



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish and Fritz, 3. Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 10:15 a.m., 4. Commissioner Fish left at 11:33 a.m.

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

Item No. 309 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
301 Request of Craig Mosbaek to address Council regarding fluoridation (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
302 Request of Arthur King to address Council regarding the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
303 Request of Joanie Beldin to address Council regarding the trail and Giant Sequoia at Chimney and Pier Parks (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
304 Request of Chris Fountain to address Council regarding the trail off the Chimney/Pier Park bridge and the Giant Sequoia Grove (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
305 Request of Jennah Lee to address Council regarding the Economic Opportunity Initiative Microenterprise Program (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN	
306 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Adopt the framework A Home for Everyone: A United Community Plan to End Homelessness in Portland/Multnomah County (Resolution introduced by Mayor Hales) 30 minutes requested for items 306 and 307 (Y-4)	37010
*307 Authorize a \$3,142,568 loan from the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area budget to support the development of a residential facility by LifeWorks NW (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Hales) (Y-4)	185963

<p>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>Mayor Charlie Hales</p>		
<p>308 Reappoint Paul Solimano to the Historic Landmarks Commission for a term to expire February 17, 2017 (Report) (Y-4)</p>		<p>CONFIRMED</p>
<p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>		
<p>*309 Authorize the Mayor and Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to enter into an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order On Consent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Supplemental RI/FS Work at River Mile 11E in the Portland Harbor Superfund Site and a confidential common interest and joint defense agreement up to \$400,000 (Ordinance) Motion to add Mayor to title, directive b and as signatory: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Saltzman (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>		<p>185972 AS AMENDED</p>
<p>310 Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services or designee and the City Attorney to enter into a settlement agreement with Terry Vinocur for \$27,800 (Ordinance)</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 17, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>311 Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire a certain temporary easement necessary for construction of the Albina Pump Station Force Main Rehabilitation Project No. E10439 through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority for an estimated amount of \$2,000 (Ordinance)</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 17, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>312 Amend contract with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for additional work and compensation for the SW Multnomah Blvd Stormwater Improvements - 35th to 40th Aves Project No. E10242 for \$34,559 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30002665)</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 17, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Bureau of Planning & Sustainability</p>		
<p>*313 Authorize application to Metro Regional Government for a package of four grants totaling \$1,235,500 as part of the Community Planning and Development Grant program (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>		<p>185964</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>		
<p>314 Authorize five year price agreements with Porter W. Yett Company for \$10,000,000 and K.F. Jacobsen & Company, Inc. for \$5,000,000 to provide asphaltic concrete mixtures (Procurement Report - Bid No. 115045) (Y-4)</p>		<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>

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*315 Amend contract with ABHT Structural Engineers to increase expiration date through March 31, 2014 to allow for completion of The Portland Building Generator Project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 37952) (Y-4)	185965
*316 Authorize contract and provide for payment for installation of The Portland Building Emergency Generator at an estimated cost of \$570,000 (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185966
Water Bureau	
317 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to prepare population, housing unit and household estimates and forecasts (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 17, 2013 AT 9:30 AM
318 Authorize a contract and provide payment for the construction of the Headworks Flow Meters Project (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 17, 2013 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Dan Saltzman	
*319 Grant funds for transitional foster youth programs, under City's Fostering Success Initiative, to New Avenues for Youth for \$117,000 (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185967
REGULAR AGENDA	
Mayor Charlie Hales	
Bureau of Emergency Management	
320 Adopt the update to the Basic Emergency Operations Plan (Resolution) (Y-4)	37011
321 Adopt the update to the Alert and Warning Annex to the Basic Emergency Operations Plan (Resolution) (Y-4)	37012
Bureau of Environmental Services	
322 Amend contract with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for additional work and compensation for the SW 86th Avenue Pump Station and Appurtenances Project No. E09051 for \$359,811 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30002215) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 17, 2013 AT 9:30 AM
Bureau of Transportation	

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<p>323 Vacate a portion of SW Moody Dr north of Ross Island Bridge subject to certain conditions and reservations and rename a portion of SW Moody Dr (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10084) Rescheduled to April 10, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 17, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>*324 Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the SW Multnomah Blvd Improvements: SW 22nd Ave to SW 40th Ave (Ordinance) Rescheduled to April 10, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. (Y-4)</p>	<p>185973</p>
<p>*325 Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the NE/SE 50s Bikeway: NE Thompson to SE Woodstock (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>185970</p>
<p>326 Implement the temporary suspension of system development charges for the construction or conversion of structures to accessory dwelling units (Ordinance; amend Code Section 17.15.050) Rescheduled to April 10, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 17, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>	
<p>*327 Amend contract administered by the Bureau of Human Resources, Benefits and Wellness Office with BenefitHelp Solutions for Health Reimbursement Account Administration effective May 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for implementation of a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000523) 15 minutes requested Motion to accept Fish amendments: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>	<p>185968 AS AMENDED</p>
<p>*328 Authorize general unpaid leave of absence agreement and release with City employee (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>185969</p>
<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	
<p>329 Approve the designation of three trees as City of Portland Heritage Trees (Second Reading Agenda 285) (Y-4)</p>	<p>185971</p>

At 11:35 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
OREGON WAS HELD THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz and
Saltzman, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Roland
Iparraguirre, Deputy City Attorney; and Greg Goodwin, Sergeant at Arms.

<p>330 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Amend Title 33, Planning and Zoning, to require parking for multi-dwelling buildings in some situations where parking currently is not required (Second Reading Agenda 300; amend Title 33) 1 hour requested</p> <p>(Y-3; N-1 Saltzman)</p>	<p>Disposition:</p> <p>185974 AS AMENDED</p>
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At 2:30 p.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Hales: We have a couple of items of business before we start the official calendar of the city council meeting this morning. One, just a brief employee recognition. We like to get these, and I just want to mention it. I don't know if Michael Reed is here. But, we have a team of people that work with the state land board in dealing with complicated permitting issues in the river. And this is just a statement of appreciation and a citation from the state land board giving our, our Portland streamlining team an award, here's what the governor said, praise this team for their cooperative multi-agency approach to waterway permitting. Their work results in a more streamlined process, less time spent on resolving issues and better outcomes for applicants and the regulatory agencies. So, just a moment of thanks for good work being done by our staff in multiple city bureaus working with the state doing complicated work that nevertheless, still has to translate into the real world for people getting permits. So bravo, well done and thank you for good work. [applause] with that, we have a proclamation this morning and Commissioner Fish is cued up and ready to proceed with it.

Fish: Thanks very much, Mayor, before I read the proclamation, I'd like to invite our special guests up this morning. Chief operating officer of the Portland Thorns Mike Caleb, head coach Cindy Parlo Cone, and two of the stars of our new women's professional soccer team, the great Canadian striker, Christine Sinclair and the great U.P. pilot Danny Foxhoven. Let's welcome our two stars. [applause] Before I read the proclamation I just want to acknowledge that the two players that are with us this morning, Mayor and colleagues, are graduates of the University of Portland. And we're joined today by head coach Garrett Smith, and Lisa Chambers, and members of the pilot family. They are respectively, number one and four in scoring in the history of U.P. Danny, last year, achieved greater acclaim when she won a Portland Spirit Award for their volunteer service at Harper's playground. Christine Sinclair is number three all-time in the world as a striker in goals scored, and some day, people think that she may overtake Mia Hamm. We are blessed with great players and a great new franchise, and we're celebrating their arrival here in Portland today. It's my honor to read the proclamation. Whereas the United States National Women's Soccer League was officially launched in November of 2012. And whereas the city of Portland is honored to welcome our very own professional women's team. The Portland Thorns F.C. To the Rose City, and whereas on April 13, 2013, the Thorns will play their season opening match against F.C. Kansas City, and whereas Thrill play their first season home match at Jeld-Wen Field on April 21, 2013, against the Seattle Reign. And whereas the Portland Thorns include world class athletes from the U.S. Women's National Team, the Canadian National Team and the University of Portland Pilots, and whereas Portland's passion for soccer at the recreation, youth, adults club, high school, college, and professional level has earned us a national reputation as Soccer City USA, and whereas members of the Portland Thorns are an inspiration to young athletes across America. Including the more than 10,000 youth soccer players here in Portland. Serving as role models on and off the pitch. Now, therefore I, Charlie Hales, the Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses, and Soccer City USA, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 10th, 2013, to be a Day of Recognition for Portland Thorns F.C. In Portland and to encourage all residents to observe this day. Congratulations. [applause] Mike, do you want to start us off?

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Mike Caleb: Thank you very much commissioner, mayor and commissioner Fritz. We are honored to be here today and for the recognition we received. When this league was forming we knew we had to bring a franchise to Portland and it would be a success, and while this last few months we were involved with the thorns, it has been crazy, we are poised to have one of the most successful launches of any women's professional team ever. We expect more than 14,000 people at our home opener on the 21st at Jeld-Wen field. One of the things we knew we had to get right was the right head coach, and we did that. This woman next to me, Cindy Cone, world class player, has played in two world cups, has coached at a high level and is well on her way to being a world class coach. So Cindy.

Fish: Welcome, coach.

Cindy Cone: Thank you. First and foremost, I need -- I think you need to wear this.

Fish: There we go. [applause]

Cone: We're so excited to be here. I got here in mid January, and Portland has just opened up their arms to me and to our team. It's been so exciting to see. We had our pre-season match at the University of Portland, and the fans were just incredible. They were packed. I think the Portland Thorns were a little bit taken aback by the reception that they received going into the so-called enemy land, and I think the fans were a bit confused about who to cheer for because they were cheering for both teams. But, it was such a great experience, and we could not be more excited to be here in Portland, and to represent the Portland Thorns and the city of Portland very well, and these are two of our fantastic players that you will be proud to get to know better and better.

Fish: Welcome, we will start with the Canadian Olympian.

Christine Sinclair: Me? First, I would like to say that I am so excited to finally be back and playing soccer here in Portland. From my time at the University of Portland I know the fans here are the best in the country. And I can't wait to get back out there and play in front of them. You know, the last time that I represented a team from Portland, we won a national championship, and -- [applause]

Fish: Can we hear a "go pilots"?

Fritz: We would like another one, please.

Sinclair: Exactly. And I know a championship is what this organization is after. But, I also think that more importantly, we're out to start a new soccer tradition here in the city, and we just can't wait for the season to start. So thank you.

Fish: Christine, for all your fans out there, not only for those of us who have had a chance to watch you win two national championships, but I think equally proud for this community was when you won two awards as the top soccer player in America. In your college years. Congratulations.

Sinclair: Thank you. [applause]

Fish: And another pilot and budding star, Danny Foxhoven. Welcome.

Danielle Foxhoven: Thank you. Thank you for having me.

Hales: There is a button on -- there we go.

Fish: We updated our technology which means it doesn't work any more.

Foxhoven: I think that they said it all. I just -- I'm so humbled and honored to be a part of this organization, and the new league, I'm so excited about it. I think that Portland has like -- we have said the best fans in the country, maybe in the world for women's in soccer, and I truly feel so excited to be a part of that and, and, you know, make this first season something to remember. So, thank you.

Fish: Before we take a picture, Mike, you sold something like 6,000 season tickets already.

Caleb: 7,000.

Fish: 7,000.

Hales: Wow.

Fish: And how does that compare to the other teams in the league?

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Caleb: We don't know exactly. There's, for those who don't know, there are eight teams including us around the league, and we're all off to a good start. Boston, New York, Chicago, Kansas City, Western New York. We're going to lead the league in attendance by far.

Cone: You left out seattle.

Caleb: And seattle. [laughter]

Fish: There will be a footnote.

Caleb: And we'll be here all week.

Fish: The other thing that we want to congratulate you on is that at a time when it's harder and harder for families to find accessible, affordable family entertainment, you've priced your tickets at a level that makes it afford for families in Portland, and we're grateful for that. can we get a picture?

Fritz: Can I make some remarks? When I was growing up in england watching football, girls didn't play football, and now you are taking soccer to a new level. And it was so entertaining to watch your game at upm. I am looking forward to the season, as a season ticket holder to watching every game, and like the timber's army we are blessed with an alliance of fans who came up with this scarf, and I am well known for wearing many scarves, by any other name, from Shakespeare, of course. So i'm not going to put on my official timbers scarf. So, they're the rose city riveters and they will be cheering you on, and the whole city wants you to do well, and hopes that you would enjoy your time here. Thank you so much.

Cone: Thank you.

Hales: The only thing I would add in addition to being a fan for the timbers and now the thorns, I am a dad and my kids grew up here in Portland playing soccer. And both my sons and my daughter. Now that there is a path from that first kick and chase, all the way to professional league, for both men and women, I think, is a great day for Oregon and a great day for Portland and a great day for sports. So congratulations, and we are really looking forward to your season.

