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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2018** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Jason Loos, Deputy City Attorney; and Nicholas Livingston and John Paolazzi, Sergeants at Arms.

Item Nos. 35 and 37 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>28</b>	Request of Maria Barahona to address Council regarding the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>29</b>	Request of Carol Landsman to address Council regarding City divestment from businesses that don't meet standards for social responsibility (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>30</b>	Request of Olivia Katbi Smith to address Council regarding City divestment from corporate securities (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>31</b>	Request of Rod Such to address Council regarding Occupation-Free Portland (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>32</b>	Request of David Newman to address Council regarding Occupation-Free Portland (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>		
<b>33</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM</b> – Proclaim January 7-13 to be Slavic and Eastern European Heritage Week (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish) 15 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>

<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p> <p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>		
*34	Pay claim of Jamie Price in the sum of \$11,079 involving the Portland Water Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>188767</b>
*35	Pay claim of Eric Smith in the sum of \$35,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>188770</b>
*36	Amend Marsh ClearSight LLC contract by \$337,426 over five years for claims administration software (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30002913) (Y-5)	<b>188768</b>
<p><b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</b></p> <p><b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>		
*37	Authorize a competitive solicitation for construction of Couch Park Play Area Improvements and Loo Project (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>188771</b>
<p><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p> <p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>		
*38	Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for the Hatfield Fellows Program for training and leadership development to update the amount per Fellow to \$40,000, for total contract not to exceed \$1,200,000 for FY 2017-2018 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30003978) 20 minutes requested	<b>CONTINUED TO JANUARY 17, 2018 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<p><b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b></p> <p><b>Water Bureau</b></p>		
39	Declare City property located on SW Broadway and SW Grant as surplus and authorize its disposition (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 17, 2018 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>		
40	Vacate a portion of NW Roosevelt St between NW 29th and NW 30th Aves subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10115) 10 minutes requested	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 17, 2018 AT 9:30 AM</b>

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**FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA**

**Mayor Ted Wheeler**

**Bureau of Police**

**\*40-1**

Authorize disposal of unusable surplus property and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement to transfer property to City of Battle Ground, Washington (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)

**188769**

At 11:19 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2018** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 5. Commissioner Eudaly left at 3:30 pm. Mayor Wheeler left at 3:31 pm and Commissioner Fritz presided.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Heidy Brown, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Nicholas Livingston and John Paolazzi, Sergeants at Arms.

<p><b>41</b>      <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Clarify stormwater billing methodology (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fish; amend Code Sections 17.36.020 and 17.36.050) 30 minutes requested</p>	<p><b>Disposition:</b></p> <p><b>CONTINUED TO JANUARY 31, 2018 AT 3:00 PM <del>TIME CERTAIN</del> Updated 1-24-18 REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS</b></p>
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At 3:40 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2018** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish and Fritz, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Jim Wood and John Paolazzi, Sergeants at Arms.

<p><b>42</b>      <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Five-Year Update on the Neighborhood Prosperity Network (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 1 hour requested <b>Motion to accept report:</b> Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>Disposition:</b></p> <p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>42-1</b>      <b>EXECUTIVE ORDER</b> Assign liaison responsibility for Fair &amp; Moral Claims Committee to Commissioners Fritz and Saltzman (Ordinance; Executive Order)</p>	<p><b>188772</b></p>

At 2:53 p.m., Council adjourned.

**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

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**January 10, 2018 9:30 am**

**Wheeler:** Alright good morning everybody, this is the January 10, 2018 morning session of the Portland city council. Karla please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Here. **Fish:** Here. **Saltzman:** Here. **Eudaly:** Here. **Wheeler:** Here.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, just to let you know as you are looking at the video feed you may notice it is not its usual crisp defined video feed. The entire city hall is experiencing some cable issues, and we are working on that with the utilities, it's my understanding that the closed captioning does work, and will continue to work but you are not going to see the same kinds of video quality that we have seen previously, and we're working on that, and we will get back to where we are as soon as we have that sorted out with the utilities. The purpose of the council meetings is to do the city's business, including hearing from the community on issues of concern, in order for us to hear from everyone and give due consideration to matters before the council we must endeavor to preserve the order and decorum at these meetings. To make sure that the process is clear for everyone, I want to review some of the basic guidelines which I hope will make everybody feel comfortable, welcomed, respected and safe at the meeting and to also ensure that the decorum has been maintained for everyone. There are two opportunities for public participation. First we have an opportunity to people to sign up for communications, to briefly speak about any subjects that they wish to address. These items must be scheduled in advance with the clerk's office. Second people may sign up for public testimony on the first readings of resolutions and ordinances. If you sign up your testimony must address the matter being considered at the time. Please state your name for the record. We don't need your address, if you are a lobbyist please disclose that and if you are here representing an organization, please identify the organization. Individuals have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have 30 seconds left, the yellow light is going to light up and when your time is done, the red light will come on. Conduct that disrupts the meeting, for example, shouting or interrupting other people's testimony or interrupting during council deliberations is not allowed, people who disrupt the meeting face ejection from the meeting. If there is a disruption I will issue a warning that if any further disruption occurs anyone who is disrupting the meeting will be subject to ejection for the remainder of the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave the meeting after being ejected will be subject to arrest for trespass. If you would like to show supported please give a thumbs up, if you don't like something, give a thumb's down thanks. Let's get started with council communications. Karla it's my understanding that all five communications today are from the same group, and so we'll call them all up together if that's ok.

**Item 28.**

**Item 29.**

**Item 30.**

**Item 31.**

**Item 32.**

**Wheeler:** Come on up, and it's my understanding you would like to present in a different order than you signed up and that's fine so however you want to orchestrate it, you have

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three minutes each. Please just state your name for the record and maybe we can pull two more chairs up, if you want to grab some chairs on the side. Thank you. They are on the way. On the way. David I think you are going to start then, great thank you.

**David Newman:** Good morning. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you. My name is David Newman.

**Moore-Love:** I'm sorry that mic is off. Turn all those mics on, on the gray button. They should light green.

**Newman:** Am I live? Good morning thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak to you. My name is David Newman, I am here to ask your help in keeping me from going to prison for exercising my constitutional rights to free speech. I am a Portland resident, a nurse practitioner, small business owner and a member of Havurah Shalom a Jewish reconstructionist congregation. I am speaking today as a private citizen, I'm also a member for Jewish voice for peace and a supporter of the Non-violent boycott divestment and sanctioned movement, however I am not here today to try to persuade you of the merits of bds or talk to you about the Israeli oppression of the Palestinians. We can leave those discussions for another day. What I am here to speak to you about is my constitutional right to participate in a boycott of Israel if I choose to do so. Boycotts are a form of collective action that allows ordinary people to make their voices heard. In this country we have a long tradition of boycotts being used to affect progressive change. The 1960s they were used successfully in the civil rights movement to over-turn Jim crow laws and by the united farm workers to win concessions from growers. More recently boycotts have been used to protest the states of Arizona and North Carolina when they passed laws targeting immigrants and transgender people. The right to boycott is a form of free speech protected by both the united states and the Oregon constitutions. The united states supreme court in the landmark 1982 case, naacp versus Claiborne hardware affirmed that boycotts are a protected form of free speech. If the Israeli anti-boycott law becomes the law of the land, my right to participate in a boycott of Israel and my right to encourage others to participate in such a boycott will become illegal. Violators could face up to 20 years in prison, this is not just my opinion, it's the opinion of the aclu and other civil rights experts who have carefully looked at the proposed legislation. If the Israel anti-boycott law becomes law I and many other Portlanders could be arrested or prosecuted for merely exercising our right to free speech. This proposed law is meant to intimidate those who seek to pursue, to pressure Israel into doing the right thing, that is the sole purpose, intimidation. It would have a chilling effect of non-violent forms of direct action. Many Portlanders support bds, faith leaders, psu students and many of our neighbors are currently boycotting the state of Israel and have encouraged others to do so. I am sure none of you would want to see the spectacle of Portlanders prosecuted for exercising their first amendment rights, that would be shameful and would make our city explicit in the undermining of our basic freedoms, as the voice of the city, I respectfully ask you to formalize your opposition to this appalling piece of legislation by passing a resolution condemning it. Thank you for considering this request.

**Wheeler:** Thank you and Maria wanted to speak next. Is that correct?

**Maria Barahona:** Hello my name is Maria Barahona, and I am a member of Jewish voice for peace. I just want to clarify I will not be speaking but the bureau development services. Six months ago I visited Palestine and witnessed the catastrophic situation of the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation. As a result of the experience I have become a supporter of the boycott divestment and sanctions movement. I experienced the occupation through the check points as the Palestinians stood in line for hours as part of their routine, through the separation wall and road blockades that divided communities, families, workers and even our team. Perhaps what most impacted me was my visit to the

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Nassar family farm, roughly about 100 acres six miles southwest of Bethlehem. In 1991 the Israeli government declared the surrounding area including the Nasser portion as Israeli state land. The Nassar family has all the original land registration papers from 1916 and has cultivated and reregistered the land through the Ottoman, British, Jordanian and even Israel governance, clearly demonstrating that the Israeli government has no right to declare it theirs. The family has been fighting a legal battle to keep hold of this land accruing many legal expenses, continuing to pay taxes on the farm and still being punished at the same time. On May 2014 at 4:00 a.m. bulldozers arrived and destroyed the orchard of fruit trees and grapevines, by the time the Nassar's started working in the field at 8:00 a.m. the trees were all gone, but the Nassar's were resilient and continued. Since then they have created an environmental peace center on their farm called tenth of nations, they provide children's summer camps, a women's empowerment project and offer volunteer opportunities to internationals. What's most impressive about the Nassar family is their resiliency. They have become an operating self sustainability farm, mostly because they had no choice. Since the family cannot get permits for running water they built 15 cisterns to hold 200,000 gallons of water during a good rainy season which is sufficient for the year. Since the family cannot get permits for electricity they had a German engineer who was volunteering help them install solar panels and when you first enter their farm, the first thing you see is the big slab of rock with the words engraved on it "we refuse to be enemies". So I keep coming back to the why. When a country repeatedly violates human rights and does not respond to decades of pressure through diplomatic efforts and international law or rulings, the logic would be that another level of pressure is needed, right. Bds boycott divestment and sanctions is a clear, organized non-violent movement to resist discrimination and an illegal occupation. Free speech is in jeopardy under the trump administration, if the Israel anti-boycott act is passed it would have chilling implications not only for supporters of Palestine, but anyone who cares but the right to descent from the trump era, so while I'm not asking for your endorsement of boycott divestment and sanctions I am asking city council to pass a resolution opposing the Israel anti-boycott act and support the right to boycott.

Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you and then Rod I think is up next.

**Rod Such:** Correct, my name is rod such and I am with occupation free Portland. I want to point out that there is substantial community and political opposition to the Israeli anti-boycott act in Portland, and throughout Oregon. Our political leaders, senator Merkley, representatives Blumenauer and DeFazio, and the Multnomah county democratic party have all gone on record opposing the Israel anti-boycott act as currently written. Faith leaders oppose it, more than 35 Portland faith leaders have signed an open letter opposing anti bds legislation, now nationally the leaders of 17 Christian denominations that support bds has signed a statement opposing the Israel anti-boycott act. Legal organizations opposed it, including the American civil liberties union, the center for constitutional rights, the national lawyers guild, and Palestine legal. National organizations with chapters in Portland oppose it, including Jewish voice for peace, Jay street and move on. Our opposition is based on the knowledge that the right to boycott is a key democratic right for those seeking justice using non-violent means. In particular it is a response to a call from Palestinians civil society, urging bds as a way to achieve their fundamental human rights. This is a call that thousands of Portlanders of conscience feel it is imperative to heed. Just as Portlanders did in the 1980s, to help end apartheid in south Africa. The Israel anti-boycott act is an attempt to undermine a data base created by the united nations human rights council listing corporations that are complacent in Israel's illegal occupation and violations of human rights and international law, a similar database helped end south



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African apartheid. It should come as no surprise that those who deny democratic rights for Palestinians will try to deny democratic rights for u.s. citizens. They are trying to extend the same features of the Israel occupation to the united states. We are urging you as counselors to lend your moral voice and opposition to any legislation that would revoke first amendment protections knowing that if our rights are denied it is only a matter of time especially under the trump administration before other people struggling for equal rights are also denied their free speech. We must reach the point in this country where the first amendment and the bill of rights are not considered divisive. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Elizabeth Sheppard (for Carol Landsman):** Thank you. My name is Elizabeth Sheppard, I am filling in for carol landsman who was not able to come. I support very strongly what the other people have said, and as David pointed out and Maria and rod, but I want to especially emphasize my support for the right to boycott, and mainly because I come from -- I just recently read a post from the American friends service committee that they are on that list, black list, and which seems ridiculous to me because they have a long history over 100 years of supporting peace and justice in a non-violent manner. They are very anti-war and I know that from personal experience because my ancestry is mainly Quaker, although I am not Quaker, but my sister is and I found out from reading that recent notice from asc that the -- they exercised an anti -- I mean a boycott against it was called free produce movement before the civil war to support or to boycott against food produced by slave labor. There are also many other instances of non-violent protests that the Quakers and others have exercised as they -- the previous speakers spoke about. So, and I have also been following the Palestinian efforts to resist the occupation, and really the only opportunity that they have to protest is non-violent and even that is opposed by the Israeli, the Israeli government. So I am very strongly in alliance with the jvp and with other faith institutions, so thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much, and Olivia, I guess you are the wrap-up? Is that right?

