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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2000 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Francesconi, Hales, Saltzman and Sten, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Britta Olson, Clerk of the Council; Harry Auerbach, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Peter Hurley, Sergeant at Arms.

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

- *1651** **TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM** – Adjust FY 2000-01 Adopted Budget for Fall Budget Adjustments (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Katz)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175087. (Y-5)

- *1652** Adopt a Supplemental Budget for FY 2000-01 of \$138,832,952 and make budget adjustments in various funds (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Katz)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175088. (Y-5)

- *1653** Create one new fund and rename two funds effective November 15, 2000 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Katz)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175089. (Y-5)

CONSENT AGENDA - NO DISCUSSION

- 1654** Cash investment balances September 28 through October 25, 2000 (Report; Treasurer)

Disposition: Placed on File.

- 1655** Execute a contract with Portland Habilitation Center to furnish landscape maintenance services for Bureau of Parks and Recreation for \$221,795 annually (Purchasing Report)

Disposition: Accepted Prepare Contract. (Y-5)

- 1656** Accept bid of A. Noble, Inc. to furnish the annual supply of transportation and disposal of grit and screenings at the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$95,644 annually for two years (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 100202)

Disposition: Accepted Prepare Contract. (Y-5)

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- 1657** Accept bid of LZN Excavation, Inc. to furnish Stark basin combined sewer overflow sump project, unit 5 and 6 storm sewer system, for \$685,000 (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 100180)

Disposition: Accepted Prepare Contract. (Y-5)

Mayor Vera Katz

- 1658** Approve the appointment of Dr. L. David Ritchie to the Portland Cable Access Board of Directors (Resolution)

Disposition: Resolution No. 35944. (Y-5)

- *1659** Contract with Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc. to provide architectural and engineering services for the remodel of Fire Stations 3, 25 and 26 (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175067. (Y-5)

- *1660** Amend contract with Russell Construction for remodel of The Portland Building 5th and 6th floors for the Bureau of Water Works (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 32917)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175068. (Y-5)

- *1661** Pay claim of Pavel Guzenko (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175069. (Y-5)

- *1662** Extend Legal Services Agreement with Reeve Kearns PC (Ordinance; amend Agreement No. 33030)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175070. (Y-5)

- *1663** Extend Legal Services Agreement with Marten and Brown LLP (Ordinance; amend Agreement No. 31627)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175071. (Y-5)

- *1664** Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County and Metro regarding Visitor Development Initiative (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 174215)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175072. (Y-5)

Commissioner Jim Francesconi

- *1665** Authorize \$800,000 payment to Children's Museum Campaign Executive Committee of the Rotary District 5100 Trust to be used for the renovation of the Children's Museum (Ordinance)

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Disposition: Ordinance No. 175073. (Y-5)

Commissioner Charlie Hales

- *1666** Amend two legal descriptions for N. Kaiser Center Drive (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 163958)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175074. (Y-5)

- *1667** Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to receive \$50,000 in State funds as reimbursement of project costs for the Pedestrian Safety Project at SE 94th and Foster (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175075. (Y-5)

Commissioner Dan Saltzman

- 1668** Consent to the transfer of solid waste and recycling franchises to Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc. dba Arrow Sanitary (Second Reading Agenda No. 1635)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175076. (Y-5)

- 1669** Authorize an intergovernmental agreement between the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and the Multnomah County Public Affairs Office in an exchange for services provided by the Community Residential Siting Program in the amount of \$30,000 (Second Reading Agenda No. 1636)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175077. (Y-5)

Commissioner Erik Sten

- *1670** Extend term of ordinance granting AT&T a long-distance telecommunications franchise (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 162822)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175078. (Y-5)

- *1671** Extend term of a temporary, revocable permit granted to TCG Oregon, aka AT&T LNS (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 173990)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175079. (Y-5)

- *1672** Contract with Housing Authority of Portland for \$398,495 for the HOME Investment Partnership Program and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 175080. (Y-5)