Cone: Thank you. [applause]

Fish: Who let the paparazzi in? [laughter]

Hales: Ok. Everything else will be anti-climax after that. We have other good things on the council calendar today. So, we will get to that. When I call the april 10th meeting of the Portland city council to order, clerk, please call the roll.

[Roll taken]

Hales: Commissioner novick is away on city business, and commissioner Saltzman will be arriving a little late this morning, so we'll, actually, hold consent calendar until he arrives. And we'll have the quorum required for that. let's go ahead with our communications items, please.

Item 301.

Hales: Good morning, welcome.

Craig Mosbaek: Good morning. My name is craig mosbaek. Thank you, mayor hales and members of the city council for listening to me this morning. I'm a Portland resident. I'm one of the 7,000 season ticketholders with the Portland thorns, and I also work as a consultant in the area of public health. I very much appreciate the city of Portland is taking steps to improve the health all city residents. From offering more nutritious foods in city parks to working with businesses on work site wellness, and to improving health equity and insuring the health and safety our drinking water. I'm volunteering my time to encourage a yes vote on the measure to fluoridate water in Portland. I am lucky to have lived in Portland for the last 30 years, but for my teeth I am lucky I spent the first 18 years in another state. As a child I drank fluoridated water and didn't have to think about my dental health and never had a cavity growing up.

Hales: No, no. Excuse me, no, not in this chamber. No, not for you or for anyone else will we tolerate interruptions. Please, go ahead.

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Mosbaek: my daughter was not so fortunate, at four years old, she had cavities in half her teeth and needed the baby root canal. I remember that day when the dentist worked on her decayed teeth. She was lucky in one sense in that we had dental insurance that could pay for this work. But thousands kids like her are still suffering needlessly from not having fluoridated water. And the local area, one in five kids sufferers from untreated tooth decay and that's 40% higher than seattle which has fluoridated water. Among the 50 biggest cities in the u.s., only two do not fluoridate the water. Portland, currently and wichita, kansas. And every major national health organization recommends water fluoridation as a safe and cost effective method for reducing tooth decay, supporters of fluoridation include the centers for disease control and prevention, the american academy of pediatrics and the american dental association, in Portland, over 85 public health and social justice organizations have endorsed fluoridation. The only way we're going to get a handle on reducing health care costs is to, is through prevention. Fluoridation has one of the best returns on investment for every dollar we spend on fluoridation we'll save 38 in dental care costs. I want to encourage all Portlanders to vote yes on fluoridation on the may ballot. Thank you for your time this morning, and thank you for your continued leadership on health.

Hales: Thanks for coming. Next one please, Karla.

Item 302.

Hales: Good morning, and welcome.

Arthur King: It looks like I picked the right color shirt today.

Hales: Put your name in the for the record and you have three minutes.

King: I'm arthur king, a resident of the mount scott/arleta neighborhood in southeast Portland. And i'm here to sing the praises of the office of neighborhood involvement. Recently we had a surge in graffiti and vandalism in our area. We have had couches dumped and things like that. And I reached out to our neighborhood association to find out what could we do about it. The intern steered me to the department of graffiti abatement. Part of oni. I have worked extensively with a dentist there, and we have reported and resolved several issues of tagging in the neighborhood. And I have also seen a reduction in graffiti around certain hot spots in the area. More than that kind service, though, oni also provides education to us, so giving the neighbors the ability to help themselves, for example, we worked with brad taylor, and he met with the neighbors in order to a neighborhood foot patrol. We have had two successful outings so far. Our third is tonight, and he taught us not only to be safe ourselves when we were out on patrol, but also, how to be safe when we are interacting with our neighbors, and also, how to work with the police effectively. How to report, how to record, and also how to not to get under foot when we are out there patrolling. so, I know that, that budgets are tight, and I know that the cost cutting is going on, but I urge the council to be rather lenient when it comes to the office of neighborhood involvement because not only do they provide services that help to keep our neighborhood safer and cleaner. But also to provide education and the tools to help our neighbors help themselves. In order to be more effective. And thus, in the long-term, saving the city money, thank you very much for your time.

Hales: Thank you, and pretty impressed by what your neighborhood association with sarah and oni and other volunteers have done to transform that neglected piece of public right-of-way at 72nd and woodstock into a great space. So nice volunteer work there.

King: Thank you very much.

Hales: Thanks for coming. Good work. [applause]

Hales: Ok. Next one, please.

Item 303.

Hales: Good morning. Welcome.

Joanie Beldin: Good morning, mayor. May we request that we sit together and flip the order our presentation.

Hales: I see you are both signed up, sure. You can go in whichever order you would like.

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Item 304.

Chris Fountain: Good morning, mayor and council people. My name is Chris Fountain, and I am here to speak on behalf of the trees and the giant sequoia grove in Pier Park. Since we learned that a giant sequoia was to be cut down to make room for a 65' ADA compliant trail section to be built off the south end of the new Pier Chimney Park bridge, we've been concerned about negative impacts on the giant sequoia grove that were not anticipated during previous years of planning. Why didn't we object to the cutting of the tree or the alignment of the 65-foot section before February of this year? The simple answer is that we did not know about either. There was never any notice in Pier Park informing park users of grove impacts. The cover letter on the Chimney Pier bridge web page never mentions grove impacts. Friends at Pier Park never discussed grove impacts, or if they did it did not get into their minutes. We trusted Parks to honor their mission statement of establishing, safeguarding and restoring the parks, natural areas, public places and urban forests of the city insuring that these are accessible to all. In this case, we've been disappointed. Please refer to the time line one example of misrepresentation pages in your folders. These sheets outline one example how important facts and impacting growth were not part of the process. Despite telling us multiple times the public had been included in the decision to cut the sequoia as well as how the 65-foot section would impact the grove, Parks recently admitted that this was not true. There is also been much rhetoric about the fact that the 65-foot section is what makes the bridge ADA compliant, and the its inclusion was required in order to have the project funded. Until this trail becomes a part the complete trail through Pier Park, this 65-foot feet is not ADA compliant because it is not accessible through Pier Park. If ODOT considers a dead end 65-foot trail section a compliant ADA trail, this is an insult to the ADA community. Parks has repeatedly stated that there are no plans to build a continuation of this section for many years. In Pier Park there is a history of starting ADA projects that were never finished. Although an ADA restroom was scheduled to be built at Bruce and James in 1996, it has never been funded. Parks says the trail has not been designed. There is no funding at this time to continue to work on the trail. Yet, I assume that the trail alignment sketched on the north Portland greenway section, please see the plan in your packet, which is billed as ADA compliant played a part in the funding decision. As drawn, this trail goes through a dense section of the sequoia, making this alignment impossible without cutting down more sequoia, yet we are told no more trees will be cut. When if ever will true ADA accessibility to the bridge become a reality will we just be stuck with an ugly asphalt slab built from one purpose only to, meet ODOT requirements for the bridge funding. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Good morning.

Beldin: Good morning. My name is Joanie Beldin. And I live in St. John's next to Pier Park. I am a daily walker in the park. Myself and other concerned citizens hired Terry Flanagan, an ISA certified master arborist, to come to the sequoia grove to give an independent, professional opinion about the Pier Chimney bridge project as it relates to the sequoia's long-term health. We had a copy of PP&R's design plans and tree protection plans. You have a copy of his report in your packet. Please read it in full. At the same time, the neighborhood association meeting, PP&R's urban forester did not refute any of the reports findings. The report identifies two main areas of concern. And there is a design plan in your packet, as well. Number one, during the construction of the bridge, damage may be caused to the trees that line the gravel roads that is to be used for access to the project. Two, the ADA compliant 65-foot paved trail off the bridge dead ends into the sequoia grove. A straight shot from the bridge that invites the bridge users to enter the grove off trail causing soil compaction and damage to surface roots. Leading over time to potential decline of the sequoia. For long-term tree health, Mr. Flanagan recommends the trail be completed through the grove as part of the bridge project. We have another concern. The sequoia grove is planted in two sections, front and back. The front, trees were planted in a circle. The planned ADA trail lands in the middle of the circle, and once continued, will need to go through several sets of trees. PP&R stated

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they never considered any alternative direction for the ada trail. We believe that there is a viable alternative directing the trail between the two sections, keeping both intact, and minimizing the number of trees affected. Since no public input was ever solicited concerning the ada trail, we are asking that our input now be given serious consideration. We asked that one, pp&r follows the recommendation in mr. Flanagan's report. Two, alternative directions for the ada trail be given thorough consideration and if viable, replace the current planned trail. simply redirecting the trail. And three, the ada accessible trail through pier park to the bridge should be designed in its entirety with no harm to any trees. And it should be completed at the same time as the construction of the bridge. The public needs to be involved in the trail design process. Four, construction begins on the, on the chimney park to allow adequate time for concerned study and possible redesign of the pier park ada trail. And five, a way to prevent off-trail use must be designed for any uncompleted ada trail. Portland is a city of trees. And I hope that it will share this concern for maintaining, the health of the sequoia grove.

Hales: Thank you both very much for bringing this to us in a very organized way. We'll be following up with you.

Beldin: Thank you.

Fountain: Thank you.

Hales: Ok. Appreciate those. And I think we're now ready to move on to --

Moore-Love: One more.

Hales: I'm sorry.

Item 305.

Hales: Good morning, miss lee. Welcome.

Jennah Lee: Hello, thank you.

Hales: State your name for the record and you have three minutes.

Lee: Ok, thanks. Yes, my name is jennah lee. And I am a co-owner of a small business, called articoli incorporated. We make neon, we make all kinds of sign, manufacturer and install signs locate at 8621 southeast powell boulevard in Portland. And we've been there for about 13 years. And we're still there, regardless of many years of a down turning economy, we, fortunately, work with pdc, and in 2007, program, the storefront improvement program, which helped a lot to our business. And le-le...And what is it called, electronic world got to be seen online in order to get more sale. So, pdc refer us to the local, and eoi program to help us, a small business development program. So, the local technical service specialist is recognized, but what needed for us, and benefit us to continue the business. They refer us to, volunteer specialists, webside. Her name is alana, the professor of marketing working in the marketing department of Portland state university. And she, very helpful to come to our shop, and help us to review our website to make it more functional, and also, reactivate our domain name, things like that. and lately, after one year, working with the website online and to be seen on google, my phones is ringing very often. That is very good sign. And very good feeling to have, to get more work from that, and very grateful about the assistance that the pdc and, and the partner provider. So, I would like to, very respectfully to ask you, the council, to continue this to support us, as a small business, and to continue funding for the later years. That's all. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you very much.

Fritz: Thank you for taking the time to come in.

Hales: Appreciate it. Nice to hear how it works.

Fish: Nice to know that most of the signs we see on a regular basis were done by your company. Congratulations. Including whole foods and thai restaurants, state farm insurance and nike. Congratulations.

Hales: thank you. Alright, We cannot move to the consent calendar because we don't have a quorum so let's take up the time certain item number 306.

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Item 306.

Hales: Mr. Fish.

Fish: Thank you, mayor. We are going to shift from all-star soccer to all-star housing.

Hales: Nice.

Fish: We have two matters that are before council today. One is to seek council's approval for a reset framework that's been hammered out by the city and the county. And there is a companion item authorizing an investment of 3.1 million in a life works development in inner northeast. So first, I would like to welcome our panel. Tracey Manning, the director of the Portland housing bureau. Mary Lee of Multnomah county's department of county human services. Welcome, Mary. And Steve Ruddman, who I just met, Steve is the executive director of Home Forward, Multnomah county's housing authority. Welcome to all of you. Mayor and colleagues, the team at the Portland housing bureau has been doing some impressive big picture thinking over the past couple of years on a range of issues. On tax abatements, which we work with the county and other partners to reform last year. On asset management and a tool kit, you might remember it as Pop, which they brought to council last year. And today, an update of the city and county's plan to end homelessness. In December of 2004, the city and the county approved a really path-breaking policy. Called Home Again, the ten-year plan to end homelessness, which was our community's joint strategy to fight homelessness. The plan focused on resource intensive populations. Mostly chronically homeless adult men and women. At the time, national research told us that this group, while just about 10 to 15% of the total homeless population, was consuming more than 50% of our community's crisis resources. And the idea was that by serving some of the hardest to house people, we would free up money to invest in less resource intensive groups. That was the concept. We ultimately found that the savings to the larger system, the county jail, the emergency room at Providence Hospital and elsewhere, didn't necessarily result in more funding for homeless services. Despite that, we have a number of notable successes as a community to celebrate. To strengthen partnerships with the county, with businesses and with the faith community, understanding that when we all link arms, we can do great things. We opened Bud Clark Commons, the nationally award-winning cornerstone of our ten-year plan. We are using resources more efficiently and effectively, and the short-term rent assistance program is a great example, and you will be hearing more about that later. And most importantly, as a community, we have moved more than 12,000 homeless households, families and individuals, from that our streets to permanent homes. And that is quite an accomplishment. Now, over the last few years, we have weathered the worst of the recession in our lifetime. A recession that is pushing more individuals and families into homelessness than we could possibly have foreseen. And our struggle continues. But over the past eight years, we have learned a lot about what works and doesn't. And about who we serve well and not so well. And for more than a year, a broad group of community stakeholders representing government business, nonprofits, and faith has been reevaluating our plan. With an eye towards refreshing it based on lessons learned. Today we, we celebrate the successful conclusion of that effort. And we look ahead beyond the formal end of the ten-year plan that was launched in 2004. At the conclusion of the presentation, council will be asked to approve the committee's recommended framework, and to authorize them to start crafting an implementation plan. Before I recognize Director Manning, I just have one comment about the concept of a ten-year plan. A ten-year plan, in my view, is a misnomer. And we were stuck with that moniker because it was a condition receiving federal money. Every city that sought federal money had to develop what was called a ten-year plan. And without in any way diminishing our success and the hard work of the people you are going to hear from today, I will tell you in pander that no one thought we could end homelessness in ten years. But what we hope we do is make a hell of a dent, and I think that we have shown with a new and creative way and collaborative approach we've been able to accomplish that. So, with that, I will introduce Steve Rudman. Steve. Welcome.

