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# PORTLAND, OREGON

### A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2017** AT 9:30 A.M.

**OFFICIAL** 

**MINUTES** 

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 5.

At 12:30 p.m. reconvening of meeting, Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 12:34 p.m. and Commissioner Eudaly arrived at 12:41 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Denis Vannier, Deputy City Attorney; and Elia Saolele and Mike Cohen, Sergeants at Arms.

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

The meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

Council Chambers in City Hall was updated with new audio technology March 1-April 14. City Council meetings were held in the Portland Building Auditorium on the 2nd floor while the changes were made.

	COMMUNICATIONS	
262	Request of Craig Rogers to address Council regarding right to vote (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
263	Request of Katherine Smith to address Council regarding her case (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
264	Request of Mary Vogel to address Council regarding reducing fossil fuel demand by making downtown more walkable (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
265	Request of Norm Santana to address Council regarding behavior of police toward peaceful citizens (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
266	Request of Scott Fernandez to address Council regarding public safety and public health (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		

	of Transportation and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for North Going to Swan Island Freight Project (Ordinance)	SECOND READING MARCH 29, 2017
273	Accept a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from Oregon Department	PASSED TO
	Commissioner Dan Saitzman Bureau of Transportation	
	Commissioner Dan Saltzman	
272	Grant a franchise to McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC for telecommunications services and facilities within the City's streets for a period of 15 years (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 26, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
*271	Authorize the disposition of two tax parcels located at 1099 SW Blaine Ct, Gresham, Oregon for the Bureau of Technology Services (Ordinance) (Y-5)	188285
	(Y-5)	100204
*270	Office of Management and Finance Pay claim of Christine Royer in the sum of \$13,249 involving the Portland Parks Bureau (Ordinance)	188284
	(Y-5) Office of Management and Einenee	
269	Accept appointments of Sho Dozono and Pam Knowles to the Community Budget Advisory Board (Report)	CONFIRMED
	Mayor Ted Wheeler	
	CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION	
	development located in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested (Y-5)	
*268	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM</b> – Authorize conveyance of City-owned property located at 3368 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd to PCRI Northeast Housing, LLC and funding in an amount not to exceed \$7,350,000 to its affiliate, MLK & Cook Apartments, LP for the construction of a new affordable multifamily/mixed-use housing	188287
	Motion to add Be It Further Resolved clause to direct PDC and Portland Housing Bureau to review all options for maximizing the development of housing affordable for people earning between 0% and 60% of median family income and to report their recommendations to Council: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5) (Y-5)	37275 AS AMENDED
267	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM –</b> Adopt the Portland Development Commission's recommendation to fully redevelop the Centennial Mills property (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 45 minutes requested	
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274	Authorize contract with Burlington Water District for fire prevention, suppression, and emergency response services for FY 2016-17 (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 29, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
075	City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero	
275	Amend the Regulation of Lobbying Entities code to correct duplication error and align requirements for lobbying registration (Second Reading Agenda 247; amend Code Chapter 2.12) (Y-5)	188286
	REGULAR AGENDA	
	Mayor Ted Wheeler	
276	Reappoint five current Commissioners to the Planning and Sustainability Commission for terms to expire May 31, 2021 and extend the terms for Gary Oxman and Margaret Tallmadge to expire on May 31, 2017 (Report) 10 minutes requested	RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 29, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
	Bureau of Police	
277	Amend an agreement with San Diego Police Equipment Co. in the amount of \$2,000,000 to provide training ammunition for the Police Bureau (Second Reading Agenda 249; amend Contract No. 31000502)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
	Office of Management and Finance	
278	Accept the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Update: Performing Arts Venues Supplement (Report) 10 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept report:</b> Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz.	ACCEPTED
279	(Y-5) Accept bid of Just Bucket Excavating, Inc. for the NW Cornell Rd	
215	Services – Macleay Park Project for \$720,400 (Procurement Report – Bid No. 00000493)	ACCEPTED
	Motion to accept report: Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fritz.	PREPARE CONTRACT
	(Y-5)	
280	Authorize revenue bonds for affordable housing projects (Second Reading Agenda 253) (Y-5)	188288
281	Authorize CityFleet to purchase replacement Asphalt Grinder for use by Bureau of Transportation at \$695,825 (Second Reading Agenda 254) (Y-5)	188289
	Portland Housing Bureau	
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282	Approve and terminate limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program (Resolution) 15 minutes requested (Y-5)	37276		
	Commissioner Amanda Fritz Portland Parks & Recreation			
*283	Declare the Frank L. Knight Property surplus property and authorize the Bureau of Parks & Recreation to take all actions necessary to dispose of the property by sale on the open market (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested (Y-5)	188290		
*284	Declare the SW Broadway Drive property surplus real property and authorize the Bureau of Parks & Recreation to dispose of the property by sale on the open market (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested (Y-5)	188291		
	Commissioner Nick Fish			
	Bureau of Environmental Services			
285	Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Richmond – South Tabor Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10383 for \$4,260,000 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 29, 2017 AT 9:30 AM		
286	Authorize a contract with the lowest responsive bidder for construction of the Slough Outfall 104b Project No. E10625 for \$2,255,000 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 29, 2017 AT 9:30 AM		
287	Authorize a contract with Carollo Engineers for engineering services for the Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondy Process Improvements, Project No. E10694 for \$1,137,130 (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 29, 2017 AT 9:30 AM		
	Commissioner Dan Saltzman			
Bureau of Transportation				
288	Vacate a portion of SW Hooker St east of SW Water Ave subject to certain conditions and reservations (Second Reading Agenda 258; VAC-10105)	188292		
At 1:07 p	(Y-5) m. Council recessed			

At 1:27 p.m., Council recessed.

A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2017** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and John Paolazzi and Elia Saolele, Sergeants at Arms.

The meeting recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m. The meeting recessed at 2:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2:33 p.m.

289 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM - Declare the City of Portland a Welcoming City, a Sanctuary City, and an Inclusive City for all (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz, and Saltzman) 2 hours requested Motion to add "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the current universal review process the Council directs the Portland Police Bureau to ensure that directive 810.10 provides that the PPB personnel shall not cooperate with ICE except as expressly required by Federal Law": Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5) Motion to amend 6<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS clause to read in part "since 1975, 65,832 refugees have resettled in Oregon, including 15,545 since 2002": Moved by Fritz and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-5) (Y-5)

37277 AS AMENDED

At 5:11 p.m., Council adjourned.

## MARY HULL CABALLERO

Auditor of the City of Portland

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By Karla Moore-Love Clerk of the Council

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### THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, MARCH 23, 2017

**290 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM –** Amend Independent Police Review code to revise filing process, investigation, and appeal provisions of complaints of police officer misconduct (Ordinance introduced by Auditor Mary Hull Caballero; amend Code Chapter 3.21) 2 hours requested

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#### March 22, 2017 9:30 AM

**Wheeler:** This is the Wednesday March 22 meeting of the Portland city council. Karla could you please call the roll?

Fritz: Here Fish: Here Saltzman: Here Eudaly: Here Wheeler: Here Wheeler: Before we begin there's a couple of items I want to take care of, first our usual statement with regard to conduct. The next order of business is communications before we begin I want to say a few words about council proceedings and maintaining decorum. The purpose of this meeting is to engage with and hear recommendations from the community on the public's business, in order for us to hear from everyone and to give due consideration to matters before the council we must all work to together to preserve the order and decorum of these meetings. To make sure that the process is clear for everyone both those here and those watching on tv or on computers I want to guickly review some of the testimony guidelines. My hope is that these details help everyone to feel comfortable, included and heard and also ensure that decorum is maintained. During the meeting there are two opportunities for public participation communications which is the first item up, communication items are the opportunity to briefly speak about any subject these items must be scheduled with the clerk Karla in advanced and they give people the opportunity to speak about any subject again these items must be scheduled in advance. First readings of reports, resolutions and ordinances public testimony on these items must address the matter being considered at the time. Please state your name for the record you don't need to state your address, if you're a lobbyist please disclose the information at the start of your testimony it's also helpful if your representing and organization to state that as well. Individuals typically have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated at the meeting, when you have 30 second left there is a vellow there you'll see the vellow light flash and I think there is a beep associated with it when your time is up the red in front of you will blink. If you have handouts, please give them to the council clerk and she'll pass them out to the rest of us. Any conduct that disrupts other people's testimony any conduct that disrupts council deliberations is grounds for removal so please keep that in mind. Before we begin communications without objection I'd like to pull two items from the regular agenda item 276 regarding the reappointment of five current commissioners to the planning and sustainability commission Susan Anderson could not be here today she would like to be here for that item so she's asking and I'm asking for the consent of my colleagues to withdraw that item. I'm also asking to withdraw item 277 bring that back to my office for further consideration that amends an agreement with the san Diego police equipment for the provision of training ammunition. I'd like to pull both of those items, 276 and 277 back to my office with further review without objection.

**Fish:** Mayor? One other preliminary matter. We don't often have a forum in which we get to thank people who work behind the scenes and do the hard work of the city. Since we're joined today by Denis Vannier I want to embarrass him for a moment. He is the city attorney representing us this morning. Recently, he argued the sixth and final challenge to the constitutionality of the arts tax. And he did so before the Oregon supreme court. So that was a very important forum. It was a very well-attended forum. Whatever you think of

the arts tax, whether you like it or not. And your payment is due by April 15th, whether you like it or not, I want to compliment Denis on behalf of the council. He did a superb job representing the city of Portland in that litigation. And the highest compliment you can possibly pay him was paid to him by the lawyer for the other side. On two occasions effectively complained to the court about the quality of the city's presentation. So I want to acknowledge Denis' good work on behalf of the city.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner. Could you please call communications? Item 262.

Craig Rogers: Good morning, council. Let's see. Is this on?

Wheeler: Is the green light on?

Rogers: Yes.

Wheeler: As long as the green light is on, you can be heard.

**Rogers:** Okay. Thank you. On the right to vote, I just want to mention there's something everybody in this room has in common. We all make mistakes. And then we go down that road a little further and then there's those that acknowledge those mistakes and those that don't. Behind me are just mountain ranges of mistakes. Hopefully, I've learned from them and acknowledged them. And sometimes I'm all by myself and even my cheeks turn flush red with embarrassment at something that I've done. But I'm a better person. I want to address something that I heard on opb and commissioner Fritz had an item you wanted to pass. And this is an example that I would call overreach. And you needed some votes to pass this item near the end of last year. And you were speaking about Charlie. And you said the reason why Charlie isn't running for re-election is because he has work to do. Well, I would call that an alternative fact. An example of that is if you look at this survey of the 4 years he was in office, he has a whole hell of a lot of work to do. But it never got done. And in the state of Oregon, you can lose your right to vote if you are a convicted felon in prison or if you are a citizen of Portland. Because if you are a citizen of Portland and you can get two other commissioners to go along with you, it doesn't have to go to a vote. It can bypass the ballot and council votes it in. I don't agree with that. And I want everybody to start paying attention to that. So moving along here is that one of the first games we ever play in life is hide and seek. And I think that's probably universal all throughout the world. And yet, some people never stop playing it. It's a game that's still frequently played down here at city council. One of the examples was just in the Sunday paper. City housing officials wanted 500,000 to pay for fixes. The problem, there weren't 400 properties with code violations the real number was 19. And then the money just disappears. So I am really saying the transparent and accountable should start right now. We aren't going to know about the problems unless we ask all the guestions. We're the white men that keep showing up and asking you over and over again. Part of the reason your sitting in the chair right now is we did. We showed up time and time again with Charlie sitting in that chair and now you are. So we need your help. We don't always know the right questions to ask. So we need your help in making things transparent. Thank you. Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Next item.

## Item 263.

**Wheeler:** My office has been in communication with her for the last council session. **Item 264.** 

Wheeler: Good morning.

**Mary Vogel:** Good morning. There are some people in the room come in support of my comments. I'm Mary Vogel.

Wheeler: Can you slide the mic over?

**Vogel:** I'm Mary Vogel from downtown's west end where I run my business plan green. I was distressed to learn that despite a neighborhood general meeting where nearly every

neighbor in attendance asked the Portland art museum to keep Madison plaza open with unchanged hours of access, the board of the downtown neighborhood association voted to express support for the museum's Rothko pavilion plan. In the past the dna board always supported keeping plazas a priority including to close main street a few years ago. Both the dna and the museum have ignored the will of the people of the neighborhood. Although the 9 dna board members may claim it will cause a minor inconvenience to a small portion of the neighborhood. That is not at all the case. There are hundreds of residents in the adjacent blocks. And many city workers and tourists using the streetcars stops on 10th and 11th avenue who use the plaza passage way. One count on May 4th, 2016 showed 667 people including some with disabilities using it just when the passage would be closed by the Rothko plan. Pedestrian passageways are integral part of the neighborhoods transportation plan. And this one is used heavily both early morning by residents and workers and late at night by visitors to the entertainment district. The museum plans to close the plaza. As you know, the central city 2035 plan looks to increase pedestrian friendliness not decrease it. The climate action plan sees neighborhood walkability as a prime strategy for reducing the demand for fossil fuels. Please uphold the current conditions and leave Madison plaza open from 7 a.m. To 11 p.m. Everyday. Please do not erode any further the intent behind the original conditions. A, that a permanent 8-foot-wide easement be provided and maintained. B that said easement not be blocked in any matter and that it adequately illuminated. And C that the vacated street area will not be used for anything but an open mall. Please do not create a super block closing the plaza will do just that. Please don't take us backwards. Request a revision of the museum's plan. Keep our dense downtown neighborhood walkable. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it. So I forgot one part of the statement I was supposed to read. One second because sounds like the commissioner has a second. Thumbs up or thumbs down would be great. We'd appreciate it. And thank you all for coming in. **Fritz:** I'm wondering with your planning background; I'm guessing you know what the next steps are. Is that issue going to be coming to council at all?

**Vogel:** We have not yet heard whether it will or not. To get a thorough -- I would imagine it would have to come to council. As far as we know has not gone to the planning and sustainability commission yet.

Fritz: Is it currently in the design commission?

**Vogel:** Yeah, I'm pretty sure it has not gone to either the design commission or planning and sustainability commission. I would think it would probably have to go to both. **Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it. Next item please.

#### Item 265.

Wheeler: Come on up, sir.

**Norm Santana:** Hi. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. I was really kind of disgusted when I was at pioneer court house square a while ago peacefully protesting. We had to dodge tear gas canisters. And, you know, I'm tired of, you know, the police treating us as criminals. It's not really a crime to protest. I suppose you could say it's a border line crime to block traffic. But it just seems that us as being peaceful and unarmed. And maybe we're nasty and scream in here. Please don't take it personal. That we're angry because we don't know, we don't see the kind of action that would make us feel like you care about the problems of the homeless and out of control police force. And you are in charge of those guys. And I hope the officer that killed Mr. Hayes, although he might not be indicted for murder, maybe he would be suspended. I don't know what kind of power you have to do that. But thank you.

**Wheeler:** So people understand, the grand jury came out with their verdict yesterday so they offered up a not true bill meaning from their perspective, the use of force was justified.

There's a completely separate investigation that's conducted through internal affairs in overseeing and accountability is provided by the independent police review board. That is a separate process that looks at whether or not police policy was followed. I'm sorry -- and ultimately can go to a citizen's committee at the very end. So I can't commit to any time frame. But I do want to say this. While the grand jury had their findings yesterday, that the use of force was justified. This is a community tragedy. And having met with hayess' family and having an appreciation for that family, I know this is a particular tragedy for them. **Santana:** And I appreciate you came out there when we were screaming and yelling and cussing too to listen to us.

**Wheeler:** That was three brothers. That was another day for me. I appreciate it. So thank you. That was a good session. By the way, it opened up some other good listening opportunities. On Monday night, I had an evening session two weeks prior I had another listening session. I think we're all committed to doing more of that. You said it up front, communication is a really important thing. Being clear about what's happening. That's also really necessary. And the first speaker also referenced that. It's incumbent upon me to make sure I'm communicating about what's going on and why. So I appreciate your comments today.

**Santana:** I don't have any personal animosity towards any of you. But i'm going to keep yelling.

Wheeler: That's fine. Thank you, sir. Next item.

#### Item 266.

Wheeler: Good morning.

**Scott Fernandez:** Good morning. Scott Fernandez of Portland. Today, we're going to be talking about --

Wheeler: Is the light on?

Wheeler: Slide the other one over.

Wheeler: Sorry about that.

Fernandez: We're going to be talking about corrosion and radon just briefly. Right now, we've gone 20 years with the water bureau dealing with inconsistent lead in water procedures. With the situation with our pipes that are filled with biofilm sediments in distribution systems, leads to a number of water quality problems including high bacterial counts, bad taste and odors and acceleration of corrosion. The answer is with one of the pieces of material you received today is going to acom as a contractor to fix this situation with our distribution center. The water bureau says they are going to take 70 years. And this is in their budget for this year. 70 years to flush the entire distribution system. We can have acom do this very quickly. And on the back part of this deal, it shows the different sequence of how to do it properly. And they show on the inside the pipes we're dealing with right now and the benefits from the flushing they can do. The unit directional flushing that saves a lot of drinking water. This is the answer we need to have. We're sitting here and looking at five years down the road approximately. \$20 million for a treatment plant we don't need. One of the critical issues here too is we should use calcium carbonate for the buffering agent for the alkaline ph benefits of that for three reasons. Number one, it's alkaline chemical and it buffers. Most importantly, it has calcium in it. And calcium will interact with the bone structures of the people dealing with the lead situation and will mitigate the lead entering into the bone structure. So this is important and we need to really acknowledge this along with acom. Secondly, with the reviews of cryptosporidium. Recently, I was at a meeting that Portland water bureau answering a question, acknowledged the lab they are using has no lab certification. This is critically important. They don't have it yet. They have no accreditation from that. And no proficiency. So the determination we've had over the last three months, all that data is worthless. And the

answers they are giving us that this is in the system has no lab certification. And this is critical. We need to readdress that. And not accept that as truth. Because it is not functional. Radon -- am I over now?

**Wheeler:** Yeah. If you quickly wrap it up. Say a few sentences. And we have your written testimony here.

**Fernandez:** I'm disappointed we had to receive radon in our drinking water at 100% over the last month. That is a very critical toxic chemical that will not go away. It's a gas and has 12 decay products that come with it. And it will stay in our homes, schools, businesses, day cares, et cetera. I'm asking if we can have a city-wide town hall on our water situation. We have problems with radon, cryptosporidium and corrosion.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I appreciate it. Thank you. We will move next to the consent agenda. Any items been pulled?

**Moore-Love:** I have not had any requests.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Aye **Fish:** Aye **Saltzman:** Aye **Eudaly:** Aye **Wheeler:** Aye **Wheeler:** Aye **Wheeler:** The consent agenda is adopted. And that brings us to the regular agenda. Just one reminder, we've pulled items 276 and 277 off consent and remove those back to my

office for further review.

Moore-Love: The times certain.

Wheeler: I apologize.

#### Item 267.

**Wheeler:** So the Portland development commission seeks the council's direction on how to move forward with the centennial mills property. The course of action recommended by the commission intends to get this property into productive use and provide public amenities such as an extension of the Willamette green way. The Portland mounted patrol unit which was located on this site until demolition started would not return to this location. We have a couple people here to present. We have tom Kelly who is the Portland development commission chair. Kimberly branam, and Lisa abuaf, development and investment director. Thank you for being here today.

**Tom Kelly:** Thank you, mayor, and commissioners. Good morning. I'm tom Kelly. Chair of the Portland development commission. I'm here today to share that at our February 2017 meeting, the Portland development commission voted to recommend proceeding with the development of the full centennial site. The commission's recommendations follows consideration of redevelopment of the site. The public benefits of redevelopment and the resources that could be locked and deployed through development of the site. Kimberly Branam and Lisa Abuaf will share that information with you for your consideration. Thank you.

**Kimberly Branam:** Thank you, chair Kelly. Good morning, mayor wheeler, and commissioners. We really appreciate the opportunity to speak with you about the background and future of the centennial mills site. And seek your approval of the board's recommendation. So first, I'm going to provide a short summary of pdc and the city's history with this site from the city's acquisition until our most recent efforts. And Lisa will talk about the current status of the site as well as the actions that we've taken to prepare for redevelopment and understand the options before you today. So we're bringing this decision to city council both because of the long history of coordination between city council and the pdc on the directing pdc to report back to city council on the financial implications of the mpu remaining on the site. Before I begin on that, I'd like to recognize will Seer and Jillian detwieler who have been managing this project as well as a number of our city bureau partners. In particular, chief Marshman and his staff Marty shell is here who

have been strong partners in discussing alternative locations for the mpu. We'd also like to recognize our community partners. Many of whom have been stewards of this vision long before any of us were at this table. And appreciate their long-term partnership in this work. So pdc's acquisition of the centennial mills site helps to implement the goals of the river district urban renewal plan and the pearl district development plan. The plan was to improve the green way and areas adjacent to the tanner creek out fall in order to provide better access to the neighborhood to the river. Pdc acquired the site which was a combination of ten buildings which were developed as a complex and hard to differentiate between them. For \$7.7 million in 2000. The site was envisioned as the river word terminus of a sequence of parks starting at Jameson going to fields park and connecting to the river. Next slide. In 2000, the patrol unit was located nearby on 9th and lovejoy. As redevelopment plans for that property progressed, mayor Vera Katz worked with pdc and the bureau of general services which is now part of the office of management and finance to find a new location. After searching nearby properties, bgs identified Centennial mills as a suitable site. Bgs and pdc entered into intergovernmental agreement to renovate a portion of old use of stables, riding arenas and police offices. Given future plans for the Centennial mills site, the original lease between pdc and the Mt. Hood patrol unit, acknowledged that the site would ultimately be demolished. In 2005 as the pearl district neighborhood had grown with affordable and market housing and new office uses, city council directed pdc and the bureau of planning to develop a framework plan that reflected the updated community priorities for the site. Did not assume the site would be 100% used for open space. Over that next year pdc and planning completed an analysis and public outreach resulting in the framework plan which was adopted by city council in 2006 and still guides our high-level objectives. The five guiding principles include providing open space, defining a community focal point, embracing sustainability, strengthening connections and capturing history. Based on the framework plan, pdc issued solicitations and worked with two separate developers between 2008 and 2013. The result of efforts were deemed infeasible. As they resulted in required significantly higher public investments that we had available in the river district for the project. And this was despite the original \$13 million allocation to \$20 million within the river district budget. So what you'll hear fro Lisa is some of the financial challenges included the design and engineering requirements and the complexity of reuse. The 10 buildings they all had their own challenges. As well as significant costs associated with providing onsite improvement such as the dock and bridge. So some of these challenges have been addressed by working through the selective demolition and some of the great analysis that's been done. We want to emphasize delivering on a number of the community goals exceeds the resources that pdc has alone and require partnerships with our infrastructure bureaus to deliver. So with that, Lisa's going to give an update on where we are.

**Lisa Abuaf:** Good afternoon, council. What we wanted to give you is a snapshot in time of what we have been doing. In 2015, the bureau of development services after several reports of collapsing beams, shifting columns and disintegrating pilings which were supporting the war structure, they designated the mill complex as a hazard to public safety. Based on that notification pdc proceeded with selective demolition and the patrol unit relocated it's officers and horses offsite so they weren't impacted by the work occurring around them, but they did continue operations. The contractor was able to salvage 3000 old growth timber put up for sale and being reused out in the community as well as many historical items that we have put into safekeeping for reuse on the site as we think about the green way improvements. In addition, as part of the federal permitting process because we were doing work in water, required for demolition, pdc entered into an agreement with the state historic preservation office where we documented all of the

buildings that were included as part of selective demolition. We made commitments to repairs to the flour mill building and we did make commitments around how those items that were salvaged would be reused and an interpretive information would be shared on site so the community can experience the history of what the site once was. Throughout demolition, we held regularly scheduled public meetings with our board as a public open house and attended neighborhood association meetings and despite a very complex scope in terms of the selective demolition, our contractor northwest demolition completed the scope on time and under budget. So the budget you see is under what our board approved as the overall budget. So during that time, we worked closely with the police bureau and the office of management and financing clearly to understand and identify options related to their facility needs. And as we completed our analysis that I'll walk through in a moment regarding financial and public benefits and the impact of full site development versus a portion of the sites are continued to work with the Portland police bureau to update the needs to really understand if there are alternative sites available. It's our understanding that the police bureau and omf have since identified the alternative site for the mpu that is owned by the police bureau and determined that relocation costs at that site are within the city's budget. So just to go over briefly the analysis that pdc did, in the past six months and brought before a board and the basis for the board's recommendation, we used the opportunity to reassess a number of key development scenarios that we've looked at in the past and model a number of different options. That's what you see on the slide in front of you. The option shown here provides supporting information to your decision here today as well. With the development on the left representing partial site development where the mounted patrol unit returns to the purple building and the scenario on the right reflecting what kind of development could occur should the full site be available for development. Full site development would provide the opportunity for five times more housing. It would allow for more active ground floor area and public open space as well as commercial space to house 100 jobs. The size of the project would also result in three times more equity contracting opportunities, via the construction contract and \$1.7 million in property taxes back to the city. On top of all the public benefits, full site development is estimated to return \$15 million in land value that is otherwise existing under the mounted patrol unit facilities and that would be returned back to the river district budget where we have other key priorities where the city are jointly investing in. The old town Chinatown action plan, union station and Broadway corridor framework plan. Throughout selective demolition, community stakeholders have provided consistent feedback around three priority issues we wanted to make sure were presented before you today. First, is to maintain public access to the greenway trail and to the river. Second is to provide open space. And third is to preserve the iconic mill building which is the building that you see to the right of the rendering. As shown in the renderings that you see, the full site opportunity provides additional opportunities for public connections to the river particularly if you think about the development that's occurring to the southern portion of the site for connections to occur at 9th avenue which is the community's main connection both across the railroad tracks and naito.

**Wheeler:** Could I please ask you a question about the public access and river access? **Abuaf:** Sure.

**Wheeler:** One of the proposals that was rejected had a fairly elaborate plan to give the public access to the river. And I believe it included even a pier for potentially bathing or swimming. Does this new site plan you are proposing include that opportunity? Or does it preclude that opportunity?

Abuaf: It does not.

