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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Leonard, Saltzman and Sten, 4.

Commissioner Saltzman teleconferenced from 9:45 a.m. to 10:32 a.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Jim Van Dyke, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Ron Willis, Sergeant at Arms.

On a Y-4 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

TIME CERTAINS		Disposition:
1293 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Accept the generous donation of a portion of Ross Island to the City of Portland (Resolution introduced by Mayor Tom Potter) (Y-4)		36546
*1294 Authorize the Mayor to enter into a Donation Agreement with Ross Island Sand & Gravel Co. to accept the donation of a portion of Ross Island (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter) (Y-4)		181395
1295 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Appoint Gretchen Kafoury to the Housing Authority of Portland Board of Commissioners for a term beginning October 31, 2007 to expire June 11, 2011 (Resolution introduced by Mayor Potter) (Y-3; Saltzman absent)		36547
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		
Mayor Tom Potter		
1296 Appoint Brook Drew to the Portland Utility Review Board for a term to expire October 9, 2009 (Report) (Y-4)		CONFIRMED
Bureau of Planning		

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<p>*1297 Add emergency clause to make effective upon passage ordinance authorizing Director of the Bureau of Planning to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with the Portland Development Commission to provide professional, technical and expert services for planning (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 181358)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>181383</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</p>	
<p>*1298 Pay claim of Fasil Debeb (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>181384</p>
<p>*1299 Pay claim of Gary W. Dunkley (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>181385</p>
<p>1300 Authorize price agreements for the purchase and installation of specialized truck bodies used by the City (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 14, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources</p>	
<p>*1301 Create two new Nonrepresented classifications of Regulatory & Public Affairs Group Manager and Environmental Intergovernmental Relations Manager and establish compensation rates for these classifications (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>181386</p>
<p>1302 Change the salary range of the Nonrepresented classification of Water Consortium Conservation Program Manager (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 14, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>1303 Create a new Non-Represented Classification of Police Evidence Control Supervisor and establish a compensation rate for this classification (Second Reading Agenda 1267)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>181387</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance – Technology Services</p>	
<p>1304 Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Oregon for continued participation in the Integrated Regional Network Enterprise (Second Reading Agenda 1268; amend Contract No. 51706)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>181388</p>
<p>Portland Office of Emergency Management</p>	
<p>*1305 Authorize agreement with the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Oregon National Guard to land a helicopter at the Portland International Raceway for TOPOFF 4 Exercise (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>181389</p>
<p>Commissioner Sam Adams</p> <p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>	

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1306 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to address rule authorization and permit requirements for Underground Injection Controls (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 14, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
Office of Transportation	
*1307 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet to receive \$100,000 in Jobs Access and Reverse Commute funds for the Bicycle Network Completion project (Ordinance) (Y-4)	181390
*1308 Authorize Asphaltic Concrete supply contracts for use on Bureau of Maintenance projects (Ordinance) (Y-4)	181391
*1309 Authorize a revocable temporary use permit with the Portland Development Commission for placement of a mobile comfort station for Portland Streetcar operations (Ordinance) (Y-4)	181392
1310 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement and Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for jurisdictional transfer of Swift Highway–Marine Dr and N Portland Rd (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 14, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
1311 Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for the NW 23rd Reconstruction Project (Second Reading Agenda 1272; amend Contract No. 52249) (Y-4)	181393
Commissioner Erik Sten	
Bureau of Housing and Community Development	
*1312 Revise the expenditure authorization for the Economic Opportunity Initiative FY 2007-2008 to increase amount for the Black United Fund and change funding source allocation for SE Works Workforce Housing Alliance (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 181117) (Y-4)	181394
REGULAR AGENDA	
Mayor Tom Potter	
Office of Management and Finance – Financial Services	
1313 Authorize mortgage revenue bonds and a mortgage credit certificate program (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 14, 2007 AT 9:30 AM

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Commissioner Sam Adams	
Office of Transportation	
1314 Authorize a major encroachment to bSide6, LLC to install, use and maintain building improvements in the airspace over a portion of the E Burnside St right-of-way at SW corner of SE 6 th Ave and E Burnside St (Ordinance)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
1315 Authorize lease agreement with bSide6, LLC in the amount of \$1.00 per year to construct, use and maintain building improvements in the airspace over a portion of the E Burnside St right-of-way (Ordinance)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
1316 Grant a revocable permit to Peace Memorial Park Foundation to landscape and maintain portions of public right-of-way located at NE Oregon St and Lloyd Blvd to establish a Peace Memorial (Second Reading Agenda 1280) (Y-3; Saltzman absent)	181397
Commissioner Dan Saltzman	
Parks and Recreation	
*1317 Authorize a revocable permit for the temporary management of operations of Heron Lakes Golf Course (Ordinance) (Y-4)	181396
1318 Authorize grants to the Housing Authority of Portland for youth outreach and work skill development services (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 14, 2007 AT 9:30 AM

At 10:58 a.m., Council recessed.

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<p><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, OCTOBER 31, 2007</u></p> <p>DUE TO THE LACK OF AN AGENDA THERE WAS NO MEETING</p>	
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November 1, 2007

A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
OREGON WAS HELD THIS **1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Leonard,
Saltzman and Sten, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Kathryn
Beaumont, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Ron Willis, Sergeant at Arms.

1319 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Direct the Office of Sustainable Development to revise the City’s current climate-protection plan in coordination with the Bureaus of Planning, Development Services, Environmental Services, Water, Housing and Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Office of Transportation, Portland Development Commission and Multnomah County (Resolution introduced by Commissioners Saltzman and Sten) (Y-4)	Disposition: 36548
1320 TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM – Report on fourth City-County Project Homeless Connect event and update on the accomplishments of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness (Report introduced by Commissioner Sten) Motion to accept the Report: Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman. (Y-4)	ACCEPTED

At 3:03 p.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Potter: Each week I ask how are the children? When our children are well, they're taken care of, and our community is better for that. Each week I have folks come in and talk to us about issues involving young people and children. And today i've asked three folks to come up and talk to us. They're all involved in the pangea project, and they spent a part of this last summer in equidor doing various projects there, and they have also been associated with the Portland youth builders. So if elijah psyches, kimmy arnts, and chris craig could please come forward? Thank you for being here this morning. When you speak, just let us know your name. Whoever wants to begin can begin.

Kimberly Arnce: I'm kimberly. I'm 18 years old and a participant of the 2007 pangea project. I'm here today to tell you about pangea and the opportunities it gives to low-income youth. The program is a 10-month program divided in three parts. The first one is four months of learning and studying in a social theme, and our theme this year was causing homelessness. The second part we traveled to another country and to service projects in he can a door and learned about our social justice theme out there. Our third was we returned to the states and made presentations to high schools about our trip and made youth aware about housing and homelessness. I'd like to tell you an experience I had in ecuador. Kids came from hard backgrounds, drugs, alcohol, and gangs. I shared my experiences and the things that I overcame like drugs and alcohol, and the next morning one of the teachers came up to me and wanted to thank me for sharing my struggles and stories, and she told me that the young boy there didn't want to join a gang anymore, and it was just a really powerful experience for me to know that a small thing I could have done and stuff in my past had a really big impact on somebody. And now i'd like to turn it over to chris, who will now talk about housing homelessness.

Chris Craig: I'm chris craig, and i'm going to talk about our social justice team. I joined the pangea project not only because I wanted a global perspective but because I had been homeless in the past. Being on the streets and watching homeless people go by day after day, I wanted to be part of the solution. And then pangea project came along, and I thought it was the perfect start. We have worked around housing homelessness in many ways. We've worked with dignity village, street routes, sisters of the roads, and we also did a survey downtown. We surveyed people. Why do you think homelessness exists in Portland, and what can be done about it? We also went down to mississippi to see a bigger sense of homelessness in our own backyard in the katrina aftermath. And then we went down to ecuador, and now we're back here doing local leadership. Another thing we're doing is boiler campaign, writing senators to senator gordon smith, trying to get him to back h.r. 25 that would establish funding for 1.5 million units of affordable housing in Oregon. I'm going to give it back to april, your assistant, after i've done. Right now i'll give it over to elijah.

Elijah Sykes: My name is elijah sykes. This year, we studied three things, and i'll do two poems. The first is on a global perspective of what I saw in amazon, and it's called the amazon. I see children running and gaping at each other with smiles on their faces, interrupted -- interrupted

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violence. I see some of the most people people sharing their lives with distant strangers. I see a 10-year-old genius with a four-language span. I see women and men who know how to survive. They assure us they are after live. I see money with no meaning, many smiles on many faces, many places with no grieving. I see myself in a place where I never thought i'd be. It must be the essence of god. The amazon is what I see. And that is the first poem. This one is on social justice called a televised revolution. Here it is. When I hear the revolution will not be televised, I think of a nation that doesn't seek dignity and respect, with constantly evil thoughts. I see voices not being heard fear of other people spreading the word. I see other people crying out because they have no food, medication or shelter. I see people with nothing. I see people dressed in rags wishing they had cash, getting arrested because they're in a parking lot with a basket and bags. It hurts my heart to see the struggle especially when suffering from sickness. Today's pain is tomorrow's gain, and the system will get put to shame. They will find life is a process. They are like increased fair minds with anger. I believe the time will come when we all gather round as a nation.

Craig: On behalf of myself, kimmy, elijah, and sam, mario, and ben, i'd like to thank you for letting us come down here at this time to speak to you.

Potter: Thank you very much. You were inspiring, and I think our city and country will be well served by you folks in the future. Thank you very, very much. Can we give these folks a hand? [applause] city council will come to order. Karla, please call the roll.

*****: [roll call]

Potter: I'd like to remind folks that, prior to offering public testimony to city council, a lobbyist must declare which lobbying entity they are authorized to represent. Do we have any communications?

Moore-Love: No, we do not.

Potter: In order to approve the consent agenda, we have to have commissioner Saltzman.

Moore-Love: He's on the line. He's willing to get on the line for the consent agenda. Commissioner Saltzman?

Saltzman: Yes.

Potter: I have to read this statement from the city attorney. It says, pursuant to p.c.c. 3.0205, commissioner Saltzman is participating by telephone because of emergency ordinance, and the code requires the unanimous vote of at least four council members for the ordinance to be adopted. An emergency exists because a failure to permit electronic communications would mean the ordinance could not be passed today which in turn would mean that we could not sign the donation agreement and the city could not receive the property today. This morning, we contacted the offices of commissioner Adams and commissioner Saltzman to inform them they could participate in this council hearing by phone. Commissioner Saltzman is able to do so. Commissioner Adams was not able to but said he supported commissioner Saltzman participating by phone. Do any council members who are physically present object to having commissioner Saltzman participate by phone? None do. Ok. We will then move to the consent agenda. Please call the vote on the consent agenda.

Moore-Love: Are there any requests for pulls?

Potter: Does any commissioner wish to pull any item from the consent agenda? Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. Please read the 9:30 time certain, and please read both items.

Items 1293 & 1294.

