



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten, 5.

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 9:54 a.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and John Holly, Sergeant at Arms.

On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>1650</b> Request of John Ryan to address Council regarding Vision PDX (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1651</b> Request of Greg Schifsky to address Council regarding trees (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1652</b> Request of Hector L. Cervantes to address Council regarding unauthorized operations and research (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1653</b> Request of Micki Carrier to address Council regarding trees (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIME CERTAINS</b>	
<b>1654 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Accept the Regional Arts & Culture Council 2006 State of the Arts Report (Report introduced by Commissioner Adams)  <b>Motion to accept the Report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Sten and seconded by Commissioner Leonard.  (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
<b>1655 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM</b> – Adopt the Street Access for Everyone Workgroup Report recommendations and funding package to impact citywide problems associated with street disorder and sidewalk nuisances (Resolution introduced by Mayor Potter)  (Y-5)	<b>36466</b>

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<p><b>1656</b> Amend City Code regulations for sidewalk use in high pedestrian use areas (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter; replace Code Section 14A.50.030)</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the Substitute Exhibit A:</b> Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED DECEMBER 20, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>1657</b> Statement of cash and investments October 19, 2006 through November 15, 2006 (Report; Treasurer)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PLACED ON FILE</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Mayor Tom Potter</b></p> <p><b>1658</b> Appoint Katherine Futornick and Peter Finley Fry to the Development Review Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2009 (Report)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>CONFIRMED</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>City Attorney</b></p> <p><b>*1659</b> Amend Legal Services Agreement with Cascadia Law Group for outside counsel (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 36529)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180654</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Emergency Management</b></p> <p><b>*1660</b> Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between Portland/Vancouver Metropolitan area governments and the local metropolitan area utility providers to enhance emergency response and recovery operations (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180655</b></p>
<p><b>*1661</b> Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with State and local municipalities for Emergency Transportation Routes and earthquake emergency procedures (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180656</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</b></p> <p><b>*1662</b> Pay claim of Julia Earl (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180657</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Purchases</b></p> <p><b>*1663</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for the City Equal Employment Opportunity and Workforce Training &amp; Hiring Programs (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180658</b></p>

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<p><b>1664</b> Amend Purchasing Code to conform to new state law and make technical corrections (Second Reading Agenda 1623; amend Code Sections 5.68.090 and 5.68.060)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180659</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Technology</b></p> <p><b>*1665</b> Increase contract with Online Business Systems by \$48,700 to connect to the Sonic Enterprise Service Bus (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 40915)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180660</b></p>
<p><b>1666</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for participation in the Integrated Regional Network Enterprise (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING DECEMBER 20, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Portland Development Commission</b></p> <p><b>1667</b> Authorize the City to serve as fiscal agent for the Portland Development Commission for a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Special Project Grant in the amount of \$446,400 for affordable housing in the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING DECEMBER 20, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Police Bureau</b></p> <p><b>*1668</b> Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Multnomah County District Attorney to reimburse the Police Bureau for overtime costs of officers assigned to the District Attorney Office as investigators (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 52562)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180661</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p> <p><b>1669</b> Authorize application to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grant Program for grant funding of restoration work at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING DECEMBER 20, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1670</b> Authorize three-year Grant Agreement with SOLV to lead community stream restoration projects (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING DECEMBER 20, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1671</b> Authorize change in the repayment term of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan numbers R74167, R74168 and R74169 from the date of first disbursement to the date of first payment for water quality programs (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 178876)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING DECEMBER 20, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1672</b> Accept two tax-foreclosed properties from Multnomah County for riparian restoration purposes (Second Reading Agenda 1626)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180662</b></p>

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<b>1673</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to support the Nature in Neighborhoods Design for Habitat and Clean Water Competition (Second Reading Agenda 1627)  (Y-5)	<b>180663</b>
<b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b>  <b>Water Bureau</b>  <b>1674</b> Authorize City Attorney to appeal an Employment Relations Board Order in AFSCME Local 189 v. City of Portland, Bureau of Water Works (Resolution)  (Y-5)	<b>36465</b>
<b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b>  <b>Parks and Recreation</b>  <b>1675</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships and the Portland Public School District No. 1J for the SUN Community Schools initiative (Second Reading Agenda 1632)  (Y-5)	<b>180664</b>
<b>Commissioner Erik Sten</b>  <b>Bureau of Housing and Community Development</b>  <b>*1676</b> Amend subrecipient contract with Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare by \$2,000 for a culinary training program for chronically mentally ill clients and provide for payment (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 36948)  (Y-5)	<b>180665</b>
<b>Fire and Rescue</b>  <b>1677</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide joint paramedic training and reimbursement (Second Reading Agenda 1635; amend Contract No. 50609)  (Y-5)	<b>180666</b>
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>  <b>Mayor Tom Potter</b>  <b>Bureau of Planning</b>	

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<p><b>1678</b> Create classification of Industrial Office and allow such offices in a portion of the Central Eastside (Second Reading Agenda 1648; amend Title 33)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180667</b> AS AMENDED</p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Financial Services</b></p> <p><b>1679</b> Transmit General Fund five-year Financial Forecast FY 2008-12 (Report)</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the Report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Adams.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Portland Development Commission</b></p> <p><b>1680</b> Adopt the recommended Milwaukie/North Clackamas County Enterprise Zone five year extended abatement and employment waiver (Resolution)</p> <p>(Y-4; Adams absent)</p>	<p align="center"><b>36467</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b></p> <p><b>1681</b> Accept the Workforce Investment Board for the City of Portland, Multnomah and Washington Counties 2007-2009 Strategic Plan and recognize Washington County Commissioner John Leeper for his service (Report)</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the Report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Sten.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p> <p><b>1682</b> Authorize acceptance of title to property at 8735 N Lombard currently owned by the Portland Development Commission (Second Reading Agenda 1642)</p> <p>(Y-4; Adams absent)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180668</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Transportation</b></p> <p><b>1683</b> Create a local improvement district to construct street and stormwater improvements from Montana Avenue to west of Minnesota Avenue in the North Winchell Street Local Improvement District (Second Reading Agenda 1646-1; C-10019)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180669</b> AS AMENDED</p>
<p><b>1684</b> Increase the estimated assessment amount for project costs in the Portland Mall Revitalization Local Improvement District (Second Reading Agenda 1647; amend Ordinance No. 178892; C-10011)</p> <p>(Y-4; Saltzman recused himself)</p>	<p align="center"><b>180670</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b></p>	

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<b>1685</b> Authorize City Attorney to take action necessary to subpoena documents from the Portland Development Commission for the purpose of conducting a complete review of the acquisition, valuation, proposed disposal and development of property at 209 SW Oak Street (Previous Agenda 1534)  <b>Motion to refer the item back to the Office of the Commissioner of Public Safety:</b> Moved by Commissioner Leonard and gaveled down by Mayor Potter after hearing no objections.	<b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b>
<b>1686</b> Amend Portland Renewable Fuels Standard to reflect acceptable biodiesel feedstocks, clarify definitions and adjust implementation schedules (Second Reading Agenda 1644; amend Code Chapter 16.60) (Y-5)	<b>180671</b> AS AMENDED
<b>City Auditor Gary Blackmer</b>  <b>1687</b> Assess property for sidewalk repair by the Bureau of Maintenance (Second Reading Agenda 1646; Y1060) (Y-5)	<b>180672</b>

At 12:57 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,  
OREGON WAS HELD THIS **13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Adams, Leonard,  
Saltzman and Sten, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; no City  
Attorney was in attendance and John Holly, Sergeant at Arms.

<b>1688</b> TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Honor recipients of the 2006 Spirit of Portland Awards (Presentation introduced by Mayor Potter)	<b>Disposition:</b>  <b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
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At 3:29 p.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER  
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

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**DECEMBER 13, 2006      9:30 AM**

**Potter:** Each week we ask the question, how are the children? When the children in the community is well, the community is well. And we invite experts in to talk to us about issues that concern them, and this morning we have three young folks, so madeleine rogers, charlie crabtree, and dida, could you please come forward? All these folks perhaps you can tell are in the arts field. Are you going to perform anything?

\*\*\*\*\*: Well, yeah. [laughter]

**Potter:** Why don't you sit down in these seats, and charlie, when it's your turn maybe you can go ahead and do the performance. We're here just to listen to what you have to tell us. Anybody can begin.

**Nandi Vanka:** Respected mr. Mayor and staff. Good morning to all of you. I'd like to thank you for having me here today and giving me the opportunity to talk about myself, my family, and my school. My name is nandi and I am 14. I live in the cedar mill area and go to school at valley catholic middle school in beaverton where i'm an eighth grader. I play basketball, volleyball, and soccer, I also learn dance, the clarinet, drawing, and painting. My family consists of my parents, my older sister, my younger brother, and me. My parents have been in Portland for over 20 years. I would like to talk about my experience learning indian dance from my mom. Is it a classical dance form which is 3,000 years old. My mom is a founder of the school of dance. The school is one of the oldest and most respected dance schools in Portland. I have learned dance from my mom for about 10 years. Performing this traditional dance inspires me to do my best and to give it everything that I can. It is inspired me to learn about my culture and heritage. When we collaborate and perform with groups, we are happy to learn about other cultures as well this interaction has led to several successful learning experiences that encourage our diversity. When I dance on stage or even in class I have learned the only way I can feel I tried my best is if I really try as hard as I can. Sometimes I have to take risks with moves which I have not tried before. In order to succeed. This form of classical dance is 50% mental and 50% physical. The dance requires perseverance and discipline, and as I learn these qualities, I can apply them to other aspects of my life, such as school, basketball, volleyball, soccer, playing the clarinet, and other activities. My mom teaches the same values to other students in her school. I would also like to talk about the issues we face in our neighborhoods. In our neighborhood there seems to be a lack of appreciation for what kids can achieve through their involvement in the arts. It would be nice if some of our neighbors would take the time to learn about the arts that i'm involved in and be supportive of it, especially ethnic arts, which are a link to our heritage. Currently there are only 200 kids learning this dance in Portland. The indian community in Portland is very involved in promoting arts like this in our city. All the students in my mom's school feel honored to be able to continue learning this dance here in Portland. We conduct several dance camp was artist who's come from india and present several shows accompanied by musicians from india. My parents and my school are extremely supportive of such extra curricular activities and it would be nice to have support from



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the city of Portland to continue such activity at our school. I think all schools should encourage kids to be involved in arts and curricular activities as it makes us well-rounded individuals when we go to college. We would like to request your help in promoting this art form in Portland. Thank you again, mr. Mayor, for this opportunity. I enjoy being here today to talk about myself and everything i'm involved with.

**Charles Crabtree:** My name is Charles Crabtree. I am at Grant High School, I am a sophomore. I'm ADHD so I've always had trouble concentrating. When I was little I talked all the time, I made random noises, I was always moving around. Literally one of the kids bouncing off the walls. In school I didn't try very hard, my grades were not good and I did not like being at school. When I was 10 I first saw the French horn. I thought it looked cool and it sounded cool. Mr. Miller played it, and it sounded cool, and that got me going. My grandfather played the French horn in the Oregon Symphony for 44 years and taught music in the Portland public schools for 25 years. I didn't remember that. So after I started learning to play the horn I began to learn how to focus. I also found it easier to get along with people in the classroom. And I've been on the honor roll since about eighth grade. I've gone into various musical groups, like Portland Youth Harmon I can, I started a quintet and I began composing, writing a horn concerto and I'm arranging and writing music. So right now I'm going to be playing a short excerpt from my horn concerto. ♪♪ ♪♪ ♪♪  
[applause]

**Potter:** Thank you very much.

**Madeline Rogers:** My name is Madeline, I'm glad to be here today to tell you about myself. My school, and why arts are important to me. I'm a seventh grader at Sunnyside Environmental School, a kindergarten through eighth grade school. We're strong in science and environmental studies, and garden, but we did lose our performing arts and music programs a couple years ago. And they're really missed. I know this problem is very common throughout Portland public schools, so it's great for kids like me to have alternatives like Oregon Children's Theater there to fill in those art gaps. I really do like science and math and reading, and those things are really important, but much of my ability to express myself and relate to the world has come from music and dance and theater. I started music and dance and theater as an audience member. I saw my brother in plays and ballets, and I was inspired to get up and participate instead of just sit there and watch. So I began taking beginning acting classes at Oregon Children's Theater and creative movement at Oregon Ballet Theater. And I started -- I got my first part just about over five years ago with Oregon Children's Theater. I played Su Zu Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life". It opened up a world of imagination and responsibility. But since then I've been lucky enough to be in several plays. I even got to be part of Portland itself when I played Ramona Quimby. It was mostly because of Oregon Children's Theater I got these opportunities to create, express, and grow. Not just through their productions, but through their classes which taught me to trust, understand, and cooperate I've also been a part of their young professional program, that helps kids like me who want to pursue performing arts dreams. But more importantly I've gained a lot of self-confidence and self-esteem, and self-discipline through acting. I've been a part of a community which has supported me and taught me about the world around me and how to be a responsible participant in anything I want to do. O.C.T. has been pleasing audiences all over Oregon for almost 20 years now. And giving hundreds of kids each year the fundamentals to carry them through. And not just through their plays, but through classes and outreach programs. And they've been an amazing organization and I wish it could continue for generations to come. So thanks for having me here today.

**Potter:** Thank you. I thank all three of you for being here this morning. It's nice to know our young people, the next generation coming up are involved in art, and it enriches them and makes their lives better as a result. Audience, please give these young folks a hand. [applause] Thank you very much. [gavel pounded]

**Potter:** City Council will come to order. [roll call]

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**Item 1650.**

**Potter:** Prior to offering public testimony to the city council a lobbyist must declare which lobbying entity he or she is authorized to represent. We're going to begin with communications. Please read the first item.

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**Moore:** He called and will not be able to make it.

**Potter:** Please read the next.

**Item 1651.**

**\*\*\*\*\*:** It's not a christmas present.

**Potter:** It's ok, we couldn't accept it anyway thank you for being here. Please state your name when you speak. You have three minutes.

**Greg Schifsky:** Greg schifsky. I've been working on the tree issue for a long time. I'll talk first on a model railroad scheme, because I do some model railroading. This is a typical locomotives that 55 feet long. When you do scale modeling, everything has to be in scale. The trees that we're seeing disappear around town, this represents a giant sequoia, this one measures 130 feet tall. This is what we're losing probably on a daily basis around town. Sometimes when infill takes place, this is a 25-foot-tall house. In comparison to these big trees that get removed to put in these little houses, but sometimes we get the monsters that go up to 35 feet tall. That's codes and regs that allow that. They get replaced not by trees that just 35 feet -- that's just 35 feet tall, they get replaced by trees that are like five and six feet tall with no guarantees in the future that the trees will even remain there. There is a co2 problem in the world. The u.s. is a good producer of co2. Trees are probably the best caretaker of that problem. And the loss of trees has been cited as the world's number one problem for co2, and that's a study that you can verify. I'll leave these things with you.

There's data to suggest and validate through study after study, hundreds of cities around the country have ordered studies like this one, including the 2000 study on the columbia region here that talk about the value of trees. And in this report and other reports when \$1 is spent to protect our trees, we get back almost \$4 in value. So that what a citizen saves. So when your urban forestry people come before you pretty soon, please listen to them. They have an incredibly good report and draft plan coming out. And i'm going to suggest that you adopt their plan and support urban forestry. I have seen the mesh of all of your bureaus coming together better and better on tree protection. I'm very impressed. Thank you for allowing that to happen of with that connection in mind, mayor Potter, my dad's name is Leonard, he served with bruce baker who is a police chief here in a different city years ago. So that's how all these connections take place. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you very much, sir.

**Item 1652.**

**Potter:** Thank you for being here. When you speak, please state your name for the record and you have three minutes.

**Hector Cervantes:** Hector cervantes. The reason why i'm here today is for the fact that -- I represent people in the state of california, plus i'm also a resident of the state of Oregon. Unfortunately back in july and august the day of rest at a science technology group, science medical group in fresno, they were doing an unauthorized operation and experimenting on -- and research on innocent children. Apparently my two daughters, which used to also sit in different events, were identified with unidentified foreign bodies, basically devices they were implanted in there. I as a parent and -- on behalf of the people of the state of california that I represent, are asking for help to locate and to -- these people that are actually doing this here in the state of Oregon. Not only in Oregon, but also across -- they're crossing the state line into california doing that. And they do come from Oregon, unfortunately. That's one of the worst things that anybody can do to innocent children. And there's thousands of innocent children in california that there are found with these devices, not only children, but there's also adults that also were implanted, and -- with these

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devices. That's the reason i'm here today, as a parent and as having two daughters, and also behalf of the parents and the families in the state of california. We're asking Oregonians for help in this to finding -- to locating and to arrest all responsible parties that are here in Oregon. We know that in - - we know that Washington county carries -- they were involved in I think it was biomedicine cascade and some other research facilities they were the ones that actually got arrested in fresno back in july and august. Basically that the reason why i'm here, as a concerned parent and a concerned citizen of the state of Oregon, which I live in the city limits, and also as a representative of the state of california.

**Potter:** Thank you, sir.

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**Potter:** Please state your name for the record. You have three minutes.

**Micki Carrier:** Micki carrier. I'm from the maplewood neighborhood association, not representing them, but here as a citizen. Thank you for your time. I do feel very fortunate to live in a city where we can have our three minutes with you from time to time. I'll try and make good use of that. I too wanted to speak very briefly on trees. I'm not a tree expert. I love trees, I know Portland in general is looking out for its trees, but we have a little work to do. I will submit this for your review. Maplewood did have a funeral for trees last summer because we were going to lose 100 trees to a development. That still hasn't happened, but we are real concerned about the rate and swiftness at which the trees just really seem to be coming down. I also printed up a couple of suggestions that lake oswego is doing these things, and I think that Portland might be wise to consider adopting a couple of their policies in regards to construction practices. Number one, I would like to for Portland to consider having some kind of a tree patrol. One worker earning \$30,000 per year could easily peruse dozens of sites, saving very large trees as mr. Schifsky was demonstrating of the each tree is worth at least \$30,000 in terms of their storm water mitigation alone, not to mention reduction of greenhouse gasses. If they were able to save 10 trees, that investment would easily pay for itself many times over. And that is something that lake oswego is doing. Number two, metal fencing around write zones. I have pictures demonstrating as a neighborhood tree liaison dozens of violations where the orange fence is on the ground, and those zones are being encroached upon with debris, clutter, root hacking, inadvertently, i'm sure, but nonetheless the damage has been clearly sustained. Which you will see in these pictures. And positive examples as well. I'm not here to just complain, i'm here to make concrete suggestions that would be easily and probably inexpensively adopted when you consider the benefits. And -- tree permit signs where the public can go by. Right now it's up in the air, who knows what's going on with these trees. Even as a liaison cruising vigorously, these construction sites, I have a very hard time keeping up on all the violations myself. Lastly incentives for developers to retain large trees. Currently it seems the trend is for developers to clear them all out, get them out of the way, you know, and replace them with little trees like this. So that's it. Except for st. Rita here to protect our trees. Thank you very much.

**Potter:** Are you leaving that here?

**Carrier:** I'll take it with me, but -- yeah.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Carrier:** You bet.

**Potter:** If you wish to have any documents provided, could you give them to the council clerk?

**Carrier:** I'll do that. Thank you very much.

**Potter:** We'll move to the consent agenda. Any commissioners wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Does any member of the audience wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Please call the roll.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the 9:30 time certain.

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**Item 1654.**

**Adams:** It's an honor for me to present this report today. I want to preface it with some comments that provide some context for the report. As arts and culture commissioner, I've had the opportunity over the past two years to visit many of my counterparts from around the world, including Vancouver BC, Melbourne, Australia, Amsterdam, and New York City. And I've come to understand just how the arts and culture are instilled in their communities in terms of an integration with their economic development strategies, their education policies, and their very -- the core of their very planning for their cities. When I look out at our arts and culture community, I see some excellent events, some excellent institutions, great programs, more in terms of the quality, more in terms of the number of available options than we deserve, given our scant public support for arts and culture funding locally. This area lags significantly behind other major West Coast cities. Regionwide per capita, our support for arts and culture is \$2.84. Per capita, again, to it's apples to apples. This compares to Los Angeles at \$5, Sacramento at \$7.50, Seattle at \$8.94 per capita, and the list goes on. Among Western states, the average arts organization receives about \$12-- about 12.6% of contributed income from state and local arts councils or equivalent government institutions. The average arts organization in Portland receives about 3.5% to support based on the last numbers from 2003 that are available. This number is likely to go down as the state's declining support, we feel the impact of the state's declining support. Despite being well managed and doing as much as they can with the difficult resource environment, our local institutions are undercapitalized. The cornerstone, just the cornerstone institutions, arts and culture institutions, the symphony, ballet, opera, the museum, art museum, and the Portland Center Stage, although highly regarded nationally, they are sagging and trying to make their offerings and get along with over \$20 million in debt. Meanwhile, only 40 to 50% of the cost of production comes from ticket sales, and if they were to raise their ticket sales to reduce this debt, they would be making their offerings even less accessible.