**Olivia Katbi-Smith:** My name is Olivia Katbi-Smith and I am a member of occupation free Portland and the democratic socialists of America. In dsa we have over 32,000 members nation-wide if the authors of the Israeli anti-boycott act had their way all 32,000 of us with nearly 700 of us here in Portland would be penalized, criminalized and imprisoned because of our organization support for the non-violent boycott divestment and sanctions movement. Historically the tactic of boycotting has resulted in huge civil rights victories and divestments and sanctions are important tools of non-violence that can effectively put pressure on powerful actors. You yourselves recognize that when you voted to divest from all corporate securities. Pushing the Israel anti-boycott act is a top priority for aipac, an organization that proudly hosted Donald trump as their conference headliner. The Jeff Session's justice department under command of the trump administration is all too eager to silence activist who is stand in the way of their racist, fascist mission. We have already seen the fates nearly avoided by activists and journalists who are present on j20 and d.c., last year. Threats like Israel anti-boycott act need to be taken seriously. The city of Portland has done a lot in the past year to combat hate, you say you stand with immigrants and refugees and Muslims. I would hope that would extend to the Arabs and Muslims in Portland who are Palestinian who lived under an unimaginable condition, whose homes were taken from them or whose ancestors were driven out and all of their supporters. Portland likes to call itself a progressive city. I would like you to prove it and show us even if symbolically that you refuse to join the ranks of the trump administration by staying silent on this important legislation, by staying silent you become complicit.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you. [applause]

**Wheeler:** Next item, item number 33.

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**Moore-Love:** Do you want to do the consent agenda first?

**Wheeler:** Yea, why don't we do that, which items have been pulled from the consent agenda?

**Moore-Love:** Items 35 and 37.

**Wheeler:** Call the roll on the remainder of the consent agenda.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. Consent agenda is adopted. We will move on now to the 33 time certain.

**Item 33.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Thank you mayor, so we are really honored to have this celebration this morning, and to read a proclamation. I want to thank our friend Irene Konev, one of the great Slavic leaders for helping to organize this Slavic and eastern European heritage week. I want to encourage everyone who is here today to visit the atrium between 11:00 and 1:00, there will be a celebration for this heritage week with cultural foods and music, there will also be a children's art exhibit, Portland through the eyes of children, that would be on display here until Friday. What we're going to do is introduce the panel, have the mayor read the proclamation, and then come back to the prepared remarks from the panel, Svetlana Pell from the environmental technician storm water steward, bureau of environmental services is with us, and she will introduce our other two guests, Svetlana.

**Svetlana Pell, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Thank you, good morning everyone.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Pell:** Are you going to start?

**Fish:** If you would introduce the other two.

**Pell:** Ok. This is the Tatyana Bondarchuk and Agreepena Alagoz and they are going to introduce themselves as they talk about it.

**Fish:** And Tatyana is a crime victim advocate, Lutheran community services and Agreepena, excuse me you like to go by the name?

**Agreepena Alagoz:** Pena.

**Fish:** Is a Portland state university Russian flagship graduate student so we're honored to have all three of you and the mayor will read the proclamation.

**Wheeler:** Could I ask a question first, what is a Russian flagship graduate student?

**Alagoz:** A Russian flagship is a program provided by Portland state university to intensely learn not just the Russian language, but the culture and the international relations. They also have a year abroad in Russia and Kazakhstan and as well as the summer.

**Wheeler:** That's fantastic and how many years is the program?

**Alagoz:** It works all year, so it could be four years and then you can go farther from there.

**Wheeler:** That's great. What an opportunity. Great. So I will read the proclamation.

Whereas Slavic and eastern European Americans are one of Portland's largest immigrant and refugee communities, with over 150,000 people in the greater Portland area; And whereas Slavic and eastern European Portlanders can trace their ancestry to 15 countries in the former Soviet Union and 14 other European countries with unique languages, dialects, cultures, and histories; And whereas the city of Portland has many Slavic and eastern European employees, and a Slavic empowerment team that works to build a more inclusive and diverse workforce; And whereas the Slavic empowerment team shares culture and art with city employees through celebrations, displays, performances; And whereas Portland is a welcoming inclusive and sanctuary city that celebrates its growing diversity; And whereas the city of Portland is proud of its relationship with all members of the Slavic and eastern European community and we'll continue supporting their professional and economic advancement. Now therefore I, ted wheeler mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim January 7th to January 13, 2018,

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to be Slavic and eastern European heritage week in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this important week. Thank you. So now we'll go back to the panel. [applause]

**Pell:** Good morning everyone and thank you for having us. I'm Svetlana Pell I work for the bureau of environmental services in the Storm water stewards group, and I manage a green steward program and work to recruit volunteers to look after our green infrastructure. I also hope, help co-lead the Slavic empowerment team or set as we call it, set is an affinity group sponsored by the diverse and empowered employees of Portland. Set supports the city of Portland's diversity effort by providing Slavic affiliated employees with opportunities to promote cultural awareness, empowered each other, share expertise and support professional development. Our goal at set is to build relationships between the city and the Slavic community by making the city more diverse and responsive to the need of all residents. Slavic empowerment team provides three key services to the city and the Slavic communities. First, we work with the help, we work to help build a more diverse workforce by helping Slavs to apply for volunteer and paid city positions. Second we inform the Slavic community about the city policies, projects, programs, and community grants by volunteering to translate information from the city into the Russian Ukrainian and other Slavic languages. And finally, we work to educate the community about Slavic culture by hosting public displays of Slavic culture and by encouraging participation in the annual Portland Slavic festival. It is with great pleasure and pride that I reflect upon the accomplishments of the set during the team's second year, set has successfully engaged the city staff and the community by creating public space that celebrates city culture. Last year we showcased two cultural displays that highlighted traditional Slavic clothing, art, and food and organized a cultural celebration promoted by a local Russian newspaper and radio station. With live performances by Slavic musicians Chervona and Natalia Vodianove and I would like to say thank you and next Tatyana Bondarchuk will speak. Thank you.

**Tatyana Bondarchuk:** Good morning everyone. My name is Tatyana Bondarchuk, and I would like to raise my voice to support the Slavic community. I will tell my personal story. I born in Russia in the Moscow region, my family and I face persecution from the government because of our faith. I came as a refugee to the united states with two children in November of 2000, knowing only two English words, yes and no. I experienced the cultural shock, suppression from my family, a lack of English language skills, but in 2001 I was able to get a part-time job at the Lutheran community services immigration counseling advocacy program. Where I worked for five years and in serving the Russian-speaking community members, but in 2006 my position was closed and I got little because the grant ended. I was broken, I was burned through the divorce because of the domestic violence in my family, my car was stolen, I had limited English skills, I was a single mom with two children. I decided to go to college. In 2007 I was able to get on the caltrep a domestic violence coordination office where I learned on a county level everything about domestic violence. In 2008 I was able to graduate through the Portland immigrant leadership team sponsored by the office of mayor of city. In 2009 Lutheran community services grant Portland children's Levy grant when I started working as a case manager of child abuse intervention program among eastern Europeans, where I served 100 families, and 350 children who were abused and exposed to violence, but ironically in 2012 the grant ended and I got laid off again. Also my position of domestic violence coordination office ended and I got laid off. Ironically in one day I lost two jobs. I decided to pursue my degree. I went to Portland state university and in 2013 I graduated with a master's degree in social work. In 2015 I've been accepted to Russia social exchange fellowship and I went to Russia when I worked in five cities on the domestic violence prevention belonged to the gender equity working group. When I was back to the u.s. in 2015 I got an on-call position at safety first supervised parenting time center when I served in supervised visits for

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domestic violence cases. In 2016 I was nominated for the judge Herrell award for my 12 years of work with survivors of domestic violence and their children. In 2016 in February Lutheran community services got a grant for community-based crime victim advocacy program, and I've been hired. I believe that I am only one Russian-speaking community-based crime victim advocate in Portland in Multnomah county in Oregon and maybe in the whole country. Your grant in the past that you provided to the nonprofit organizations helped me to get where I am now. I am serving a thousand members from Slavic community. Every month I am doing my livestream/radio/Facebook/youtube tv program on prevention different type of crime in the city of Portland and I would like to say thank you to the office of mayor of city, thank you to the office of neighborhood involvement, independent police review, to commissioners Amanda Fritz who support Slavic youth and to Dan Saltzman, to commissioners nick Fish, and a big thank you to the chief of Portland police. 40 officers from the Portland police have been attending my tv program during the last two years, where we are educating Slavic community on the different type of crimes such as sex trafficking, gang violence in Portland, hit and run investigation, and more. And today I would like to ask the police continue to support us and we will serve those who are vulnerable and who are in need in our lovely city of Portland. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. As a foot note to that since you mentioned the police bureau's participation I attended the most recent swearing in ceremony for the new police officers, they have to go through a signing period before they will be out on the streets. Two of those are from the Slavic community directly and they are excited and we are excited to have them so thank you for that program.

**Fritz:** If I could also just comment you documented your story in terms of your employment and education. I want to honor your leadership in the Russian speaking network and all the volunteer work that you have done to make sure that people in your community know that they are part of the whole community, and that the office of neighborhood involvement really appreciates the work you have done over the years.

**Bondarchul:** Thank you very much.

**Alagoz:** Good morning.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Alagoz:** My name is Agreepena Alagoz and I am a first generation college student studying at Portland state university. I am studying mathematics and statistics as well as Russian in the Russian flagship program as I mentioned earlier, and I do have a long ancestral history, about 300 years ago my great, great grandparents were born in Russia, in northern Russia, where my parents, my grandparents were just children religious persecution and starvation forced them to flee to Harbin china where they endured a long journey as immigrants to Hong Kong and then to brazil where my maternal grandparents had met and married. Our grandparents were teenage newlyweds and emigrated from brazil to Oregon and taught themselves English, raised 11 children, one of which was my mother. Here in Oregon she herself had four children and as a single mother raised us all to prioritize school. This march I will be the first in my family, including my many dozens of cousins to be graduating with a four-year degree. Through psu I studied abroad this summer in Kazakhstan learning not just the Russian language but the culture and other topics such as international relations. I'm studying as a mathematics and statistics at psu and while becoming proficient in Russian I am hoping to get involved with data analysis to report both data in English and Russia at a future workplace, with my background I bring a unique perspective in any volunteer or job position. I intend to be one those citizens that will serve the city with all I have learned and already know in both math and Russian relations and I am only one of 150,000 Slavic and eastern European citizens living in the Portland metro area. Each with their own unique stories of how they got here and their own



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unique backgrounds. The diaspora of just the Russian community itself is substantial. I come from the Russian old believer community and I know the perspective of other Russians within the different communities, and they each have their own uniqueness and as a result they carry -- we carry great value and diversity to Portland as a whole. Thus I feel that we are a community to be recognized and celebrated. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Since each of you have such inspiring stories about your family history and how you came to the country, I wonder in this past week we have heard the administration talk about putting curbs on what's called family reunification which is the provisions in the law that allow people to bring other family members to this country and to build community and I wonder if any of you have any comment about that?

**Pell:** I can start. I tried, but my family does not want to come here. The reason is because they have no English background and because my family is in their 60s now they always continue telling me that they cannot learn English, which is not true. Everybody can, but all their friends and my extended family are also there and their jobs are there so they cannot just leave and come and live with me.

**Fish:** Tatyana.

**Bondarchuk:** It is really awesome when the family actually get together, but my family believes -- I have seven brothers and two sisters, my two sisters and brothers live here, but my parents and five brothers are still in Russia, and they are not able to come. It's very complicated, but since we have awesome technology right now, we have, you know, skype, we can call so we still have communication.

**Fish:** Thank you. A photograph?

**Wheeler:** Sure. If you don't mind we will come right down in front and take a picture.

**Wheeler:** Alright we'll move onto item 38 please.

**Item 38.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues I am pleased to support this program. The bureau's benefit from the expertise and energy of these bright fellows citywide, and you are personally familiar with many of them. I am grateful to have one such fellow in my office who works on issues related to emergency management, that's Elizabeth Perez. This action is narrow and updates the per fellow to \$40,000, and the total contract threshold to \$\$1.2 million, here is present is Gale Baird, training and development manager for the bureau of human resources, good morning Gale. How are you today?