Wheeler: It does not include or preclude?

Abuaf: It does not preclude it.

Wheeler: Thank you.

**Fsih:** Reminds me of the old senator who said some of my friends are in favor of this and some against it. And today I stand with my friends.

**Abuaf:** So should council approve this action, our next steps would include determining the most approach on the sites and seeking a development based on that approach. We will continue to coordinate with key partners and flag parks and bes both around access to the river and the green way to refine the concept and respond to what we know is a changing regulatory environment and the fema biological opinion. While continuing to engage with the community association to make sure as we're determining our approach and partnerships that we're addressing priority concerns that I just listed. And then our goal is to return to our board later this year with approval of that development approach and partners with predevelopment work occurring in 2018 and ground breaking and construction occurring thereafter.

**Wheeler:** Let me ask you a question. I'm throwing something at you that is an issue for all city bureaus so I'm not picking on you guys. I attended a neighborhood coalition meeting last night in the overlook neighborhood. And there is a lot of frustration attending that meeting that they are not necessarily participants in the neighborhood association. They don't get the neighborhood association newsletter. And therefore they felt surprised by recent city actions they felt they should have known about. Are there ways that we can reach beyond the neighborhood association and think more broadly about how to get the word out and solicit input from the public?

**Abuaf:** So I think one of the things that we tried to do particularly is we had information on the site. So I would suggest that we can do the same as we're looking at our development approach. We routinely have information up on our web site that we could post as part of that presence in the neighborhood. There are a lot of folks who interact with the site and may not attend the neighborhood association meetings.

**Wheeler:** I'd encourage us to think even more broadly than that. There's lots of different ways of communicating online through community organizations, coalitions, associations. I'm just wondering if we can put out a blanket hey are there people out there who want to get information on this that we're not reaching and have a centralized way of collecting that information so we can send it out to networks or find opinion leaders? The only reason I mention it is I'm hearing this a lot. It's not an infrequent comment I get from people. And then people say I never heard anything about this until it was in front of the city council and people were voting on it. I think we need to redouble our efforts and I encourage creativity and thinking about how best to do that.

**Fish:** Director, I have just a few questions. How much have we spent on this site to date total?

Branam: Approaching \$26 million.

**Fish:** So we've got \$26 million invested. I know there's been twists and turns how we got here. That was important in the context of the two recommendations you brought before us and understanding the value of the full parcel development and the return to taxpayers. So I ask for that number not to criticize but for context. We have been clear that we want open access to the river and want to facilitate the development of green way. We know that is challenging. You have to figure out how private dollars help us augment public dollars to do it. What is your vision for building out the greenway both for pedestrians and for bicyclist?

**Branam:** Lisa can speak in more detail. Within the \$20 million we allocated, we've ear marked about \$5.5 million for the greenway understanding that's the highest priority both

from a city stand point but also from a neighborhood stand point. There are resources to proceed with that. Anything else you want to add on that?

**Abuaf:** Only thing I'd add is we've been working closely with parks to make sure as we're moving into a partnership with a private developer that we're making sure we're accomplishing a green way that the city can support as well as meets code.

**Fish:** Is it our vision to have a green way that accommodates bikes and pedestrians? **Abuaf:** Yes.

**Fish:** And hopefully somehow divided so that people can access the green way safely whether they are on a bike or pedestrian? You mentioned the bureau of environmental services. It raises a little red flag. Once upon a time bes had committed funds to this project. Those funds were returned to the bureau. What's the scope of the work that might involve the bureau of environmental services?

**Abuaf:** At this point, it would really focus around the implications of the site off of the fema biological opinion.

**Fish:** Okay. And that whole process is also subject to litigation and further review? We're not sure where the boundaries are on that. And my final question is you mentioned the potential relocation of the mounted patrol unit was already budgeted. What is the amount we budgeted for that?

**Branam:** Someone from the police bureau is here and can correct me if I'm wrong **Wheeler:** Please don't interrupt the testimony.

**Branam:** My understanding is the estimate for the build out is about \$500,000 and there are \$400,000 earmarked. The police bureau feels that is a reasonable difference. **Fish:** If we adopt this resolution and it results in the relocation of the mpu to be

determined, would be a separate process figuring out whether there is a site whether city wants to invest in that. The maximum amount of money would be the 400,000?

**Branam:** So my understanding is that there was a private partner that agreed to raise resources and they have agreed to raise \$400,000. And hopefully, they will correct me if I'm misstating this. But I believe the city's investment would be \$100,000 and that the private partner would invest the 400,000. We can confirm this.

**Fish:** That will be important as we think about next steps if there is a further action in terms of relocating. I'd like to have a clear sense.

Fish: Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you. Commissioner Fish you remember that we put in the budget note requiring them to come back to council specifically with any plans for either putting them back on here or moving them somewhere else.

**Eudaly:** Could we go back to that slide with the side by side comparison of the partial verses the full development? Can you talk about the pretty vast difference on the full development side? 85 unit's verses 425?

**Abuaf:** So the way that the development is modeled is you would have on the partial development, you would have what is a brown building on the left rendering is kind of that teal, same teal building at the north portion of the site. And we anticipate the flour building converting into commercial residential. So the delta between the 85 and 425 is the ability to build on the portion of the site that is the mounted patrol unit as well as the paddock which you don't see.

**Eudaly:** Given the ability to develop on the mpu and paddock, we'd have 425? **Abuaf:** If it builds under this scenario.

**Eudaly:** And then do we have a developer? No. Okay. Cause I am also deeply interested in the equity contracting issue. I see I just answered my question. It's the affordable units vs total housing. So it's about 20%. Okay. Thank you.

**Fish:** Can I piggy back off that for an sec? On this slide, just to be clear, the affordable housing to total housing ratio for full development, you are assuming that the vehicle for obtaining the affordable units is inclusionary housing?

Abuaf: That's correct.

**Fish:** Okay. So that is one tool. Does that preclude the city through the housing bureau that there is a particular parcel that would be right for a full development like the reach development that preexist in the river district where all the units are affordable? **Branum:** No, it does not preclude that.

**Fish:** So how do we make that decision? At some point down the road, you'll be crafting an rfp or an rfq and the return you have to get. So how do we have a chance to influence that decision down the road?

**Branam:** So we have the decision from this body, we will be able to go back and have more robust conversations with our bureau partners to understand interest in investing. The housing bureau has somewhat limited resources within the river district. But I know with the construction excise tax and others they have additional resources. We would be happy to report back in terms of what they would like to do.

**Fish:** I would be interested in knowing does the housing bureau have an interest using any funding tools using the housing bond. And number two, on the different scenarios, how did the different scenarios get us towards the overall goals for the river district? One of the questions this doesn't address, but the housing bureau needs to address is how many units do we have to develop on that site to stay faithful to the overall ratio within the river district? That could guide our decision about what kind of other subsidy we bring. **Wheeler:** Any other questions for this panel? Thank you. We appreciate it. Any public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: Yes. I have 7 people signed up.

**Wheeler:** Good morning. If you can just make sure the green light is on and state your name for the record. We'd appreciate it. Thank you. And you have three minutes. Two and-a-half minutes and that light will start blinking.

John Hollister: My name is john Hollister. And couple things -- or the main thing I wanted to talk about is what you talked about is the public awareness and that has definitely been lacking in this process as well as others that we've heard. They mentioned they've been working on this thing for the last six months. I don't really think the public has been involved in that. I was at the pearl district development meeting that was on February 6th which was two days before they went for the board approval. That was the first time the people on the development committee had seen the proposal. And they strongly disagreed with it. Well, we're kind of going with this. So it really wasn't -- initially came as feedback. But quickly turned into -- felt like more of a rubber stamp type situation. I don't think it's done on purpose. But I think the outreach that you are talking about would be very much appreciated. I looked at the web site for the pdc and they mentioned they are fully committed using every avenue to ensure full public participation on all of our projects and activities. I think those are good words and I'd like to see them into practice. The one company that has probably the best mission statement of any company I've ever seen is they were great words. The problem was the company was Enron. They didn't stay true to their words. Ther are four committees the ned leadership group. There's a leadership subcommittee a central city advisory committee. And citizen advisory committee. I don't know any of these people and I don't think they've shown up at any of the meetings for the pearl district. So I'm not sure whether full development is the right thing to do. And especially the people most directly impacted have been consulted. So I think for you to be able to -- I think there's been great questions. But for the ability for you to be able to react

and make an approval there without the involvement of the public might be pretty mature. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And I'd just like to reflect on that a moment since I also raised that subject. I would much prefer that communication be robust and that some of these issues get ironed out at the local level before they come to the city council. So from my perspective, it's much better to have the deliberations and debates and bring a consensus to us. So there's a win-win to be had here. And, again, I'll reiterate, I'm personally interested in what further communication ideas people have. And the pdc leadership in the room is hearing you say this. I'm sure they will redouble your efforts to reach out to your organization. And appreciate you taking the time to be here to say that.

Kurt Sorensen: Good morning. My name is Kurt Sorensen. I live in the pearl district. We just moved here a little while ago having sold a horse farm. So I'm somewhat familiar with the care in breeding and feeding the horses and the facilities required to take care of them. We had a 25-horse facility. It would not cost \$400,000 to replace that. It didn't cost me that much to build it. Now, my background is construction defect litigation and hazmat litigation. So I'd like to take a look for the moment at the remaining feed mill. As I recall the history of that that was one that was going to be torn down. Because it was too hazardous for the workman to go into it. I have seen what the last 15 years of water intrusion has done to that building. I think it's a waste of your money to do that. Going back to the site itself I sent a letter to the council back about two weeks ago, march 6th and I have a hard copy here I'd like to give to the clerk afterwards. What I was concerned about was the proposal was to be all open space and keeping the horses there. We've gone a long ways from there to full development. And my question is how did we get here? When we moved here, we did our due diligence. We looked at the web site for the dc development commission. And took a look at the Centennial mills framework and looked at the proposals. And we thought this is cool. So we bought. And somehow since then in this last year, that all disappeared. The last I had heard in 2015 is they were going to go ahead in some form of park land proposal, open land proposal. Hasn't happened. And what the effect of a full development of that site would be to continue the concrete and brick wall that runs from steel bridge all the way up to centennial mills. This is really your last chance to have a green open area by the river for the people in north pearl slab town and beyond. They come right straight over and cross the street at 9th and they are in a park. The parkway along the river there is about 4 feet wide. You can walk on it and dodge the bikes. The bikes can dodge the pedestrians. But it's not really wide. There are turn outs but not many. And the whole length from the steel bridge up, there are maybe a half dozen benches for people to sit on. My point is it should be open land. I suggest you go back to the framework. Thank you. Wheeler: Thank you, sir. Good morning.

**Kristin Del Balzo:** Hello. I'm Kristin del balzo. I'm not a lobbyist I'm mainly a citizen of the pearl district. My concern with the two options that were presented today with all due respect to the pdc truly is that they are so extreme. You look at \$15 million compared to \$500,000. And the natural inclination is go with the \$15 million because It looks so attractive. In order to really respect and honor the original five tenants of the framework, when you look at the renderings, I don't know how you can say it's going to provide open space and capture history and strengthen connections and provide river access at full redevelopment. All I see are buildings and trees. So by being here today is that you take a look at another option that is not full redevelopment. That is a happy medium where there is open space I understand that there has to be dollars generated here in order to fund these areas. Surely, there is something other than a bunch of tall buildings going up in this open space that was part of the original framework. When I look at this which is still up on the screen here. When I look at this I see buildings. I don't see green space. I don't know

how this is open space. Surely, there is something between what's on the left and what's on the right. And maybe it is without the mounted patrol it sounds like they're not returning and they have a new happy place. If they are not going to be there, surely, there's something in between what's on the left and what's on the right that can still generate funds and still honors those frameworks. My goal is you not give your blessing to either full or mounted patrol. That the blessing would be let's look at other options besides full redevelopment. Surely, there's something partial that doesn't include the mounted patrol that you would want to see that includes input from citizens so we have some say as to what is going in there.

Wheeler: Understood. Thank you. Appreciate your testimony.

#### Wheeler: Good morning.

Glenn Traeger: Good morning. My name is Glenn traeger. I live in northwest Portland. I'm actually on the board of directors of the pearl neighborhood association. I'm here to represent myself as a citizen. The site on the centennial mills is looking for a vision. I'd like to share my vision with you and why my vision is such as it is. First of all, northwest Portland is probably going through the fastest development as far as residential probably any area within the city. There's thousands of new people going to be moving into the northwest part of Portland that need recreation and recreational space. The centennial mills is a good site that could provide that additional green space for these thousands of new citizens moving into our neighborhood. As you are probably aware, this site isn't part of the Portland harbor area. And as you know, there's a billion dollars spent cleaning up the Portland harbor from our citizens and our industries along the harbor. To me, it's a crying shame that we don't have any access to utilize this new clean harbor water that we have. In fact, I would think this could be a place we can celebrate the cleaning of the Portland harbor and allow people access and maybe a water park or different water activities to celebrate this clean water we're going to be having. And then lastly, one of the minor things that people don't realize and this is a good thing the city of Portland has done. Last year, the bureau of transportation restriped naito parkway to allow one lane of cars. And they have a bikeway. And right now, that bikeway is probably the best green way that we have in the city of Portland. I ride my bicycle east side, west side. I use it guite a bit. I probably ride maybe a couple hundred miles every month. And guite frankly, naito right now is the easiest safest way to go from northwest Portland to downtown. Now, in order to make that in the initial framework plan, they had a bridge crossing naito parkway to centennial mills. That would be an important addition. To allow residents and pedestrians to go across the railroad tracks into the centennial mills. And would facilitate bicycle transportation. People all along northwest Portland and come to the fields park and get downtown very fast and safe. So thank you.

#### Wheeler: Thank you.

**Lightning:** My name is lightning. I represent lightning super watch dog. I do not represent any developers. Not on payroll of any developer. And my position you had a developer in line with some of the most creative ideas out there. With the experience, the money, the knowhow. How to make this into a master piece. Respecting the public, respecting the green space beautiful gardens access to the water with the pier by boat walking bridge across. Everything was very well put together. Very creative ideas based upon experience of many, many years to get to that place. For whatever reason, Patrick Quinton could not put this deal together. And you are a disgrace. You may not like me to say that but you are a disgrace. This deal needed to be put together with harsh development. The city needed to come up with additional funding. Be a little creative. The developer is there. Preserve some of the buildings. And this is the direction it should go. Now we have the demolition cost to maybe back out of the deal and get closer on the numbers. Again. Create a master piece here. Somebody who knows how to do that and respect the public. And respect the surrounding area in the river and everything else that we have here. The horses move on. Your time has passed. In my opinion by having those horses devaluing the property. Harsh development did not want to have the horses in place. I absolutely agree with them. And, again, in the world of real estate, karma. You ended up with that post office building by shifting this deal to the side. Karma, you ended up getting tif money for the housing facility by tpi. Karma can come back around and get you in the end. I would suggest you treat the developer fair with his creative ideas and do what needs to be done here and create a master piece which I think he is the only one in this city that can do and has the money and the backing to get the job done if the city doesn't mess around with him and throw a wrench into this game to jump over that post office, jump over to the overpriced Troutdale property. And Patrick Quinton enjoy your retirement. You are a disgrace.

David Dysert: Good morning, commissioners and mayor Wheeler. My name is David dysert I'm a member of the Pearl districts neighborhood planning and transportation committee. As such, I do appreciate your comment about outreach because I think this is not a pearl district property. This isn't a pet project in the neighborhood. This is a regional site of significance. A rich history. If you haven't heard the rich history of the site, we've lost a lot of our history. It's also a regional significant site for the amenity. So I'd like to view this project. I'd like to read the letter that the pearl district neighborhood association has submitted to you. Dear mayor and city commissioners the pearl district neighborhood association would like to remind you of the public goals for centennial mills and ask that they be folded into any future development through either the sales agreement and or title property. The city and public have spent too much time effort and money into this last vestige to give up on the goals that have driven the project from the beginning. The five redevelopment principles from the 2006 centennial mills framework plan are provide open space, capture history, define community focal point, strengthen connections, embrace sustainability. The site was bought to become a public park. It would be a shame if it ended up privatized on the river. It's one of the last places where Portlanders can connect to the river that runs through our city. We urge you to make sure these principles are upheld and the public is involved with the new development of this site with the master plan process as outlined in city code. And then if I can put on my public citizen hat, lately we hear a lot about Portland losing its sole and its not really about rent prices it's the realization we lost leadership and vision. We don't talk about ideas any more. We talk about budgets we used to have it we traded an interstate for light rail. We removed a highway and build a front yard. We build a transit mall and implemented a cap on parking spaces of all things. And we built a living room. Pioneer court house square. That wasn't easy. You know what was easy the business folks wanted that block to be a parking garage. Think about that. Think about what our downtown would be. Portland built a public square. And it's about the idea. A place for the public. A place for everyone. Oregon is one of only two states that guarantees public access to its entire coastline. Think about our river in the same terms. One of the strongest planning principles is to celebrate the river. The centennial mills site has been a constant feature in those plans for decades. It's about celebrating our great river. The very reason the city exists. And the history of that city is all but forgotten as soft wheat has given way to hard hats. Portland will be judged by the stewardship of our assets. By willful neglect we've allowed this asset to decay and ruin. Now we have one building left. Centennial mills is not a pearl district project it's a regional site of significance. Are we going to lose this treasure and wall off the river with yet another apartment building built on a budget to maximize return on investment? Wheeler: I have to ask you to wrap up.

**Dysert:** That would be the easy thing to do. Capture history, provide open space. Please don't let our city be reduced to a spread sheet. I ask you to provide leadership and vision before it's too late.

**Wheeler:** Excellent. Thank you. And I hope you will have a chance at some point to hear the speech I'm going to give at the city club on Friday. I apologize. I am speaking on Friday at the city club.

**Eudaly:** You didn't get your invite?

Wheeler: It does. Friday. City club. And it will be online.

**Fritz:** Just so you know -- I want to state to the public I'm going to be on a plane to Chicago at that was booked many months ago. I'm going to see my son. So no, I'm not going to cancel it.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you for your testimony. Next up.

Wheeler: There she is. Good morning.

Sarah lannarone: Hi. Good morning. Good to see you all. I'm here -- thank you for all your service. I worked with pdc to rethink the strategic plan. I know equity is at the top of their agenda. They are doing a really good job trying to get folks engaged. The Broadway corridor community meeting they held was diverse and robust. I want to give them a shout out for that. One of the things I'm here about is on behalf of Oregon harbor of hope. It's a nonprofit organization that's come together to supplement the public sector activities to address our housing and homelessness crisis. And one of the things they are requesting is that you consider converting in the short-term, the horse facility barn to r2d2 facility temporarily. The folks at r2d2 are very concerned about the April 1st deadline looming. And we're thinking about eviction and where the folks can go. It's our understanding the structure there is sound and habitable. And a significant time lag between now and when construction is going to be potentially started there. So this is actually a very viable option for moving r2d2 in the short-term. Oregon harbor of hope agreed to convert the facility with the necessary amenities to house r2d2 for up to 18 months with a tight move out agreement, if you are interested. I think this is something that is very important. We can talk about relocating horses. We have people sleeping outdoors. If we have properties like this available and short-term crisis at hand, we need to be creative especially in taking up our private sectors partners in helping us pay for some of this to get those folks off the street. We're going to have between 80 and 100 people sleeping outdoors if r2d2 is evicted. So I would encourage you to consider this. Thank you for listening to me. And keep up the good work.

Fish: Since you are here, can I ask you a follow-up question?

lannarone: Sure.

**Fish:** When Oregon harbor of hope had its sights on terminal one north, we took a look at the comprehensive plan, we looked at the zoning code and identified some barriers. I'm not familiar with whatever the zoning is at that site that you've recommended. Do you know whether there are any comprehensive plan or zoning issues we'd have to address? **Iannarone:** I do not. And I also encourage you to use the state of emergency to suspend those temporarily, especially while we're looking for people to sleep. This would just be a

temporary site for r2d2 while we find a permanent location.

**Fritz:** Thank you. I thought of that as well. When you say the harbor of hope is offering to build facilities or to do any facilities, what do you mean by that some.

**lannarone:** Similar to the terminal one site, we would put in for the renovations that are necessary to make that a temporary shelter. There's nothing permanent but temporary cots and other things to make that into the rest stop that Oregon harbor of hope is willing to work with the city on making sure they are there.

**Fritz:** Thank you. But just so you know, that doesn't fit the right to dream model. They are not looking for indoor shelter. It's an interesting concept to explore. Would not be any kind of thing that would be going inside with cots.

**lannarone:** Well, r2d2 do have infrastructure. What they said is converting it with the necessary amenities r2d2 would require. This is about Oregon harbor of hope helping r2d2 relocate based on what they need. So its not super imposing a shelter model that Oregon harbor of hope sees fit, but rather giving them the resources they need in lieu of public resources.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Good morning.

Charles Johnson: Charles bridge crane Johnson. And that is why she had my vote instead of you about 11 months ago. \$26 million that we somehow magically need to recoop while we deny r2d2 a place to sleep. You know, occasionally we come up with interesting things. We did some things with the Ericson apartments. Wouldn't it be a shame if the real audit in the city of Portland and Portland development commission showed we outlaid more cash for the sheltering of horses than of human beings? We can make all kinds of excuses that home forward does that and the Portland housing bureau is out of the direct housing business. When the Portland Development commission comes up and says we been futsen around with this precious industrial land to the tune of \$26 million and as formal mayoral candidate pointed out, we've said, hey, homeless people, you can't sleep at terminal one north because of bureaucratic bs. We can't find an appropriate shelter coordinating management person to do it for you. Or oh, my god, we have to protect the industrially zoned land. But here, I don't see -- a flour mill is pretty industrial. But now because we need our \$26 million back, it doesn't have to stay industrial. It can be mixed use and residential. So when extremely poor -- one thing that's positive here is nick Fish, maybe he has a dream that somehow we can recoup the \$26 million and still have projects on that site that are 100% below mfi housing. That would be awesome. I don't know. Maybe it can be done. But that's really what we should be looking at. When lightning testified, he talked about a premiere project. If we can put rich people in the ugly piece of crap death star on the other side of the river, we can build ugly death star and let poor people sleep inside and shower and have their own homes.

Wheeler: Thank you.

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

**Wheeler:** There's a request for staff to come back and potentially address some of these issues.

Fritz: Do you have your mic on?

Fish: Thank you.

**Fish:** Required an enormous public subsidy. As part of the design for that park, there was a place holder bridge put in. Which basically ran from the dog run, across the tracks to centennial mills. And for some reason, it was part of the design. There was no way to fund it. It was shelled. Since someone has raised that, could you address the status of that bridge?

**Branam:** Yeah, absolutely. So the bridge, I think, was estimated to add about \$2 million to the cost of the centennial mills build out. And so it goes on the list of things that I think we will want to talk to the public about and to our bureau partners and private partners about. What do we see as the vision for the site and what resources in both public and private to put to work to achieve those visions?

**Fish:** Thank you. What's the time line that resolution talks about building up towards some kind of development plan for the site. And so it's 2018-2019. So when might you go out with an rfp or rfq?

**Branam:** So probably in late 2017 or early 2018. I think we do want to do robust community outreach. This conversation has been really important in terms of being able to set expectations for the community. There's been a lot of support for keeping the mpu at this site. So we wanted to be able to know what the future was in order to be able to reengage with the rfp.

**Fish:** I'd like to offer an amendment. I think it's a friendly amendment. At the resolution, it's an additional be it further resolved. The city council directs pdc and Portland housing bureau to review all options for maximizing the development of housing, affordable for people earning between 0 and 60% of median family income. And to report their recommendations to council.

Wheeler: Is your opinion that is not a substantive amount?

Branam: Yes.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Unless I hear any objection, i'll accept that as a friendly amendment. **Fish:** Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good.

**Eudaly:** I have a couple questions. Certainly, heard about centennial mills over the years. But the process predates most of us sitting up here. If you can give a quick time line when it came into the city's possession, was it purchased for park use? When did the zoning change, et cetera. Just kind of wrap up some of the loose ends that were left.

**Branam:** Sure. So it was acquired back in 2000. And it was acquired to be open space. So it was anticipated to be the terminus of the three parks in the pearl district. To be completely open space. So that answers that question. Then what happened is the mpu was placed on it as interim measure. The neighborhood grew around it. If you imagine what the pearl district looked like in 2000. You had fewer people living in the neighborhood.

Eudaly: I can imagine. I lived there. Yeah.

**Branam:** So as folks moved into the neighborhood and started working in the neighborhood, in 2005 is when council gave the planning bureau and pdc the directive to complete framework plan that looked at options for open space on the development site that allows for preservation of the flour mill. There's a number of development scenarios and landed on these principles as the guiding principles for development. We went out with a solicitation based on those. The challenges to the solicitation is the most immediate one it needed a \$37 million subsidy. And we have \$20 million in the budget. So we've often had a conversation about what are the tradeoffs because we made commitments to old town, Chinatown, post office site and it would come at the cost of other investments we're making in the river district.

**Eudaly:** Okay. And how would you respond to members of the public who just gave commentary feeling the public wasn't engaged and wasn't involved in this decision making process and feel, perhaps, cheated out of a park or green space?

**Branam:** So I would start by saying is the decision today does not preclude having the space be an open space. So the decision that we were bringing forward both to the pearl district was the analysis that was done by gbd at a high level of whether you keep the mpu or not. So it could still be an open space. The conversation with the pearl district was meant to happen in January and it was snowed out. And really was unfortunate it was only a few days before. We will have additional conversations. We need to talk to our bureau partners about what resources they might have to put to work here. And we look forward to that engagement.

Eudaly: Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Out of the abundance of caution, I've been pinned that we should still take a vote on the amendment. He's moved it. Is there a second in.

Eudaly: Second.

Wheeler: Call the roll on the amendment.

**Fritz:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye **Saltzman:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Wheeler:** Aye. **Wheeler:** Aye. **Wheeler:** So if I can just ask -- sorry, the amendment is on the table. If I can ask a clarifying question to the answer. So the questions and issues people just raised about green space. In the development proposals that will be judged and will be vetted to the public, that is still very much on the table.

