz: Oh, the ordinance has been prepared, sorry. I didn't do, I didn't follow -- all right. This passes onto second. All right. 1267 and 1268. Why don't we read those together.

Items 1267 and 1268.

Katz: All right, folks, there are three of us, and this is, this -- I want to allow one of our commissioners to vote "no," so if there are no objection, this will continue until next week. No objections? Hearing none, so ordered. All right. 1269.

*******:** I'm sorry, I didn't read 1268.

Katz: Okay. Go ahead and read 1268.

Katz: All right. If there are no objections, this will be continued until next week. Hearing none, so ordered. 1269.

Item 1269.

Katz: Roll call.

Saltzman: Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. 1270.

Item 1270.

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Katz: All right. Anybody want to testify on this item? If not, it passes to second. And due to lack of an agenda, there will be no meeting this afternoon. Or thursday. Everybody, we stand adjourned.

At 9:51 a.m., Council Adjourned.