Potter: I want to thank everyone for being here this morning. It's a rare occurrence that our city is given a gift of this magnitude, and this is a very exciting day. Today the council will accept the generous donation of a portion of ross island from dr. Robert pamplin jr., and his family. The gift is put into the city of Portland's ownership after the council votes this morning. Securing ross

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island -- a portion of ross island -- for protection and ownership has been a dream of the city since the 1903 olmstead brothers report which cited ross island as a potential city park. With today's action, the city is committing to provide the resources, workforce, and expertise to develop a natural resource management plan for the 45 acres we are accepting. Ross island is one of the premier wildlife viewing areas within the city of Portland and, combined with the adjacent 160-acre oaks bottom wildlife refuge and holgate channel, represents a world class urban wildlife refuge system. Ross island is home to a variety of native wildlife, including nesting bald eagles, great blue heron, and river otter. It represents an important refuge for threatened fish species. Along with our partners in the environmental community, ross island will continue to be a priceless wildlife refuge and environmental resource for our community for generations to come. This day has been a long time in coming. There are many people to thank. First and foremost, thank you, dr. Pamplin, for your generosity and foresight in donating a portion of ross island to Portland for future generations of Portlanders to enjoy. I especially thank you for your persistence in working through what turned out to be a long discussion over the details of the donation. And mayor vera katz was supposed to be here this morning. Did she show up? Ok. Well, she's unable to be here, but I wanted to thank her for her work which she began several years ago in discussions with dr. Pamplin, commissioner Sten for working on it as well, and I want to thank mike houck and bob salinger and travis williams and their organizations for their tireless commitment to ecological values represented by ross island. And to the friend of ross island, we say "thank you" for protecting the resources into the future. Our city staff include chris derth, the river renaissance, and the bureau of planning whose steadfast attention to this transaction has been invaluable as well as linda main and jan bets who worked closely with dr. Pamplin's representatives. Without further comment, I would like to invite dr. Pamplin forward so he could address council and our city. Again, thank you for being here, dr. Pamplin.

Robert B. Pamplin Jr.: I see the sign says please state your name for the record, so my name is dr. Robert b. Pamplin jr. I have to start off by saying that I met a certain degree of embarrassment -- I admit a certain degree of embarrassment that I am going to read most of my comments this morning, recognizing that they are on public record. So I want my words to be well-defined and my sentences as well and to be exact. As you well know, with all the speaker engagements I have, i'm somewhat extemporaneous and inject a little bit of fun and humor, but this morning is very serious because it's something the city of Portland has been wanting and, as well, myself. I thank you very much for your gracious remarks and comments and for all of us this is an occasion, I believe, of noble fulfillment. Many individuals and organizations have made this day possible, but I inscribe my profound appreciation to mayor katz, mayor Potter, mike houck, director of urban green spaces institute, bob salinger, conservation director of Portland audubon, and travis williams, director of willamette river keeper. At the end, i'm going to have them come up, if it would be ok, so that everyone can see their face, because it's important that they identify with these special individuals. So with a sense of contentment, I have signed a donation agreement, which is a consummate public document delineating both the present and the future. From the outset, I stated it was my desire to donate a portion of ross island to the city of Portland, but it was also my obligation to be sensitive to balancing the retention of 650 family jobs with protecting the environment and securing conservation. All of those were very dear and important to me, and they had to strike an important and delicate balance. It's certainly has been a long process. We all know that. But you know what? Everything's worthwhile that has a great ending. So I really believe that, to the end of time, we can be proud of a judicious and definitive donation agreement. Well, I appreciate the opportunity to make these comments. And, in closing, I would like to shower as much praise and sincerity to everyone who assisted in making this gift possible. Thank you very much. And if I could have travis and mike and bob come forward, please? Now, you know, i'm a firm believer that you need to

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remember events. This is historic. You created history. Well, maybe we created history. I had a little something to do with it.

*****: [laughter]

Pamplin: As time goes on and we move past this, we will be forgotten to some extent. I always want your families to remember what you did here today. And so, thinking of that, I have here some ross island rocks.

*****: [laughter]

Pamplin: You can just call my barney rubble. Now, inscribed on them, it says ross island 2007. And so you'll have this to put on your desk or wherever and pass it on down to the family that you were here. You were a principal in this happening. Only the principals get it. So i've got one for each one of you.

Leonard: We're not allowed to throw those at each other, doctor?

Pamplin: After i'm gone.

*****: [laughter]

Pamplin: And then I have one for each of you as well.

Leonard: Thank you.

Pamplin: The big ones go to the head people.

*****: [laughter]

Pamplin: You can choose this one.

*****: I like that one. And you can charge me with that.

Pamplin: One for each one of you all.

*****: Nice hand-sized one there. Thank you.

*****: [laughter]

Potter: Dan, you just got a real nice-looking rock.

Saltzman: It will be my new pet.

Leonard: Thank you.

Potter: Thank you.

Pamplin: One last thing that I have to do. I have signed the donation agreement. I have signed the deed. I have done everything that I am supposed to do, including the little teeny paper that is nonforeign status. I've signed that as well. So everything on my part has been completed. Now, the only thing we have left to do is the mayor is going to sign the donation agreement, and then it will be all settled. There's one last item, and that was a \$100,000 check, and i've got it right here.

*****: [applause]

Potter: Thank you. And it's made out to the city of Portland.

Leonard: Yeah.

Potter: Just in case the ethics commission is watching this program.

Pamplin: Yeah. That goes into a special fund for the maintenance of the island.

Potter: Yes.

Pamplin: So I think that completes everything I have to say, and I appreciate it very much.

Leonard: Thank you.

Potter: Thank you, doctor.

Potter: [applause] did have a few people to call up to make a few comments. Mike and bob and travis, could you come back just for a second? Mike is with the urban green spaces institute. Bob salinger is with the Portland audubon society. And travis williams is with willamette river keepers. These folks were great partners in working with dr. Pampli n, and the city of Portland and eventually we came to an agreement, and I think a lot of the credit -- most of the credit goes to the good doctor, but these folks were certainly very helpful. Please go ahead and say a few words.

Mike Houck: Well, i'll kick it off. My name is mike houck. I am with the urban green spaces institute. The doctor and I were commiserating a little earlier this morning before the beginning of

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this wonderful ceremony remembering that the last time we were in council chambers together was 1979 when they were seeking ross island sand and gravel were seeking their permits and we were seeking to protect the great blue heron nesting quality on ross island, and we had quite a few conversations with that. It's wonderful to be here again with him today and at this wonderful moment of transferring a portion of ross island to the city. Since '79, bald eagles, as a matter of fact, have moved into where the herons were, and the herons have moved on downstream to the northern tip of ross island onto port of Portland. It's a very dynamic situation out there.

Commissioner Sten and david bragdon and I and ross island sand and gravel representatives sat on a team that revisit testified the '79 restoration plan and actually came out with a new plan that benefits both ross island sand and gravel and the resources out on ross island. Of course this morning we're here continuing the evolution of the role of ross island and the city of Portland with this wonderful transfer. I'm actually here today with my colleagues of self-appointed ad hoc. We call it a ross island vision or design team to thank dr. Pamplin, and you, mayor Potter, and vera katz. The staff did a huge amount of work in the background, and I think they deserve high praise, including the legal staff and chris and veronica and others. We really appreciate the effort they've put in. With me are bob sollinger, conservation director, and travis. And christina "chris" frank who inspired us to create the design team to look into the potential futures for the ross island -- we call it arrest capell ligue go. There are actually four islands out there, as we all know. We hope to share that vision and have conversations with dr. Pamplin over time and with the city because we know management the plans will be produced that will address the future of the islands, and we're hopeful that some of the work we've done with neighborhoods and so forth and getting input might help that process. With that, i'd just turn it over to bob and travis and chris, and they wanted to share a few comments with you.

Bob Sallinger: Good morning. My name is bob sallinger. First off, I would like to offer my profound thanks to dr. Pamplin. This is an incredible donation to the city, and it's a very, very exciting day. I also want to offer our thanks to mayor Potter and mayor katz for all of their work to bring this to fruition. It's been a long road, and people have remained faithful to this vision. I also want to thank the friends of ross island. We jointly began with friends of ross island over a year ago and, over a course of a year, have 200 members. The enthusiasm has kept the vision alive as well. Finally, I want to spend a second thanking mike houck. I think, when we think about ross island, no one's done more to keep this vision alive than mike. I can remember starting at audubon in 1992 and, at the very first meeting at, hearing mike talk about ross island, it was really the heart and soul of this green space vision, and he's never stopped talking about it since. Mike has accomplished a lot. It's probably the nearest and dearest to his heart, and no one's worked harder to make this happen. Ross island truly epitomizes wild in the city. I hope we think about it at two levels, in an immediate sense in terms of its restoration potential, its recreation potential. There's an incredible amount to be done out there. But I hope we think of it as a reminder of our place in space. Our green system really did begin with ross island and oaks bottom and the efforts to protect those areas back in the 1970s and '80s. It's an incredible place for wildlife. And i'm always struck by the fact that, when the eagles first showed up there in 1990s, people would call Portland audubon to find out if they were lost. Literally we get calls on a regular basis, because people would see them from the terwilliger curves and ask us why are they there, where are they going, and can you help them get there? People were surprised to learn the endangered species could live in the middle of downtown Portland. This is a valuable space for endangered species that use the island a valuable place for birds. It's one of just over 100 important bird areas identified in Oregon by audubon society, which fits into a national and international system of important bird areas, the most important resting, migration, and nesting locations for birds. So I hope it serves as an inspiration to our community that this was where it began, but it needs to continue. It needs to

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grow. We need to continue to restore our landscapes. And then, as we move forward, we keep that in mind. Thank you very much.

Travis Williams: Mayor Potter, commissioners, my name is Travis Williams, executive director of Willamette River Keeper. I definitely appreciate the opportunity to share a few thoughts about Ross Island. First I want to thank you for your persistence on this issue and everyone at the city who has worked on this. It's been really critical. I think the generosity of Dr. Pamplin, and Ross Island sand and gravel to continue moving forward as well and to bring us to where we are today I think is just fantastic. When you look around the entire Willamette system, what we're looking at today are some large floodplain reconnection opportunities, large restoration projects, and it's ironic that right here in the city of Portland we have a fantastic new natural place for people and for wildlife, and I think Ross Island represents a lot of potential of not what can only happen here in the urban area but for the entire system. This is a critical spot in the Willamette River. I would say I think it also represents a lot of potential in terms of what level of collaboration and partnership can occur to solve difficult issues and to conduct restoration throughout the entire basin, and I think this process is really indicative of people really coming together with a common goal from Ross Island sand and gravel, Dr. Pamplin, the city, organizes like ours, and working together and forging something pretty incredible. My hope is that that partnership and collaboration can continue with everybody at the table making an investment in the future of this -- not only this island but wider natural spaces along the Willamette and throughout the area. Thanks again, and look forward to working with you all in the future.

Potter: Thank you very much, folks.

Christina Frank: And my name is Christina Frank. Again, thank you so much for having all of us here, and thank you, Dr. Pamplin. As Mike mentioned, I was a graduate student at the University of Washington and, in 2005, I completed a thesis on Ross Island, and the title of the thesis was "remanufacturing Ross Island, transforming a Portland, Oregon, mining site into a post industrial ecological park." and during my research process, I met Mike, and we started talking about it. I'm not a scientist, so I definitely needed some support there, and my thesis really considered all of the islands, Ross Island, Hardtack, Tow Island, and East Island. I was asking the question, in the future, what kind of park can this be? Through that exploration, I principally focused on two main stories that I felt were almost equally important. Of course this ecological story. The island is just teeming with wildlife and represents a really important ecological stepping stone, a link in the chain of habitat hotspots along the Willamette River. But I was also incredibly turned on by the mining story, by this rich, cultural history. We've learned that half of Portland has been built using the concrete and sand and gravel from Ross Island, and I didn't want that story to be erased in whatever was going to happen later on. Throughout the piece, came up with an approach and also some design ideas for cultivating a new kind of urban wildlife refuge, one that really hybridizes industry and wildlife habitat and provides people with something no other situation can offer. In the thesis, I developed some guidelines, kind of a tool kit of sorts, some principles, and those were really the jumping-off point for the principles that we have developed in the Ross Island vision team, and I'd just like to read those to you now. The following principles were developed by the Ross Island vision team, and we believe that they should guide all future Ross Island restoration, management, and public access decisions. There are eight of them. Number one, first and foremost restore and manage Ross, Hardtack, East and Tow Islands to ensure their long-term ecological functions. Two, consider the islands in their context as part of a watershed, part of a wildlife system, and part of a city. Three, nurture a mutually beneficial relationship between humans and the islands that improve ecological values and encourage sensitive interactions. Four, cultivate a stewardship ethic that builds public, private, and community partnerships to support the islands' restoration and ecological health. Five, preserve, reveal, and interpret the islands' natural, cultural, and industrial histories. Six, evoke the islands' unique qualities and iconic nature. Seven, employ an artistic approach to the

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islands' restoration and management and finally establish a long-term phased adaptive management plan for the islands. So thank you so much again. Our team is really looking forward to working with dr. Pamplin, and the city on their respective management plans, as mike mentioned, and the ross island vision team looks forward to sharing our design ideas with you and the public in the near future.