Branam: That is still very much on the table.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Since there were people here who said they felt unhappy that the harsh development proposal fell by the wayside, I think it's well-known I'm one of those people. I thought it was a visionary proposal. And I particularly liked the access that was being provided to the waterway. And I conquer with those who acknowledged this isn't just another development site. This is one of our last water front parcels and I hope we have a vision there that's big enough and take advantage of some of the opportunities a water front parcel offers. I'll be keeping a close watch on that. Any further questions, comments? Please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Thank you for this clear presentation. I think Ms. lannarone has solved the problem on getting public attention on this site by saying it could be used for right to dream too. So I'm sure there will be many more people participating if that's even being thought about. This is a concept plan. I support the concepts. I particularly like the step down to the river four stories maximum. The green way and the access to it is going to be very key. I do support not having the mounted patrol unit on the site. It's very much a waste of valuable real estate. We're not decided about the mounted patrol unit today. That will be part of the budget discussion. Now something that although many people appreciate it, we just can't afford it in this day and age for multiple reasons. But that discussion will happen in the budget process. I want to be very clear there is no money available in parks for the huge expenditure. The \$5.5 million that was mentioned for green way development hopefully will be enough to cover all of that. But if we start adding other things like docks and river access, et cetera, down to the water. It may get much more expensive. And given we have three beautiful parks, Tanner springs, Jameson parks and the fields is very close to this. As long as we have the access green ways between the buildings, maybe moving them around a bit to make that all one consolidated space should be considered. Seems to me we can get good development which will give significance affordable housing and other valuable property. And have the green space as well. So I'm very much in support of the proposal. Aye.

**Fish:** Thanks for a good presentation today. So once upon a time, I hoped we could maintain the historic structures and figure out a way to make that pencil out. Mayor Tom Potter was a champion for that who thought it could even be a center for art. And there were talk of a museum and all kinds of amenities. Times change, markets change, city needs change. I'm pleased this resolution does not for close a broader community conversation I agree with the folks from the pearl who said this should be a city-wide conversation. One of the challenges with urban renewal is it's a source of money that's been robust for us to do things. It's limited to 15% of the city. And we have to always think city wide. And that sometimes creates tension within districts. We do have three world-class parks which we've made enormous investments in. If I lived in that neighborhood, I understand why having more green spaces along the river would be appealing. Whether we can afford that and balance it with the other needs is part of the process you will address. I join in with my colleague commissioner Fritz in saying we have a chance to have a world-class green way. And to begin to think about connecting. We're building that infrastructure along the river there and to the individual who testified about post-super fund

future. We hope the river is a healthier place for everyone. And there should be river access. It's very important to me that if housing is a part of the plan that we go beyond the inclusionary housing policy and put as much affordable housing as possible. One thing we're proud of in the river district is when you walk around the community it's very hard to tell what is affordable housing. In fact, I brought visitors in and said tell me which of these is 100% affordable, tell me which is built by the housing authority. Most people can't tell. That's because we have insisted that the quality of the housing within that district be of a similar kind to everything else because we welcome everybody into the district. We did set a high marker for the ratio of affordable housing, and this may be our last great chance to sort of reach some of the ratios that we pledged or even exceed them. I would like the housing bureau to be creative in looking at how we can capture the value and to someone who said we don't need another gated community or privilege enclave; I think if you are a low income household in this community you have every right to live on the river with other people. Let's flip that critique and make it a welcoming place for everybody so that it's affordable for people that could have one of the great addresses and views overlooking the river. Finally, we don't have the money for another park. I want to compliment commissioner Fritz. There's whole swaths of east Portland that don't have parks. Commissioner Fritz has said we're going to build out equity in east Portland as a priority using system development charge money generated elsewhere and there's a lot of people particularly low income Portlanders that don't enjoy parks like we do in the inner core of the city because we have more parks. I applaud her for prioritizing parks for people in places that haven't existed but that means dedicating discretionary funds to do that and that comes at a cost to other projects. Finally as to the bridge, it would be nice to have safe access other than people going down and crossing the rail tracks but that's a two or \$3 million amenity an it's highly unlikely we'll have the resources for t. It's important to think how do people connect safely? That's an active railway. How do you get across whether you're by walking or biking or whatever? Make sure it's safely connected. We want the river connected to the rest of the river district. Good hearing. I appreciate the presentation. I vote ave.

**Saltzman:** Well, I'm more than happy to support this framework plan. Although I would openly question sometimes the problem with centennial mills is really that there's been too much designing it on high with our hopes and aspirations and nothing is penciled yet. We spent \$26 million. We asked harsh to spend their own money, they walked away. In my own mind something has to give to make it happen. There's interesting testimony about the status of the flour mill. I have been inside it at one time. I do wonder, I appreciate history as much as anyone else but if this becomes an albatross around the neck of something happening here we have to look at whether the flour mill needs to be designed out. Something else happen there. Something catalytic. So that's just one thought I have. I do want to go forward and it does seem like we run into loggerheads on something happening here hopefully something will spark here and will happen aye.

**Eudaly:** Thanks for the presentation. First I want to start off by saying I certainly sympathize with some of the issues brought forward by the public today. I do agree that the city needs to do a better job getting information out to the public and engaging the public in these conversations. I also share concern around historic preservation and preserving or creating green space and providing river access, and I have been thinking about the comment made by one of the community members about this being beyond the neighborhood, and that cuts both ways. As commissioner Fish mentioned, we already have a series of lovely parks in the pearl district, while some of our communities are lacking. We're in the middle of an unprecedented housing crisis, so maximizing the resources we have left to create housing is important. And I want to mention that I lived a

few blocks away from the pearl district from the late '80s until about 2007, so I have certainly been witness to the changes there. I was priced out of that neighborhood along with hundreds of artists and other former occupants of the pearl which there were lots before that was developed. We lost an extraordinary kind of folk art site in the lovejoy column. The point is the city has gone through a lot of changes, I haven't even touched on what's happened in north, northeast Portland. I think we need to keep a broader perspective in mind and set our priorities and think about what kind of city we want to live in and it should come as no surprise that my priority is affordable housing. So I'm happy to vote aye.

**Wheeler:** So I'll just keep my comments brief. I want to support what commissioner Fritz said that was seconded by commissioner Fish with regard to the order of things. There's no question that we need to address equities in park services in east Portland, but I do not want to foreclose opportunities to reinvigorate our waterway. I think we turned our backs on the Willamette for too long. We made a lot of critical infrastructure investments. The three former, current city commissioners who have been here a while have made significant investments in cleanup about the river, restoration opportunities, water quality through the big pipe project and other infrastructure projects. So my point here is not necessarily that we're going to put in piers and swimming facilities today. What I just don't want us to do is wall off that opportunity either for us if the resources become available and certainly not for future generations because we certainly have seen as we look at the river scape today a lot of those opportunities that could have been aren't because those were foreclosed before we ever got here. So that's my larger point with regard to the riverfront and water access. I'll stop there and just say aye. The resolution is adopted as amended. Thank you for a great presentation.

Wheeler: Well done. Next item, please.

#### Item 268.

Wheeler: Director Creager, good morning.

Kurt Creager, Director, Portland Housing Bureau: Good morning Mayor wheeler, members of the council. Kurt Creager, housing bureau director. I'm pleased to bring the so-called grant warehouse forward for discussion. This was a site that was conveyed by the Portland development commission to the housing bureau in 2010 when the housing bureau subsumed the housing responsibilities of pdc. The property is now known as Beatrice morrow and that will be explained later. It's important to know I began work on august 15, 2015, and this project interview was held on my first day of work. So I'm proud that something that I got to see at inception is now ready for full council review. The ordinance that you are approving conveys the city-owned site to Portland community reinvestment initiative along with \$7,350,000, the necessary equity to make a project financially feasible. The property is worth \$4.1 million and we're contributing that as equity to the project to make sure that the project is affordable. This is the first multi-family rental property in northeast Portland financed directly by the city to which the preference policy will apply. There are some properties that we financed indirectly through tax abatement that are using this but this is the first one we have a direct financial stake. Wheeler: Could you say a little bit about the preference policy?

**Creager:** It's a pass-through return for former residents or offspring of are former residents of north and northeast Portland physically displaced through actions of the city either directly through condemnation or indirectly through economic reinvestment which caused people to have to leave the area. So folks will essentially be sorted on the basis of a priority system whereby people who are most impacted receive the greatest number of points. It's administered in a color blind and race neutral manner. It meets the federal fair housing act but also gives people a path to return to the neighborhood many of whom are

people of color but not entirely. The housing bureau recommended to commissioner in charge of housing at the time commissioner Saltzman that the team of Portland community reinvestment initiatives, pcri, and gerding Edlen be selected. Other capable developers were deemed less qualified than this team. They brought with them Carlton hart architects, a minority owned architectural firm, and colas construction, a minority owned contractor. 24 of the 480 residential units will be affordable families at or below 30% of median family income and there's more detail to follow. I would like to introduce dr. Bishop, Steven holt, who is the chair of the north northeast oversight committee. He will then introduce Maxine Fitzpatrick, executive director of pcri. Travis Phillips and Sarah Zahn. I'll stand by if there are questions but I would like to make room for Maxine and the other team members to come up front.

Dr. Steven Holt: Good morning. I'm dr. Steven holt I chair the oversight committee for northeast housing strategies. It Seems we were just having conversation a few days ago in regard to the important and significance of affordable housing and specifically affordable housing for those who have dealt with gentrification and displacement. As you know Portland is one of the most gentrified cities in the nation. Our history has been significant. When we talk about this opportunity we are addressing some of the most marginalized individuals and most vulnerable families in our community. The exciting thing about this particular project is that it's the first project associated with the dollars allocated toward affordable housing. I'll make two statements in regard to that. One the dollars that have been allocated while a good beginning are by no means enough. The need is far beyond what we are presently able to address. It's good that we are doing something but it is just that, the beginning, and I hope we will find other ways to support and move forward an aggressive agenda that is an equitable agenda to assist the families displaced and remain vulnerable. It's a wonderful thing that this particular property is coming online, and we are absolutely enthusiastic about it. The oversight committee is in 100% support for what this opportunity will provide. And the hope is that this will be a great example of what can be done with political will, with community engagement, and with economic support. So with that being said I want to introduce Maxine Fitzpatrick, the executive director of pcri, Travis Phillips and Sarah Zahn.

Wheeler: Thank you, dr. Holt. Good morning.

**Wheeler:** Good morning. If you could state your name for the record, I think you all know how this gets done. Good to see you.

**Maxine Fitzpatrick:** Good morning. Mayor, commissioners, each and every one of you, I'm Maxine Fitzpatrick. I'm the executive director of Portland community reinvestment initiative. Commonly known in the community as pcri.

Travis Phillips: I'm Travis Phillips, director of housing development for pcri.

**Sarah Zahn:** I'm Sarah Zahn with Gerding Edlen the development consultant for pcri for this project.

\*\*\*\*\*: Well, while that is --

Wheeler: We have it on our screens.

\*\*\*\*\*: It's just warming up. Here it comes.

**Fitzpatrick:** Thank you. Again, what we have before us is the Beatrice morrow. I would be remiss if I didn't start out by talking about the name, the Beatrice morrow, and giving our thank you to senator Margaret carter, who actually informed us through one of her family members about Beatrice morrow. Many residents and I don't know about the local electeds, had no idea who she was. Just in case you don't, Beatrice morrow was an african-american female. She was a lawyer. She lived in Portland, Oregon, and in 1929 she ran for elected office. State office. In 1929, african-americans were not allowed to vote in the state so that was pretty spectacular. She has a really rich history of being committed

to the rights of african-american residents and I would encourage you to read a bit more about her. She is one of our hidden heroes, or perhaps hidden figures and we're happy to hear her in her contribution to Portland by honoring her by naming the building, our first development, first new construction development, after her. I'm here today to thank you all for listening to pcri's thoughts about the Beatrice morrow and encourage the conveyance of the financing currently needed to make this a realty. I have with me today Travis Phillips, who is pcri's housing development director. He's going to share information about the development. He's doing an extraordinary job of advancing it along with Sarah Zahn. It's been a pleasure and an honor to work with the gerding and edlen and have Sarah lead this project. We have enjoyed it. It has not been as difficult as many would think it would be for community based culturally specific organization like pcri. We're happy about it because it represents the first project that we have done of this magnitude since 2000, which was preservation of park terrace, which was an 88-unit development. We are really proud of that and we got the governor's livability award for preservation of that project and here we are 17 years later doing our second big project. For that I want to convey our thanks to the community, to the electeds, starting with at the time mayor hales and commissioner Saltzman and I have to say mayor wheeler, you and commissioner Eudaly have picked up without missing a beat and supported pcri as we advantage this initiative, so thank you very much.

**Phillips:** So I'll give you I think a number of members of council already know background on the development but I'm just going to give you a quick snapshot for those folks who maybe don't know. The former grant warehouse site that will be the future Beatrice morrow development came about because of really some community outcry about public investment not necessarily being made where the community felt it was needed most and not necessarily being representative of the community's needs and interests in north and northeast Portland particularly among the african-american community. So to skip forward just a bit on that, the Portland housing bureau issued an rfg, request for gualifications, for development teams who could be most sensitive to and responsive to the needs of the community. Both in terms of providing affordable housing in a neighborhood that has seen some of the most incredible rent increases in the city, and in a neighborhood where a lot of displacement has happened involuntarily among its residents due to eviction, rent increases and a number of other factors. Pcri coalesced with gerding edlen, colas construction and Carlton Hart architects with really a shared vision of being responsive to those community needs. Making sure to outreach to the community about what their needs are, listening very closely at each of the community forums that Portland housing bureau held to also get the feedback of the community about what was needed and what was desired from the historic north northeast Portland community then to think about as well not just the housing but what else could be provided in this development to really respond to the needs of the neighborhood and how we could do something greater with the public money and with our private money to really provide opportunity in the community. And so it was through that conversation that we all really had a lot of shared goals with really uplifting historically underutilized and minority businesses and providing that benefit back to the community. So you'll see the development that we have created since being awarded that rfg will be a five-story mixed used about, 88,000 square feet in total. It includes 80 residential units which are a majority of two and three-bedroom family size units, something that came out being very important through those community forums that the housing bureau held and what we have also heard through our residents and prospective residents. You heard commissioner Creager talk about utilizing the housing preference and fulfilling the intents of pcri and the community that we've served for 25 years to give priority for historic residents of north northeast Portland who have been

involuntarily displaced to live in a familiar neighborhood with familiar surroundings and supports. Another item that came out in the community forums and through our conversations with the community was to really provide a large community space that'll be used for resident programing to support the residents living in the building and also be available for community use. As we know many of the large community spaces in the neighborhood just don't exist anymore. We do have courtyard outdoor space and a play area, obviously important for family development. And the parking that we have developed on the site does actually exceed the code requirements that were in place at the point and time that we applied for the permits and obviously is quite a bit more now than what would be required if we applied for permit at this time which being on a very transit, well served transit corridor on mlk wouldn't require any parking if we were to apply at this point. **Fritz:** How many spots will you be providing?

**Phillips:** There are 29 parking spaces plus one dedicated loading space. You can see we just have a couple renderings showing where it's located on mlk between cook and ivy about a block south of Fremont.

**Fitzpatrick:** It's a gorgeous building. If we could just go back to it, it's just really nice to have had the engagement of the community and making the decisions about what type of environment they wanted to live. We put forth a lot of effort to make sure that that happened. It's going to be historical. It's going to be cultural, and it's going to be diverse so that everybody that lives in that building feels good. We had the comment a few minutes ago about affordable housing. It's always been our intent not to be able to identify affordable housing just from the way it's designed and the way it looks. I think that the community and the city who supported pcri will be very pleased with not only how the structure is being built but how it will be maintained by pcri going forward.

**Fish:** I'm very glad you said that. Let's take east Portland for example. Most of the complaints we get from people about affordable housing in east Portland is crap built by the private sector. It's built with a 15-year horizon. At a different time when the zoning allowed for a different relationship to the sidewalk. Frankly, when I think of the work that gerding edlen has done in partnership with other nonprofits, life works comes to mind. When you look at the home forward development, not that far from this beautiful building that you're adding, I defy someone to be able to say that's deeply affordable housing for low I come families. Instead they see a beautiful building. This is truly a beautiful building. **Fitzpatrick:** Thank you.

**Phillips:** I don't necessarily want to get into every last detail of the affordability but you can see that one of our goals was really to provide a building that served a mix of income levels. We know there's a huge need to serve families at the lowest income levels in our city and we're doing that both through some subsidized project based section 8 and some units subsidized with section 8 that we applied to home forward for and have been awarded. We have additional units that will serve residents also at that lowest income level at or below 30% ami, then we distributed throughout the different bedroom sizes a number of income levels to really disperse so it's not centralizing poverty -- we're trying not to centralize poverty is what I was trying to say.

**Fish:** Can I ask a question? Home forward has come forward anticipating some of the cuts at the federal level and some of the other turbulence. But home forward has made a huge commitment to those vouchers so we can get the affordable units. Are these locked in, these vouchers?

**Zahn:** We are currently asking national hud office for approval but we don't foresee any issues with these being finalized.

**Fish:** So people understand without that voucher it's virtually impossible for pcri to underwrite the cost to bring it down -- Maxine knows this. She's forgotten more about this

than I know. That's why the section 8 voucher is so important, why the vash voucher is so important. Otherwise it doesn't pencil out.

#### Fitzpatrick: Right.

**Zahn:** For those of you who don't know how the section 8 program works, folks pay 30% of their income to live in the unit. Whatever their income level is. The voucher makes up the difference between a fair market rent and that ability of that household to pay an income so it really does allow for projects to serve the lowest income levels.

**Phillips:** So I'm going to move forward here and talk about the commercial retail space that will front along martin Luther king, jr., boulevard. That will be approximately 6,000 square feet divided into two spaces, our residential lobby and community space are right at the center of the building. On each corner martin luther king, jr., boulevard and cook and martin luther king, jr., boulevard and ivy street, the commercial retail spaces will be on those two corners. We have been developing what that looks like sort of what the needs are, with ongoing feedback from community partners and are continuing to have those conversations with the north northeast business alliance, Oregon association of minority entrepreneurs, Albina opportunities corporation and a number of others as well as with the larger community. And the neighborhood association. We have continued as we go through that process to identify partners and develop leasing strategies to make sure that the economic opportunity and the leases that are available in those spaces really continue to provide the economic benefit to the neighborhood and to businesses that may have been displaced or have roots displaced from or have roots in north and northeast Portland. So this just gives you a snapshot sort of from the street level of the rendering. What you see most through the windows is our community space with the residential lobby on the right but you can see obviously the storefront windows in the community space continue through to the commercial retail as well. I think really give an opportunity to activate and give a great street presence to those commercial retail spaces.

Zahn: So we did want to give a little bit of a history of the environmental cleanup and that's been done on the site. For those of you who aren't aware, the former grant warehouse site was actually a superfund site. That was largely due to the uses in the buildings that were on the site previously. Pdc purchased this property, gosh, more than ten years ago. It's probably more like 15 years ago, and conducted a cleanup of the existing buildings on the site which included demolition of all the former buildings on the site and deg issued a no further action letter to pdc after that cleanup, so when the development team took over the site they had a no further action letter from deg in hand, but felt strongly that it was important to understand any additional environmental issues that needed to be addressed for residential use on the site so we went through an expensive investigation with consultants and with deg to ensure the site is indeed safe for residential occupancy and use. We're implementing additional control measures to protect residents from any possible environmental risks on the site including installing a vapor barrier below the building that will prevent any intrusion of soil gas vapor into the living areas of the building. It's also important to note we don't have any ground floor residential units. That's additional protective measure. Then we are also removing an area of lead contaminated soil from the site as part of our construction work on site. Then we will be subject to some post construction verification from deg to get a certificate of completion. We feel strongly that we have put an extra effort into making sure that this site is fit for residential occupancy and with oversight from deg will have good protections for residents and pcri as the long term owner from environmental issues at this site.

**Fitzpatrick:** I'll just interject here, when pcri was awarded the site, the opportunity to redevelop the site, I started getting calls to show you about the level of trust that existed between the city and the residents in northeast Portland. They were concerned about that

very issue, so working with gerding and edlen we decided that we were going to go above and beyond what may be necessary in every effort to assure residents that wasn't a sick site. That the pcri wasn't awarded it because no one else wanted to develop it or because it was going to be primarily housing for displaced residents, the majority of which were black residents and other minorities. So that was a great thing that we had an opportunity to do in the city supported that. So thank you.

Zahn: Now I'm sure the moment you have all been waiting for, an explanation of our capital stack, this is about a 26-million-dollar project all together including the commercial space. As is always the case with affordable housing projects we are cobbling together multiple sources from multiple partners to make this project work and be able to offer the affordable rents that we're going to offer here. So just big picture this is a 4% tax credit equity project with tax credits awarded from Oregon housing and community service, their federal low-income housing tax credits. Those come along with tax-exempt bonds that are issued through Oregon housing and community services as well to finance the construction and permanent debt on the property. So you can see that we have a little more than 10 million in equity. Those credits are being purchased by u.s. Bank for this project. We're getting a little over \$1 per credit from the bank, so we are very grateful that we have maintained such good pricing. There's been a little bit of shakiness in the tax credit pricing market as of late and so u.s. Bank has been a good partner and worked very, very hard to help us maintain pricing to make this project work. We're very grateful to them for sticking with us. There's the \$7.35 million in interstate ura tif. Additionally, as the director Creager mentioned, the land is valued currently at about \$4.1 million, additional contributed value to the project. The project will support about a \$5.48-million-dollar permanent debt, permanent advertising debt that the project will be able to support loan payments on through income from operations. The project additionally has a couple of grants so Meyer memorial trust has given pcri 250,000 in support of this affordable housing. Oregon housing and community service will give us a weatherization grant for all the energy saving features that we're installing that will save the project and the residents money. We have our sdc waivers from the city, property tax exemption that we will gain through the state. Those 20 vouchers from home forward. I'll also mention that pcri has additional contribution into this project both in the form of a deferred developer fee, deferring \$800.000 of their fee. They will get that paid back over a ten-year time frame from income from operations but it's at risk because that is below the line money that they have put in to support the project. That's an important note. The other thing we didn't include on this that we should have is that pcri is also funding cost of construction of the commercial piece. That is not part of what the city is financing here today. Pcri is separately contributing what will be approximately 1.5 million in support for the development of that commercial space.

**Phillips:** Then I can talk just a little bit about some of the community benefits in terms of what this project gives back to our local economy. One of the things that was -- one of the first things we identified is we wanted to provide the economic opportunity through the construction of the project and through the entire development process. Right now with our construction numbers getting finalized and our construction contract just about to be finalized, we anticipate exceeding 30% participation from minority women and emerging small business in the construction of the project. I think that's heavily weighted too and I apologize I don't have the exact number, heavily weighted to minority and women owned businesses. We're pending clarification on a couple bids that would get us up over 40% inclusion. That's our goal, for the record. Beyond just the contracting on the project, we're looking for work force opportunities. I think there are some hurdles in terms of work force requirements that make it a little bit difficult for us to specifically target the communities

that we really want to provide the opportunity for on this project, and pcri colas construction have been working it closely with the national association minority contractors, Oregon as well as the metropolitan contractor improvement partnership, to figure out exactly how we can reach exactly those folks who might live in the housing and who are from the north northeast community who we really want to get the economic development through. We're looking for ways to work with the system and in fact reach folks that maybe wouldn't naturally be reached because of some bureaucratic hurdles. I think we found some good ways to -- I don't have goal numbers at the moment but we found good ways to do a much better job at that than is typically achieved in publicly financed projects. Just as a note, pcri has additional projects in our pipeline. I'm sure you've seen a number of colas signs along the street, particularly along mlk boulevard. There's really a fantastic opportunity for us to use that entire path of development to really provide ongoing opportunities for the subcontractors that are working on colas projects, our projects and others so that they can retain sustained employment for the folks who are part of their work force and so those minority and women owned subcontractors have ongoing work, it's not just a one and done and thanks for the project. I think we have some great opportunities. We have also been very intentional to look to opportunities to engage minority and women owned businesses in particular through the professional services development. That obviously is a big part of that is Carlton hart architecture, which is a minority owned firm, but we have really gone beyond that and looked at the engineers, interior design, the geotechnical and civil engineers and all of the other folks who work to essential get us to the permit and get the development out of the ground and right now we're tracking at about 75% inclusion of mwesb folks in the service field which we're very proud of.

#### Wheeler: Outstanding.

**Phillips:** There are some really great stories in there as well. I know one particular firm that we had specifically reached out to whose proposal really didn't fit with our needs and finances for this project, and this outreach has been really consistent with all the folks, we took the opportunity to circle back around with them and really talk through with them about here's where we're at, here's why this doesn't work, you're not right for this project but let's work with you to figure out other opportunities and I know Carlton hart has since begun work with them on another project. Even where we haven't engaged them for this development we provided opportunity for them in the future. Then finally just to wrap that up, right now we're well on track to meet lead gold certification for the development going back to a bit of what Maxine said, our commitment to the community to create an efficient and healthy development. We're targeting some strategies, there's a very good pathway for us to get to lead platinum as well. But just to note that really our goal is to invest the money in things that benefit the residents and the community and not necessarily to get a label on the building. I think the label on the building is one way of signifying that we really put the effort into making that happen.

**Wheeler:** I don't mean to be rude. I need a time check. Could you tell me where you are? **Zahn:** Nearly done. One last slide.

Wheeler: Excellent. Thank you.

**Zahn:** This is the final slide to let you know what our timeline looks like. We are at a really critical point in putting all the financing together and getting this project in the ground. We can't wait to be under construction. So after today assuming that we obtained approval from the commission for the financing from the city, our next big hurdle or big milestone is getting through the housing stability council at Oregon housing and community services. We are currently tracking going to them in early May, which means we will be able to start construction shortly thereafter. So we're targeting early may start of construction. About a 14-month project to complete. We'll be completing and leasing up starting in July 2018 and

anticipate four to five months to get the project leased up and fully occupied. By the end of 2018 we should have a fully occupied building.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Zahn: That's it.

**Eudaly:** Thanks for the presentation. You answered almost all of my questions. I have two left. One is you may not know off hand, how many families have been identified or households have been identified so far that qualify for our preference policy? Roughly? **Fitzpatrick:** We haven't really looked at it from that perspective yet. But we do know that during that period of gentrification and involuntary displacement we had a range of somewhere around 16,000 people being displaced.