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- *1673** Contract with Housing Authority of Portland for \$104,747 for staff costs to develop homeless and special needs housing and provide for payment (Ordinance)
- Disposition:** Ordinance No. 175081. (Y-5)
- *1674** Contract with Housing Our Families for \$50,000 to support the development and maintenance of affordable rental housing and provide for payment (Ordinance)
- Disposition:** Ordinance No. 175082. (Y-5)
- *1675** Contract with Human Solutions, Inc. for \$40,000 for the development of affordable rental housing and provide for payment (Ordinance)
- Disposition:** Ordinance No. 175083. (Y-5)
- *1676** Contract with Human Solutions, Inc. for \$38,371 for development and management of affordable housing and provide for payment (Ordinance)
- Disposition:** Ordinance No. 175084. (Y-5)
- 1677** Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for Administration of eligibility verification for Water/Sewer bill discount and crisis assistance (Second Reading Agenda No. 1637)
- Disposition:** Ordinance No. 175085. (Y-5)
- 1678** Authorize a two-year extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to administer eligibility verification and coordinate plumbing repairs for the Water/Sewer Enhanced Fixture Repair Program (Second Reading Agenda No. 1638)
- Disposition:** Ordinance No. 175086. (Y-5)

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Vera Katz

- *1679** Contract with Harrison Consulting for professional planning expertise and assistance on Portland Development Commission Urban Renewal Planning work for \$58,860 and provide for payment (Ordinance)
- Disposition:** Ordinance No. 175090. (Y-5)

Commissioner Jim Francesconi

- *1680** Accept a \$5,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Portland Fire and Rescue (Ordinance)

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Disposition: Ordinance No. 175091. (Y-5)

Communications

- 1681** Request of Bill Resnick to address Council regarding City Police militarization in the Kroeker period (Communication)

Disposition: Placed on File.

- 1682** Request of Sue Phillips to address Council regarding Police Chief Mark Kroeker's attitudes toward minorities, women and the poor (Communication)

Disposition: Placed on File.

At 10:10 a.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Britta Olson
Clerk of the Council

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WEDNESDAY, 6:00 PM, NOVEMBER 15, 2000

DUE TO THE LACK OF AN AGENDA
THERE WAS NO MEETING

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Katz: Good morning, everybody. The council will come to order. Britta, please call the roll. [roll call] consent agenda items. Any items to be removed off the consent agenda? Anybody in the audience wanting to remove an item off the consent agenda? If not, roll call. **Francesconi:** Aye.

Hales: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye. **Katz:** Mayor votes aye.

Time certain, **Items 1651, 1652 and 1653.**

Mark Murray, Director, Bureau of Financial Planning, Office of Management and Finance: Good morning. Mark murray, financial planning. I'd like to give a brief overall financial trend to report as part of the report, and a quick report on the status of the budget notes as well, and then depending on how much time you would like to put into the details, larry will address some of those. At this point in time the general fund revenues look healthy. They look to be within six-tenths of a percent of budget, depending on where the delinquency rates of discounts wind up this year. The discount rate was a little higher last year than anticipated, so that has been adjusted. The bureau fee revenues prevent a mixed picture. Park fees revenues are ahead of last year due to extra days and also due to the success of the new community centers. The fees in the fire bureau are down somewhat for the enhanced prevention program, but they're addressing that through program adjustments. There's no danger there that we are aware of at this time. We have been monitoring that. General fund expenditures, they're up over last year about 16.4%, but we need to adjust for the number of days, and the accounting periods last year. The days were shorter last year. Adjusted for that, we still look okay. Part of the weakness is due to the outstanding Portland firefighters association, we do not yet have a contract with with that. We will probably not know on that until the end of the calendar year or early into january. Materials and services, again represent a mixed picture. External m & s are slow to appear, slightly behind last year. Internal m & s, that could just be more efficient billing on the cash flow side. Capital outlays are off to a strong start, so it looks like this appropriation will be totally spent this year. On the contingency request, there's a total request of \$500,000, very briefly and please stop me if you'd like more detail, we have the negotiated successor agreement to the dctu, that's in support of service initiatives especially to bureau activities. That's \$125,000, that's a technical fix. The second technical adjustment is the institute of Portland metropolitan studies dues. A couple of other technical adjustments for the parks bureau. The macgregor heights ordinance and tax for closed property ordinance is ensuring they have proper operating maintenance expenses to take care of those. One other technical one is the civil rights enforcement that is processed through -- the program is through bhcd. And then a few other incidental ones, Oregon historical society, in the amount of \$35,000, pioneer square security for \$90,000, and mayor's office security for \$40,000. And two very small ones related to federal grants indirect. Very quickly on the other -- some of the other funds, the water bureau and b.e.s. Have been struggling with the possible cash flow situation resulting from the billing system, but both bureaus have made positive steps to deal with that. B.e.s. Has reduced their advances down to a 95% level to address it and it is my understanding water has done essentially the same thing, reduced expenditures where they can to ensure there are no problems there.