Potter: Thank you. Thank you very much.

*****: [applause]

Potter: We do have an elected leader, the president of metro, david bragdon. Welcome, president.

David Bragdon, President, METRO: Thank you, mayor and commissioners. I appreciate the chance to be here and congratulate you and dr. Pamplin on this accomplishment today and just wanted to touch briefly on one bit of recent history that helped lead to this, and i'll make a couple comments about the lessons this provides us for how we work together going into the future. And I believe 2 predates mayor Potter and commissioner Leonard's service on the council here, and I think it's worth remembering that commissioner Sten and the company, ross island sand and gravel, co-chaired a committee several years ago, four, five years ago. I was privileged to be on that committee along with mr. Houck. The purpose of that committee was to participate in the renewal of the mining permit and really to update it from what had been a reclamation permit using the science and standards of the 1970s into a true restoration plan fitting the science and the needs of today. And it was a tough job, and commissioner Sten and the company did a great job of working together on that, and I think it's a great model. It set the stage for the transaction today and really shouldn't be forgotten. At any step of the way, it really was a leap of faith, and I think ross island sand and gravel at any point could have been nervous in that the standards were changing to something more performance-based and outcomes-based instead of something hard and fast. And likewise I think any of us in the public sector for the independent sector, the environmental organizations who participated, they also could have been nervous at a lot of different points in that process saying, well, we kind of know what the standards were and we're more comfortable with that. But everybody resisted that temptation to kind of lapse back into mistrust -- lapse back into mistrust and everybody said, we're going to trust each other and move forward, because doing so, we think, is going to yield a better result. The result of that permit is one that indicates that the submerged and submersible lands are unique. They have a particular function and measuring that function and monitoring it in the future is going to be important, that the deep parts of distinctive, the upland parts of distinctive, and it's really very well-tailored. It does require ongoing monitoring and maintenance but is the sort of thing that built a foundation of trust that enabled this to happen and I think it's indicative of the type of innovation that needs to happen in natural resource management founded on the science that we have today. So, going forward, then I guess my conclusion would be I think the model that the company and that dr. Pamplin and commissioner Sten set with that years ago I think can be region wide. We had a summit meeting where mayor Potter and commissioner Saltzman participated. Back in june, mayor daly was here from chicago, and we had this connecting green alliance to explore new ways in which major employers, businesses such as ross island sand and gravel, government agencies and volunteer organizations really can work together on natural resource issues. Landowners, property owners. And the working relationships developed in this transaction that closes today. It ought to be something that serves as a model going into the future. One objective adopted at that various agencies around the region and nongovernmental organizations have all committed to is let's see if we can restore 10,000 acres of degraded natural areas in this region. Let's make that a goal. We've also adopted goals with regard to trail construction, with regard to access to park services around the region. But this restoration one, 10,000 acres is an ambitious goal. This 45 acres is really a great example and such a visible one that -- you know -- all of us in that connecting green alliance want to work with

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your various bureaus to help make restoration happen. And so, again, just congratulations both to you and to ross island sand and gravel for the perseverance and, again, in particular the panel you just heard, mr. Houck, mr. Salniger, ms. Frank, mr. Williams, the time and patience they have put in as well as dr. Pamplin's time and patience. It's a great model to us all. Thank you.

Potter: I'd like to invite gil kelly up and also dave mccallister.

Gil Kelley, Director, Planning Bureau: Thank you, mayor Potter, members of the city council. We just wanted to add our voices to those of thanks to dr. Pamplin, to you, mayor Potter, commissioner Sten, and mayor katz who provided the leadership on this as well as to mike, bob, and travis who have done heroic work here. I'd like to thank chris dirth of my staff who was very helpful to you, mayor Potter, in the days in which you were negotiating this piece. I mostly wanted to say on behalf of the river renaissance bureau directors involved here that we pledge to provide long-term stewardship for this great donation, and that will be done in this particular case by the parks bureau in the lead, and you'll hear from dave in just a moment about that. This is will important for the larger river renaissance in that it provides momentum in a critical category of our effort, which is to secure for long-term heritage of our city key habitat sites along the river. As you know, we're developing sites up and down the river for active hugh man and economic use, and it's also important to balance that with long-term acquisition and improvement and stewardship of natural habitat areas. That's the embodiment of the river renaissance. To hear the testimony today and to know that that's been accomplished through a three-way collaboration between a private entity, between nonprofit groups and the city, is really again kind of the embodiment of the spirit of the river renaissance. My thanks to all of you for helping to keep the dream alive.

> dave mccallister, manager of Portland parks and recreation. I want to be brief as well, but we were going to join in the chorus of celebration here for the donation of this portion of ross island. Mayor, as you mentioned earlier, this is an important piece of habitat along with oaks boot tom, holgate slough. The reaches the largest and most significant habitat south of sellwood bridge, and we're delighted to have that. As you know, it comes into our property port foal yo of parks, and the city will manage this as part of its another 7500 acres of natural areas and green space, and in that we dedicate -- you know -- the interest there for protecting biodiversity, enhancing clean water, and other ecosystem services. So ross island now becomes the most significant of three islands that parks manages on the willamette river. There's the tow island adjacent to ross island and also elk rock island, which is on the southern edge of the city. Now, consistent with the donation agreement, city within parks department will manage the property as a wildlife sanctuary and with no public access allowed at least into the foreseeable future until you work on a management plan. Through the generous donation of dr. Pamplin, we've also established a \$100,000 trust fund, and you have that check in your hand, mayor, and that will be used to improve the habitat conditions on the island. The city nature staff has already been out and done an assessment of the island -- assessment of the island, and we have the vegetation documented and the condition of that vegetation. We're going to be using that \$100,000 to improve these habitats and to do that to maximize the habitat values for the future and the use for wildlife for that island. So, again, we want to thank dr. Pamplin for this generous gift, and parks is committed to manage this as part of the legacy that dr. Pamplin's providing to the city and also to the future citizens of Portland. So thank you again. Appreciate it.

Potter: Thank you, both. I also have a letter from bill wyatt, who's executive director of the port of Portland. They own a small part of the northern tip of ross island and have assured us in this letter that they will work with the city of Portland to ensure that there's a consistent management plan in place that they will participate and support. So that's good news as well. Are there people signed up to testify?

Moore-Love: We have one person signed up, sarah culp.

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Potter: Before sarah begins, I have to say sarah used to work in my office, and she did a lot of the early work with dr. Pamplin's office and also the other city offices that were involved in this. And then veronica valenzuela also took it over after sarah left. Sarah, thank you very much for what you did. Veronica, thank you. You folks worked tirelessly on this. You were in the background but, in terms of getting the job done, you were right at the front. So thank you.

Sara Culp: My name is sara culp, and i'm here as a normal old resident of southeast Portland, and I just wanted to say congratulations and thank you to the city council and dr. Pamplin for this historic donation and agreement for our city. Ross island is a real gem and was one of the moments when I realized that I had totally fallen in love with Portland was when I was paddling down the channel between ross island and oaks bottom and showing it off to my family, and they said, oh, my gosh. We can't believe, in the middle of this big city and this huge urban area, there is this place where you can be totally peaceful and tranquil and see eagles and herons and almost forget that you're in the middle of a city and enjoy the serenity but also look up and see the beautiful urban landscape of Portland, too. So I just wanted to thank you for the work to protect this opportunity, and to press ahead with the vision of the river renaissance and reminding Portlanders that we have this amazing river system right in the middle of our city, and I hope more people will get down at water level and enjoy that view of our city. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you, sarah.

Moore-Love: That's all who signed up.

Potter: Please call the vote on the resolution.

Leonard: Well, there couldn't have been a more fitting conclusion to today's ceremony than what sarah just said and the passion with which she said it, and she called it a historic donation which actually kind of stole some of the thunder of what I wanted to say. Certainly dr. Pamplin is known as being a very successful businessman, and he is, and certainly he is known as being a selfless philanthropist and is, but that's not how I think of him as I have met with him and talked with him and viewed what he's doing today. I think of him as the historian that he is. And I used to have a professor at Portland state, dr. Webb, history professor, who loved to say that political science is history poorly taught. And I think he was thinking of historians like dr. Pamplin when he said that, because true historians don't become mired in the past. They look at the past in order to create a clearer vision for the future, of what the future should be like and what the future can be like based on the experience of our civilizations -- civilizations. Dr. Pamplin absolutely understands that this is beyond a gift. This is beyond philanthropy, this is, as sarah says, a historic moment creating a new era for a piece of property that Portlanders have really salivated over for generations. And it is only dr. Pamplin's, I think, understanding of that property in the context of the history of the city and the future of the city that allowed this to happen, and I recognize that and I appreciate it. Thank you. Aye.

Saltzman: Well, I want to also offer my deep and sincere thanks to dr. Pamplin for his very generous donation of ross island. In some respects, it's the culmination of his generosity throughout the city, to preserving history of our city, and also to making Portland a two-newspaper town once again, and I think that's an accomplishment --

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Saltzman: -- that suits all of us well. The more competition we have among newspapers, I think the better we all are. Local newspapers as well being beefed up is another step. Clearly it's a success we're heralding today is a legacy that he leaves for this city that i, my family, all of our citizens will continue to cherish forever. So thank you, dr. Pamplin, i'm pleased to vote aye.

Sten: I also want to thank dr. Pamplin. It's been a really pleasure working with you and watching you work the last few years, and I think 100 years ago, there was basically a decision made that you cannot run a city and have healthy rivers. The basic strategy that the city took was to dump the sewage into the rivers and to let them clear things out, and I think we're in the process of coming up

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with not only a better vision. The vision is actually these days the easier part to get to, that we want the rivers and industry to work, rebuild the city in which we restore the habitat, fish and wildlife can live, and we also continue to have a city. I think dr. Pamplin set out to say we have 600 people working here who have family wage jobs. We want to keep those jobs, we've got to find a way. Concrete is a green product that we are going to continue to use for a very long time, and so there had to be a way to transition this. And I think the committee we worked on trying to look at different alternatives was all done, paid for by ross island and dr. Pamplin in public, and we just debated things and put things out there. Usually, when I sit on these kinds of committees, there's a sense of, we start here and end there, and this committee's job is to do it. Dr. Pamplin said to me, as I chaired the committee, air out all the possible ways to change how we're doing things, and we will review those, look at those, and figure it out. It's a hard thing, and I don't think too many cities have pulled it off to figure out how to take wildlife and make it work. I think this really is a legacy piece. I also think it argues for the entire rest of the greenway inside of our city, what we need to continue to do. I had the challenge and privilege of leading some of our endangered species effort as few years ago, and there isn't an inch of the willamette in Portland that hasn't been affected by humankind, and so it's not a matter of protecting the green space. It's going back in and trying to rebuild it and redo it. The wonderful thing about cities is that they get renewed and redeveloped over time. If you come back 100 years from now, there won't be a block in the city that looks the same. This is our chance, thanks to dr. Pamplin's vision and generous leadership, to build on it, and I want to thank mayor Potter and mayor katz who I think took the resources and said, this is a big priority for the city. We're going to get this thing done. It's really exciting. I've had the chance to go by in, I think, a kayak with mike and on a boat with dr. Pamplin and certainly been above it in air and driven by a lot of times, and I think this will be a chance for many people to see what's right in front of them. I'm not sure all Portlanders realize how terrific an asset this is. I do agree with david bragdon that this is a building block towards -- it may be the most significant 45 acres but is a building block towards those 10,000 acres so we can get to the habitat where the city can function with nature. This is a terrific step forward and a legacy for what I think ought to be called pamplin island. Aye.