Why invest in arts and culture? Everyone up on this council knows why, and many people in the room do, but for those listening or watching in, arts are the soul of any -- the soul of any city, and they definitely need to be strengthened here in Portland. They serve as the mayor to inspire us, to challenge us, and to allow us to see our frailties as a community. They make our place, they make our city a better place to live. But arts and culture are also good for the economy, economic impacts studies show arts -- for every dollar spent on a ticket. In 2004 RACC invested \$4.1 million in organizations and artists with direct payroll purchasing of over \$152 million and an extended economic impact of \$335 million. This sector creates jobs, household income, and tax revenues. Investment in arts and culture is also an investment in the knowledge economy, a key component of Portland's economic strategy. Other metro areas are spending more on arts and culture and are seeing more knowledge worker base in terms -- more knowledge workers as part of their jobs base.

Arts is also good for creating critical thinking citizens. Arts education contributes significantly to critical thinking. Arts education posing problems, decision-making, arts learning is proven to boost student performance in all subject areas, not just in arts and culture. Young people who participate in the arts are four times more likely to participate in math and science. Three times more likely to win an award for school attendance and four times more likely to perform community service. Arts is also good for tourism. 80% of adult travelers include art culture, historical or heritage activities on trip away from home. 30% of these cultural travelers choose their destination based on a specific cultural activity or event. And 76% of Portland visitors participate in the arts. 27% of Portland visitors choose to come to Portland specifically to attend a cultural event. The arts are good for the city, they're good for our people, and they're good for the economy. So with that, I'd like to introduce our panel. Jesse Beeson is my senior policy director for arts and culture.

**Jesse Beeson:** Thank you. My name is Jesse Beeson. As you heard from Sam and the children up here before, arts play a significant role in our city. For over 10 years now the regional arts and culture council has acted on behalf of the city to make investments in the arts community. Judging

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by the increasing attention to arts community received nationwide, they're doing excellent in this charge. I'm excited to be here to help present our past accomplishments today. They include tremendous success in increasing private giving to the arts. Increased applications and a huge increase in artists receiving their very first race grants. Continued arts education programs who serve the kids who need it most. And a public involvement effort that I think deserves accolades. I had the pleasure and I believe a delegate from each council staff served on the r.a.g. Grant panels this year and all of us I think came away quite impressed with the level of involvement, commitment, and time and energy put into evaluating these grant applications. In the coming year we're looking forward to implementing a new granting program which you'll hear about, strengthening our private sector outreach and developing new ways to engage and serve artists in our community.

**Eloise Damrosch:** Good morning. My name is Eloise, I'm executive director of the regional arts and culture council, and I'm pleased to be here with my colleagues who will introduce themselves. To talk about the past year in some detail and give you some images to take away in your heads. We'll be focusing on our main mission, our programs and the objectives that appear in our contract with the city. And that's how we'll structure our presentation. We have a very broad mission deliberately to try to provide arts services to the community on a daily basis. That pretty much covers about anything we could think of to strengthen the arts in this community -- in this region. We want to talk about some very good news that Commissioner Adams referenced, but also to acknowledge some of the challenges Commissioner Adams has also addressed. We have six key service areas and we'll touch on each one of them in a little detail. We rely very heavily on partnerships to achieve our mission. To do this complex and challenging work in a vacuum would be next to impossible and we would accomplish a fraction of what we can accomplish. So this list shows some of our regional partners, both in the arts and in business, and in tourism, and also our statewide and national partners. To give you more context for this funding discussion and the granting report, you see in these pie charts local governments support nationally the average is about 5% of what the arts receive in funding. We're only at about 2%. So it's a stated goal of Commissioner Adams and his vision for arts funding in this region and in Portland as well as our own to reach 5% at least as soon as we can. Granted this, is not easy, but that's where we're headed. In terms of where we sit in relation to other cities, you have sort of a jazzy and colorful chart in front of you that shows you where we are. In the middle of the pack nationally, but pretty far low on -- in the western cities. I might add the San Francisco site happened because of a property tax reallocation. When we figure out what our silver bullet will be, or not, hopefully we'll be way up there with San Francisco. One of the objectives of our contract with the city is to advocate for the arts and culture locally, regionally, and statewide and nationally. And we do that together with many of the partners that I've already mentioned. I basically figure everything we do is advocacy in one way or another, including inviting those three charming young people this morning. That French horn piece is advocacy personified, I would say. In terms of direct efforts in the advocacy -- political advocacy realm in the primary we interviewed candidates, we held their feet to the fire about what they would do about supporting the arts, and we always published those responses or nonresponses on our webpage and get a lot of feedback about that. It also enables us to go back once they've been elected and revisit their comments. We advocate in all the government agencies in the region for increased arts funding, we work with the state and the Oregon Cultural Trust, and of course nationally with the N.E.A., Americans for the Arts, and we're constantly working to get more recognition for our arts organizations and artists who are our mayor constituents. Now I'll turn it over to Jeff.

**Jeff Hawthorne:** My name is Jeff Hawthorne, I'm the director of community affairs. My primary focus is in the revenue streams of the organization. As you all know, race has long been the steward of government investments in arts and culture, but one of the key recommendations of arts

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plan 2000 was to start generating more revenue from the private sector. And so this is something we recently implemented, and our challenge here is to raise money from the private sector in a way that doesn't compete with the arts organizations that we fund, but one thing we have found where we won't be in competition and we will be raising new money is in our workplace giving program. Called work for art. As you know, this is the program where we go into companies and we talk about the importance of arts and culture. Often bringing artists into the workplace with us, and then we deliver a request for those employees to support work for art. And those funds that come in to us are then redistributed to the arts organizations we serve. And city council gave us a wonderful gift earlier this year when you allocated \$200,000 of business license fee reapportionment revenue as a matching incentive challenge for these workplace solicitations. And i'm happy to tell you today that we have taken that challenge incentive and we have significantly raised the volume and the dollar amount of private contributions for arts and culture in this community. In 2004 we raised about \$35,000 in fy-05-06 we raised \$45,000. As you can see here, with your match and your challenge, we have raised to date \$108,000 in employee gifts and company matches. That with your city match becomes \$216,000. But this chart is nowhere near finished being drawn, because we still have 40 more campaigns to report or to run through june 30 of this year.

**Adams:** So you are only halfway.

**Hawthorne:** We're 20% of the way there.

**Adams:** 20% of the way and already way ahead of previous years.

**Hawthorne:** This is where we thought we would be \$200,000 was our goal for the year, so we're in significantly early, and as you also know, we have a new revenue opportunity that we didn't anticipate when we set this goal, and that is the business license fee check-up option that is about to be implemented. So, yes, we're way ahead of schedule, and we anticipate raising the full \$200,000 that you have challenged us to raise, therefore we will have \$400,000 more to give the arts community next year.

**Cindy Knapp:** Good morning, mayor Potter and the commissioners. My name is cindy knapp, i'm the director of operations at racc. I oversee the grants program and I am also the chief financial officer for racc. So i'm going to talk to you about the grants program, and this objective is really about getting the money out the door in support of arts organizations and artists. We have a grants program that is a tiered grants program, and the first program that I want to talk about is our general support grant. We have awarded over \$1 million this year to the 35 largest arts organizations in the region. The goal of this program is to reach the 5% benchmark that we have talked about to provide 5% of their budget through revenues through racc. This is the list of organizations that are supported through the general operating support. Project grants is another program that we offer, and this is -- we award grants in three different categories -- artistic focus, neighborhood arts, and arts in schools. This is the list of products that we funded this year, and it represents 40% of these awardees are new to our grants program this year. Individual artists fellowship, we award an individual artist in recognition of their artistic achievement and excellence each year \$20,000 cash award. This year we awarded hank pander a visual artist for his excellence. Professional development grants, we also provide two sish is also of professional development grants to arts organizations and individual artists. This is a really important grant program. It may be our smallest program, but we find that the majority of the applicants come into racc's grant programs through this professional development grant, and 91% of the awardees this year were new awardees, first time. The opportunity grant program is our newest grant program, and jesse mentioned it. We're going to be launching this program in january. This is the \$300,000 that council decided should be awarded through racc's grant processes. So we have designed a program that will help meet the needs of arts and culture organizations with special opportunities or assist them if emergencies come up throughout the year. And this is a multicycle program, so it will be an ongoing grant program throughout the year, with no specific deadlines so that we are able to meet

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the needs of the organizations. The next couple slides are slides about funding comparisons. This one shows race's funding base through the city with the yellow bars are the funding base. And the green are the special appropriations that we've received in previous years. The current year in 2006 and 2007, the special appropriations I might remind you was \$100,000 to the art museum so they could offer free entry on holidays, and also the final payment to the opera. And then this year was for the time-based arts festival. The next graph shows -- helps show the demand that we experience in the city. The blue bars are representative of the funding through our grants program. The lines are -- the bottom line is the awards that we have made, and that is compared to the top line which is the applications we received. So you can see that there is quite a gap in the demand and what we're able to provide. The final chart is our city funds and how we are approaching the 5% benchmark that we are working towards, so as you can see in 2007, we're about halfway to where we would like to be. Technical assistance is another program that we offer to provide support to arts organizations and individual artists. The cultural leadership program is a really great program. We serve over 30 organizations in the last two years with one-on-one professional development consultation with George Thorn, who is a nationally recognized consultant, arts consultant. We are about ready -- this is a good example of how we're able to provide support that doesn't cost the arts organizations anything. We have received funding through foundations to provide this program for them. We are about to launch our second round of a two-year program, so we're going to be serving an additional 20 organizations in the next two years through this program. We are also reinstituting our artists workshop series. So we're going to be offering over the next six months a series of different types of workshops to help individual artists so they can participate in many areas, particularly our grants programs, and public art commissions, and help them seek additional fundings for the wonderful things they do.

**Damrosch:** Another one of our very visible programs as you well know is our art program. We are charged by you to oversee all aspects of public art in this community. And I want to thank you again for your unanimous support last -- this past year to raise the percent for art to 2% and to create a mechanism to track -- identify and track art projects. It was a major step for this program, and we really appreciate your support. In 2006 you have the numbers of projects that are completed and underway, and various other parts of our program. I would just mention that these are low numbers, if you look back over the last 26 years, partly because of the recent economy of the city just hasn't been building as much, but with the newly structured program and with some better procedures, we anticipate the numbers going way up in the next few years. Just some examples of projects completed recently, fire station, it should read 27 on skyline and Thompson Road. This is a piece that was part of the fire station bond measure. And we've been over the years completing quite a few new commissions and other opportunities with the fire stations. And then recently we did a wonderful project, a very modest project, but very successful as we saw at the grand opening of the new skate park in North Portland, the artist created a skatable artwork as you come into the park. A great example of the creativity and ingenuity an artist can exhibit with very little funds, though we like to fund them better. University Park Community Center, this is work in progress. We've also been partnering with H.A.P. in that district. Third and Fourth Avenue Streetscape has provided some -- quite a substantial funds, amplified by P.D.C. on this project. You may have read some recent controversy in the paper. There's some uncomfortableness in the Chinese community with some symbolism that was used in one of the sculptures. We've had some very productive conversations so far with members of the Chinese community, and they're planning an open forum in January with the artist who has been participating in these conversations. It's one of those examples of a lot of communities tell me, I want a public art program, but you have to promise me there won't be any controversy. And the response of course is, there will always be somebody who's upset with something you do, because art is about ideas, and we don't have all the same ideas, which is why we do it. Then we've -- a very exciting opportunity, we're partnering with Eden

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development up at the civic on west burnside. There was p.d.c. Money involved in the public plaza between the two buildings, the house of authority of Portland and the condo tower, and they decided to participate in a big way financially to make possible a series of four sculptures that are going to be bring attention to and certainly contribute to the environment of this public plaza. And then another example with the holman building, some of the concrete is being used to create art works. As you know when you go into the Portland building, we have ongoing installations there. These are a couple of examples of installations from the bass year. We also every year add to our visual chronicle of Portland collection and then, four eggs of -- examples of murals that were approved and executed in the last year. This was the program you remember led by former mayor katz, and we're thrilled we're getting some wonderful community murals back on to Portland walls as a result of this program. And then we're also responsible for overseeing gifts to the public art collection. As soon as it's framed you'll be able to see yourselves in rembrandt's night watch version, the artist's version of that famous painting modified and adopted for Portland and its leaders. The lower slide shows a gift that was from the rotary club to jamison square, and then friends of vera katz commissioned the sculpture on the esplanade. One part of our program that we take very seriously is maintenance of the public art collection. Citizens and the city have invested a huge amount of money in public art over the last 26 years and we are the stewards of that collection. And again, because of the raise to 2%, we have more funds every time we commission a piece of artwork to put in our maintenance pool, and we also, weather there's art in a fountain we have a wonderful partnership with the water bureau to not only maintain the fountains, but also the artwork in it. Very often they are able to contribute substantially to this effort. Nobody is going to be exposing themselves to art for a while because we've had to take the artwork after the -- off the mall for the light rail construction. So we'll be reciting those sculptures in a couple of years. And then larry kirkland's story garden that used to be in waterfront park has been in storage during the naito parkway construction and the big pipe work and we'll be finding a new site for that in the near future. We're also working in partnership with the bureau of environmental services. To have artists paint construction fences during the work on the east side. The second-to-last objective is to seek to make the arts and culture part of every child's education. Commissioner Adams has talked about that, we've seen graphic examples this morning. We give grants to -- directly to schools. There are models in the country we're looking at because it has happened. Finally I just want to mention as part of our advocacy efforts and serving the arts community in every way that we can, we have in the last year really beefed up our webpage. We have many searchable databases you can find an awful lot of information if you dig into that. We send out either by mail or email our arts notes, newsletter, and a variety of other publications online primarily to give people information. And this year again we're going to be sponsoring two metlife funded forums, this year the topic will be creativity in the workplace. Another objective is to involve citizens in decision-making and all of our activities. This slide shows you the list of ways the public panels, internships, committees, board work, and the list of volunteers just from '06-07 is impressive. And we'll be publishing all of this information in our annual report which we'll have for you in early january. We're also working extremely hard to build diversity in all aspects of what we do. I think the fact that 91% of the professional development grants were new recipients means our outreach is working. We're working very hard at making those recipients as diverse as we can. And also in the panels, the organizations we work with, all of our grants programming, our own board, and really everything that we do. And finally I don't know if you all listen to npr in the morning, but i've been hearing the slogan the national endowment for the works has been using which is, a great nation deserves great art. I find that odd because a nation is great because it -- fit has great art. And I would leave with you the notion that Portland is a great city because it has great art. Thank you very much.



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**Beason:** We do have three people here who would like to testify briefly. And sam can call them up.

**Potter:** When you speak, please state your name for the record.

**Robin Steely:** Mayor Potter and city commissioners, my name is robin steely, i'm the executive director of right around Portland. Our mission is to transform lives by using the power of writing to connect people of our city. I'm joined by two writers, and I wanted to point them out. M.c. And shera. Right around -- write around Portland is a grateful recipient of the general support grant and it's my pleasure to be here today to speak with you about the tremendous resource that racc provides to our city, our people, and -- and our culture. Since 1999 write around Portland has provided volunteer facilitated workshops for people with aids, domestic violence survivors, adults and teens in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction, people who are homeless or in prison, and others who face barriers to traditional writing programs such as income or isolation. To ensure that everyone in our city has access to writing and community, we provide journals, pens, snacks, child care, and bus tickets free of charge to all of our workshop participants. More than 1500 people have participated in our work shops. Many of them are new writers, many are even newly literate. 40% identify as people of color. Many live with disabilities or chronic illness and most live on very, very low incomes. Through our workshops these writers tell their stories, learn new skills, and build community in a safe environment. They also create art. The art of words, the art of stories, the art of connection, and of community. Tomorrow we release our 22nd published anthology. We don't have our new one yet, but they're really beautiful professionally designed anthologies for our writers. Writers from around the city, downtown, north Portland, southeast, east county, will come together to celebrate and read their writing at a public reading. If you have never been to one of our readings, I strongly encourage you to come. If you can imagine, 200 people coming together, excited about words, about reading, and writing, and sharing art as a means to build community. It is incredibly powerful. This is the work racc makes possible. Racc general support funding enables us to provide these high-quality workshops, allows us to recruit and train volunteers, do outreach to social service agencies and new population and to publish these anthologies. We connect writers and readers from across the city. And racc support allows us to grow our capacity to meet the growing demand for our program. In addition, racc staff and their organizational expertise are invaluable resources to a growing organization like ours. As any nonprofit will tell you, general support funding is key to building the infrastructure that we need to do what we do. And that what we do best, is serve the underserved and general support funding makes that possible. We are most grateful to the city for your commitment to the arts, inclusion of the literary arts through racc. Please know the support is not about one organization or one artist, it's about the importance of the arts in the public sphere and the access to arts for everyone in our community. Thank you for so much for making -- and for racc for helping make that possible.

**Mark Van Homisson:** Mayor Potter and city commissioners, mark van homisson, the assistant principal for the Portland dart schools, a program that works with students who are primarily wards of the state who are receiving day mental health care services or residential mental health care services. Some of the partner agencies we work with are morrison family, trillium family, boys and girls aids society, life works northwest, salvation army and janus youth programs. In the past we've received a fast track grant from racc and I want to share a little bit about how the racc funding has affected the students in our program. The -- through racc -- through the help of racc the Oregon ballet theater has sent artists to do residencies in our program. While the artists are there they work with the students' choreography, cooperation, planning, and performance. What the students develop is confidence. These are really difficult tasks for students who ordinarily struggle in social and structured situations. O.b.t. has been instrumental in bringing out a different side of the students that we work with. Another artist that racc has helped fund for us is carrie kent, a visual artist of the she works with some of our younger students who are between the ages of 3-5 years old

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who have been traumatized by some terrible life events. In our program art is not the extra for us, sometimes art is the foundation. And Carrie has worked with our younger students and they'll develop a piece of art like this, then our teachers will work with this and turn it into, get out your flower vase, let's talk about parts of the flower. It's tied in to our curriculum and it's a foundation for us, not just the extra. Another artist that RACC has helped bring to our students is Lisa Christian Scott, a quilter. These -- this is an example of a pillow one of our students has made. It -- the fact she's able to get 20 adolescent male who's have had a real hard time functioning in society appropriately and responsibly to sit and quilt a pillow is really fantastic. Just by itself. But what these students really demonstrate while they're working on a project like this is motivation, cooperation again, planning, and appropriate expression through arts. So I would just like to let you know that the RACC has really helped our students by bringing funding to us. What do artists create in our program? They create cooperation, creativity, appropriate expression, appropriate risk taking, and Mayor Potter asked at the beginning of the meeting, how are the children? The children in our program are growing and changing because of the funding that RACC brings to us. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Lava Alabye:** My name is Lava, and I received a project grant from RACC, a very generous one from RACC. That was my first grant that I ever received and I'm very new to Portland moving from New York. I started here two years ago intending to only stay for 10 months. And then go back to New York. But the art here is so live, and so important that I decided to stay. And I also am a multicultural person, and having grown up in three different races in Hawaii, I decided to tell my own story and was because of RACC I was able to do that. I did an outreach program with multicultural youth here in Portland, telling -- asking them to tell me about their unique situations being either biracial or triracial like me, and got very interesting stories, which I then turned into a play called "Mutt." that is currently running at the IFCC right now, and have gotten very great success and support from the Portland audiences. We were able to employ 15 artists and collaboration with us from the set designers, to the sound designers, to getting IOCC involved. And we were able to turn what RACC gave us into a very successful project, and I am one artist who had a dream to tell my story and it is based on my personal story, to put my story out there because it is quite unique being multicultural. Without RACC's support I would not, and I underline would not, be able to do this show. So I not only do I thank RACC and you guys for supporting, but I would also like to invite you to see "Mutt," because of its success we extended, and it is going on this weekend. We're going to skip the week of Christmas and it closes the 28th through the 30th, 30th being our last day.

**Adams:** Where can people buy tickets, and what time?

**Alabye:** We start at 8:00 and people can buy tickets, if you go to our website, [www.manyhatscollaboration.com](http://www.manyhatscollaboration.com). And there is a buy ticket button there.

**Potter:** Where are the performances held?

**Alabye:** At the IFCC.

**Potter:** Thank you very much. How many folks do we have signed up to testify?

**Moore:** I believe just one. Lili Mandel.

**Lili Mandel:** I wasn't originally going to speak, but I really can't keep quiet. I think that RACC should be very, very commended for giving money to the Portland art museum and allowing at holiday time to open it up to people without having to pay. And I've watched and seen this. And this makes me feel really wonderful. Can you imagine, the lines are made up of young, old, poor, whatever. And to think that they -- this is so important to them, so RACC is obviously doing a fantastic job. I really think that this is terrific. Thank you.