Hales: How long can they keep that up? I realize we're not going to get into the substance of the billing issue, but from a financial standpoint they've done short-term stuff in terms of cutting expenses.

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Are you working with them in the sense that you know their timetable for correcting the problem will match up with their limited ability to cut expenses in the short run and therefore reduce operating costs?

Murray: Our monitoring of the situation thus far reveals that, yes, 3 handled it, and are handling it. Yes, the adjustments they are making will get them through this year and then once the billing system is complete, the issue goes away. So it is a one-time --

Hales: We haven't just deferred a problem in terms of the fiscal impact of the billing system, they've actually held expenses down and can continue that until such time that everything is working again?

Murray: That's my understanding that's been presented to our office.

Hales: Thanks.

Murray: Quickly on some of the budget notes, one of them was on police savings. They were supposed to generate savings adequate to understand the ongoing cost of the mdt replacements. They have some ideas already that they're trying to address. We'll get approximately \$50,000 in fleet savings as part of that effort they're looking at other efforts that will play into that. So they are continuing to work with bgs vehicle services to get additional cost savings to cover that. So it's not complete, but it is being actively pursued. The administrative business manager, it is my understanding that that person -- it's not on board yet, but the selection process is essentially --

Katz: The person has been hired. And it's a woman.

Murray: Okay. Police overtime bureau will manage their overtime costs to stay within the allocation of the budget with the possible exception of additional costs due to presidential or campaign visits. This is an ongoing challenge. At this time the estimates are that bureau will overspend overtime in the general fund discretionary category by as much as \$3 million. Part of that will be offset by council's agreement to fund the political visits and that could be in the range of \$500,000. The other offset will be of course they are not spending -- expending as high in regular time. So we're not sure if there's an overall problem at this time. It is early in the year, but it is being monitored closely and the bureau is actively trying to address that.

Katz: Did you -- I didn't get a chance to ask the chief, you mentioned a figure, how much all as of today, how much all the presidential visits cost this community. Did you say?

Murray: All the bills are not --

Katz: Roughly?

Murray: 400 to 600,000, I believe.

Katz: Usually we estimate about 200 --

Francesconi: We were popular.

Katz: We normally estimate 200,000 for a presidential year. That's the ballpark. We figure, well, if things go well we can probably manage it. But recall that we had more visits than any of us wanted. The result of it is that kind of a price tag.

Francesconi: Maybe a little flexibility on our part contributing to the national good at 200,000, maybe, is good. But 500,000 is not. I think we should bill them. I really do. We should change our policy and bill over that over a certain amount.

Katz: In the past I think we did, and they never paid. [laughter]

Francesconi: That would make good publicity. Let's add another lawsuit to the hopper.

Hales: I don't know a lot about this situation now, we have to talk about it again in the budget process, but the council and you were -- I think agreed with this said basically to the police bureau, you're getting less overtime money this year, and if they choose to spend overtime money at last year's rate, which I don't want to put words in your mouth, but sound like that's what we're doing, if we're projecting \$3 million over the budget that we cut overtime by I think \$2 million --

Murray: 1 million.

Hales: We may be exceeding last year's rate. And the presidential visits raised the question, that is, who determines the level of effort that we put into a presidential visit? In other words, if we say we're going to give you ten cops, what are they going to do? I'm being a little flippant, but it's -- if it's an operational decision to say we're going to throw 100 officers onto the street every time al or george w. Comes to town, then we're going to overspend that overtime budget like we are now.

Katz: I really think that the decisions on how you deploy troops is really a conversation with the secret service that goes on, with probably more federal agencies as well as the bureau to make sure that our candidates are safe.

Hales: I understand that. But you know the corporate culture, which is whenever you deal with security issues, the answer is how much is enough is always, more. And again, I know nothing about the details of the preparations for these events, but I suspect, given my exposure to those issues, that there is a culture of, there's never enough. And if there are not operational controls placed from here, we'll continue to overspend that budget. That's a prediction i'll stand on.