**Gale Baird, Bureau of Human Resources:** Good morning, I am very well, thank you mayor Wheeler and commissioners. This will be an amendment to our current master contract which updates the amount per fellow sponsored by the bureaus and also the total dollar amount. This contract expires at the end of the fiscal year, and we will be presenting an updated one for consideration in the coming months. Psu and the city have partnered for a number of years on the fellowship program, it provides an opportunity to increase the capacity of public sector leadership, by offering training and leadership development to students who compete for a fellowship. Each fellow is sponsored by a city bureau, and they serve an eight-month stint working on a unique or specific project and I would mention I have had the pleasure to work with Elizabeth Perez on training for the warming shelter volunteers most recently, and obviously very high quality work being done there, so we accomplished a lot in a compressed period of time. The sponsoring bureau provides a scope of work that describes the goals and the deliverables expected and many of the fellows in the past have progressed onto regular employment with the city in one capacity or another. Happy to answer any questions that you have.

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**Fritz:** I know this is an excellent program. I was struck, however, that it is a \$1.2 million program for 20 fellows. So, with \$40,000 fellows, that would equal 30, so that seems a high administrative cost going to Portland state university for administering this program.

**Baird:** We only pay this as it goes so it is paid out of adopted budget appropriations that are available to each bureau.

**Fritz:** Right, but the information that I think you just gave us is that we're going to be increasing the number of fellows to 20.

**Fish:** No, its not my understanding, I had the same question, commissioner. What I was told was, and you can correct me if I am wrong, what we're doing here is setting the five-year procurement cap on how much can be expended but this does not mean that there will be those -- it is still subject to decisions as to whether to have a Hatfield fellow and then I believe that goes through the budget process.

**Baird:** Yes, that's correct commissioner Fish, the total amount for this contract and it expires in 2018, actually it's 19 fellows and the money is not spent unless a fellowship is accepted by the bureau.

**Fritz:** The numbers don't add up because 19 fellows times \$40,000 does not get to \$1.2 million for this year.

**Baird:** So the current amount, we have this year, we have \$240,000, for this year's participation and so if we, if we look at that over the four-year period, it does come to close to \$1.2 million.

**Fritz:** Let me ask a question in a different way, how much do we pay to Portland state university in administrative costs to put this program?

**Baird:** The administrative cost is to Portland state, and I would mention they remain the employer of record so they pay all the other administrative and employment related costs for the fellow, so the sponsor fee is \$40,000, the fellow receives \$24,000 as a stipend.

**Fritz:** So this \$1.2 million for the current fiscal year is for up to 30 fellows is that correct?

**Baird:** That is the total amount over the four-year period. Since 2014 since the original master iga was entered into by council.

**Fritz:** So the title of the ordinance is misleading, cause it says the total contract not to exceed \$1.2 million for financial year 2017-2018.

**Baird:** That's the total contract amount it's not to exceed over the four year life-span. So perhaps it could have been worded differently. I would agree with that.

**Fritz:** Ok, thank you.

**Wheeler:** Further questions for Gale? Is there any public testimony on this item?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, two people signed up.

**Wheeler:** Gale if you want to take a seat, we might call on you for follow-up questions.

**Shedrick J Wilkins:** I am shedrick j. Wilkins and I am a psu alumni and sometimes I question on if I should have spent that much money there, but I do highly commend respecting the life or memory or honor of the senator Hatfield who was a senator for 30 years and governor for eight years. He was like I say a republican, but very liberal, and I have his book, I read his book all the time, it's a good history class of how like I say he basically started out in the old days where Oregon was a wood state, making timber, with a bunch of dams on the Columbia river that supply the electricity for Tektronix and high tech. This guy was really, his life is just amazing and he always tried to make sure that Oregon was involved with the space program, and in fact, his son was friends with buzz aldrin who landed on the moon. Mark Hatfield's son, I have his book it's like he is Oregon at the time and amazing person and I take, as a psu grad, I will step aside and say that this is money well spent.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

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**Dee White:** I am dee white. It does not matter where I live any more. I would like to just repeat what commissioner Fritz brought up, and that's what -- it's gone up by -- it's up by \$340,000 this intergovernmental agreement. It's gone from \$460,000 to \$800,000, and that's at \$40,000 per 20 fellows, you have increased it, so it's -- so its gone up by \$340,000, the administrative cost, and yet the contract is not to exceed \$1.2 million so what I want to know is not only why is it costing so much but why is there \$400,000 gap there, not to exceed 1.2 when it's only \$80,000. Plus in this ordinance it says that the bureau, the human resources director is authorized to execute future amendments to increase the not to exceed threshold of \$1.2 million amount up to 25% so that means they can increase it, the bureau of human resources can increase this up \$300,000. That's \$700,000 that is going for administrative costs and you say that it's to arrange for unique leadership development to introduce the fellows to Oregon's unique structure of local city and state government. Yeah, it's unique all right. Also the sponsor fee, wait a minute, I wanted to read what -- why this thing is going to cost so much more its in here I'm sorry just a minute. Wait a minute I'm sorry let's see. This sum covers expenses such as recruitment, placement, and an orientation. So are you telling me that \$400,000, wait a minute, \$400,000, or 800, the money is going to go towards recruitment in orientation? I am sorry I think this is so full of holes and there is so much slushing money around and we have no way to account for it, we have no way to follow-up on it because it's an intergovernmental agreement.

**Wheeler:** So dee thank you for that and Gale could you come back up for a moment please. So Gale I have a proposal because I think that there are questions being raised here that we cannot answer and I think there's legitimate questions about the overhead costs, why the cost has gone up and I think that it would be helpful for all of us if we could dig into that deeper over the course of the next week and then bring it back and have a more thorough discussion of how we're getting to the numbers that we're getting because I have to agree that I think that commissioner Fritz's questions are questions we are sharing and questions about the overhead and the reasons for the ask and rather than putting you on the hot seat and grilling you and grilling you, let's take these questions back and come back with thorough answers for each of them.

**Fish:** Can I make two other suggestions? So we have some experience in the bureaus using this program as part of our efforts to recruit talent. So we're competing for these students in the future, and we're using this program as a way of getting them in the door and hoping to hire them, and it has been helpful as part of our plans to also have a diverse workforce, but it does seem to me mayor that if we are going to have a presentation on this, we should invite the coordinator of the program from Portland state Phil Keisling to come and just explain the program because it's not everybody on this panel has been here since we launched this. Have Mr. Keisling explain it, why the overhead, what the goals are and let the council.

**Wheeler:** I want to be clear before I let commissioner Fritz speak next, I don't think that anybody here is questioning the value of the program and certainly Elizabeth is, has been a rock star as far as I am concerned, I am very pleased with her performance and I know that's the broad consensus for all of our fellows. So this is not but the value of the program, I think the question is really the economic hydraulics and the finances underlying the program that we have further questions about. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, I was going to say the same thing the program is wonderful and I appreciate the fact that it is available, both for the students and for the city I think it works really well. The questions that I had arose from the impact statement that were provided, where it does say this is for 10 to 20 people for a total of \$1.2 million for this fiscal year so that's the clarification that I need.

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**Baird:** Certainly.

**Fritz:** Cause I am not seeing it in the rest of the documentation either about was it for a longer period of time.

**Fish:** So mayor, we're going to set this over until next week?

**Wheeler:** Yes please. Does that work with you Gale?

**Baird:** yes, absolutely.

**Wheeler:** Could you come back next week I'd appreciate that, good. So don't be alarmed by a two step process, this is often how we operate to get to the nut of the questions that we have and then we can come back and be thorough about it.

**Baird:** Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** And thank you for everybody who testified on this as well. Next item, 39.

**Item 39.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Mayor and colleagues, today is the final step in a lengthy process, we have gone through of property disposition with the goal of saving the historic Morris Marks house, and we are pleased to support the good work of our community members, and especially rick Michaelson and Karen Karlsson. Mike Stuhr, the director of the Portland water bureau and tom Klutz, Portland water bureau property and acquisition services manager are here to make the presentation.

**Mike Stuhr, Director, Portland Water Bureau:** Good morning Mr. Mayor and commissioners. We are here today with a good news story. What we are asking here is authorization to complete the sale and all the necessary documents with 4,700 square foot piece of property, but as with all water bureau properties, there is always an interesting story that goes along with them. I think that you have this set of slides. The first picture is where it's at, Psu has been on everybody's name today so in the upper right of that picture, is where psu is.

**Fish:** What slides are you talking about? Let's hold off until Karla has a chance to hand them out.

**Fritz:** Remember the public doesn't have these slides so you will have to describe.

**Stuhr:** So the location of the piece of property is kind of across highway 405 from psu, between Broadway and 6th that's the first slide. The second slide is the historic piece. This piece of property originally called the 6th and Lincoln reservoir, what you see there is the tank, the in-ground tank that was built sometime between 1868 and 1871 and it was bought by the Portland water company in, at the end of 1871 and then in 1887 the water committee of the city of Portland bought the Portland water company. So we inherited this, so this was originally, I think, the first tank that, or reservoir that Portland water bureau, the entity that became the Portland water bureau owned. It was supplied by a spring and a pump from the Willamette river, if you could believe that. It was shut down and to the best that the bureau was able to determine this thing never had bull run water in it, it was basically filled in. It was an entire city block. Now there is 4,700 feet, square feet remaining, most of the rest of the property was swallowed up by easements, rights-of-way and highway 405. So that's where the property is. The next slide, minus the orange fencing is what the thing actually looked like. So, you might remember if you have driven across Broadway and across the top of 405, that's, that's where it is and what it looks like today is the last slide, and that is the Morris marks house, the historic house. One might wonder how come that house is sitting on the property when we have not sold it. There is an interesting tale here, in 2016, mayor hales and the parks bureau who at the time thought they owned the property, and made arrangements to save the marks house, because there is going to be a big construction project at psu and it would be gone. So Karen Karlsson and rick Michaelson undertook to find a place for the historic property and get it



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moved in the parks bureau got it all lined up and in winding our way through all the documents we find that the property had a checkered history. It was bought by the water bureau back, way back when, two centuries ago. Second century ago, it was set up to be sold to the parks bureau twice in the 1920s and the bill was never paid so the property ended up remained on the water bureau's roles, eventually an ordinance was passed that allowed the parks bureau to operate for a park, but the ownership remained with the water bureau and it was buried in the language and nobody saw it. So at the end of 2017, right after the new mayor, we picked that project up, parks bureau had done a lot of great work to save the historic house, we basically picked up from there and organized to work with Karen and Rick to get this property moved. These processes take quite some time, as you can imagine, there is lots of title research and so on, we could not get the documents done in time to allow the house to move because PSU has a large construction project underway to do renovation and build a new building. So we worked with the PSU facilities department and they helped us out and our way to handle that was we did all of the internal workings that you need to do to dispose of the property internally, there's an administrative rule that allows us to not advertise the property publicly if it's in the public interest we felt this was in the public interest we have backing of our commissioner obviously and the city attorney's office and we decided to use a market report from an appraiser and the tax roll price, \$180,000 to sell the property because the building had to be moved before we could complete all of this, we executed a lease with Nonetop that protects both them and the city and so right now the Marks house is sitting on the property by lease and in accordance with this ordinance, we have about 30 days to finish the final details and file title and so on. There is three or four easements and dedication documents that will be included in the title, and the final documents, these documents are prepared, and what we are asking you here today to do is to allow us to finalize that sale, the sale price is \$180,000 and the form is going to be roughly what you see in the sale documents. Any questions I can answer?

**Fish:** Mike let me add another historical footnote. I found a book on historic structures of Portland, and I learned that the Morris Marks house has moved at least twice, and each time it has moved the building has been sawed in half and then relocated, and for this building to be relocated, because of the distance it had to travel and the, some of the restrictions along the way, it was also sawed in half for a second time and reassembled. I think that there is a total of somewhere around 14 bedrooms in this house and it has a very distinguished pedigree. It will be the home going forward of the Portland Parks Foundation, it would be in part the, I believe that's one of the goals that Rick Michaelson has set, along with some other nonprofits. Actually I think that's been extensively discussed with the parks bureau, but that was what the original vision was when it came to the parks bureau when you were handling the transaction commissioner Fritz.

**Stuhr:** Someone who really loves old buildings and saving old buildings, I think this is a pretty cool building. We're doing this in the public's interest the property is basically has been sitting there in an awkward spot and not very big, 4,700 square feet is not very big. One of the things that we were careful to do is we coordinated with the neighborhood association, the downtown association, and both supported the activity.