**Potter:** Did you say that was all? I need a motion to accept the report.

**Sten:** So moved.

**Leonard:** Second.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

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**Adams:** First I'd like to thank my colleagues up here who have been -- they're the reasons there are the free days at the Portland art museum, and their votes to increase funding for the arts is testament to their support for it. Especially I want to underline my thanks to commissioner Erik Sten, who had this portfolio before me and gave me such a good foundation of relationship between the city and race to build upon. I want to thank Jesse Beeson especially, who's my senior policy director for arts and culture for the great work that I do, and underline the fact that IFCC is open and operating and operating in the black because of your commitment and your personal work project turning that around. And in the coming year we'll be embarking on the capacity strategy, which is a partnership, public-private partnership and a partnership between POVA and Portland Development Commission, and race. And we will be combining a plan for 2007 with an update to the creative services strategy. And again, the city council provided funding to make that happen over the next year. So we have a long ways to go to meet our potential in terms of an arts and culture community, but we have a lot of good work underway, new work, new energy, new effort, and I look forward to definitely being a part of that. Thank you all. Oh, one last thing. I also wanted to thank Eloise and your entire team for the great work you do day in and day out. It's hard work, you're underfunded, you take a dime and squeeze it into a dollar somehow. I really appreciate it. Aye.

**Leonard:** I appreciate commissioner Adams' work and focus on this. I would also point out that in the budget adjustment just completed in the last couple of weeks, in addition to the support to race, the council unanimously gave money to the Portland jazz festival and a half million dollars to the Oregon Historical Society. Two organizations that I care deeply about. I also want to thank commissioner Adams publicly for having such a rich source of art in his office that I can occasionally borrow to hang on my own wall. [laughter] Aye.

**Sten:** I can't follow that. Eloise and Jeff and the team, I want to thank you and your board members. It's really a communitywide effort, and it was very eloquent, and it's hard to top the pictures of the art and the work that you do. I also want to thank Sam. Sam actually came to me when he got on the council and said he really was hoping I would support transferring the art portfolio to him, away from me. And I typically one does not want to switch the art portfolio because in addition to being a very important assignment, and I think all the things you've said today, it's at the heart of our economy, but more importantly who we are in our life as human beings. You don't usually want to give that assignment up, but having recently at that time had a toddler in my life and not getting to as many art events at night and looking at Sam, I could see he had a passion for it, and I'm just very, very thankful and proud of the work you've been able to do to get this to the next level. I think it's what makes Portland special and I know you all will keep it up and I look forward to with economic times getting a little better seeing if we can't nudge above that 2% closer to the five. Aye.

**Potter:** Eloise and members of race, thank you so much for what you do for our community. Art is a core, I believe, to any value system for an effective successful city. And there's always more we can do, but it is amazing what you folks do with what you've got. I would encourage you to continue to ensure that your board is a diverse board, and that it does represent the community and next year when you come back I'll than asking you how you've done in that area. But in terms of providing grants, I looked at the list of -- the full list and it's just a very impressive list. So the only concern I have is that every once in a while some of the small artist around town talk about the -- their feeling that it's not really an equal share that is provided to some of the smaller artists. Obviously from some of the folks who spoke today, a number of young artists are provided opportunities. So I would encourage you to continue also to ensure that our young, bright folks who are struggling to start out also get that kind of assistance. So thank you for a very successful year. I look forward to working with you in this coming year. Aye. [gavel pounded] thank you all.

Could you read the 10:00 a.m. time certain.

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**Potter:** Last may I convened a work group called safe, which was street access for everyone. And asked that they examine our existing sidewalk ordinance commonly referred to as the sit-lie ordinance, to see what we can do to improve how we provide safe passage for everybody in our community. And when we said everybody, I meant everybody. A group came together and quite a diverse group, and did a wonderful job of coming up with five major areas that we could improve in how we provide for safe passage and use of our streets here in Portland. And I want to thank that committee that met for their hard work and for their many, many hours they put into this. And I think it's going to be a very effective tool. For our community it will provide resources that have not been there before for people who need the resources. With that i'd like to turn it over to maria rubio, our public safety policy manager in the mayor's office.

**Maria Rubio:** Thank you, mayor. My name is maria rubio, i'm the policy manager for the office of mayor Potter. As the mayor indicated our purpose is to present the report and recommendations developed by the safe work group that was formed in may to address street disorder issues in response to the number of calls and concerns from business districts across the city, but also in light of the impending exploration as the objection of nuisances ordinance in the downtown area. The work group's focus was on addressing the street disorder problem in Portland's business districts as it relates to behaviors that are not criminal in nature, but rather that affect livability. We attempted to address conditions and behavior concerns in business districts in a very comprehensive manner. We realized there was a need for an effective tool for police to use when dealing with people who refuse to adhere to the norms of our business districts. We wanted to ensure that we did not duplicate efforts or reinvent some of the successful efforts already underway like policing strategies utilized by the police bureau and also the public safety action committee's work. In addition to the 10-year plan to end homelessness. In particular we wanted to recognize and honor the work and the efforts of the advocates of the homeless in our city. They have done tireless work over the years in trying to come up with a solution for the issues that are brought about by being homeless. They and also the business community came to the table with concerns, solutions, and important perspectives and also they came with a spirit of collaboration and with that I would like to turn it over to stephanie reynolds to talk a little bit about the process.

**Stephanie Reynolds:** I'm stephanie reynolds, with the office of neighborhood involvement and i'm the manager of the crime prevention program. The safe work group first met in june of this year and they have met approximately every two weeks since then. The group is comprised of representatives from service providers to the homeless and street youth, Portland police, the aclu, Oregon law center, and the public defender's office, the district attorney's office, the business interests, and the faith community. And I know we have a number of them in the chambers today and I would like all of them to stand up for a moment and be recognized. We want to thank you again for your hard work. It's really phenomenal what you've put into this. Thank you again. Mayor Potter charged this group with developing recommendations to council to address street disorder and sidewalk nuisances. Many of the members of this group had worked for years on these issues, together and separately and came to safe with a certain level of skepticism that the group could affect change. The initial meetings were challenging but halfway through the process a consensus began to emerge and with excellent facilitation from john campbell, we have today what we see as an historic accord among the members of this group and a set of recommendations which the group is very proud.

**John Campbell:** This falls on me to summarize the recommendations. I'm john campbell. I was asked to take over the facilitation duties for the group about halfway through the series of meetings.

I'm not sure facilitation is the best word, I would say referee, coach, and person attempting to fairly capture what the consensus was. That was part of the challenge, to capture the tone and intent that many good hearted people from many different perspectives were bringing to the table. I'm -- in that note I am not here to represent either my own opinion but equally i'm not here to represent

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the person of any one person on the work group, but my purpose is to represent the consensus of the entire work group and that matters because it is certainly fair to say some members would accept certain aspects while others would accept the opposite of the first. Together what we have all agreed and I think is powerful that the elements that we have put in place is a very worthy approach to deal with these issues. It is relevant to comment briefly on the definition of what the problem is because while the work group was established to assess citywide problems, pretty quickly it became clear with this group that while some conduct is consistently understood as both disorderly and illegal, criminal behavior being a very obvious example, other behaviors can be perceived as disorderly and harmful by some members of the group while seen as appropriate by others. And we began to determine that rather than pursue what was plain 8 a fruitless path of attempting to judge or find each example of this second type of behavior, we focused on what we all agree mattered more, the question of how best to reduce the harmful impact of behavioral conflicts that prevent a sidewalk or street from being welcoming and opening to all regardless of whether the root of the problem rests in behavior that is illegal, annoying, or simply misunderstood. That is why our recommendations cover a full range from reducing factors that enable criminal conduct to encouraging greater civility, tolerance, and understanding and look beyond simply what's a law to put in place but what's everything we can do to help ensure a vibrant, accepting city. In that regard there were two principals that came out fairly clearly with the group. One was solutions offered in the report are intended to make it easier for people to remain in our public areas peacefully rather than to be excluded from them. So we want to solve things by create an atmosphere where people can get along more effectively and second the best way to deal with street disorder is to help remove the conditions that make some types of behavior more likely followed by encouragement to reconsider either greater civility or tolerance and as a last resort applied use of laws. I've seen some of the write-ups in the news about this five core consensus elements that the work group develop, I want to emphasize those five elements are part of a larger report that identifies seven goals that look at a range of elements to address these issues. To briefly summarize what those are, the first of those has to do with perception issues. Helping visitors and locals understand, enjoy, and it has to do with what are ways we can help people understand how coming to a downtown area is different than being in a suburban plan area. How do we help ensure two of the problems that grow out of perceptions of behavior rather than inappropriate behavior, how do we help people get along from that standpoint. A second component was to make daytime life less hostile to those without a home and we figured out we need to separate the question of how do we solve issues around homelessness and how do we help the condition of homelessness be one that is one that can be tolerated while one is in that position. So obviously to help make that something where personal needs can be attended to with less discomfort both to all parties involved. So obviously restrooms are a part of that. And helping law enforcement be effective while consistent with community values. It became clear that there are some folks who see law enforcement as their job to arrest or not arrest and police do much more than enforce laws. They problem solve, they can work with citizens, but this specific goal is what we do as far as an ordinance to establish and a rodrigues specific issues having to do with the obstructs of nuisances. The fourth is to establish a common or consensus way to measure the problem. There's a lot of discussion about how other than a lot of anecdotes how do we know how big, how wide, how much of an impact a problem is. The fifth is to implement better placement problem solving and problem solving which we did not go into as much detail because they have to do what the police bureau does and o.n.i. and the public safety action committees, but we do recognize those are important elements of fundamental problem solving. The seventh is to deal with long-term issues of homelessness, persons with mental illness, disconnected youth, day laborers and look at how to address those situations in more detail and those dovetail with the 10-year plan to end homelessness. I do want to emphasize there are those goals and broader things than just the five, but the five elements in that consensus that broke the

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logjam, and was the willingness of an assignment subcommittee to wrestle through, how to better regulate conduct without excluding people from our business districts and the work of mike, monica, jenny, Portland police bureau in others in putting that together was core in getting our group to that sense of collaboration that we finally found. There is a very strong -- the paragraph in the report that was worked over was the emphasis these five things to hold our consensus together do need to be implemented together. They said once we recommend this it's easy to pass an ordinance, it's hard are to do these other things and there was -- I would be remiss if I didn't emphasize again that that is very sensitive point for the work group in being willing to sign on to the report. Those five I think you've all seen, but I would summarize what they are very briefly windchill more detail in the report, implementation after day access resource center planned is that meets the minimum criteria set forth in the report, provide adequate public seating and benches in high pedestrian traffic areas so people vick a place to sit that isn't on the sidewalk. Implement a public restroom plan so the people have facilities nearby. And let the obstructions as nuisances ordinance expire and enact a high pedestrian traffic ordinance in its place that would deal specifically with sitting in line on public sidewalks in the defined high pedestrian traffic areas. There's a lot of detail about negotiation about what would this need to include a. Lot of checks and balancing built in for which police officers and the level of training. And the fifth element goes to the oversight committee. Last let me emphasize the more detailed description of the report is not casually written. I urge you to be familiar with those elements. Virtually every paragraph was worked over and negotiated and fits not in the report we did not agree on it and if it is, we did. So finally I think I speak for the whole group in wishing this effort will truly help our city make our streets safer, more welcoming and accessible for everyone. Thank you.

**Rubio:** I would like to invite up to continue our presentation, commander mike rees from the Portland police bureau, mike kykendall from the portland business alliance and monica goraky.

**Potter:** When you speak, please state your name for the record.

**Mike Reese:** My name is mike reese, i'm the central precinct commander and a member of the safe work group. I know other members will speak to you about some of the aspects of the work group's recommendations. I want to address my comments specifically to the ordinance and any questions or concerns you might have about it. It's fair to say the old ordinance was confusing to both citizen and officers. While we often refer to this as tool belt around our waist requiring offices to carry a tape measure to enforce the city ordinance really was not workable. And the new ordinance contrasting that is easy to understand. It has very clear and concise language that will enable officers and citizens alike to make sense of it. Prior to using the ordinance officers are going to receive training in what services and alternatives are available to citizens so that as we give warnings we can also let people know what is available, where they can go to sit, where they can go to receive services, where a day access shelter is located. I also want to speak a little bit about the process. You brought together a very diverse group of people from many different organizations that don't traditionally work together. And we heard a lot of perspectives from each organization I think that it's fair to say we came to understand why the social service providers and law enforcement have their perspectives, and from my side I learned a lot about our homeless community and the social service advocates that really do a marvelous job working with them. They heard the law enforcement perspective. And the reality is we're not just out in an urban environment doing law enforcement, we are peace officers and much of what we do is related to peacekeeping. The day access center, the public restrooms, and enhanced seating will enable us to do a better job in downtown Portland without having to arrest people or issue citations. Thank you.

**Monica Goracke:** I'm monica goracke with the Oregon law center. I'm here to advocate for the homeless people, past and present. I've really tried to honor their work and most importantly to represent my clients in policy decisions that are not entirely about them, but profoundly affect them.

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I thank you, mayor Potter, for your leadership and for the charge you gave us. I think the other work group members and the facilitator for listening and participating constructively. They all gave time, money, some cases policy changes, and new ideas. I think you -- thank you commissioners for supporting this propose. Have you committed to a major funding package. Please continue to give your attention and your weight to the oversight committee. Only with your support can the oversight committee ensure all the recommendations are implemented together. Unlike the report, the ordinance you're considering would have benefitted from more time and input. At a minimum it's critical to us that enforcement not begin until all the key elements are in place. I think the most important point is that regulation and enforcement are not the solutions to poverty homelessness and isolation, and by giving these recommendations the force of law you're recognizing that, and I do really appreciate that. This is a major shift toward real change. Thank you.

**Mike Kykendall:** Thank you mayor and council. Thank you mayor for your leadership on this initiative. This was huge undertaking and you knew that when you invited us to participate. We made strides two years ago and I think we made even better strides and more effective strides in the last six months. It's been an incredible process for me. I have worked with people I never worked with before and met many new individuals and made many new friends, including monica here. We came to some consensus a couple months ago on recommendations, and we were asked to cochair the subcommittee that came up with the draft and we -- it's been a very good process for me as well, a growth process. I want to thank maria rubio. She has helped shepherd the group from your office over the last few months. David Woboril with the city attorney's office was with us until 7:00 p.m. last night finalizing some last-minute details. John campbell came in halfway through and did a tremendous job and I would recommend him to all of you if you have situations like this in the future, issues, that you look at Campbell and associates they did a fantastic job. Other members of the subcommittee that helped work on this were jenny nelson and commander reece, lynnae berg, and they all contributed significantly. What I want to congratulate all of us in this room, particularly you up there, is the state of downtown these days. Downtown is as safe or safer than it's ever been. It's the safe or safest, one of the safest neighborhood in all of Portland, crime is down 13%, mayor, just in the last year, in large part to your initiatives for community policing. And with the d.a.'s office in partnership and the central precinct we've done tremendous things. Car prowls are down 27%. So it's been a good year for us. The great thing about this group is we are taking another step in trying to do a little bit more. And we know there's more that can be done to resolve livability issues. I first became aware of the scope of the issues on the sidewalks when I came back from five years in Washington, d.c. and noticed the number of people sitting on the sidewalks was exponential. The number of people that were homeless had risen significantly and I knew we needed to do something. The question was how. And the leadership of you the mayor and council in putting this committee together has helped us resolve those issues with great recommendations. I won't go over them again, all of them are important. All five. Not just the ordinance, that's important too, of course the business people, but all five are important. We need a place for people to go. We need a place for -- we need public restrooms and we need to let people know where the restrooms are. We need additional benches in certain areas of the city. All of those things are important and we hope as monica mentioned you give the oversight committee the authority to work with you closely to make sure those things happen. We talked about a broad based coalition that came together, the 27 members of the group. You should have received letters from a variety of groups, but let me just go over some of them. The downtown neighborhood association, unanimously agreed with this. These are the people that live downtown. Same thing with the old town-chinatown neighborhood. They voted last week and they're supportive. The downtown retail council representing all the retailers in our central city here are supportive. The downtown security network which is the security providers, there's over 100 different security companies that work in the city and they are unanimous in their support. Mayor, your own public

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safety action committee unanimously supported the recommendations. Boma, building owners management association, is unanimous in their support. Portland, Oregon visitors association, the downtown business improvement district, the central city standing committee. The Portland business alliance, the citizens crime commission, pioneer place, tri-met, all have sent letters to you indicating their support. So it is a huge swell of support for this and i'm -- myself as a representative of the business community want to thank you for allowing me to participate and thank you for your support and hopefully for passage of our recommendations. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you folks.

**Sara Culp:** Good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is sarah culp from mayor Potter's office. I wasn't as directly involved in the work group every day, but i'm now working as a liaison on implementation of one phase of that and that is the day access center plan. So I just wanted to give you an update on the temporary situation we're working on and then margaret from commissioner Sten's office, who is the lead on the long-term permanent day access centers that part of the 10-year plan is to give a quick update. In the bump request that we're approved for homeless funding we are going to use about 45,000 dollars from that with a matching grant from the Portland business alliance downtown, the business district. And put that out to two or three hopefully existing organizations that provide some day services or services for folks who are homeless or who have other needs on the street. And try to expand some hours of those services during the day to serve some more people so that the police, as they're talking to folks, have a place to refer people to go to use the restroom, have basic hospitality, be out of the rain during the winter. So we are narrowing a few organizations in conversations with the hcd and hope to get a few places to have their doors open longer starting in about mid january. And that will be a trial project or pilot project that will not by any means take the place of the effort for a long-term day access center service, but will provide lessons on day services in Portland and will be evaluated for funding through the next fiscal year if it's successful.

**Margaret Bax:** I'm margaret bax, housing policy manager. I just want to take a couple seconds to reassure and sort of send the clear message to all of our partners in the community that we as a city are still absolutely committed to the strategies outlined in the end homelessness plan, an updated facility, we're working with Portland development commission, folks in the neighborhood, old town-chinatown, service providers, identifying sites, budgets, and working through the issues related to design and management of a site or sites for this long-term community service center. To get them into housing and to help them get stable in housing. The jobs and treatment, and case management, all of those other elements will work with the county as well in terms of the ongoing provision at the services. And of course associated with that we're continuing as we look for those sites and design in the facilities we're going to figure out some ways to decrease and hopefully eliminate any on-street queueing for those services, which is continuing to be an issue that causes some concerns for safety as well as the clients as well as the business and livability of the neighborhood. Thank you.

**Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong:** I'm elizabeth kennedy wong, policy manager for mayor Potter. And I just wanted to give you a real quick update on what's going on with the restroom piece. I had the opportunity last spring to work with a group of Portland state university students from the metropolitan urban regional planning school who put together a pretty outstanding report on implementing and developing public restroom strategies which I think was really serendipitous with the recommendations of the s.a.f.e. Committee. They've come up with recommendations on how and where to prioritize the need for restrooms downtown. We brought together 12 different community members who will prioritizing these recommendation and using the \$250,000 you put in the bump to actually begin to open more restrooms downtown. In addition to that, they're going to come up with more recommendations on what needs to happen long-term in order to address the needs of public restrooms in the city. So thank you.



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**Potter:** Do we have -- is that the rest -- all of the -- do we have a sign-up sheet? Oh, david, please, i'm sorry.

**David Worboril:** My name is david woboril, i'm with the city attorney's office. You have an ordinance before that you would have the effect of repealing the current sidewalk obstruction code, replacing it with new language. Typically at this point in the legislative process I would assist you by pointing out all the differences between the two sets of language. I think that wouldn't be helpful, it would probably be tiresome and take too long. It wouldn't be productive today. Because of the approaches that generated the two sets of sets of code, we're very, very different. They resulted in substantively and form very different sets of code. What i'll do is generally describe the approaches, generally describe what kind of code they generated, and then go through the particulars of the new code. And answer any questions have you about the new code. The old code was generated by the old town downtown china town group, a subcommittee of that group. They did a remarkable thing which hadn't been done up to that point. They reached consensus on what behaviors the community should expect on the sidewalks. They did that by assuming the existing social conditions would continue. They didn't tinker with the context of the law they just reached agreement on certain behaviors. As a result, they generate add very complex set of rules that described I think probably more than eight kinds of behavior on the street, made very careful distinctions between how people sat, different ways of sitting, difference, also made distinctions between I think six different areas of the sidewalk, had different time distinctions between various times of the day and night. And also included very many exceptions. The law worked in the sense that the law being on the books did in fact affect behavior on the sidewalks. It over time proved too complex for the police, too complex for the citizens to understand. And of course it did not as you've heard address the root causes of the sidewalk disorder problems. The safe group took a different approach. And they decided to affect the social context of sidewalk behavior and then see what consensus they could reach about the behaviors that the community would expect on the sidewalks is much simpler. It talks about only four very simply defined behaviors that are broadly regulated across the sidewalks. There are very few distinctions between different types of sidewalks and different areas of the sidewalks. The time restriction is quite simple. The group did maintain the exceptions. So what i'm going to do is run through the areas proposed for regulation, the prohibitions, the exceptions, and the penalties. I will stress before I start going through the particulars that certain parts of this are still a work in progress. As you've heard, there's a proposal that there be an oversight committee and you will see as we go through here that there's some subject matter the oversight committee should pay attention to, and I think council is going to want to address in the future. There's room for future refinement. The safe group was determined not to apply regulation to areas in which there wasn't a problem. And we talked extensively about what the problem was. And the group was determined to keep it keep focused on true obstruction issues and traffic engineering issues on the sidewalks. I was charged with helping them draft a threshold for traffic problems that would then invoke regulation or that would allow council to regulate the behavior on the sidewalks. In front of you is a paraphrase of the threshold that we came up with. The safe group wanted to apply regulation only on sidewalks where sitting would matter to the ability of the sidewalks to carry traffic. And that's been written into the code.

