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**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2000 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Acting Clerk of the Council; Harry Auerbach, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Peter Hurley, Sergeant at Arms.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1438** Accept bid of Platinum Construction Services to furnish training center classroom expansion enclosure for \$139,969 (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 100119-SMP)

**Disposition:** Accepted Prepare Contract. (Y-3)

- 1439** Reject both bids to furnish traffic signal detection loops (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 100132)

**Disposition:** Accepted. (Y-3)

- 1440** Accept bid of Nutter Corporation to furnish north transit mall test section for \$151,530 (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 100194)

**Disposition:** Accepted Prepare Contract. (Y-3)

**Commissioner Erik Sten**

- 1441** Grant a franchise to Broadwing Communications Services, Inc. for a period of ten years (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Passed to Second Reading October 11, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

- 1442** Grant a franchise to McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Passed to Second Reading October 11, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

- 1443** Grant a franchise to NEXTLINK Oregon, Inc. (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Passed to Second Reading October 11, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

- 1444** Grant a franchise to Williams Communications, Inc. for a period of ten years (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Passed to Second Reading October 11, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

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**Communications**

- 1445** Request of Bruce Whitney Frazier to address Council regarding the failure of the City to respond to a letter of complaint (Communication)

**Disposition:** Placed on File.

GARY BLACKMER  
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

**WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, OCTOBER 4, 2000**

DUE TO THE LACK OF AN AGENDA  
THERE WAS NO MEETING

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

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**Closed Caption Transcript of Portland City Council Meeting**

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**OCTOBER 4, 2000 9:30 AM**

**Katz:** Good morning, everybody. The council will come to order. Please call the roll.

**Francesconi:** Here. **Sten:** Here.

**Katz:** Here. Due to the absence of two council members, we won't take any consent agenda items, and so -- or emergency items, so it is going to be very quick this morning. Item 1438.

**Item 1438.**

**Katz:** Does anybody want to talk on this issue? If not, roll call.

**Francesconi:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye. **Katz:** Mayor votes aye 1439.

**Item 1439.**

**Katz:** Anybody want to talk to us about this? Roll call.

**Francesconi:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye. **Katz:** Mayor votes aye. 1440.

**Item 1440.**

**Katz:** Anybody want to speak to us about this? If not, roll call.

**Francesconi:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye. **Katz:** Mayor votes aye. 1441.

**Item 1441.**

**Katz:** Do you want to handle -- nothing? Okay. Anybody want to testify on this? All right, roll call?

**Harry Auerbach, Office of the City Attorney:** This is a second reading.

**Katz:** You are right. 1442.

**Item 1442.**

**Katz:** Second reading.

**Item 1443.**

**Katz:** Second reading.

**Item 1444.**

**Katz:** Second reading. How many of those, now, do we have?

**Sten:** A lot more than we used to have.

**Katz:** Do you have any idea how many now?

\*\*\*\*\*: We are up to about 35.

**Sten:** And maybe 20 of those are new in the last 24 months.

**Katz:** All right.

**Sten:** It is the revenue growth.

**Katz:** At least for now.

**Sten:** As well as consumer choice.

**Katz:** 1445.

**Item 1445.**

**Katz:** First, all right, Bruce, you have three minutes, come on up.

**Bruce Whitney Frazier:** Good morning, madam mayor, councilman Francesconi and councilman Sten. I would ask the council's indulgence if my remarks extend over three minutes in view of the light agenda this morning.

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**Katz:** Well, I will make that decision, but you have three minutes for now.

**Frazier:** Could I have more than three minutes?

**Katz:** Why don't you just start and I will see.

**Frazier:** My belief is that the government operates best when it is in direct communication with its citizens. We elect our representatives to act for us, but the people never wholly absolve themselves of their responsibility for government, and we know that, that the people have the right to call members who are elected. They have the right to pass initiative measures directly on their own prerogative. On or about May 11th of this year, I directed a letter to Mayor Katz, which raised some serious concerns that I had about the treatment I received at the hands of a member of her staff, driver's security. And I was accused of being a threat to the security at the Mayor's office. A charge which I did not take lightly. I have never received a response, a written response to that letter, although I think that it was inherent in the letter, itself, that such response was requested. And the letter was sent certified mail, return receipt requested, and I have the receipt here. In fact, I did receive a call from a number of Mayor Katz's staff, asking me to a meeting. There was not convenient for me to attend. And I told the staff at that time that in as much as a meeting could not be arranged that was convenient for the Mayor and myself, I would prefer a letter be sent to me. Months have passed, and I feel that it is appropriate that my concerns be responded to. I feel that citizens should have a right not only to address their concerns to their elected officials, but to receive an appropriate response, and the lack of response, of course, raises questions in the minds of, of the electorate as to how diligent the elected officials are in looking at the concerns of the, of the public, and I feel that in this case, that the letter was well written. It took me a great deal of time to sit down and address the issues. I feel that they should be addressed, and I would, again, ask Mayor Katz for a written response. Thank you.

**Francesconi:** Bruce, you have written to my office. We spent some time with you.

**Frazier:** Sure.

**Francesconi:** On some issues. You and I have a disagreement on this particular issue, so my office maybe gets 100 letters a month. We try to respond to every letter. And either in writing or sometimes a phone call. And rarely, but occasionally, some things fall beyond the cracks. The Mayor gets ten times that number. Maybe 15 times that number. So now, if you are coming here saying, look, they didn't respond, sometimes, you know, the press of business, it is very difficult to respond to every citizen, but here, here you are coming saying you got a phone call and invited to a meeting and -- in the Mayor's office, responding to a letter and you are criticizing for not responding. Bruce, that doesn't -- you picked the wrong example, Bruce, with all due respect.

**Frazier:** If I could respond, Mr. Francesconi being invited or summoned to a meeting is at the convenience of both parties. I understand the pressures that the Mayor is under. I did not ask for a meeting. All I asked for was a response. Six months have gone by. When I could not attend the meeting, I was asked -- I said was there another responsibility, and I was told no. So, I mean, you know, to make myself available on-call, I don't perceive that as being my job. I think that having months and months go by where all I said was I wanted a letter would be sufficient, that's fine, you know, and I am still looking for a letter. I am not making any time limits on it. But, I don't feel that it is unreasonable to ask for a letter. And the Mayor was gracious enough to provide a time that I could not be there. And I don't know what I am supposed to do when, when I have other obligations that I am going to be out of town. I wouldn't expect the Mayor to come back from her tours, just to meet me. So, I am not saying that no effort was made. But, I am saying that I would like an answer.

**Katz:** Thank you. All right. We are finished. Are you here just to watch us? All right. Thank you, everyone.

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\*\*\*\*\*: You and I had a tiny conversation about relocation and I am looking for political asylum in cannon beach. [ laughter ]

**Francesconi:** Good luck. [ laughter ]

**Sten:** It is tougher town than it used to be.

\*\*\*\*\*: I was wondering if they have a place for me on the staff in the upper left edge. [ laughter ]

**Katz:** Thank you. All right, everybody, we stand adjourned.

At 9:46 a.m., Council adjourned.