Eudaly: Shouldn't be hard to fill this.

**Fitzpatrick:** No, it won't be. Really this is just the beginning of what we intend to do. **Eudaly:** My second question is do you have any fun plans for the roof? [laughter] garden, solar panels --

**Zahn:** We are hoping very much to add a solar array on the roof. That is part of our sustainability strategy not currently in the budget but hopefully something through construction savings that we'll be able to afford.

Eudaly: Cool. Thank you.

**Phillips:** I can add one additional note. We're continuing conversation with the housing bureau about the preference policy application. That actually hasn't been opened yet or even completely refined and nailed down in terms of how it will apply to the rental project. But certainly we have a long list of potential residents on our waiting list who will certainly qualify and we'll work with them to make sure that any of them can get into leasing on the building. I think there's a lot of details still to be worked through there. No shortage. Exactly.

Fitzpatrick: No problem.

**Wheeler:** Any further questions? Thank you. Excellent presentation. Atlantis any public testimony?

Moore-Love: I have two people signed up.

**Wheeler:** So for my colleagues while we're getting everybody ready to go, we're obviously way over schedule. We have a council session scheduled for this afternoon at 2:00. Maybe during testimony if you could think about whether or not it would be appropriate to move some of the remainder of the agenda to this afternoon after the time certain item at 2:00 p.m. I would certainly be willing to entertain it. So think on that for a few minutes. We have a 2:00 p.m. Session is afternoon starts with a time certain item. I'm just trying --

Fritz: I would be astonished --

Wheeler: Plow ahead.

**Wheeler:** After this one we'll take a break just so we don't all fall to pieces, and then we'll keep plowing through. Sorry, gentlemen.

**Shedrick Wilkins:** I'm Shedrick Wilkins. I approve of this kind of building. This building looks very similar to the new Blanchet house and the old one sitting there all falling apart. It looks like that. I think too homer Williams is right we need to handle homeless or low income people 100 at a time, which in those 80 families in this building, and someday I would like to look back at Portland and see us move into areas like north Portland. My father worked for Nabisco cookies but wanted to live in the suburbs and get away from other people. That's not a good idea and he died in his house all alone. You need to be with other people, find out what other people do. That's one reason I went to a university to find out -- my dad just wanted to hide away from people. Not worry about the problems. That's where problems start. I like to think too four years from now I would rather see

Portland have this kind of housing all over Portland and this area rather than one big giant new interstate bridge.

Wheeler: Thank you, sir.

**Lightning:** Yes, my name is lightning. I represent lightning super watchdog. Again to pcri, I think this is a very good project. Very well thought out. I like the fact you're focusing on some of the larger family size two and three bedroom units. A lot of times we see people just trying to do micro size units but it's very beneficial to understand that people want to live in units if they can on a long-term basis and the larger the square footage it's much more beneficial. Issue that I have too is that a good point that commissioner Eudaly brought up, what might happen on the roof. I do want to see maybe some type of solar panels. Again, wind type use. Again, gerding and edlen on their net zero practices great developers. This is going to be a great project. Environmentally friendly. Again, in the future and it's nothing to pcri, more to the city employees, I would like to see more of a breakdown on the square footage units on these type of ordinances and also again I commend the developers for doing a deferred payment plan to help this project move forward. Over all like I say, these are the type of projects we want to see happen. Very well thought out. The right people are in this project so I give it a thumbs up. Thank you. **Wheeler:** Thank you. Good morning.

**Johnson:** Good morning, commissioners. Charles bridge crane Johnson. In light of the previous testimony I think we can say five out of five middle aged white men heartily endorse this project. And we also strongly encourage you to read Nancy McCarthy. I don't know if you remember Nancy McCarthy. If this project has a problem, the problem is that Nancy McCarthy wrote about this site on the 24th of may in 2006. And if we look on the bureau of environmental website brownfields list, we see that the seed for this started back in 1998 and 1999 when the epa had to go into this property where almost certainly a bunch of affluent white men had hidden toxic chemicals and created the brownfields site. So the city should also look and see if it's legal and permissible to assist pcri with additional certification. They have to wait until May to get the final bureaucratic checks and balances -- clearance from outside the city agency. When we look at that scope, the fact that it was written about in 2006 and we're just now taking a brownfield identified by the epa in 1999, you know, by all means let's vote yes and have a break.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Any further comments or discussion on the part of the council? Please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much for the thorough presentation. Very excited about the preference policy working out. I thank you for explaining who Beatrice morrow was. Very much appreciate that thinking about the history even in the naming of the building. I look forward to its completion. Aye.

**Fish:** I want to thank everyone who put this together. This is sort of a dream team when you think about it, Maxine, you put colas, Carlton hart, gerding edlen and a bunch of other partners together and on a project of this complexity you need a dream team, a strong team. Congratulations on that. I very much appreciate the focus on serving low income families and president way you've done it and I appreciate the vision that says poor people get to live in a beautiful building. By the way, that vision is under attack right now. From many quarters. I think we have to defend it at every juncture. Since Maxine mentioned the history of the naming of the building and history of the neighborhood and the site, there's one piece of history I want to add. In 2010 when we took all the resources out of the Portland development commission and put them in the housing bureau we were heavily criticized is a number of those were slated for development that was not consistent with the housing bureau values. So there was a piece of inner northeast slated for luxury condos and a

hotel. I can go "around the horn" but there were some very unhappy developers. When we got the properties with the tif everything had to go through the lens of the housing bureau. It may be that pdc would have developed this property just like you're proposing, but I'm not sure that would have happened. So I want to thank Sam Adams for being such a strong supporter of doing something which we were heavily criticized for at the time, bringing all the assets together under one roof and creating the housing bureau which in turn I think gave us an opportunity on many sites to have these very robust community conversations, some of which were very painful conversations but resulted in change. So congratulations to everybody. I'm pleased to support this. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, the Beatrice morrow is going to be the first of many affordable housing projects coming to north and northeast Portland. Thanks to the city's north northeast housing strategy. I want to thank dr. Steven holt for chairing the north northeast oversight committee to hold our feet to the fire. Pdc, housing bureau, other agencies to bring all these affordable units to fruition. The importance of this project has been well demonstrated by the presentation but I think the fact that it is the first rental project to use the preference policy is really something to take note of. I look forward I'm sure it will be heavily subscribed to by people who were formerly residents of north and northeast Portland. I have great hopes for this and I do want to just thank pcri for their dedication to the community they serve and for doing the right type of development. Maxine Fitzpatrick and Travis, we thank you, and I also want to acknowledge the great development team that's been put together to make this project a realty particularly gerding edlen and its principal, Sarah Zahn so thank you very much aye.

**Eudaly:** Thanks for the great presentation. I'm proud of my city in this moment for addressing historic wrongs done to the african-american community, and we need, you know, a few dozen more projects like this to truly undo a lot of the damage done. So very pleased to vote aye.

**Wheeler:** I'll second everything my colleagues said on this. Maybe I'll even underscore commissioner eudaly's feeling of pride. This really is an amazing project. I want to applaud everybody who had a role in particular on the preference policy. I know commissioner that you had a great deal to do with that. It's a bold policy, and I don't want to fail to underscore what it actually means. Portland is everybody in this room certainly understands has a very mixed history when it comes to race. There was intentional gentrification and displacement of african-americans in our community. This project by enacting a preference policy puts Portland in the unique position of being the first in the country to not only acknowledge that displacement as a result of gentrification but it puts us in a unique position of seeking to reverse it. So I think it's just a tremendous, tremendous start for the community. I know all of you on the advisory committee, dr. Holt, everybody on the development team, Maxine and others, construction team with Andrew colas, the community advocates some of whom are here who pushed tirelessly for this project. What a great thing you have accomplished. Now it's up to all of us to work together to see it through. For me this is an easy aye. The ordinance is adopted.

**Wheeler:** How long would people -- [applause] how long would you all like to -- **Fritz:** Five minutes?

Wheeler: Good. Ten minutes?

Wheeler: Let's recess until 12:30. Thank you.

At 11:56 a.m. council recessed.

At 12:32 p.m. council reconvened.

Wheeler: 278, correct, thank you.

Item 278.

Wheeler: Good afternoon and thank you for your patience today.

**Danielle Brooks, Office of Equity and Human Rights:** Good afternoon mayor and commissioners my name is Danielle Brooks I'm the city's.

### Wheeler: Thank, Karla.

Brooks: I'm the city's title 6 and ada title 2 manager and with the office of equity and human rights, and I want to thank you for your time today. So I want really fortunate that my work gets to center on both racial and disability, non-discrimination and equity. That being said we know that we have a significant amount of work to do in this effort. And what we are going to present today is work that will assist us as we move forward doing this. We are pleased to request the acceptance of the Americans with disabilities act transition plan update, the performing arts venues supplement. To frame this report, this is a title 2 transition plan. Title 2 of the Americans with disabilities act mandates that no person on the grounds of disability shall be excluded from participation, denied the benefits of or subjected to discrimination in any programs, service, or activity provided to the public by a government entity. In this case the city of Portland. As the city we strive to remove barriers and provide accessibility, access can be both programmatic, so policy, procedural modification, effective communication, as well as the more commonly known physical access. The ada title 2 transition plan as required by federal regulations identifies and assess physical and architectural barriers in publicly assessed city facilities and spaces, provides remedies for access in accordance with federal, state and local codes and prioritizes and schedules barrier removal. The original transition plan was completed between the years of 1993 and 1996 that plan became vastly out of date and we desperately needed an update. With work beginning in 2010 through the championship of commissioner fritz and then mayor Adams the city took an effort to update and redevelop the cities ada title 2 transition plan. It's important to understand it says title 2 spaces meaning that it only looks at buildings owned by the city and spaces that are accessed by the public similarly it also looks at spaces that might be leased by the city that might provide public programing and services. So for example if it is an employee only space we would not consider it in the scope of this works and it was not included in the transition plan. So again publicly accessible spaces.

#### Fritz: But what about employees who have disabilities?

**Brooks:** So that is covered under title 1 and it has a different set of requirements we have a higher obligation to our title 2 mandate and that requires a different set of applications for the actual standards and guidelines. So we still need to make accommodations and make sure we are accessible however for our employees with disabilities, the idea of course is we'd want to make sure all barriers are removed in every space and generally things get shifted around and we wanted to take that into consideration as we were developing our plan so we tried to as broad as an assessment as possible. There are just some spaces that we felt just couldn't be included in the actual assessment. So most of our transition plans for most of the city owned spaces were accepted by council back in November of 2014 given this years size and the uniqueness of the features parks brought it supplement to the overall transition plan in 2015 including parks our consultants mig and our partners surveyed approximately 342 facilities and identified over 25 barrier and developed a prioritized schedule over the next 20 years. Our plans are actually very unique and they've been developed in a similar format that we wanted to make sure that the public was engaged in every step of development of the plan, so from the actual project design through the entire process community and subject matter experts have been included not just as a participant and not just as providing an input here and there but actually designing the process. We try to make sure when we scheduled all the barrier removal we took into consideration the balance between planned projects and maintenance schedules as well as addressing the accessibility and type of barrier that would provide the highest

level of impact for the community both within individual facilities and across. So while we have additional supplements and plans coming up the right of way transition plan are bureau of transportation as well as the self-evaluation that looks and programmatic access we're here today to talk about the acceptance of the addition to the transition plan which is out performing arts venues. Like parks this supplement does follow this same process and format of the overall transition plan and all have really been designed to be living documents that will systematize this work maintain this work and will ensure and encourage progress and tracking in order to provide accessibilities in our public facilities. With that that I'm going to hand it over to my colleague Karl Lisle to discuss the specifics of this particular supplement.

Karl Lisle, Office of Management and Finance: Good afternoon mayor and commissioners my name is Karl Lisle and I'm with the spectator venues program in the office of management and finance. So I'll give you a very brief overview of what's in this supplement. So the city owns three performing arts venues they are the keller auditorium, the Arlene Schnitzer concert hall and Antoinette hatfield hall and there are three theaters within the Antoinette hatfield hall the newmark, the winningstad and the brunish theaters they were not included in the original work to survey the city's property's but they are being added now. So the facilities are operated not by the city. But by Portland five centers for the arts under the oversight of metropolitan exposition and recreation commission or merc which is part of metro and we have a great working relationship with them and they do a fantastic job of maintaining and operating the facilities for the city. Joe durr director of event services in here observing and we've worked with him every step of the way on this process. Since bringing the Portland five venues under the oversight of the city's spectator venues program in 2015 we've been able to work with oehr and Danielle to begin doing survey work and we were able to bring the same consultant team back that did the other properties to ensure that kind of consistency with the city's overall transition plan. We assembled this draft plan and put it out for public comment last fall it was out for comment in December and January and we held and open house for the public over in the brunish in late January. So there are about 1500 additional potential barriers that are included in this supplement that are going to be added to the transition plan they are organized into an initial 20 year work program very much in the same way that we address the other city facilities including the transition plan. Generally, the easier maintenance type barriers are grouped towards the first few years because there are things we can do immediately without additional great cost these are things like adjusting the pressure of door polls for example and there are many, many barriers like that, that are as simple as sending a maintenance crew out with a measuring pressure gauge and adjusting some door closers so that's kind of where it starts. Other items and the beauty of the transition plan is that it gives us a map of where the identified barriers are in the buildings so that when planned capitol work or improvements is going on in different parts of the building for example a scheduled elevator upgrade or something like that these barriers can be addressed in those areas through those plans without again additional great cost they become incorporated into other necessary projects so that important thing that the transition plan allows us to do. Some barriers may be addressed through programmatic changes signage from one part of the building that less accessible to one that is more and also through different strategies through ticketing and other policies that Portland five has control over. Some are admittedly going to be more challenging and these are older buildings built at a time when there were different codes and regulations and some are historic lie the Arlene schnitzer concert hall and so we're going to working with Portland five over the next three to four years on refinement work with the teams of architects and engineers to help us understand what really can be done about some of those somewhat more challenging

barriers cause we don't really know at this point. So with that I will just accepting this ada title 2 transition plan will add all those barriers to the city's overall adopted transition plan and as we move forward with working with oehr and the individual bureaus who are responsible for managing the different assets we will be including the five facilities in the progress updates that will hopefully come back to council. With that I will see if there is any questions please accept the report.

**Wheeler:** Any questions? Excellent work, and any public testimony on this item? Can I accept the motion?

Fish: We cannot have a hearing without a question. They waited all morning. The accompanying report, the fiscal impact report says that there is no immediate budget impact, and in your testimony you made it clear that you are sequencing this so we do the maintenance related things first and the structural things later. So I very much appreciate the logic of that. In accepting the report, I am not going to ratify that, and I will tell you why. As the council liaison to the Portland five I actually think that we're going to have to do a deeper dive now that you have the report and ask some bigger questions. And one of the reasons that you proposed that has to do with cost. From where I sit cost is a factor but it is not the key factor in insuring compliance with the ada. If there are things that we conclude need to be done and there is a question about how we pay for it, I would rather front load that conversation rather than just assume that we're on a path to get the low hanging fruit. So what I am going to ask is that within the next month, you bring the stakeholders together and I will host the meeting. Our partner and then omf and also equity and human relations. I want to be part of the conversation of looking at the sequencing and the cost and how you projected the cost over the next decade, and from that I will come back to my colleagues and make recommendations about the timeline and our investment, and that has nothing to do with accepting the report and the excellent work you are doing, and I am very grateful to commissioner Fritz -- really did push this because we've been out of compliance for a long time, but identifying all the deficiencies is different than making a judgment about prioritization, and so I reserve the right to maybe have a respectful disagreement with you on that, but I would like to have the key parties in a room and set aside time to have that conversation. So thank you.

Wheeler: Is that a motion?

Fish: So moved.

**Wheeler:** We have a motion and second. Further questions or comments for the panel? Please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Thank you both, especially Danielle for your work on the equity and the many different forms here, one of the main moves is to check for the Portland plan and the transition plan, I very much appreciate that. And 17,000 of the barriers are in Portland parks and recreation, and we are addressing those as we do things like implementing to fix our parks maintenance bond and including the accessibility improvements in that, and basically in every project that we do, we do extra to take care of some of the allocations. I will say colleagues that when I was in charge of the bureau of development services every three months I checked accounting of what had been taken care of because there were relatively few issues within that bureau because of the building that they are in, is less than 20 years old so when I was handing it over to commissioner Saltzman, for the last 18 months in the second term I was able to report that everything had been taken care of, obviously it's a lot more challenging in the bureau like parks that has thousands upon thousands of them, and I will remind my colleagues that I did and have consistently requested along with the parks budget advisory committee, we have requested allocations to start addressing some of these issues, and once or twice they have been successful requests and more often than not that's not been a priority, so I agree, commissioner Fish,
we need to put some money where our concerns are, so everybody has access, and I will continue to do so, aye.

**Fish:** Thank you for those remarks and I wholeheartedly Agree with them. I think that the difference here is that you are the commissioner in charge of the parks bureau and had the regular meetings. I am a liaison, too, and an entity with a quazi-independent structure, and so we will create the oversight body that mirrors what you were able to do in your leadership. Ada title 2 model employer, we made some important steps, and since we'll talk about being a welcoming employer or city this afternoon this is the timing of this presentation is great, I also want to add to your list, looking at the stats [inaudible] **Eudaly:** The disability community to help with the prioritization because just simply adhering to the ada guidelines doesn't always adequately serve that community. We know that there is a big difference between people who are deaf and people who are hearing impaired, so I am a big fan of the loop system, which you may know about. And I would also strongly advocate for more flexible seating because I know at the keller auditorium the only choice is to sit in the back row, and for kids coming to the keller, they are separated from their entire class, unless the class is able to get those back seats, so just a couple of examples. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Great report. Aye. The report is accepted. Thank you very much. \*\*\*\*\*: Thank you.

Wheeler: Next item, please.

#### ltem 279.

Wheeler: Christine. Hello.

**Christine Moody, Procurement Services:** Good afternoon mayor and commissioners, Christine moody, month currently services. You have before the report recommending the contract award to just bucket excavating. The engineer's estimate was \$600,000 with the confidence level of high. On January 24, 2017, three bids were received and just bucket excavating is the low bidder at 720,400.53. The bid items are good and with an allowable range. The city put forward an aspirational goal for dmwesb subcontractor and supplier utilization at 20% of the hard construction cost of the project. Just bucket identified one division of work for dmwesb participation with subcontracting participation at 39.47%. With work being performed in horizontal drilling and pothole excavation. Just bucket excavation is a certified disadvantaged minority owned firm [inaudible] participation on this project is at 98.9%. I will turn this back over to council if you have any questions.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any further questions? Can I get a motion please? Actually, sorry, do we have any public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Saltzman: Adoption of the report.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Saltzman moves, [inaudible] seconds, please call the roll. Fritz: Sorry, good to be seeing a good business with a fun name entering into our businesses. I think it's the first time that I have seen a budget done by then so thank you very much, aye.

**Fish:** Good work, I don't remember a project at 98.9% although it begs the question what happened to the other 1.1%, but thanks for your work, aye.

Saltzman: Aye. Eudaly: Aye.

**Wheeler:** I hope as they do this project they bring more than just the bucket that I applaud their mwesb goals. That's excellent to hear. Aye. The report is accepted. Thank you. **Moody:** Thank you.

Wheeler: Next item please.

Item 280

**Wheeler:** This is a second reading. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none please call the roll.

Fritz: Aye. Fish: Aye. Saltzman: Aye. Eudaly: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. Next item please.

#### Item 281.

**Wheeler:** Ok. Thank you. Any further discussion? This is a second reading. Seeing none, please call the roll.

Fritz: Aye Fish: Aye Saltzman: Aye Eudaly: Aye

Wheeler: Aye, the ordinances is adopted. Next item, please.

#### Item 282.

**Wheeler:** So I've been provided a bunch of talking points, but I am going to shorten them. As everybody here knows, the Portland housing bureau administers the city's affordable housing property tax exemption program. The home buyer opportunity limited tax exemption, halty program provides a ten-year limited axe exemption too low to moderate income home buyers making home ownership more affordable for families in Portland. Home builders have to apply for the tax exemption before pulling permits for construction. The bureau approves the builder applications by filing a resolution with the council several times a year. This resolution includes five properties being approved for the program, homes with exemptions have to sell below the annual sales price cap. That's currently \$350,000 to buyers who are income gualified. And in this case that means below 100% ami, and property owners have to continue to live in the home during the ten-year exemption period. When developers sell homes over the price limit or to a buyer who is over the income limit the exemption is removed. The staff conducts guarterly compliance monitoring to ensure that homes are lived in by the owners during the ten-year of the exemption, and if it turns out that a home is not owner occupied, based on that monitoring, the exemption is removed. 10 properties are having the exemption removed because they either sold over the price cap, that's five properties, the property owner was over the income, that is three properties, or the property owner was no longer living in the home, and that was two properties. Before an exemption is removed owners have the opportunity to appeal the decision made by the city. Good afternoon. That does not leave much does it.

Javier Mena, Portland Housing Bureau: Good afternoon mayor wheeler. No, that's pretty much the essence of the item in front of you.

Wheeler: Teamwork.

Fish: Have we had any protests to the action items before us?

Mena: We have not.

**Wheeler:** Is there any further questions on this matter? Any public testimony on this item? **Moore-Love:** Someone signed up earlier, zoeona graham.

**Wheeler:** She is not here. Any further discussion? If not, this moves to second reading. Oh, I am sorry, I apologize, it's a resolution please call the roll. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you, I recall that last week Ms. Sipe gave us some testimony about renters who no longer -- who should no longer qualify for low income housing, so since we have got this method of looking at for the home buyers should continue to have the exemption, I hope that we'll get some more information about how affordable housing can, in rental markets could continue to be maintained affordable. But as usual, great work from the housing bureau to make sure that the, the program does what it is supposed to do. Aye. **Fish:** One piece of history for the newest members, this function used to be performed by the Portland development commission through an audit and other commentary, the city was criticized for not being transparent enough in tracking the exemptions and reporting people that no longer qualified. Since the housing bureau took over this function and has

staff working on insuring that the people who qualify for tax exemptions across the board remain eligible, and when they don't, they come to council to have people removed, this is exactly the kind of oversight that the public expects for these programs, and I want to thank Javier and his team for their good work, aye.

#### Saltzman: Aye. Eudaly: Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The resolution is adopted, thanks, Javier. Next item, please. **Item 283.** 

**Fritz:** Thank you mayor. This is one of the two property dispositions that Portland Parks and Recreating is bringing forward today, this property does not provide strategic to the parks bureau due to the location and layout, and the bureau and I would like to use resources from the sale of this property to fulfill other crucial parks' needs. And I am we have the park staff here to present.

Frank Dennis James, Portland Parks and Recreation: Thank you mayor and commissioners. I am frank Dennis James. My manager here is Todd Lofgren, I am here to authorize that the council declare the southwest, rather the Frank L. Knight property surplus property and authorize the bureau of parks and recreation to take all actions necessary to dispose of the property by sale on the open market. Parks has determined that the Frank L. Knight property which consists of .53 acres in three separate parcels of unimproved land on southwest Montgomery drive is excess property. Two of the night parcels were donated to the city of Portland by Frank L. Knight on April 28, 1941. The third parcel was transferred to the bureau from the city's assessment collection fund by way of ordinance 101193 in 1954. All lots are zoned open space. The site sits on an extremely steep slope behind a guardrail, and it has never been used by parks. It is not currently deemed active; no future use of the property has been identified. The property has little or no value to the parks. However, a deed restriction on the night donated parcels states that the property is to be used for park purposes only. The deed reserves the right for night or his heirs to revoke or cancel the deed if that provision is violated. So in order to dispose of the property on the open market, parks with the assistance of the city attorney's office would like to take all actions necessary to remove that restriction. This will most likely require a court action to request that the restriction be removed, and that step will be part of the plan going forward. Pursuant to the city's property disposition policy in the summer of 2016 parks notified all city bureaus regarding the availability of this specific property. No bureau or agency expressed interest in the property, so in December of 2016 pursuant to that policy, parks posted a notice on the site, soliciting public comment and the only comments received have come from potential buyers who appear to be from that neighborhood, the one citizen stated opposition to the city disposing of this property through this process. Parks is now before council to request the council declare the property surplus and authorize parks to sell the property on the open market. However, prior to any such sale, as has been mentioned, the deed restriction issues should be resolved. Consequently, parks requests that the council authorize parks, council authorize parks to take all actions necessary to eliminate the deeds restriction. I am now prepared to respond to any questions that you may have at this time. Are there any questions on this matter?

## Wheeler: Are there any questions?

**Fritz:** I have one which I should have asked before to my staff. It just occurred to me, this is zoned open space and with this diagram, with the property, it is residentially zoned properties and is there any consideration for trying to change the zone before we put it on the market?

**Todd Lofgren, Portland Parks and Recreating:** We did not have any plans to do a rezoning change ourselves. That would be the obligation of the buyer.

**Fritz:** They would be-free to ask that in a quazi-judicial process is that correct? **Lofgren:** Correct.

Fritz: Thank you.

Fish: I just have a comment.

Fish: Todd, you've been away for a while, welcome back to the parks.

Wheeler: Are there any heritage trees on this site?

Lofgren: Not that we are aware of, no heritage trees. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Any further questions before we ask for testimony. Any public testimony? **Moore-Love:** No one signed up.

Wheeler: With that please call the roll.

Fritz: Thank you for your work on this. I agree, welcome back Todd. Aye.

**Fish:** That was a succinct and very clear presentation, complicated issues so thank you both, aye.

Saltzman: Aye. Eudaly: Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you gentlemen. Next item, please. **Item 284.** 

Wheeler: Hello again.

Dennis James: Good afternoon.

Fritz: Mr. James take it away, thank you.