**Adams:** Give us a sense of geography.

**Worboril:** The zone currently is -- as proposed by safe is fairless square and then a district in the rose quarter lloyd district.

**Leonard:** Inclusive?

**Worboril:** Inclusive. And I need to talk to you about the findings that the ordinance requires. We had a very difficult time finding objective information about traffic density, traffic congestion, and traffic patterns on the sidewalks. It's something that difficult to study and something that hasn't been studied in detail in all of the locations where problems exist. Council is being asked in this

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ordinance to rely on its experience, its experience of the city and its knowledge of the engineering of the city to make determinations that in fact there is a traffic congestion, a potential or problem in the areas outlined by the description in the code language. We weren't able to bring a traffic study for each of the sidewalks which would have been very helpful, but we need to -- you need to you look hard at the areas sir couple scribed by the subscription in the code and in the ordinance. And be confident when you make your finding that there is this kind of a potential traffic problem in those areas. There are three prohibitions. As guy through these prohibitions, I want you to keep in mind that there is an extensive list of exceptions that will go through right after the prohibitions. The prohibitions are themselves sir couple scribed. First prohibition, no sitting or lying on the sidewalk. It includes sitting on chairs. Second, no objects on sidewalks unless in hand or within two feet. Animals must be in hand and within two feet of stationery people. This third is an area in which certainly the oversight committee and council could refine its policy in the future. The safe group thought a lot about people who are either seated or stationery in a group with animals around them. And made a policy recommendation to you about that situation. Importantly I need to point out that the safe group did not consider the situation in which people are walking with their animals down the sidewalk. There was no condition census on that. No effort to come to consensus on that and when you start to think about it, it's a pretty tricky policy issue. So i'd alert you to that as you think about this next few weeks and in the future.

**Adams:** The animal can be farther are two -- farther than two feet away if they're walking.

**Worboril:** This does not prohibit that, yes. It doesn't even address the situation where a person is walking. So a safe did not intend to get into the policy making on city leash law, for instance. Here are the exceptions. For medical emergency, i'll go flew these quickly. Please stop me if you have questions. Incapacitation, mental or physical. People who use mobility devices. People who patron eyes or operate -- the code does assert the police have the ability, the authority to maintain passage along the through pedestrian zone, the core tunnel of the sidewalk during expressive events. Sitting on seats provided by city or by anybody, business or city, pursuant to a permit. Sitting and lying for goods -- sitting in line for goods and services. This is an area to pay attention to. The safe agreed that it would prohibit, it would propose a prohibition in laying in lines. A prohibiting sitting in lines is yet another -- a big move from the policy. And there is no consensus on that. There is consensus on prohibition of sitting in lines -- of laying in lines for goods and services. These are all typically these exceptions are carryovers from the previous code and since the implementation of the street musicians agreement in 1995, there's been no enforcement against street musicians who are in compliance with the agreement. No enforcement of the obstructions code against street musicians who are complying with the agreement. Place be objects pursuant to permit. The city has an interest in permitting various stand which boards, displays, kiosks, all sorts of things on the sidewalks as long as the city is in a position to decide what's best for the use of the sidewalk. So permits of course place the person placing objects outside of the scope of the restrictions. Merchandise during the delivery has been an ages long requirement.

**Adams:** I have a question if you could go back one. So does 19 ration follow -- e19 ration fall under the medical -- if it rises to the point of medical attention, yes. People who willfully stepped over the line set by the community, so we're going to have to make an evaluation of -- in an intoxication incident whether or not the breaking of the rule was willful or not. And the sense was that incapacitation is a pretty clear line. If the person knows they're violating the rule, means to violate the rule, enforcement is possible.

**Leonard:** Incapacitation due to alcohol consumption or elicit drugs is in itself a separate violation.

**Worboril:** I believe -- this is tough to speak for safe if they haven't debated this point.

**Leonard:** Doesn't that in and of itself violate other ordinances and/or statutes?

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**Worboril:** Incapacitation due to intoxication would give the police authority to exercise a civil authority to take someone to detox, for instance.

**Leonard:** The point being this doesn't make an exclusion for somebody passed out on the sidewalk. This doesn't allow them just to stay there, the police under other authorities can remove them.

**Worboril:** Yes. In the current code and in the proposed code is a requirement of warning. Importantly the warning must be given-to-by a peace officers. So that will be sworn officers who are certified by the state to be police officers. The safe report recommends it's not written into the code, but it's an important part of the safe recommendations that warnings be written. And that there be tracking of the warnings and people who are warned are concurrently provided information about available services. Penalties. It was very important to the s.a.f.e. Group that crossing the line on sidewalk obstruction be decriminalized. And strong support in the group for removing the criminal penalties that exist in the current code and improving only violation level penalties. And the maximum fine is \$250. And there's a community service alternative with a 48-hour maximum. We would expect these cases under the current court structure at least the downtown cases, to go into the west side community court. Finally, this is an experiment as was its previous code, and the proposal is for a two-year life span after which the -- this code will expire unless revived by council, amended, or replaced. Questions?

**Adams:** Having been involved in the last iteration that was I guess the one before the last iteration that the courts ruled unconstitutional, whatever violated the law, what -- obviously you've considered the survivability in the courts. What gives you confidence that this will survive any sort of court action? Court challenge?

**Worboril:** None of the proposals have been near the constitutional line. We've been well aware from that. We've seen more precisely drawn and -- more precisely drawn code has survived challenge in our federal circuit. We are starting to see some thinking in the federal courts in which the courts looked to cities to change the social context of a sidewalk obstruction law like this, and we've seen approval of laws that are -- and context that are less generous, shall we say, to the citizens than this Portland -- proposed Portland law. The restrictions are not as tough as those that have been upheld by the courts, and the proposal if enacted, will go far behind what other towns have done to change the social context and essentially put the city on the moral high ground, at least in the courts' eyes, so we're quite confident that if challenged in court the law will be safe and in fact I think is an exemplary sidewalk obstruction law.

**Adams:** Thanks.

**Potter:** Other questions? Thank you, dave. How many folks are signed up to testify.

**Moore:** 21.

**Potter:** When you testify, because of the large number of people and we still have the bulk of our council agenda to go through, i'm going limit it to two minutes. So please call the first three people.

**Christopher Kopca:** My name is Christopher kopca, i'm vice-president of real estate for downtown development group. I'm here actually today working with the retail task force for the Portland business alliance and I along with six and seven other retailers and property owners downtown the likes of nordstrom's and pioneer place, can't be here today to testify, but authorize me to speak on their behalf on this issue in done junction with p.d.c. are working to update the strategy for the retail core. While the task force is in the final stages of completing its work and recommendations, I can assure you that this matter is on the very top of the need to address immediately list. Our task force is pleased that you are in fact addressing this matter today and that we hopefully not only agree with the needs but also the solutions. This step is critical to making a better and more productive street setting for all our users and visitors. We encourage you in your favorable decision on this plan today. Thank you.

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**Mark A. Hanson:** My name is mark hanson, i'm with the -- representing the lloyd district public safety as well as the lloyd center and other businesses. Assists first of all I do want to thank john campbell for his hard work on this. He came in in the middle of it and or group definitely needed it.

One of the challenges that was very big was to get people on the safe group to realize that the safe needed to take in more than the downtown business district. These types of problems are throughout the city in different business districts and I know over a period of time while we were at this doing this for the last six months we had other business groups that started falling away because it was clear that it as general uphill battle for some of them. That was disappointing from my perspective, but from a lloyd district perspective, it was an uphill battle for us to try to be included in this. We are as much as downtown Portland as downtown Portland is a part of us. We have the river, there's no magic force field between it, we have so many of the same issues and problems, the lloyd center, all of those businesses in that area that draw in large amount of cowher 'tises and -- tourist and other groups. To see some of the surveys from tourist groups that have come through here it's clear that this issue was at the top of their list. One of the big things is that the restrooms are definite issue, and urination and other things on the street need to be addressed. The city needs to seriously look at why were the restrooms and other facilities removed because any of us who grew up here know we had other restroom facilities that have been closed down. And as we've seen, seattle is struggling with this issue right now looking at closing the same bathrooms they had opened up to address their issue. So it's a big challenge and I thank you.

**Genny Nelson:** Good morning, i'm genny nelson with sisters of the road. I participated on the safe work group and its subcommittee and there wasn't always agreement on what the problem is with regard to street access for everyone. Sisters stood with our community of men, women, youth, and children, who deal with homelessness and property and challenge the need for this kind of ordinance. Especially when throughout its history obstructions as nuisances ordinance has had no intention of addressing why anyone in our city needs to beg for money, rest, or sleep on the streets urine it a or defecate behind shrubs or in a doorway until now. In discussions about the difference between disorderly behavior that is against the law and behavior that however annoying it may be is legal, people in Portland who are producer are -- and homeless get double jeopardy. They're unwanted for panhandling which is legal, and for camping and peeing outside, which although are against the law, I say to you are crimes of human desperation. I will always be grateful for the safe work group's commitment and accomplishments and the people who I got the opportunity to work alongside. I have great respect for the process. And mayor Potter, thank you for putting that kind of process together. However, myself and sisters, we are urging you to vote no on the ordinance. Except the -- accept the safe recommendations but vote no at this point because the process is flawed. We've just been able to see the final draft that was being worked on and have not been able to weigh in I know that resolutions are worthless as we've seen in the past, council has other priorities and aren't obligated to fulfill their spirit or content, nothing happens, and the ordinances are the only thing that have teeth. And there are laws, so please don't vote yes on the ordinance until at the parties affected can weigh in. Thank you.

**Daniel Pinasky:** Good morning. Daniel pinasky, i'm the associate director for new avenues for youth and we work with homeless and at-youth adults in Portland. I want to start by saying I give credit to the mayor and for the city for developing the work group, I think the process was really inclusive process. I think the diversity of the stakeholders at the table is to be applied and I think the recommendations reflect the diversity of the stakeholder as well as the diversity of our community. For me the work group was an opportunity to educate different stakeholders on issues surrounding homelessness. I think there's lots of different components, recommendations look like, but I think myself as well as some of the other providers or social service providers were able to talk about -- dispel some of the myths. One being that people choose this lifestyle. The other myth being that we do have enough services in this community for this population to get off the streets

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when they need to and the answer to that is really that we don't at this point. We have great services, but there needs to be more. Especially for homeless adults during the day. I think we've learned as a community a lot from a couple projects. One being the project homeless connect as well as there's a project called road warrior. It's focused on 21 to 25-year-old young adults. It's a stationery outreach program. Some of the things we've learned from that is again that if you open the doors to this population, especially young adults as well as adults, that they're going to come in if it's a gateway or door to get off the streets. The other thing is a lot of folks don't know of the resources that are available to them. And I think the numbers speak for themselves in road warrior we saw -- the goal was to see about 100 unduplicated folks in this project in the first year we saw about 500. And these are folks that have not access to other service systems. I applaud the recommendations of the work group. I applaud that the work group did not criminalize homelessness. I think the work groups on the right track. I think it's a pro active approach. I think together with the city -- other city efforts that we can have a profound impact on safety in our community. Aim i'm pleased one of the recommendation assist an oversight feature and evaluation because I think any plan needs to be evaluated and tweaked. I think it's important to make sure that the city's investment as well as the business community investment is going to make a difference. So thank you for your time and I urge city council to adopt the recommendations of the work group.

**Lili Mandel:** Lili mandel. I'm not going to it will you off so easily. No report is perfect. Constructive suggestion should always be welcomed, especially at city council. You suggest you want to make life as a homeless person more tolerable by living in the park? Sleeping in the park at night is not humane, it is horribly inhumane. Pova can list Portland parks at night as an attraction for visitors to view the homeless. And another notion that it is ok for the homeless to sleep and sit on the sidewalk after 9:00 p.m. is also callus. I can't imagine sitting or sleeping in the streets on the hard, dirty sidewalk in cold, rainy, and sweltering weather on display for every one to see me. I do have some suggestions. Open up all houses of worship to house the homeless. Until you build permanent housing. Also open up the building that house the katrina victims. The homeless are human beings that deserve a home of their own. So that they can have a place to sleep, eat, and wash so they can get back on their feet. The acronym for this report is s.a.f.e. It does not live up to its name entirely. Hopefully the oversight committee will not be short sighted. The test for Portland will be the way that it cares for its most helpless members. Thank you.

**Eric Murfitt:** Eric murphy, most of my career since the 1980's in downtown and retail. Currently working for my family's business on park and yamhill. And I appreciate very much the work the safe group put together. I think it is a plan that maintains dignity and helps downtown business and helps downtown Portland to thrive and be very livable. Thank you.

**Jeff Miller:** Jeff miller from the Portland Oregon visitors association. As a representative of Portland strong visitor and hospitality industry, we support all the proposed recommendations of the safe work group, including establishment of a day shelter for homeless individuals, increasing public restrooms and adequate seating and enacting a high pedestrian traffic area ordinance. We believe adoption of these recommendationless enhance the vitality and livability of the community and help promote Portland as welcoming place for all people. By addressing this issue we create an even stronger destination for our visitors. Thank you.

**Chris Finks:** Chris finks, I lead the downtown market initiative. I'm here to urge support of the safe proposal. Any initiative that ensures that our city remains compassionate and accessible for everyone is good for business and it's goods for our community. In my role to promote downtown's vitality i'm aware we must fulfill the promise of what we say downtown is. That it's vital, that it's hospitable and livable for everyone. I believe the proposal today allows us to fulfill that promise. Thank you.

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**Dan Handelman:** Good morning. I'm dan handelman, with Portland cop watch. I have some concerns about the ordinance. I think the general report is -- has a lot of strengths to it. I'll just say that. But the ordinance does not include a provision that keeps it from being enforced without all the elements being in place. And that was one of the key recommendations of the work group. And unless that written into the ordinance, police are going to have free reign to start enforcing the ordinance the minute it goes into effect in january, and that seems like it's contrary to the report you're accepting today. As far as I can tell the police warning is not actually written in, it's -- it session no person shall be cited unless they have been notified by an Oregon police officer that their conduct violates the section. It's not clear to me that's a warning before being cited. And mr. Woboril admitted this doesn't specify it's going to be in writing or these warnings are going to be tracked. Which is the biggest problem with the existing ordinance. Nobody knows how many times people have been moved along because there's been no tracking of the warnings given out. While we applaud the idea of police officers being compassionate and handing out information about social service, it's intimidating when that information is coming from somebody who has a gun, and maybe there can be some other way. I know the downtown ambassador should be given information about this, maybe they'll be allowed to hand out some of that information even if they can't give the warnings and citations. The fact this hearing was moved from 3:00 p.m. after it was advertised on the city's website for weeks that it was going to be at 3:00 p.m. today, I don't know how many people couldn't make it because of the time switch. I'm also concerned about the \$250 maximum fine, just because it's there regardless of whether it's going to be used very often. Most homeless people can't afford it and it doesn't say what happens if a person doesn't show up in the court. I'm afraid it's going to turn into an arrest warrant, even though this is supposed to be a civil violation. So thank you for your time.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks.

**Irwin Mandel:** Irwin mandel. Every ordinance can use some tweaking and I think this does as well. You have a 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. deadline for the enforcement of the ordinance. What happens after 9:00 at night? Do you invite everyone back to the status quo and that's it? Everyone back to your sidewalks? 9:00 p.m., Portland does not shut down at 9:00 p.m. and moves its street traffic. Did it a good number of years ago, but we have now theater, restaurants, movies, nightclubs, people are still out on the streets after 9:00 p.m., perhaps not nowadays, but as we get into the gorgeous spring and summer. You find the streets are still very busy then. Why do you have the end of this enforcement time at 9:00 p.m.? We still are going to have many people out, visitors, residents, out on the streets well after 9:00 p.m. and I think the ordinance still has to be in effect past 9:00 p.m. I don't know what time, 11:00, midnight, but certainly 9:00 p.m. takes us back to hicktown Portland, and Portland has grown well since those days. That's all.

**Lisa Schroeder:** I'm lisa schroeder, owner and chef of mother's bistro, cochair of the downtown retail council, and a member of the safe work group. First of all I have to say thank you mayor for including me and including various constituents to come up with these recommendations. It really took everybody's hard efforts and perspectives into consideration to come up with what you have in front of you today. It's really important that I stress how crucial it is to enforce and to make sure that all of our recommendations are somehow included in the final ordinance or resolution. There are some members of our group that are concerned that the way these things are written that all of our resolutions will not be taken into consideration in the final ordinance. They must happen together. It's equally important that there are public bathrooms as there is a day center that offers services to the homeless, as it is to have an oversight committee. And I don't know how laws are written, but I impress upon you please to make sure that all of our recommendations are enforceable and included in whatever you vote on today or next week or whether this thing happens. Thank you.

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**Owen Ronchelli:** My name is Owen, and I'm program director for the Lloyd transportation management association. I'm here to represent the Lloyd T.M.A. And the Lloyd business improvement district board of directors. Rick Williams, our executive director, wanted to be here today but he's out of town. Both the T.M.A. and B.I.D. has prioritized in enhancing the pedestrian environment within the Lloyd district in our respective strategic plans. Maintaining and providing for clean, safe and appealing pedestrian areas and any business district is a key factor for attracting business, customers, and via attachment over the past five years we've partnered with the city and invested significantly in numerous projects within the district to improve pedestrian areas. The I-5 Multnomah pedestrian underpass upgrade, holiday street landscape improvement project, and the eighth avenue mid block crossing are just a few of the projects that we have cofunded with the city. For this reason alone we strongly support the findings and recommendations of the street access for everyone work group report. The recommendations and the report support and compliment the work we're doing to create a livable city. Problems of street disorder and sidewalk nuisances are not confined to -- confined to the downtown. These problems are also detract from the overall attractiveness of the central city as a place to live and do business. The sit-lie ordinance will help us in the Lloyd district continue to encourage tourism at the Lloyd -- at the Oregon convention center, attract new businesses to our area, create a safe and free-flowing pedestrian environment around the Lloyd center mall, and along northeast Broadway. And help us in combatting the problems with street disorder along Holladay Park and the 11th avenue light rail station. We believe the safe work group has done a marvelous job in crafting a Portland that is brand and fair and we encourage you to support the report and adoption of the ordinance. Thank you.

**Teresa Teater:** My name is Teresa Teater, downtown activist and community activist. I'm going to go as quickly as I can. I have quite a few issues. Pioneer Square is a park on the MAX line, so you are going to have to put in there somehow that you can sit in the park during the day. And have you the homeless people there anyway on the benches. How is this going to impact the fur protestors at Schumachers until they go out of business with all the objects they bring? Panhandling itself is not addressed in this in any way on your ordinance. And you're providing more benches and bath rooms for them to stay and continue to panhandle. Commander Reese talked about handing out the poll circumstance he said with the warning, so he implied a written warning might be available. That was my third thing. I suggest moving services that facilitate to the homeless out of downtown. People are downtown because they have court appointment at the Multnomah county defender's office, and jail, etc. Paid -- clear signage that seating is a priority at the MAX line areas. I have severe degenerative osteoarthritis. I recently brought a very small stool that folds up. I see people carrying these around with them to sit at football games or wait at entrances to baseball games in Portland. And I don't want to be penalized for using this unless I have to bring a note from my doctor. Address the issues of camping out at the bus shelters during the day, using the seats. And Tri-Met passengers can't use it. And the homeless people that sit and sell home made housewares and blankets that are spread out downtown along the areas on -- how are you going to address that? Thank you.

**Greg Goodman:** Good morning. My name is Greg Goodman, I am the chair of the central city committee with Scott Langley. We have 50 members of the central committee from obviously all over the central city and we'd like to offer our unanimous support for the ordinance that you are looking at. It's no surprise to anybody that this has been a long-standing issue since I've been involved in downtown for 30-some years. And I think the way this group, the safe group and city council is taking this issue on in a compassionate way and a helpful way to the people that are affected that are utilizing the streets, all people that are utilizing the streets I think is something that the city should be very, very proud of and hopefully what you're doing here today will become a model for other cities around the country. I'd like to thank the city council members, the safe group and in particular somebody that I've had the good fortune of working with, Mike from the Portland

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business alliance, this means a great deal to the business alliance as well as the community and finally mayor Potter for your leadership in moving this group forward. Thanks very much.

**J. Isacc:** I'm jay isaacs, chair of the p.v.a.'s public safety committee. You've already heard many people talk about the wonderful advantages of the safe group's recommendations so i'm not going to repeat those. Just wanted to add my support for this. If the phrase win-win ever applied to anything, it's this. And I also want to add my thanks to my -- for mike's hard work on this and to you, mayor, for all you've done for the central city. Thank you.

**Rose Ann Clementi:** My name is roseanne clementi, this is the first time i've become very familiar with your safe policy. And I would like to make a statement regarding the downtown neighborhood association. As previous elected president, steve trujillo is now the appoint the interim president, and I think that your records will state that the downtown neighborhood association supports this wonderful project you have invented to support the businesses in the downtown area. And keep them vibrant and profitable. But as a member of the downtown neighborhood association, I would like to correct the report to read that the membership has never been involved in the approval or the disapproval of this project because it has never been discussed in that capacity. Also I find that this money being spent to preserve the businesses downtown is very, very important, but we have to remember that mayor vera katz had a million dollar forum to look at these very problems that you're look at right now, what can the police do to keep the streets clear that the courts will accept, and it's just that part of this project is just reinventing a wheel that keeps turning without any breaks.