Potter: I don't think we have a resolution for that, but we can certainly work on it. We only own a portion of that island, so -- [laughter]

Potter: But I do want to thank you, dr. Pamplin. You've been a man of your word and I appreciate that. I'm starting at this \$100,000 check. That's what you said you would do. I am going to be going out friday in a canoe to look at our newest park and your generous gift to this city and to our future. I really truly thank you for that. I also want to thank mayor katz. I'm sorry she can't be here this morning with us. I know this means so much to her. And on her behalf, i'd like to thank you as well. And to the citizens of Portland, I hope that, in the future, you, too, are able to take a canoe ride by this beautiful, beautiful wildlife area and see what is there and appreciate it and understand the importance that it is to our green spaces and our habitat protection here in Portland. I'd like to thank mike houck and bob salinger and travis williams and all the good folk whose worked on this. And to our staffs, you, too, have done a tremendous thing for our community. We're celebrating today, but I think probably, in another 100 years, people will still go by in their canoes past ross island and take a look at what a very generous man gave to our city. I vote aye.

*****: [applause]

Item 1294.

Potter: Please call the vote on the ordinance.

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

Potter: Aye. I think we have a signing to complete. Do we have the documents here?

*****: We have a notary. Right?

*****: I am a notary.

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*******:** Great.

*******:** [applause]

Potter: And, vera, I know you've watching. This is the rock that -- this is yours, and this one is mine. They won't be confused.

*******:** [laughter]

*******:** Mine's smaller than yours.

*******:** [laughter]

Moore-Love: Mayor, before we hang up with commissioner Saltzman, he has requested we hear item 1317, the other emergency ordinance on the agenda.

Potter: Authorize -- could you please. Is that ok, folks to, move to that other emergency ordinance?

Moore-Love: 1317.

Sten: As long as we keep it brief. We've got a 10:00 time certain.

Potter: It's going to be brief.

Item 1317.

*******:** We're just here to answer any questions you might have.

Leonard: Brief.

Potter: Anybody signed up to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Potter: Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye.

Item 1295

Sten: For the record, it's not wise to keep commissioner kafoury waiting.

Potter: I understand that. Thank you, commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you. Bye-bye.

Potter: Please read the 10:00 a.m.

Saltzman: Ok. I'm ready.

Potter: I think you're still on the line.

Leonard: This might get interesting. Maybe we should just be quiet and listen. [laughter]

Potter: Please read the 10:00 a.m. Time certain. Commissioner Sten?

Sten: I couldn't think of anything after getting the ross island done, which has been going for a long time, that would give me more pleasure than that, but it actually happened, two things in a row. I'm bringing forward the nomination of commissioner gretchen kafoury to the housing authority board. Just in case anybody out there does not know, in addition to having the dubious distinction of being my mentor, gretchen has a very distinguished history, and I think it's really beginning with her election to the city council in 1990 that lead and made real the current movement to have Portland try to be a place where we have affordable housing. She started pushing policies that are now coming to fruition. The city has done 12,000 of the 14,156 forwardable housing units in partnership with the housing authority in nonprofits and for profits, and I think more importantly we've created a sense that what gretchen argued in 1990 and people didn't see coming at that time was that the city is going to succeed, but it may not be a place for everyone. Under mayor Potter's leadership and certainly commissioner Leonard and all of my colleagues, I think gretchen probably could only wish in 1990 that you'd see things like a 30% setaside. It was impossible to discuss those kinds of issues. I think she started us off. I would say she retired from the affordable housing game, because she's been very present, but I would say she took a little bit of a break from taking formal positions and decided, after leaving the council and teaching at p.s.u., that it was not the time to actually sit onboards. I don't know quite what our chair at the housing authority, jeff backrack and steve redman said to her, because I have tried to convince her to serve on this board in past

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appointments that I had and failed, but she has said yes, so I really think that it will lead to you hearing some things and being pushed very hard in directions that you probably want to go but can't quite get to, having an advocate of this caliber only serving the housing authority very, very well. It's my pleasure to introduce former city commissioner, county commissioner, state legislator, and godmother of the housing movement, gretchen kafoury, to sit on the housing authority board if, after that long introduction, she still wants to do it.

*****: [laughter]

Potter: Would you like to make a statement?

Jeff Bachrach, Chair, Housing Authority of Portland: I'm jeff bachrach. I can't add anything to what eric said. We will welcome her strong, engaged voice on our commission, and I think it will make our agency even that much stronger. We didn't have to do a lot of arm twisting. We were thrilled andy lighted she ac -- and delighted she accepted. I know she's not interested in any speech making here today, so I have nothing more to say other than to present gretchen for your confirmation. Gretchen, do you really want to get out without -- we'll be back in the future asking.

Gretchen Kafoury: We'll be here. I'm gretchen kafoury, and I am delighted to get back into my deepest passion, which is affordable housing, and i'm retiring from Portland state in the spring, and my kids have been a little nervous that I would get bored and bother the grandchildren too much, so 8 greed, when I was asked, that this was the right time and the right job. So i'm delighted to accept the nomination. Thank you very much.

Potter: Thank you very much. Is anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one else signed up.

Potter: Please call the vote.

Leonard: Well, gretchen sits here as the boss of a majority of the sitting council right now, at least the former boss. She was erik's boss and she was mine when she was commissioner in charge of fire.

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Kafoury: That was interesting.

Sten: There was a time when sam thought he was her boss, but --

Leonard: I'm sure she disabused him of that notion just as she did me. My history with gretchen goes back as an intern in 1975 in the house majority office, and she was a new member, and she caught my attention then as an aspiring young person just becoming exposed to politics with her passion and conviction, and I have been a fan and admirer of hers for all these years. It's really an honor to be in a spot all these years later to confirm you. Thank you. Aye.

Sten: Aye.

Potter: Thank you, gretchen. I think this is just one more element of your service to our community. It's deeply appreciated. You are deeply esteemed, and we look forward to you pushing us.

Leonard: You will.

Potter: We know you will. I vote aye.

Leonard: Thank you.

Potter: We're going to move to the regular agenda. Please read item 1313.

Item 1313.

Potter: Staff?

Sten: Sorry. A quick introduction. I'm really excited to bring this. This is a new program that the p.d.c. Is getting into with the help of us, the city financing side of things, and seine live the city is going to go into -- essentially the city is going into a partnership with the state of Oregon. I'll let these guys explain the details. They essentially offer a more affordable way to finance mortgages for first-time buyers. Why i'm so excited about this is that I think we've had a focus on wanting to

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help 80% of median income first-time buyers. I'm not saying that exactly but give or take that range. Everybody's been focused on this. The problem has been that housing prices are so expensive that those buyers -- we're doing housing, so I can't come down and celebrate. Those buyers can't quite make it. At the same time, what we've run into year after year is that, by our own policies that gretchen started and pushed, we try and put the cash to poorer people, and it's just really your classic health rationing kind of situation where you've got to go for the disease that's worse. People living on the street also is a bigger problem than families struggling to now buy a home. But it's not by much. We've come up with a strategy to use the state resources, to use the credit of the city to actually make it more this forwardable for -- afford fable for families -- affordable for families to buy. As you'll see from the presentation, I don't think it's coincidental that we just got javier over from the Portland housing center and the banking board and the banking world to p.d.c. So we could come up with new innovations. Thank you. I'll turn it over to you.

Javier Mena, Portland Development Commission: Javier mena from the Portland development commission and housing department. We are here to talk to you about the -- there is a power point there. Basically three things. What we have here is there's an additional tool to help families buy homes. We're going to talk about how the m.c.c. Works as well as what we ask of you today. As you all are aware, the this forwardability -- there's an affordability concern in Portland, and the median price in Portland is \$295,000 based on our m.l.s. Year-to-date. Based on conservative numbers, we estimate that a family, regardless of family size, will have to earn in the neighborhood of about \$79,000 to be able to afford that home -- afford that home. Affordability transcending income levels, race or ethnicity.

Sten: And that's probably about 20,000 more than the median income so that's the gap.

Mena: Also we are talking about addressing some of the city's initiatives such as "operation home" and the "schools, families and housing" initiative, and we wanted to make sure we address those. Some of the tools, as commissioner Sten talked about, that we currently to us to help families into home ownership are the limited tax abatement, which kind of addresses the 80-100% median family income. We also have the home repair loans to address to help those families in need into home ownership and also make sure they stay in their home, tools that we currently have. And then we go into where I feel very excited about the opportunity of talking to you about this. It does provide another tool to really help families into that home ownership especially in the city of Portland where once again the affordability is an issue. This program allows for a family that otherwise would qualify for a certain amount be able to qualify for a higher amount and buy that home in the city. One of the public testifies we're going to have, we're going to hear from becky hamm that has an example of how that truly helps a climate she's working with currently. So it's a very, very important tool for citizens of the city. We kind of kept the same limits as the Oregon bond, and the reason for that is because we were working -- we will be working with the lending community and wanted to make sure we keep it consistent. So that's why we kept this thing targeting as the Oregon state bond did. We also -- obviously there's target areas, and we included a map that shows what the targeted areas are, and you can see most of them are in the -- outer southeast, north, northeast Portland that we want to work on as well, keep the stability and diversity in the areas as well. I will tell you who would benefit from this mortgage certificate. It's basically for first-time home buyers in the targeted areas. That first-time home buyer component does not have to be there, and once again it is to stabilize a neighborhood and diversify the neighborhood beyond just ethnicities but also about income levels as well. The properties have to be owner occupied in order for the homeowner to be able to benefit from this program, and they have to -- if it's no longer occupied, they will no longer be able to benefit from the program. As well as there is a recapture feature that is established by the i.r.s. That says, if you sell -- if the homeowner sells the property within the first nine years and they have earned more than a certain level of income, they will have to -- there would be a tax attached to the gain on that property. And, once again, because it is a tool to help

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families into home ownership and, at the same time, we don't want to be utilized just for opportunistic reasons but to really help establish the city as a viable city for families. And to address some of your concerns, commissioner Leonard, that we talked about yesterday as to why don't we just make this available to families and restrict it to families, we looked somewhat into that, and we will run into some federal housing laws that -- you know -- we don't want to address -- we don't want to get into at this point, some legal issues that we may get into. We would be targeting, and most of that will be targeted marketing directly to families and using the nonprofits and partnering with the lenders to make sure that we target the families in the city of Portland. Nonetheless, like we spoke earlier, we will look at this a year from now and see exactly where we are at and if there's a need to make changes and, at the same time, look more into it from that perspective as being more exclusive to families. And then, from that, it shows in the following slide an example taking a family income of 66, 9, purchase price of \$300,000, what interest would be paid on that mortgage. And based on different calculations there are assumptions here but basically saying everything remains equal, once we know how much the net income is, what the tax liability would be. And when you see that, when you bring in the 20% mortgage credit certificate, it actually lowers the tax liability for the home buyer. And so, with that, you're actually putting money into the family's pocket so they can actually afford that home. So it's a true benefit. It's a dollar-for-dollar credit as opposed to a deduction. With that, you will turn it over to Eric, and he can talk more about the specifics of the requests.