Dennis James: Great, I am here to request that this council declare the Southwest Broadway property surplus and authorize the bureau of parks and recreation to dispose of the property by sale on the open market. Parks has determined that this 7,400 square foot unimproved parcel on southwest Broadway drive is excess real property. The property does not have a street address, but it is adjacent to 872 southwest Broadway drive. This lot was guick claimed to parks from misconduct in 1984. Volunteer vegetative growth chokes the site, and it sits on a 20% grade. The site slopes sharply downward to the southern property line, which ends at a sheer cliff almost 100 feet in elevation. At three different times, in 2013, 2014, and 2016 parks notified all city bureaus regarding the availability of this property, and no bureau or agency has ever expressed interest in the property. In 2013, and in 2014 letters concerning the bureau's plans to dispose of the property were forwarded to a neighborhood group leaders in the southwest hills residential league. Parks staff, yours truly included, then met with that organization at their January 2015 meeting where we explained the bureau's process, responded to questions and solicited feedback. Subsequent to that meeting the group offered full support for the bureaus plan to dispose of the property. We continued with our own disposal process at that time, which included public notice of the properties' availability Posted on the site and on our website. However, when the city's new disposition policy was instituted last year, we rebooted, and began that process again so in December of 2016, a second posting, soliciting public comment was placed on the site consistent with that new policy, and the only public comments received so far have come from the potential buyers who are apparently from the neighborhood. So we're now before council requesting the council declare this southwest Broadway drive property surplus and authorize the bureau of parks and recreation to dispose of the property by sale on the open market. I am now prepared to respond to any questions that you might have.

Wheeler: Seeing none, any public comments on this item?

**Moore-Love:** No one signed up.

Wheeler: Very good. Please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Thank you for another succinct presentation about the history and thanks to commissioner Fish for revising and revising the property process and then we are happy to

comply with it. And thanks to Frank Dennis James, Zalane Nunn Peterson Todd Lofgren and Pooja Bhat on my staff. Aye.

Fish: Aye. Saltzman: Aye. Eudaly: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinances is adopted. Thank you gentlemen.

Wheeler: Thank you. Thank you commissioner. Next item.

## ltem 285.

#### Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Mayor and colleagues, this ordinance will authorize a contract to replace or rehabilitate two miles of severely deteriorated sewer pipe in southeast Portland to protect public health in our environment. The project area is between southeast division and southeast Powell from southeast 36 to 71st avenue. The time frame for this project would be, would start in September and last a little over a year. Scott Gibson and colleen herald are here to walk us through the project. Welcome.

**Scott Gibson, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Good afternoon. We'll just turn this over to the project manager Colleen with a short presentation.

**Colleen Harold, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Thank you. Good afternoon Mr. Mayor and commissioners. I am colleen Harold, I work for the bureau of environmental services, and I am the project manager. As mentioned we're here today to ask for the authorization to approve an ordinance to advertise our \$4.26 million south tabor sewer project. This project is part of the bes large scale sewer rehabilitation program. To date Richmond south tabor is the 28th project in 39 projects planned in this large scale rehab program. As shown on this map of the large scale program the Richmond south tabor is shown in green, Among the other projects in that program in yellow. As mentioned it is bounded on the north by division and the south by Francis street, and the west by 36th and the east by 71st avenue. It has 50 segments of pipe totaling two miles. Its diameter is 8-inch to 30-inch diameter. Its vintage was constructed in 1915 to 1981. Is 81% approximate of the sewers and residential streets and 12% in major arterials. I know these pictures get old for you.

#### Wheeler: For you, too.

Harold: Yes. But these are project specific photos and allow me to be a forensic sewer scientist, and they help me to determine whether that pipe is really in the project scope or not. The two top are examples of that pipe defect showing broken pipe and deterioration. and the bottom two are of laterals that are highly deteriorated and help me to determine the pipe is in the scope. Bes public involvement staff have done extensive outreach in this area. We have communicated to both information about the project and anticipated night work including work around schools. Work performed over weekends will avoid impact to local businesses and arrangements for private work has allowed us to use less impactful construction methods, this map is included in our pi flyer that went out to the Richmond south tabor neighborhoods. We communicated with residents, neighborhood and business associations, schools, tri-met, and odot. And there will be work at three schools, franklin, saint Ignatius and Perry center schools. This really represents three types of construction methods that we use consistently, open cut, using pvc, sometimes clay and sometimes concrete. It also includes 600 feet of pipe bursting, and a lot of cured and placed pipe. Finally, in summary, our engineers' estimate is 4.26 million. I have a high level of confidence now, and we advertise in late April, we begin construction in September. It's a bit longer than a year, so we capture two seasons of summer. Thank you. Fish: So I have a question if I could miss harold. When I got the briefing on this, can we bring up the map that shows the impacted area? Yeah. That's a -- the impact of this construction is going to be significant. We have some very substantial east, west corridors. We have some dense residential areas. We have got schools and we have got

businesses. And one of the questions that I asked is well, I understand that we have done the community outreach. Are we going the extra mile to make sure that we are staging the work and planning the work to minimize the disruption on families getting their kids to school? Local small businesses? And people that are commuting?

**Harold:** My answer is yes. We work closely with p.i., with our flyers, working with clay vecker for our vision zero. We have major arterials division 52nd. We have some vulnerable roadway users, bicycles. Bicyclists. Pedestrians. And the impact on those because we know these are high crash corridors, we are really making sure that we are bringing them -- we might be moving those lanes or closing sidewalks but we have a place for the people to walk and for the bicycles to be, sometimes the bicycles will travel with cars. Sometimes we will bring them back into the travel lane, the bike travel lane so we feel like we have really accomplished our goal. We will let you know how the construction goes.

**Fish:** It goes without saying that we have a strong partnership, stronger now than it used to be in fact, with the Portland bureau of transportation and so we have coordinated our plans with their plans as well.

**Harold:** Yes, yes, we have. We have, in this one we have the foster Powell neighborhood, just to the south side where the foster road will have some improvements done to it. I've been working closely with them. We have other bes projects, water bureau projects, pbot projects. There are stakeholders, they come to the meetings and Participate in the work. So I feel confident.

**Fish:** Again I am stating the obvious, but we want to make sure that there is the highest level of collaboration among all the infrastructure bureaus, because if we can tear up a street once, and accomplish three goals, and not do our job and come back and have it dug up later, we're doing a service to the community and I know you go the extra mile on that but I am just making sure that we are touching all bases. Thank you.

**Gibson:** There is one thing that I would add, the work in Cesar Chavez plans to be done at night. Night work is a trade-off and a trade-off you have residents who are trying to sleep at night when you are doing the construction, compared with the need to get the heavy traffic volumes through during the day, and then also our staff -- it's more dangerous for staff to be out in traffic at night so we do everything that we can to manage that and make sure that we get that balance correct, so you will see only where we need to do we have night work, and where we try to make that balance so that it's the right -- a difficult call sometimes but that's what we are trying to do.

Wheeler: Any further questions for the panel? Public --

Moore-Love: We have one person, Mary Sipe.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

**Mary Sipe:** Good afternoon. Two words, night work. As commissioner Fritz knows I've been very much involved over the last three years in issues around noise and in working with the noise control office. In fact, I am on the pearl district neighborhood association's livability and safety committee, and I am now chair of the noise subcommittee. As a result, I have learned title 18, our noise ordinance inside out, upside down and backwards, and I attend almost every noise review board meeting, and the issues around night work is something that I would like to give more consideration to. There seems to be -- well, if you just looked at the map with all of the yellow areas where this sewer work is going to be done over the course of the next years, the number of residents being impacted by work going on from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Is significant. What I would like to ask the bureau to look at is to consider perhaps when they are penciling out the cost and the time frame, to think in terms of mitigating the amount of work to four hours instead of the entire night. If I can get four hours of sleep versus zero hours of sleep -- there is a lot that I think needs to

be taken into consideration in balancing, you know, closing streets, safety of the workers and getting the project done into timely manner but what I am seeing is there is only three variances for night work on this particular project, but there are more and more and more. If you go on the noise control office website and start looking at variances which thank you commissioner Fritz for getting that online. It's a good send now that we can see the variances. But the amount of work that's being done throughout our community all night long in close proximity to the residences is really surprisingly high. Anyhow, I just, you know.

**Fish:** I totally endorse your testimony and think you raised an interesting question that we will take a look at in terms of the time frame and I agree with you. We often get asked by business districts to do night work because when they look at the overall time frame of the project if we can get it done quicker it's less disruptive. It is a different impact on residential areas and people are balancing how long does the work take versus quiet enjoyment of their homes and we have other things to balance, but you are spot on in your comments and we will -- we might reach out to you to get additional feedback so thank you. **Sipe:** I am here. Reach out. Thank you.

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

Wheeler: Any more discussion? Thank you. Thank you for your presentation. Item 286.

**Fish:** Mayor and colleagues you may recall Scott Gibson is with us again and joined by Fred MacGregor. This ordinance would authorize a contract to improve water quality flowing to the Columbia slough by building 53 green street planter curb extensions. The project is part of a larger effort to meet agreements with the department of environmental quality, to reduce the sediments in the slough. Instead of dredging sediment from the slough environmental services agreements with deq call for reducing future flows into the slough. The time frame for construction is one year beginning in July, and I will turn it over to Scott.

**Gibson:** Thank you very much. Why don't you take it away.

Fred MacGregor, Bureau of Environmental Services: Good afternoon everyone. I am Fred MacGregor with bes, senior engineer of the project manager and also project engineer for this project. So this project is located in outer northeast. It's the Argay neighborhood so the peach orange hatch area, north of 84 and east of 205. The project area is the, I guess technically called the argay terrace, so bounded by sandy, 125th place on the west. Roughly 137 on the east and northeast shaver on the south. So as mr., or commissioner Fish alluded to this is part of a record decision that bes has reached with Oregon deg. Oregon deg, the record decision agreed upon with deg set out three different items in order to reduce the pollution in the slough. One is to identify sources, treat those sources, and then ongoing monitoring to make sure that the work is effective. This is one of 171 outfalls. This is one of a handful that I have identified as priority by deq. We're to come in first and do The project, and treat our storm water before deg moves in and does the remediation on the slough. So our goals are to treat the run-off from the right-of-way. We have our standard urban run-off issues, and heavy metals, and our real target here is looking at legacy contaminations of ddt's that's present in soil because this area has been historically agriculture, and at the end what we would like to do is to reach a no further action with Oregon deg, which means that we're effectively treating the urban run-off before it reaches the slough. Our project description, we'll be building 53 green street facilities, similar to what you see at the bottom left-hand corner of the screen, within the argay terrace neighborhood. As part of that we will be building some new ada ramps, so these are in compliance with the federal laws, also the memorandum of understanding that bes and pbot staff have drafted up so these will meet those obligations. As part of the

project, we're building new or retrofitting new infrastructure into an existing area, and we'll have to do waterline relocations with other parts of the contract, as well. We have done a significant amount of public involvement through the bes public involvement staff. Those allocations has been to businesses, and residents in the area. We have conducted open houses. We have made a presentation to the neighborhood association, to inform them about the project and what the impacts are and what the scope of the project is. Our engineer's estimate to date is a little over 2 million, so \$2.255 million to construct a project, in the entirety, and we're anticipating starting in July this year, 2017, roughly a year of construction duration. Any questions from the mayor or commissioners at this point? **Wheeler:** [inaudible]

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Wheeler: [inaudible].

ltem 287.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Mayor and colleagues under Mr. Gibson's contract with the city he gets a bonus if he does three or more presentations in any sing council hearing so we welcome back Scott Gibson and Vu Han who are going to be presenting. This ordinance would authorize a contract to upgrade the Tryon wastewater treatment plant constructed in 1964 and expanded in 1976. This project will improve odor control and wastewater processing at the plant, which serves Portland and lake Oswego residents. The design will take 1.5 years to complete. The next step would be construction. Scott?

**Gibson:** Good afternoon. Would you like to run through your presentation? Vu Han, Bureau of Environmental Services: Good afternoon, mayor. Good afternoon commissioners. I am vu Han, an engineer in the wastewater engineering group with the bureau of environmental services. The Tryon creek wastewater treatment plant is the smaller of the two wastewater treatment plants that bes owns and operates. It is physically located in lake Oswego as commissioner Fish mentioned, constructed in 1964, substantially expanded in 1976. The map on the right shows the service areas in the total population served by the Tryon creek wastewater treatment plant. It totals up to just under 50,000 people. The data you see up there is a couple years old, I am sure it well exceeds 50,000 now. The secondary process improvement project was identified as one of the projects in the facility's planned update for the Tryon creek, completed in 2014. The main project area is at the back of the treatment plant. So well hidden from the public site. There will be hardly any expansion of the footprint. Mainly just retrofitting, improving, and repurposing the work to optimize the existing systems. The process, there are a number of project objectives. One is to improve flow through-put to meet the peak flow demands in the future. The other is to address various conditions of the plant, and also to improve the performance and reliability. It will also address several regulatory issues, as well as providing site enhancements. The project scope includes the basin, process improvements, and improve automation and monitoring control systems. It includes conversion of one of the two digesters to provide stories for waste activated sludge, and it will also provide improvements for the odor control system and the electrical systems out there. The current project budget is about \$6 million. The cost estimate level of confidence is low given the current planning levels. The chart that you see there shows the major faces of the project. As commissioner Fish mentioned, the predesign, design permitting phases will take about a year and a half, and we'll go out for advertise for construction and complete the construction in the project by mid-2020. The professional service contract was advertised for competitive selection, where we received six proposals am we short listed three firms before making final selection, the selection committee included a minority, evaluated a program participant, carollo engineers was selected in accordance

with the city code. The negotiated fee is \$1,137,130. It includes the design services, bidding and construction support services to complete the project. The minority participation for this project is higher than normal at 40% total which, which comes out to be about \$538,980. There is one esb firm at \$27,120. One wbe firm at \$28,160, and a total of four mbe firms, totaling \$483,700. We recommend the city council to authorize the execution of the Pte agreement with the carollo engineers with the amounts stated, so we can proceed with the design work. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Any further questions for this panel and public testimony on this item? **Moore-Love:** No one signed up.

Wheeler: [inaudible]

## Item 288.

**Wheeler:** This is the second reading. Further discussion? Hearing none call the roll. **Fritz:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinances is adopted. We are therefore adjourned until 2:00 p.m. [adjourned]

At 1:27 p.m. council recessed.

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#### March 22, 2017 2:00 PM

**Wheeler:** I would ask everybody to please be respectful -- [singing] folks? We have an agenda and we would like to get through it. I respectfully ask you not disrupt council session or you'll be asked to leave. This is your warning. [singing] welcome to the afternoon session of the Portland city council. We only have one item on our agenda and we have a very crowded chamber. We also have an overflow room next door. We have lots of people interested in this subject. I want to -- we have lots of testimony, invited as well as people who have signed up who would like to speak and there's still an opportunity to speak. We're expecting this will go for a couple of hours. Again, I would ask that everybody be respectful of everybody else's testimony. People have a right to be heard when they sign up for their public testimony. If people will not abide by that, then they will be asked to leave. With that, I would ask that we call the roll, please.

#### [roll call taken]

Wheeler: please call the first item.

#### Item 289.

Wheeler: I would like to start with brief opening remarks. This is obviously a critical time for our country and for our city. We have already declared that we are a sanctuary city. Today we're affirming that declaration and we're going further. Portland is inclusive, safe, welcoming. All the adjectives that make it clear this is a community for everyone. I sit beside four commissioners who are as dedicated to this subject as I am. We're putting forward this resolution together. Fortunately, we have many people and community groups who have stepped up to participate and engage as we strive to ensure that we're responding to threats in our community in an effective way. I would like to thank the following groups. The following groups are part of the Portland united against hate coalition for their efforts. Africa house, Asian family center, Asian pacific American network of Oregon. Causa Oregon. Coalition of communities of color. Irco, immigrant and refugee immigrant organization. Latina network, native American youth and family center, north Portland neighborhood services, office of neighborhood involvement, city of Portland, Portland, two spirit society. The g center. Resolutions northwest. Southeast uplift. Tiatro, milagro, unite org, urban league, verity and the ywca. I would also like to acknowledge the following bureaus who provide a significant amount of feedback for today's resolution. The office of equity and human rights and the city's equity managers. Bureau of human resources, Portland police bureau. [shouting] the office of the city attorney. I'm going to ask you again not to interrupt the testimony. If you want to testify sign up. [shouting] fine, then you'll get your time. This is my time. [shouting] excuse me. Listen to me. This is your warning that if you disrupt this proceeding you will be excluded. [singing] the office of neighborhood involvement. The office of the city attorney. [singing] I'm sorry, colleagues, we're going to have to take a recess.

## At 2:08 p.m. council recessed.

At 2:15 p.m. council reconvened.

**Wheeler:** The sanctuary city ordinance is one that a lot of people -- just hear me out. please. Please hear me out. The sanctuary ordinance that's up for consideration this afternoon has been worked on by a lot of people in this room, is very important to them, and it's understood -- it's not the Portland way. It's not the Portland way for one voice to rise above all the others particularly on an issue that was brought together by the community. [shouting] so why don't we try again to -- teressa, please, let other people speak. [shouting] why don't we have the discussion and why don't we listen to the ordinance and let everybody have the respect of their turn to be heard on this ordinance. Can we please do that? Can we do that? [applause] Thank you. I appreciate that. I would like to continue where I left off. The goal of this resolution is to affirm Portland's commitment to protect and support immigrant and refugee communities. We'll continue to abide by state law and the united states constitution. There are two pieces I want to highlight. First of all, training. Questions have been coming to our offices not only from community members but also from employees. This resolution directs the bureau of human resources in collaboration with other city bureaus to develop a plan for training staff on how to respond to and if appropriate notify individuals about ice personnel requesting information about city employees or Portland residents. This training will also include details on how employees should respond if ice is attempting to intercity property or a city meeting. In addition, how to support employees whose family members have been displaced because of ice. We're also convening a multi-jurisdictional work group. Critical to this work includes coordinating with school districts, regional, statewide and federal leaders so I have asked that we convene a work group amongst these jurisdictions to coordinate our efforts of supporting and protecting immigrant and refugee communities. Since we're all five of us bringing this forward together I would ask my colleagues if any of them have opening comments as well before we get to our invited testimony. **Commissioner Fritz?** 

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. As an immigrant this is very important to me. I'm very grateful to you for working on it with our communities for so long to try to get it right. We're looking forward to hearing from folks as to whether or not it does say what are our community's values. I admit that I made an error this is why staff does my work for me, I did this by myself and got it wrong. Under the 6th whereas it says whereas Portland ranks 11th amongst u.s. Cities for resettling international refugees --

**Wheeler:** If you disagree with this resolution you can sign up and tell us all during your time to testify why you disagree with the resolution. In the meanwhile, let other people have their say. Commissioner.

**Fritz:** Thank you. We're the 11th best amongst u.s. Cities for settling international refugees. It should reads since 1975, 65,832 refugees have settled in Oregon then add including 15,545 since 2002. I'm grateful to Tim Crail and Jessica Floum of the Oregonian for pointing this out.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: I assume that's a friendly amendment and it's accepted.

**Wheeler:** Absolutely. Other opening statements? Commissioner Saltzman? **Saltzman:** I want to thank my council colleagues for bringing this forward today and thank all of you for being here to testify on it. This is an important stand that we are going to take as a council. Even more important message that we are conveying to the community. We serve. That you matter and you are welcome here. With all that is happening on the national stage, it is more important than ever that we reflect on who we are as a city and what we want to be known for. This resolution captures that, just that, that Portland will be a welcoming, safe place for people of all walks of life regardless of race, national origin, immigrant or refugee status. It's disheartening that we are living in times that make it

necessary for this resolution for us to state and confirm the values that are important to all of us. People across our city are living in fear and uncertainty that they won't be able to keep their families intact and their futures together. Today we are making it clear that we have your back and we will do everything in our power to protect you as neighbors. Together we will reject hate, discrimination --

**Wheeler:** Folks, again, I would ask you to please be respectful of other people's testimony. Your voice is important but it's not the most important. Everybody gets a say here that's equal. Let him speak. [shouting]

Wheeler: Let him speak.

**Saltzman:** Together we will reject hate and discrimination, divisiveness of any kinds in our city. [shouting] I want to thank the mayor and my colleagues --

Wheeler: Folks -- [shouting]

**Wheeler:** We're trying to do this. We tried. We have tried. We're going to take a recess. I'm sorry, commissioner.

Wheeler: Sorry, commissioner. Continue.

Saltzman: I think I'm done.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Mayor, I want to thank you for your leadership in drafting this resolution and bringing the council together around this important action. I want to be very clear today, I wish this was a one-page resolution and I wish it had a clearer statement of sanctuary city. When president trump issued his executive orders and began his pattern of bullying and threatening behavior, he did not call into question whether we are a welcoming city or an inclusive city, he called into question whether we are prepared to stand as a sanctuary city. That is the issue of the day. We live in a state that is a sanctuary state by law public. **Wheeler:** Folks, if you want to talk please go outside.

**Fish:** By law public resources cannot be used to enforce federal immigration laws. We live in a sanctuary county. The county has already taken its action. Teressa, please. [shouting] **Fish:** We respect you. Both ways. [shouting]

**Wheeler:** Let the commissioner speak. We do not want to have to clear the room. We don't want to do that. Please let people speak. [shouting] she can sign up to speak. Teressa, please do not interrupt other people. Please. [shouting]

**Wheeler:** Let me ask you a question. Do you guys want the sanctuary city ordinance? Do you want it to pass or no? [shouting] I will take that as a no. So when you sign up and you come here you can say no. In the meanwhile, let other people speak. This is your final warning and then we are going to clear the room. [shouting] this is your final warning. [shouting]

Wheeler: I'm going to have to ask you please to stop interrupting. [shouting] Wheeler: They are not going to let us finish. Sorry. We're going to have to take a recess. I'm sorry for everybody who is here to testify. We're going to have to take a recess. For those of you who are here to disrupt I'm sorry we're going to have to clear the room.

# At 2:24 p.m. council recessed.

## At 2:33 p.m. council reconvened.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Loretta smith from Multnomah county, thank you for being here. **Loretta Smith:** Thank you, mayor wheeler. Mayor wheeler, council members, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I'm commissioner Loretta smith. I proudly serve as the commissioner for district 2 on the Multnomah county board of commissioners. I want to start by thanking the mayor and city council for standing up for the rights and the dignity of all Portlanders regardless of immigration status. [shouting] today is a day that makes me proud to live in this city of Portland and the county of Multnomah. Today is the day we stand together against the trump agenda, an agenda that is driven by hate and fear. Today

-- [applause] today the city of Portland joins Multnomah county to protect our most vulnerable among us against the very real threat posed by the trump administration. In fact, it wasn't long after the fall election that it became clear that the county needed to publicly reaffirm our own commitment to serving our entire community regardless of their status as an immigrant or as a refugee. That was the impetus for my seeking a resolution to form the counties' commitment. Last December chair kafoury and I co-sponsored the sanctuary county resolution which passed with a 5-0 vote. Yes. You can clap for that. [applause] as local governments we are direct service providers, that is we are the safety net government. Our mission is to serve everyone based on need, not based on nation or origin or immigration status. There is a rising tide of fear washing over our community. It's unleashed by federal policies designed to frighten and to intimidate those who live and work in the shadows of our society. Those who cannot because of their immigration status stand up for themselves. In the face of the trump administration using outrageous intimidation tactics placing municipalities across the country on a weekly watch list for declaring themselves safe places, the city of Portland is standing up for what is right. And I am shocked and I'm outraged to hear members of our community who are making arrangements for their well-being of their children in the event be they are deported or stories of parents no longer doing simple things such as going to the grocery store or to the laundromat all together. The way one of the parents would stay home with their children in case something happened to the other. So I believe as local leaders we have a duty to stand up for the most vulnerable in our community. It's no longer just a slogan, politics are local, all residents should be able to access vital services without reservation and without fear that they will be reported to immigration officials. Homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, our courts, our libraries and our medical facilities should be places of sanctuary, places of healing. We at Multhomah county press on with our convictions and encourage the city of Portland to do the same. With full knowledge that our actions run counter to the stated policies of the current administration in Washington d.c. Now, we know there are some in positions of power who wish to punish all localities that make principled stands in defense of their residents but we must not cower in the face of threats. We must never compromise our values for fear of reprisal. We must never sacrifice what is just for what is easy. Today the city of Portland will take one important step to ensure our friends and our neighbors are safe here at home. I commend this body for its leadership today by declaring the city of Portland a welcoming city, a sanctuary city, an inclusive city. This city council will affirm its place on the right side of history. Thank you for bringing your voice to this fight, city of Portland. Thank you for the time that you have been here today.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. We appreciate your statement. [applause] chair kafoury.

**Deborah Kafoury:** Good afternoon and thank you for inviting me to come to speak with you about this very important resolution. My name is Deborah kafoury, your Multnomah county chair. Our nation's political landscape is broken and more divided than ever. We're seeing spikes in hate crimes, mothers and their children not showing up for their medical appointments and families immersed in constant fear of what is going to happen tomorrow or tonight while they sleep. At Multnomah county we're seeing families declining energy assistance because they are scared of what might happen if they write their name and their address on a form. Partner agencies have told us that six people seeking protection from domestic abuse this year have dropped applications for court ordered protection out of fear of visiting the Multnomah county courthouse. It's truly heartbreaking. It's imperative that local jurisdictions stand united with our immigrant and refugee community and do our part to combat hate and wade through these uncertain times alongside our community

members. I am proud to say that Multnomah county has unanimously passed two resolutions similar to the one before you today and is invested in both internal training and external culturally competent legal services. We're committed, and I know the leaders in this room are also committed, to moving the dial on an equity and standing up against racism and oppression. We have seen that in your investments and in your desire to work together to create an integrated approach to communication and response if something does happen in our community. This is only the beginning. We don't know what's going to happen tomorrow or over the next few years but we do know what our values are here in Portland and in Multnomah county. That's why I strongly encourage all of you to approve this resolution that states loudly that you stand with community. You stand for justice. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, chair kafoury. We appreciate it. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. We appreciate it. Next up we have council staff presentation. Andrea valderrama, goldann Salazar and asena Lawrence. [singing] good afternoon. Andrea, do you want to start?