Francesconi: This is a delicate issue. I could see the police caught in a tough situation. If something goes wrong, they blame the police.

Hales: Of course.

Katz: Blame me:

Francesconi: I err on the side of billing them for this.

Saltzman: There is one district that does deserve to be explored by our police chief, and that is many of the candidates came this time and went to places like beaverton and hillsboro, and I guess I question why does Portland police have to provide the traffic escorts in Washington county? I think our police chief should explore with the Washington county sheriff in the future -- this may be a once in a lifetime occurrence, but Oregon could be important four years from now, and I think there should be some sort of a cost sharing issue broached with other law enforcement jurisdictions about either reimbursing Portland or providing the necessary traffic control themselves.

Katz: Thank you all for your counsel and advice. I have no problem sending the bills to the parties. They will never pay. And that's including the green party, the republican party, the democratic party, the libertarian party, they're not going to pay. And yes, I know that it appears that there is an overdeployment, but quite frankly, ladies and gentlemen, if something happened here in Portland, you'd never hear the end of it. So we will try to manage it within the budget, I just want to remind everybody that usually the police bureau returns a substantial amount of money to the general fund by managing their budget as best as probably any other general fund bureau, if not better. So having said that, let's continue.

Francesconi: I don't totally agree with that last statement.

Katz: It's an accurate one, and I will give you the history of the return to the general fund.

Francesconi: It wasn't that. I won't --

Katz: Oh.

Murray: Domestic violence contact coordinator. The police bureau will provide staffing for a coordinator to assist the bureau's domestic violence reduction unit by contacting domestic violence victims and offer help for prosecuting alleged abusers. The bureau has reassigned job duties of current staff to address that. The approximate 250 call-backs received monthly. So that has been successfully addressed. Fire bureau. Station 45, the bureau will absorb the cost of the reallocation of equipment and personnel tied to the reopening of station 45. They have been -- those costs have been absorbed. Within the community development area, sustainable development, there's a couple of actually three notes related to green buildings. Commissioner Saltzman's office will lead bureaus in the efforts to change city code, enhancing implementation of green buildings. That -- then a couple of items addressing the financial side specifically, the financial forecast will incorporate capturing a portion of the capital set-aside increment in year two of the budget -- year two of the biennium budget.

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And 10% of the annual housing investment fund resources will be targeted to maximize green investment and affordable housing. Those essentially will play out during the budget process. There is a more detailed write-up supplied in the materials I will deliver to your offices this afternoon. It still needs a little -- in section does not need editing, but another section does. The efforts are underway. I'm meeting with susan anderson this afternoon. Planning, esa outreach, which is now housed in planning, will have access to and support of other bureaus, public information officers, they are working with oni on that. The greenway effort will be coordinated by planning and supported as necessary citywide without specific general fund support. That is taking place at this time. Office of management and finance vehicles services. Vehicle services shall develop policy and procedures to enhance accountability for the purchase of nonstandard vehicles and all vehicle leases. Policy and procedures will be completed by september 30th. This has been deferred until completion to the asr, but it is being actively discussed in there and there are drafts and procedures already being discussed as well.

Hales: We lease vehicles sometimes?

Murray: We lease lots of vehicles.

Katz: We lease many vehicles.

Hales: What kinds?

Murray: To the tune of a million dollars a year.

Hales: What kind of vehicles do we lease?

Francesconi: The wrong kind.

Murray: What kind of vehicles? Some of them could be short-term vehicles for specific projects, for instance, maybe a construction project in b.e.s. Or water that you're going to lease a specialty vehicle for a month or two weeks or whatever it takes. Others may be long-term leases for vehicles for instance in the police department, or parks department.

Jordan Epstein, Financial Planning: We lease vehicles for police undercover program, parks bureau leases vehicles for seasonal work, where they only need the vehicles for summer months.

Hales: So most of that money is spent on short-term leases, then?

Epstein: That's my understanding. We're trying to verify that as part of the asr effort, actually, to see if there's significant savings that may be realized there.

Hales: Okay. Good.

Epstein: Or legitimate savings. I don't know how significant they would be.

Hales: Thanks.