**Fish:** Just to be clear the parties that wanted to make this happen covered all the costs of transporting the house, and we determined that \$180,000 is a reasonable value for the piece of dirt that this has been located to of course why correct?

**Stuhr:** Correct, it's based on an appraisal and the tax value.

**Fish:** And we are going to retain the easements because of things happening underneath that?

**Stuhr:** Yes, the easement documents are prepared and they will be filed, we have an easement and a dedication to, for Pbot, we have an easement for BES who has a sewer

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line in the vicinity, and we always have a waterline there so we'll make sure that we protect the city's interests in this.

**Thomas Klutz, Portland Water Bureau:** It also connects the green loop it's a green loop easement for pbot as well.

**Stuhr:** Any other questions?

**Wheeler:** You beat me to the punch. Public testimony please.

**Moore-Love:** Yes, one person. Joe Walsh.

**Wheeler:** Come on up, sir.

**Joe Walsh:** Good morning my name is joe Walsh and I represent the individuals for justice and I am a frequent flyer. One of the things that we were whisper about over there was we did not have a clue of what you were talking about because you were referring to the slides that did not exist, you had them on your documents, we don't have them, people at home don't have them, there is nothing up on the board, this was one report or item that was totally ill prepared, even commissioner Fritz was taken by surprise, by a statement. You can vote on this, but I wanted to tell you something, that when I go home, and I talk to patty, she watches this on television and I know that she is going to say to me today what in god's name were they talking about? Where were the slides? They kept referring to slides and they slid that away.

**Fish:** Can I respond Joe? Can I respond?

**Walsh:** I don't know, you have to ask the presiding official. That's usually the way it works.

**Fish:** I agree the slides should have been part of a power point and that's on me.

**Walsh:** No, it's not.

**Fish:** It is, I reviewed and approved it.

**Walsh:** Don't cover for your staff but usually I defend staff also, I like staff. This was a sloppy presentation, I am sorry.

**Fish:** We should it a put it in a power point and just to your earlier comment remember this was originally a parks bureau project. All the details were worked out with the parks bureau, what changed at the 11th hour was we learned that it was a piece of property owned by the water bureau not the parks bureau.

**Walsh:** Ok, now we're getting to the thing we got into last week which is about formalizing. That does not happen. They were asking for permission to do something and you are going to give it to them. However, I am pointing out as a citizen and a frequent flyer that you confused us, and if you confused us, sitting over there and whispers and everybody would think where are the slides? what are they talking about? You confused everybody, watching this and that's sloppy and if you want to take the credit for that, I think that's nice, but it's not accurate. Staff screwed up on this one. Thank you very much.

**Lightning:** Good morning, my name is lightning I represent lightning super watchdog x. I do agree, I don't think that there's been enough information provided. The statement of slides, nothing again was provided to the public so to make that statement and not provide that to the public in a public forum such as we're in.

**Fish:** Lightning can I respond to that?

**Lightning:** Absolutely.

**Fish:** You will recall and we have a lot of stuff on the agenda, we have had a full public hearing on this previously. Today is the final action but we had a whole public hearing with the history of the site, the decision to relocate the building, all of the details, all of the historical documents, so that was done. What we're doing today is the final act which is authorizing the disposition, but I want you to know there was a full hearing, it's on me that I thought that that was sufficient, we should have gone back and reminded people of what we had put in the record and we will be happy to provide you with a link to the public hearing we had at council on this project.

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**Lightning:** Thank you for your position there, but my position is that we have an ordinance in front of us as the public at a council meeting at city hall to have our input on this and this ordinance that's about to declare the city property and you will vote on that, and you are asking us to either agree.

**Fish:** Just to be clear and again I apologize for the confusion, it's already been declared surplus, it's already been approved by council for this purpose. What we are doing now is executing the various legal documents including the lease agreement.

**Lightning:** If I am reading this ordinance and I will read this again, authorize council to declare city property located on the southwest Broadway and southwest grant as surplus and authorize its disposition by this ordinance. By this ordinance, that is in front of me as the public and I am saying that I have not seen the pictures that was stated, the slides, that is my position. Now if I am reading this ordinance incorrectly, which I don't believe that I am, as the public, what's in front of me, then by all means let me know. Now moving along a bit farther on this, again, one of my concerns is, is there a closing date that was stipulated? I don't believe that there is any closing date stated on this. Another issue that I have was there a broker involved on the value that was stated? Who does the broker represent? Is it dual agency, single agency, is there a broker receiving a commission on this? It's very important to me to understand who are they representing. Another issue I have was stated that there might be currently a water tank on the property. Again I didn't see the slides.

**Fish:** Once upon a time it was a reservoir. There is pipes underneath the property but is no longer a reservoir.

**Lightning:** So there is no tank on the property?

**Fish:** Correct.

**Lightning:** That's one of the things that I wanted to have clarified on this at this meeting is if there was any historic significance to that particular tank and in the history of it to have it remain there. Again on my main concern is to make sure that we receive the proper value for the property, again, you have stated in this agreement on the lease itself that the lease payments would be reverted back to the overall price itself in the agreement. Now I disagree with that, if you are receiving a lease payment on the property that should be retained by quote, "the seller" and not be taken back to the original sales price, now maybe I am reading this agreement incorrect, but it's my understanding that you are saying the lease payments will be applied back to the sale price? Again, what's the point of doing a lease if you are not going to receive that income for your time until they close on the property? They don't own this property as of today. They will not own this and again that's why I have asked where is this property going to actually close? And that's very important to me on the lease payments and where that money ends up going. Is there a closing date on this property?

**Fish:** Yes. Are you finished with your questions?

**Lightning:** Yes, if you could answer that.

**Fish:** So lightning there is exhibit a to the ordinance which is in the public record, at page 2 has the closing date, which is 30 days from the date all the conditions have been satisfied. So it's a normal closing process. It has a deposit, a balance due and it has all of the contingencies that have been worked out that's in the document that the council today is approving and it specifically says at the top of page 2 under subparagraph 2 closing date, it sets the time for the closing date.

**Lightning:** What time is that?

**Fish:** It's 30 days from the date all conditions have been satisfied or waived.

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**Lightning:** If I might add if all conditions are not satisfied are we going to also expect them to pay additional amount of money to extend this time? You stated in 30 days and I want it closed in 30 days all cash funded at that time.

**Fish:** This has been something that you raised at council about leases and payments, so I appreciate it and whatever I can't get you an answer today we'll send you an email with the answers.

**Lightning:** Thank you for your time.

**Mimi German:** Commissioner Fish --

**Fritz:** Put your name in the record.

**German:** Mimi German. Regarding the process, this is a process question so today was for a vote? Right? So why was there another -- why is there a presentation then when there is a vote if it's been discussed in the past like today seemed like a true presentation, where you guys received quote/unquote slides and there was more information that was brought out.

**Fish:** Let me answer the question. So no good deed goes unpunished. I haven't been here the last four days. I have something else I have to attend to. When I saw the presentation I said I thought that my colleagues would enjoy seeing a photograph of what the historic use of that site was. I should have said skip it. It does not matter. I thought that people would be interested in knowing it was once a reservoir, that it's this tiny little irregular shape of property that's had no use forever and that we have not only saved the historic piece of property but found a home for it and generated revenue for our rate payers. So I thought that they would enjoy my colleagues seeing the photographs. I should have said skip it or I should have said it should be in the power point, but you know what, I think that we're power point heavy here and also what I have noticed is half the power points never get launched so I said hand it out. That's on me. That's on me and the only thing that added with those pictures is to see historically what that site looked like 100 years ago and I should have just skipped it because it raised more questions than it was worth and today's action is approving a lease on a transaction that council has already blessed. So it is a ministerial action, council has approved all the pieces, and so that's why the presentation was pro-forma. If we did not do a good job communicating, that's on me as the director, as the commissioner in charge and we'll do a better job next time.

**German:** It seemed there was more that was coming out today, before the vote, and even though you had said it was discussed previously.

**Fish:** All those details were previously discussed, but what I have learned and Mimi this is a good lesson, that if there is an interval of a week or two or three or four between actions we take we might as well treat it as a new matter because most people are busy lives, don't remember the details. So we'll go back and give that sort of 101 of how we got here and then present the matter and I think that's fair criticism.

**German:** Thank you.

**Fish:** Good criticism.

**Wheeler:** Mike did you want to come back up?

**Fish:** I don't think so, we are ready for a vote.

**Wheeler:** We are not voting, this is just going to second.

**Fritz:** I would like to make a comment.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** I believe this is going to second reading next week. I thought that we needed more information really, honestly. What I would suggest commissioner is when you finally execute this contracted could you get me a copy because I am going to take it to the site and take a wooden stake and drive it through the contract because you started your involvement in 2016, mine goes back to I believe 2007 could even have been 2005 when I



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was given a house party by dr. David cutler and his wife Nancy and they brought this Morris Marks House to my attention at that time. So throughout my time in office I have been looking for a solution to this, and we have had multiple different opportunities, and I want to thank not only my current staff, Pooja Bhatt, Cristine Nieves, Tim Crail, but my previous staffer, Patty Howard and Tom Bizou, who have all really worked a lot on this, and also Rachael Wiggins in mayor haes' office who devoted her last year or more than that. So thank you to the city attorney's office, thank you to your staff this is, actually, a good thing that we are getting done here for preserving this historic building and it is evidence that we do things carefully, that we have different processes and as commissioner Fish just said we will all be mindful that when we bring things back that are part of a series we will do a brief recap so everybody understands it if they happen to miss the previous hearing. Thank you.

**Fish:** I will be holding the incense as she's driving the stake through it. There's two things that I want to add and first, I deeply appreciate the feedback, I agree with it. So let's be clear, I agree with it, but let's be clear because what we often hear in testimony from some of, Mr. Walsh refers to himself as a frequent flyer. He has interesting things to offer from time to time and one of the things that's here I think really interesting is that we met multiple community objectives through one action. We took a piece of dirt that was laying fallow for a long time, that was not usable for many purposes because it had so many things going on underneath it. We found a way to preserve a historic structure, a group of private citizens stepped in and spent a million dollars to relocate and cover the costs at no public expense. We negotiated a sale price which was deemed to be a fair price and in the short term we had a lease agreement so everyone's rights and responsibilities were clear, and it may be the future home of a number of distinguished enterprises including the Portland parks foundation. So that's all good but there is one piece that commissioner Fritz left out, because this thing hit not just a bump in the road but a brick wall and it was not going to happen and that's where Todd on my team stepped in, once we learned that it was no longer a parks bureau property, and it was a water bureau property, and then we had a very limited period of time to act because the clock was running and had we not acted quickly this building would have been demolished because of the development happening in the psu campus. And that's where the magic happened, and great groundwork was laid, but Todd Lofgren and others in the water bureau working with other sister bureaus, moved mountains to save the building. So to me this is a happy ending story, we'll do a better job next time telling the story so thank you.

**Wheeler:** And I would like to make one comment as well. I hope that given the seriousness of the issues we discuss here, I still hope that there is space for us to have some fun from time to time. And I think that we're having a bit of fun today, but I want to underscore something commissioner Fish said I actually am going to see if somebody smarter than me can put these pictures on my website because I find them intensely interesting. I did not know that there was a reservoir on this location, and I know that people play not know the location we're talking about. It's on Broadway, right as you come off 405 at the, that's the 4th street, the 6th street exit, on your right-hand side there is a small patch of dirt completely surrounded by traffic. Its a traffic circle, essentially and it's right across the street for those who are old timers from where jerry's gable used to be, and I don't know if anybody here remembers Jerry's Gable. It was great place, great Italian food and it has something of an important historical footnote on it, that's where the bud Clark as I understand it was a waiter, where he started his career prior to the goose hollow in and prior to being the mayor of the city of Portland and it was a place that I know that my family enjoyed taking me, and as commissioner Fish said this is a really good story and my suspicion is although we're struggling a little today, ten years from now people will look

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back and look at that and look at the use of the building and the fact that people in this city, citizens from across the city came forward to protect and preserve that property. Apparently for the third time. I did not know that, and that's interesting.

**Fish:** Second time.

**Wheeler:** For the second time.

**Fish:** It has been sawed in half and for those of you who are drawn to the mayor's office website to look at these historic pictures, you will note that in the picture with the original reservoir on the site, there is a figure in the middle of the reservoir, we identified that as Ebenezer wheeler and we think it's a relative.

**Wheeler:** You know, as I was looking at the historic.

**Fish:** Later arrested for peeing in the reservoir.

**Wheeler:** The thing that I immediately went to is the roads are covered with ice. I wondered how much crud is the mayor taking for the ice on the roads, but at any rate so that was all interesting. Thank you everybody who testified and thank you Mike, thank you for your team and thank you commissioner Fish, this is the first reading of the non-emergency ordinance it moves to second reading. Next item, item number 40.