Eric Johansen, Office of Management and Finance: Eric Johansen, debt manager in the office of management and finance. The mortgage credit certificate program was established by the federal government in the early '80s. One of the requirements of the program is that the entity that is seeking the credits must have mortgage revenue bond issuance authority. So one of the actions that we're asking you to take today on the ordinance is to grant 20 million in mortgage revenue bond authority under the state's uniform revenue bond act. But I want to make sure this is the first time I've ever come to council and say we're asking you to authorize bonds but we're not going to be issuing bond. You have to have the bond issuance authority to make an exchange for mortgage credit certificates at a 4-1 rate. If you authorize the 20 million, we go to the private activity bond allocation process and, based on the 4-1 exchange rate, we get \$5 million of mortgage credit certificates. Even though we're asking you for revenue bond issuance authority, we won't be issuing bonding. We're simply getting the authority that's required by the federal government in order to offer the program to homeowners. Assuming we get approval of the ordinance, we will be making an application to the state private activity bond committee for the volume cap allocation. It's a competitive process, but based upon the dollars that are available so far this year, it looks like there's a lot of capacity available, so we're pretty confident that we will be able to get it. I think the intent is to go to the committee in January, so we'll know at that point in time whether or not we have the private activity bond allocation available for the program. So we need both of those things in order to make the program available. Bond authorization and private activity cap allocation. So the ordinance that you've got this morning really does four things. It authorizes mortgage revenue bonds under the uniform revenue act. It authorizes an intergovernmental agreement between the city and p.d.c. relating to the program. It authorizes the submission of the volume cap application to the state. And finally it authorizes the creation and operation of the m.c.c. Program. It is a nonemergency ordinance, and we'd be requesting approval of that.

Sten: Any questions? You don't have to pass a test on the financing.

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*****: If you authorize it.

Leonard: This is a first reading. We'll vote on it next week?

Sten: Yeah.

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Leonard: So I can just further explain the issue that I was discussing with javier yesterday and the p.d.c. Folks, an individual at this income level, I am less inclined to want to subsidize to get into housing than I am a single parent with children or a couple with children. We have witnessed over a 20% drop in enrollment in Portland public school, and that's due to the cost of housing and families finding it necessary to be able to find housing they can afford, then move out to places like david douglas, centennial, parkrose, reynolds, where their population in the schools is exploding. I understand the answer that there might be some challenges in terms of law, but i'd really like the focus and the outreach to be targeted to single parents with kids, moms and dads with kids, whoever has a family with kids to benefit from this program, because it compliments greatly the work commissioner Sten is doing around schools and housing and affordability and obviously has an exponentially greater economic impact. We have more kids going to schools, Portland schools get more a.d.m., which allows them to hire more teachers, so on and so forth. I want to make sure that concern is within that frame of reference that, in my view, this program could be outstanding if we get the right people that we want, and that is people with children that will go to Portland public schools and to this housing. So I look forward to a year from now or whenever seeing what the benchmarks are, who it is we're getting into this housing, how successful it's been.

Mena: We will do that.

Potter: Questions? Thank you, folks. Is anybody signed up to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: We have two people signed up.

Potter: Please come forward, folks. Thanks for being here. When you speak, please state your name for the record, and you each have three minutes.

Becky Hahn: Becky hahn with albina community bank. I am the residential manager and direct endorsement underwriter. My example that I have brought has to do with a single mother with one child. She makes just barely for a two hitch people family \$43,450 which is 80% for two people in a family. She qualified. She qualifies, but what exactly this will do, as an underwriter, if I were to look at this, I would say, because of how the m.c.c. Works that I could give her an additional income of -- if it was for a \$225,000 home, I could give her an additional amount of \$222 and 48 cents for income to make her qualify for a higher mortgage than what she is right now and make it more comfortable for her. If I went and I did the loan for a sales price of \$250,000, then I could, after taking what the annual interest is and taking the 20% that m.c.c. Certificate, I could use an income that goes with the income she already makes at her own job. So this enables her to be able to -- enables her to be able to qualify for a higher amount in a house and possibly maybe in a better area. Like you said, to put her so that her children will stay in school, and she's trying to provide them with something better than what she had. And I believe that, with this program, we really can. And albina bank very strongly endorses the m.c.c. Program, because we are a community bank, and we are there to help the minorities and underprivileged people, and this would work very well in our bank to help give a little bit more diversity on what type of financing we could do for these people.

Peg Malloy: Hi. I'm peg malloy, Portland housing center. I'm really pleased to be here to support the mortgage credit certificate. One thing about being around for a long time is you can see things roll back around. There used for a mortgage credit certificate, a fabulous program. It works well with people that are self-employed. And we can talk about the creative class here. And it does work well with families as well. The odd thing about families is that they tend to buy a home before having a family. Commissioner Sten could be an example of that. So sometimes it's hard to grab on to the family when they have the children. It's easier to grab them when they're still planning. One thing I like about this program is it's another tool. It's not the panacea. In the map behind you, what we're seeing is that home buyers are moving to the right of the map and to the bottom of the map and moving out of the city. While we have other initiatives in the city in terms of schools, in terms of minority homeownership, because of the affordability problem that we have

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in Portland, this is another way, because of the example given -- and if you give somebody \$200 more, that means they can buy in the city of Portland, not in clackamas and not in outer Multnomah county. So it's an important program in that regard. I'm amused that the eagles can move to ross island but more of us are moving to the fringes of the city. And I have so much love for this city, and I want to see more people be able to afford it, and that's one this thing that this 100, 125 families can do, and I hope you'll vote for it. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you.

Moore-Love: That's all who signed up.

Potter: It's a nonemergency and moves to a second reading. What time next week will it be heard?

Moore-Love: We have no council next week. That will move to november 14th, the 9:30 session.

Potter: November 14th at 9:30. Please read items 13, 14, and 15 together.

Items 1314, 1315.

Potter: Commissioner Adams has requested these items be pulled back. Have any objection?

Sten: No. I worked a little with commissioner Adams, and it's a very exciting project, a new building that's going to come right behind the old plaid pantry in that vacant lot on burnside. What this is about is we've been working on the concept of allowing the developers to build -- which only makes sense in these historic places -- over the sidewalk like the old burnside buildings do. I think it's called a marquis building. It makes a tough site a little more economic. In the case of burnside, that's what the old buildings did.

Leonard: Cool.

Sten: I think it will be a really nice addition and probably a spot that nobody would have really imagined a nice new building.

Leonard: Thanks.

Potter: Please read item 1316.

Item 1316.

Potter: Second reading. Please call the vote.

Leonard: It's really my pleasure to be able to support this. Thank you, guys, for all your work. Aye.

Sten: Great job. Aye.

Potter: Peace. Aye.

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Potter: Please read item 1318.

Item 1318.

Potter: This was, I think, submitted by commissioner Saltzman. Is there anybody here who wishes to testify to this matter? Any questions from commissioners? Ok. It's a nonemergency, moves to a second reading. We are in recess until 2:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

At 10:58 a.m., Council recessed.

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Item 1319.

Potter: Please read the 2:00 p.m. Time certain.

Potter: Commissioner Sten?

Sten: Thanks, mayor. I think this -- susan anderson is going to come up -- michael armstrong is going to come up. Now we know where the real brains are. It almost feels like we just did this, because we did a very fun thing this morning, and three of us were at the county commission, because it's a joint strategy with Multnomah county. Since 2001 we've had a joint strategy with Multnomah county, and it builds upon the city of Portland's 1994 strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. And actually 1994 was very early in this struggle, and I mentioned this morning thanks to former commissioner mike lynn berg, who got -- lynn berg. And we now are the only community in this country of any size to have reduced greenhouse gas emissions slightly below 1990 levels b. 1%, and we're about 12-13% per capita below where we were in 1990. Given our population growth has been in the range of 15% during that time period, it's a substantial change. And I think it actually bodes very well for successfully making an argument which we're Trying to make today, and have been making for quite a few years, that not only can we reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we can do so economically, and we've seen our economy get better during this time period. Now I think mayor Potter, commissioner Saltzman, commissioner Leonard are leading efforts to say, this kind of work is not only good for our economy, it is our economic development strategy. The challenge we're throwing out, because most people know some of this history, is it's not enough. And I think if you look at what we've done so far, most of our globalling efforts have been good results of other successes. We do land use planning, transportation, parks, we do green buildings, biofuels. All of those things create a higher quality of life and reduce emissions. I've come to say over the years I think greenhouse gas emissions are almost like an indicator of livability. If you are building a city that's more livable you're going to emit less. That's kind of what we've done. We've got great numbers, but as michael armstrong will show us, per capita reduction is not going to change the trend, and 1% reduction in overall is not going to change the trend. Some believe we need an 80% reduction. The challenge that commissioner Saltzman and I are offering in this resolution to all of our bureaus is to work very hard over the next short period of time and come back to us with What would we need to do to really change the trend. Some of the scientists believe it's an 80% drop that's necessary. If we're going to expect the rest of the world to join us as commissioner roberts was asking about at the county this morning, I think we're going to have -- if we're the place that can get it done, we're not going -- we're going to have to get not just the next level, but quite a few levels beyond that, whatever that is. I believe the good news is our citizens are focused on this. I really think that one of the ideas, I don't know if it will work, i've been tossing around with my staff, maybe we should put ideas on the ballot? Maybe we should take some things that would be bigger than we could go for and see what our citizens think any have a feeling people are look at things london has done, things are happening in san francisco, austin, other places. One of my idea, let's find the 10 most effective kind of next ideas that are out there and all the 10 different cities and bring them all back to Portland and see. I think that -- I don't --

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we've been working at this collectively for 13, 14 years. And I don't think -- I think we failed -- we'll fail miserably if 14 years from now we do the amount of work today we're championing as huge progress. This is a call to action, and a frenly one. I think based on our track record we can get there. With that i'll turn it over to My cohort in global warming reduction, commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: I just want to echo the comments of commissioner Sten. I think in addition to an important issue around the planet and our community, there is also economic opportunity for Portland businesses. And I think to a certain extent the reputation Portland and Multnomah county have already in far sighted policies on green buildings, we have the city and the county share a joint food policy council, a joint sustainable development commission, a joint toxics reduction strategy. To the extent we tackle these issues, we also help build the expertise locally to help us deal with these issues, or to help green buildings be green. And that expertise gets its start here. And increasingly we find that it's exporting itself to other countries and to other cities, whether it's los angeles or china, and one of the goals we haven't met yet in any large degree is making sure that the jobs that are created around sustainability, around combatting globalling, translate into some working class job opportunities too. We want to have more jobs in Portland and mument county for the people who build the things, the stuff that green buildings are made out of, or the stuff that wind turbines and photo voltaic things are made of. There's encouraging signs, we're starting to see some of those blue collar job opportunities. But I think as commissioner Sten Said, we get there by staying in the van garden. And certainly a lot of other cities -- it's great -- have strong concerns about global warming, but Portland does have a niche that it can excel in, and part of it is our reputation, and there's nothing wrong with being shameless and building on our reputation, because it does, again, feed into the whole economic development cycle. And certainly there's no ownership of good ideas. And to the extent as commissioner Sten said, there's other cities doing interesting things, we should look at doing those here too. Finally i'll conclude by saying that it is important local governments to act, but hopefully there will be a day when we start to see more federal policy, too. And I hope that day will come maybe january 1st or 2009, whatever the inaugural date is for the next president. But we've had leadership sorely lack at a national level, and we need to change that as well. And maybe that happens by moving upstream, starting local and moving national. Thanks.

Potter: I just wanted to add, i've been thinking a lot about what commissioner lonnie roberts said this morning about everybody else isn't doing this. And I think that in addition to all the things that we can do as a city, I think we've got to do what we can to help other communities, and even other countries look to see how they can increase sustainability. He mentioned india and china, and after we made our presentation to you folks, I stopped by pat lacrosse out in the hall, and he had just come back from china. And he said, "you know, the chinese are really hungry for information on sustainability. If you tell them it works, they'll do it." and so even as we visit, for instance, next year i'll visit our sister city in china, we want to take information there that can help them formulate better policies, since they're becoming a colossal user of world energy that we need to do what we can to assist them in those decisions. So with all the other fine points made about what's happening locally, we can take pride, I think part of our mission, part much our strategy has to be how do we export this particular idea -- ideas and strategies around the world and around our country. So I know we're going to be going to chicago next week to do that on a national level, but also I think if our federal government doesn't act, the least we can do is step into that role and do what we can to help out. I really want to thank Multnomah county and chair wheeler and commissioner cogan for being here today to talk. Commissioner, did you want to make any -- could you folks please come up? It's your turn. Thank you very much for being here.