Would I suggest that the people that are homeless are homeless because of various reasons, mental illness, drug addiction, the people who don't want to work i've heard are families with children. You cannot put all of these people in one day care which day care isn't an appropriate term at this point because it looks like it's going to be a drop-in center. And until treatment, humane treatment of people with specific needs are addressed by the medical community, you will never have your homeless situation under -- in a therapeutic setting under control, and also I was pointed out it was pointed out to me that there weren't any real residents of the downtown area of which I am one, i've lived on the park blocks for 13 years now, and I love it. On the roster of people that were on your planning committee. So if you ever have need of a resident who would be more than willing to share with you what the pet team in los angeles can do, which is the psychiatric emergency team, which eliminates the need for the police to intervene in many of these cases of homelesses, I would be more than willing to share my time with you and thank you for your time.

**Monica Goracke:** I'm monica goracke. And i'm here to read a statement from andrea meier, aclu of Oregon. I'm sorry could I not attend this hearing on the safe report and be here to testify in person. I have asked monica to read this statement on my behalf. When the mayor first asked this task force I was one of many who was skeptical the various stakeholders at the table could come to consensus on any recommendations. Although the meetings were long and this process took months, I believe those factors were critical for to us develop a certain level of trust and to arrive at the report you have before you today. I want to draw to your attention the fact there's no minority report and no organization opted out of signing on to this report. I think that says a lot about the energy and efforts everyone put into this group. I hope such an of the will not be limited to this project alone. As have you heard in testimony today, a number of individuals from the group work tirelessly and creatively to come up with a set of ideas, culminating in the five strategies set forth on page 5. Without their efforts you would not have this work product before you. I too want to thank them for their efforts. This was and continues to be a challenging area for all of us. And for many of us we are take a chance that all the pieceless come together as the group intends. For the aclu the implementation of all five of these recommendations is critical for our support. We are very cautious about any ordinance regulate activity on our sidewalks. The critical piece is the recommendation -- recognition that no one should be removed from high pedestrian traffic areas and that any ordinance be very narrowly tailored in its scope, penalty, and use. Our downtown



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sidewalks should be welcoming for everyone including those who want to sit and watch the world go by ask for money or simply rest for a while before travelling on. Many of us who have resources can enjoy the energy in our downtown area by sitting at a sidewalk cafe, particularly when it's warm. Others who would rather mingle on our sidewalks have often been targeted for removal. Providing benches where someone otherwise might be sitting on the sidewalk is crucial to making this ordinance a success. As is set forth in the report, this ordinance cannot and should not be used to move people out of an area. Instead we need to create bench spaces that they do not already find if the areas that attract folks to congregate. We understand that this will need to be balanced with the ability to maintain traffic flow. Directing someone to a bench or park a few blocks away does not honor the intention of the work group. But aclu believes if there's a real commitment to making adequate bench spaces available these areas can be a welcoming space for everyone so as to address the concerns of people sitting on sidewalks. Aclu will be watching to make sure the spirit of this report is fully carried out, the areas designate informed high use have sufficient benches and restrooms available. We're concerned the downtown and lloyd areas are being designated high pedestrian traffic areas prior to a complete analysis of the number of benches and restrooms that will be needed in these areas. Much less a plan and resources in place to install new benches and restrooms. We need a commitment from all of you that this will be quickly remedied certainly before the ordinance is in effect. I hope if you have not had a chance already that each of you will take time to read this report. I testified two weeks about aclu's concern with the park exclusion ordinance and urge you to follow the safe model. I think this report reflects the type of creative and forward thinking approach to issues that arise in a community that serves many people. Thank you for your assistance in making the safe work group recommendations become a reality and a sick says. Thank you.

**Potter:** Item 1655 is the safe report itself. There's a resolution, so could you call the vote?

**Adams:** I think there are a number of reasons, many reasons to support this and I want to laud the mayor for his leadership and good work of his office team and the private sector leaders as well to come together on this. It's something that I think is very necessary. I'm going to support it because of the composition of the work group. I thought it was very inclusive. Maybe not perfect, but I think it was very inclusive. I'm going to support this because of the package of proposals and the fact that it takes a number of different sort of approaches to addressing it including providing additional amenities, public amenities, which I think is a key part of the package in terms of my support and the intent behind the package to continue to pursue its perfection. And continue to pursue that this is a working effort, that some things are going to work and some things aren't going to work. So -- some elements we're going to feel good about and some elements maybe we won't feel good about. So i'm going to support this. The one thing I would ask of the mayor and his team, and that is to develop some performance measures of -- or definition of success. What does it look like if we're successful? Because one of the things that I think has hobbled us on this discussion, and i've been part of this discussion for 14 years now, is we haven't had the parties sit down, since you've got such an inclusive group, maybe add some more too it, is define success-- to find success in some objective standards that we can use. I think it's hard, but I think it's really important. I think this will show some results. Congratulations on your leadership on a very difficult issue. Thank you to the -- to everyone that was involved with it. Aye.

**Leonard:** What was the resolution number again, mayor, that you said?

**Potter:** 1655. Accepting the report.

**Leonard:** Ok. I misunderstood. Homelessness and the variety of issues that we see occur on the streets of Portland are caused by multifaceted very complex issues. Those that have simple descriptions or solutions for homelessness really miss I think the point. And it should follow then and not surprise anybody that the solution should be multifaceted and in some cases even complex. And I think that's what the mayor has accomplished by bringing together the groups he has, the

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language he has, and particularly the oversight committee. I think it's particularly an excellent idea since i've been on the council this has been an ongoing thorn, I might say, in the entire community's side from both sides, not just one side or the other, but nobody's been happy with what either proposed solutions have been or promised to be, or what people feel is fair for those that are homeless. And I am one of those. So I am particularly appreciative of the work that has been done that manifests itself today and this resolution, and then the code amendment we will be voting on later, because I appreciate how hard it is to find consensus on issues as tough as this. So I am deeply appreciative of the works that gone into this, and am very pleased to vote aye.

**Saltzman:** This is a laudible effort, and I thank mayor Potter for his leadership. And i'm pleased to support this. I guess I do want to say that I do have some concerns. I think one of them is echoed by genny nelson, it's a legitimate concern here is that we're going to vote on the ordinance next week, it will take effect roughly by the end of january. And I am concerned what are we going to have in place in terms of the day resource center restrooms and benches. I think those are legitimate concerns. And I know the working and the oversight committee will be charged with making sure that our feet get held to the fire on all those fronts to make this all stick together as five recommendations. But I think it's a good sound plan and it has a good consensus. I guess my other concern is it doesn't seem to be a way to add in other high pedestrian areas in the future. Maybe two that were omitted from the start and I don't know what the reasons were but I think of hawthorne street and I think of nw 23<sup>rd</sup> and it sounds to me like I'm hearing there isn't any mechanism for other areas to come other the high pedestrian, maybe that will change. In any effect this ordinance is in effect for two years only and we can always review it then. But otherwise, it's a great work and i'm pleased to support it. Aye.

**Sten:** Thank you. Well, there's a lot here and I think there's a lot of cause for optimism in this package, probably more so in the fact that the groups came together than the actually the specific recommendations, though they are very, very good. I've, you know, been an opponent at some political grief at different times in support of others of the sit lye ordinance for some time because it was a completely flawed strategy. Whether or not it was constitutional was not the issue. It was that it just didn't have a chance of working because it was really, it was essentially trying to get certain people not to sit on the sidewalk. If you walk around and I did with officers it was sort of like it was clear who people didn't want sitting on the sidewalk but the law banded everybody from sitting on the sidewalk and was essentially unenforceable because of that whether or not it was constitutional. I think it's terrific we have kind of come together and moved past that to something that makes a lot more sense. The package being in place is really very good. I appreciate the mayor's leadership and maria and Stephanie running with this. I've worked with john Campbell before and nothing is impossible with john facilitating it. Thank you as well. I want to be clear fit into a context of a much larger strategy without which I am not sure this would be, this would still make sense but not be as effective which is our 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness. We will with everyone's help at the end of the second year of the plan have moved about 1,000 people who were living on the streets, chronically homeless, not people who were homeless for a short period of time but people whose lives had become the streets into housing. I think that gives us a lot of room for hope and I think a lot of what's so difficult about these policies they become really about sort of trying to find ways to separate bad actors, people who are causing problems, people who in many cases are not homeless, from people who are experiencing all the types of difficulties that we need to help them address and we try and do that through laws and it doesn't work. You have to do it through organizing and collaboration and it's interesting. It has not been talked about a lot but there was a clear sense in this plan the officers who will enforce this will actually be specially trained and work with the social service agencies and the business community because it really is a problem solving tool more than the ordinance will fix it. I think this fits very, very well into this context. I do also believe that the day center is something that people have argued about for a very long time,

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whether it's a good idea or a bad idea. I've always thought it made sense and i'm glad we're there. This first round of the day center is really a place holder for what I think could be a problem solving day center as well. One of the speakers mentioned project homeless connect, and what we have done twice now is sort of opened our doors to anybody who wanted to come at memorial coliseum and, but it's really if you look at homeless connect it's more about connecting our community to the homeless than it is the homeless to services. And I am not sure people always get that. Once you give people a safe way to try and interact, the offers of help and support are overwhelming. And so I actually see a day center run right is almost a daily homeless connect where somebody who has something to give can come and give that in a way that is safe. Because as I have worked on the 10-year plan I am overwhelmed by citizens who want to help but they don't have a great constructive way. I say send money to sisters or transitions projects or anybody else. But they want to do more than send money. I think this could be a way to build upon it. But we need to get one open immediately. I guess I would make the suggestion, mayor, as I end and I want to thank you for your vision on this. I think it's a great step forward. Maybe we could come back when we adopt the ordinance with some sort of language or something that says very clearly that this does not get enforced until all the pieces that the community agreed to are in place. It may already say that. I am not as worried about moving on it as I am making sure the pieces are all in place and that we've all been in situations with best intention where's we pass one thing and the next thing never happens so I want to make sure I am clear that's my commitment is to implement the whole package on a timely basis. So great work. And it's a great pleasure to vote aye.

**Potter:** I want to thank all the folks who have worked on this, maria rubio from my staff, staff from commissioner Sten's office and other offices. This has been a monumental task. And I think that what has evolved is something that really balances how we respond to homelessness. One of the things I like about it is that it decriminalizes homelessness. That as genny said from sisters of the road that if there are crimes, they are crimes of desperation. It may be -- not maybe -- by implementing these strategies we can remove some of those elements that provide that desperation. Places to sit. Public restrooms. A day center. Just the opportunity to be as commissioner Sten said, be part of the community, feel as if you are part of that community. So I am, I think the key to this is the oversight group that is going to be working to figure out what the issues and problems are, and as those are developed, bring them back to council so we can fix those things so we can all feel proud that we live in a city that not only addresses its issues head on but also does it in a way that's humane and takes into consideration everybody. So again, thank you. In regards to commissioner Saltzman's issue about over areas is as this project proves successful, I would like us to expand it to some of the other high pedestrian areas in Portland. It has been suggested in northwest, hawthorne and some of the other areas in town and that we would like to work this out. We would like to make sure we get the resources in place so that it is a package of issues that we have to bring forward and implement. So everybody, thank you. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] item 1656, which is the actual ordinance amending city code. It's not emergency and move to a second reading.

**Moore:** We do have a substitute, exhibit a.

**Potter:** Ok.

**Moore:** That needs to be moved. We have a new one.

**Ben Walters:** A new exhibit for the ordinance. And mr. Woboril will come up and explain it.

**Potter:** Go ahead, dave.

**David Woboril:** David woboril of the city attorney's office again. Following discussions last evening with some members of the safe group and the mayor's office, there were some changes made to the exhibit you received yesterday. It is exhibit a to the ordinance. And it is the proposed new text. I can quickly go through the changes that were made. They are not far reaching. You should have, I hope a red line strikeout version before you.

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**Worboril:** There is a red line strikeout version available. Oh, perhaps, red line, I think it's gray actually. Underline and strike out version. After the discussions last evening, a decision was taken to change the title of the code provision and strike the word "nuisances" because of its pejorative implications when applied to a person. Under B-3 I spoke to you earlier about the limits to the safe work groups thinking on the dogs issue and pets issue. And the change there was made to make very clear that the safe group had made no recommendations and was not proposing policy as to people who are walking with dogs. And as I noted earlier that may well be an area in which you want to do some thinking in the future and which the safe group may want to do some thinking. There are a couple of readability changes in c-1 and c-2, the word "pedestrian" is stricken. E-3, the code language about utilizing wheelchairs, walkers or similar devices was modified. In order to make clear that the code provisions will not apply to someone who is stationary somewhere in a wheelchair. There are tradeoffs in that policy area and you may well want to be thinking about that in the future as well. Finally under j decision was taken to strike the word "animal" in that we weren't quite clear on how you would abate an animal as a nuisance and wanted to do more thinking about that before writing it into code. That's the extent of the changes. Any questions about those changes?

**Saltzman:** Move to substitute.

**Adams:** Second.

**Potter:** Call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] this moves to a second reading. At commissioner Adams's request, he's asked to have item 1681 heard first. We have an elected official here and I would like to make sure we get them in. Is there any problem from the commissioners to move that item? Ok. Please read item 1681.

**Item 1681.**

**Adams:** If commissioner leeper, james paulson and don jensen would come forward I have a few introductory remarks. Today we are going to talk about probably the most, one of the most important and unknown economic development agencies in the region. And that is w.s.i., work systems incorporated. Our region depends on a competitive, depends on competitive companies, productive people, and innovative ideas if we want to maintain stable family-wage jobs. Our work force system is built on past successes to involve the education and training system and grow businesses and workers succeed. In response the work force investment board recently passed an ambitious three-year strategic plans that sets the stage for advocacy and encouragement around five goals that will aid in the preparation of a skilled local work force. Board leverages the strength of government, business, and the community to ensure that our skilled development efforts are aligned with the short and long-term needs of the regional economy. The board is in the process of mobilizing key stakeholders, identifying deliverables and setting clear time lines to achieve the planned goals. As chair of the systems alignment which I look forward to working with the multiple local, regional and state stakeholders. Within the first six months our plans include the completion of a resource map that will examine all work force funds, services and outcomes in the region, develop a memorandum of understanding between public work force partners in order to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of our customers, and implement a single phone number and a single website for our customers to access our work force system. What's the number going to be?

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**Adams:** 1-800-workers. Joining us to discuss these reforms and other efforts is Washington county commissioner john leeper, james paulson, recruitment and employment manager at kaiser permanente and john jenson, owner of the best coffee company in Portland, bridgetown coffee.

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\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you, commissioner and hello and thanks for taking the time to hear us out. One thing is --

**Potter:** Would you state your name for the record, sir.

**James Paulson:** James Paulson, Kaiser Permanente and I am the chair of the W.S.I. Board. I would also like to congratulate Commissioner Adams on his election as our chair for our governing board so congratulations. We appreciate this opportunity to address the council and talk to both our board and our strategic plan. As you know, work force is a driver come economic development. And you know, you can see this in a number of different ways and across every industry. The industry I am in is health care and don't can talk from the point of view of a small business leader in our area and how important it is that we really develop the work force for now and for the future. Kind of see that a lot of the different initiatives we have put together are really aligned with that mind in moving the whole work force conversation forward. But I think what's really important as you look at the executive summary that we have provided for you of our strategic plan is really getting it an understanding of how this plan came together. This plan, it's taken us over a year to pull this plan together and it was a cross section of both public, private sector, and educational folks all working together. We had over 120 dedicated folks putting their energy in to developing this plan so we could all really come together and look at how we could really build a system on how we can attack some of these different challenges that we have had and break down some of the silos we have identified that have been challenges in moving the work force forward in the future. So when you look at that plan you are really looking at a plan that has really been a culmination of a lot of work on -- of a lot of different folks. One of the things that I really want to point out that some of which the Commissioner Adams has already pointed out is the deliverables that we plan to come to deliver on over the next six months. One of those deliverables is really taking some learnings that we have got from folks that we have engaged with in the manufacturing side and looking at how can we apply some principles of lean manufacturing to work force? And we are looking at ways in which we can do that. And one of the things we really see when we look at work force work force is not limited to the stiff Portland, Multnomah, and Washington county. When we look at work force it's more regionally based. Work force in our area we have to consider Clackamas and Clark county. So we have reached out to those other work force investment boards, along with business leaders in those areas, and looking at ways in which we can develop a work force for the region. The river or county line does not discern where someone needs to go to get services or where someone is going to need to go to get employment. And so we are really look at how we can work strategically together at how for this region we can make this region stronger. And working altogether on that. Some other things that you will also see and Sam talked about this web portal as far as really bringing information into one place. As simple as it may sound it's really much more difficult than that when you talk about work force development on finding information on where you can get services, how, where funding is flowing. That information is not readily available and so we think it's important as a convener of work force to have that information available via a web portal. So we are really going to push to pull that together in the next six months. And this 1-800-work number is something that really came out of a conversation we had at the board level in saying how can we engage more employers with the work that we do? How can we market the work and opportunities that are available to employers in our area? And we said, well, one of the things is we need to have some place where they can call, talk to one person who can help them through the process. As you know, we are funded through state, local, and federal funds which all, I am not going to get into but as we know there's a number of hurdles in and challenges dealing with those different funding sources. What we want to do is we want to make the process simple for the business side of things. So the business user can say, I call this number, I am able to tell them what I need and I am able to get services and get responses right away. They're not bounced back and forth between one group and another group because, well, we don't handle this and we don't handle

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that. So we want to be able to give a higher level of customer service to those folks via that number. One of the things that I think that is really exciting is that as we move forward on this strategic plan and all the different work groups and the engagement from all the folks on those groups, we are going to track that information and our progress on our website and we invite anyone who go to our website and look at that progress as well attend any of our quarterly board meetings where we always have an update on that progress because we really feel that being very visible with folks on how we are moving this work forward is really going to be important to see that we are actually getting traction with the stuff that we've outlined this in the strategic plan. With that I would like to turn it over to don jensen.

**Don Jensen:** Thank you, mayor. I'm don jensen, bridgetown coffee, Portland, Oregon. Thank you, mayor and members of the Portland chamber of the city council. I want to thank the council for the opportunity to speak today. I want to acknowledge the extraordinary support we have received from our three local elected officials, commissioner Adams, commissioner ronnie roberts from Multnomah and commissioner john leeper from Washington county. Our executive director andrews mcgeough says and advises us this participation that we enjoy with these three elected officials is extremely unique and, in this nation. I want to thank you for recognizing work force development as a critical issue in our region and for empowering our board as the vehicle for solving these challenges. With the retirement of commissioner leeper we will miss him but we have learned a great deal over his tenure about how to drive for results and be accountable. Thank you, commissioner leeper. As a business owner, I participate on the board because we need a steady pool of talented workers in this region to succeed. To ensure that we always have talented workers and innovative companies in Portland on board as convened public and private partners to address the work force challenges, identified in our strategic plan. We would welcome further invitations to speak to you before to report on our progress on the plan. As well as the investments that we are making in the city of Portland's residence and businesses. We all thank you for your support. That's all I have to say. Commissioner leeper.

**John Leeper:** Good morning, mayor tom, commissioners. John leeper, Washington county. I have been on and working with work systems for over five years. And during that time, I have seen the organization go through several iterations. I think with the current executive director that we have for the organization, in the last year or thereabouts, we have got more done in a constructive fashion than had been accomplished prior to that. And I am more and more convinced that work systems is a most worthwhile organization for the betterment of all of us. While i'm leaving the Washington county board, the end of the month, thereby will be off of the work force board as well, I am going to do all I can to assure that my replacement on the board is well grounded as to what this outfit, work systems, is all about. And I have been one who asks a lot of questions, now and then makes unsolicited salty comments, and that's just john being john. And as it applies to work systems, I agree with all that james and my other compatriot here said, I think is beneficial to the business community and all others in the community to as such have one point of contact. The second facet of it within the work systems meetings for the last several months that I have stressed is, I want to be real sure we are going to be having personnel. On board, available to meet these needs because, to me, I think the worst thing that could happen to work testimony systems would be to go out and oversell ourselves and then not provide the workers that people need. In that, gentlemen, there is there is a lag in the personnel. There is a need to do a better job forecasting what the employment requirements are going to be because in some case it takes one, two, or maybe more years to get people qualified to assume these jobs. Particularly as the baby boomers are going to be more and more inclined to retire and leave the work force, we are going to have to have replacement for them on board. And I think really under once again the overall management of andrew mcgeough we have got a better handle on how we are going to be looking ahead to forecast job needs. And integrating work force effort along this vein with economic development.

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Because to me, you can't have one without the other. And I have enjoyed all of my time on the work force board. I have appreciated all the good work that you did while you were on it, tom. And sam, bless his heart, has made any number of meaningful contributions and would strongly encourage you individually and collectively to continue the strong support of the work system effort that is currently underway.

