

**TESTIMONY** 

189375 REGULAR AGENDA

## SETTLEMENT BETWEEN

## PORTLAND POLICE ASSOC. AND GREGG LEWIS

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, PRINT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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Date 01-30-19

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From:	Isaac King <isaac@kingisaac.com></isaac@kingisaac.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:34 PM
То:	Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Commissioner Fish; Wheeler, Mayor; Moore-
	Love, Karla; Commissioner Hardesty
Subject:	Re: Vote NO on #107, Feb 6

I've just heard that the city council resolved to continue with a settlement for disgraced officer Gregg Lewis, voting 4-1 in favor of subsidizing the safety net for this dangerously offensive officer. With this you have failed to show support for so many targeted and vulnerable people in Portland. Casual and broad threats from armed forces are rewarded with pay.

This is so upsetting to see **four** members of the council unable to stand up for what is right. I feel naive for my hopes that our city's leadership would be able to roundly shed the complicity of the past. Shame on all four of you who allowed this to go unchecked. No one will forget this shirking of responsibility and lack of moral integrity.

Isaac King 503.754.9057

---- On Wed, 06 Feb 2019 08:08:02 -0800 Isaac King <isaac@kingisaac.com> wrote ----

Mayor & Commissioners,

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We can't act out of fear of arbitration. We must be morally correct, we must do what is right to serve the people, and we must summarily dismiss without compensation those who spit in the face of responsibility, who callously mock a request for just consideration. Even *if* the firing of Mr. Lewis ended in a technical loss for the city, surely we couldn't consider it a win to offer public compensation for such a reckless offense.

Vote no. Stand up for your city, particularly those targeted by Mr. Lewis' threatening statement. Be brave like his peers who felt the need to bring this to light. Make the right choice, and resolve to support a more just agreement in the future that does not compromise our ability to handle these dangerous elements.

Do not waste this (or any) opportunity for meaningful action.

Thanks for your time,

Isaac King

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Portland, OR

From: Sent:	L. Satori <olasui@gmail.com> Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:42 PM</olasui@gmail.com>
То:	Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish;
	Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty
Subject:	Gregg Lewis should be fired!

Hello Commissioners & Mayor,

I cannot urge you strongly enough to vote no on item 107, the agreement to settle with former officer Gregg Lewis. It is imperative that our elected officials stand for doing what is right, and not just what is expedient. It is correct and just for Lewis to be fired, regardless of what the extremely flawed bargaining agreement states (and I hope you will all also be working to ensure that we never again have another contract that prevents the city from firing an officer). It may be that arbitration comes to pass, and it may even be that the city will lose, but you simply cannot tolerate having such an employee on the payroll. By voting no, you are standing up for Portland and in particular for the targets of Lewis' vile statements.

Best,

Louisa Satori

From:	David Celis <me@davidcel.is></me@davidcel.is>	
Sent:	Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:06 PM	
То:	Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish;	
	Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty	
Subject:	Please vote NO on #107	

Commissioners and Mayor Wheeler,

I'm a Portland citizen in the Woodlawn neighborhood. Concerning item 107, the agreement to settle with former officer Gregg Lewis, I strongly urge voting **NO**. Our elected officials **must** stand for doing what is right, and not just what is quick and/or easy. The remarks that Lewis made publicly are alarming, and it was just and right for Lewis to be fired. The Collective Bargaining Agreement is deeply flawed, and it is frankly ridiculous that giving Lewis over \$100,000 of backpay is being considered. I hope that the city council will be working to ensure that we cease contracts that prevent the city from terminating an officer from their position of power.

Even with the possibility of arbitration, and even with the possibility that the city loses said arbitration, having Gregg Lewis on the payroll should not be tolerated. Please vote no and stand with the victims of Lewis' disgusting remarks, and with Portland as a whole.

Thank you, David Celis

From:	Julie Basque <julie.is.basque@gmail.com></julie.is.basque@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:17 AM
To: Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissione	
	Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty
Subject:	Vote NO on #107, Feb 6

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By voting no, you are standing up for Portland and in particular for the targets of Lewis' vile statements.