*****: Thank you, mayor.

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Michael Armstrong, Office of Sustainable Development: Shall I go ahead and do a Little bit of the background?

Armstrong: My name is michael armstrong. I work with the city's office of sustainable development. We could switch to the power point presentation here. I want to offer just a very quick snapshot of the science behind this so we're up to date on what the challenges are. I'll talk a little bit about the policy background. As commissioner Sten noted, Portland and the county have been working on this for quite a few years, review the highlights and just a couple words on the challenge ahead. We need to keep that in mind as we go intoery advising the climate plan. The chart in front of you shows a couple of greenhouse gasses and also a temperature trend going back over the last 400,000 years. It looks kind of techie, but at the same time you can see that the green and blue lines which are the greenhouse gasses, tend to move at the same in tandem with the red line, which is temperature at the bottom. There's a very well established relationship between those greenhouse gasses, and temperature. We can now track it back 800,000 years, and if you look at the right-hand side of the screen where you can see the green lane -- green line, which is methane, and the blue line, carbon dioxide, the protest prevalent greenhouse gas, headed the same direction, that is signalling very clearly that temperature is bound to follow. And there are still some unshet Advertise, and the uncertainties are exactly how bad it will be and what some of the indirect effects may be. In the pacific northwest it's quite well established that we are going to see a temperature increase. We are already seeing a temperature increase. Per expecting another degree and a half over the next -- over the last hundred years we've seen a degree and a half over the next hundred years it's possibly several times that. For us the biggest impacts are in the water cycle. When snow falls in the winter, if it gets a little warmer, less falls as snow, more falls as rain, that means moore water coming out of the mountains in the spring, when we really don't need it, less water available in the summer when we do. We need it for agriculture, we need it for fish, we need it in some communities for drinking water. They're not here. We're also expecting a lot more vairability. Similar issues with forests. They're extremely threatened by climate change. We're expecting more drought, more heat, more fire, more pests. And none of those things are good for the alcohol economy. Lots of people have shown the glacier pictures. It's already in evidence. Over the last hundred years we've watched the elliot glacier on mount hood melt away, and so I think there's also a sense climate change is something that's off quite far in the Future. The reality, it's in evidence today right here in Portland. Ok. As commissioner Sten noted, the city has been at this for a long time. Right down to the five and a quarter-inch floppy diskette that has the original plan on it. Mayor Potter was in Washington, d.c. This summer and the satisfaction of waving that in front of certain members of the house of representatives to note that this is not a new issue, and we've really known what the issues are around this for a long time. Whether we go back and look at that original strategy, the main components are still very sound. The science has changed, but the solutions are there. In 2001 the county joined with the city and were able to broaden the scope of what the plan addresses. The county addresses some parts of the community the city doesn't so clearly, and we also trued up the goal which as it's adopted now s. 10% below 1990 levels by 2010. I'll come back to where we are in terms of progress on that at the end. Though the climate policy is only 15 years old, a lot of the policies that support the work to reduce emissions date back further, and it's always worth noting senate bill 100 in 1973 which established the comprehensive planning requirements for every town in Oregon, really does lay a credit call foundation for this. It's about how communities Function. They've got to do so officially and being -- and be able to provide services affordably and in conveniently to all their citizens. Energy is one important piece of that, and I think that provides the framework for thinking about climate. Since then we've had a host of policies that touch on this. Everything from recycling to green building, bicycle master plan, the renewable fuel standard, just last year and a set of recommendations from the peak oil task force that came earlier in 2007. What we're doing today with your approval will be launching a process

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to revive the city and county's climate protection plan. I want to take just a moment on some of the successes in city operations. It's been an area of focus in our office for many years, and actually goes back to the city's 1990 energy policy. There have been some very systematic efforts to reduce energy use in city facilities. In total the city's energy biennium is \$2 poib 5 million less a day than it would have been had we not pursued all these projects. It's everything from the lighting retrofits that were done in this building, to changing traffic signals to more efficient l.e.d. Technologies. Same kind of opportunities around renewable energy at the wastewater treatment plant we have a lovely renewable resource in sewage gas. You can burn that to create Electricity. We also for a number of years used a fuel cell to process that waste gas into electricity. There are now microturbines there. Right now the bureau of environmental services is in the process of implementing a much larger turbine system where they will generate a lot of electricity, againing use, that waste biogas. This is one example as we look at other city bureaus in the drinking water system, we're generating renewable power in the pipes come out of the reservoirs. I know we're look at solar power now at the water bureau. Transportation -- I have something on that as well. It's a systematic effort to look across the city's facilities. In transportation, one of them is with the fuels we choose. Right now the city's vehicles run at least 50% biodiesel and in the water bureau, all the vehicles that run at lower elevations use 99% biodiesel. The largest, b-99 fleet in the country. We have introducing ethanol as well, fuel efficiency always a priority. The city was an early purchaser of hybrid vehicles. Likewise we're an early purchaser of some of the smart cars that have been released in the u.s. Changing gears to look communitywide, in senate bill 100 and the links between land use planning and transportation, those are fundamental in shaping a community. That's what makes it possible For people to get around without relying on fossil fuels. When we look at some of the changes in terms of light rail, streetcar, bicycling, we're seeing very significant increase in use of all of those modes. The bicycling numbers are particularly impressive. We've seen a five fold increase since the early '90's. In bicycle ridership across the bridges into downtown. A lot of american cities, there's a sense bicycling is ok for those little tiny short trips but it's never going to be a serious mode of transportation. Obviously there are examples in europe where that's not the case is bicycling is very much a way to get around town. I think there's some signs that Portland is moving in that direction. Time will item how far we can go with it. But from a climate perspective and a public health perspective and a local economic development perspective, it's a fantastic strategy. I mentioned earlier the renewable fuel standard, the only one of its type in the u.s. All diesel sold in Portland today with limited exception assist 5% biodiesel. That's set to increase to 10% in another two years. Likewise, all gasoline is 10% ethanol. So to point quickly to a number of accomplishments, quite widespread acceptance of green building, though still a long way to go. Hybrid vehicle ownership is the highest per capita in Portland. And any other metropolitan area. Transit ridership, bike trips, all increasing, vehicle miles traveled, finally, decreasing per capita, likewise gasoline sales, household energy, and we've seen more than a tripling in the recycling rate. All of these things, no one of these things is going to get us to the climate goals, all of them together can help move us in that direction. But I also think they do point to this larger question of the size of the reductions that we need to achieve to really address climate change. You put all these things together, and the trend is encouraging to a point. This chart shows emigs of greenhouse gasses in the united states. The red line along the top, emissions in Multnomah county. The green line, along the bottom, and declining. That's a really encouraging trend as commissioner Sten noted, this graph is showing absolute emission and we're right back at 1990 levels. It's very promising on a per capita basis we're 14% below 1990 levels. Again, extremely encouraging to see that over a period of strong economic growth. This puts those same figures on a longer time scale. You can see that to get to the 1990 goal, we've got our work cut out for us, but the trend is pointing in the right direction. But I really want to call attention to where emissions need to go globally if we're going to address this problem. And that's something in the

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Neighborhood of 75-80% below current levels over the next several decades. I think when you look at the set of strategies we need to get to 10% below, we can piece those together to get there. I think we need to start the conversation about what it's going to take to get to 80% below, because it's a different set of questions. Commissioner Saltzman noted this really does present economic opportunities to us, and I'll just touch briefly on. This in Portland businesses and residents spend more than a billion dollars a year to create carbon emissions. That's an economic opportunity. The less we spend on carbon, the more money that's available for investing in other things, and investing in other things is much better for the local economy, in terms of jobs and wages. And fundamentally this is getting at, we've got to find a way to add receipts climate problem. We have to do it in a way that supports a high quality of life. And a lot of that is about local jobs, a lot of that is about a community that can really thrive, it's got people on the streets, we're out, we're healthy, we know where our food and water and all the rest come from. So climate plan I think is a really key strategy, and within that, but it's one part of a much larger hole. So I very much look forward to working with the county and all bureaus that are listed there. It's quite a list, and we will have our work cut out for us to do that in an integrated fashion. But I think it's an important effort, and one I look forward to working on. Thank you.

Jeff Cogan, Multnomah County Commissioner: Mayor Potter, members of council. I'm Jeff Cogan, Multnomah county. I want to say that hearing Michael's presentation reminds me how daunting the effort is that we face. But I feel fairly optimistic. I feel optimistic partially because in Portland we've done such a good job already, but largely because in a number of the areas that have to do with investing in greenhouse gasses, ranging from the acknowledgment of the fact global warming is a problem to the technologies involved in things like green building and renewable energy, we're really just getting to a critical mass stage. And what we've been able to achieve as a very early adopter, I think should give us an awful lot of confidence about what's possible and what's coming. And I think the particular situation here of addressing global warming is one which gives us the rare opportunity I think to do well by doing good. And I think that Portland really does have a tremendous opportunity here, which I have to acknowledge is somewhat recognized and recognizable because of the terrific leadership this council has brought to the community over the past dozen years or so. We now have -- as Commissioner Sten said, a community that is bought in that this is the right thing to do. A community that recognizes not just that the global warming is a challenge, but that green development is an opportunity. And to get to your point, Mayor Potter, about how we can export this to China, and India, and the rest of the world, I really believe that the best thing we can do is to first demonstrate that it's successful. And we've begun to do that, but to the extent we continue to, to the extent we continue to show that as a community we thrive by pursuing these green goals, I think it becomes a much easier sell, and I just want to say that I really value the city's partnership in this and really appreciate the leadership that this council has shown. And I am pleased that we're taking this next step, and I know 80% is a very daunting goal, but if anyone can do it, we can do it. So thanks.

Ted Wheeler, Chair, Multnomah County Commissioners: Mayor and commissioners, my name is Ted Wheeler, chair of Multnomah county. I want to thank you for this opportunity to speak. I gave a longer statement this morning before the board of county commissioners, so I'll spare you and be to the point. First of all, I want to acknowledge the partnership that developed some time ago around this issue, in 2001. And I want to acknowledge that we're building upon the hard work that others have previously done before us. And I want to acknowledge also the work that Jeff Cogan has done previously in this building with Commissioner Saltzman. Commissioner Leonard asked Jeff and I a provocative question months ago that I want to acknowledge that I've thought about --

Leonard: Can you be more specific?

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Wheeler: The one where you asked what partnership meanings. And if by "partnership" do you mean, we put money on the table to solve your problem. [laughter]

Leonard: That one.

Wheeler: It really stuck in my craw. But I thought about it a lot lately, and I realize the partnership is no -- that partnership is an overused word in the public sector and it frequently does mean we want your money to solve our problem. So i'm glad we're here today unified around an issue we agree on, and that we're all putting resources into the middle of the table and not really caring about whose dollars and cents it is, but what collectively we're going to get out of those dollars and cents. And that's the kind of partnership we should strive for, and that's what we are putting together today. I was very pleased to sigh the mayor and the commissioners come before our board this morning. I think perhaps maybe as a result of that our board voted 5-0 in support of this resolution. So we come completely unified. We ask for three things, number one, that we would continue to update the 2001 plan. Number two, that our office of sustainability under chad west, who is here in the room, would Help staff that effort. And of course they're standing prepared too do that and want to do that. And number three, that we would empanel with you a group of citizens who would help us take the next steps and figure out how to update and what the appropriate next steps are for us to take. So I just want to acknowledge that work, I want to acknowledge the true partnership that we've established here, and I want to mention one tiny thing that I mentioned this morning. There are still people who do not buy the science. And I have to say, I don't know how much more science one needs. And it's probably a lot like the debate that went on around whether the planet was round or whether it is flat. But regardless of your opinion on the science, the fact is, this is still the right thing to do. It's cost effective, it improves our transportation systems and makes them more streamlined and cost effective. It's good for local industry, it's going to help us reduce the amount of tax dollars that we spend on energy in this community, and it's going to give us a greener community which is a value that is widelyes spoused and held in this community. So this is the right thing to do, regardless of how you come to the table and how you see those numbers. So we're pleased to be supportive of this partnership. And we of course hope that you will vote for it.