Andrea Valderrama, Mayors Office: Sure. Hello, mayor and council. I'm Andrea valderrama and I am a senior policy advisor for the mayor and I have had the privilege of continuing the good work that began last year on moving forward to formally declare the city of Portland a welcoming, inclusive and sanctuary city. I would like to emphasize that this effort truly has been a partnership between staff and all council offices, which is demonstrated by the fact that it's being introduced by the full council and as a daughter of political refugees from Peru and first generation graduate student this is especially powerful to me and I would like to thank you for your leadership and collaboration thus far. I go home every night to feed my daughter dinner and 50% ends up in her mouth and 50% on the floor. I give her a bath, read her some books and put her to bed. And while we sing and dance throughout this whole process I still worry in the back of my mind all night every night that I alone cannot protect her from the racism and oppression that I know is inevitable. This is why this resolution is so important not only for our current employees and constituents but for our future generations. You have the ability to ease this worry not only in my minds for my daughter and for the minds of all of Portlanders today. We have some really great panelists so I don't want to take up too much time. But I wanted to let you all know if you have any questions after the panels, please don't hesitate to call me back up to answer them. Thank you again so much all of you for your leadership. Wheeler: Thank you very much, Andréa.

**Goldann Salazar, Commissioner Fritz Office:** I'm goldann Salazar. I work with commissioner Amanda Fritz. I'm grateful to have worked on this from inception and I thank you for the few moments to share my story. My father came to Oregon from Mexico without papers in the 1970s. Back then he could safely make the trek from Mexico to Oregon to work seasonally and return to Mexico to care for his parents. Today that journey is no longer safe for him and many migrants who used to be able to come and go. The border is unwelcome to people who look and talk like him now. Growing up in northeast Portland with a single mother who was disabled and without my father has been an obstacle. But as a first generation college student graduating from Lewis and Clark I'm proud to be sitting here today. Each morning I arrive at city hall and I walk through the heavy doors to our office. I think of whose shoulders I'm standing on to be here and those who have gone before me. Each of us holds the great responsibility to be accountable to those in the community who cannot be here today. The single mothers with disabilities, the undocumented fathers who migrate, and the children of these families like me. We have an obligation to protect our employees throughout the city and continue to move this work

forward. I thank council for supporting this resolution to protect the diversity that is Portland.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Asena Lawrence, Commissioner Fish Office:** I'm Asena Lawrence I'm commissioner Fish's community liaison. I want to thank you commissioners, mayor, I'm honored to have collaborated with the mayor's office on this resolution. Nationally and globally we have seen a shift towards nationalism and fascism, it's a response to fear of immigrants and refugees, a fear of the other. While we cannot make immediate changes nationally or globally we can make changes locally in our community. We derive strength from our diversity and from multi-cultural, from immigrants and refugees which includes those undocumented. We're part of a movement that does not force people into the shadows. We do not feed ignorance and fear. Today we lead. Today we stand together united, celebrating, protecting our cherished, diverse Portland community. Thank you. **Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you for your testimony. Next up we have --[applause] [singing] we have bureau staff presentations. Tracy reeve from the attorney's office Anna Kanwit from human resources and Dante James from the office of equity and human rights. [singing] good afternoon.

Dante James, Director, Office of equity and Human Rights: Mayor, council, good afternoon. It's truly my pleasure to be able to be here. Can you hear me? This afternoon in support of acknowledgment of the importance for this resolution. Here to support our black and brown brothers and sisters, our Muslim brothers and sisters who work for the city and who are residents of this city. There's clearly been great concern subsequent to the original orders by the president that have caused concern and fear among our staff and among those who live in our community. This resolution attempts to speak to that and address in some way that concern. Some of it may in fact seem symbolic but symbols do mean something and the values of the city are spoken through this document. I have been -- had the opportunity through my office to in some sense convene a group of folks who worked on this. I want to absolutely give appreciation and kudos to your staff, Mr. Mayor, to Andrea as she really shepherded this process, and convened us to engage, offer input and edits if you will to this document to really bring I think the meat, the depth and breadth that was of important to faculty and employees of this city. There was a working group of which both Tracy and Anna were part of and members of the audience. I would like them to stand so you can see who all was involved in the creation of this resolution along with Andrea. They are all standing. Okay. So it was very much a work -- collaboration among bureau staff who were concerned and expressed the winter of their immediate staff. [shouting] as.

Wheeler: Please let him speak. Thank you.

**James:** My office with Anna's and others and Tracy will put specific content together to further inform staff on how they can respond, how they should respond and how they are comfortable responding legally, morally, ethically should there be any issues regarding ice on city properties, in city buildings that they are responsible for. So from that point moving forward we really look forward to continuing to inform as well as support all those who are feeling distressed and in fear based on where we are in this country at this time. **Wheeler:** Appreciate it, director James.

Anna Kanwit, Director, Bureau of Human Resources: Good afternoon, mayor, city council, Anna Kanwit, director of the bureau of human resources. I do echo everything others have said about the importance of this resolution as you can imagine because we're the bureau of human resources we do get a number of calls from concerned employees, concerned family members about what may happen to them. And we have worked with this, the work group in terms of bringing these issues forward. The benefits office also

recently had our eap, our employee assistance program provider, had an immigration attorney come to talk to interested employees about the history of Oregon in terms of the other exclusions we have had of people of color and talk about the rights that employees have or citizens have, also make some recommendations about having a plan for your children, things like that. Then offered to meet with staff afterwards, have provided information that through our employee assistance program employees do have access to 30 minutes of free legal service while that doesn't sound like a lot of time it can be very useful to find out some of your basic rights. This is part of the education we have started and will be continuing to partner with office of equity and human rights, city attorney's office, your office and others in terms of additional education for employees of what their rights are and what we can do to respond as a city. Thank you very much for bringing this forward.

#### Wheeler: We appreciate your testimony.

Tracy Reeve, City Attorney: Good afternoon, mayor, council members. I'm Tracy reeve, Portland city attorney. I have been delighted to be able to work on this resolution and to work on a variety of other legal avenues to address some of the challenges that we're seeing that have been talked about here today. In addition to working on this resolution the city has been participating as an amicus in a number of legal challenges, some addressing the executive orders on immigration, some addressing legal challenges to sanctuary city and sanctuary jurisdiction restrictions and we will continue to do that work on behalf of the city and all of the folks in Portland. I have also -- I have also been asked to briefly address the legal issues raised by the resolution. And the guestion of whether the adoption of this would violate the law. The answer is that, no, it will not violate the law. The city has long followed the policy of not using city resources to enforce federal immigration laws to detect or apprehend people based on immigration status and we'll continue to do that. In fact, since 1987. Oregon law has prohibited state and local governments from using resources for those purposes. The city has complied and continues to comply with that state law. In 1996, congress enacted the federal congress enacted eight usc 1373, the federal statute that prohibits any government entity from prohibiting or restricting sharing information with ice. Maintaining such information. There is no requirement, however, to collect such information and no prohibition on policies against collecting such information and there is no federal requirement that state and local government enforce immigration laws. When the Portland police bureau take people into custody they are booked into facilities operated by Multnomah county. Accordingly, Multnomah county and not the city receives detainer requests from ice. The county has a policy of not honoring those in most circumstances. We believe that federal law can't require the honoring of detainers at least absent a judicially issued warrant. In march of 2016, the department of justice began requiring certification of compliance with the federal law I just mentioned as a condition of receipt of certain grants. We believe the city policies are compliant. We have been certifying compliance. Since then the trump executive order on immigration appears to define sanctuary jurisdictions as ones that willfully violate that federal statute. We do not. However, the trump executive order also appears to give the department of homeland security secretary discretion to determine what is a sanctuary city. It threatens to withhold all federal grants, not just law enforcement grants, from sanctuary jurisdictions. The city's position is that we comply with the current federal statute, we comply with state law, we do not use city resources to detect or arrest people for immigration violations. We believe it would violate the 10th amendment to the united states constitution for the federal government to require us to assist in enforcing federal immigration laws or to withhold all grant funding if we do not do so. We're coordinating with numerous other jurisdictions on these issues. One way is participating in amicus briefs and a variety of legal challenges

and a number of work groups. In sum the resolution is the continuation and extension of long-standing city practices and we're proud to work on it and to support it.

Fish: Can I follow up for one second?

Reeve: Absolutely.

**Fish:** Thank you for your very clear presentation. Because there's been a lot of threats issued out of Washington, I think a lot of misunderstanding among the public, I want to clarify two points. The first is that state law is very clear that neither the state nor subdivisions like cities can spend public dollars to enforce federal immigration laws. **Reeve:** Correct.

Fish: That is the law of the state of Oregon.

Reeve: It has been since 1987.

**Fish:** It's also well established under the 10th amendment and article 1 of the constitution and supreme court authority that the federal government cannot coerce a city or state to do something against its will and the leading case arose under the affordable care act. **Reeve:** That's correct. That's the sebelius case where the court said that with holding all Medicaid funding for states that did not do the Medicaid program under the affordable care act was coercive and unconstitutional.

**Fish:** To those who are students of civics let's be clear because we took an oath to uphold the state and federal constitution. The state law is clear and the 10th amendment in article 1 is clear and the supreme court justice Roberts, a conservative chief justice, issued the decision in that case so we believe we are on strong footing and if there was an attempt to withhold funds from us we would be joining with cities and states around the country to fight that through the court system.

Reeve: Absolutely.

Fish: Thank you. [applause]

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your testimony. We appreciate it. We now have some invited testimony. Andrea Williams from casa Oregon and Kasey jama from the Portland united against hate coalition. How are you today? [audio not understandable] thank you, Alice. We appreciate it.

Andrea Williams: Mayor wheeler and Portland city council members thank you so much for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution to make Portland a sanctuary city and a welcoming city for all. My name is Andrea Williams the director of casa we're a human rights organization based here in Oregon over the last 20 years we have been a key advocate in Oregon for immigration reform, daca-- thank you for turning that on. Tuition equity and driver licenses and today's resolution is very close to our hearts and we hope to see ongoing support and engagement with the immigrant community through additional city initiatives. The week after the presidential election mayor wheeler's transition team in addition to staff from commissioner Fritz's office got in touch with me. They called me, they texted me on that Sunday right after the election. They were asking about sanctuary, what it was, what it could do, and I want to first say thank you for reaching out to us in that really difficult week. It meant a lot to us. At that time in November we anticipated the worst changes to immigration enforcement and of course here we are in march and we're beginning to see the negative impacts of the president's executive orders on immigrant families already. As you heard earlier it is a really uncertain time for immigrant families many of whom we work with. They have been afraid of going to the courthouse, afraid to take their children to school or go to local government buildings for fear of running into immigration customs enforcement agents who are lurking around our streets downtown even as we speak. Following them around in their car back home. It's vital that immigrant families here loud and clear from their city that they won't be under threat of deportation for simply interacting with city institutions. Passing this resolution

reiterates and clarifies the city policy when it comes to interacting with immigration enforcement and strengthen the city policy by including a training component to ensure staff are complying with the law and understand how to respond if contacted by ice, really critical in building community trust. I do want to say that this is also important because we're under attack at the state level as anti-immigrant activists and elected officials try to repeal the 30-year law that we currently have. Trying to qualify it to go to the 2018 ballot and passing these types of resolutions builds support for state law as well, so thank you for that. Just recently we read reports how a Multnomah county deputy helped ice arrest an undocumented individual with no criminal conviction last summer. Those stories are huge setbacks for our ability to engage with the community. So let's make sure that that doesn't happen with the Portland police department or any agency that the city of Portland has bypassing this resolution. Over the last three months' casa has worked with cities to pass similar local resolutions that prevent local resources from being used to separate immigrant families. So far McMinnville, Salem, Astoria, Hillsboro, Eugene have passed similar resolutions and I'm really excited for Portland to join that growing list of cities in Oregon. [applause] so in closing I urge support of this resolution and thank you for the work you've already done to put this together. I also -- it was brought to our attention aclu will address this in their testimony that there is a Portland police bureau's directive 810.10 a policy on the books allowing cooperation with ice and so we suggest and ask and urge you to please revise and suspend and to suspend that directive because we believe it's in conflict with this resolution. Matt desantos will elaborate on that shortly. Thank you again and I hope that we can continue to work together to figure out other ways to make improvements and move the city forward.

Wheeler: We appreciate your testimony, Andrea. Good afternoon.

Alice Perry: Good afternoon. Mayor wheeler, council members, I'm Alice Perry, director of programs for Latino network. I thank you for bringing forward this resolution and share with you about what our community is experiencing, how we are responding and how this makes a difference. In the days and weeks following the elections Latino network heard from clients and participants about the impact the hateful political rhetoric had on them. Sadly, students were bullied in schools, targeted in streets, in stores and in the workplace. They told us those that stepped out in solidarity whether individuals, local governmental bodies or school officials gave them hope. Similarly, the president's executive orders on immigration and refugees have generated a level of fear and trauma in our community that will have lasting impact for years. Immediately after the election we helped three community forums to bring information from immigration attorneys, law enforcement and school district leadership and to listen to community concerns and questions and to provide resources. What we heard in those days following the election and since were instances again of bullying in schools, our community being targeted in general by people emboldened to say and in some cases do hateful and often dangerous things. Yet at the same time community members were afraid to speak out and report these abuses. So we have partnered with other community-based organizations and with the city's office of neighborhood involvement to help to develop a robust hate crime reporting system that draws on the trusted relationships that community organizations have built as well as expertise and strengths of the city. This effort Portlanders united against hate is an important city and community effort to say Portland will stand up to hate. But it is an effort best lodged in broader city philosophy that proudly proclaims Portland a city that not only welcomes immigrants and refugees but also recognizes a deep and important contributions to the community. That creates policies to reflect that philosophy. My school based colleagues have seen the impact on students we serve in our after-school programs and their families. For students it has interrupted their learning as understandably this is all

they want to talk about in our sessions and it's also important to provide a supportive place to do so. At the same time, we must work to ensure that they do not fall behind for families the key concern has been the safety of their children should they be detained and/or deported. We responded by partnering with Oregon law center to develop a family plan tool kit and are meeting with to help families walk through the tool kit so they can prepare for a crisis separation due to deportations. And detentions. Yes, our community members, our clients, our students, we have already had instances of family separation and deportation including our students. We are committed to continue to support our community by developing additional resources and by working alongside our partners to face this crisis. This resolution in boldly stating the city of Portland will support the immigrant and refugee community with concrete actions and by working with the community to build a city climate that supports inclusivity is a vital step in supporting Portland's immigrant and refugee community. We urge you to pass this resolution and look forward to working with you in assuring the city's success in implementing it. Wheeler: Thank you so much for your testimony both of you. We appreciate it. We have one more panel of invited guests. Wadji said from the Muslim educational trust, Daniel Franco Nunez from the human rights commission, and I don't know if we have a commissioner from the new Portlanders commission -- kolini fusitua is here. Thank you for being here.

Wadji Said: Good afternoon, mayor, respected commissioners, it's an honor for me to speak on behalf of the 40 ethnic groups that we represent and the larger Arab and Muslim community. Our communities represent Asians, African, European Muslims from Kosovo, Bosnia and other places and we do also represent some Latinos that happen to be Muslims as well. I'm honored to speak before you this afternoon on behalf of all of them. I speak to you as a proud Yemeni, Arab American, as a Muslim American and I speak to you as immigrant. Also a lover of this great city of Portland. And this great state of Oregon. Not enough is to say about the intellectuals and the economic and democratic and scientific abilities of our immigrant communities. They bring a great and avid values to our city. [shouting] we have to remember that there are so many things that our immigrant communities that have been doing so in the last 40 years. For example, the greatest Arab -- the late kolan has defined our public space, the great Arab American governor, the great Deborah kafoury and so many others that are descendants that come from all these ethnic and religious backgrounds. While we tend to think of immigrant Muslims and families as a burden, some of us as victims of ugly regimes or foreign policy there is really much more to new Portlanders than what meets the eye. Immigrants and refugees moth Muslims, Christians, Jews, Buddhists and so many others of good will bring intellectual talent and also social and capital to our America. There are over 400 Muslims with engineers with ph.ds that work in the high-tech industry. They are the ones that bring great values to our society in the high-tech as well as values of tax dollars' money. There are an added value in every sense of the word. Some of them are well educated. Others struggle. Some are newcomers to our country and to our city. Some have been here for ages and for hundreds of years and generations. When we turn to them away we are not only turning blind eye to our consigns as human being but also turning away too much potential human talent and skills. Today I speak on behalf of all of these individuals that we represent in our 40 ethnic groups. It is very important for us as Portlanders, those who are well to do, well-adjusted and well settled, more importantly the masses of this individual's newcomers to this nation who are vulnerable and need of every ounce of support and compassion. It is those who are scared and uncertain of what future holds. It is these people who need my support and your support and every single support and it is very important for us not to be disruptive to the system. We have to believe in the system and the constitution that this great mothers

and fathers have created for us to enjoy. America is beautiful. America is great because for me as an Arab American, a Muslim American, a Yemini American, an immigrant I'm proud to be an American. I'm Portland. I'm great to be a part of the solution and not to be a part of the problem and obstruction that happens in everyday life. Many in my community, the hard working Muslims and hardworking immigrants and refugees, are afraid. Islamophobia cynically promoted by so many people in our society including the current administration and is on the rise and painful beyond words to all of us. Our children are scared. What will happen to us if we call the police or some other city departments to assist? Definitely there are a lot of good people in the police force, a lot of good people in the fed force but we need to rise to the challenge and create conversation and respect town hall discussion about the role of each one of us in this beautiful society. My dear respected mayor and respected commissioners we want to believe the people of Portland are compassionate and that our city council has our best interests at heart it too. We would love to see prove that in fact we are respected as members of this community that is my hope today. That is my prayer today. Where there is hatred let us love one another and respect one another. Where there is distrust let us build more understanding and build bridges of understanding. Let us show the world that in Portland every life is sacred. Every person is respected and every person is a special person. My dear respected mayor and commissioners, let me end with a quote from a Jewish friend Ned Rosch. He says I'm quoting him today, it is times like this we are asking ourselves and to my young sisters and brothers in my back it is times like this we ask ourselves what is our purpose? I'm beginning to think that maybe this is the moment for which we were born, perhaps this is the reason why we are here today. To live out what we know at the deepest level of our being, the inclusion in our strength, diversity, our sweetest destiny. Love our calling. Welcoming the stranger our sacred duty. Sanctuary for all our beauty and our dignity. Doing for others what we will do and hope to do for us. If we were in their destiny, in their situation, our opportunity to be the people we really want to be. May we find the strength to resist the meanness of our society, the ugliness in our society, the ugliness in ourselves and the courage to our hearts to build the beloved community which turns away none and welcomes all of us and embrace all of us. Thank you, mayor, for this statement. Thank you, commissioners, thanks to everybody who supports this.

Wheeler: Thank you, wadji, that was beautiful. [applause] good afternoon.

**Daniel Franco Nunez:** Good afternoon. I'm Daniel Franco Nunez, a member of the city's human rights commission here to make a statement. The human rights commission would like to both acknowledge the importance of the finding our city as inclusive for all persons and commend elected officials for taking this step towards protecting the safety and wellbeing of all Portland members. This resolution recognizes the intersectional nature between poverty and communities of color, refugees and immigrants and women is of particular value in our current political and national climate every one of these communities being targeted it's imperative the human and civil rights of our most vulnerable are recognized, up lifted, valued and protected. If Portland passes this, it will not be the first or regional leader. We'll be joining Salem, Astoria, Newberg, Hillsboro and McMinnville are just a few. As the most populated city in our state with the loudest voice Portland should be at the forefront of this movement and not simply leave it at words that make our elected officials feel they have done a good job. They make our most vulnerable population say we must set the example, make a statement that we will not collude with federal immigration agents and we must state that we value diversity and we welcome all. With an already strained relationship between the ppb and Portland's communities of color we believe it is now more important than ever that those in vulnerable positions feel safe calling the police when they need help. The human rights commission would like to state we understand

there are legal bounds within which the city can act which is important to acknowledge but it will still leave many vulnerable. Community may still read this resolution and feel that it is not enough. They might still not feel safe; they may still not be safe. They believe passing this resolution is a vital first step the city must -- will not be enough to recognize the citizens who are mistreated, profiled, or assaulted by ice agents. The civil rights advances until now in the fight against systemic covert and overt racism have been difficult and there's a lot left to do. That will not be handed over without a struggle. The true measure of how great our city can be is not what those in power say but what those without a voice experience. It is with this sentiment that we ask you to support passing this resolution but question where and how as an individual member of this community you can support those most vulnerable. Thank you. [cheers and applause]

Wheeler: Appreciate it. Good afternoon.

Kolini Fusitua: Good afternoon. Mr. Mayor, city council, my name is kolini Fusitua, a member of the new Portlanders commission, a member of the Tongan community I am an immigrant and members of my community are afraid. They fear because of the political situation that's going on. I'm here to share with you guys our appreciation that you guys are stepping up trying to make us feel comfortable. My -- parents moved here for economic reasons. Because back home we don't have the opportunities that is here in America. My parents has left, gone back home. I graduated from Portland state university. Here my 9-5 job I work for irco, working with immigrant and refugee community. Working with families so that way they can grow up and be better than where I am. Because I am the first of my family to graduate from college. This morning I had a meeting with breakfast with principal. It took me three years just to get my community to be in the building, the school building get comfortable because they do not show up to parent teacher conference, they don't show up when teachers calling in. If there's an issue they don't show up to anything but because of my 9-5 job working at irco now they are comfortable. Now they know who the principal, vice-principal, councilors and so forth. With the current situation, they were not at the coffee with principal today and I have a member of the community that is a pta vice president. I built the relationship with the school and the community took me so long but now because of the current situation people are afraid. Just to show up. I have family that need to renew their services with dhs. They are not coming in to renew the services because of the fear. I want to thank Portland police bureau for the last two years they have reached out to the tong community. They come to community centers, to our churches to work with our adults, our youth, building a relationship. I want to ask that you keep the chief of police, assistant chief so that way they can continue building a relationship with my community, the tongan community, the Portland community. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** We appreciate everybody's testimony. [applause] that concludes the invited testimony. I understand we have about 45 people signed up.

Moore-Love: About 42. [singing]

**Wheeler:** We'll do two-minute testimony. That is okay with everybody? Wait until they are done with the song. [singing]

Wheeler: Can you call the first three people, please.

**Wheeler:** We'll have two minutes of testimony; 30 seconds from the end you'll see that little yellow light come on the light will turn red when your time is up. Two minutes goes super quick. So if you think in advance the core message we would sure appreciate it. **Karen Mitzner:** Thank you and I wanted to honor our African American sisters and brothers over the death of Quanice Hayes and say that I respect them for being here. I want to speak on behalf of undocumented immigrants. I'm a member of the interfaith movement for immigrant justice as well as a cohort at the quakers, the Multnomah friends on stark. We're working with also we have immerge. I wanted to just make some points

and thank you for the sanctuary definition giving to our city. I wanted to ask you to please bring together regional workers to form a group that will help undocumented immigrants as part of this. Okay? I wanted to stress some things that we don't usually think about. How we benefit from immigrant undocumented immigrant workers. Agricultural products. We all get them at low, low cost because the workers are paid very low wages. We benefit from their labor in meat packing plants, landscaping and other parts of the economy. Why are they here? Many are here because we are responsible for them being here. Our foreign policy and our corporate policies have been destructive to populations in el Salvador and Nicaragua, Guatemala, all over the central America region and Mexico as well. Corporate policy has resulted in the dumping of grain in Mexico, driving out of the business of growing corn about 2 million Mexican farmers. About 25% of the population of el Salvador was driven out of the country in large part because of the death squads that our cia trained, helped to train. So we must take this not only from the point of view of compassion but from the point of view of justice and responsibility. Finally, where will these people go to if driven out of this country? The northern triangle in central America is extremely violent and dangerous. There are no jobs and no homes for them. We're basically giving them a kind of death sentence. That's what I have to say.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate your testimony. Good afternoon. I should remind people to speak for the record. Thank you. Your name for the record.

Alex DiBlasi: Good afternoon. I'm Alex DiBlasi. Despite all the fanfare that preceded public statements the declaration of Portland as a welcoming, inclusive city is nothing but sky high rhetoric. [cheers and applause] we need more from our leaders. Mr. Saltzman who spoke of the times and his awareness of them. So can I. I work with youth who tell me that since trump became president their moms don't want them out after dark. Former colleague of mine has to walk around the streets with his passport on him at all times. As I'm sure your aware last week a member of our community, a resident of this already socalled sanctuary city, was picked up by ice, detained here in our so-called sanctuary city before being taken up to a detention center in Tacoma. This is unacceptable. Portland is already a sanctuary city. Oregon a sanctuary state. However, without legal backing, these words remain just those. Words. It sounds nice. It sounds like it should be enough but it is not. Mr. Fish said so himself earlier this afternoon. In a recent interview with opb, mayor garcetti of Los Angeles was asked why he is one to avoid the phrase sanctuary city. The answer he gave is that there is currently no legal precedent defining sanctuary city or sanctuary state. This means no resolution, no court ruling establishing a definition. I'm asking city council to work with the city attorney's office to write a resolution creating a legal definition of a sanctuary city, not just words. [applause] this means refusing to collaborate with ice. This means creating safe spaces for people facing or fearing deportation. This means doing so much more than patting yourselves on the back for your flowery rhetoric while raids and deportations continue in our so-called sanctuary city. Power to the people and thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon. [applause]

**Wheeler:** So folks, we -- we have a tradition in the chamber just thumbs up, thumbs down. That way we can get the maximum number of people in. [shouting]

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon. This is why we do that so you don't have to wait. Please go ahead.