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Steve Rudman: Thank you, commissioner Fish. Mayor, council. It's great to be here. I am Steve Rudman, executive director of Home Forward. We are the housing authority for Portland, Multnomah County and the City of Gresham. And, and Nick -- Nick said everything I was going to say, but I will add a couple pieces because I really think it is important. First we want to appreciate your support and the councils before you and during the time of the ten-year plan. Portland and Multnomah County, in particular, have shown, you know, great leadership in trying to reduce and prevent homelessness in our community. And it's been very challenging. I want to talk about the, the reset, I mean, the first ten-year plan, the successes, and Mary will talk about why we did the reset and Tracey will talk about the next steps and recommendations. Nick mentioned in 2004 in December we launched the ten-year plan, it was a broad effort. And led by the city and county and Home Forward with extensive public involvement from our rich array of community nonprofits, members of the private sector, and the faith community. Guided by three basic principles, focus on the most chronically homeless people, and streamlined access to services to prevent and reduce homelessness, and finally to fund programs with measurable results. There was some irony here that the federal government required states and communities to complete these 10-year plans, and at the same time, a federal funding support for affordable housing was seriously diminished. Our challenges were significant locally. Clearly there was a funding gap, and indeed, this is a period of time where the City of Portland and Multnomah County, you know, dug deep into general fund discretionary. And began supporting more and more some of the most vulnerable in our community. It was also a challenge to coordinate different programs on different services with different populations across several jurisdictions. But, there were a lot of successes, and as Nick mentioned, 12,000 people transition into homes, about 40% of the households were families. 15% were youth. 23% were chronically homeless singles. And about 21% of the households were, were escaping domestic violence. And we did work together to create and reduce the administrative costs by combining a bunch of multiple funding sources, the city, county, and Home Forward controlled federal, state and local. About four or five million a year into we call the short-term rent assistance program or straw. It is an effective program, has helped thousands of families, and individuals avoid eviction and helps people move into permanent homes. It gives us an opportunity to transcend systems and jurisdictions into one program. No matter which jurisdiction is providing funding, and which population is being served, and the way it works is 19 community agencies, both geographically and culturally specific, case managers there, worked with the households and a fix appropriate source of funds their needs. The outcomes are tracked and they have remained strong. Over the life, the length of assistance is only about three months, within the average household, assistance is \$2,000. Despite this lower level, 78% of the households assisted remain stable 12 months after the end of the funding. And it's important to realize that the metric is the housing stability. People are in their homes. It's not housing affordability. Nick also mentioned that our community built and is operating the landmark Bud Clark Commons, an award-winning development that has a day center for homeless and formerly homeless people to access services, transitional men's shelter and 130 units of housing for our most vulnerable homeless individuals, and those individuals are now connected to primary and behavioral health resources. We've also used our efforts locally to leverage state and federal dollars, and one of the most notable examples is, through leadership efforts by Commissioner Fish and the city, and Commissioner Mckeel and Kafoury and the county, is the utilization of the Vash vouchers for homeless vets. It's about working with the V.A. We're very close now because of the community support to housing all 305 vets that we have vouchers for. In closing I want to reinforce Home Forward's commitment to continue to address priorities of our partner jurisdictions. Our community here has done a lot to address homelessness, but there is so much more to do. Particularly in today's era of ever-shrinking federal resources, combined with increasing local needs. It is a daunting challenge, and we have to redouble our efforts. And be creative and bold. The recommendation for some shared stewardship

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and governance promises to be an important step along this path, and we look forward to the emergence of this new model. Thanks.

Hales: Welcome.

Mary Lee, Multnomah County: Thank you, Mary Lee from Multnomah County and I want to start by bringing greetings from Commissioner Debora Kafoury, Chair Jeff Cogan and the rest of the board. They could not be here this morning, but send their salutations and appreciation for our partnership. It's lovely to be here this morning with my two fearless compatriots here but also to be a part of the agenda that's happened this morning because I feel like it's part and parcel of our community, right, and the democratic process to be here. And the section that I'm talking about in terms of why we did a reset is very simple. It's posing to ourselves and to our community the question about what kind of community do we want to be. Are we the community that takes care of our friends, neighbors and families when they are in need? Or a community that waits and hopes for the best? And the simple answer to that is the reset plan that you have in front of today, which is our answer to yes, we are a community that does not wait in hope. We are a community that looks at how to take action. And how to be better and do better. On behalf our friends and neighbors and community folks who do not have a home. So about a year ago, I think, it has been said, Commissioner Fish, Commissioner Kafoury and I came and charged us with the responsibility of taking a look at the current ten-year plan to end homelessness, and really asking ourselves some hard questions, what have we learned about what works. What have we learned about what did not work so well and what's changed. And frankly, at the beginning of the first ten-year plan we were not living in the recession conditions that we're living in now. And quite frankly, that is one of the greatest contributors to what's different now in this community than it was ten years ago. People can simply, cannot afford their housing in the ways that they were able to afford it in the past. And that is significantly impacted, particularly everyone, but particularly families with children. And I think that we all have an understanding that when a child has instability in their home life, they are not going to school. If they are going to school, they are not in the best condition to be able to learn, and that then sets us up on a trajectory of generational poverty, lack of self sufficiency and lack, frankly, of community wellbeing for all of us. The second factor that changed since we did the first ten-year plan was frankly, this ongoing wars that we find ourselves in, and unprecedented numbers of our veterans are coming back into this community, let this community to serve in our armed forces, they have come back to this community and find themselves unable to house themselves and their families. Unable to find work that allows them to be self sufficient. And that was not the case ten years ago, and thus were called upon to do different things and think differently about our services and investments that Steve spoke to. So with these things that have changed, and what we learned from the hard work of the past ten-year plan, we engaged in the discussion about what things needed to look like as we moved forward, and not even for the next ten years, but the next 20. Frankly, I think it's good practice. We do these plans and sometimes they sitting on the shelf. This has been a living, breathing plan, and we continue to make it a living, breathing plan through efforts such as this reset. I just want to let you know what some of the statistics right now in terms of the need. More than 1700 people right now sleep outside in our community. And those are children under the age of five. There are teenagers who are unaccompanied by any adult or family, and they are single men and women. And I want to speak particularly to the plight of women who are on the street. There is an exceptional and unique exposure to violence that is unique to the status being a woman. They are both on the streets, many times, because of experience with domestic violence, initially, that led them to homelessness. And while on the streets, they are particularly vulnerable to being preyed upon sexual assault and other forms of violence. This is unacceptable I think within our community where we say we care about the common good and care about our neighbors. But, over 1700 of us are sleeping on the streets every night in Portland. Nearly half of us who are sleeping on the street people of color. And that is far,

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far in excess of the numbers us in our general population. Again, this is, this is a challenge that we cannot let simply go by and wait for hope for things to get better. 3,000 children in Multnomah county are homeless, at any point in time. And again, I think both to be appalled by the statistic, but also, to know that the large numbers of those children are still going to school. And that speaks to the caring and the resiliency of their parents, who know that education is the way for their children out of poverty, and are doing everything that they can do to make sure the children get and stay in school. And finally, as Steve referenced, we have had a lot of success in getting people into housing and stabilizing them in housing. But, they are incredibly rent burdened. So we have to look at the economic underpinnings of this. We can get people into housing and get them stable but they will be paying much more than 30% of their income on monthly basis to preserve that housing, and I think that calls into question our discussions as government elected officials around economic development. What that looks like, and how that really impacts at a human level, the development of human capital. So, in closing I want to say that the county is very committed to this plan. We are very committed to our partnership amongst the jurisdictions. It has not been easy for us to jump jurisdictional boundaries to, look at where we have our sacred cows on each of our various entities and locations but we have experienced enough success that I believe that this plan will be the guide post that will take us to the next step in our development, as cross jurisdictions, as communities, not the city, the county, home forward, but our community. What is our investment. How will we use it and how will we do that in a way that is most efficient and most effective for the results we want to see. Thank you.

Traci Manning, Director, Portland Housing Bureau: Thank you, commissioner Fish, I'm Traci Manning, director of the Portland housing bureau. So, despite the tough economic conditions, the wars, the things that have challenged us, we're mostly here with good news, and that is what we learned with our partners over this past year, is we do know what works. And Portland is nationally recognized for the work we have done in homelessness for a couple of reasons. One is a really tremendous community partners. The community-based organizations that do the work. Business partners, faith-based partners and others, they sat on the steering committee with us. Some of them are here today, and the other tremendous thing we have going for us is the ongoing commitment of our elected officials. Really, also, unprecedented and historic. And that have been willing to tackle this injustice head-on. So, as you have heard, a pretty simple conclusion, housing is the foundation of a person's success, achieving good health, a good education, employment, and it provides safety and dignity off the street for a person living with mental illness or recovering from addictions so they can maintain their health and participate and contribute in their communities. Homelessness and poverty also we have learned pretty clearly impact people of color in greater numbers. What this plan does explicitly that the first plan did not, was acknowledge the disparity, and pledge and direct our actions to be accountable to changing it. So, quite simply, what you have here is a recommendation from our steering committee to adopt the this plan for our community. And to focus our efforts in the following ways. one of the things is recognize that go we make a choice about who we serve first. And we recommend that we direct our resources to first serve people that are most vulnerable on the streets. I think Mary really did a tremendous job of addressing this, but those priority populations include families with children, and unaccompanied youth, adults living with disabilities. Women, and our veterans. Another really important thing we learned in the first plan is how much more it takes than housing to permanently end someone's homelessness, but also again, that we have those resources and those partners willing to be at the table with us. The steering committee included members of our public safety community, of the health care community, folks from domestic violence and a lot of others. So this plan directs us to create actions around housing, but also, around income and benefits. Around health care. Survival and emergency services. Access to services, and as both my partners have addressed, systems coordination. And I think that that's the, the thing that to me, and to all of us is really exciting about

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this plan. We sit here as three jurisdictions. We're here today. We're going to the Multnomah county commission tomorrow. And the home forward board of commissioners on tuesday. With an opportunity, and really the beginnings of a plan to align what each jurisdiction does, to leverage our resources and what we do best to solve the problem together. And it's with a great deal of intentionality that we really want to model that solution. The plan also acknowledges the tremendous strength of our community partners. We have got nonprofits that work creatively and strategically. And meeting people where they are at, those families, people living with mental illness, and recognizing the unique opportunities, that each person has to return home. And this plan specifically includes, and we mentioned it a couple times, but it was a real important outcome is to have a bigger tent and to strategically include and listen to old and new partners among the public but also philanthropic communities, business communities, and pba was with us at the table. And faith communities, also, and of course, the nonprofit sector. So, despite what you have heard about the economy, and we know what our budget realities are, we do have these great opportunities to leverage each other's work. We have got opportunities afforded us by the affordable care act and Oregon's health care transformation, and that I think are really going to change the outcomes for the people that we want to serve because ultimately, i'm not really here to build housing units. I'm here because of the outcomes for the people that will live in those units. So all that said, the action we're asking you to take today is to adopt a home for everybody, for everyone. And to direct the collective efforts of the city, the county, and home forward along with our outstanding strategic community-based partners to end homelessness for individuals and families in Multnomah county. And adopting the plan, you further direct us to bring back to you a recommendation for governance structure to oversee the work for everyone and create an action plan with measurable outcomes to guide our work. Through these efforts, we will make positive strides to ensure a home for everyone. Thank you very much, and happy to take any questions that you might have.