Murray: Parks rec and culture, these are more long-term in nature. The s.u.n. Schools, initial evaluation of the effectiveness will be presented to council september 1st, 2001. That's still a long ways out and the commissioner --

Francesconi: There are preliminary returns that are very encouraging. I can share that with council. But we're starting to get early numbers. It's early, and we need more time, but the numbers are good, very good. 13% increase in math and reading.

Murray: The information we will present to you in -- discusses the question and criteria that are being evaluated as part of that. Senior centers, funds will be used for resource development, intergenerational activities and recreation, education activities. All report on this -- on use of the funds and outcomes will be submitted to the council by november 2001, so that's another one that's very early. The status on that one, the agreement with the county regarding the city's contribution has been modified to ensure that the funds are used as directed.

Francesconi: Just as a follow-up, on not on the recording side, but parks and senior leader, becky and elders in action are working closely together, especially on promoting intergenerational stuff. So we're working on that, including the report.

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Murray: Cost of service study, the parks will complete an update to their cost of service study by december 31st, 2000. Staff is currently updating recreation cost to service model for '99-2000, adding in an allowance for periodic renovation buildings, major maintenance reserve, if you will, which has been an ongoing challenge in the parks area specifically. They still -- that's all we have on the budget notes at this time. If you'd like us to go back into more detail on the bump actions in particular, we'll be happy to do that, address -- we'll have larry address some of the new requests and the technical adjustments as well. Which is probably any seconds on that.

Katz: Okay. Let's do that.

Larry Nelson, Financial Planning: Larry nelson. Bureau of financial planning. The total request for this bump report is about \$8 million of which 5 is captured in the general fund and about 3 million is transferred into other funds. Some of the new requests include -- are with oni, which includes transfer of appropriations of about \$62,000 for the liquor license application, notification to community. This program has been transferred to oni pursuant to a recent ordinance staff passed. In addition to that, another transfer from b.e.s. For \$162,000 for -- which is going for public outreach and notification of johnson creek and columbia slough and tan creek neighborhoods. And including the technical adjustments that are going on, they're running about 2.8 million to the general fund, the police department, as a -- this will free up approximately \$2.8 million of discretionary and be reallocated to the qwest communications appropriation for the refund. And speaking for which, as you know, the Oregon puc order to request a refund of about 260 million to its customers. U.s. Qwest paid franchise fees and revenues earned and Portland and are now being refunded. They agreed on an amount of about \$3 million of which it would be credited to Portland customers. Omf recommended 2.8 be funded from amount from the unused general fund -- and a remaining balance to be paid from tan's interest earnings.

Katz: So by doing that this gives us a little bit more flexibility when we design the budget for --

Nelson: Next year.

Katz: Good.

Nelson: I'm not sure flexibility would be --

Katz: I know. But it doesn't give us an additional liability. We take care of liability upfront. Pay off your debts first before you spend your surplus.

Nelson: Two other technical adjustments include the detu successor agreement passed by council november 3rd, 1999, and provided for 125,000 dollars for fiscal year 1999-00 and in addition \$125,000 in 2000-01 for furthering goals and objectives of ssi. This agreement, if any remaining balance would be carried over from the previous fiscal year and into 2000-01, and so for some reason monies were not appropriated and either -- this is a technical adjustment to fix that.

Murray: A quick clarification. We mentioned earlier \$125,000 came out of general contingency. The other part, the other 125,000 is being moved from the compensation set-aside essential appropriation. -- special appropriation.

Nelson: Reductions in workers' compensation, insurance claims, interagencies with various bureaus are a result of the loss prevention program within these bureaus, and these bureaus have hit the target of reducing their claims by about 15%, so they've earned a reduction in their inner agencies. So this affects a variety of bureaus, fire, police, and parks. That's it.

Katz: Okay.

Saltzman: I want to comment on one of those items. I think it's rather significant, and that is the transfer of funds from bureau of environmental services to office of neighborhood involvement. What we're doing is kind of an experiment, and I think it's one we're going to have a chance to address further, but it's trying to sort of reduce the amount of money that we spend contracting for public involvement activities through all of our bureaus, and where it makes sense, to internal eyes those services and have them provided in-house by our own public involvement specialists who largely

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reside in the office of neighborhood involvement. So the money that b.e.s. Is directing towards the office of neighborhood involvement is money that would have otherwise been contracted out for public involvement coordination services, and we think this is a model that can work and we think that -- well, we think this is something that we need to talk about on a citywide perspective when we address the administrative services reform later on.