**Item 40.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Saltzman.

**Saltzman:** I will turn it over to our capable staff Lance Lindahl.

**Lance Lindahl, Portland Bureau of Transportation:** Thank you commissioner. Hello, my name is lance Lindahl, and pbot right-of-way acquisition, before you today is a request to vacate northwest Roosevelt street between northwest 29th and northwest 30th avenue. This vacation was petitioned by Circum pacific properties, and the current owner of the property located to the south of the vacation area. The property to the north of the area is currently owned by the bill Naito company and they are in full support of this vacation as proposed and they are also in discussions with Circum pacific to sell the property to them. The reason for this vacation is to consolidate the adjacent properties for redevelopment. Circum pacific plans to construct three mixed use buildings, standalone retail building and 15 townhouse units, two of the mixed use buildings will be built over the street area and construction is expected to begin later this year. The vacation area is currently paved but not improved to city standards and is being used by an adjacent property owner as a privately managed parking storage area. As a condition of approval for the vacation, the property owners have agreed to dedicate 6,272 square feet as public right-of-way and this is along northwest Nicolai street to the north of the vacation area and this action will correct for a pass error in which the public sidewalk was constructed over private property. If there is any questions I am here to help.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you mayor. In line with our previous discussion, in the future, if you could come with the slide to show the map and maybe a picture that would be helpful.

**Lindahl:** Ok, thank you.

**Wheeler:** Further questions? Public testimony?

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

**Wheeler:** Very good, there is the first reading of a non-emergency ordinance and moves to second reading. Thank you. Next item is the four-fifths agenda 40-1.

**Item 40-1.**

**Wheeler:** Very good, and we have bob Del Gizzi here today. Good morning bob.

**Bob Del Gizzi, Portland Police Bureau:** Good morning Bob Del Gizzi, Portland police bureau, business operations manager.

**Wheeler:** Could you, well, I know somewhat about this so I will give an introduction and tell me if I got any of it wrong. So this is the transfer of a single police protective vest and it's

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going to battleground, Washington. As I understand it the vest says are very specifically tailored to individuals. So they take lots of chest measurements and therefore these vests are not broadly usable by other people. However in this particular case we put the request out, the request was responded to from battleground, Washington, they have a new officer who is just starting out, who this vest would fit, the vest as I understand it are expensive if you do it brand new because they do have to be customized, so we have an opportunity here to transfer a perfectly usable vest to battleground, Washington and per our disposition policy it has to come to the city council, it may seem extreme to bring a matter to the city council for one vest, but we are doing it.

**Fish:** Do we not have a de minimis floor in our code? I mean, we could be next time discussing the transfer of a walkie-talkie that is no longer up to specification. Is there a de minimis?

**Del Gizzi:** Commissioner Fish, I think that I can answer that question for you. The reason that we're in front of council is because there is an intergovernmental agreement with battleground and that does require council authority. The intergovernmental agreement sets out the responsibilities and the waiver of liability for the city.

**Fish:** On a vest?

**Del Gizzi:** Yes.

**Fish:** What's the value of this vest?

**Del Gizzi:** So brand new these vests says are approximately \$660. And they have a 60-month warranted life-span at which point they are destroyed and this vest is about 10 months old.

**Fish:** Why couldn't we send a letter saying we offer this with a disclaimer of our warranties?

**Del Gizzi:** In working with the city attorney's office we determined for this to be a binding agreement it needed to be contractual which would make it an intergovernmental agreement.

**Fish:** Mayor, I think that there is another way to go about this just -- I think a one page letter with places for two signatures disclaims why any warranty or liability, and I think that there should be a mechanism for something like this that we applaud, this is something that we should be supporting. It does not require council action below a certain threshold, it just seems to me this is a lot of legal work and a lot of time for something that I don't see warrants this kind of attention.

**Wheeler:** I will raise that with legal counsel. I think it's a good suggestion. Further questions? Commissioner Fritz?

**Fritz:** My understanding is the reason this is coming as a four-fifths means it wasn't even on the agenda because normally commissioner Fish this would have gone on the consent and therefore not have had a public hearing unless pulled by somebody but the urgency of getting this officer a protective vest was deemed important, and I agree with that.

**Wheeler:** Very good, public testimony.

**Robert West:** Yes, my name is Robert west, I'm with film the police 9-1-1 and I would like to bring up something. The Portland police continually went to you and said that we need money for this and we need money for that. Now all of a sudden the Portland police want to give things out.

**Wheeler:** The vest is not usable for anybody currently within the Portland police bureau. We know who the class is that is in training that will be available to come on duty within the next year, none of them fit the vest either so there is no way to use this vest here in the Portland police bureau prior to the warranty expiring.

**West:** At least charge them something. We put out all this money for a vest. I can't even get a media card or a media permit unless I put up \$600 and you are giving the \$600 vest

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over to battleground, Washington. It's another town. Do they have money? Can they afford the vests?

**Wheeler:** We were going to dispose of the vest and somebody suggested that we actually see if somebody could use it rather than filling it, and in this case we found somebody who could, but yes, as an alternatives we could toss it in the trash.

**West:** Yea, because you don't do that with other things, the city tosses stuff all the time. Computers, laptops.

**Wheeler:** Actually, we recycle it. Just so you know.

**West:** I am sure the vest could be recycled, too, but I am just saying that you know, it's a shame to buy something and then just turn around and give it out to another city. To me it seems wrong and it seems irresponsible with city money. Thank you.

**Shedrick J Wilkins:** I am shedrick wilkins, and I misunderstood the vest. If it was a whole bunch of vests I don't think that that's proper, but since it's just one I think that you could consider it a gift to, and something that we would throw away so I support giving it to battleground Washington. I misunderstood I thought it was a bunch of stuff and you are giving a whole bunch of stuff to Washington state. Well like he say's why don't they buy their own?

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Joe Walsh:** Good morning. Again for the record I am joe Walsh and I represent individuals for justice. We were also confused on this, and the explanation of just a one, non-usable vest we are giving to another police department. That's what the wording is saying. This is unusable vests. Why are we doing it? Why don't we give them a new one, you know? Why don't we give them a non-usable vest?

**Wheeler:** To be clear, to be clear, it's non-usable for us for the reasons that I just explained to Mr. West. It is not usable for the Portland police bureau because they are measured to specific measurements, there is nobody in the Portland police bureau who can use this vest. So rather than throwing it in the garbage and sending it to the Landfill and paying the fees at your expense we decided to see if somebody somewhere else that could use it for the remainder of the warranty. Low and behold there is an officer coming on-duty in battleground, Washington who can use it so common sense led us to that conclusion.

**Walsh:** And you are saying to us that this is not opening the door for a flood of other stuff.

**Wheeler:** No, sir.

**Walsh:** Ok, so this is one vest that we are giving.

**Wheeler:** One vest.

**Walsh:** Because we found this officer coming into their police department and just fits nicely and we are going to do it and save money for everybody.

**Wheeler:** Exactly.

**Walsh:** It's my thanksgiving. It's wonderful. We approve it.

**Lightning:** My name is Lightning and I represent lightning super watchdog x. Again from my position and we also talked on tasers and these type of vests, it said I don't think you're going to be able to limit your liability if the officer in battleground uses this vest and it malfunctions in any way, and he receives harm because of it, the reality is that you may have a warranty for 60 months, and I understand it's only been ten months on this vest but the reality is that you are transferring the liability issue over, whether you think the agreements will be sound and strong enough not to do that, the reality is that you don't want to transfer that liability over. It does not make sense and as you know liability issues with the Portland police is one of the biggest concerns. Plain and simple, liability. So when you transfer that type of equipment over, it should not be transferred over. It should remain within the Portland police bureau. Even though it was custom made for somebody, their



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certain body size. The reality is that if somebody over in battleground is able to use it, somebody down the line could possibly use it before the warranty expires and my only real question at the end of my speech is does that warranty actually transfer over to that officer in battleground because that's an interesting question on the transferability of a warranty on a, that type of equipment. Even as a taser, anything like that.

**Fish:** Can you give you a ten-second answer?

**Lightning:** Absolutely.

**Fish:** I don't know anything but the law on this, but I recently bought a used car and we took it as is and I am out of luck if there is any problem with the car and the law is clear that I am out of luck. I took it as is, and as long as no one made a material misrepresentation, and the law of the land allows you to do that. To give something to someone with a full disclaimer of warranty and rights and it is then up to the receiving party to decide whether that's a good deal or not, but as long as we don't misrepresent the condition this thing is the greatest thing ever, this thing is whatever, then the law is that it is buyer beware and the buyer takes it subject to the disclaimers. I'm not the lawyer on this, I didn't spend a lot of time on the law, but probably this is another reason why this matter I wish it was back on consent with something else, but that's the law of warranties and your question about whether we should transfer property or not is a good question. You know we transfer fire trucks to a city in Mexico one they've reached a certain life span here, there's a valid public policy question about whether we should do that. We should have that discussion, but legally we can do it without having any future liability, as long as we don't make any misrepresentations.

**Lightning:** Ok, I still have remaining time. My position on this again is when you brought up the term "a car" even when a dealer sells a car and he sells the car with not having proper brakes that work properly and the family takes it out that same day, crashes and they are killed, he is 100% liable for his actions because of what he did. 100% liable, so what I'm talking a safety vest when somebody is shooting at someone and it malfunctions, to put yourself in that position to where you could be 100% liable for that action on one vest is to me foolishness from the city's position. Let me finish, sir. Absolute foolishness from a liability position. Now, granted, it may seem you're doing something good and kind, but you're not when you're talking this type of equipment and if it malfunctions and I can guarantee you these warranties in place of this if you were to talk to people that manufacture these vests they would agree with me. They would say you do not want to transfer this to someone else. You don't want to do that, we're in the business to do this, we have insurance that will cover this, but you don't want to do it. It doesn't make sense from a liability standpoint and I appreciate the person bringing this up to the council meeting today. I thought it was very informative and appreciated. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. Is there one more?

**Moore-Love:** Edith Gillis.

**Wheeler:** A lot of interest in this vest.

**Edith Gillis:** Thank you for making sure that we take care of our investments, our liability, our funding. I'm reading it says number one, the police bureau has and wishes to dispose of the custom fitted protective vest of a member of the bureau subsequent to the officers retirement. Two, the city of battle ground, Washington, will hire that member of that bureau subsequent to the retirement. That police officer had it custom fitted, wore it, wants it, trusts it and wants to wear it. The same person wears the same vest in battleground. That person can buy it, they can be reimbursed by battleground. You don't have the liability, the person chose to have it, they know what it's like, what it's gone through, they prefer it. So you are getting rid of a liability, you are preventing something from going to landfill. The person who had it custom made gets to have what that person wants to have, that the

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other police bureau wants. The only difference is be honest, it's the same person, and let that person buy it and be reimbursed by battleground and it's over.

**Wheeler:** I like to be transparent and honest when I don't catch something. I didn't catch that.

**Gillis:** Same person.

**Wheeler:** I didn't catch that and I wasn't briefed on that and I'm not happy about it so I'm going to have conversations with the people who briefed me on this item. That being said I still think it's the right thing to do.

**Gillis:** As a donation?

**Wheeler:** As a donation, yes. If they want to buy it, great, but we cannot use that vest in the Portland police bureau for any other purpose. Let me ask you a question. I like you and I trust your judgment and you have been here many times and we have talked about many things pertaining in particular to the environment. What if they said no? Should I throw it in the trash or should we send it their way?

**Gillis:** Because it's custom made for someone and it cannot -- you're saying used by someone else, and the person it's custom made for is still the same size, isn't more potbellied or whatever.

**Wheeler:** Well, yeah -- [laughter]

**Gillis:** I would say that it could go with that person, but I wouldn't want the liability of it going to some strangers that it's not for. While one vest is not that important, there's a lot of stuff about the Portland police materials and other organizations that we have to really watch. We have to watch our money, we have to watch our liability, we have to watch the vested no pun intended interest in having resources transferred out. Who has --

**Wheeler:** I think we have heard enough on this. Please, continue. The list is closed on this one.

**Gillis:** Okay. Did I answer?

**Wheeler:** You did, thank you. I want to thank you. This is the value of public testimony. You caught something that I did not catch and I'm deeply appreciative.

**Mimi German:** You could just hold on to it.

**Wheeler:** If it changes somebody's opinion we're about to find out. Please call the roll.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted.