Potter: Thank you very much.

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

Potter: Questions? Thank you. Do we have folks signed up to testify?

Moore: No one signed up.

Potter: ok. Is there anyone here who wishes to testify to this matter? Please call the vote.

Leonard: I appreciate the great work that's gone into this. But like most initiatives that come before council, generally this group of people share philosophically fairly identical belief systems, and I think each of us here in our own ways as individuals have demonstrated a commitment to do more than what most have done. And when I say each of us, I mean not just us on the council, but those on the county commission and those in our community have demonstrated what we're willing to do more than most to achieve what we consider is a responsible way to exist on the planet that passes it along to our ancestors. Not in as good a shape but better shape than we inherited from our parents. So the c.s.o. work, the green building policy with respect to city-owned buildings, the green roof at the county and so on, demonstrate really more than just words. They demonstrate actions, which is very important to me. But I do want to caution that as we move forward, and of course this is contemporaneous with an issue that we've all been discussing this week on the initiative for carbon neutral Construction of single family dwellings in Portland, that we proceed forward talking to each other, including each other, and to the extent possible, working together because it would be a shame, for instance, in that case not to holistically look at the issue of building a greenhouse. We he water bureau actually constructing a greenhouse on one of the surplus pieces of property that we hope to use as a demonstration model, and thus an incentive to

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the building industry to demonstrate that they can build greenhouses, they can sell them, and people will buy them, even if that means paying more than the average price of a house in a neighborhood because people will pay more to get those kind of features. I believe that, and as a result, we've teamed up with o.s.d. And b.d.s. And planning, and we're going to design and build a really state-of-the-art house. But i'm also mindful that we're trying under commissioner Sten's leadership to try to figure out how to reverse this trend that's been unique in Portland public schools, the depopulation of students, from -- an amount to over 20% over the last 10 years, which is just devastating the Portland public school system, its resources, and it goes to the issue of affordability.

As we have this discussion, we want the same things but we have to balance the needs of those that we serve to make sure we're not pricing people out of the market who end up not being able to live here and have to live somewhere else. I'm also balancing that. So with that one, i'm just -- on that one cautionary note, I would -- i'm very happy to support this and am very also mindful of commissioner Sten's words, which is a primary motive for me in this entire subject area -- this is an economic tool for Portland. We are uniquely situated as a community, as the county and the city, because of the geography, because of a deep water port, because of the closest we have to the east of the cascades which grow a lot of the crops that will be used for these initiatives to not just sustain ourselves, but export these products to other points up and down the hemisphere. And I believe that, and I know others believe that as well, and for us more than most. This makes a lot of sense. This makes a lot of sense to push harder than other communities, it makes sense to notwithstanding my earlier comments, make people uncomfortable a little bit, and nudge them along because this can mean tremendous opportunity for Portland Multnomah county in terms of jobs, tax base, not to mention what we're -- that we're doing the right thing. So thank you all for your work. Aye.

Saltzman: I want to thank mayor Sten and mayor Potter for cosponsoring this and --

*****: Congratulations. [laughter]

Sten: Could be condolences.

Saltzman: Commissioner Sten, mayor Potter, commissioner Leonard for his leadership on biofuels.

Sten: Intern Leonard.

Saltzman: We have the largest biofuels fleet in the country, I wasn't surprised. So anyway -- and certainly chair wheeler and commissioner cogan, we look forward to working together on this to really set some pretty bold accomplishments for us to achieve. And I think that we're up for it, and I think our citizens are up for it too. So look forward to it. Aye.

Sten: Well, I think you've heard my views on this. I am just very excited, and look forward to maybe working with our colleagues at the county to make sure we do get these things back and in front of our citizens on a timely basis. I also think that one other source of -- commissioner Saltzman mentioned, I do think this country is going to, with the next administration, get serious about investing in these technologies. And I think that not only is that a good thing for the country, it gives Portland a very short window where we need to be the first folks ready to take advantage of those things. I think you'll see new ideas, new pushes, and on the down side, I do think our peak oil task force, we're the only city in the country to really at this point take a hard look at peak oil. I think correctly predicts there's going to be an economic shock at some point. But if we're ready for that, and if there's opportunities, I think we're going to come back. In this country where we -- it's not that we'll start subsidizing energy use, it's redirecting billions and billions of dollars of existing subsidy that the country does do away from fossil fuels into sustainable energy. And I think if Portland is poised with Multnomah county, we should be able to really not only demonstrate this, but benefit from it. So it's great work, and I want to thank susan and michael, the team at o.s.d., cat at Multnomah county, and a lot of private sector folks who serve on our commission. There's a lot of people pushing on this, and your job has been to pull it together and actually make it make sense and lead us in the right direction. I think you're doing a terrific job. So thank you. Aye.

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Potter: I want to thank my fellow commissioners for their leadership on this issue. I think there's a lot to do. We talked this morning about the fact that even though we've accomplished much, much remains to be accomplished. And I think we have to, as a council, both the county level and at the city level, look for ways to collaborate and develop partnerships locally, nationally, internationally. I think that since all politics are local, this kind of demonstrated commitment and success and assurance that people can actually make a living doing these things, is going to be a model for the rest of the country and perhaps other parts of our world. So I really want to thank Susan Anderson, O.S.D. folks, the county, and all the good folks who believe that we have moved past trying to prove the problem to solving the problem. So thank you all, and I vote aye. [gavel pounded] thank you. Could you please read the 2:30 time certain?

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Sten: I think I'll ask Chair Wheeler to come back up. Ted is chairing -- I don't think we've done this, where we had the same two presentations more or less at the county and the city at one -- on one day. Chair Wheeler is cochairing with me for the time being. We're going to have a private sector chair as we've rounded out the newest version of our Citizens Commission to End Homelessness. We worked a set of volunteers very hard for about five years, two years of planning and three years of weeding, so we've reconstituted the commission. I think we changed the name to the Home Again Commission last week, and are going to keep pushing into the next three years of the 10-year strategy. I actually think that the council has been briefed relatively recently on how we're doing on the 10-year plan. It's very well. We are working with police, with hospitals, with partners throughout the county, and is a joint plan with Multnomah County. It's the two of us working together, and that cannot be underscored enough, because to help people get off the streets, we found that a housing first model with flexible rent money is the key to having a chance at success, and that comes from the city. But actually getting that success involves services from the county. So if the two of us are not working together, we're wasting our money. And we're working very, very closely together on this. What I wanted to do is give out a couple of wards today for Project Homeless Connect. I think everybody has been and seen Project Homeless Connect. But it grew out of conversations a couple years ago in which -- I talked a lot about this at our commission meeting this week. I have come to believe that there is more than enough goodwill and money, resources, everything that's needed in Portland to have no homelessness. There are -- for example, we started a new partnership with Luis Palau. There are more churches alone in Portland than there are homeless people, and we're not all that church-to-city. There are neighborhood associations, Lions Clubs, an endless splie. There are people who want to help, but it's actually somewhat daunting to figure out how to give people a chance to help in a meaningful way. And Project Homeless Connect came on the books two years ago. What we do is twice a year, we open up either the Coliseum or this last time the convention center, and invite anybody who defines themselves as homeless to come down and take advantage of services. It's a little two-way street. What I found is that the connect is partially connecting homeless families this last time around in September to some services they need but also about connecting us, the nonhomeless community, the regular mainstream Portlanders and Multnomah County residents to helping. I've found that while the homeless get a lot out of the event, in a lot of ways the volunteers get maybe as much or more. We're actually turning away volunteers. So the vision of a homeless access center, which is very close to underway, Mayor Potter and I will be able to announce an actual site here, certainly long before the end of the year, maybe as soon as the next couple weeks. Is to have homeless centered happen every day in a building, in this city. We've tried to make Homeless Connect into a brand. And almost a movement. So the trailblazers are now calling their annual harvest dinner, which will be November 12th this year, the trail blazer harvest dinner Homeless Connect. And the difference isn't just the name, and it isn't just in tying our efforts together. In addition to serving food and giving people a great place to go and a lot of fun during the holidays, now the blazer event also has service connections. Other things

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happening. Super cuts, we're going to be talking b. Is going to be there. So it's more of a connection kind of a event and it's taking an already great event and making it bigger. Luis plaw will have his revival on the shores of the willamette come this summer of '08. They project as many as 100,000 people coming to that. And we're going to have a project homeless connect at the luis palau event. We're going to open up a part -- it's going to be figured out and staffed, and our dream is with these different events that I think we now have a system, we're still going to need to fowsh get more money and make things happen, but we have a pretty good idea now how to get somebody who is really suffering and has had those bonds severed and is really on the street alone, into housing. We now hoe to connect them up with services, and we need more of both of these things. This next piece is how do we welcome that person back into the community. And we see the trailblazers, the churches, the civic groups all becoming a network that one by one we can connect these families up. So we did it in a big way in september with project homeless connect, and I want to thank tara from the chair's office as well as mary carroll from my office. And ruth benson who has been almost full-time to get this event happen, and marshall for putting this on. And i'll ask marshall and ruth to run through a quick overview Of what happened this last september. And chair wheeler will help us give a couple awards to three of our extraordinary volunteers.

Marshall Runkel, Bureau of Housing and Community Development: My name is marshall, I work at the bureau of housing and community development. Thanks mayor and commissioners. Erik hit the high points. I'm going to quickly speak for heather lyons, who couldn't be here today because of a dreadful sewer problem.

Sten: Is that where commissioner Adams is?

Runkel: Maybe. I think this is also -- this is -- we're talking about another ambitious plan. I listened to the global warming plan, and this is another difficult problem. It's another city-county collaboration, and I think it's an authentic representation of what citizens in Portland want government to be working on. So i'm really happy and proud to be working on these issues. We're three years into a plan right now and I think as erik said, the proof of concept is complete. The numbers show that if we put -- invest in these strategies we're going to get people off the streets into housing. We're exceeding our goals on almost every issue. If you look at the street count numbers, it's clear that we still have a ways to go. And that's I think one of the -- going forward one of our most difficult problems. How do we communicate the Successes we're having, while it's apparent that there's still people out there on the streets. And I think what project homeless connect does in its most powerful form, it gets the community involved in helping us solve a problem. I think one of the big themes is the government can't do this by itself. And to really solve this problem, we're going to need to 11 age resources of individuals volunteering, like you'll hear some of the stories later today, and also get the business community entrusted and involved in figuring out ways they can help that don't take them too far out of their comfort zone. Like the blazers example. So ruth is going to talk more about the event itself.

Ruth Benson, Housing and Community Development: In september we welcomed over 1,000 people through the doors to get services at this event. I went ahead and listed a bunch of numbers i'll let you read through. To the -- two of the ones that stood out, we had project return, which is a program support -- program for Portland public schools. We saw over 60 students get signed up for that project. These were students that were already enrolled in school, but the parents, the outreach to these people hadn't happened, and so they didn't realize these services were available to them. So over 60 students now have wrap-around services, which includes transportation to and from school, lunches, thaferg they're going to need to be successful this year. The other thing we saw was, we Had something new in our medical area, we had a psychiatrist come on. This person ended up seeing 10 people. I don't know how she managed that in that squash of hours. I don't think she left her post at all all day. But she saw 10 people and ended up getting them all with follow-up appointments and most of them were without medication. So again, getting most of them

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reconnected to medication and doctors back in the system clks is a huge change for us, being able to do that.