Katz: Bless your heart.

Murray: We'd like to spend one minute on the other ordinance as well.

Nelson: There are only three significant actions which totals about \$2 million and affects 12 different funds. Most significant of which is 3,000 dollar transfer -- \$300,000 transfer from the solid waste management fund. Sustainable bureau --

Katz: That's the staff money, right?

Nelson: Yes. And in addition, sewer operating fund reflects an increase of about 343,000 to appropriate for capital projects. Lastly the facilities services fund is recognizing a transfer from the bureau of fire and rescue services fund, and 20,000 dollars in proceeds for the emergency operations center relocation project, which is part of the public safety bond. And that's --

Katz: Okay. Do you want to address the two new funds?

*****: Britta hasn't read that one yet.

Katz: I thought she did. Why don't you go ahead and read it and we'll take testimony for all three.

Epstein: Jordan epstein, bureau of financial planning. We've renamed the refuse disposal fund the solid waste management fund, which was part of the general creation of the office of sustainable development and merging of refuse disposal with that. And the computer services fund we renamed the information technology fund. In this instance -- both instances the new description of the fund is much more apt in terms of the activities that they're performing. And we do -- we created a new fund, the interstate corridor debt service fund, which we established to pay principal and interest on bonds issued for activities associated with the interstate corridor urban renewal area.

Katz: Okay. Thanks. Questions? All right. Thank you, gentlemen. Anybody want to testify on these items? Did you want to -- I know which one you're here for.

Greg Goodman, President, Pioneer Courthouse Square: Would you like me to come up? I'm here as president of pioneer courthouse square.

Katz: That's what I thought. You have an item. You don't want to say anything?

Goodman: I just want to thank city council. Thank you. Good morning. I'm greg goodman, here as president of pioneer courthouse square. I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you.

Unfortunately karen couldn't be with me, but I wanted to thank you for reinstating the security budget. Security is a large part of the successful square. We've got a lot happening at the square. I was telling commissioner Hales a minute ago we just signed yesterday a contract for hoffman construction to start the new visitor information center, which is going to bring 250,000 people down to the square.

Obviously security is a big part of this. This allows us to continue our contract with adp and the economic improvement district. So without you people recognizing the importance of the square, the square wouldn't be what it is today. We appreciate it. We got a lot of vision for the square, a good group of directors and a great -- a good group of trustees, and we look forward to being before you on other positive impact for the city. In the future.

Katz: Questions? Thank you.

Goodman: Thank you.

Katz: Anybody else want to testify? We researched this little item for a while trying to figure out what actually happened during the transition. This was -- and there was an error on that, and so we came back with a bump. Thank you. Roll call on 1651.

Francesconi: Thanks for all your work on all this. I also would like to acknowledge the role of sam adams and kevin genescale in getting this fixed. Aye. **Hales:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

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Katz: Mayor votes aye. **1652. Francesconi:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.
Katz: Mayor votes aye. **1653. Francesconi:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.
Katz: Mayor votes aye. All right. Regular agenda. Item 1679.

Item 1679.

Katz: Does anybody have any questions or discuss on -- discussion on this item? Anybody want to testify on it? All right. Roll call.

Francesconi: I thought we were going to get to cross examine michael harrison. He didn't show up. That's the first good sign of a witness. Aye. **Hales:** Pay more if you want to cross examine him. Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye. **Katz:** Mayor votes aye. **1680.**

Katz: Anybody want to testify on this item? If not, roll call. **Francesconi:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. We're down to communications. We'll have three minutes each. **1681.**

Katz: Okay. Bill, why don't you come on up.

Item 1682.

*******:** Can we come up together?

Katz: You can come up together, but -- you get three minutes.

Hales: She's the second --

Katz: Why don't you read 1682 as well. They'll get three and three.

Olson: Okay.

Katz: Come on up.