**Wheeler:** Two more items. 35.

**Item 35.**

**Wheeler:** Karen, you're up.

**Karen Bond, Risk Management, Office of Management and Finance:** Thank you very much. Good morning. My name is Karen bond with the liability division of risk management and I am here to talk about the ordinance for Eric smith. It was a motor vehicle versus pedestrian incident. It happened on April 23, 2016 at about 8:15 in the evening Mr. Smith, the pedestrian, crossing northeast 82nd at Burnside and Portland police sergeant was driving a police vehicle east on Burnside and turned left on to 82nd. When the light turned green on 82nd for both of them the crosswalk signal activated to walk. Mr. Smith began crossing northeast 82nd within the crosswalk and the sergeant began waiting for oncoming traffic to clear before making his left turn. Once the traffic cleared the sergeant began his left turn and struck Mr. Smith with the bumper of his police vehicle at a very low speed. The sergeant admitted to not seeing in smith who was established in the crosswalks. The impact caused Mr. Smith to fall to the pavement. Risk management was able to reach a final settlement agreement with Mr. Smith's attorney in the amount of \$35,000, which is inclusive of medical, liens and all the attorney fees.

**Wheeler:** Mr. Walsh, I believe you raised this. You may come on up. Thanks, Karen.

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**Joe Walsh:** Good morning. For the record my name is Joe Walsh, I represent individuals for justice. We pulled this item because it was under again consent agenda. When we were reading the documentation, we came across a line that is bizarre. So we pulled it. The line is, on the second page, resulting from a pedestrian versus automobile vehicle collision. We read that line we just said, we have never met a pedestrian that got into an entanglement with a car and won. Never met one. The way that's written is you equate a pedestrian with a moving car. So we wondered, well, the car hit the pedestrian otherwise you wouldn't be paying \$35,000. Seems logical. Again, we are not questioning the settlement. We are questioning the protocols that you have and the language that you use. Why don't you just say the car hit the guy? Or language clear. Guy was in the crosswalk, cop went to make a left turn, right turn, whatever it was, and hit the guy. Why don't you just say that? You hide it in words this. This line whoever wrote it had to be drinking or smoking or something because it makes no sense. You don't have a human being against a car and they are equal when they come into a smash. That's the way that reads and we objected to that. That's why we pulled this. We don't object to the \$35,000. We don't object to the \$1,000 for the insurance company and all of that stuff. I would like to point out a lot of times we come and we are objecting to the protocol and not your staff doing their job. Okay? And you imply that. That annoys me when you do that. We attack the protocols because the people that are watching this may have not seen city council in two years and they are sitting there and trying to figure out what you're talking about and we come here week after week after week as a frequent flyer, you're absolutely right, because the people that are working can't do it. I'm retired. I can do it. To your annoyance I can do it a lot and we will.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I'm sorry, we have to call the roll.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. Mr. Walsh, please, don't do that. That's very disrespectful. We listened to you. You listen to us in exchange. Please do not do that. Item number 37.

**Item 37.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you mayor, this is a very competitive solicitation going out to bid to see who wants to do this construction on the Couch park playground. There will be -- this is adjacent to the metropolitan learning center. It was one of the focuses and the reasons for the 2014 replacement fix our parks bond measure. The fact that the previous structure had to be taken out was an emergency and we didn't have any funding for replacing it and the community around Couch park including the metropolitan learning center community were very instrumental in passing the bond measure and designing the playground. It will be all inclusive. We have a partnership with Harper playgrounds. Their foundation has raised \$50,000 for the playground, also grant funding from metro and the neighborhood grant which was \$150,000 for the main funding for this is the parks replacement bond. Total cost \$1.4 million budgeted. All the trees will be preserved in the play space. The old public rest room will be decommissioned, used for storage and a brand new Portland loo will be put in. We will be starting construction in May and hope to be done by November of this year.

**Wheeler:** Fantastic. Public testimony.

**Moore-Love:** There wasn't a sign-up sheet. Joe Walsh pulled this.

**Joe Walsh:** Again for the record my name is Joe Walsh, I represent individuals for justice. In the documentation we were disturbed because a past council person created the loo, and our understanding is it costs about \$100,000 to put those loos in place. We were confused. You have a restroom in the park that you're going to close down or just let employees use it. That's what it says in the document and then you're going to put this loo in the park someplace? Are we right that these things run like \$100,000 without discounts?

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I know we know somebody and maybe we'll get a discount, but these things are expensive. You know, if you give me 20 grand I'll build you a restroom. Why is it we have to do this one? These are the Cadillac's of pee houses. You know? We need a place that's private, that somebody can go to the bathroom. We don't need \$100,000 castle. That's what they are. The ones up in the pearl are like castles. When I went into one I wanted to live there. [laughter] so please tell me you're not going to do that. That was our objection. We saw that, we said, okay, here we go again. Consent agenda \$1.7 million. Boom. No discussion. I know it's just formalizing everything. All the decisions have been made and we're just -- we're not authorizing anything, right? Are we authorizing something here? Or are we just formalizing what we have already done? Can someone answer that? I don't usually ask you to answer but that would be cool. What are we doing here? Is this a real vote that we're actually going to do something or are we going to formalize it? We have already done it. That's what you told me last week four times, four times I told you we formalize it that's our objection. We don't like the loo. Take it out. Make an amendment. See if you can get a cheaper place. Do you know how many port-a-potties we could put around the city for a hundred grand? A lot.

**Wheeler:** Any further comments? Call the roll.

**Fritz:** To answer your questions Mr. Walsh, the current bathroom is nonfunctional and unsafe.

**Wheeler:** Mr. Walsh, please, do not interrupt. Let commissioner Fritz answer your questions. [shouting]

**Fritz:** Thank you. The current restroom is unsafe and unfunctional. It doesn't work. It would require lots of repairs and has been the sight of a lot of nefarious activity in the park. The community has been involved in designing this park. Very involved. The community wants a loo. The loo is a safe way to provide needed restroom services that are accessible, that are safe, that are easy to clean, and that are considered much more functional than either port-a-potties or the ancient thing that's there now. We are currently asking for solicitations to see who would like to build this project and what they suggest would be the price within the listing in the ordinance. Then I presume we'll come back to council to say who is going to do it then have a further report from what was done. Again, thank you to the Couch park -- [shouting] aye.

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

**Eudaly:** Well, as a former student of mlc, in 1986, I would just like to note that those bathrooms were run down and creepy 30 years ago. I also was an employee at mlc in 1992, I believe, and I honestly don't remember the last time the bathrooms were open or used by the public. Finally I have been involved in the Couch park playground redevelopment conversation for ten years now, I believe, and there has been a lengthy and arduous public process and I'm so happy that we're going to be moving forward and especially that we're going to be adding one more fully accessible and inclusive playground to our park system. That's really wonderful. I vote aye.

**Wheeler:** So I'm going to read from the ordinance the construction cost estimate for this project is \$1.172 million. That number is based on the estimates received from our cost estimator, ppr's confidence level is medium due to high demand currently prevailing within commercial construction markets. This asks or authorizes the parks bureau to send out a competitive solicitation for the construction of the project so we are not actually deciding to do anything today other than send out the competitive solicitation to complete the project that was offered during the bond that was authorized by the voters. This is actually a really good thing. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. We're adjourned.

**Fish:** We have a time certain at 2:00. It's listed for 30 minutes. I think in light of the council interest in more expansive presentations you can probably count on an hour this

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afternoon.

**Eudaly:** Why, thank you, commissioner Fish.

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**Wheeler:** Good afternoon, everybody. This is the afternoon session, January 11th, 2018 of the Portland city council. Karla, could you please call the roll?

**[roll call]**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues we only have one item today. Karla, could you please call the item, please?

**Item 42.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, the city council adopted six micro urban renewal areas in 2012 called the neighborhood prosperity initiative districts, otherwise known as npis because in Portland we can't name anything without an acronym that isn't easy to remember. In September I joined community members and the board of our 42nd avenue neighborhood prosperity initiative district in a walking tour of the district and I had the opportunity to meet with different business leaders to discuss some of the districts' opportunities and some of the challenges that they were experiencing. Our 42nd avenue is one of eight such districts that make up the neighborhood prosperity network in the city of Portland. This is a community driven model, which I think is very important and it's focused on economic development within specific communities to ensure that businesses grow and strengthen as we invest in areas that have historically been underserved. The neighborhood prosperity network encompasses eight community organizations that are working to foster economic development in our city. Those organizations are Alberta main street, the cully boulevard alliance, the division midway alliance, historic Parkrose, the jade district, our 42nd avenue, rosewood initiative, and the St. John's center for opportunity. This program focuses on what the city of Portland can do to help small businesses in particular and what you're going to hear about today is the result of our efforts. I'm proud that our city has taken such intentional and deliberate efforts to help support small and local businesses and I'm particularly pleased with the effort to focus on communities of color and women-owned businesses here in the city of Portland. This support is crucial to the growth and economic development in our city and the neighborhood prosperity network has made great strides to make sure Portland is a more equitable city and helps to inject wealth into the communities that have been too long ignored. I want to particularly commend prosper Portland on their efforts and today, we have the opportunity to hear from Kimberly Branam who is the director and Dana DeKlyen from prosper Portland who will provide a five-year update on the neighborhood prosperity network. So good afternoon.

**Kimberly Branam, Director, Prosper Portland:** Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners.

**Wheeler:** We welcome you.

**Branam:** Thank you for having us. We're really excited to be here today to give you an update on the last five years in the neighborhood prosperity initiative and the network. It's really become the city's signature community economic development effort and as the mayor mentioned, the overarching objective is inclusive economic growth. So this is a cornerstone of prosper Portland's work to form a more equitable economy in Portland, to do with partners to support equitable wealth creation, increase access to employment and

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create healthy, connected communities that people really connect -- where people feel connected to one another and to the rest of the city. What we've learned in this is that with these partnerships, we can, together, create great outcomes and we are delighted to be able to say that we have met or exceeded our objectives over the five years and we believe that the next five years will also include some transformative opportunities that the neighborhood prosperity network can take advantage of. I'm going to just provide some context and talk a little bit about the program itself and how we got here and then Dana who is the program manager for the neighborhood prosperity network is going to talk a little bit about the accomplishments and some of the things that we've learned along the way because this was an innovative approach and we didn't have it all figured out when we started and so there have been some really good lessons that we've learned and so Dana will talk about that and then we're fortunate to be able to be joined by some of the partners who are on the ground and the businesses that we've been working with and so you'll have an opportunity to hear from them, as well. So the story of the neighborhood prosperity initiative districts begins in 2009. Portland city council at the time supported us in creating three main streets, which were supported by Prosper Portland and really built on that model, which is a historic preservation, but also a community-led, community-driven model and in 2011, city council and Prosper Portland adopted the neighborhood economic development strategy. At its heart, the strategy was focused on understanding that in order to have the kind of inclusive economic growth, in order for us to do our work better in the neighborhoods, we needed to have a community-centered approach. It also understood and helped us focus on applying a social and racial equity lens into the work that we were doing. The third thing that the neighborhood economic development strategy clarified for us was that while there was a lot of community capacity around planning, and engagement and affordable housing within our city, in comparison to other cities we didn't have the same level of community capacity around economic development and so in partnership with Prosper Portland and others, we identified the need to support this community collectively to build out the ability to support local businesses and to direct their future within their neighborhoods. And finally, the neighborhood economic development strategy identified the need for small-scale, but really important resources that could be used to support this community-driven, community economic development work. And so the six districts were identified and invited to participate, which is something of a new model. The districts were selected based on the fact that they had commercial activity, so these are all commercially zoned main streets, but they had lagging commercial investments, they had higher levels of people of color than the city as a whole, higher concentrations of poverty, and there was some existing community capacity so there was a level of excitement or cohesion within the districts that we knew we could build on. Each of the districts went through a process of determining whether they wanted to participate and they decided that they did, all six of them determined that they would move forward and the commitment on their part was that they would be organized as a nonprofit, that they would hire a full-time district manager, that they would establish a community directed board and they would secure volunteer and community support, both volunteer hours and financial support.

**Wheeler:** So before you move off that slide, some people might notice that while you're talking about six npis, there are seven things shown on that chart. Why is that?

**Branam:** So both Alberta main street and St. John's, which is on the upper right-hand corner of the map were part of the original main street network and they have transitioned to be part of the neighborhood prosperity network. They are within the interstate urban renewal area so they have resources through that and not through the micro urban renewal areas.

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**Wheeler:** Very good thank you.