Runkel: The other thing I wanted to underline quickly is two of the most recent bicycle fatalities in the city were people who are homeless. And the trauma nurses stepped up to get involved in our last event and distributed over 500 bicycle helmets to homeless kids and homeless families. So I thought that was an extra effort on their part. In recognition of a current problem.

Benson: That was actually one of the new services at the event. We'd not had the trauma nurse there's before, and they volunteered to bring out about 300 helmets, and halfway through the day they need more helmets. They were fitting each person individually as well as providing them with safety information. We had other transportation alliance groups that were signing people up for alternative transportation modes and getting them cektdd with some of the safer routes in Portland to take for cycling.

I just want --

Saltzman: I --

Leonard: What you meant to say is of the last group of most bicycle deaths, two were homeless, not the most recent two?

Runkel: Right. I'm sorry. Of the -- out of the last 10, two were homeless. Sorry.

Benson: Two of the other pieces we had, brooks staffing came in. This is the first time we've had a temp agency come in and conduct interviews and read resumes right there on the spot. And be able to offer people second interviews and possibly jobs. Out of the 15 folks that met with brooks staffing, 11 people got second interviews. And were seen within the next week. I'm still waiting to hear how many of those folks came out with a job from project homeless connect. And the last piece we really enjoyed was we had somebody volunteer, which we'll hear more b. Brian mcdonald, who volunteered his time and equipment to take portraits of folks. He ended up shooting over 3,000 pictures in the day u. Of the participants that were there. Most amazing photographs. People were coming out laughing, smiling, they had an amazing time getting their photos taken. For some folks this is the first time they'd had their photos taken. It was fun to see people actually not just come in and take care of, I got to get my Immunizations in, but having some fun while they were there.

Sten: Particularly family pictures with kids.

Benson: Yes. And that's what we're going to be exhibiting tonight in the atrium downstairs, there will be an exhibition of some of those photos that were taken. And I wanted to go ahead and say a quick piece for some new partnerships. We sought tricounty lodging association step up in hygiene items. I don't know why it's been difficult for us to get hygiene items from around the city, but tricounty lodging came up with over 14,000 bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, you name it. And people were so appreciative. All of it went. We did not have any left over. And they also ended up donating sheets, blankets, pillows, comforters. They were so impressed by what we were doing they actually signed on to keep helping us out every time we do one of these, as well as between events, helping other organizations. And erik went over these, the next couple projects we have going on is harvest dinner november 12 for the trailblazers. February 26th we're opening up memorial coliseum, and we'll be partnering again with the luis palau association. And this is a growing list of sponsors and partnerships, and I was impressed to see that we were ability to, through the sponsors and partners, leverage close to \$200,000 for the 15 That we put in for this event. And it continues to grow every time. To kind of wrap this up, I wanted to go ahead and show a piece channel 8 did. Maybe, maybe not. It is green. It wasn't green earlier. This there were actually people talking on it earlier.

Potter: Is this part of the new green technology?

Benson: Absolutely. It's just keeping the theme going for today.

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*****: The face of homelessness is changing. The new homeless are families, including a lot of single mothers. News channel 8's dave norfield joins us now.

*****: Homeless connect, hundreds of people turned out to get the help they need. The volunteers who came to help them were surprised, because so many don't fit the homeless stereo type. Here's a portrait of a typical family at homeless connect. Allan brock is a father trying to stay off drugs and alcohol, trying to lift himself up and into a home for his family.

*****: Having a home means, you know, not having to stay with friends, staying on the couch, and, you know, wondering where you're going to get this meal.

*****: This hall at the Oregon convention center was filled with people sharing the same simple goals.

*****: A place to live and a job.

*****: Like alan, monica is living in a shelter with her 7-year-old son. She took advantage of a wide Range of offerings, help with her job search, then she had her haircut by a stylist volunteering from super cuts. There's a new face of homelessness. Many are the faces of children.

*****: I go to school, and I play two sports in whom, and work at the same time.

*****: This student is a native of africa. He came here after his parents died after contracting the aids virus. Now he's a kicker on the jefferson high football team, and homeless. But he says not for long.

*****: I get what I want because I got -- I can work, but I still -- it's not good enough for me.

*****: There are affordable housing units like this one for the homeless, but not enough of them.

*****: It's bad. Housing is very expensive in Portland. But on any given day, there's a unit somewhere.

*****: That's a reason to smile. And a reason for hope.

*****: The city and county are nearly three years into a 10-year plan to end homelessness. Erik Sten says 2,000 people have moved into homes in that time. Back to you.

*****: Thank you.

Sten: We have a couple of awards to give out. Before I ask my lovely assistant to hand out the awards, I will ask if you'd like to add some words to the conversation today.

Ted Wheeler, Chair, Multnomah County Commissioners: Just two. Thank you. Again, this is a partnership that's showing great results. The 10-year plan, the benchmarks you put out there that you had said were originally potentially too aggressive, have been far surpassed. I'm very optimistic about the future. I'll throw in my cautionary note about project homeless connect. And I mentioned this the other day at the home again commission meeting. We don't want it to be a v.i.p. Of its own success. We already pushed away volunteers this year, and we're getting more corporate support, more institutional support, more faith sector support. We need to be able to answer the question when they say, "how can we help?" so it's very important that we really focus on that and have a clearance about how we want to leverage that resource going forward. But again, thanks for the partnership, and would you like me to come forward?

Sten: Why don't I read them and you give them out. Our first certificate of appreciation for project homeless connect '07 goes to the tricity lodging association. I think chris is not here, but we're going to -- we'll get to chris erickson, the general manager of the heathman hotel this, lovely plaque, modeled by my assistant chair wheeler. But let me tell what you the heathman hotel did, for the record. They stepped up, they provided bedding and linens. I think we showed the Statistics. Sheets, towels, blankets, down comforters, toiletries, 14,000, as a matter of fact, and they were given both to nonprofit partners and to individuals who showed up that day. And I really think this shows this next step shows how what we're trying to do and how effective this can be. We've now arairchged with the heathman, who is also leading other hotels, to say when they are model and get rid of furniture they're going to give it to the community warehouse, which is the group that

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provides the furniture when families get into a new place. So it's very exciting, and a great piece. So he's not here, but we'll thank Chris Erickson. And I think I'd point out too, in this third year of the strategy, the council last year, which I really appreciated, provided funding, which is actually paying Marshall and Ruth, and our theory is that the plan is working well enough we need to go out and organize these donations. And that's what these two folks have been doing very, very ably. We'll thank the Tricounty Lodging Association and get their certificate to them. I'm pretty sure the people with the best hair cuts here are the folks from Super Cuts. Not the folks up here no, offense. I wanted to ask Denise and her team to come up. I am so proud of these guys and so excited. At the last four Project Homeless Connects, Super Cuts has done over 300 hair cuts for people. I really have come to believe helping people help themselves get off the street is as much a matter of dignity and spirit as it is the services we provided. We've got to have services, and there's something magical about people about coming to the event -- I don't think they expect that they can have somebody take care of them, give them a haircut, make them look good, and I think feel good about themselves. That's what Super Cuts has been doing. It's really amazing. They've shown up at the Trailblazers event, at the Harvest Dinner, and have been at every single Homeless Connect so far. I actually think the volunteers from Super Cuts have really almost for me, you won't know this, every time I talked about Project Homeless Connect I talked about the hair cuts. To me it's what distinguishes this from sort of a charity drive which is a good thing, and turns it into a connection helping people get back on their feet and feel good about themselves. So I want to thank Super Cuts. [applause]

Potter: They're super.

Sten: And our third award goes to Brian McDonald, the owner of bmac photography. He called us and said he'd like to volunteer, literally almost the day before the event. We pulled him into action, and Brian took over 3,000 photos of the participants. His energy was amazing. I'd be happy if you want to say something, but had did tell our team afterwards that it was almost a life changing event in the sense of this human connection. And I almost hesitate to describe these photos, because they were so powerful. And we do have I think quite a few of them on display in the atrium downstairs.

I really would encourage people to look at them. It's -- everything we've been trying to say and do and talk about, the humanity of people comes out in these photos. What you see when you look at these photos is that it's not actually a matter of us just helping these folks, it's -- we've got powerful individuals who are ready to give back to the city. And if these folks get back on their feet, the city is going to have a lot of strength. And there was something that happened at this Homeless Connect between getting the haircut, and then we gave you these two awards together on purpose, and then going over and taking the family portrait. I think for everybody, we all have treasured family pictures, and it's hard to imagine watching your child grow up and maybe not having a camera and being able to take those pictures. So I think what Brian did is astounding. But it -- he's also a really talented artist. It wasn't just -- these pictures don't look like if I took them, let's put it that way. These are works of art, done by a talent and giving member of our community, Brian McDonald. So thank you. [applause] I don't know if we need to vote on this. It's a report.

Potter: Yes, we need to accept -- is there anybody signed up to testify on this matter?

Moore: I didn't have a sign-up sheet.

Potter: Is there anybody here who wishes to testify to this matter? Ok. I need a motion to accept.

Leonard: So moved.

Saltzman: Second.

Potter: Please call the vote.

Leonard: This really is very inspiring, and I had the opportunity to stop by the last couple years during the event, and this year they were so packed with volunteers, all I could do is talk to people and ask how they were doing. It really truly is very inspiring.

Sten: That's your unique skill.

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Leonard: Well, it is. So I really credit commissioner Sten with putting together what is really become a signature event in Portland, and one i'm sure we all greatly appreciate. So thank you. Aye.

Saltzman: I also want to commend commissioner Sten. This really is I think a signature event. And it's a signature event of the right kind. And I look forward to it getting Bigger and better, but I also fake heed with what chair wheeler said, that we need to make sure people still, when they want help, we have a way to plug them in. I knows that a challenge a lot of organizations face. Some don't face enough of that, but there are some who always face that. If you want to serve a thanks giving dinner to the homeless, that's something you probably have to subscribe to a year in advance. So I think that's going to be the challenge. I think the resources of the list of cosponsors is very impressive, and so I think we can keep the resources going. So good work, and pleased to support it. Aye.

Sten: I appreciate the council's support. This has been a full effort of everybody on the council. We've got a long way to go, but we're on the right path. The county just has been great. We look forward places where we're partnering, and there's no doubt. And frankly I think that the piece of coordinating the services is harder than the housing. Because the housing is really critical, it's more a matter are marshalling resources. If you get the resources in place, you can get the housing built. This council has stood up front and center in doing that, getting the mental health services to work, getting some of the things the counsel city Doing, the health care, is a very hard task. They're doing it well with us. So onward and upward. Aye.

Potter: The best part for me is talking to the homeless people. A number of them are shocked that people, companies, doctors, optometrists are down there to help them. And when I listen to their words and their sense that people were accepting them, that people cared about them, that they were human. And I think that we tend to forget that as a society. That these folks are not cast-offs. I think all of them can come back to our society, can be provided the assistance and the resources. I was very touched by a number of the conversations, and I can't wait to see your pictures, brian, because the sounds -- it sounds as if you captured some of that spirit and some of that feeling in those folks that they understand that people care about them. And as people gain that understanding, I believe that they're more willing to participate in programs that will assist them in recovery from homelessness and they have addiction issues, or any other mental health issues. And I see a lot of vets there. And I think that this is really great, and I was very pleased when I saw commissioner Sten's proposal about using some of the housing at south waterfront for housing for our veterans. These folks have not been Treated right, and I think that Portland can demonstrate that we care about all of our people, including our homeless people. And I look forward to working on this long after i've left this position, because it's one of those programs I think that will go on into the future. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] we're adjourned until next week.

At 3:03 p.m., Council adjourned.