Hales: Questions for our panel? Anyone? Thank you. Do you have others you want to call on or do we have a sign-up sheet? Thank you very much. So Karla, you have folks signed up to testify?

Moore-Love: I had one for both items, did you want me to read the titles?

Fish: Just do the first item.

Moore-Love: 306, Ok. I have four people signed up. The first three, please come up.

Hales: Good morning. You are first.

Joe Walsh: I am joe walsh, and I represent individuals for justice. And also, the Oregon progressive party. Our concern is that you spend too much time patting yourselves on the backs. You have done a lot of good things. Stop patting yourselves on the backs when you have 1700 people living on the street. That's unacceptable after ten years. You only have two years left from the ten-year plan, and you have 1700 people freezing to death. Hungry. Children. Veterans. But you pat yourself on the back. It's very annoying. I see people on the street all the time. You cannot come into this building without seeing them. But the administrators, pat themselves on the back. We have this wonderful plan. We have just met. We have new stuff we're going to do. We heard that ten years ago. Ask the people that you serve what they need. Stop using professionals, stop using administrators, that decide what's going on, on the street. Ask the people on the streets. What is it that you need. How can we help you? All of your committees. Should have a predominance of people that are suffering so they can tell you because it's very complicated, and we all know that. It's not one building that we can put people in. We have mental illness. We have alcoholism, we have drug use, and we have people that want to live on the street. which is amazing to me. But it's true. Some people want to stay on the street. You have to ask them what they want. And don't be afraid to fail. If you fail, you learn. Don't do that any more. Failure is something that can really lift you up. So, I congratulate what you do. You spend a lot of time, a lot of money, and i'm proud of that. It's not enough. It's not enough. And we're going through a budget crisis that this, programs

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are going to suffer. Unless you decide you are not going to do that. You are going to figure out where can I get money. And you can spend \$5 million on fluoride, spend more 5 million on the people on the streets. Thank you.

Hales: Thanks, joe. Good morning.

Lightning: Good morning. My name is lightning. The framework, a home for everyone. A united community plan to end homelessness in Portland, Multnomah county. In my opinion, this is a very creative, innovative, very detailed plan to end homelessness in Portland, Multnomah county I look forward to your implementation process. I'm sorry, if I may add a few suggestions to your plan, due to the fact that there is a shortage of affordable housing in our community, I would like to see more input from various real estate developers on creating ways adding more affordable housing to end homelessness. Ending homelessness in Portland and Multnomah county not only improves the lives of the homeless, but also creates positive growth for all the people in businesses throughout the city.

A hypothetical. If we have 1500 people currently living on the streets to end homelessness. Would we first need to, to, need 1500 units available? Which rent for 800 a month, which would be a yearly rental amount of 9600 a person. Total cost for 1500 people on a yearly basis would be \$14,400,000. If we do nothing, our overtime for police, fire and medical will skyrocket along with other social security services, and could exceed the 14 million. And although we still have not ended homelessness in 1500 people still remain on the streets, i'm not suggesting that under current conditions, that police, fire, fire medical and other services overtime is not -- is not reasonable. I would like to see more data provided to understand the overtime costs associated to ending homelessness. To end homelessness in Portland, Multnomah county, we need to create ways to prevent bad outcomes rather than paying more to fix them later. Thank you.

Fish: Can I make a comment, lightning, as always, very thoughtful testimony, thank you, and you mentioned we got to bring the developers into the conversation. And I would just note for the record that there is two pieces of legislation that, that are being debated in salem as we speak. That, that address the issue you have raised. And one is the speaker's bill, which would reduce barriers to people using section 8 vouchers. The 8,000 voucher-holders in our community, and that has run into interference so if you care about that, I think we ought to let our voices be heard as a legislative priority of the city of Portland, and it is going to be tough going. And the second bill, that is getting a hearing in that debate, is whether we should lift the preemption and allow cities and counties to decide whether to implement inclusionary zoning. and inclusionary zoning is another tool, which can be used to make sure that there are some affordable units in new development. So, those are two concrete ways, if people share your interest in looking at what the development community can do, or property owners can do, these are two reform measures, which I think would go a long way to addressing some of your concerns.

Lightning: If I might add, basically, the developers, we need to have more of a mindset that if you add one unit that say is for, for condominium use, higher end, we still need to figure out ways to replace the more affordable housing units. And we need to create a system possibly when the developers are doing say condominium projects, indoor new apartment building projects, to where they understand from the get-go that we can attach maybe a, some type of an incentive agreement to, to their projects that they will, basically, upon the sales, possibly refer 1% of overall sales of that project to general fund, which would also help the, the homeless community. And those things that I think that a lot of the development community will be very open to doing because the cost of that is say a 7% fee on a sale of, of a high end condominium, would be reduced down to a 6% fee. The brokerage community gets 6%. We get 1%, which is applied to that general fund, which takes care of the homelessness in the city. And I think that the development community will be very open to that because it cost them no more money. It benefits them, and it benefits the city all at the same time. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks. Good morning.

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Mary Eng: Good morning, council. I want to tell you about mary katherine strubble --

Hales: Put your name in the record.

Eng: Mary eng. Mary Katherine strubble is the mother of a pastor strubble in my hometown of nashville, and they very did successful work with a program called room at the inn. Sadly, father strubble's mother was murdered on her way to the soup kitchen to deliver a sack of potatoes, and she was found knifed to death in her trunk. And I saw her in her open casket in a blue dress. It was a powerful impact on my childhood because we had such an incredible homeless problem there. I want you to know that, that the public safety issues that we face now with so many murders, homicides, and drive-by shootings are very concerning to me. I don't go out at night any more at all. For anything. Including libraries or music functions or things I would like. I know for sure we have had a rampant bed bug problem in some of our section 8 housing, and that lack of, protection of consumer safety will intermesh with issues of housing if we don't have firm measures for transparency control. I also wanted to bring forward again issues on human trafficking and sex industries. I just registered for some excellent courses at pcc with a history teacher there. armontrout, but I have to walk by about four industries, one of them is called assets. They hold live, nude auditions daily. And they offer \$2 microbrews, and this assault of sex-based industries in an area where there's a lot of development with the district around 82nd. I was hoping that we could have more personal safety for the 18-year-old girls who might be there going to the community college, and they may not have money to go to harvard, but when they have to face this assault and this drive-by, you guys know I was raped and strangled and survived a near homicide. And an attempted gang rape but that person likely came from an associated sex industry, and this corner of nashville, tennessee where it happened. I got nowhere with the national police, as you know, but that sort of fear is with me every day. I have a traumatic flashback to, that and when I venture forward to go to school, I don't feel safe, so I think that in terms of the development we need community centers and computer education for women, as well as the attention for the domestic violence impacts. I would urge eliminating homelessness for all women or transgender or intersex people immediately now. The ten-year plan will not cut it we need to get them to safety, the risks and the trauma will scar them for a lifetime, and I think that we as a city need to be responsible for that.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks very much.

Hales: Good morning.

Charles Johnson: Good morning, mr. Mayor. I would like to thank all, I think some of these -- I am charles johnson. And you heard from some people who are stakeholders, one stakeholder issue that concerns me is, is one of the 19 service agencies, which I guess means 19 paid executive directors, mr. Rudman mentioned, 19 partner agencies, in this process of ending homelessness we need to pay 19 executive directors and 19 agencies need to fill 19 boards. One of those groups gives me a card, you've seen these before, from the transitions projects, and it says i'm number 363,805. That's probably like a library card. We don't have 2 billion library cardholders in the town, but, there's been as lightning mentioned, a feeling from those 1700 people on the street that, that there is still a disconnect between the need for services, and the way services are provided. I hope that as you realign the commissioner positions, you will see yourselves as the housing czars, and work for the efficiency in their systems, and perhaps, reward those programs to have an ombudsman where the service provider, the people who are in need of services have somebody at the agency that they can interface with and get answers to like how many people are being served, what's your overall budget and stuff like that. There is sometimes a resistance to interface with the people who are most in need. They are made to feel like a number. I do want to thank you for getting this going and having the 21-page pdf available online, and one thing that is an issue is, is we mentioned serving communities of color, and unfortunately, I think, that cameron whitten is recovering from his birthday party two days ago. And, abraham mubarek cannot be with us today,

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but, as you could see, that's something that, when you look at people who presented, the five seats you have up there, and they do a bit better across the river. For the five people in power over there. I hope you will continue to facilitate ways for people in the minority populations to interface with those agencies and become more involved, thank you very much.

Hales: Thanks very much. So, if there is no one else to testify no, further questions for staff, let's take a vote on the resolution, please.

Fish: Mayor, I want to begin by thanking our crack team at the Portland housing bureau, and Tracey Manning, the senior management team, and where I think we're joined today by all three members of our ending homelessness team. So if you could stand as I mentioned your name, Sally Erickson, Ryan Ebert, and Jennifer Chang. When we travel around the country, we constantly hear that we have the most talented people in the nation working for us day-to-day on this problem. We can be very proud of these professionals, in the work that they do, and they deserve our thanks. I am very pleased to support this resolution and grateful for all the time and energy spent bringing us to this day. I want to just, for a moment reflect on the values embedded in this work. These are the values that guide all the work that we do locally to address the housing needs of people priced out of the market. And the first is we put a premium on prevention. And I know that sounds simplistic but in almost everything that we do up here, if we focus more on prevention and less on the downstream, managing the problem downstream, we save money. And the program that's been identified, which is the gold standard, is the short-term rent assistance program. Because for a couple of thousand dollars, per household we can prevent people from falling into homelessness. Prevent all the problems that many identified of children that go to school unable to learn and families that are torn apart. And so we have a program funded by the city, the county, and our local housing authority, which prevents homelessness. It commands our support in this budget cycle, and in future cycles. Number two, the work presented to council today illustrates the strong partnerships that, that we are, that we enjoy locally that drives this work. What we like to say is when the business community and the faith community and the nonprofit community and government link arms there is no problem that we cannot tackle. And it was not always so that the faith community had such a prominent seat at the table. It was not always so that the business community had such a prominent seat. We do not ask people what brings them to the table, we ask them to roll up their sleeves and be part of the solution. I compliment the leaders of this effort for bringing everyone to the table in a spirit of true partnership. The third value is collaboration. It seems we live in a time that if one leader on either side of the river hiccups, there are stories psychoanalyzing relationship between the city and county. And what of course that masks is a deep and profound collaboration addressing community problems that happens every day at a high level. Our hiccups are few and far between, our collaborations and our partnership is deep. And so I think today we also celebrate the fact that we have a county government, a city government and a local housing authority that work together very effectively, and don't take it from me. When the assistant secretary of the V.A. was here recently for a forum that addressed veterans homelessness, she said at that forum she had never visited a city with a high level of collaboration. And other cities across the country, there is competition for dollars, there is rivalries, there is conflict. But not here. And that, I think, is a testament to the leaders who bring this forward today. Of course, we cannot have a hearing like there today without addressing the elephant in the room which is what Joe is getting at, which is funding. At a time when we need more dollars to address a greater need, we have something called sequestration in Washington, which is a blunt force instrument that hit the, the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest. And as we keep being reminded congress structured sequestration so that it was so unpalatable no one would allow it to happen, and guess what happened, it was allowed to happen. The people can least afford those cuts are going to bear the brunt, and the statistics that we have in lost vouchers and lost discretionary dollars and cuts in CDBG, if a year from now this problem is still acute, think back to the day congress allowed

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sequestration to drive our budget debate. I want to close with two thoughts. One is the criticism that the housing community often has to rebut, which is if we are doing such a great job how come people are still homeless. And it reminds me of the scene in fantasia, which I remember one of my favorite movies as a kid where you are in the basement of the house, there is the bucket brigade, the mop and the bucket trying to get the water it's flooding into the basement out. And so the question that's posed is, if you are doing such a great job how come there is so much water in the basement? And the answer is, we don't control the spigot that is spreading the water down the stairs into the basement. We don't control that. And we did not declare war on two countries and send men and women into conflict, and then refuse to spend the money to welcome them back. We did not underfund mental health services as a nation or cause 50 million americans not to have health care. That did not arise in Portland. But it is a national problem, and here's the hard truth, joe. No matter what we do up here and how much general fund money we spend on this, unless the federal government steps up and is a partner, we will never end homelessness. And so, I hope that coming out of this today, we are especially frustrated with some of our leaders who would allow budgets to be decided by sequestration. Rather than thoughtful planning. The final comment I would like to make is that today, is a special day in the housing community because jean demaster is receiving the first citizen award. And she is the first prominent leader in the housing movement to be recognized in 85 years for that award. And as a number of us will be at the luncheon today when she is honored, and I looked at the list of people who have been honored and there is a constant refrain, which is almost all of them have a building in our community named after them. So, gus solomon won the first citizen award, and there is a federal courthouse with his name on it. Mark hatfield won a first citizen award and there is a campus at that has his name on it. Edith green won a first citizen, and there is a government building, an expensive now green government building that bears her name. Well, today jean demaster being honored and there is a building in her name in our community as well called jean's place. And it's a place for homeless women. And I say it's about time that jean demaster took her place with all the other first citizens for her tremendous leadership in our community. Thank you to all who have done the hard work to bring this forward. Now the hard work really begins, in implementing it. I am proud to vote aye.