**Branam:** Yep, so city council supported and adopted the creation of the six neighborhood prosperity initiative commercial districts and through that, about \$1 million will be dedicated within each of these districts and the fact that the districts don't access long-term debt and the fact that the community decides where resources will be invested are both innovations and was a new way for us to utilize the tool of urban renewal. We also were really pleased that both city council and Multnomah county decided to invest the revenue sharing resources into these districts and so rather than having all of the resources focused exclusively on capital investments, there's some flexibility in those resources that you and the Multnomah county board have dedicated are eligible for more flexible, noncapital uses. So the woman here in the audience, tonda Mcferrian and she has been a business owner on Cully boulevard for 37 years. She was a steering committee member and she with many others put a lot into creating new organizations. It was a significant lift and I want to recognize the efforts that individual business members and community members and the district managers, many of whom are here with us today have dedicated to really creating positive community outcomes. Prosper Portland's staff have helped to be steward of public resources and have provided technical support as well as their own thought leadership and partnership and so we have a number of grant products that you see here. So, we provide resources to support the full-time district manager through an admin and operations grant, promotions to increase the visibility and community connections, technical assistance that is tailored to build organizations, capacity, and then district improvements, which is where the tax increment finance funds are available for physical improvements. So in addition to dana, there are two other prosper Portland staff who are liaisons to the districts. Amy Fleck-Rosete is here in the audience with us today and Damian crowder is the other person who's not able to be with us, but they really, as I mentioned have poured their hearts into this work and so I want to recognize them in particular. So with that I'll turn it over to dana to talk a little bit about what we've accomplished.

**Dana DeKlyen:** Thank you. So the district organizational goals of this programming was really around organizational capacity, small-scale physical improvements within the business districts, business development support and district promotions. What we learned really quickly from the district managers was that the community members really needed access to employment assistance and so employment became an additional focus for the network. I'm going to go through a couple of the highlights of what the accomplishments are. First of all, around community building. Prosper Portland provides a \$3,000 promotion grant that is matched by community members to help with the visibility of the district. Initially, those funds were utilized for communication methods, building out websites, listening sessions within the district and as time went on, districts grew their community building activities to signature events, such as the jade night market, which is pictured here on the right. Jade night market on the third year this last august, they had two night events and brought 25,000 people from visitors and community members to celebrate the diversity and culture of the community that lives and works around the network or the district. In addition, two districts now are sponsoring organizations of their community farmer markets. The picture here on the left is a vendor at the St. John's farmers market. Both St. John's center for opportunity and our 42nd avenue are providing access to fresh fruits and vegetables through local farmers markets to their low-income community members, oftentimes supported through the snap benefits as well as a place for the community members who have small businesses to show their crafts and arts projects. So and in addition to those two things, all of our business districts are also creating business seminars or business networking events to ensure that there's a constant communication within their districts with their communities. Business development has long been a priority



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of prosper Portland and we have provided business technical assistance, long-term business technical assistance for qualifying small businesses throughout the city for many years. What was made clear in the npis is that many of the businesses did not qualify for the existing program that we had created, but we really wanted to ensure that these businesses could grow and expand their own businesses within the npis and so we created a light touch program through the assistance of general fund money. So now, we have two business technical assistants and two models. We have the long-term business technical assistance, with 197 businesses within the first four years accessed it through the network districts and then 542 businesses received the light touch model to help with expanding and strengthening their businesses. As I indicated earlier, the community economic development did not originally, have workforce as a priority. What we learned quickly was that the community members needed jobs to help stabilize their lives. It seems clear in all of these communities are higher levels of poverty, higher levels underemployment than the rest of the city. Our worksource system has a training program to assist with underemployed community members, but many of the community members in our districts were needing access to jobs to help fill the need of their everyday lives right now and so districts began to take the lead in filling these needs by providing job boards and career fairs to support that connection, and then in 2015, prosper Portland piloted the workforce navigator program to strengthen the existing worksource system. A picture here is of lulu, a workforce navigator at 42nd and Cully. She has become a trusted advisor in the community and has been very successful in connecting local residents to finding employment opportunities. We built on this model and have expanded the navigator program to help provide a workforce navigator in the jade and division midway districts as well and are working with our partners at wsi to continue to build out this model in hopes to be able to support the other districts in the future. And finally, another example of the creative solutions around how do we connect people to employment came from rosewood. They found many community members had barriers to access employment due to criminal history. In partnership with the d.a.'s office and the metropolitan public defenders, they piloted a legal services day. The goal was to remove fines in exchange for community service hours and reduce or sometimes, in some cases expunge criminal records. These actions have a direct, immediate impact on the community members' ability to access employment. This pilot has been successful and is now offered every two months at rosewood initiative community center. In each event, they have about 200 people that walk through the doors that begin the work to identify what needs to happen to be able to help them move through this process and in the third event alone, they had 45 people finish the process, waived \$185,000 in fines in exchange for community service, very impactful for their community. So what we originally assumed that the community organizations would focus on was their small-scale projects, storefront, signage, lighting, and utilize the tif funds that were becoming available throughout the life of the district. What became clear is the community-led development is more than just small-scale improvements. It involves building relationships with businesses and property owners in the district who understand the pulse of the community and be able to get ahead of the property transfer discussion. The district managers are able to provide property owners information about lease activities and interest in the districts and then utilize their tif funds to help assist with tenant improvements to help offset the costs of leases. Since the npi ura's were not bonded and were utilizing de jour, access to capital has been a challenge, so Prosper Portland with the help of the city of Portland general funds created the npi opportunity fund. This is specifically to help the gap of the acquisition piece of the property activities. This is a revolving loan fund to assist in slowing down the market pressures and ensuring that community developers have the opportunity to invest in the community. Our 42nd avenue

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purchased on the property shown on the slide here from a long time property owner with the assist of the npi opportunity fund and the district is now negotiating and close to finalizing the sale of the property to a local business owner, negotiating community benefit agreements to ensure that the priority community members, such as Guillermo who is also shown in this picture from Northwest Iron works is able to stabilize his business within the district. We now have a network of human-focused economic development professionals that are working together to build a dynamic community economic development model in the city of Portland. The five-year network outcomes show this impact. There have been more than \$3.5 million of private leverage of funds leveraged through the five years, as well as more than 137,000 volunteer hours poured into the community economic development activities in these districts. There are 152 new businesses within the network and more than 1,100 jobs have been created. Of course, there's many lessons learned. First, there's a tailored approach. Each district, allowing the community members to build their programming to best meet the needs of their community is clearly a successful model, but it does take time and then in addition, it takes time to build the trust and relationship. Prosper Portland is showing up differently and asking for participation in a different way in the community. It takes time to build the lines of communication in an authentic way. Fundraising is challenging and time consuming and especially when it comes to operations. Foundations are much more interested in funding programs than projects. So, however, what I want to highlight on this graph here is that in the fifth year, the districts did have \$1 million worth of funding outside of our prosper Portland funds. So it is working and as I stated before, the access to capital is necessary to secure those community benefits. So our next steps, prosper Portland staff will continue to support boards and organizations to create the community economic development infrastructure that the city of Portland needs. With our partnership with wsi, we are continuing to work on opportunities to expand the workforce navigator network throughout our npi network, and then we will continue to support the community-led property development and investigate the access to capital to fund this work. That can be done in several ways. We can come to identify potential development projects that could access the new market tax credits if we get that allocation. Potential for looking at larger urban renewal areas and we're contracting with a professional grant writer to assist with network districts to successfully building on their fundraising efforts. I do -- we're moving into our testimony section, but we do have a video that we would like to show you. It's a great example of how the community-centered economic development activity can impact people's lives and this story shows Valerie is a perfect example of how rosewood did just that. Let me see if I can do this.

**[Video Played]**

\*\*\*\*: Statistically, I should be dead. Strung out. I should be trafficked. I should be locked up. There was this particular time where I wished I was dead and the individual had turned around and got a nine millimeter and put their hand over my hand and put it to my head like pull the trigger, if that's what you want, then do it.

\*\*\*\*: I'm walking by and I see this woman sweeping up.

\*\*\*\*: She's like wow everybody needs to do stuff like this.

\*\*\*\*: This is so cool that you're helping out.

\*\*\*\*: She was really positive and happy and stuff.

\*\*\*\*: But she's got kind of a sour look on her face.

\*\*\*\*: I was homeless.

\*\*\*\*: She didn't have custody of her kids, she didn't have a car, she didn't have a job and then I invited her to this meeting that we were having.

\*\*\*\*: I came to a meeting and I was like I didn't know what the hell meetings were.

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\*\*\*\*: I knew that there was more to life and I didn't know where to look at. Like I was literally standing in the library and not knowing how to read.

\*\*\*\*: So I went to the first meeting, she was like oh, my gosh you came and I didn't know what the hell they were talking about.

\*\*\*\*: I was looking for people that were motivated to change this community and to change their own lives.

\*\*\*\*: It took about three meetings and she was like yeah come tomorrow, we're going to have one. Yeah, come Thursday, as soon as I figured out what they were talking about. I understood these are professionals. They got paid to be in that meeting so what you're doing is you're trying to help the community and then once I found out what they were doing, this is natural to me.

\*\*\*\*: She was volunteering and kind of helping build the organization. She did a lot to connect rosewood with the community.

\*\*\*\*: Jenny gave me a chance and she heard me out. She was like yeah, let's do it. Let's go.

\*\*\*\*: I think that they come here because this place, it's a hub and they know if they can't get the services that they need here, they can at least come into our space.

\*\*\*\*: Everyone's doing great and my daughter is amazing. She's my side kick. ¶¶¶ ¶¶¶

\*\*\*\*: I do what I do because I'm passionate about it. I do it for the people, but I also do it for her.

\*\*\*\*: It's amazing to see how the community owns this space and transforms it into what they need it to be.

\*\*\*\*: Rosewood is an incubator for potential and for a dream. ¶¶¶ ¶¶¶ ¶¶¶ ¶¶¶

**[Video Ends]**

**Branam:** So we do have some folks who are here. We would be happy to take questions now or to bring up our partners.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any preference? Why don't we hear from your partners and traditionally we don't take testimony on reports, but we have a small group of people here, only one agenda item so today, I will make that exception. You've already invited some people up, if there's other people who were not invited who would like to say something, please sign up with Karla.

**Branam:** Thank you, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Good afternoon, how are you doing?

**William Travis III:** I'm doing great. My name is William Travis III and I own dub St. John's, it's a restaurant in St. John's. I'm really happy to have been able to work with St. John's center for opportunity, prosper Portland, and mesop, microenterprise services of Portland. They helped take my business to the next level with some of the prosperity initiative programs and the grants that were available. We have new signage, new lighting, flooring, and some other things, but I really feel like it's a great program that is allowing members of the community to access the capital that sometimes isn't available to minorities or people of color and having programs like that, working with Lindsay and Damian crowder. It just gives you a little more hope about being able to succeed in our chosen fields.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Travis III:** You're very welcome.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate it.

**Travis III:** Thank you.

**Tonda Mcferrian:** My name is Tonda Mcferrian and I own a business on Cully boulevard. I've been there since 1980, 37 years and when I came to Cully, we weren't even on the map. In fact, we were in the county when I came in and no one in Portland had really heard of Cully, but now in the last five years since npi came, everybody knows who we are

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and we're growing. I have had grants because I'm a member of the steering committee, being a member of the steering committee since the very beginning, for five years and when they came, I didn't even know my neighbors, I didn't know the other businesses in the community, but since then, we sit at the table, we know each other, we speak to each other. We get grants. I just had a new roof put on my building and I'm in line to get my floor fixed and my parking lot and many other things this spring, but I'm a Portland girl, I went to Jefferson high school, Boise elementary school. So, I've been around a long time, I've had many of my friends and my clients live in other neighborhoods, in Alberta, Martin Luther King and they all got grants and built their businesses for many years. So I've been waiting for NPI to come to Portland, to my part of Portland. So 37 years, so now, they're here and I want them to stay here because we need them and we want them and that's about it.

**Wheeler:** That's great.

**Fritz:** What kind of business do you have?

**Mcferran:** I have a beauty salon.

**Fritz:** Tell us the name of it.

**Mcferran:** Tondalayera designers salon.

**Wheeler:** Great thank you. Good afternoon.

**Lindsay Jensen:** Good afternoon. I have to say Doug is amazing and knows everybody. When that video went on, he was like I know that person, I know that person. My name is Lindsay Jensen I'm the director at the St. John's center for opportunity. Thank you for having us here today. It's great to be able to come and speak about our programming. Our organization is really proud to be a part of the neighborhood prosperity network and really grateful to all of you for continuing to invest in our programming and our network of organizations. Sjco had a slightly different start than others as we were founded as a main street organization, which after some soul searching and really committing to make equity the center of our programming, changed our name to better reflect our mission and vision. We're also a little different from other network members because we're a part of the larger interstate urban renewal area versus a specially created area, but I actually think that makes our work all the more important. To quote my colleague, our goal is to flip the way that urban renewal is done on its head and to do economic development that's driven by the community. So we have 36 dedicated volunteers who work with us regularly to coordinate our programming and services, plus we have many other folks who have come out to help with neighborhood events. We have embedded a community organizing model into our work so that we can regularly touch base with businesses and volunteers so that we know what's going on in our community and to make our work that much more impactful. A few of our core programs include our storefront improvement grant, which to date we've invested more than \$97,000 in local storefront businesses. We also have our partnership with meso, which provides one-on-one coaching to businesses in the community. The St. John's farmers market is another one of our core programs, which we're entering our 10th season this year. Our food equity work via the farmers market, which we've invested over \$30,000 in our community for folks to access fresh fruits and vegetables. We have a neighborhood jobs board, which we receive around 300 hits per month from community members accessing our jobs board. We also do quarterly art walks in our business district and we have regular meet the employer events where we bring in businesses and highlight opportunities in our neighborhood for people looking for work. We also do some other work in the community centered around affordable housing advocacy, leadership development and ensuring that residents have access to key resources, we do a lot of important work with our volatility small budget. We've been referred to as the small, but mighty organization and I know I'm biased when I say this, but I truly believe that the work of the neighborhood prosperity network is some of the most



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important work happening in this city. So thank you all for believing in us and for continuing to invest in this community-driven model of doing economic development work and as I say at all of our board and committee meetings, I say onward, my friends.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Excellent. Thank you all three of you.