**Cecile Evans:** I appreciate it. You let everybody clap for your invited testimony so let them clap for the public testimony. [applause] absolutely. So I don't understand how you can claim to be a sanctuary when you've got 17-year-old unarmed young men getting shot. I don't understand how you can -- [shouting] exactly. I don't understand how you can claim to be a sanctuary when you're going to give the police \$2 million to train how to shoot

people that look like me. So that doesn't make me feel like it's a sanctuary. I don't understand how you're going to claim to be a sanctuary but only use rhetoric that you can't hold anybody accountable to so if we're going to become a sanctuary city let's do it for all, like you're saying you're going to do. Right now it doesn't feel like it's for all. It feels like it's for you. It doesn't feel like it's for me and it doesn't feel like it's for anybody that's out here. I don't think these words are new for you to hear because we have been screaming these words in the street. Teressa actually said something. The whole reason we even have this on the table is because we have been in the streets saying it's not a sanctuary. So to disrespect the activists like we are the problem is ridiculous. You understand that you wouldn't be doing shit about sanctuary if we had not pushed it to you. That's all I got to say.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. [applause]

**Teressa Raiford:** [no audio] I'm not saying just recently because of trump but we have been saying that there's racism and discrimination and hate crimes happening to people of color in this country for more than ten generations, right? [cheers and applause] so we understand that with colonialization comes a level of patriarchy, right? If you, the colonialists, are saying your patriarchy has created a mandate for you to work with certain organizations, certain people, that's still not inclusion for all of us. When we say inclusion, include us, this is not sanctuary, we don't feel safe and then you pull in riot cops that doesn't help the situation at all. [shouting] we're talking about fear in communities for people and I have spent the last couple of weeks with two, three, four-year-olds and a sixmonth-old and an 11-year-old that have lost their brother. We told them what we propagated with the power and the will of our mandate and our city council is to criminalize them in the media. We have control over that. We don't have to incite that someone is a criminal or that their family is a criminal to the entire community of brown people because, guess what, brown children are afraid. Last week, when you had the ted talk here. I was out in the David Douglas district working with families to organize a press conference because they speak 77 languages out there and they have school board members that don't deal with racism very well. And it's creating more scared children. The children testified at our conference. You need to talk to people in the community who went be getting money. So people you don't pay to quantify what you're doing at a city, go talk to them, go knock on those doors, go to those schools, don't take the guards with you. Don't take the guns with you. Go out there. We are the people. Sanctuary is a human right. Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. [cheering and applause]

**James Mattox:** I'm James Mattox. I'm curious how I can claim when this is a sanctuary city. When ice still functions on our streets it doesn't save anybody. There's no sanctuary about this. Ice is still out there. There is the fear of ice, which is bigger. It doesn't make any sense to me. How you can claim this is a safe place when there is people dying on the streets, literally being killed by the people you commissioned, the police. Quanice hayes. He was killed its fucking bullshit. [audience chanting]

\*\*\*\*\*: Say his name.

\*\*\*\*\*: Quanice Hayes

**Mattox:** You can't call this a sanctuary city when people are freezing to death on the streets, you can't call this a sanctuary city when you take things like r2d2 away from the people.

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**Mattox:** You don't get to say this is a sanctuary city when all of these things -- they're messing people up. It's not a sanctuary city, you have to figure out what it means. You can't say this is a sanctuary city and say people are safe. You have to put teeth on something and you need to say, no, ice, go screw yourself you're not allowed to do that in

here or something. This ordinance it doesn't do anything. You're following the rules. You're just stroking yourself off. It's bullshit. You can't say this is a sanctuary city. I'm going to keep repeating this. You can't just say sanctuary city you have to do something that makes this a sanctuary city.

Wheeler: Thank you.

**Quanice hayes:** For the record, I'm quanice Hayes. I wanted to point out that you guys say that this is a place where everyone can feel welcome and safe and things like that, there's no discrimination on race, sexual orientation and things like that and everybody's included in everything. That bathroom, not on the outside where it's in everybody face, on the inside of the door, it says it is a women's bathroom only. Is there any transgender women in here? That's discriminatory. It's fucked up its rude I wanted to tell you ted, fuck you, suck a dick and kiss my ass.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. [audience chanting]

Wheeler: Good afternoon. Thank you for being here.

Jonah Majune: This person that I'm holding the picture of, Aaron Campbell, he was actually murdered when I first moved to Portland and that was my first time seeing a protest so it's just like we're still fucking out here it's been a long ass time I'm still just like 25 and people have been doing it their whole lives and have been living that terror every single day. So I'm very concerned about this resolution. It doesn't actually do anything. People have been saying it over and over that's why we're here. That's why we don't care about you taking a recess because this resolution isn't going to do anything at all. I'm a farm worker on sauvie island people have getting ice raids on Sauvie island still. You haven't done anything about it you haven't sent cops out there and make sure that ice isn't allowed on the island to protect the farm workers. Ultimately farm bosses are going to abuse their workers even more because they know they can get away with it because who are the workers going to tell? They're not going to tell anyone, anything because they know they're going to get deported. You bring out the organizations who you want to engage with who get the grant money who get all the funding because you see them as safe. It's a mechanism of a white supremacy. That's how the city was founded Portland has that running really deep here Teressa can tell you all about it. But I was actually really surprised that you went to the climate policy thing or whatever last week and you told everyone there, it's great to have a crowd that isn't disruptive and it's like, you're trying to make friends with the environmentalists because they won't challenge you on white supremacy. Not a lot of environmentalist in this room, so what I'm really demanding is the immediate use of eminent domain to shut down ice and other federal government agencies pulling the ittf and immediate dismantling of the police and replacing with community led rapid response networks to go out and witness and stop ice raids. I want you to fire Nazi cop mark krueger. There's a white supremacist in the police bureau and you are letting them be active in the police bureau. Fire cops who collaborate with ice and murder people. They don't deserve a gun. Thank you.

**Tara Parrish:** My name is Tara and I live in Portland I'm going to use my white privilege to testify right now. I'm going to be really careful about the details that I use. I am friends with a couple individuals who are terrified to come to protests because they were not born here and because of the status of their visa. If they get arrested for any offense, they go straight to a detention center and they do not get a phone call. Period. They are afraid to come protest even though that is our right in the constitution because they will get sent away and even if they've been here for many, many years, bam, everything's gone. They do not get to call an attorney they have to sit in the detention center until they get deported and that is not sanctuary. Those are people that are here legally they are terrified of this type of thing.

I know you keep hearing about Quanice so I want to talk about a Quanice and Kendra James and Keaton Ottis and James Chasy, Aaron Campbell. \*\*\*\*\*: [indiscernible]

**Parrish:** You have not been around the hayes family like the rest of us have, holding space for them while they are in their grief. And that is a devastating, devastating thing to have to experience. But it's our duty, it's what we do as good humans and Quanice should have had sanctuary. [audience chanting]

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

**Cameron Stark:** My name is Cameron Stark I'm a resident of north Portland. I ask everybody here to take a look around and look at the racial make-up of the people around you. Take a look around and look at the racial make-up of our council. Oregon is a white supremacist state by design. Whitelandia. In our constitution it says this was to be a white utopia. Those actions have generationally led to what we are seeing today. Okay? These ideas are still in place. We need to make sure everybody has a chance to have their voices heard, to be on council, to hold positions of, I don't know, equity or power. I know people who are afraid to come to city council because they have been arrested here before undocumented immigrants who before Trump took office had been harassed here in council chambers. So, you can't say this is a sanctuary city until we show some action. You see what I'm saying? I just want to clarify on something I saw commissioner Eudaly say on Facebook. We are not opposed to the ruling -- to this being a sanctuary city. But we want to see action. We want to see proof that this is a safe place for everybody. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you, appreciate that. Next three, please.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Lynda Martin-McCormick: My name is Lynda martin McCormick

Wheeler: Is the green light on in front of you?

**McCormick:** Yes. I'm here as a private citizen of Portland and I want to, first of all, say thank you for taking this first step. It is just a first step. I'm sure you realize that. It would be great to see some ways in which this actually had some oomph behind it, some substance, some teeth, to have it operationalized so we would know whether it was being done and I just have a few suggestions to throw out. First of all, I think that the working group is a great idea. It should have private citizens on it. as well. It should have community people on it because you know how it is in big bureaucracies, they talk to one another, they create a bubble. I think it's important to have people at the table from the community, to help give it some leavening and some accountability. Second I think the funding for Multhomah county public defenders is great, but not enough. \$50,000 will buy you maybe 6 months of an attorney's time. I hope you would increase that amount substantially that would be operational proof that you really mean to do this thing. The idea of developing a plan for training, how about if you just train? By date certain? I think you should be sending out rapid response goes to every single place in town. And the aclu cards and I think the police and everybody on payroll should be disciplined, with consequences, if they fail to follow the law, with consequences up to firing. This is a left-field idea. If the ice people refuse to stop wearing police and confusing residents -- our police should have a sign on them that say real Portland police.

**Wheeler:** Absolutely. We do not want them wearing anything that identifies them as police. They are ice, period.

**Fritz:** I wanted to address the issue of the public defenders. We put in \$50,000 --Multnomah county put in \$100,000. Metro's considering and we're taking donations from citizens. If you can give a dollar or five dollars you go to immigrant protection project.org. You're asking us to do things and we will and we are. Let's have everybody putting money where their mouths are and go to immigrantprotectionproject.org.

**McCormick:** With due respect, there are so many needs right now. The city needs to step up, \$50,000 is not enough.

Linda Jaramillo: My name is Linda Jaramillo, I'm an ordained minister and I serve on the board of directors of the ministries of Oregon. It is a gathering of Christian denominations committed to interfaith relationships and welcome. Today, as people of faith and of good will, we lift up our neighbors, who are victims of violence and persecution, based on fear inspired and hate-driven acts of our current administration in Washington dc. We must acknowledge that we are made in the image and likeness of god every single one of us so in god's family, no human being can be illegal. This lesson is found in the first chapter of the Hebrew text. Our scripture further requires us all of us to welcome strangers into our midst and love them as we love ourselves. It seems very clear to me, I'm not sure how it could be misunderstood or misrepresented. I don't see anything that calls us to make America great. It is amazing to me how walls and barriers can be broken down when people meet face-to-face through relationships, when people realize that our very humanity is called into question. Today, we are strengthened by our solidarity and commitment to work together to interrupt the brutality of separating families. Separating families is not a family value. We must embrace compassion and kindness as we celebrate the precious dignity of all people. We cannot live apart from one another and we must not pretend that we can. For our futures are woven together. In the midst of this horror, we celebrate the solidarity and mobilization across the land in our neighborhoods, in our congregations and in our cities. Thank you, commissioners. Thank you, all, for your courage. We thank you for this gesture of immigrant and welcoming of refugee communities that we are proud to serve. We stand ready and we hope to be invited to your workgroup because community of faith matters in our conversation. In the midst of this shifting stage, we will, together, rewrite this script, as people of faith and good will, we will claim our will as the unfolding drama and we change the cast of main characters and transform hostility to hospitality together because we all know that god's love knows no borders, not today and not ever. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Mark Knutson: Thank you, mayor and commissioners, for this resolution you're moving forward. My name's mark Knutson, I'm a pastor here in Portland. We're a sanctuary church since 1996. The network has grown among faith communities. Sanctuary's an ancient faith principle of welcoming people in, especially when they are under duress or crisis for safety. In 2014, Francisco came for 81 days. I wanted to say this, it wasn't about variegation, it was about a community that rose up. Many of you came in support of solidarity. And that the key on all of this the issues we talk about today whether they be racism, poverty, war, islamophobia, homophobia, xenophobia are inter woven and we know that so together as people of good faith, Muslim, Jew, Hindu, Buddha, Christians and other people of good will, are determined to help weave that beloved community, where everyone has life. Black lives matter, brown lives matter. That is key and so this resolution is a step, a very important step to take sometimes we have to a vision, but then we have to take the intentional steps to get where we want to be. With the sanctuary church with over 1,000 in our network today and movement for immigrant justice, another 35 congregations each of us plays a role in places, cities, counties, this is fantastic, households are taking steps. We'll do what -- we allow no weapons and coercion. We need to demilitarize our police forces. [applause] to hire for community peacekeeping. We have to move in those directions in order to really implement what we say we are about. So, thank you for today.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. God created a world where everyone can have life. Until we get to that, we have to have sanctuary and make sure people are safe. **Wheeler:** Thank you for your testimony.

**Tom Chamberlin:** Mayor wheeler, I'm Tom Chamberlin. I'm president of the Oregon aflcio I'm here on behalf of 300,000 working men and women. In the past two months, Oregon has seen a rise in immigration and custom enforcement activity. This includes an incident where farm workers were pulled from their van on their way to work in Woodburn. A worker in Portland was also detained in route to their job. I can't imagine the fear and confusion felt by those workers, by their employers and their families when they did not return home that evening. It is incidents like this which makes this ordinance so important. We encourage you to vote yes on the ordinance and thank you for your time and effort. **Wheeler:** Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Good afternoon.

Richard Herhara: Hello, Mr. Wheeler, how are you today?

Wheeler: Well, thank you.

**Herhara:** Mr. Wheeler, I have family that live in the city of Chihuahua. I've been -- I have many family there and my dream is to tear those border crossings down and let everybody come across. Mr. Wheeler, there's two things -- maybe sometimes I think it's harsh when people resort to vandalism and destruction. There is a reason when trump -- I've seen this throughout the bush administration. In these times. Mr. Wheeler, the reason why people are so angry, if there was 500,000 people blocking the street, you would bring your goon squad to beat us down. To beat us all -- all down because we do not pay for conversion for your permit. For your permit. Folks -- folks -- Mr. Wheeler, there -- I'm 100% for sanctuary city, but there's one thing for us to all remember. All people -- like I know from Tracy and "black lives matter," ice or Portland police, they all look like pigs. They all look like pigs. [cheering and applause] Mr. Wheeler, this issue is so big, we should all shut the whole quarter of the city down and make you come out and dress or provoke a riot because you have a responsibility to address the people, not the corporate people, people that are really anger and they want your attention in the matter. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Good afternoon.

Elliot Young: Hello, good afternoon, my name is Elliot young, I teach history and director of ethnic studies at Lewis and Clark college. I'm in favor about sanctuary I teach about migration history. I have to say as you all know; you cannot control the presence of ice in this community. But what you, mayor wheeler, can control are the police and what I see lacking from the sanctuary resolution is a connection between broken windows policing where people of color, largely immigrant communities are picked up on low-level offenses and we see this profiling that if -- for cocaine possession, it's 30:1, black to white people we know get picked up. We know this exists in the city. You could do something very easily by directing the police by not to do broken window policing. Once they're sent to the county jail, they're fingerprinted ice has access to the records. It's no longer a question of whether we're a sanctuary city or not. We could prevent their arrest and deportation by stopping these low-level attacks. I have -- [cheering and applause] this is why, by the way, there's no contradiction between the fight for immigrant rights and the fight for "black lives matter" and don't shoot Portland have. I have two more points about how you can make this resolution more effective. One is there is no measure in the resolution currently to enforce, if employees do break this resolution -- so currently, we have a sanctuary state and you have deputy sheriffs at Multhomah county jail communicating with ice. What has happened to them? There are people all across this state collaborating with ice and there's no enforcement mechanism in those sanctuary statutes and finally, the federal statutes 1373 and 1644, there is a contradiction between those statues which prevents cities and states from preventing communication. What the city resolution does, what the state

sanctuary law does is saying we're preventing those communications. There's a contradiction. It's as if we said we're in favor of the underground railroad and say we're going to stand by the fugitive slave act. You can't have it both ways. I submit to you, commissioner Fish, let's follow, the u.s. Constitution, lets follow the Oregon state law and follow the lead of san Francisco and sue the federal government over the unconstitutional federal statutes.

**Eudaly:** Could you repeat those, sir? Sorry. Could you repeat those statute numbers? You were talking too fast.

Young: 1373 and 1644, the attorney for the city mentioned them --

**Fish:** Having read the san Francisco lawsuit and the complaints and the materials they put in, they're first argument is there is no conflict and so that's our best argument, because this federal law, we believe, should be narrowly interpreted so as long as there's no explicit prohibition we're not in violation of it. San Francisco has asked a judge to interpret it narrowly that's out best argument that way, there is no federal statute that conflicts. Your point's well-taken, a judge could disagree with that. I think the 10th amendment and article one of the constitution controls overrides any statute and that would have to be decided by the supreme court.

**Young:** The second argument that san Francisco makes is that it's unconstitutional and Portland could be a leader in making the point that this is an unconstitutional statute that is being used as a hammer to try to prevent cities from declaring sanctuary

**Fish:** We have joined as a friend of the court and we believe those statutes doesn't apply. If some judge disagreed with us, we believe it's unconstitutional.

**Young:** Why do you have it in your resolution that we'll comply with these statutes if there unconstitutional?

Fish: We have said, we're not at odds. Our law does not conflict with that statute.

**Young:** Do you think it does not prevent you from preventing the communication? It prevents local and state jurisdictions from preventing communication with ice.

**Fish:** We're in a public forum. We could be in court. My view, the statute says you cannot have an expressed prohibition, there's nothing that requires us to communicate. It's the difference between having a prohibition and being compelled. They cannot compel us to. **Young:** They are saying they can compel you not to prevent your employees from communicating with ice.

Fish: We think we're on constitutional ground.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Next three?

Mariana Garcia: Thank you for having us today. My name is Mariana Garcia and I'm a senior at Portland state university. I'm here to testify in favor of this resolution. I have the privilege to be under the program daca deferred actions for childhood arrivals I arrived to the united states at the age of 3 with the illusion of mickey mouse. Since then my dreams and aspirations have grown in this country that we have called home since 18 years ago. I will be graduating this spring with a bachelors in political science. This past term has been really difficult for me and my family. I don't know how much longer I will be able to work in this country and be in this country under daca. We don't know the future of daca. Nightmares of white vans and ice agents coming for my loved ones and I have been haunting me and this is not the first time I've had these dreams. They were haunting me eight years ago when my brother was deported. They haunt me during the day, making it difficult for me to focus in school and my extracurricular. I'm constantly checking in with my family. It's scary when I get a call from them late at night or early in the morning, fearful they have had an encounter with ice. My mom no longer wants to go to WinCo or gatherings. Simple things just because of this fear. My family is a family that contributes to the community just like many of the families in Portland, passing this resolution would

provide some relief for us and for students like me who are uncertain of the future. This is just a first step and I want to continue this conversation. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much, I appreciate it. [applause]

Mat Dos Santos: Hello. My name's matt and I'm the legal director of the aclu of Oregon. Before I begin my testimony. I want to acknowledge what's going on today. My heart breaks for quanice Hayes and his family. While I'm here to speak about the resolution, it's truly difficult for me to feel any happiness when another unarmed black teen is killed at the hands of the police. This has to stop and these issues are connected. So thank you for allowing me to give testimony on this important issue. The aclu of Oregon is here to thank you, to caution you and provide testimony on a major gap in policy between the proposed resolution and Portland police directive 81010, arrests of foreign nationals. Thank you for your commitment to inclusivity. In the city of Portland, words matter. In a time when the federal administration is attacking immigrant communities with words and actions, we need local leaders to protect core constitutional values and create policies like this inclusivity policy, making Portland an equitable and prosperous city. Words are not enough. Passing this resolution is a significant step for the city, but words alone cannot keep immigrant communities safe. Words alone will not insure the city's ability to harness every individual's capacity for our shared prosperity. In fact, as we've seen right here in Multhomah county, inspiring statements by local leaders without meaningful follow-up is dangerous. Multhomah county's sheriff Reese has expressed not wanting to work with ice yet months after a deputy was caught notifying an ice agent of an undocumented person in custody sheriff Reese is still investigating the situation. More to the point here, the Portland police bureau has a policy that specifically encourages the use of city resources for the enforcement of federal immigration law. There's a major gap in policy between the proposed resolution and Portland police directive 81010 arrest of foreign nationals. This is current under review and public comments are due April 6, 2017. While the aclu will submit comments, we want to bring it to city council's attention now. The directive is plainly wrong. It does not follow state law and misstates federal immigration law requirements. It allows ppb to work jointly with ice investigations, provide protective services to ice and demands that ppb officers provide information to ice where the provision is not required by federal statute. Until this directive is abandoned or significantly revised, we believe it will be contradictory from this policy. How can you prevent police officers from working with ice? We urge you to commit to suspending directive 81010 until these issues are addressed. Every day, the aclu hears from Portlanders scared for themselves, their loved ones or coworkers or neighbors. We need the city to stand as the last line of defense against the risky unconstitutional experiment that ice is engaged in against our community. We understand you care deeply about this issue. So do we. For that reason, we ask you to vote yes on this resolution but we also ask you to continue to look for meaningful and concrete ways to support the community and disentangle the city from ice including suspending Portland police directive 81010.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And, matt, if I could -- [cheering and applause] if I could respond to that. You're absolutely correct about your interpretation of 81010, it is under review and commissioner eudaly's office and mine are working together and we will provide an amendment that is consistent with this ordinance. Thank you for bringing it up, you are right to do so.

**Dos Santos:** I spoke to commissioner eudaly's policy person; whose name I'm totally blanking on. We will have comments to you very soon, maybe as early as Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

**Francisco Aguirre:** Good afternoon mayor, commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to be sitting here and testify. I do want to take the opportunity to thank the commissioners who support my case. I take refugee at the Lutheran church. Thank you so much. But I do want to begin with the death of my son. My son, a healthy young boy who have many dreams, decide to go back to el Salvador because he was afraid of being 20 years in prison like the federal was threatening to put me in jail with. After going back to el Salvador, he got killed. By a death squad that only call him by my last name, that he never used before in el Salvador. That's a big example why, as Portlandians, we need to pass a resolution that it protect our immigrant community and not deport them. That it break that connection between police and ice. We cannot call a sanctuary city if ice still have access to that police database. That's how they tried to take me into custody. That's how they end up in front of my house, without any warrant, try to take me in custody. I'm a human being, like anybody else and I urge you to please work hardly with the community in passing a good resolution that it will really protect our community. And not deport them, to a dangerous place like central America. I do want to say that as day labors, we're seeking a permanent place and let's not forget that. It have to be resolved soon. They are immigrants, too. And they need your support as a mayor and commissioners. Thank you. Wheeler: Thank I. I appreciate your testimony. [applause] [audience singing] Christine Chin Ryan: Mayor wheeler and Portland city council members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution. That declares the city of Portland a welcoming city, a sanctuary city, and an inclusive city for all. My name is Christine chin Ryan and I'm president of synergy consulting company. It is a small business for 29 years, providing technology consulting. I'm a third-generation immigrant woman small business order, a naturalized citizen, a person of color and know first-hand the benefits immigrants bring to our communities. Immigrants are a vital part of our city and state's economy. A report found that immigrant-owned businesses generated over \$473 million in business income in 2014. An over 70,000 Oregonians are employed by immigrant-owned businesses. Undocumented immigrants are a vital part of our economy. In Oregon, there are 5,700 entrepreneurs. Undocumented workers contributed to state and local taxes and \$104.4 million went to federal taxes. Unfortunately, the recent changes to immigration policies have fostered a climate of unfair and uncertainties. Resolutions like the one your considering passing today sends a strong message to immigrant business owners and immigrant employees that we're welcome to do business and raise a family here in Portland. This resolution preserves local resources for local priorities rather than volunteering assistance and immigration enforcement. It insures that our city's taxpayer's dollars are not used to do the federal government's job. I encourage your support of this resolution and thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Wheeler: Thank you, we appreciate it.

**Patricia Toledo:** My name is Patricia Toledo. I'm an organizer for voz workers' rights educational project. We are working to empower laborers and immigrants to improve their working conditions and protect civil rights through leadership development, organizing education and economic opportunity. We are non-profit organization that operates the martin luther king workers center which connects workers with employers. The center is an inclusive and welcoming place that has proven essential to workers who contribute to the community development of this wonderful city. We promote human rights, cultural diversity and respect for human rights. Our workers are still in fear of persecution and family separation today and not only them, I do, too. The best part of my work is to connect with people. I do this every day. Not only inside the worker center, but on the corners, on the streets. I talk to people every day, that fear. And not only undocumented immigrants are fearing, we, communities of color, we always fear. I've been attacked on the streets. It is --

it is principle of this resolution that we -- we really enforce -- enforce it for -- for -- for all. Ice out of Portland, thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Appreciate it. Good afternoon.

John Herrera: Good afternoon. Mayor and commissioners, my name is john Herrera and I'm here to testify as the director of the immigration legal services program at catholic charities. I'm an immigrant from Colombia and it's a privilege and honor to be here today as an immigrant speaking for those who are not able to testify on their own because they're -- those voices can be heard, but we are here to let you know how important it is for the city to take action in passing this resolution. We know that this is a first step to start actions against the -- the ice and the enforcement that is killing families and separating families. This is recent to be here today, testifying and being heard, as an immigrant. This also the right to be here, to say that we are hearing from the communities that we don't know what they're going to do when ice comes to separate their families. We are really scared communities. We are saying we don't know what we are going to do when your family, your kids are at school and we don't know if you are coming home. Your parents are not able to come home. This is a real situation that we're facing every single day in many, many communities. Communities of color. All lives matter, we know. It's not about just killing people. It's about separating families and I think that is a big issue. Catholic church legal immigration services have been unified in family since 1996. We're here today to ask you to put more resources into the legal community in order to protect more families. We need more services to direct families to prevent deportation. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. [applause] good afternoon.

Maxine Fookson: Hi. Thank you. Thank you for having me here today. My name is Maxine Fookson and I'm here to testify in support of the resolution. I'm here as a member of Jewish voice for peace. And our organization is a proud member of the interfaith movement for immigrant justice and the Portland immigrant rights coalition. I also am here to lift up, to make this a safe city for all, I think we have to listen to all of our city members. One event is burned into my memory and I want to share it. Years ago, I worked as a nurse at a health clinic of the united farm workers in Salinas California. The patients were all hard-working migrant agricultural workers, it was prenatal clinic day and the waiting room was absolutely packed with pregnant moms and active kids running around. I was in the waiting room as a nurse doing a health presentation on childbirth. All of a sudden, as if there was a spark, a split second announcement took me totally by surprise. La Migra Immigration. That was the announcement. It came in a clear, guick voice. Within a split second that room, which just a second before had had every chair taken, 30-40 patients waiting, was suddenly empty. People scattered outside through back doors and side doors and I have no idea where that went. Truly, all just vanished in what I think was just a few seconds. I blinked and realized what was happening when I saw the immigration van in front of the clinic. In that moment, I watched moms scurry with their children and literally vanish to hide and I got a glimmer of what it means to have to live in the shadows and in fear. As a Jew, my relatives and other groups in persecuted Nazi Europe had to flee, hide and seek refuge. Sometimes the doors were closed where there was no welcome and millions perished. That is why we say, never, ever again. Never, for anyone. We're better than that. And we refuse to live in a city with our friends that we love have live and in the shadows this is a starting place, but please I urge you to support this resolution. [applause] Wheeler: Good afternoon.