**Adams:** So we have a little token of our appreciation, Portland does have territory in your county. So you are one of our county commissioners, even though you might not want to admit it.

[laughter]

**Leeper** I well recognize it and I think, I think those particular properties are in my district, sam.

**Saltzman:** Now, now, let's not start --

**Potter:** Commissioner leeper, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you. I consider you a real asset in our area. We wanted to give you this as a small token of our appreciation for what you have done to improve the ability of many, many people in our community to get and hold a living wage job. So thank you very much, john.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Thank you, tom. [applause]

**Potter:** Do we have a signup sheet?

**Moore:** There was. No one else signed up.

**Potter:** This is a report. Need a motion to accept.

**Saltzman:** So moved.

**Sten:** Second.

**Potter:** Call the vote.

**Adams:** I want to add my thanks. I have not yet mentioned lonnie roberts, the entire work force investment board, the great staff at w.s.i., andrew mcgeough truly does a wonder f-job as the new executive director, and, of course, my senior policy director for jobs and economic development, war hen jimenez. Thanks for all your work. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Good work. I wanted to commend commissioner leeper for his years of service representing Washington county residents and make subpoena Portland residents but please accept this report. Aye.

**Sten:** I agree. Good job. Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. I think randy just voted for me.

**Adams:** He voted twice.

**Leonard:** I only wish that were true.

**Adams:** You can only vote once.

**Potter:** I bet you do.

**Sten:** You have that kind of agreement it's not supposed to be that obvious. [laughter]

**Potter:** I, too I wanted to say thanks even though commissioner leeper had left the building. He has certainly been a true advocate for working jobs for people and I appreciate that. Appreciate what w.s.i. Does and the fact commissioner Adams is willing to serve on that and is now in a leadership position there to help shape of the direction. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1678.

**Item 1678.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Vote only. Please call the roll.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** I just wanted to say this is good work and a good new designation. It fits for the central east side. Aye.

**Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1679.

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**Potter:** Recognizing the hour, if you could keep it as abbreviated as we could, we would appreciate it.

**Ken Rust:** Mayor port, members of the council, ken rust, o.m.f. And with me is drew barton. We are here to present the financial forecast, the update that you have been waiting for. Before I turn it over to drew I would like to apologize for the one-week postponement. It was scheduled to be delivered last week. We got a little bit busy with the fall bump but we were also having the forecast reviewed by some outsiders that are experienced inputting these kinds of numbers together. And we wanted to test with them some. Key assumptions and it was a very good review and we incorporated some of the feedback we received from them. We think it's a better forecast as a result of that and we are pleased to be able to present that to you this morning.

**Drew Barden:** Good afternoon. My name is drew barden. I'm an economist and financial planning. This five-year forecast increases resources for 07-08 by \$25 million. Most of that is due to bringing business license up to better reflect its recent history and a much stronger economic environment. On the cost side, the key assumption is that we have redone targets and we are looking for about 3% or a little over 3% inflation. Revenue growth is a little under 4%, which is about as good as the general fund can do and this kind of environment with the way property taxes are in a constitutional straight jacket. The one key assumption in this forecast that's tough is that the city's healthcare consultant has given us a forecast for health benefits costs that increases them about 5.8% for next year followed by double digit increases for the remaining four years. That's a pretty steep rate of increase that they are expecting. And that means that in terms of what comes out of the forecast that it helps to push money over into the one-time areas as opposed to ongoing. Requirements of general fund bureaus and council set asides are about the same as they were when we forecast them last june. The requirements reflected both the one-time and ongoing adjustments that occurred the last week in the fall bump. Well, with this kind of an increase in resources and requirements about as they were last june, the basic results are is that you have a little over \$9 million ongoing and \$19 million in one-time, and in the next out three years of the forecast, you have about, you have declining amounts of one-time available. As far as risk to the forecast the major risk that we see is a higher problem probability of a recession. A year ago moody's economy.com who is our national consultant put the probability of a recession at one in 10. Last fall it's one in four this fall. This expansion is getting older. It's well past the post world war ii average. The other couple of mentions might be that there is some discussion about statewide tax reform. We have seen some proposals already internally and it's quite possible that there could be some negative impacts on local governments that might come out of that. In addition, one last thing is that parks is local option levee which supports operations is done and 07-08 and the forecast assumes nothing beyond that for parks. That's the high points of the forecast. I will give it back to ken or answer questions.

**Potter:** Questions.

**Adams:** Revenues from business license fees over the last four years are up what percent? Over 30%?

**Barden:** They are up over 30% in the last if you years. If you go back four years you would see them declining. Coming down and then coming back up.

**Adams:** Are we back at the point we were before the recession in terms of revenue?

**Barden:** We are well past, we are well past the previous peak. We are into what would be called an expansion phase where we are setting new higher levels each year beyond what happened in the last up tick.

**Adams:** This is a record amount for business license fee revenues for the city.

**Barden:** As was last year.

**Rust:** Probably a record amount for property taxes but certainly for business license.

**Adams:** What are the trends for the lodging, transient lodging to the general fund? Is it up?



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**Barden:** Transient lodging is up significantly. And the early results for the first six months of this year are very good. They're up to date about 6.5% over a year ago.

**Adams:** What do you attribute that to?

**Barden:** I think I attribute it to the good business climate and very good tourism trade.

**Adams:** Excellent leadership of city government?

**Rust:** I think that goes without saying.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Leonard:** It should have gone without saying.

**Potter:** Other questions? Thank you, folks. Is there a signup sheet?

**Moore:** No one signed up.

**Potter:** Ok. This is a report. We need a motion to accept.

**Leonard:** So moved.

**Adams:** Second.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1680.

**Item 1680.**

**Potter:** Thank you, folks. If you could keep your remarks brief that would be appreciated.

**Seth Hudson:** Thank you, mayor Potter, commissioners. I'm Seth Hudson with the Portland development commission and the economic development department. Normally I would be here talking to you about the city of Portland's enterprise zone. Today we are talking about what's known as Clackamas County Milwaukie City of Portland Enterprise Zone and I am joined by Renatta Mengelberg with Clackamas County and the item before you is a request by our regional partners Clackamas County and the City of Milwaukie to authorize a requested abatement and employment waiver for p.r.c. structural facilities and authorize an abatement for t.p.r. under the enterprise zone. A little background for you. Clackamas County and the City of Milwaukie and the City of Portland have been part of this enterprise zone since December 4, 1997. And the reason why the City of Portland is involved is because the p.c.c. structural facilities, about 8.2 acres of their facility, falls in the City of Portland. Their building is split right down the line between the two counties. As a result of that, under state law, the City of Portland has to approve any extended abatements, any boundary change or any employment waivers. So that's why the item is coming before you this morning. I do want to point out as I mentioned we are looking at about 8.2 acres out of the total enterprise zone which falls in Clackamas County and Milwaukie, which is about 619 acres. It's about 1.32%. And the other thing I wanted to point out real quickly is that under the enterprise zone, the way it's set up and the way it's approved by the state there's an automatic three-year abatement given to anyone who meets the qualification of the enterprise zone which Renatta will cover in a second and that is a loss of the city's fund of about \$3,200,000 for three years. We are asking for an extension of the abatement for five years which will have an impact of \$5,384,000. So direct impact to the city it's pretty minimum million and we will go over the positive sides of this in a second. I'll turn over to Renatta to give you background on the companies.

**Renatta Mickleberg:** Thank you, Seth. My name is Renatta. I am the business and economic development coordinator for Clackamas County and the Milwaukie and North Clackamas Enterprise Zone five-year extended abatement holds the companies to a much higher wage standard requiring them to pay their employees created by the new jobs created a \$54,846 a year or \$27.50 an hour. They can use benefits to attain that. The county requires the companies to sign an agreement committing to the increased wages, the increased jobs, and the investment that they spell out in their authorization form. And both companies have signed that agreement. I would like to give a little bit of background about the two companies that are requesting this abatement. First Precision Cast Parts is a large manufacturer of aviation parts in Clackamas County. It's one of our largest

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employers. It's a traded sector employer and is part of the metals industry cluster which is very important to the county. They are rapidly growing. Airplane parts that they make are part of the military and domestic sector. They provide their parts internationally. They plan to invest over \$25 million in four different or five different locations in the county. This investment will create 400 new jobs over the course of four years. They are requesting the employment waiver because they can't add all 400 jobs by the end of this year which would normally be required but they fully intend to create the 400 jobs which is 200 more than is normally required as part of the enterprise zone program. T.p.r. Industrial is an industrial safety supplier. They are a new company to our enterprise zone. They are building a 15,000 square foot manufacturing facility in international way business center. That was allowed by the recent boundary expansion that your council approved a few years ago. They will invest \$1.8 million and add 12 new workers as part of this request. The combined tax impacts as seth alluded to the city of Portland is \$5,384. To the rest of the taxing districts the total impact is \$1.9 million over the course of five years. These proposals have met overall support with most of the folks we've talked to. We did special outreach to the taxing districts and held a meeting on September 15 inviting all taxing districts to attend. We provided information and answered any questions. So far there's been no opposition to these abatement requests. In fact, the fire district was quoted in "the Oregonian" saying it's a short-term option to stimulate business. We support the short-term effort. The new York Clackamas school district testified also in support of both of these abatement requests. Both the county commission and the Milwaukie city council unanimously approved these proposals. Understand that enforcement might be an issue for the city council. Both companies have signed an agreement committing to these jobs and wages and investment. If they can't, they are also required to provide adequate documentation every April that we, the, as the enterprise zone manager and the county assessor, will scrutinize if we find they have not met the requirements. We can rescind their abatement for this year in the first year. In the second year, if they have continued to fall short they can be terminated from the program. If they fail to disclose information they haven't met the requirements, they will have to pay back any tax abatements they have received in error and in the second year they will be required to pay an additional 20% penalty and will be terminated from the program. This is consistent with the state's revised statutes. Anyway, that completes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

**Sten:** You are going to make good use of our \$5,000.

**Mickleberg:** Yes, we will.

**Potter:** Thank you very much. It's a resolution. Anybody sign up to testify?

**Moore:** No one signed up.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Leonard:** This is an excellent program. I appreciate the good work done. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Excellent program. And we certainly know p.c.c.'s track record of success and I hope t.p.r. has a similar track record of success. Aye.

**Sten:** Thanks for the thorough work on this. Appreciated Clackamas county's attention to detail. I think it really matters how you administer these things. I think they are not good or bad. It's how you do them and I think you are doing a great job. Aye.

**Potter:** I like the idea of adding 400 jobs and \$25 million investment to our region. So thank you very much. I vote aye. [gavel pounded]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you very much.

**Potter:** Please read item 1682.

**Item 1682.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Vote only. Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1683.

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**Item 1683.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1684.

**Item 1684.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Vote only. Call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** I recuse myself from this vote.

**Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] item 1685.

**Item 1685.**

**Potter:** Commissioner Leonard.

**Leonard:** I am going to ask this be sent back to my office but first I want to make a couple of comments. Because there has been some confusion, I think, in the public about why this resolution was introduced. And where we stand now. I would first say that just as an overdrop, I have always believed that my job as an elected official, whether I was in the legislature or here on the city council, is to provide a check and balance to government in general. And some of that means simply just asking questions and making sure that the information presented is not only discernible and understandable by me but by the public. For a variety of reasons, not the least of which were some documents available to the public, I did have questions about the proposal to gift to a developer property own by the p.d.c. which is the city of Portland, by the way. It's a city of Portland entity. At 209 s.w. Oak sometimes referred to as third and oak. Based on those concerns, I did introduce a resolution to the council asking for an audit of that project on July 5, 2006, and to briefly summarize, the public issue was that the p.d.c. had an appraisal that said the proper was valued at negative \$2.7 million. It defied my own reasoning. It didn't appear that that could be correct. And, in fact, the resolution was adopted, the city attorney's office contracted with a group known as econorthwest and the preliminary -- I have a report of that if the council hasn't seen that. I am happy to forward either a hard copy or electronic copy to each office. The basically without going into details the appraisal done as a result our resolution did say that the property was worth \$1.86 million positive, not negative \$2.7. And I will quote sun innocence. "the p.d.c. analysis fails badly in estimating the market value of the site and could not be used and should not be used for decision-making." on November 3 the entire council received an email from Linda Meng, the city attorney, updating us on the progress of the city audit and pointing out that in her email she was having trouble getting documents from the Portland development commission. Which meant she was not getting them, that they had concerns about confidentiality issues and had not turned them over. Based on that email on November 6 I filed a resolution that today I am going to ask be sent to my office, that would subpoena the documents from the p.d.c. that the city attorney was seeking to get cooperatively. The reason I'm making these remarks today is after I introduced that resolution, a number of officials at the p.d.c. communicated to the media that I had jumped the gun, that, in fact, they had complied with our request and they had turned over the documents. That was not true. In fact, it was not until November 29, the day we met with the Portland development commission here with the in an informal at 7:30 in the morning that I actually pointed out to the commissioners that they had yet as of November 29, to fulfill the request from the city attorney for documents that, in fact, the documents were turned over and that was that afternoon. After what appeared to be a hastily called press conference. I have received copies of the dvd's with the documents on them. The city attorney's office is reviewing them. We may need to come back to the city council to ask for more authority for more resources to do a thorough analysis of this. But there is a point here and the point is that I think from my perspective, my role isn't, and it isn't appropriate for me to pick on an agency or individuals or to have anybody feel as though I am personally attacking them

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and if I do that, that is not my intent. And that's absolutely not what I wanted to convey. I do want to convey that I very much view my role and I hold my own bureaus to this same standard, I view public agencies as having a special responsibility to be transparent with the public. And that has not been the case here. And my own experience since July has reinforced that with the p.d.c. I hope that changes. I will do what I can to help make that change. I am open to talking about how to make that change. I am not open, however, to not pursuing this issue and using it hopefully as a model for how we can change the agency in the future. That's my goal. It's not to do anything but that. P.d.c. performs vital functions in this community. One of which we just heard. I am a huge supporter of a number of things they do. Unfortunately, that gets drowned out in some of this. But I want this to be done fairly. I hope all of us here can agree with the goal that I am setting and cooperatively try to find a resolution to some of what I consider to be cultural issues at p.d.c. And I don't think they are fixed yet but I am happy to be a partner in helping to fix them. So after having said that, I would like to move item 1685 back to my office.

**Potter:** Hearing no objection, so moved.

**Adams:** Can I ask a question?

**Leonard:** Yes.

**Adams:** Where do you -- I mean, first I support the efforts to get some clear information that you have under way but where do you see the process leading? What do you see an end point?

**Leonard:** Yes.

**Adams:** Next step?

**Leonard:** The email we got from the city attorney's office on November 3 basically was to let us know that we had been able to accomplish part of what the task was directed by the city council on July 5 when they adopted the resolution to audit the third and Oak deal. The other part of that email was, however, we can't complete the report as requested by the council until we get the emails and other supporting documents that we, the city, requested from p.d.c. We apparently have that now. We and I have started looking through some of it. There's a lot. And I think the city attorney's office probably is going to need to have somebody else go through that, make some judgments. I will say that there are two emails I have not looked through the whole pile but there are two that stand out to me that are troubling. And I am deeply disturbed by two of them. But I am reserving judgment on them I don't know that, I mean, I am not in the development business. I am not in, in the p.d.c. I am reserving judgment about what those actually mean until somebody neutral looks at them and gives us a report. So ultimately what I am, what I am driving for is have a report provided to us much like this Eco Northwest report in describing the audit that the p.d.c. relied on and criticizing I should say but rather a larger report that kind of talks about the entire transaction and what we can learn from it and what needs to be done different in the future. That's my goal and my hope. And I think we all have a stake in that. No one person here in my view has more of a responsibility to assure the public of that than anybody else. We are all equally charged with that. So I was hoping by now that we would have had this final report but given this problem in getting the documents we have been unable to do that. I am hoping in the next two to three months to come back with a report to the council much like this but much more comprehensive based on everything in the e-mails.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Potter:** You wish to make any comment? Ok. Please read item 1686.

**Item 1686.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Vote only. And I think commissioner Adams should share his lunch at least.

**Leonard:** Smells good.

**Adams:** All right. I'll share.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

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**Adams:** Aye.

**Leonard:** I again want to say how much I appreciate the work of our staff but particularly point out the interbureau cooperation that has occurred on this issue particularly between the office of sustainable development and their tremendous staff over there. So I want to commend commissioner Saltzman for the way that staff works which is great. And the bureau of development services. I want to commend the entire council but particularly mayor Potter and commissioner Sten both of whom are names that come up consistently with our rural partners as people who have helped break barriers with our rural partners around the state, which I think is this ordinance builds on. And so this is really a seminal moment for Portland and I am very appreciative of all the support. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, this is good work and commissioner Leonard's remarks just remind me again how I will continue to support commissioner Sten being our league of Oregon cities representative.

**Leonard:** I second that [laughter]

**Saltzman:** Good work and I am pleased to support it and I think this will make a real difference both in our environmental quality but also in our economy and becoming energy independent in Oregon. Aye.

**Sten:** I do appreciate your support. And hope to continue to earn it. And I mentioned it's a little bit off topic but close I will remember to get a note around to people there is that press conference on the third in salem I was going to see if it might be possible to get the calendar cleared and get as many of us there as possible to kind -- this is a specific issue but kind of that shows what we are trying to do with these other communities. Aye.

**Potter:** Now, I want to commend commissioner Leonard and his office. I think this is a historic event because it's going to change how Oregonians look at the issue of will fuel we use and how we can protect our environment. So thank you, commissioner.

**Leonard:** Thank you.

**Potter:** Thanks to the rest of the commissioners for their support on this. I vote aye. Please read item 1687.

**Item 1687.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Vote only.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] we will take an hour break. Be back at 2:00 p.m.

At 12:57 p.m., Council recessed.

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**[Roll not taken – All Commissioners present.]**

**Potter:** Could you folks please take a seat now? I want to thank all of you for being here to help celebrate Portland's gems. Our citizens. And our folks who live and work here. I am really excited about today. The spirit of Portland awards are presented annually to Portland folks who have made outstanding contributions to the community over the past year. This started in 1985, the spirit of Portland awards, and they've awarded over 340 recipients as honored Portland people. This year we had some wonderful, excellent, and deserving nominations, over city of them. It was really difficult to whittle them down to just 20, but we managed to do that. We're here today to celebrate the selfless giving and tireless community commitment of individuals and organizations that make a difference in our city. Congratulations to each and every one of you. I commend the work that you do and the example that you set for all of us, including our young people. The exception of the mayor's awards, winners are selected from nominations submitted by community members. Each year the selection committee is comprised of representatives from council Members offices, the office of neighborhood involvement, neighborhood coalitions, neighborhood business associations, and past recipients. The nominees are -- who are evaluated use four criteria to indicate a commitment to the community. First, there's assistance with implementing outstanding projects. Second, enrichment and revitalization of our community and neighborhoods. Third, provision of a special service to citizens. And fourth, demonstrating responsiveness, creativity, and civic values. Each year the mayor personally selects a few individuals or organizations that demonstrate these values and a commitment to the betterment of our community. This afternoon each council member will introduce different recipients and their awards. So we will follow the order of the program. But before we begin, I was just down visiting commissioner Sten and found out that the day he was sworn in as a brand-new commissioner, which is exactly 10 years ago, he got to give out the spirit of Portland awards. So this has a very special place in his heart, and thank you for your 10 years of service, commissioner. [applause] we'll come up here and speak. We'll have the folks receiving the awards to come up and stand and be embarrassed, as we say some nice things about them. But then -- and then give them a few minutes to respond. So without further delay, I would first like to invite up the first mayor's award recipient, senator avel gordly. [applause] avel is a native of Portland, a daughter of a union pacific pullman porter, and a working mother, active in women's organizations. Avel gordly is the first african-american woman elected to the Oregon senate. Throughout her career in public service, she has worked for environmental, economic, and social justice to free communities of hate and create diversity. She was a chief petitioner for Oregon's minimum wage law. In 2002 she moved legislation and was the chief petitioner for measure 14, a constitutional amendment that removed the remaining racist language from the Oregon constitution. In 2005, she sponsored senate bill 1041, landmark legislation first in the nation that addressed the issue of child abduction. As a legislator, senator gordly currently serves on the emergency board,

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the emergency board subcommittee on human services, the joint emergency preparedness committee on subcommittee on serious events, the public commission on the legislature, and the senate interim public health committee. Senator gordly is a recognized champion of support for mental health. She is a founder of the african-american mental health coalition. Her effort as an advocate for mental health played a key role in the passage of senate bill 1 in 2005 on mental health parity. She continues to advocate for appropriate mental health treatment, the removal of the stigma associated with mental illness, and for the replacement of the Oregon state hospital and establishment of community-based treatment. She's an associate professor at Portland state university where she will focus on fostering the development of public service. She's recently gifted her papers jointly to Portland state university library and the department of black studies. Senator gordly currently co-chairs with myself. The mayor's mental health public safety workshop. I can tell you from a personal note that avel has always been a friend, a mentor, and she's been a role model for many people in this city, including me. Thank you, avel. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you very much to the mayor and members of the city council. And to all of the great citizens of our beloved community. On this occasion i'm thinking about my parents, faye lee gordly, beatrice bernice gordly, and my grandmothers, alberta louise randolph and leslie gordly. And I thank them for all that they poured into me. Thank you and god bless you. [applause]

**Potter:** I think senator gordly has some colleagues with her. Could you folks please stand to be recognized? Thank you very much for being here for her. [applause] next i'd like to ask up andy nelson, hands on greater Portland. [applause] andy nelson is executive director of hands-on greater Portland a. 10-year-old organization that connects volunteers with opportunities to help the community. Team canning with hands-on, volunteers feed the hungry, teach children, restore the environment, and meet other community needs. Over the past year, hands-on has experienced considerable growth. It has partnered with 250 nonprofits, schools, and community organizations to increase the number of volunteer connections it made by 30% in the last year to a total of 13,000 volunteers. In partnership with the city of Portland and Multnomah county, hands-on helped to recruit and lead more than 1,000 volunteers for project homeless connect. The organization trained dozens of nonprofit on effective volunteer strategies. Its new civics leader project has begun to connect leaders of color with nonprofit boards and government commissions. Andy, age 41, I don't know why they put that in there, andy --

\*\*\*\*\*: Now it's out.