Saltzman: Good work, everybody, aye.

Fritz: Well, thank you, commissioner Fish for your leadership and for your passion, and for that inspiring speech. It is a national problem. We cannot solve homelessness by ourselves here in Portland. The taxpayers of Portland are very generous, and this council follows in a tradition of caring about people who are experiencing homelessness, and Gretchen kafoury, bud clark, and now nick Fish being some of our great leaders in that regard, but this council last year voted to, in a budget note, to change the safety net, 7 million of one-time funding to change it to ongoing funding. And as a result of that, this council is now looking at cuts in police officers and closing fire stations, and other major cuts to programs that people value. And it was absolutely the right thing to do. Because as commissioner Fish noted things like the safety net funding for short-term rent assistance, some of the other programs in that package that we're now funding and promising to fund ongoing, are essential to our battle. And one of my favorite parables is about the child on the beach throwing back starfish into the sea, and an older fella comes along and says why are you throwing back each star fish that's stranded. There are so many, it does not matter. The child says, it matters to this one, as he throws it back into the life-giving sea. And when we're looking at the plans to end homelessness, we are not proposing that we can end poverty throughout the world. We're not proposing that we can make sure that nobody loses their job or has a medical emergency or suffers from domestic violence, although we are addressing all of those. What we are doing is ending homelessness one person at a time. And that's what we have done over the course of the ten years. So I think that the name, a home for everyone, a united community, is a good revision of the 10 year plan to end homelessness. More understandable. And it's one person at a

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time. And we care about people one person at a time. I loved what Tracey Manning said, we're providing affordable housing but seeking to change the outcomes for the people who will live there. I appreciate Tracey and Sally Erickson and everybody who -- we have our whole team here, Kate Allen, Daniella Ezba, I think you have 51 people in the housing bureau, I remember from the work session on the budget, and every one of them cares about finding places for people to live, keeping people in housing and providing support in a compassionate and respectful manner. And yes, we have way too many people living outside. And we will need to continue to address that problem, that challenge, and again, the individual people are not the problem. The system is the problem. And our ability to care for everybody is the problem. Portlanders do have a great capacity for caring, and we will continue to demonstrate that in large or small ways, and we need to work together. So, I appreciate this whole plan and bringing back all of it when we are looking at the budget cuts and how best to prioritize any additional money that we may have. And thank you, Mayor Hales, for continuing the leadership with this council over many years in supporting the caring of our most vulnerable citizens. Aye.

Hales: Thank you, Commissioner Fish, for your leadership and for your careful management of a difficult and tractable set of problems that we have to keep working on. I hear it from every one this morning, actually, three themes clear and consistent among your comments, yours, the folks that testified, and the housing professionals working together. And one is partnership. And that, that yes, you are right, we need the federal government to be a partner and that we also need to have that practice and habit of partnerships in everything that we do because there are multiple organizations involved. Public, private, nonprofit, and that spirit of partnership, it does not matter whose turf this is. We need to work together to accomplish this shared purpose. That's a theme I hear among everyone who speaks about this issue, and they are right. The second one is, analysis. That a clear-eyed look at what's working and what is not, and be willing to change things and be willing to try new things. And is critical, and any complex problem, and I hear that value again clearly from the professionals that are running these programs, and from those that are looking at, at how those programs are working out in reality on the street. And the third and maybe the most important all is empathy. That I hear in everyone's voice, that quality of empathy. That we are passionately concerned about our fellow citizens, and that it's not right that there is still people sleeping on the street. And that empathy is so important to motivating us, to inspiring us. And to calling us to action every day to keep making that number smaller and to keep one by one helping more people off the street and back into a good quality of life. So, thanks for great report. For recommitting us all to this objective, and we look forward to making it happen. Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: Next item, please.

Item 307.

Hales: Do you have comments about this commissioner? Go ahead, please. And we'll call up the team.

Fish: The mayor has asked me to tee this one up. Thank you, mayor. Next up is an item allocating \$3.1 million to life works northwest development. That will bring a beautiful new building, housing a residential treatment facility, and 16 units of transitional housing to inner northeast Portland. Life works was awarded funding in the 2011 nofa, which is a notice of funding availability, which is the competitive process the city uses to award its federal funds and urban renewal funds. This development is a partnership between life works and project network. And is, actually, part of a larger undertaking that also includes home forward. Home forward component will include 30 new, 32 new affordable apartments on the site. We have three special guests today, who will tell us more about this development. Betty Krejci. Development director at life works. Sherrilynn Blanton, program director for project network. And Zobbie Lopez, a project network program participant. Ladies, welcome all.

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Manning: Thank you. So, we, actually, asked that these two items, that this item get linked with a home for everyone presentation because it exemplifies the kind of thing that we've been doing with our partners already to try to end people's homelessness and provide self sufficiency and growth and prosperity for folks in our community. This particular project brings together the city of Portland, home forward, and Multnomah county with one of our really tremendous community partners, life works northwest. And so, the city of Portland does what we do best. Which is to provide funding and expertise in the development of affordable housing, and community facilities. And Multnomah county helps facilitate, among other things, alcohol and drug treatment to people in need in our community. And home forward has expertise in development and owning, operating and managing housing, as well as providing their own resource in their ability to bond and bring rent subsidy. so I will let these experts tell you more about how wonderful this project is, but really wanted to emphasize that this is in many ways the embodiment the plan, that you just adopted. By bringing our, our jurisdictions together to share our expertise to create a great project, to, to provide services to, to a population, primarily, pregnant and parenting women. And serving largely in the african-american community that has been a successful program for years and years, in our community. And leveraging, public resources with private resources, so our, our \$3.1 million will leverage new market tax credits, as well as low income housing tax credits, and other affordable housing resources. To make this happen. So, great example, and some really smart and dedicated partners. So happy to welcome betty krejci.

Betty Krejci: Thank you, mayor hales. Thank you, and thank you, commissioners for allowing us to be here today. I'm here speaking on behalf of mary monnet, our president and ceo. And she's unable to attend because she's traveling out state but sends her regrets. we thank you so much for this time. We're excited to have the opportunity to brief you in this exciting project. And we're grateful for your long standing support and interest. I'm going to provide for you a brief overview of the project, and then I will turn it over to miss sherrilynn and zobbie, who they can talk about the program itself. Project network as was stated is a residential treatment center serving predominantly african-american women and their children in northeast portland. The program began in the late 1980s and was sponsored by legacy health. And in response to the drug affected baby crisis we were seeing across the community. Fortunately, over the next several years, the community crisis subsided with effective treatment and support. But the need for drug and alcohol treatment has not. Statistics show that for every dollar invested in treatment, you can save \$4 to \$7 in reduced criminal justice costs and is for every \$100,000 invested in treatment, you can save up to \$487,000 in long-term health care costs. in 2004, legacy determined project network would be better served as a community-based program. They turned to the african-american health coalition, who asked life works northwest to take on the services contract while they assumed ownership of the building. Life works northwest in turn entered into a long-term lease agreement, and with the intent of considering our options in the future. Our lease expires next year. The current facility is a 1920s studio apartment building on the corner of mississippi and russell in northeast Portland where many of the women have grown up and lived. And an area that remains the cultural hub of the african-american community. Even though many have been displaced. Although of the facility is safe and adequate, it can not meet our needs for the long-term future. There is limited space for children and no housing available once women graduate from their six-month treatment stay. Too often women spend six months building a solid base of recovery, but have then no place to go following treatment. Many are forced to return to previous living situations with the user, or worse yet, a domestic violence situation. This is unacceptable. Thus, we began to dream of a new purpose built facility that would better address the needs of our families, and allowing us to serve more with better outcomes and provide a solution to the lack of affordable drug and alcohol-free housing. We turn to gerding edlen and that dream launched over six years ago, is why we are here today in front of you. Sticking to our core competency of treatment programs, we looked for a

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housing partner to own and operate the housing component. Hence our collaboration with home forward. We received a development opportunity services grant from the Portland development commission, and evaluated our options. It was clear we needed to build. With our success last year with the city of Portland bureau of housing funding cycle, we were well positioned for the state funding cycle. And once state funding was achieved, we were off and running towards raising our 18 million on this project. Life works northwest committed to raising 3 million towards our portion of the new facility over the next three years. With the full support of our board and the help of our co-campaign chairs, ed Washington, bordy meradis and linda andrews, I am happy to say that we have already secured more than \$1.6 million towards our \$3 million goal. That represents 54% of the funding we need. With the generous program return on investment loan from the meyer memorial trust for 1.5 million, we are scheduled to close in early may and will break ground shortly thereafter. The new facility will be located on the corner of beach and mallory, one block north of fremont and one block west of martin luther king. As stated earlier, will contain 36 treatment beds and 32, two and three-bedroom apartments at a very affordable, personal drug and alcohol-free housing. And at this time, I would like to turn it over to miss sherrilynn blanton, who is our program director who will introduce our client.

Sherrilynn Blanton: my name is sherrilynn blanton, and I would like to say thanks to all of you for having us here to speak to you today. It's true, i've been at project network for over 16 years. And one of the things that I have seen throughout the years is a housing barrier for our women. Our women come into treatment. Some with their children and some without their children, and when they are done, they need some place to go, some place that's safe, some place that's affordable. And when I heard about the collaboration with home forward and life works northwest, it was a phenomenal idea to me because of the years of seeing women who have not had places to go after they have completed treatment. I have brought to you one of the residents at our program, and she will speak to her experience about project network.

Zobbie Lopez: Hi, my name is zobbie lopez, and I am a resident, currently, at project network. I have six children, and I had a very serious prescription narcotic problem. So, I worked and worked to get into a, inpatient rehab, project network is culturally specific somewhat to tend to the needs that I needed as a woman, and not only woman but -- I have a daughter that's disabled, also. A lot of the problems that I see as a resident of project network is mostly housing. We tend to work so hard on becoming active members of society, and I have to apologize, I did not prepare anything because I have never done anything like this, but this shows you exactly where you can come from and actually sit at a table and speak to all of you. So, I think it's very important to state how many girls are backing each other in the building in recovery. And how adamant women like miss sherrilynn and the women that work there are about becoming -- making us productive members of society. And responsible people for our children and for our families. I just found out that i'm getting my children back, and so a lot of the things that people see as normalcy, we didn't have. As addicts. So, project network brings in criminality, they bring in a lot of things that lead to your addiction and lead to relapses in an addiction. And I think that it's very important to state that the women that are there now are very, very adamant about being sober. And that's, having a refridgerator full of food. Having a care. Having the things that people don't notice day to day, we are very blessed with at project network. And like they said, there is a very big housing problem, there's women that are tending to stay longer than their stay needs to be due to housing problems. The fact that there's no area for disabled children is causing me to a problem with my placement of children. So there's a lot of things that are important that are being neglected in this building. The home forward thing is amazing, and I do commend you for choosing to say aye on that. that's a, something very serious to the people to live there. Most of us have never had a home, and if they do leave treatment or do go back to where they were, they are going to be back to treatment. This is a very large problem for the people that I have seen go through the program. I have friends

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there. I have children that I become very accustomed to. I call them my nieces and nephews. We become a family. You really don't realize how much people don't have family in addiction. You lose everything. You lose everybody. You lose your house. You lose the trust of the public. And that's the thing that I think that project network rebuilds. We rebuild the sisterhood, we rebuild the "lean on me", you know, that's really important to the 34 females that are attending now.

I am a big sister to a woman that just came in and she has seven days clean. And the beginning of your sobriety is very shaded. You don't understand where you're going with your time or how you are going to recover basically. And when you have someone standing next to you, that's either been through worse, better, or right in the middle, and you hear something that is worth hearing, like the na program, things like that. when you have an addict next to you and you know somebody has been there, too. Domestic violence. Having your children taken away. All of those things are very, very important in recovery. First 30 days is the hardest work you will ever done in your life. Every emotion will come out in the first 30 days. I think project network has absolutely 100% saved my family, my life. We have -- I am married and I have been married for 10 years. I have been in addiction most of my marriage. We have couples counseling, relationship building. Build your relationship with your mother, your father, your best friends, your children even. How to do things the way that "normal" is seen as. A lot of the women don't realize that they were in domestic violence with a man shouting at them. A lot of women don't realize that they have become criminals to maintain something that was so far gone in addiction. Stealing cars, you know, project network has brought every single thing that I can literally think of in addiction to the table. They -- they have literally saved me. Getting in there was a miracle for me. And getting my children back is a miracle for me. So, I do find it very important that they do find the housing medium, I guess you could call it, to really help the women stabilize. It is not even a take care of them kind of thing. It is all of these women are very driven about their sobriety. And all of them are very hard-working, and every day we attend classes monday through friday, with this lovely lady here we take classes. All of the women that work there work very hard, very, very hard at teaching us ways to become active members of society. And I think that is in part -- mostly in part to -- a lot of them are in recovery also. Seeing people that have been at the bottom, and possibly even been residents of project network, working towards the same goals with you is amazing. I think it is a very good place.