**Bob Brown:** My name is bob brown. And I'm the board member of the interfaith movement for immigrant justice. I'll talk about it as imij which is our acronym which is a lot easier to say. We participate in various immigrant rights coalitions including the Portland

Immigrant rights coalition, one Oregon and Portland ready. Emergence of faith-based organizations and our members are people of faith and conscious there are 20 interface members. We have many other congregations that participate in our work. Our mission is to respond actively and publicly to the needs of the immigrant brothers and sisters in the united states. Threw advocacy and outreach, we educate the community about in justices, current immigration policies inflicted on the community and we take action for change. Just as we open our hearts to provide welcome and accompaniment to the people facing persecution and oppression, we open our doors to offer sanctuary for immigrants faced with family separation and unjust attention. So imij supports the resolution to be a welcoming city a sanctuary city and an inclusive city. Our faith traditions teach us to welcome the stranger and to treat all people with dignity and respect. The diversity of our community is one of its strengths and all members of our community contribute to the health, well-being and prosperity and general welfare of the city as families together -families, neighbors, workers and taxpayers, this sends an important message to welcome to all members of our community. We must stand for love and interrupt hate. We urge the city to communicate this message of inclusion and -- to the community in as many ways as possible. Passing the resolution clarifies and strengthens the city's policy when it comes to interacting with immigration customs enforcement. There are two aspects we believe are very important. First, the convening of a workgroup to coordinate efforts to support and protect the city's immigrants and refugee's communities. And second the training of city staff about the appropriate response in interacting with ice. I want to say, we definitely support the words that have been talked about with respect to the Portland police bureau's directive 81010. I read that this afternoon and I was shocked. We must stand in support of all the residents because they are what makes us a strong and vibrant community. We urge you to pass the resolution.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your testimony. Thank you, both. Good afternoon. **Michael Dale:** Good afternoon. My name is Michael dale. I'm the executive director of the northwest worker's justice project, which is a nonprofit law firm in Portland that provides representation to low-wage immigrant and contingent workers. Probably 85% of my clients are immigrants and a significant number of them are without proper authorization, according to ice. I've been doing this work I should say for about four years as an lawyer in Oregon and some of the themes and issues are not really new. In fact, I was involved with establishing the law, the state law, that's been referred to several times. By the way, in your resolution that -- it's miscited so you might want to double-check that. You need an extra eight in it, in one place that -- in the resolved sections of the ordinance. **Wheeler:** Could we have legal counsel check that, please? Thank you.

**Dale:** What is new -- a bit new -- is the degree of hostility at a national level that has legitimated the most base instinct of the worst part of our employer class and empowered them or entitled them, in their own minds, to reach even farther in order to exploit immigrant workers and beyond that, what is new is -- we've heard a lot about fear and I don't think I have to say too much about that, given the earlier testimony. But, fear is a significant factor and in this particular area, it has particular implications. The stories circulated about ice officials lurking at the courthouse, picking up people in the courtrooms give us a difficult road to hoe in order to seek wage justice, employment justice for our clients, we have to go to court. We have to have witnesses that will come to court, to support the account of folks that are trying to prove their cases. And, I'm not sure we're going to be able to do that. And we need to -- we need to move in that direction. Multnomah county has actually called upon our congressional delegations to call courts special sanctuary places, that would be good. Much has been said about -- I see I'm out of time. Much has been said about how this is only symbolic and I would certainly associate

myself with the comments made earlier about trying to find ways to put more meat and teeth into it. Having said that, symbols are important. And the symbol of the Portland city council standing with the rights of immigrant workers is going to help us a little bit with those employers that think they they've got a free reign now. It will also be important in giving us a grain of hope to offer to those immigrants who are wondering whether they dare assert a claim that ultimately is going to require them to show up in a u.s. Courtroom. **Wheeler:** Thank you, appreciate it.

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**Wheeler:** There is a -- there's an schrivners error on ors181a. and it should be 820. So let's make that correction. Thank you for raising that. That's important. Thank you. \*\*\*\*\*: [indiscernible]

**Carlos Montes Benavides:** [speaking foreign language. It's been said that the best defense was -- is a good offense. But we don't have that. We just have a resolution. To further insult every immigrant in this room, we have the resolution before we have the fix to the police policy. Which is pretty much standard practice for the city of Portland. So, please write your apologies to all these invited dignitaries that you got it backwards. You could have suspended that policy before anybody even got into this room. But you chose not to. You chose to send it to la-la land for review. So, how is it that a 60-plus--year-old physician's assistant can have her nose broken but that can't happen to any ice agents? Are the Portland police only profiling cars in north Portland? Here's a good idea. Why don't you go to 1455 northwest Overton and make sure all the vehicles there are fully in compliance with every Oregon law and go down on south macadam and make sure every vehicle is fully in compliance with all the laws of Oregon. But you don't want to do that. You just want to have some fancy resolution about getting re-elected. So --

**Benavides:** So, deliver some goods for these people. That is not a resolution that has no legal standing. I don't even know if we've mentioned the san Francisco ordinance -- \*\*\*\*\*\*: [indiscernible]

**Benavides:** We haven't talked about -- nobody said we are amicus on case number x in the district of Oregon or the district of Washington or the district of northern California. So, deliver solid, concrete goods for our friends and neighbors who are under attack, please. **Wheeler:** Thank you for your testimony. [cheering and applause]

Wheeler: Sir, why don't you go ahead?

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

**David Carlson:** Oh my god. You're a public servant people are asking and demanding that you do something and you're over here rolling your eyes. My name is David Carlson. [cheering and applause] my name is David Carlson and I work with solidarity. I worked for four months in Hillsboro for that white, male council to do nothing. To put up pretty words that said that they're inclusionary, that they give a shit about people who are fearing for their lives every single second they are awake and even when they are sleeping and here again, I have a white council, who's using their privilege to --

**Carlson:** That's right. Thinking they are doing something good for their city. I was one of 13 people on February 20 that got arrested while using my first amendment right to express my grievances against elected officials. I was slammed to the ground. You all saw my face on the ground. You -- you made that call. You told your lieutenants to tell them to get the squad in there while we're doing nothing violent. We were peacefully protesting. Guess what? This isn't a sanctuary city. You do not have a sanctuary city, okay? So here's the thing, is until you come to this table with the people of this city, not these nonprofit groups, not these huge money donor fucking groups that, like, keep us pacified, keep the

real left pacify that want some radical fucking change, until you come to the table with real policy, you are doing nothing for your city. Period. Okay. You need to get your police in fucking check. You know how annoying it is that I have to worry about my life because I protest in solidarity with other people? You know how fucking annoying that is? That I'm afraid that I'm going to get attacked and assaulted by Stormtroopers? It's terrible. How do you think the people feel in Woodburn? That are being attacked by ice and taken away from their families. Have empathy and do some real fucking work.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your testimony. [cheering and applause] good afternoon. Good afternoon.

**Elayne Janiak:** Hi. My name is Elayne Janiak, I'm a citizen. I live in sellwood. On march 11, there were hundreds of small meetings around the country that were facilitated by the national aclu. About 200,000 people attended. There were at least a dozen meetings here in Portland. In people's houses, maybe a dozen or so people in each. And the purpose, really, of these meetings, was to translate, I think the rage and the shame and the anger that all of us feel with the trump administration into some positive action and so the aclu, nationally, had identified several issues. The first -- for people to work on. And the first one being immigration. And, the task was to basically have citizens meet with local officials and understand what the policy was in their city. And, work with them cooperatively in any way possible. And then, also, emphasizing the law enforcement aspect of these policies and they provided us with the national aclu's model and I wonder if I could share these with you when I get up to leave? I'll close by saying that we've also requested a meeting with your office and the police of chief whenever you can do that.

Wheeler: I look forward to that, thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you. Good afternoon. Joseph Ramirez: Good afternoon. My name is joseph Ramirez and I am the proud son of immigrant parents. I'm a first generation Latino American I'm a student at Portland state university. I help diverse students get successful careers in stem fields. I'm a member of the momentum alliance youth education advocate. We are members of immigrant, Igbtq, youth of color, and youth with disabilities community. We engage in education issues and we try to understand social justice. I'm here to show my support, but also to represent my fellow students who can't be here, who are afraid. But most importantly to share with you there is a need for you to understand inequality. I know it's not easy. I know people feel very strongly today. I hope to remind you that that's important and that's what we do and we try to educate. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. We appreciate it.

\*\*\*\*\*: I got a lot of shit to say, you don't want to follow me.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

**Tom Potter:** Good afternoon, mayor, councils, thank you very much for this opportunity. I wanted to express my support for this resolution and I'm here, as well, to represent with my colleague over here, as a member of the aclu. We are working, as well, on the freedom cities initiative. There are many of us around the city and I'm sure you've received a lot of emails and calls from some of us asking for these meetings and I wanted to encourage you and ask you to help us coordinate the meetings with the police chief. And use perhaps your network to help us coordinate one with the Multnomah county sheriff's office, as well. The aclu has put forth the legal framework for nine model state and local law enforcement policies and rules. We are grassroots organizers helping to push those policies from the grassroots in our local communities. I know you received some of them. I wanted to read into the record, not each and every one of these nine models state and local law enforcement policies and rules, but the major categories. I think this is a way that Portland could really stand up and take the next step from this resolution to putting in place policies for a law enforcement official to all follow the same rules in regard to immigration. The first

category is defending our friends, family and neighbors from trump's mass deportation agenda to protect our friends, families and neighbor's privacy from the trump administration. To help our friends, families and neighbors get redress when abusive and mistakes occur and to help insure that our friends, families and neighbors are protected from discrimination. I applaud this first step of the resolution that's currently being discussed. But I urge you to please help us create some of these meetings with local law enforcement officials so we can go through each of these specifically and discuss where we may have gaps we can fill with true action to guide our law enforcement officers on these important matters.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. We appreciate it.

**Ryan Holleran:** My name is Ryan Holleran and I'm a member if Irag veterans against the war and veterans for peace. It gives me a unique perspective of having a first-hand experience of understanding the difference between rhetoric and reality. When I mistakenly enlisted out of Portland, Oregon, in 2010, I found that the conditions overseas were not so much what I was told they were. Apparently we were there to serve the people of Iraq. The people of Iraq did not want us there. United states has done a really good job at supporting imperialists policies around the globe and destabilizing different nations, the reasons we have immigrants and refugees are because of the actions of the united states and actions as Americans. Personally, I would like to speak to an organization I work with called the deported veteran safe house in Tijuana. It does serve over 100 veterans of the united states of the wars of Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam who have been deported. Ted, you made a statement describing this yesterday. And you had highlighted going after these bad immigrants, right? You guoted rape and murder. Unfortunately, the statistics don't prove that those are the cases why people are getting kicked out. Ice is pursuing people for possession charges, non-violent crimes, traffic violations. You know, I think it's unfortunate we have to speak from this position of being a veteran to think we can be heard better. If we know this is how people are treating veterans who have served this country, then we know that the state and the system, specifically this administration, is treating people who had not served even worse. So I want to bring to your attention that we are deporting veterans and we're deporting non-veterans as well.

Wheeler: Thank you for that. It's important. [applause] good afternoon.

**Jeff Singer:** This may be a mistake. My name is Jeff singer. I'm taking away my individuality. I represent a massive humanity we're tired, poor and hungry and hiding from tyrant from you. I am done coming here in hearing these big words I haven't even done it that many times and I am done watching you look at me with that look. You're talking about sanctuary? It is a pointless term. It means not a god damn thing. I have been up all night; I have not slept. Stewing over the fucking fact that one of your pigs shot a boy point blank range with a fucking assault rifle wheeler. This is out of control. It's ridiculous. It's -- what sanctuary? Sanctuary from the rivers of fucking blood running on the god damn streets and sanctuary from the fucking cold? It's over there's no more asking you for a god damn thing.

\*\*\*\*\*: Fuck you, ted:

\*\*\*\*\*: You are a --

**Singer:** It fills me with a fire. I'll tell you what, wheeler, what do you think this is? A fucking gas mask. My own capital, I had to put on this to protect myself from your military organization that only thirsts for blood. You are a capitalist, a treasurer, a statist, a tyrant. You are nothing to me you are just scum. This is nothing about sanctuary. This is a city of roses and it has thorns. They're standing behind me. There's people getting real fucking done with fucking around with your cops on the street. You are laying the fucking seeds for an insurrection on the record, Jeff singer, it is not a threat. It is a fact and it's a fact. You

are building towards something that's going to blow. Go fuck yourself, you fucking pig: [cheering and applause]

Wheeler: Thank you.

Wheeler: Good afternoon. I heard you. I heard you.

\*\*\*\*\*: [indiscernible]

Wheeler: You made that very clear, thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*: [indiscernible].

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon. Good afternoon. Folks, let's hear what these guys have to say, too. Come on. Thank you. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*: You're not welcome, fuck you, ted: He called it a shit show, what we do. That was on record.

**Wheeler:** Folks. We've heard you, can we please hear these guys? It's not about me, it's about these guys. Let's hear them. [audience chanting] good afternoon. Just go ahead.

**Octanano Merecias:** Good evening, members of the council, mayor ted wheeler thank you for allowing me this opportunity to share. I am an immigrant. I am a resident of the city of Portland. I come before you to share the stories of people that are in fear, living in fear. Yesterday, I spoke with my Mayan indigenous family this. I got a call from a resident of your city and said, please deliver this message. This resolution will give us the peace of mind that we need -- this resolution, it is something that the families are looking forward to. It is the voice of different organizations that work day today with families directly. This resolution is a symbol that we care about those that are very vulnerable. I think when I come here to share the stories of the families that are afraid to come to city council and other government buildings they are afraid because they might get arrested or deported. I work with families throughout my career, directly, and I know exactly what it is to get the phone call at 2:00 in the morning, to translate for someone, to drive to Tacoma to find the list of attorneys that will take some cases. I know what it is to see a mom taking their kids to the airport because their moving back to Mexico, moving back to central America. I have thousands of stories I can share with you. I came here to deliver the word and the messages that the families have told me. Please, support this resolution and we thank you for your working together with almost every sector of this population to pass a resolution muchas gracias.

**Wheeler:** While people are testifying -- if people want to talk, please go outside and. **\*\*\*\*\*:** It's hard for us to go to a funeral every month, too:

**Jack Herbert:** My name is jack Herbert. Have you suspended 8110 while you're studying it?

Wheeler: We have, in fact, done that. Yet.

**Herbert:** Great. Okay. I think, you know, regarding this resolution, you should look at the total need people have to be safe. So, you need to prevent information -- [audience chanting]

**Wheeler:** Everybody listened patiently while you were talking. Let them have the same access. Let them be heard.

\*\*\*\*\*: You listen, ted:

**Wheeler:** No. They're citizens and they want to be heard. [multiple audience members speaking at once]

**Herbert:** You need to provide counseling to people and you need to prevent people being seized. You know, the information -- if we're a community, none of us gives information to ice, not just city employees. Nobody. Nobody in Portland. No contractors. But, we don't -- no residents give information because we're all part of a community together. And what -- and who would you not give it to? Federal agents, they get anybody to go get information for them. They're pros at this, you know? So we can't give out any information to anybody.

You don't limit immigrants. Who's next? You know, you need to look at -- think ahead and be prepared for that. Right? Let's see -- another is counseling and there are organizations that do legal counsel. Clearly people need to get that and be safe while they're doing it. But the thing that's going on most right now is people are being seized while we're doing all this deliberating. You know, we need protection now and so how do we organize that? For instance, a school, clearly the staff and the volunteers, the community should get together and have people out there to run off the ice agents. There should be city law to prevent ice agents and make them not welcome and to arrest them. You have to deter them, that's your responsibility. You have to figure out the legal means and the organizational means. It's going to take a lot of person power to do all this. Look at all the places they could seize somebody. It's mind-boggling, isn't it?

**Herbert:** You need to get your police and your employees working on the side of protecting people and you need to get all -- obviously, the training to them and how they're going to do it. You need to have clear strategy on how to carry this out. Clearly, volunteer organizations, schools. You could have it at city buildings. Wherever people need to come that they would be in danger. You clearly need to -- to work it out as much as you can, wherever you can.

Wheeler: Thank you, sir, for your testimony.

Peggy Zebroski: I'm Peggy Zebroski. I'm a resident of north Portland. Been in Oregon for about 30 years. I worked at Multhomah county as a pa during the time of the infamous del monte raid. Women, whose children I'd taken care of since they were babies, were snatched. We lost good people. Not criminal people. Good people. So, I'm very glad that you're doing this work, but like all the other statements have said, we need to do this work in a real way that isn't just words. I hear the words and get teary and feel good, but it has to go out further. The thing that disturbs me is that you can build an edifice but if you build it on a foundation which is shaky, you're at-risk. And we all know -- we've watched 13th and read the books. We're so lucky to live in a time when black Americans are speaking out again. They're talking to us. And we need to change. I am ashamed to live in a place where the police kill people of color on a regular basis. Four blocks from my house, a beautiful, young girl was shot for letting her foot off the accelerator. I can't take it anymore and that's why I'm with these wildcats and I'm afraid I'll stay with them because I can't take it anymore and I -- I hope that we can see that -- in this racist state -- we all know the history. We've all read the history. Our police force is filled with people who really are determined that people of color are lesser than they and are dangerous. And so we -- so we have a fear situation set up so if I go to my pocket, you're going to say, get your hands out of your pocket. If she puts her hand in the pocket, you're going to say she has a gun. I heard you speak last night about retraining, Mr. Wheeler, and I'm not sure that's going to work. I want a peace force and maybe that means that every time a police car goes out, one of us, people of peace, need to go with them and witness them and be watching them and make them -- make them hold their racist tongues. Make them not brutalize people. I live in north Portland and I see it every day. We've got to change it. Please. **Wheeler:** Thank you, I appreciate your testimony. [applause] thank you.

**Zoeona Graham:** What's up, lying ted. How would you spell that? L-y-e-n, lyen. I know this is not all you. You love to use nice placating words like sanctuary to the passionate liberals feeling progressive. There's a pattern of you not following through. I thought you were going to do something about police brutality? It seems to have gotten worse and you're giving \$2 million to help pigs get better at shoot civilians. You have super fucking concerned about homelessness. Last week, I came in sick with the flu and half-starved

with my sleeping bag and you told me you were going to find me somewhere to sleep for the night.

Wheeler: That's correct.

**Graham:** I'm sure you were going to set me up with some crisis shelter riddled with rules and scabies. The second the meeting was over, you grabbed your coffee and booked it out of there like the building was on fire.

Wheeler: And you spoke to Kristin Dennis my deputy.

**Graham:** I spoke to Nathan Houck and he called me a terrorist and ignored my messages, which is what I was just saying. He messaged. I don't have fucking internet, I'm homeless. You can't take five minutes out of your day and do what you say you're going to do and we should believe you about ice taking our immigrants and friends that can't be soothed by a pretty word like sanctuary. You need to back up your words with some real fucking action and maybe you'll earn some respect.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon.

**Promise King:** Good afternoon. My name is Promise King I am the president of league of minority voters. There is an eloquent preamble to our constitution. It says we, the people. When that statement was crafted. Dan Saltzman was not included, Teressa Raiford as a woman was not included in, we, the people even Chloe Eudaly's name was not included. When that eloquent phrase was written we, the people, all of us who call ourselves immigrants, were not included in the spirit of that statement. We're tired of amendments and resolutions. Our name have been included. But I must let you know, when that statement was written, women could not vote. Blacks, African-Americans could not vote. We, the people, did not include Promise King because if I were there, at that time, I would not have been able to vote. Government discrimination. Government instruments used to keep people from we, the people. I'm here to let you know that the resolution you're considering today is not just an ordinary resolution. Because it represents hope. It represents future. It represents compassion and kindness. It may be just a word to you. But to some of us who suffer discrimination and who suffer exclusion, it means a lot. So I'm asking you to consider your support today and to embolden those who have been left out. I have confidence that the men and women we've elected to preside over our city. I know you're right and you're left alone to do good. Thank you, Dan, for all you've done for your community. I hope they will do better and come together for peace. I urge you to vote for this resolution. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much for your testimony. So, with that, is there any further board -- sorry, council discussion?

**Eudaly:** I have a proposed amendment to the resolution, but since this is my first amendment, I'm not sure what impact that may have?

**Wheeler:** We can vote, assuming we adopt it, we can vote on the amendment. **Eudaly:** So I want to thank matt Dos Santos and everyone else that came today and brought up 81010 and agree that that needs to be addressed in our resolution in order to give it some more strength. So, shall I read the wording to you? **Wheeler:** Yes, please.

**Eudaly:** Be it further resolved in the current universal process the council directs the Portland police bureau, to insure that directive 81010 provides that ppb personnel shall not cooperate with ice except as expressly required by federal law. **Fritz:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Is there further discussion on the amendment? Can you please the roll on the amendment?

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioners this is a good addition. Aye.

Fish: Aye. Saltzman aye. Eudaly: Aye. Wheeler: Aye.

**Reeve:** You did not vote on the earlier amendment from commissioner Fritz. **Fritz:** It was a friendly.

Wheeler: Does that have to be -- let's be on the safe side. That's a motion. Is there a second?

Eudaly: Second.

Wheeler: Call the roll.

**Fritz:** So, this is correcting the numbers of immigrants who have enriched our community. Aye.

Fish: Aye. Saltzman: Aye Eudaly: Aye

Wheeler: Aye. Please call the roll.

Fritz: So right after the election in November, I was at an office of neighborhood involvement budget committee where we were looking -- it was very early in the process, we were looking at the mayor-elect's direction to identify 1% and 5% cuts in the office of neighborhood involvement. And we diligently went about that for about the first hour and then Allen hipolito of verde and others who were part of that community brought up this issue of what are we going to do in response to the national terrorism that was -- it was clearly coming down the pike after the election. And so, at that point, 1% and 5% budget cuts didn't seem that important. What seems really important and continues to seem real important is everybody in our community feels safe and we recognize that is not the case right now. It has to change. I want to just say why it's a welcoming city, that actually does have a definition and I want to read it because it has our beloved former president's name in it. Whereas President Barak Obama established the white house task force for new Americans in 2014, which spearheaded the building welcoming communities campaign to build inclusive, welcoming communities that allow all residents to thrive and advance integration efforts in three core areas, civic, economic and linguistic integration. This is a first step and, yes, it is a lot of policies. It's directing us and we will continue to do more and more things that are actual actions. We did set aside -- contribute the first \$50,000 to the immigrant protection project again they still need more donations please go to immigrantprotectionproject.org I've made my contribution, but I'm going to go home and make another one in twice the amount this is going to pay for attorneys who are going to help people. When I went to the Muslim educational trust last month, about 1,000 people were there, standing in support of immigrants and refugees and the immigrants attorneys had a panel. The first question was, if I am a naturalized American citizen, is it okay for me to leave? And the answer is, no. As somebody who became a citizen in 1992, it's the first time I felt like I wouldn't be allowed to stay here. Last time I came back to England, they asked me about my ticket out of there. It's a scary world right now I don't know if you've been watching the news, but five people were killed in London today in a terrorist attack including a policeman who was stabbed to death and teen-age children on a field trip from France. There's a lot of hurt. We need to do what it says in the last framing of the resolution, which says, be it further resolved that the city council encourage all Portlanders to unite and work together to promote kindness and understanding in our shared community, rejecting hatred and divisiveness as we strive to -- I'm keeping going. It's all right I'm going to take commissioner Loretta smith's example. I want to particularly thank Portland united against hate, Allen Hipolito of verde, Alice parry of the latino network, jimmy dogo of Africa house, Ashley horn, Linda Castillo, Jill Becker and Stephanie Reynolds of the office of neighborhood involvement. Court moss of the Oregon food bank, Deborah Kolladnie of resolutions northwest. Thank you to Goldann Salazar and thank you for being guiet when she was testifying. My executive assistant, who continually coordinated communication amongst the council offices and with the mayor's office and

who has contributed to greatly. It's very unfortunate you are booing somebody who has had the experience of her father not being allowed in this country.

Wheeler: Folks, again, please let's listen to what people have to say.

\*\*\*\*\*: [indiscernible] [audience members booing]

**Fritz:** There's a lot of hurt in your community. We recognize that. There's a lot of work to do and we're going to have to work together to get it done and I'm committing to continue trying. Aye.

**Fish:** Thank you, mayor. Today I'm proud to vote aye and support this resolution. Before I say my remarks, I want to acknowledge Asena Lawrence, a proud Turkish woman --**Wheeler:** Can you turn on his mike?

**Fish:** Has taught our office and all of city hall for islamophobia in our community and Asena thank you for your brave testimony earlier today. Oregon is already a sanctuary state under state law we are prohibited from using state funds to enforce federal immigration laws. In the face of threats from the trump administration, we are now renewing our commitment to the rule of law. It is significant that our actions to -- our actions do not conflict. Our actions -- [audience members speaking at once] **Fish:** Mayor, I'm going to post my statement on my website. I'm proud to serve on this council today. Thank you very much. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye. [audience members chanting, I can't breathe]

**Eudaly:** I've got a question. Do you guys not want us to pass the ordinance? Okay. Well -- [multiple audience members speaking at once]

**Eudaly:** You guys are not the only people here and we all have the right to speak as much as you do. I would have preferred that we stuck with sanctuary city and not added the welcoming and inclusionary language because as we have -- as we have -- as we have -- as we have seen today -- as we -- yeah, this is definitely not working because you are drowning out the voices of everyone else in this room and everyone on the council. This is not a town hall meeting. It's a limited public forum and it is now my turn to speak. [multiple audience members speaking at once]

Eudaly: We are making changes today.

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**Eudaly:** We're here to talk about the sanctuary ordinance. Yesterday's ruling came from the district attorney, not the Portland city council. There is still an administrative investigation going on. [multiple audience members speaking at once]

**Wheeler:** Please, let her finish. Let her finish. Let her finish. We've heard you, let her finish. [audience members speaking at once]

**Eudaly:** So I would have liked to have the chance to speak today, just as many people have had in this chamber today. But instead, my voice and the voices of many other people are being drowned out. So, instead of addressing your concerns and saying my peace, I will just vote aye and I will post my statement online.

**Wheeler:** I will put my statement on my website. I gladly vote aye for this and I thank everybody who worked so hard on this. The resolution is adopted as amended. We are adjourned.

# At 5:11 p.m. council adjourned.