**Potter:** Now it's out. Maybe it's just because you look so young.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*: Joined happens-on in 2002. Previously worked as a fund-raiser for a variety of Portland-based nonprofits and was president of the willamette Valley development officers. He now serves on the giving and Oregon steering committee, the Oregon involved steering committee, and on the board of directors of campfire usa Portland metro council. A native of connecticut, andy moved to Portland in 1995 as an east coast refugee. He lives in northeast Portland with his wife and son. Congratulations, andy. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: What a true honor. Just wanted to say briefly my wife kathleen is here with me. I remember the day 11 years ago we drove into Portland from connecticut, and moved here really because of the pull of this community as a place where people got involved and things worked because of a lot of people in this room. And it's really a privilege to be in a position now where I can be leading an organizations that about getting people involved in the community. And can I say, what a pleasure it is to have a mayor who values people getting involved in the community who understands that the city of Portland can do so much, the county can do so of, the state can do so of, but it's up to each of us to think about what we can do as individual citizens to make our city great. I remarked to someone the other day, I don't know what I would do, i've reached the pinnacle of my career, and it's wonderful 11 years later my wife kathleen is here to be -- to think that that day

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we pulled into town that in a lot of days we realized that dream of living here. So thank you very much. [applause]

**Potter:** Kathleen, could you stand up so the good folks here can see? This is the other half. Thank you very much. [applause] the next award recipient is free geek. Could a representative from free geek please come up? Oh, good. I was getting nervous.

\*\*\*\*\*: We have so many here.

**Potter:** Let's have all the free geek folks stand up, please. Isn't this a wonderful organization? [applause] free geek's vibrant community technology center is a Portland original. Hundreds of volunteers come together at free geek to meet the growing challenges of electronic waste management and access to technology. They breathe new life into computer equipment once deemed obsolete, turning trash into treasure. With a diverse interest in skills, free geek's volunteers choose among several educational programs. Some focus on engaging the public and processing donated equipment while others learn valuable job skills, building computers out of used components. Still others break down unusable equipment to be recycled. To date free geek has processed over 3 million pounds of electronic waste and produced over 10,000 refurbished computers. All this volunteer energy allows Free geek to benefit the community in additional ways. In 2006, free geek gave over 200 computer systems to local nonprofits and set up temporary computer labs for several community events, including the children's bill of rights convention. Computer enthusiasts, environmentalists, and community activists have found common cause at free geek. With the appeal goes beyond Portland. Free geek has drawn international acclaim from organizations based on free geek are now spreading across the country. Dozens of groups starting their own community technology centers have toured free geek's Portland facility, learning to use the resources developed here to benefit their own community. A growing tide of electronic waste and a widening digital divide present huge challenges for Portland and the entire planet. Emphasizing community building as common goals, free geek has blazed a unique and effective trail to meeting these challenges. Thank you. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you so much, mayor Potter. This is such an honor for this organization to receive this award. And i'm so honored to be selected by the organization as the one to accept it. I want to just share something very quickly. Personally first that we got news of this award about two or Three days after we had experienced the worst break-in and theft of a lot of really valuable equipment from our community technologies center. So this literally is a spirit of Portland award, because it did more than anything I think to raise our spirits when they were really dashed if not crushed. I'm actually not one of the people at free geek who does the real work. Those are the people you see sitting here in the audience -- the volunteers, the staff, and actually the founder is here. I'm a board member. And so that means that I can brag about them and talk about what they do in a way they're way too modest to do. Free geek, in addition to the statistics that you heard in the presentation, I think it speaks to Portland in a really powerful way, because not only have we refurbished all those machines and kept all the tons and tons of electronic waste out of the landfill, but we've actually helped people -- the motto of free geek is helping the needy get nerdy. [laughter] so more than 15,000 volunteers, individual volunteers have come through the door at free geek since the year 2000, just in the past six years, and have learned how to build computers, have taken computer training classes, and have job skills and so forth they didn't have before. Another thing that I was thinking, if you think you know free geek but you've never been there, trust me, you don't really know free geek. Everybody in this city should go visit that place, because i'm telling you, magic happens there. I've never seen a nonprofit that has more diverse people working side by side. It's really an exciting place. And when I was thinking of the adjectives that describe it, when I try to explain it to somebody who's never been there, words like "open," "independent," "maverick," "courageous," "community-minded," "welcoming," and really like the nicest people i've ever met.



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And I thought when I was thinking of those adjectives, that Portland. So it does really deserve the spirit of Portland award. It's perfect. So thank you so much. [applause]

**Potter:** Thank you. There's only one part you left out -- what's the address? 1731 southeast 10th. Put it on your calendar. It's a great place and great people. Thank you so much. I'm going to turn this over to a couple of my fellow commissioners, commissioner Adams and commissioner Leonard, to present the humanitarian awards.

**Adams:** Thanks, mayor. The next individual who is receiving a humanitarian award grew up, the youngest of three siblings in laugh yet, louisiana. Her family value was to extend family, and share your blessings. In 1958 she moved to Portland at Age 16, she had her first social action experience and a year later helped integrate a state college in her hometown from which she graduated three years later. I wonder who it is? Her early involvement was at immaculate heart church where she served as administrative and on past terrorral councils, helped start and work on a gumbo dinner, she helped where needed in the parish whose mission is to work to mend brokenness. She provided leadership and establishment of the mccoys scholarship at p.s.u. She supported the establishment of camp starlight, sponsored an annual fund-raiser, and was a camp grandma for the first five years. She also sponsored an annual fund-raiser for leisure hour junior golf for five years. She volunteered two mornings each week to greet and dispense supplies to katrina survivors at the resource center a year ago. She currently serves on the board of loaves and fishes, president's council, friends of loaves and fishes, and participates in planning and capital campaigning to build a new headquarters and central kitchen. In august she helped lead the first jambalaya fund-raiser for the m.l.k. Junior center, which will become an annual event. She volunteers two days a week at vernon school, where she serves on-site counsel and as a member and officer in p.t.a. Involved in fun development -- fund development and recruitment of volunteers. Elected chairperson of Portland Public school district parent advisor council for title one schools, she still finds time, and I don't know how, to help individuals fund their volunteer dreams and support her own family. Please join me in saying congratulations and thank you to teletha benjamin. [applause]

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I'm always embarrassed when people choose to acknowledge the things that I do, because I believe that if you're not part of solutions, you become part of a problem. I was brought up by a mother who was my mentor in volunteering, and the way she started me off was she bought me a portable royal type writer. And invited me to accompany her to meet can was different groups of people that would call upon her. And she would always defer and said, my baby will type that for you. And so that was how I started, following my mother. And I hope that in the way I have lived my life, that my daughter will also be committed to serving others. If you notice, most of the things i've been involved with involve food. I came from a part of the country where food is really an important part of life. And so that I learned to cook from scratch as a child, growing up as a child. I'm especially pleased today to have my daughter and my grandchildren here to share this moment with me. But I also have other friends who are visiting here from Louisiana for the holidays. I have my dear neighbor who always cheers me with the lights in her tree across the street from me during the holidays, and I have my sister, my -- a fellow louisianan who I met here in Portland, and we are a family. That is my family, and that is the joy for me today, is to have them here to support me. The last thing that I want to say -- I do have a lot of energy for an old lady. [laughter] i'm afraid if I don't keep moving I might not be able to move at all. Sos that why i'm always into things. But the other thing is that I believe that everything we have and are has been entrusted to us, not given to us for ourselves. But to share. Ands that what I try to do in my life, is to share the blessings and the gifts that I feel have been entrusted to me with others. And I tease people all the time, you never saw u-haul behind a hearst. [laughter] [applause]

**Leonard:** Good afternoon, everybody.

**Potter:** Good afternoon.

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**Leonard:** Is June coming here? There she is. Come up here with me. I'm really pleased to give this award. Hi, June, how are you? And Ed. Men can hug. [laughter] Ed and I got hired in the Portland fire bureau together 29 years ago on the same day. We went through training together. He clearly took a more productive career path than I did. He is now the chief of the Lake Oswego fire department and was chief of the Portland fire bureau for a number of years. And June is the director of this great program that I am going to read the prepared remarks about. I have some personal observations of when I'm not. The trauma intervention program is an organization of especially trained citizen volunteers responding to citizens in crisis. These volunteers are the -- are some of the very best citizens Portland has to offer. Each day these angel volunteers are called to be with people who have experienced a traumatic event. First responders request a tip volunteer through the 9-1-1 system. While the majority of calls involve the death of a much loved family member or friend, t.i.p. Volunteers assist anyone they are called to support, regardless of the situation or person. T.p.i -- in t.i.p. We call these events daily disasters, and they're big or small. The emotional impact of those who are suffering is usually staggering. T.i.p. Volunteers are called to be with people, tend to be the emotional wounds -- tend to be the emotional wounds and assist in the first few hours after a crisis. They believe no one should be left alone on what could be the worst day of someone's life and often is. While they can't stop bad things from happening, putting a caring person in their life during the impact stage of a crisis has a long life -- lifelong impact by how they are affected by the tragedy and process it in their life. T.i.p. Has over 120 volunteers that respond an average of 130 times per month assisting over 500 local citizens. The volunteers truly care about their neighbors who are in anguish and take their role in the emergency response system very seriously. Each volunteer gives a minimum of 39 hours per -- every month. And I was a front line firefighter for 25 years, as was Ed, and the hardest part of my job was never running into burning buildings, it was never -- we have another firefighter sitting out here that is nodding in agreement. It was never doing things that people thought was the most dangerous things. There are certain personality types that like that stuff. It was the part of having to tell somebody that somebody had passed. It was almost impossible to do. These folks did it for us. So we would call on the radio and have a t.i.p. Volunteer come and do that part of the process that a lot of firefighters found terribly anguishing and really were incapable of being able to do. And I so much appreciate what you've done, June, and this is just a small token of our Community's appreciation for all of the work that -- and I had one chance since I've been on council and dig in and fight for the practical which I was very pleased about because of my own personal gratitude to all the work I all do. Thank you very much. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I just want to quickly say that I am standing here just accepting this on behalf of those 120, actually 137, because we have a teen program also, where we train teens to do the same thing. And these people really are giving every single day, just yesterday by noon we had been called out four times. Just to provide support to people when that bad thing had happened, teaching people what to say and what not to say when they're dealing with people in crisis. And when people say to me, why do you do this, what keeps you coming back, I would be way too sad, would I cry at the hallmark commercials, I give them my one story that some of you have heard. That was when I was a brand-new volunteer being called to a hotel with a visiting gentleman. An elderly gentleman. He was being transported to the hospital. And I met his wife in the emergency room and we sat down and weren't there but 10 minutes and the doctor said, I'm sorry, your husband has had a massive heart attack and he has died. And she went. And I looked up at him and said, can she say goodbye? And I asked if she wanted to go back and say goodbye. And so we went back in that emergency room and I pulled that piece of cotton, that separated us from the rest of the world back there and gave her some privacy. And I stood in the corner and she went over to him and she touched him and petted him and caressed him, and then she leaned over and kissed him full on the lips and looked up at me and said, "god I loved that man." that's why I do it. Being allowed at somebody's

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life at such an intimate time. So that my story. But every one of these volunteers has their own story for making this a better place. So when you encounter that worst day in your life you're not alone. So thank you on behalf of all of them. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Our next category of awards is nonprofit organizations. I'm going to introduce the african-american health coalition. Congratulations.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you very much.

**Saltzman:** The african-american health coalition mission is to promote health and wellness for african-americans living in Oregon. Through health education, advocacy, and research. Here is the list of some of its community services. More than 3,000 african-americans have participated in wellness within Reach. 2010 no-cost physical activity program. Which provides access to a variety of affordable, culturally appropriate exercise classes in the heart of our community, many are at the matt dishman community center. In the looking tight living right intervention, 11 beauty and barber shop operate verse been trained as health educators. Annually they have enrolled 483 clients and have conducted an average of 3800 health chats on cardiovascular disease. This past year alone 47 african-american high school students participated in the healthy options living longer actively program. A peer-to-peer education model, and they gave 164 presentations on cardiovascular disease and its risk factors to over 1,000 of their peers and family members. The annual health disparities conference keynote speaker this year was dr. Joy leery on the post traumatic slave syndrome. It attracted local and state policymakers, including the Oregon state epidemiologist, representatives from the Oregon governor's office, and bipartisan supporters from the u.s. Senate. These are just some of the many activities of the african-american health coalition. Congratulations.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you. I am very honored to accept this award on behalf of the african-american health Coalition. It's a very exciting time at the coalition as we enter our eighth year of service as a nonprofit, which is just amazing to me, because it seemed like just yesterday we opened up our offices. There are many people who came before us, because the coalition was a volunteer organization for 10 years before we became a nonprofit. And the fruits of the labor of barbara taylor, josiah hill and many, many people who set the foundation strong for me to come in and open the nonprofit. We've raised a lot of money, and as you hear, we've served a lot of people. But money is not what has made the coalition successful. It is the buy-in and the support of the city of Portland, of the legislators, of the many, many organizations and individuals. Commissioner Saltzman mentioned the matt dishman community center. The numbers now are over 4,000 people participate in physical activities services there in a community that was gentrified and was not having a high participation level of blacks. Because of the partnership and with this administration, mayor Potter was the grand marshal of our walk this year, and they saw that as an important issue. We went and talked to commissioner Saltzman as well and talked about the importance of the need to get that center back open and get people involved. And they heard what we had to say, and they supported it, and it's working. And for that we thank the community, this administration, and all of you to have -- that have supported us. Thank you very much. [applause]

**Sten:** It's terrific to be here with all of you. I'm awed listening to all the things that are going on it is a wonderful community. Our next nonprofit is loaves and fishes and meals on wheels. I think everybody probably knows loaves and fishes and meals on wheels. They've been at it I think for -- since 1970, so we probably could have given this award many, many times. They earn it just about every day. I want to give you the statistics on what they actually do. I think what it's really about is what their mission is. Their vision, and they take a long step towards making it reality, is that no senior in this community should feel isolated or hungry. And it's those two things together that I think is so powerful. I was thinking of ms. Benjamin's comments about food in louisiana, and this is bringing food but also bringing fellowship, and that what's important. They deliver meals to

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people who cannot get out from their home and in 31 different sites throughout the community, put together community meals so people can come together and eat. That adds up to 5,000 meals every single day of the year. Which equals 1.1 million meals annually that are served through loaves and fishes and meals on wheels. They try and do senior centers everywhere they can and have added senior centers at the sacred heart villa in the brooklyn neighborhood, the university park community center, county buildings in Multnomah county and the ywca in northeast Portland. So there's also a great diversity, a large types of cooking, they're cooking in all kinds of different styles, trying to make sure everybody has something they love and that even though you may be a senior you're getting introduced to new types of food along the way as well. So it's a wonderful, wonderful operation. They have five major events annually, the valentine-a-gram in february, Portland dine out in march, the annual lunch in may and the drive for meals and wheels golf tournament in july. I think they're always looking for volunteers to join, their most famous volunteer is mayor Potter, who has delivered for many, many years. I hope you'll help me in thanking meals on wheels and loaves and fishes for their wonderful, wonderful humanitarian work in Portland. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you very much, commissioner. My name is tony, i'm the president of the board this year for loaves and fishes. Joan smith is the executive director of the organization and has been with it since its Inception. The couple of things i'd like to say is that we are proud and very pleased and honored to be awarded this distinguished award. But the credit belongs with all of those volunteers. Remember some of the numbers that commissioner Sten just said. If you think preparing 5,000 meals in a day and distributing those among three counties to shut-ins and to seniors coming to the center, think of what it would take to actually produce that were it not for the volunteers. We couldn't get it done. Teletha is one of our volunteers f we ask for a show of volunteers in this room I could have a good portion of the room stand and be recognized, because I know many of you either provide service in the senior centers or deliver meals to the homes, including those in our city council. So we express to you our thanks for the award, but also want you to thank all of those thousands of volunteers that have afforded our seniors with an opportunity for both physical nutrition, but more importantly, spiritual nutrition. With a visit from those who care. Thank you very much. [applause]

**Adams:** Could I have the representatives from kmhd, please come up? There they are. Thank you. Kmhd is a broadcast service of the mt. Hood community college and has been on the air

Continuously since 1984. Kmhd operates as a blues and jazz station and is an affiliate of national public radio. About 90% of the program hosts heard on the air are community volunteers from all over the Portland metropolitan region. And it is a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a year operation. It includes regular information from npr and hosts to live audience radio programs weekly, one called "live from the river city juke joint" hosted by brad brenner, which i've had the good fortune to be on, and "homegrown live," hosted by mary burlingame. In 2006, kmhd initiated an on the air campaign called go out and hear live music, which encourage listeners to turn off their t.v., c.d. Player and ipods, go out to the clubs, cafes, theaters, halls, restaurants, and listen to the bands and musicians in their native habitat. Kmhd works with several regular jazz venues in northwest Portland to encourage young people who are interested in music performance to come see musicians and bands at early shows coupled with q&a answer sessions. Kmhd is also a sponsor of live music festivals, including the cathedral park jazz festival and blues festival, and my -- in my area of town, st. Johns, and the Portland jazz festival in downtown Portland. Commissioner Leonard will be happy to know that, he's a big fan of the Portland jazz festival. During 2007 Portland jazz fest, kmhd will sponsor a performance And recognition of the festival's work in bringing jazz and blues musicians who are victims of hurricane katrina to safety in Portland. Please give them a big round of applause, kmhd radio small business award. [applause] congratulations.

\*\*\*\*\*: I'm doug sweet, the station manager. I want to thank the city for this recognition. We are a public access station, and we are on 365 days a year. This is calvin walker, the development

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director, and we're kind of known around the station as -- I don't know, the one-two punch, or salt and pepper, something like that. I just want to thank -- just say that in this august group with all these people who have -- are giving to help people in dire need, my wife who is in public health here in the state of Oregon said, you know -- and this is when I complain sometimes about not doing enough for the city, she says, you know, you need art to live. So that what we try to provide. Kmhhd.

\*\*\*\*\*: You know, this award should really go to all of you, the citizens of Portland. We are so lucky to have not one, but four public community stations. And that says a lot about the diversity and continuity and of course how much you care about getting a variety of information. So we thank you and god bless you. Have a wonderful holiday season And get your tickets for the Portland jazz festival. [applause]

**Sten:** Our next category is outstanding partnership. If ever there were one, this is it. It's the community campus of new columbia. Many of you may be, if you're not you've got to see it, familiar with the new columbia development. The housing authority led a communitywide effort that took several years to rebuild columbia villa, the home of hundreds of families that have been there for a long time that needed an update. This is not the story we're telling today, but the housing authority did a remarkable job. It was a program where h.u.d. Tries to knock down old housing and dis% people, but it turned out the people wanted to stay in their community, so what the housing authority did was build more housing units and make it a broader community while everybody stayed. But along the way a partnership developed that realized if this was going to be done correctly there had to be a new school. And we have not really built a new school in a long time, anywhere near here. So it was very hard to find the financing and very exciting as well. And Portland public schools, the housing authority of Portland, Portland parks and recreation, and the boys and girls club of Portland metropolitan area came together and built the new columbia community campus. And it's essentially a school And a boys and girls club and a community center, all in one place. What's so remarkable about that is it not only brings multigenerational learning together, it's more cost effective because rather than building a gym for the boys and girls club, they built a gym for the boys and girls club and the school. When school closes, the children do not have to leave the building, they can go to the boys and girls club without setting food and getting on to a bus or getting lost on the way. It's a much more vibrant approach. It's saved money at the same time, but also brought what I think and i've become very cognizant, I think it's very, very important, particularly in low-income communities, that we build these top-notch facilities where people can feel excited, feel the dignity they need and have the very best of learning facilities and athletic facilities so I just -- if you have not seen this, please do. It's rosa parks school attached to the boys and girls club community center, and we thought it would be nice just to quote the plaques that there which says, "just as people came together to support ms. Rosa parks to achieve her goals of freedom and equality, our community came together to form a partnership that resulted in this place. A community campus dedicated to the whole child." and I will take one aside and invite you tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. To the corner of mlk and What will be rosa parks boulevard where renaming Portland boulevard rosa parks boulevard and that will happen tomorrow morning. So all fitting to come together and congratulations to this fine partnership. Who's your spokesperson today? [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you, commissioner, for describing so well what came together in this magical new neighborhood. The housing authority of Portland took the lead, and i've been asked to be the speaker for the group, but I think that we all have brain damage, exhaustion, and stretch marks from the work that it took to put together this community campus. But the housing authority and steve redmond, our director, felt that it wasn't enough just to do good housing, we real letter needed to do neighborhood community. So we are so proud of the school, the boys and girls club, the new gym,

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and the parks, and the wonderful partnerships that we hope will continue into new adventures in the future. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** This next award is also for an outstanding partnership, and that's the irvington school field project. We have some representatives? I guess not. Here we go. The irvington school field project is a partnership that renovated the irvington school play field and it was so broad and so deep, there's no time to mention all of those who helped. But this award does provide a chance to acknowledge some of the many contributors. Kaboom, a national nonprofit with a mission to create healthy play spaces, and the home depot, offered to provide \$30,000 worth of expertise and materials. Two large contractors who wish to remain anonymous donate add week's worth of heavy equipment and the crews to operate them for the bulk of the field excavation and grading. The irvington community association provided critical funds of around \$12,000 to pay for some of the services and materials that the project could not get donated in time. The city of Portland processed permits at warp speed and waived permit fees and installed a new water line in record time to boost the field's irrigation system before the heat wave. And the gallant firefighters of station 13 arrived, sirens blaring, to christen the field for its inaugural watering. The p.t.a. Playground committee members, some of whom gamely learned to operate tractors and backhoes and gained a new appreciation for the hardships of day laborers and people trying to hold down two jobs. The Portland public schools maintenance staff provided invaluable advice and assistance from day one and over 200 neighbors, parents, partners, and students volunteered to make this a reality on field day. So congratulations to the irvington field project. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: My name is miles, i'm happy to accept this award for what really was a great partnership.