Fish: I am going to stop you there. I have this terrible feeling we are going to lose a quorum. I want to make sure we vote on this. Thank you. Thank you for your eloquent testimony. Thank you for joining us. Do we have anyone signed up?

Moore-Love: I didn't have a separate sign-up sheet for this one. So, does anyone want to testify on this?

Fritz: Congratulations on getting your children back.

Lopez: Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Hales: Thanks, panel. Do we have anyone else signed up?

Moore-Love: I did not have a separate sign-up sheet for this one.

Hales: Anyone who would like to testify? If not, then we'll take action on the ordinance.

Fish: Another example of a great partnership, project network, lifeworks northwest, housing bureau, and home forward. Thank you for joining us and telling us your inspiring story and for reminding us why we invest these precious dollars into building stronger families. We wish you the best of luck going forward.

Lopez: Thank you.

Fish: I want to also just note, mayor, that we have a competitive funding process. As compelling as this was, this was not funded until the third try. And it took three tries to get it right and to have the strong foundation necessary to get the public funding and to give everyone confidence that this would be a success. And I think that is a further vindication of the nofa process that we have,

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where if you fall short the first time, you are allowed to go back to the housing bureau and think through how to strengthen the proposal. And this proposal, on its third time, was just unbeatable. So thank you for all your good work and thank you for leveraging so many private dollars to make this happen as well. Aye.

Saltzman: This is a great project, and lifeworks is an excellent organization, well run, well managed, and really spot-on on what needs to be done. And thank you, ms. Lopez, for your very eloquent testimony. For not having done something like this before, you did an excellent job. You underscored the importance of project network and the need to have support for women in recovery and women with children.

Lopez: Yes.

Saltzman: Sometimes we don't think a lot about how children of impacted by the travails of their mother or their father. This is really a comprehensive approach designed to provide that bedrock of support for women and children to be successful in life. And it's tough, you know, I -- I can't say I empathize or have been there but I can certainly appreciate the difficulties and challenges of recovery. Thank you all for doing this. This is really a proud moment here. Aye.

Fritz: I had the privilege of visiting your current facility several years ago when this was just a dream. And not at all sure how we were going to get there. So it's particularly satisfying to be on the council as we approve this loan and take care of some of our most vulnerable people.

Women, culturally specific care, people with disabilities, on going treatment to housing and then to independent living. So I'm very proud to be able to support this. Aye.

Hales: Great project, great partnership. Thank you very much for being here. Look forward to seeing it coming up out of the ground and taking care of a lot of people. Thank you. Aye. Okay. Let's move on to the regular agenda. Sorry. We have to do consent, right thank you. Because we now have a quorum. Consent calendar. One item has been pulled off of consent. I believe it is 309. Any others? And then let's take a vote on the remainder of the consent calendar.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye

Hales: Aye. We will save that pulled item until later so that we can get to some other things and keep people here in the room to do them. Lets take Item 320 and then we will probably jump ahead.

Item 320.

Hales: Is carmen here? There she is. Good morning.

Carmen Merlo, Director, Bureau of Emergency Management: good morning, mayor, commissioners. Carmen merlo, portland bureau of emergency management. I'm actually going to talk about the two ordinances in front of you today. The first is the update to the emergency operations plan. This outlines, generally, the roles and responsibilities of each city bureau during any emergency event. The updates mostly administrative in nature. The real significant change was done to the alert and warning annex, and that was to take into account new technology that we have currently. We are the only jurisdiction in state of Oregon to have this technology, wireless emergency alerts. You may have seen this as a text on your mobile device. It not only pings your device through a vibration and a sound, but you can't use your cell phone until you acknowledge receipt of this text. Amber alert recently, or a blizzard alert. We had back in december. We now have this technology and so the alert warning annex was updated to take this into account. I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

Hales: Great. Any questions for carmen? Anyone else to testify?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Hales: Thank you very much. Roll call.

Fish: I sleep better at night knowing that you are in charge.

Merlo: Thank you, commissioner. I appreciate that very much.

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Fish: Thank you for your good work. Aye.

Saltzman: Yeah, good work. We tend to under-appreciate the important work that you do and probably don't give you enough time to go over everything. But we do appreciate keeping the eye on the need for capable responses in emergencies. Thank you. Aye.

Merlo: Thank you.

Fritz: Thank you for your work, aye.

Hales: Carmen and her team are the living personification of the boy scout motto, be prepared. Thank you. Aye. We will take a couple of items out of order since we are doing quorum maintenance here. 321. Let's vote on 321. Since they go together.

Hales: Roll call on resolutions.

Moore-Love: Did you want to ask for testimony?

Hales: I don't think there was any. Anyone else want to testify? Let's vote.

Item 321.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

Hales: lets take items 327 and 328 together and then return to the rest of the agenda after that.

Item 327.

Hales: Good morning.

Anna Kanwit, Director, Bureau of Human Resources: Good morning mayor and commissioners. Anna kanwit, Director of bureau of human resources. First ordinance is probably the longest title of any we have submitted, but basically what this is this is a voluntary retirement incentive program that we have developed given the city's current economic condition on the ordinance is one that would encourage voluntary separations and hopefully then would save involuntary separation via layoffs or other progamatic cuts, again, given the city's current economic situation. There are two parts to the ordinance. One is to establish the incentive program, which I will cover. The second is amending our contract with benefit health solutions. That's the entity that currently manages our fsa accounts, in order to establish the health reimbursement account, which are key to this early retirement incentive. Kathy Bless, the Benefits and wellness manager will cover that part. In developing this program, we looked at some others, most notably, king county, Portland development commission, as well as a plan that Multnomah county had had at one points in place. Basic incentive is that for each eligible employee who is actually approved for participation, there is no right to participate or guarantee. They will receive \$20,000 payment from their bureaus into a health reimbursement account. The \$20,000 figure was chosen. That's currently what it would cost for a full family coverage for a year. And so that's how we landed on that number. And also in looking at our retirement survey that we sent out most recently to employees, 53% of those responded did state is that one of the reasons that they were postponing retirement was an inability to pay for medical expenses before medicare. So, putting this money to health reimbursement account allows employees who are eligible to decide what qualified medical expenses they want that money to go into. It could be premiums. It could be something else. Bridging a gap for a year, when health care reform, health care exchanges go into place. There is one amendment that i'm going to discuss. Second amendment, commissioner Fish will present. And one is that to amend the agreement to include both pers retirement eligible employees, as well as fpdr retirement eligible employees. basically, as I said, this program is a management tool. It is voluntary. Participation must result in savings. And bureaus will need to determine the number of employees that they can offer this incentive to. To be eligible, you have to be a regular aka, permanent employee with the city of Portland, five years of service, you have to actually be eligible to retire under the pers system or fpdr system, and the employee has to submit their intent to retire between april 10th and may 10th, and separate by june 30th. We do have one exception, the separation, we -- bureau discretion could allow an employee to work as a returning retiree for an additional month, until

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july 1. That is partly an acknowledgment of the fact that it can take up to 90 days for pers to start paying retirement checks to employees. Again, the bureau contribution to -- for each eligible employee, proof participation will be made basically on their last day of employment with the city.

Adoption of the ordinance would authorize need to enter into negotiations with our unions so that this program can be made available to represented employees. Without that agreement, of course, we can only make it available to nonrepresented employees. There is in consideration of the employee receiving the \$20,000 contribution to the health reimbursement account, the employee also agrees that they will not seek reemployment with city in any status for two years. And there is additional amendment I will ask commissioner Fish to present on that point.

Fish: Thank you. And mayor and colleagues, on exhibit a, I am going to move an additional amendment, under eligibility, to make clear that the two-year bar that applies to reemployment covers employees, contractors, or subcontractors, in other words, to make it clear that you don't come back in any capacity, number one, which is intended to discourage the so-called revolving door practice and create opportunities for other city employees, and, second, we propose language which would allow the city council to wave the bar on reemployment by ordinance if the council determines it is the best interest in the city. I want to be very clear that my intent in having that council override is if the council would override the bar only because of an unforeseen and compelling business need and not simply for the sake of convenience. One example that we thought of, if, for example, there was an earthquake or some other emergency, and a senior manager was incapacitated or unable to serve, the city might want to bring somebody back who had retired under this program but it would be in those limited circumstances but not simply for the convenience.

Hales: good, understood. so, would you like to move the amendments as shown as exhibit a? I believe those encompass everything that we are doing in terms of amendments.

Fish: And our amendments have been cleared with council and hr.

Fritz: yes, I concur.

Hales: Fish moves and Fritz seconds and there on the table. Would you like to add anything to this?

Kathy Bless: The contract includes an amendment that changes our agreement with our current third-party administrator that processes all of the payments for our flexible spending account. Medical expense reimbursement account and dependent care account. So in order to offer the program to employees, we needed to have a third party administrator that would process the eligible qualifying medical expense claims that participants would submit. This ordinance and contract amendment does that. It allows for enough within the agreement to cover all of the employee elections and contributions, as well as what bureaus would contribute to an hra. Administrative expenses is very small. It is \$5 per participant.

Fritz: I have a question on that. Is the \$3.8 million referenced in the agreement, that's old language?

Bless: Part of it is old language. Part of it covers the fsa employee elections for a five-year period of time. Plus the \$3.8 million covers roughly what would be a huge amount of participation in this program, being 150 participants. But sap is not going to process money or administrative fees unless we show all of the dollars running through the contract, whether city money or employee dollars.

Fritz: Are we increasing the not to exceed in the contract?

Bless: Yes.

Fritz: From what to what?

Bless: it is from, I think it was 18 -- i'm sorry.

Fritz: That's all right.

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Bless: I don't have the original number. 21.25 -- \$21,250,000 for the new extended five-year -- it is not an extended. The contract runs through 2014. So, this additional \$3.8 million would be encompassed in the 21 overall dollar amount. I'm not answering your question very well.

Fritz: I think it would -- you and the city attorney have done this correctly, it would be helpful after the hearing if you could give me a strike through underlined version of the contract so that I can see what the changes are. How is the additional money is coming from existing bureau budgets?

Bless: The program is set up to deposit the \$20,000 per retiree participant and the bureau has to show an offsetting savings in order to do that.

Fritz: Not to exceed contract amount reflects the estimate for that.

Bless: Yes.

Fritz: If you could get me that underline strike out, that would be helpful. Thank you very much.

Kanwit: As kathy mentioned, estimate of 150 participants, I think is very high. But we did want to be on the safe side in terms of the contract amendment. You know, two final points. One is that for this incentive program also to work for the bureaus, I would ask tom, well the mayor right now commissioner in charge of all of the bureaus that the vacancy savings exception be waived for these particular positions because if those savings can't be used, obviously it will be difficult for bureaus to achieve the savings necessary to effectuate the program. The next step, if authorized today, communication would go out to all employees. We do not know who is eligible to retire and who isn't. With information about the program and what they need to do to submit an application for participation.

Hales: Thank you.

Saltzman: Your estimate of 150 employees that's an estimate of nonrepresented?

Kanwit: That would be total employees. And given what we seen in other programs, participation rate, I think that is very high.

Saltzman: Do we have an indication on whether our unions will be on board with this or not?

Kanwit: Yes, I have had conversations with coppea, ppa, pffa. They've all indicated some interest. So, I think so.

Saltzman: Okay. And this is separate from sort of our collective bargaining activities --

Kanwit: Yes -- sorry for interrupting -- it is completely separate, commissioner, and the program only is in effect through june 30th. It is not a program that we're proposing to continue. Obviously if it is something that has benefit, we will -- we can bring it back to council.

Saltzman: Thank you.

Hales: Okay. Any further questions for staff? Thank you very much. Anyone signed up to testify on these items?

Moore-Love: No one signed up for either.

Hales: Let's take a roll call on 327 as amended.

Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney: Mayor, you first need to take a vote on the amendment.

Hales: I have to adopt the amendments. Sorry. They've been moved and seconded. Roll call to adopt the amendments.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Hales: Aye. Now the ordinance as amended.