Sue Phillips: My name is sue phillips and I live at 2544 southeast 45th place in Portland. I'm a former crime prevention organizer and a former member of the chief's forum. Bill and I are here today to speak with you about concerns we share regarding police bureau policies and their impact on citizens' rights. We are troubled that there has been no formal proactive public discussion on the increasingly evident militarization of the police bureau in Portland. I'm referring to the use of all-terrain vehicles for crowd control and the increasing encroachment of groups of riot crowd officers on the margins of largely peaceful demonstrations. Why is the city choosing to move in this direction and who has decide order this vision of our collective future? Our concerns have been heightened by hearing chief kroeker's taped speeches hearing his attitudes on children, the poor, women and the gay community. While the chief has recanted some of his statements in a -- in an attempt to distance himself from others, I cannot help but feel the -- his words have been the result of unraveling some of the public trust. I understand research shows that police officers have hired the -- higher than average rates of domestic violence already in their personal lives. The chief's comments which call for the submissiveness of women and children cannot be construed as helpful in reversing an already troubled statistical trend. How can it be constructive for chief kroeker to have publicly declared such views of groups that are so vulnerable? It remains to be determined if these views will affect the attitudes of officers, especially after so many people have worked so hard to raise the level of awareness in education on the prevalence of domestic violence. Chief kroeker claims he did not personally engage in beating children with batons. His use of the term question have -- we have left the matter open to question. In his capacity as a leader in this camp community, he clearly sanctions such use of force against children and what's more troubling, his stories indicate the use of a mix of physical violence followed by assertions of his love for these students. The combination makes my skin crawl. The chief has variously described the criminal justice system a constant theme in his taped talks as halls of alleged justice and a sightless ooze. These comments presented to groups of law enforcement officers feels to me deeply irresponsible. And it intimates the possibility of the police becoming a law unto themselves. I hope this is not what any of us would choose. In closing, the chief's views would be less troubling if they did not so slowly match the gathering evidence of a newly emerging pattern of policing. I urgently hope you do not feel these methods are a city's right or only choice. Thank you.

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Katz: Go ahead, bill.

Bill Resnick: Bill resnick, southeast Portland. Thank you for this opportunity to address you. I want to begin with the may day incidents, not because I want to go over what happened, but because I think little has changed. There's been virtually no discipline of officers caught on tape repeatedly beating peaceful and defenseless marchers. There's been no inquiry about how utterly falls -- false and inflammatory report of demonstrators attacking school children and breaking windows, why were those reported on police radios? The police may day report itself fundamentally called for increased police militarization and there's been no official questioning of the dramatic increase in police responsibilities and power and police discretion over the past ten years. And mostly I know that little has changed because I go to demonstrations. Portland police still have the -- exactly the same tactics and manner but they're doing it to be sure with somewhat less violence. I know what to expect at demonstrations. Constant intimidation, the mounted patrol constantly menacing, very close by, constantly displaying their power and threatening to attack. There's high levels of surveillance with cameras very prominent and often pushed in your face. There are motorcycle officers in full robo cop gear, poised to attack though generally in the distance and they haven't attacked in several months. First this police massing and threatened surveillance and intimidation, you know it really boosts overtime costs. There's massive forces being deployed against a few children and -- in carnival gear, and other larger marches with even more masses of police. But what's really disturbing about that is that it converts marches or any first amendment demonstrations -- it converts them into theatrical displays of police power, and the message of course that comes out is that the police consider marches to be poison that must be contained and controlled. What's worse than that is that ordinary Portland police officers are being indoctrinated and trained to hate demonstrators and see them as evil. We have acquired through public records requests police parts of training materials used in Portland. I'm not sure how they gave us obviously only parts of them. But it's clear from what they gave us that a group of retired police and military from southern california are now creating in Portland paramilitary units, or special response units, or whatever they call them, that view demonstrators as fools being manipulated by operatives bent on destroying the city. I gave you the excerpts we received. You also I believe have the excerpts of the chief's -- the discipline tapes. In the training materials demonstrators are being portrayed as social vermin and must be contain and controlled. The police are being armed and deployed and trained in military operations highly mobile, highly armed, ready to apply force in highly disciplined mass attacks. Like the may day attack, but presumably better led. This is -- how long chief kroeker remains is not -- doesn't make much difference. But there has to be real official guidance for the police. You have a duty to investigate what's happening to inform yourself and to make policy for police. There's no graver or higher responsibility for you than to ensure this remains an open society and that people can be comfortable in expressing ideas.

Katz: Bill, your time is up. All right. Thank you. We don't have any business tonight. So we are adjourned. Thank you, everybody.

At 10:10 a.m., Council adjourned.