**Travis III:** Thank you mayor, thank you commissioners.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon.

**Roslyn Hill:** Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to talk about the city's investment in the jade district. First, as a business owner in the jade district for over 20 years, and as a volunteer that has been helping this community all the year, I would like to thank the former mayor, Sam Adams decision to include the jade district in the initial proposal as one of the npis. As a Chinese immigrant, I have first-hand experience in how difficult it is as an immigrant, coming to a whole new world and starting from the very beginning to build up our career and making a better life here. The 82nd avenue around jade district is where the Chinese community calls the new Chinatown. While everyone is saying that 82nd avenue is full of crime and prostitution and all it has is secondhand car lots, we Chinese immigrants along with the other immigrants there, we are working so hard to build up our businesses and make a living there, around the jade district. We have been contributing so much to the economic growth there, but all these years, we did everything on our own. We don't know where and how to get help and we were not informed and have no say in what will be happening around us. Most of us are working so hard to buy properties, so as to secure our living and a place here. To this new Chinatown, was selected, one of the npis, and was named jade district a few years ago, then we started to be noticed and since being cared for and sometimes, even can have voices in some of the public projects. Thanks for the city's investment in the jade district. Like the annual big event just mentioned, the jade international night market, which attracts over 20,000 people during its two days, two nights event. I believe a lot of people from other parts of town came, because of the coming to the night market, they know more about jade district. They know instead of just secondhand car lots, there are a lot of things that they never seen or never know of and in our community, business owners are pleased to see new customers coming into jade to explore and to enjoy the rich and diversified culture here like eating dim sum in the Chinese restaurant or having pho in a Vietnamese restaurant or buying in Asian grocery stores and division and 82nd's safety has been the highlight topic in the last year for jade. I remember in December 2016, one of our community members lost his life on division so I have been helping the community raise money to help his family, but I was surprised. The city took it seriously and responded quickly by providing us fund to educate our community about road safety and to do some improvements so we see more crossings, more lights and then I personally lead the road safety seminar and we had over 180 Chinese community members show up with the help of pbot's staff. All of us went onto the street and learned the right way of crossing the road safely. I firmly believe without the jade district operation, our community surely won't have chances like this. Through this year, the image of the city has been changed in our community members' minds. It changed from neglecting us to willing to hear our voices and offer help and the end of last year, the jade office was able to connect most of our Chinese business owners with pbot to learn about the division redesign project. The proposed design really shocked a lot of us. Under this new proposed design, division will be separated completely into south and north. Business owners are so worried because we all believe the design will kill the businesses eventually. We are afraid that pbot showed us a design, settled the meeting, let us talk, but at the end, they just do it in their own way. When deliveries cannot be made, customers cannot come in the store easily like before, and all the parking is gone, the properties the business owners have been working so hard

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to buy in order to run their businesses securely will become a burden for them. It has ruined all the effort of these immigrants who had been working so hard all these years in order to have a better life in the u.s. So I hope the city will continue to listen to our community members and shape investments from the city to fit the needs of the community, rather than imposing them on us. Last, I would like to say I have been publishing a Chinese language newspaper, the Portland Chinese times in town for over 20 years here and I have seen how the community has changed and I also noticed that, with the jade district around, things go so differently. It acts as a bridge between the city and the community. It makes sure the city knows what we think and the most important thing is we are not working alone like in the past. We get attention, we get help and we know that it's so difficult to work with communities in the jade district because there are so many languages spoken there so we hope that the jade district will continue to operate and because we still need support from the public investments. Thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Could you give us your name?

**Hill:** Roslyn Hill.

**Fritz:** And your business is the Portland Chinese times?

**Hill:** Portland Chinese times.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much for presenting.

**Wheeler:** Thanks so much for being here, we appreciate it. Good afternoon.

**Todd Struble:** Good afternoon mayor, commissioners, thanks for having me. My name is Todd Struble and I'm the jade district manager. I wanted to say, first of all, thank you so much for your support of the jams project that's happening on 82nd and Division, that's the furniture store that will eventually be affordable housing and a community center. We drove by on the way over here and we can confirm it's gone. It was demoed over the last week and so it looks completely different and we're really excited to see what changes that project brings to the community so thank you for your support. I think -- I just wanted to follow up and when we were preparing for this, we had a conversation about what I think is going to be the biggest impact on the community going forward. What are my concerns? And what Roslyn mentioned were some of the pbot projects and the trimet projects that are going through our neighborhood. We've seen some really strong accomplishments including the night market and the jams project and we know these transit investments and infrastructure improvements really have the chance to make a positive impact on our community, but the implementation of the investment is just as important as the investment itself and if we can do it in the same model that, you know, the economic development model of being community driven and interacting with the business owners that are in that neighborhood and seeing what their concerns and challenges are, we find that to be -- that's what I'm really concerned about with these investments coming forward. So I'm hoping that we can continue to work with pbot on the project that's coming through with the safety, the education piece has been wonderful, but ourselves and division midway, the business owners are very concerned about what the designs, what's in the details of those designs and how it will impact their businesses. And similarly with the trimet and division transit project investment, we've had the support of funding for a coordinator to do outreach to the business owners in the neighborhood, along the corridor and my understanding is there's going to be an add package that includes funding to continue that work and our coordinator Lin Dohn has done an amazing job supplementing the outreach that we're doing and I would just ask that the city continue to support that work and support that add package. I want to say thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, appreciate it and commissioner Saltzman isn't here today, but I'll make sure your concerns are passed along to pbot, thank you.

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**Struble:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Is that the end of the invited panel? I don't know if there's anybody else who wanted to come up and speak for two minutes on this subject? Don't break my clock. Good afternoon.

**Lightning:** Good afternoon, and if I might before I state my name, I find it unusual that you would only give me two minutes when there's not one other public speaker in here so I'm going to ask for three minutes if you would allow that, presiding officer.

**Wheeler:** Let's start with the two minutes and see where you go with it.

**Lightning:** That's fair enough, but unreasonable. Again, my name is lightning, I represent lightning super watchdog x. Again, to the business owners in here, I absolutely agree with the direction you're going. I absolutely agree with the grants that have been given to you and again, I wish you continued success in the direction you're going. Now, my position may be a little different than a lot of people in here is that from prosper Portland and again, nothing negative against the director of prosper Portland. My position at this point is that I think prosper Portland should be consolidated into the Portland housing bureau. Why I say that and the business owners in here, prosper Portland is beginning to have to increase their revenue off their current holdings within the city and by doing that, they will begin to compete with the other people in the community and at this point, they know that they're going to have to increase their income tremendously over the next few years to really survive and what I'm asking is to consolidate prosper Portland into the Portland housing bureau, continue the services to these good people in here and their businesses, I don't want to take the money away from them by any means, but what we need to do is start understanding the city is not set up to compete against local business owners. That is not the purpose of the city and when we start to see our numbers not make sense, we have to downsize and every business in here understands that from their position. If you can't make it work, you learn to downsize. You learn to make it with little that you can to survive. They are not going to survive without increasing their rents dramatically. I'm asking you to consolidate prosper Portland, move it into the Portland housing bureau and cut the costs tremendously. As you know, the revenue's not going to be there and where's it going to come from? I don't want them competing with the fine business owners throughout the community.

**Wheeler:** A provocative idea and please bring that back during the budget process. We're looking for innovative thinking.

**Lightning:** And I appreciate the two minutes and I know you won't give me three.

**Wheeler:** You didn't need it. You did a very good job.

**Fish:** I move the adoption of the report.

**Fritz:** Second.

**Wheeler:** We have a motion from commissioner Fish, we have a second from commissioner Fritz. Colleagues any further discussions or items? Karla please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Thank you to everybody that was here, we have some days on the council which are pretty thankless and I sometimes question whether we're actually doing any good. I know other people question whether we're doing any good too, but commissioner Fish and I have served on this council for over nine years now and this report makes me really proud and happy to have been part of the recovery from the recession, to have worked with mayor Sam Adams as somebody pointed out and it's really his initiative that got this going and investing in the community so that the community can make decisions and each one of the six and now eight districts are very different and they should be and they're delightful and I'm proud of the partnerships that have come over the years, the Cully association of neighborhoods as well as living Cully and Verde and others, the Cully Concordia neighborhood plan, lots of things that have gone into making it all work and I'm seeing

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Laura and others in the meeting today who have been watching it all the way, so thank you Laura Young and the work that you and others have done in Cully and in each of these districts. What a remarkable story about how a little bit of investment and let's thank the county for agreeing that their dollars can stay in the districts where they come from and let's keep doing this. Thank you so much for being here. Aye.

**Fish:** Thank you for an excellent report. We especially appreciate it when business people take time out of their busy lives to tell us about their stories and one of the things I always appreciate about commissioner Fritz is she's always prompting people to put a little plug on channel 30 about their businesses, but you're taking time away from your day job and you're here to tell us part of your story. There is no substitute for hearing from you about your story and your passion so thank you very much for taking the time. You know, I was listening to lightning and cringing when he proposed merging the housing bureau and prosper Portland because I've been on the council long enough to remember when mayor Adams charged me with taking housing out of what was then called the Portland development commission, now prosper Portland, and now seven years later, there's an idea to put them back. All I will say, the mayor who seemed to warm up to that idea is I do not volunteer for that assignment.

**Wheeler:** It's yours, it's yours commissioner.

**Lightning:** Save Peterson's store then you'll understand what I'm talking about.

**Fish:** There you go. Thank you for an excellent report and we appreciate the time and energy that went into this and I'm very pleased to accept the report, aye.

**Eudaly:** Well, thank you for the report. I have to say I've been watching 42nd avenue develop and unfold with interest because it's relatively close to where I live and I've been so pleased to see small businesses flourishing there and up until recently I didn't know that neighborhood prosperity initiative had anything to do with it. So, it goes to show you with some intention and with some resources, how well we can help our local small businesses flourish. I owe historic Parkrose and the Rosewood initiative area a visit. I'm at least a semi regular if not a regular in the rest of the districts so I'm looking forward to discovering some new, exciting restaurants and shops out there. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Well, thank you everybody who provided testimony today. People who came to share your stories and I always enjoy hearing success stories about small business because as you know, we are a small business city. That isn't to say we don't love our larger employers. We do, but the vast majority of people in Portland work for small business owners and operators and as the demographics in our community change, it's particularly important that we focus as we are through the npj program on communities that have historically been underserved. I love the work that npj does and the work that prosper Portland is doing. It's the nuts and bolts of small business support, technical assistance, both on a temporary basis and on a long-term basis. It's providing critical networking for small business owners and operators so that they can have the opportunity to share ideas and collectively address challenges. So much is being done around employment and ensuring that we're connecting people in our community with economic prosperity opportunities, job fairs, career fairs. Workforce navigation, legal services, all of those kinds of services that are being provided through the program I think are critically important to connecting people with the resources they need to be economically prosperous here in our community and there is never enough that we can do around commercial affordability and making sure that people can continue to have access to workplaces and certainly, it's very important for us to continue to address issues around access to capital, which this program does. So I am very satisfied to hear the results of this report. I think they are overwhelmingly positive. I would like to remind people that this is only one thing that the city of Portland does and it's only one thing that prosper Portland



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does with regard to small business support. There's much more that we do. That said I think there's much more that we can continue to do in the years ahead, people came up here and suggested some very good ideas. So thank you all for being here today, this is excellent, commissioner Fritz will have the last word.

**Fritz:** A couple of things I forgot. First of all, recognizing that rosewood in their partnership with Portland parks and recreation is particularly meaningful to me so I want to thank you for the video, that was very, very moving. And second of all, wishing a happy birthday to my father to my father-in-law Coronal Edwards Fritz, who I would expect he's watching in Cherrywood village. So as a point of personal privilege, happy birthday, dad.

**Wheeler:** So happy birthday to commissioner Fritz's dad. I vote aye. The report is accepted. Thank you, everybody. We are adjourned.

**At 2:53 p.m. council adjourned.**