Fish: I want to thank hannah kuhn in our office to working on our amendment and I want to compliment our team at h.r. We have a big budget hole. This is a creative idea for how it may help us close our budget and it also addresses another concern that we have, which is a lot of the folks that are in the pipeline, most junior employees, are people that we have spent a fair amount of time recruiting because they bring diversity to our ranks. During our hearings, we got

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sobering statistics on the profile of some people subject to layoff under one or more scenarios. Voluntary retirement program like this has the also added benefit of protecting some of those positions and allowing us to meet larger citywide equity goals. Thank you for your good work on this and i'm pleased to vote aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Fritz: Aye.

Hales: we're coming in for a hard landing on a budget and everything we can do to make it a little softer will matter. Whether it is saving money by not spending funds authorized now for this or that project that can be delayed, whether it is holding vacancies vacant, avoiding overtime. There are things that all of us as city employees can do to soften this blow. This particular one will allow some of our employees who are pondering that question about retirement to go ahead and do so. Clearing the way for us to keep somebody who is earlier in their career working for the city. Thank you for the good work in putting this together. I vote aye.

Fritz: Thank you.

Hales: 328 please.

Item 328.

Fish: Are we not -- 328 is?

Hales: That's the leave of absence. It's also an emergency ordinance.

Fritz: yes, that's my second.

Fish: Any discussion on that? Is that, if not, we'll just take the votes.

Kanwit: Certainly happy to take a vote

Fish: I confused it with the one pulled off.

Fritz: I just have a question.

Kanwit: Sure.

Fritz: On the lines of innocent until proven guilty, why are we not having the employee continue to work?

Kanwit: There was an issue in terms of the accommodation that would have to be made according to the court order that would have been difficult for the bureau to accomplish. So, that was why we negotiated the unpaid leave of absence.

Fritz: And this was acceptable to mr. Khan?

Kanwit: Yes, the agreement, if you -- the ordinance would be authorizing me and dean marriott to enter into the agreement, but he had already signed it as has his union.

Fritz: Thank you.

Hales: Anyone signed up to testify?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Hales: Roll call please.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

Kanwit: Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. All right. Let's turn to the regular agenda. I'm sorry. One more emergency item isn't there. 325.

Fish: And it is also a second reading on 329.

Hales: Yes, there sure is. Are you going to be here that long?

Fish: Probably 15 minutes --

Hales: ok we got few more minutes.

Fritz: We have somebody to testify on 309.

Hales: Let's take up 325 and see if there is anyone here to testify on that.

Item 325.

Hales: Anyone signed up to testify on this?

Moore-Love: I did not have a sign up sheet.

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Hales: Anyone like to speak on this item? Long awaited project. I think we might be ready to vote. Roll call please.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye **Fritz:** Aye **Hales:** Aye.

[gavel pounded]

Hales: Okay. And then 309. No -- second reading on 329, please.

Item 329.

Hales: Roll call.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

[gavel pounded]

Hales: Lets return to 309.

Item 309.

Fritz: Thank you, mayor hales. This does represent a significant step forward in our work on the superfund. I have a minor amendment which I am passing out which has been reviewed by the mayor regarding the title and the now therefore directs the number to be -- to authorize the mayor and director of the bureau of environmental services to enter into the agreement both in the title and in the 2-b. I move that the mayor be added as a signatory.

Saltzman: Second.

Hales: Second to that. Do we have anyone signed up to testify on this? Yes, we do.

Moore-Love: Someone did want to testify.

Hales: Good morning.

Rick Applegate: Mayor hales, members of the city council. I'm rick applegate, for over a decade I was privileged to serve as the Portland harbor superfund administrator. I know you have serious business today and quorum problems, so I will be very brief. So if I'm not, I'll be trying to get some help on a parking ticket. During the course of the work on superfunds, we determined that river mile 11 had the most serious pcb contaminant levels in the entire Portland harbor. That piece of land upstream from the fremont bridge and across the river. Once we learned about that, we did not sit idly by. We went to the river with pge, pacific corps, xydel, deq and we actually conducted the first comprehensive environmental assessment of downtown reach and initiated with deq a very serious investigative effort, at some risk, river mile 11 area, sediment and sediment traps. It was the persistence of epa, with strong support of the city, that enabled us to make a determination that river mile 11 was so highly contaminated. If we had missed that opportunity, it was controversial at the time. If we had missed that opportunity, we well could have had a very serious obstruction in the superfund process. As you know, it doesn't take much in the superfund to get things further delayed and off track as we have experienced over the last decade. This is a very good day. Thanks are due to all of the parties who at some risk have agreed without having to admit or resolve their liabilities as is the case for the city, stepping forward to undertake this important work. Commissioner Saltzman, commissioner Fritz have done a lot of work on this in the past. Mayor hales, you made this an issue during your campaign I know and congratulations on getting it moving as a priority so early in your term. Last thing I would say, not surprisingly, those of you who know me I wish this well could have happened nearly two years ago. And that we would be on the verge of the clean-up now because it is such an important area. Better late than never. What I would urge is that beyond that work, that the city do all it can to expedite the day when the actual clean-up will be underway. There is no need to wait for the federal record of decision and then risk going into a fairly conventional, multiyear remedial design that would only put this off further. Fact of the matter, it is critical to get to the clean-up, because these pcb's at very high levels are not just in the mud. We detected them in the water column and they are in Fish tissue at very high levels during times of the year they are even mobile at the upper end of the superfund site. And that's why this area is on everyone's list as one of the first clean-ups that should be undertaken in the river system. So, thank you for making

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sure that this essential and important step is going to be taken. I think it is a significant step. My best to you as we move forward on this clean up. We all hope that eventually this river can be restored to the point where those who swim and those who Fish and those who come to rely on this river for food and basic nutrition can enjoy the bounty of these marvelous waters as we all try to coexist with the important economic activities taking place. Thank you very much. This is a good day.

Fritz: thank you for your work rick, and if you could email me your comments, you said it much more eloquently than i.

Applegate: I'd be happy to do it.

Hales: I would like to see those as well. Thanks rick.

Mary Eng: I'm excited to be here and hear about this. I just wanted to bring up something that bothers me.

Hales: go ahead and put your name on record.

Eng: Mary Eng, here. Regarding pollution and the neurotoxicity in the Fish, in california, my home state, there are warnings in every trader joe's or whole foods saying, if you are pregnant, do not eat the Fish or risk neurotoxic for your fetal development. And I think that anything that we can do to follow a lot of the leads that california has taken in terms of proposition 65 warnings and other things can help us improve Oregon, and I would love to hear what he had to say and appreciate very much anything you can do in those regards for consumer safety and to help with it.

Hales: Thank you. Okay. Anyone else? Then let's take roll call on this.

Moore-Love: on the amendment?

Hales: I'm sorry, on the amendment first.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Fritz: Thank you to your partnership on this, mayor hales. Aye.

Hales: Aye. Now on the emergency ordinance.

[As amended]

Fish: Aye.

Saltzman: This is an important step forward and it is a very important site to expedite and hopefully get cleaned up sooner than later, as mr. Applegate so eloquently said it. Aye.

Fritz: Thank you for 10 years for setting this in motion rick, and thank you to all of the staff and many bureaus and our community partners for focusing on this site and getting this going. Aye.

Hales: A lot of work on a complex piece of business here. Thank you for those who have put this agreement together and that have moved this to action and there will be more on a cleaner river. Aye.

Moore-Love: We still have one emergency left. Item 324.

Hales: We will have to carry that over to the afternoon. Any other items left on the regular agenda that we didn't get to?

Moore-Love: I have 322, 323, and 326.

Hales: Okay. Let's proceed with those. You have to go soon as well?

Hales: Do we have people here to make presentations or testify on any of these items? We might just have to call you back.

Fritz: Read the titles.

Hales: 322 and see if we have any questions on that one.

Item 322.

Hales: Anyone here to testify?

Fritz: I have some questions on this, but I will pose them to staff and get the answers before next week.

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Hales: Move to second reading [gavel pounded]

Hales: Anyone else here to present on any items? I have a couple of council members that need to get to something. We will set those over until the afternoon calendar and we are in recess until 2:00 p.m. [gavel pounded]

At 11:35 a.m., Council recessed.

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[roll call]

Hales: We're ready to take up the amended ordinance, sandra wood is here from the --

Moore-Love: Did you want to do the leftover items from this morning?

Hales: Oh, sorry. Yes. Let's return to the morning calendar and deal with the items we did not complete because we did not have a quorum.

Item 323.

Hales: This is a hearing. Good afternoon.

Lance Lindahl, Bureau of Transportation: Good afternoon. My name is lance lindahl. I'm with the right of way acquisition group, Portland bureau of transportation. Before you is a proposal to vacate an unimproved portion of southwest moody drive located north of the ross island bridge. This portion of right of way was closed to public use when a portion of i-5 was constructed in the '60s. this street vacation was initiated by the bureau of transportation and the purpose is to assemble it to the abutting tri-met property and use with the recently realigned portion of southwest moody avenue and for the Portland-milwaukie light rail project. City bureaus have determined the dedication -- dedicated street area are no longer needed. And are in support of the vacation as proposed. No objections to the vacations have been received. I'm available to answer any Questions you have, and thank you for your time.

Hales: great. Thank you. Is there anyone signed up to testify?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Hales: Anyone here to testify on this item? It moves to second reading. [gavel pounded]

Item 324.

Hales: An emergency ordinance. Did we have any staff presentation on this item? Apparently not. Anyone here to testify? Roll call, please.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

[gavel pounded]

Item 326.

Hales: Presentation by staff on this. I think this is something that actually was authorized quite a while ago and we're finally getting around to approving by ordinance.

Fish: I think we're renewing a successful program.

Hales: You're right. Sorry. Ok. Anyone here to testify? If not, moves to second reading. [gavel pounded] and anything else left over from this morning?

Moore-Love: That's it.

Hales: Now item 330, please.

Item 330.

Hales: Welcome. We have in front of us the amended ordinance. Would you like to summarize the amendments?

Sandra Wood, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Sure.

Hales: Given the number of them that were act on last week.

Wood: good afternoon commissioners, my name is sandra wood, i'm with the bureau of planning and sustainability and with me today is matt wickstrom, the project manager for this project. And

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joe zehnder wasn't able to join us today, and he sends his apologies for that. We have provided two handouts to the commissioners today. One is just a summary of all the amendments, the full packet of amendments that council is considering today and voted on last week. It passed the second reading last week. And clean code language that reflects the changes that were made last week. We thought it would be worthwhile just providing a clear summary because there was so many moving pieces last week to make sure we're all on the same page about what's being adopted. It's my understanding that today we're doing the second reading for -- with original ordinance.

Hales: That's right.

Wood: that was passed a second reading today. So if you'll take a look at the two-sided sheet that says new apartment and parking, amendments to the zoning code. we thought it would be worthwhile going through the amendments that were recommended by the planning and sustainability commission that council didn't change last week, and also the amendments that council voted on last week. So starting with number one, we're removing the required parking line from table 130-3, in the zoning code that's the multidwelling chapter. Number two is allow required parking for nonresidential uses to be located within 500 feet of the site. The current code says 300 feet. So that would increased. Number three, to allow joint use of required residential parking spaces. To do that right now the code already allows it for nonresidential, so we're expanding that for residential uses also. Number four, allow parking for car sharing and bike sharing facilities to substitute for some of the required parking. Number five, to define size requirements for long-term bicycle parking. Currently we have them for short-term, so we're expanding that for long-term also. Number six, require on-site loading spaces for multidwelling buildings with more than 40 units, it used to be 50. So 40 units is what is on the table today. Then going into the amendments that were proposed by several commissioners last week, and this is what we understood and what we've codified in this clean code language. Number seven amendment, require parking for multidwelling development in certain commercial zones, using the tiered approach proposed by commissioner Fish last week. Number eight, required parking for multidwelling development within 500 feet of transit and within 1500 feet of light rail stations, again using the tiered approach. Amendment nine, is to remove the reference to tri-met frequent Service lines map. planning commission has recommended using that map. Council reversed that, and will -- so the code is written to use what we currently use, which is 20-minute headways on the -- for buses and light rail. Number 10, to cap the amount of required parking that may be reduced using exceptions to 50%. As you recall there were several exceptions, so we're capping that. Number 11, is to delete language in the recommended draft to allow parking for multidwelling buildings to be within 500 feet of the building. The commission has approved that and council did not want to allow for parking to be on different sites down the street, for example. Number 12, to add language to the purpose statement for minimum required parking. As you recall, we added a sentence last week, staff did do some minor grammatical changes to that sentence, it's in your packet in attachment c to fit in with the context of the rest of the paragraph. And finally, the last amendment was amendment 13, which was to clarify that transit street main entrances only apply to nonresidential uses on the ground floor, not all uses on any floor. So we hope this summarizes what you understood to be the amendments from last week, and we were of course taking notes on your votes last week and hope to have captured them.