Thank you, Julie --Julie Basque (541) 680-0270

From:Jeremy Salmon <jdsalmon@gmail.com>Sent:Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:19 AM</jdsalmon@gmail.com>	
То:	Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish; Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty; Commissioner Fritz
Subject:	Please Vote NO on #107 today

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Salmon NE Portland

From:	Lisa G Wright <writingweb@gmail.com></writingweb@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, February 5, 2019 5:16 PM
То:	Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish;
	Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty
Subject:	Vote NO on #107, Feb 6

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Thank you, Lisa Wright Portland Resident

From:	Sam Grover <samgrover@gmail.com></samgrover@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:42 PM
То:	Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish;
	Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty
Subject:	Vote NO on #107, Feb 6

Commissioners and Mayor,

I strongly urge you to vote no on item 107, the agreement to settle with former officer Gregg Lewis. Lewis's conduct was unbecoming of a police officer and as a person of color it makes me feel very unsafe that conduct such as his does not lead to immediate firing. It is correct and just for Lewis to be fired. Please right this wrong.

Regards, Sam

From: Ad	lam Trabold <adamtrabold@gmail.com></adamtrabold@gmail.com>
Sent: Tue	esday, February 5, 2019 8:38 PM
<b>To:</b> Co	mmissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish;
Wh	neeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty
Subject: Voi	te NO on #107, Feb 6

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Thank you, Adam Trabold

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From:	K T <katekmail@gmail.com></katekmail@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:44 PM
То:	Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish;
	Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty
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From:	Lucy Bellwood <lucypcbellwood@gmail.com></lucypcbellwood@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:09 PM
То:	Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish;
	Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty
Subject:	Voting NO on Item 107 on February 6th

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Dear Commissioners and Mayor,

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Thank you for the work that you do in representing our city. I appreciate you taking the time to consider this message.

Sincerely, Lucy Bellwood --Comics ° Illustration ° Boats http://lucybellwood.com

From:	Zina Jenny <zina.jenny@gmail.com></zina.jenny@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:39 PM
То:	Wheeler, Mayor
Subject:	Voting NO on Item 107 on February 6th

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Sincerely, Zina Jenny

From:	lsaac King <isaac@kingisaac.com></isaac@kingisaac.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:08 AM
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Isaac King 503.754.9057 Portland, OR

From: Sent:	Chris Harback <chris.harback@gmail.com> Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:23 AM</chris.harback@gmail.com>
То:	Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Moore-Love, Karla; Commissioner Fish;
	Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Hardesty
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Thank you, Lisa Wright Portland Resident

# ITEM 83189375

Testimony Date: Jan 30, 2019 Speaker: Philip Wolfe

Hello commissioners... one to add the fact it is a honor to have hardsey on this table, I am here to express concerns on few things but before I go on with these concerns, I feel it is important to side note that there was a white guy in this room wearing MAGA hat which brings the fact racism is still large here in Portland.

Greg, to my understanding, was retired back in 2016... and was rehired... then fired. He abused power, and did a serious damage to our community by racism. I don't understand why city needs to apologize him after he was fired.

I encourage you to take this decision seriously and make sure accountability is in the right place by his staying fired with no pay. The retired status is actually overlooking the fact he made racist remarks against a Portlander is unacceptable, so... with that said, please think carefully when you make a decision like this. Thank you for yorutime.

From:	Benjamin Kerensa <bkerensa@gmail.com></bkerensa@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, January 28, 2019 12:40 AM
То:	Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject:	1/30/19 Item 83 Settlement Regarding Portland Police Officer Gregg Lewis

Dear City Council,

I am writing to oppose a settlement with Gregg Lewis who was terminated and under the proposed settlement would receive backpay. This yet again is an example of poor leadership under Mayor Ted Wheeler who said he would not tolerate officers using violent language which this officer was fired for but now Mayor Wheeler is proposing settling that firing.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Kerensa