Joined here by cynthia mccloud, irvington's principal, randall edwards from Portland public schools, and nathan courser, irvington community association, and p.t.a. Member, all of which were instrumental in making this happen. When we got together and sat around the table in the fall of 2005 four or five of us, and discussed what we'd like to do next to improve the community and the school grounds, we thought we'd take on the soccer field, which little did we know what we were getting into. And what an incredible partnership it would take to actually get it accomplished.

And we thought it would take two or three years and we did it in about nine months. Thanks to the grant that we received from kaboom and really again an incredible partnership with many, many key people involved. Thank you very much. [applause]

**Adams:** Could the folks from cully please step forward? I can't think of a neighborhood association more worthy of this award than the very energetic and -- in you are. Don't jump. [laughter] don't jump. Then the energetic and lively and very committed cully neighborhood association. I've had the opportunity, it's on the north line of the city of Portland as is kenton where I live, and so i've had the opportunity to go there as a candidate and now probably two or three times as a member of the city council, and we've done Tours and some of the worst roads and streets in Portland are in cull did i. And in desperate need of attention, and they appropriately, as transportation commissioner, they appropriately are strong advocates for addressing the transportation needs. And all kinds of other needs in cull did i. -- cully. I would also say that in terms of the number of people that show up to your monthly meeting, it's got to be one of the largest meetings that I attend in terms of neighbors on a regular basis. You had 100 yesterday. Slackers. And for those of you that don't go to neighborhood associations in other parts of town, 100 is great, time in and time out. S that really because they're very effective in what they do. Everything from candidates fairs, to the annual picnic, to 108 tons of yard debris, and bulky waste, and as you can see, their leadership is quite aggressive. [laughter] in march 2006 they got a 3.38 acre parkland donation, and it was finalized. They worked with the city and land developers for 10 months that resulted in this tripling of park area. And they've been with us on all kinds of issues, including airport noise, including improvements to the -- to the transportation system. We the city have a lot of work to do in the cully neighborhood to make it -- to have its reach Its potential, and I have a lot of confidence that

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we're going to get there, because this neighborhood association is just so darn good. So congratulations. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you very much. I am very honored to accept this award on behalf of the cully association neighbors. Please, stand up up there: I see cully members up there. This is your award. I want to thank the selection committee and the city council and their staff for recognizing all our accomplishments this past year. And I see great things for cully, and i'm very excited and I know we'll have more successes and I look forward to working with the city and with neighbors and businesses to enhance the livability of our neighborhood. So thank you very much. [applause]

**Leonard:** We have the rose city park neighborhood association representatives come forward? Hi, how are you? The rose city park neighborhood association is one of the oldest neighborhood associations in Portland. The neighborhood was platted in 1907 and will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. With over 4,000 households, rose city park neighborhood's boundaries are interstate 84 on the south, fremont on the north, 47th and 67th avenues on the west and east. The neighborhood association presents several community events each year, including a candidates fair in the annual Community picnic. The candidates fair regularly generates large neighborhood crowds and the community picnic has grown over the past six years to an estimated attendance of 750 neighbors. The association also holds an annual welcome new neighbors night where everyone that has purchased a home in the previous year receives a personal invitation. They use that opportunity to recruit new mechanics to the board and hold elections the same night. Very savvy. In part due to this process they have a very strong neighborhood board which boasts about 20 active members. The neighborhood association works closely with local entities such as cnn, the northeast central sandy business association, rose city park elementary school, and the early head start learning center. They have other outreach programs such as an essay contest for elementary students, annual community garden awards for community gardens a. Neighborhood clean-up and a gorge and esther walker community service award. In 2007, rose city park will celebrate the 100th anniversary. Plans are underway for a multitude of events, for example, reissuing the neighborhood history book. Organizing a golf tournament and holding a concert in the park. Thank you rose city park neighborhood for all you do for our community. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I'm kelly davis, chairman of The neighborhood association and i'm honored to receive this award especially with cully, with the great work they've done. I wouldn't really be here fit wasn't for a great group of neighbors and families in rose city park and to a wonderful board. There's still more board members that should stand up. So thank you to the commissioner and to the selection commit and -- committee and I hope many of you have a chance to join news our 100th anniversary celebration this summer. So stay tuned for more events. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Our next award is our youth award. And that goes to erin chamberlain. [applause] erin is a 12-year-old from gresham. Her proud parents are both city of Portland employees. Erin is a seventh grader at dexter mccarty middle school and attends city bible church. Erin spearheaded the implementation of erin's project, which focused on the children of first responders who suffered through and still suffer from the aftermath of hurricane katrina. Erin's project raised more than \$30,000 and delivered more than 1500 christmas presents to over 450 children in gulfport and biloxi, mississippi. In that area, within two short months. Each child was asked what he or she wanted for christmas. And then erin took the wish list And would give it to people in the Portland gresham area, and every child's wishes were granted. The people in the Portland gresham metro area responded to an overwhelming -- in an overwhelming manner. Police, fire, 9-1-1 dispatchers, paramedics, first call families, dexter mccarty middle school, good shepherd community church, city bible church, neighbors, families, and friends throughout the area. And many others, each selected individual children in the gulfport and biloxi area to buy presents for. So thank you very much, erin, for all you've done. [applause]

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\*\*\*\*\*: I just appreciate that I can receive this award. All I wanted to say was thank you, and -- yeah. Thank you. [applause]

**Leonard:** Carol, how are you?

\*\*\*\*\*: Hi.

**Leonard:** Carol justice embodies the civic values of the city that works as an outstanding city employee and community volunteer. She not only works full-time for the city office of neighborhood involvement, she is a single mom of two teenage daughters -- I know that all by itself is a full-time job. It's hard. She also volunteers with local labor union and political movements. She's a promoter of women's rights and women's issues including encouraging women to vote. When you say the words labor Union you think justice. Carol justice, that is. [laughter] carol volunteers tirelessly to labor, serving the american federation of state, county, and municipal employees in Oregon council 75. At the local level she serves on the executive board as a vice-president, shop steward, and on the citywide grievance committee. At the council level she serves on the executive board representing the city sector and the women's committee. This august at the 37th international convention in chicago carol championed three resolutions for paid family medical leave, paid parental leave, and expansion of the definition of family under the current family medical leave act. This past year carol volunteered a great deal of her free time to get out the vote. She phone banked, canvassed door-to-door, distributed flyers among other activities. In october she was the only o.n.i. Employee to volunteer her time to hands-on Portland cares day where she helped spruce up vernon elementary school. At o.n.i. She serves behind the scenes to support the coalition and neighborhood associations. She's a strong advocate for social justice and underrepresented communities. She's a volunteer representative on the citywide and o.n.i. Diversity committees, the safety committee, the bureau advisory committee, the labor management community, and community connect. You can find justice as city hall, she's in room 110. [laughter]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you so much. I just want to say that I truly feel blessed to live and work with the fabulous people in this city. Thank you so much. [applause]

**Sten:** Our next round of awards go to independent spirits. So the first winner of the independent spirit award is david raphael. In essence david is helping people keep their spirit independent. He is an advocate and has been involved nationally in efforts time prove transportation for seniors, people with disabilities, and others who do not drive or cannot afford a car of their own. As the director of a national advocacy organization, he worked to increase the awareness of unmet transportation needs and reduce isolation by getting into the trenches to make sure people had access to the health care and the jobs they need. He moved to Portland with this background in 1997 and went to work. He's a champion in the movement to improve individual and neighborhood mobility. And this independent spirit, you take what you believe and what you're advocating and actually do it. For the past four years he's driven the bus himself weekly for Portland impact. Portland's impacts mission to so -- is to reduce poverty and what david has done is gone out There and make sure we can get to the people, they can get around town and get all the things they need. He then took that experience and went to tri-met and joined their board that works on planning the overall system in the services. He's been on tri-met as cat committee, a since group that advises the agency on accessibility issues. He's been devoted to social change throughout his career. What you see is somebody who has got national experience, then makes sure that on a daily and weekly basis he's out there doing it so sometimes some of house make policy don't know if it works. He's making sure that it does work and translating it into actual change for our transit agency, tri-met. So david, congratulations. Great work. I think I know his two children who moved to Portland sometime before 1997.

\*\*\*\*\*: We followed them.



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**Sten:** I have a feeling he came here to follow his kids, and I have to tell you, like father, like sons, and as are his grandkids. So we have a whole force of raphaels spread out throughout the community. There they are up there. [applause] one of whom was a raphael by marriage, who works in the mayor's office. This is a family we're very, very lucky to have. [applause]

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Thank you. This is a 10-year anniversary for me also. I think my first activity here was to work on your campaign when we moved here. So we're just delighted. And I really am so grateful for this. And it's a huge honor, but it's also embarrassing to get recognized for something that brings so much joy and pleasure to me. I really feel very lucky and blessed each week, the work that I do with people. I love to drive, I love to talk, and this gives me a chance to do both. I wanted to thank Portland impact for nominating me on this. Portland impact is really a wonderful organization, and everyone should know about it. It's wonderful in the neighborhoods, it works tirelessly on community needs. Just is a great place to work and volunteer for. And delighted to have it in the community. And I really am delighted to share this with the family upstairs. You pointed to them, my lovely wife in the back, this is just a great opportunity. We came and joined our family really in Portland who blaze the way and found it for us, and we have tim our son, and daughter tanya, and daughter -- and daughter-in-law both kate, and sutton, nate, and lucy up there. Which is just delightful for me. And finally, I wanted to acknowledge, we hoped to have them here, but it was a little did it, but three of the regular riders that I have, eva marie hansen, her sister evelyn olson, And eileen peterson, these have been role models for me and guides to the aging process. It's a wonderful chance to work with people and to provide services for people and to get to know people, and they're really my spirit and inspiration. So thank you very much. [applause]

**Leonard:** Chuck harrison. Chuck is a long-time resident of east Portland. Chuck has been employed by the hull ton company for the past 23 years, he currently represents the company as its environmental and facilities manager. In this role he's had the opportunity to become involved in issues relating to the variety, water quality, transportation, and other topics that have a bearing on business operations in the columbia corridor. Over the past year chuck continued his association with the columbia slough watershed council by serving as second year as the council chair. He represents the business owners and operations in the middle slew. Chuck also representing the property and business owners in the columbia corridor as a member of the board of directors for the columbia corridor association and has been an active member of their board for over 12 years serving several years as association vice-president. He's also been an active bureau of the Portland fire bureau's advisory council for several years. Chuck was -- to the board of Supervisors for the Multnomah county drainage district where he serves as a representative on behalf of his employer. He serves as a member of the city of Portland stormwide advisory committee representing industrial property owners. Chuck has been a member of that committee since 2001. Chuck, congratulations. [applause]

**\*\*\*\*\*:** It's a pleasure and an honor to receive this. It's also a real pleasure to work for a company and a family that knows the importance of getting involved with the community, and i'm very fortunate for that. They allow me the time during the workday to attend a few meetings here and there that are required for volunteers, so on behalf of them and I would like to thank you and thank you very much for the award.

**Leonard:** Thank you. [applause]

**Adams:** While ms. Joyce nelson is making her way up here, i'd ask that the other elders in the local native american community and leaders please stand and be recognized as well. [applause] in Portland we are blessed to have a very active and thriving native american community with excellent leadership and elders that help guide in a very important way, and we are honoring one of those elders today. Joyce nelson is an incredibly valued member of the native american community here in Portland. She's assisted in the implementation, creation, and Development of many outstanding projects, including the native american rehabilitation association of the northwest, the

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concerned indian citizen advisory, the Portland indian elders association, the native american youth and family center, and the Portland native american youth and elders council. In doing so, she has continually been a strong and vibrant prone of native american values of bringing community together and generosity. Beyond her individual leadership, joyce has been a consistent source for collaboration and advocacy in the native american community in Portland for over 50 years. She has enriched and revitalize the community and the neighborhoods through her community work and volunteerism. The heritage of native americans is a vital aspect of Portland's history and of Portland today, and joyce endeavors to maintain that heritage. She's provided service to the community as a leader and mentor to countless native americans emerging community leaders. Though retired, joyce to this day takes time away from her family to sit and talk with the leaders of diverse organizations and elected officials. She has been a primary shaper of 78tive american policy issues and continues to inspire her fellow community members to be involved with local issues. Her creativity, her responsiveness, and civic values have assisted her in exemplifying unmatched perseverance. Her knowledge and heritage have served as a valuable resource to many organizational boards and city committees including elders in action, Multnomah county review board, and many others. Congratulations on your spirit of Portland award for independent spirit. I couldn't think of anyone who deserves it more. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I want to thank everybody that made this possible, and especially nicole from the native american youth association. When I got the call from carol justice, I was elated that I was going to get the award, but the first thing I said is, do I have to speak? And she said, oh, no. And here I am. But I want to thank all of the elders who came and every one of them are volunteers. So maybe some day they'll be up here. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Our next independent spirit award is chris anderson. As an Oregon native and a product of Portland public schools, chris has experienced the difference public schools can make in their communities. Neighborhood schools have long served as the hub of our communities. But now that less than 20% of Portland households have school-age children, it's harder to build and retain nice community connections. Chris strives to find ways are terror reconnect schools with The larger community. In 2006, chris launched irvington's martin luther king jr. Day of service tradition no honor dr. King's legacy with a community commitment to civic participation. She also organized a neighborhood assembly, inviting neighbors without school-aged children to visit the school and learn about the successes and challenges of today's schools in discussion was teachers, staff, parents, and district employees. Chris has served as the irvington p.t.a. President for 2005-2006. She has recruited over 150 parent and neighborhood volunteers to help with the barn-raising style makeover of irvington soccer field and playground, which we honored previously today. She serves as a site counsel parent representative to help irvington improvement plan and transition to a k-8 program. She has supported the Portland public schools local property tax campaign by organizing the construction and distribution of 2500 handmade lawn signs. And serves as the p.t.a. Irvington p.t.a. Legislative advocate. So she's done many things to help connect our community with our schools, and I want to recognize you and thank you for all your good work. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you. It's an honor to be among the spirit of Portland award winners. I am just amazed by the stories they have to tell. And i'm just thrilled to be in a City with a district and a school that not just toll rates, but really embraces parent involvement, and a city that really supports our schools. Thank you. [applause]

**Sten:** Our final independent spirit award goes quite fittingly to an independent spirit, tess beistel. It's a beautiful city we live in, and there's some great things we were given, but it's no accident how creative and vibrant this city is. We have open spaces, gardens, parks, and recreational opportunities throughout the city tucked in places that you'd never think and the big ones that you know so much about. And is not a coincidence. It's thanks to folks like tess. For over 10 years she's served on the boards of friends of Portland community gardens, which you probably know is a

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nonprofit advocacy group designed to enhance the effectiveness of our community gardens program. She spends her time and talents working to grow more community gardens and it's a movement even as land as getting scarer you're seeing more community gardens pop up, and I think those are related, because we need them more as we grow. As everything is connected in a garden and tess knows that. She makes it all come together. Hosts regular card making gathering as a fund-raiser for the garden programs, has created thousands of cards and raised money and awareness throughout this entire city. She's also the cofounder of cracked pots. Cracked pots is a local nonprofit environmental arts organization that as you may guess, makes garden art from recycled materials. I can spot her as I have driving around in her very green car called sweet pea --

\*\*\*\*\*: Oh, you have not.

**Sten:** I think I have. She's always looking for something new to grow in Portland and it looks like has brought us something that has grown in Portland. An independent spirit very deserving, thank you so much for all your work. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I brought something sad in this basket. This is rosemary, cut from the reed community garden, and maybe some of you know that the garden at reed college has closed. We cut -- it was shut down two weeks ago. And that garden has served folks 120 plots nor years and years and years. There is a possibility that there will be a new garden at reed, but it will only serve maybe 45 plots. So this is a basket filled with an herb that is around for remembrance. And this is to remember that community gardens don't come and stay, if they are on privately owned property. It's so important when you're driving around your city, if you see a community garden, stop your car, get off, and go and sit in one or bring a friend or have a picnic or bring a poem. And feel that that garden gate is always welcome, wass community gardens are a jewel in your community and they definitely are an asset for everyone in this room. So let's grow the program and not have gardens leave us. Thanks. And all of these herbs are for you to take home to put in your stews or your chickens or whatever you're cooking that need rosemary. [applause]

**Potter:** For the last award I would ask andrea poole to please come forward. Andrea pool has enriched Portland's community and neighborhoods through peace making efforts for over a decade. She doesn't look that old. Building upon a background in school mediation, andrea trained with resolutions northwest a nonprofit providing mediation services to the community, in 1997 while still a junior in high school. There she served as part of youth adult mediation teams, aiding in resolutions to family conflicts. Since then she has assisted the Portland public school community by training youth in conflict resolution and communication skills. Andrea uses art and theater as a means for rehabilitation and conflict resolution in the juvenile justice system and inverness jail. Andrea participated in the recent city hall forum and resolution aiming to support the immigrant and refugee community. Her willingness to love, serve, and touch all people has meant Sharing in life with them therefore, the breaking of bread together has been an integral component of andrea's support to oppressed and marginalized people's. In august she returned from the dominican republic where she volunteered in a public school and coffee factory, lived among impoverished community members in order to learn of their interest and needs. She began a soccer program, and aided in the opening of a community center which offers art and music instruction to poor youth. She is currently active in raising awareness here in Portland and encouraging community involvement in supporting those in need here and abroad. Congratulations, andrea. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*: What a privilege to be the closing person in such a room of outstanding individuals. I think I might just have to hold this for a moment. A year ago I fell down a waterfall in the dominican republic that should have taken my life, but I was rescued at the bottom and the breath of life was literally breathed back into my body. And I believe that this idea of breath can be how we as a community approach service, as we serve one another here in this room, and as we serve those that

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we're going to pass by this afternoon on our way to our cars, bicycles, buses, I think that it all boils down to the idea of loving our neighbor and if we ask the question of who Our neighbor is, then we've missed the point, because everyone is our neighbor. And therefore we must not classify when we're deciding who to love based on who is worthy of our love. We just need to love. We need to give free love, and it's a pleasure to be here today and with me is my mother, who is such a lover and a giver, and a server, and she has taught me well. I share your gratitude for our mothers. So thank you, thank you so much, we have a wonderful mayor. Have a good afternoon. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Andreea's mom, could you just stand up for a minute? Let folks see a good parent. Andrea is right about this microphone. Up in tumwater, Washington, they make olympia beer. And tumwater's motto is, it's the water. But you know in Portland, Oregon, it's the people. And this town is special. And I say town, not city, because we know each other here. We care about each other. We take care of each other. And that really remarkable. Can all of you give a hand to all these wonderful recipients today? [applause] thank you. I just want to say one thing about one of the recipients, miss benjamin. I'm so impressed with all of the things that she does to give back to her community, but when she got to the part about the fact that she makes gumbo, she Had me. I love gumbo, miss benjamin, and i'm not trying to perhaps make a hint here, but if you ever cook gumbo again, please think of poor mayor Potter down there. You don't have to worry about these guys, they have their sources. But thank you so much. And thank you all for being here today. Thanks all of you for those thousands of countless hours of energy, passion, and civic pride. I'm so proud of this city, i'm so proud of you. This concludes our program for today. Please join us on the first floor or a reception for all of our wonderful recipients and have a good day and go in peace. Thank you. [applause]

At 3:29 p.m., Council adjourned.