Hales: Any questions for staff? Any concerns that this doesn't reflect what the council adopted then? Great. Thank you very much. Then I believe we're ready to move to roll call on second reading of the ordinance as amended.

Fish: Last week we had a fantastic and stimulating, and I think historic hearing in this chamber that lasted about six hours. And when we debated some very big concepts, about how do you balance the values and sustainability with concerns about neighborhood livability. And where do you strike that balance? And I remember the first thing I said to my wife when I went home was, I can't

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believe I get paid to do this job, because it was a privilege to be in this space, listening to so many thoughtful and passionate arguments on all sides of the issue. And mayor, i'm reminded we began the evening with a very thoughtful speaker, invoking senate bill 100, in saying that essentially what began us down the path to ruin, to assist the statewide land use planning, which forced density on communities where density didn't belong. And we ended the evening with some very thoughtful people, including a lone fellow, suggesting tom mccall was rolling in his grave over the compromise we were considering. And it struck me as I listened to those thoughtful voices on both ends of this debate that there was a lot of room in the middle for us to legislate. And while I don't think the package before us is perfect, I do believe it's thoughtful and balanced, and has a clear rationale. We started with a proposal that the bureau of planning and sustainability and its commission crafted, and I think it was a terrific start. I believe the amendments we adopted last week strengthened that proposal. From the tiered approach that was our first amendment, to a number of the amendments offered by commissioner Fritz, I think we took a good idea and made it better. Of course time will tell. The beauty of what we're doing here is we are essentially adopting a set of rules which provide a bridge to the comp plan. And as we test drive these rules, we will learn whether there are unintended consequences or other changes that are necessary, and through the comp plan we can even improve this further. One comment that was made at the hearing and subsequent to the hearing that I take very seriously is the question, have we done enough to promote affordability? Now, in truth, my focus has been primarily on the fact that very few of the units in question are what we call affordable. They are market rate units that are not affordable to entry level workers, working families, people even at 60% of what we call median family income. So these are not by any definition that we use, affordable. But a serious question has been raised about some unintended consequences of our work, in potentially making truly affordable housing less accessible. I checked with the housing bureau, and they say there are no developments in the pipeline in the short-term which will be affected by this legislation. So it will not have a negative impact. But I have asked mayor, staff at bps on a fairly expedited basis to think about the modifications to what's before us to create some market-based incentives for affordable units. We currently have a tool kit that includes tax abatement, subsidized housing, a number of other tools, and it is certainly not my intent or the council's intent to make truly affordable housing less achievable. That said, I believe the package before us, which is the bps proposal as amended, strikes a good balance. And i'm especially pleased with the debate that we've had, and the role people have played. First the citizens who have weighed in and shared their views robustly. Second, the role of staff and a number of bureaus who have done an outstanding job bringing the council along. And third, my colleagues, because I think under this mayor who gave us the freedom to have a very public and robust debate, I think we have had that, and I think the work product reflects that. So mayor, I thank you for your leadership throughout this. I'm going to support the amended Ordinance with my eyes open, knowing that we have more work to do. But as we struggle to find that balance, and to maintain what special about Portland, I think this is a sincere effort with a clear rationale, and therefore has earned my support. Before I close I want to thank my team, including sonia semanski, for the terrific work she did, particularly in crafting the tiered approach that was responsive to some concerns we had had from people across the spectrum about how to strengthen the proposal that came from bps, and it's really been a pleasure to work with sonia on this very challenging issue. To everyone who has weighed in and helped us get to this point, sincere thanks, and i'm pleased to vote aye.

Saltzman: I believe that staff at the bureau of planning and sustainability as well as the planning and sustainability commission did some good work, very good work in crafting a thoughtful proposal to require parking for multiunit developments with over 40 residential units. And did so in relatively rapid amount of time, given how things work in the planning realm. And I think that's really where I was comfortable beginning and ending. And I appreciate my colleagues'

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amendments and work on the commission's recommended code language, but i'm not comfortable with increasing distances from transit where off-site -- on-site parking would be required, or would kick in, and I'm not comfortable with how this could affect -- how mid block developments could affect the pedestrian right of way as a result of these proposed amendments. And then testimony we heard last week also added to my concern about parking minimums that could move Portland backwards as it relates to its climate action plan, and how these parking minimums could impact affordability. Housing affordability in a negative fashion. So I do want to be on record, I do support the amended purpose statement that does say that if neighbors and developers can work out something here, that there should be a process where they can come together in full support of one another and perhaps tweak the code that I sense will be adopted here shortly, and hopefully everyone will be -- hopefully that process will be utilized and work successfully. And I want to thank the planning and sustainability commission members and the staff who worked very hard, and the members of the community who participated in this very vigorous debate on this important issue. It shows how invested everyone is to -- in -- invested in what Portland is, and even though we may not always agree, that we certainly all care about the city and what it looks like, and who is able to live here. With all due respect I vote no.

Fritz: I love planning and I love neighborhoods, and this project has combined some of the best of both. One of the many joys of being -- having been the commissioner in charge of neighborhood involvement for the past four years is having frequent easy access to neighborhoods all over the city. So I started becoming aware of this challenge in the spring of 2012. And was at the formative meeting for the friends of responsible growth in belmont wilshire, and in june of 2012 commissioner Fish brought the big look housing revisions to council, looking at tax abatement and how to make affordable housing and in that process commissioner Fish and I along with chair cogan and deborah kafoury, commissioner kafoury, looked at where indeed we want the target for affordable housing and for tax breaks. And some of the places that are currently experiencing houses without parking are in the same areas, and would be eligible for tax abatement should they choose to apply for one. But at that hearing, I requested and the entire council concurred we would ask the planning and sustainability commission to hold a hearing on the issue of apartments without parking. That when they -- the changes were code to adopted 10 or more years ago, it wasn't envisioned market forces would lead to so many apartments being built without parking. I have to just pause and note that it's been -- I don't think it's -- it's been another episode in my term on the council where so many progressive liberals have come in and advocated on behalf of market forces. [laughter] that was a very interesting experience. So the planning commission held a public meeting, a briefing on the -- in november of last year. We were going to bring back the proposed report to council at the end of last year, i'm -- and pretty much ran out of time. So the mayor graciously agreed to put it on the agenda on january 10th, so then we held the public hearing that then directed the planning and sustainability commission to hold their hearing. Which they did expeditiously in march, and with all due speed -- brought back the amendments to council. So pretty much a year since I became aware of it, that planning and sustainability bureau and commission were able to get the proposal back to us. So thanks a lot for all of your good work, within the bureau, also in the bureau of development services, joe zehnder has been a stalwart on this, as has susan anderson, director of the bureau. And came back to us with a proposal which I remember when commissioner hales appointed me planning commission way back in '96, he said that he hoped that the planning commission would bring things to council that were about 90% correct, and that the council would tweak about 10%, and I would guess that's close to what we did on this particular project. I appreciate the tiered approach which commissioner Fish brought in last hearing, I think it makes it a better ordinance and provides more flexibility. There are additional exceptions for using to buy down parking, but we said it should be 50%. Commissioner novick was particularly helpful in pointing out the issue of the mid block buildings and we had a good

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discussion on whether or not those buildings should be subject to these parking restrictions. What we came up with at the end of our 5½-hour hearing, which I think is a testament to everybody's ability to keep thinking late into the evening, was to use the adjustment process. Whereby it's a discretionary review, the neighbors get to come in and give their piece, the developer makes his pitch, and if the proposal equally or better meets the purpose of the regulation to be adjusted, you could get down to zero parking. So that's why it's particularly important that the purpose statement is being adjusted, or amended in this packet. I'm just going to read what the purpose statement now says, the part we amended which says that multidwelling development that includes a large number of units may require some parking to support existing and future uses in the area and serve residents and guests especially those with disabilities. Parking requirements should be balanced with an active pedestrian network to minimize pedestrian bicycle, and vehicle conflicts as much as possible. So with that additional language it gives the scope to the Neighbors and the developers to make their case for parking or no parking, curb cut or no curb cut, and I think that's the appropriate way to deal with this rather than through standards. We do need to be holistic in looking at our neighborhood problems and not hide our heads in the sand, pretending if we don't provide parking the cars will go away. Studies show seven out of 10 of apartment dwellers without parking provided still own cars. And I was again somewhat dismayed that there were many folks who assumed because they are able to do without a car, because they're able to bike or because their family circumstances are such that everybody should be able to do without a car. There are a lot of people in Portland who cannot do without a car, or choose not to do without a car, and we need to be aware of that reality and provide for it. We need to look at the carrying capacity of the land when we're building on these lots, and making sure that we're not diverting the problem to the public right of way, we're not diverting it to an off-site lot which will forever be surface parking, which is not the highest and best use of the land. We need to look at the lots, and unlike parking, which is really expensive to provide structured parking and pretty much mostly the folks that do it are the city, and we don't have the money to provide smart parks in a lot of these neighborhoods any time in the foreseeable future. We need to make sure the carrying capacity of the land is there, and that means the apartments can go up to the maximum height, and that they can have some tuck under parking -- there's more sensitive site design, that's what I believe these recommendations and the amendments do. The comprehensive plan will be needed to fully flesh this out this, is just a first step, in particular we need to look at the issue of historic buildings, conversion of historic buildings and exempting them. But doing that in a thoughtful manner in conjunction with the comprehensive plan. I thank everybody on all sides of this issue,. There's been spirited discussion, what I was pleased with was very little attacks, mostly focused on the principles and the value, shared or indifference. And in planning we rarely all agree. So it's good to know that we can discuss things in a spirited manner. Particularly thank Tom Gizell in my office and Ed Mc Namara in the Mayor's, Katherine Beaumont in the city attorney's office has been absolutely stalwart, and everyone who's participated in this has is an example of a good public process done transparently, done in collaboration with all five members of the council, and done in a manner that you know what is going on. You may not like it, but you can certainly ask more questions if you are confused or concerned about any particular piece of it, but I like the way this has been done and I appreciate everyone's engagement. Aye.

Hales: Everybody who built my house in my neighborhood is dead. Why bring that up? I live in an old house, in an old neighborhood. And it's a great old house. And it's in a great old neighborhood, and it's not unusual to be able to say that in Portland. My house is coming up on 100 years old. It's going to be around for I hope a couple hundred more if the owners after us take good care of it too. What's the point of all this? The decisions that we make about land use and urban form last a really long time. The shape of our neighborhoods is determined in very large part by what we do here at this date and what the planning and sustainability bureau's staff and others in our work force at the

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city do, and what our commissions like the design commission and the planning and sustainability commission do to try to device policy that in the immediate day we're in shapes development a little bit one way or the other. But then those decisions last a really long time. The first time around in a lot of these neighborhood main streets and neighborhoods, there wasn't much regulation involved. There were visionary developers like william ladd that laid out cool subdivisions and parks designers like emanuel meesh that designed laurelhurst park that created the framework, and then craftsmen builders built beautiful old homes and main Streets along the streetcar lines, which were another very powerful force that determined the shape and character of the neighborhoods that we live in now. So we get to use regulation and transportation policy and investments to keep making those decisions that shape the present and the future. And we're about that in this work here that we're doing today. I think this particular set of code adjustments is the right set of moves to make now, to respond to changes that are urgent in the community, and some market forces that have been maybe more robust than some of us expected when a previous version of those codes was last devised. I said last week that I still didn't think we got it right. I didn't mean that as a criticism of anyone, just that again, we were using the -- these tools, and our good judgment to try to shape change. And sure enough, it will come along and surprise us again. But if we keep being willing to have a community that cares, forward an issue to the city, have those citizen bodies and our professional staff take up that issue, give us good proposals that are maybe at the 90% level of finality, and adopt them here with an understanding that we will again revisit and revisit over time, whether in the updated comp plan or other forums, that's how we proceed. I'm very happy that we have gotten to this point. There was some good work done before the current council was Sworn in, but in less than a hundred days since commissioner novick and I arrived, we've moved this issue from conceptual to policy and code, and now to law. So I want to thank everyone who's worked so hard, ed has, new to city government, but not to development, but learned how complicated the process of adopting code is, but he's been enormously helpful. Katherine has always has been great counsel and the bureau staff has done great work. I want to finally close by thanking the neighborhood activists that have carried this flame and said, city, you need to pay attention to this, get on with this, bonnie, dick, judith, others that have work so hard on this issue, thank you for being good citizens, and I appreciate the fact we've made this progress and made it quickly. Aye. [gavel pounded] and that's our one and only item this afternoon. So we're adjourned. Thank you all. [gavel pounded]

At 2:30 p.m., Council adjourned.