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MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2018 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Fish and Saltzman, 3.

Motion to elect Commissioner Saltzman as President of the Council:

Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fish. (Y-3)

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

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

		Disposition:
DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS EMERGENCY ITEMS WERE NOT CONSIDERED AND ITEMS WERE NOT HEARD UNDER A CONSENT AGENDA		
COMMUNICATIONS		
724	Request of Brad Perkins to address Council regarding Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
725	Request of Russell McCulley to address Council regarding a viable solution for housing (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
726	Request of Sarah Hobbs to address Council regarding Out of the Darkness Walk (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
727	Request of Colette DeWitt to address Council regarding Relocation Ordinance (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
728	Request of Stan Herman to address Council regarding a request to meet with a Council member (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		

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<p>729</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Declare the Human Access Project’s River Hugger Swim Team based at Portland Fire and Rescue Station 21 Fire House Dock, as the City of Portland’s open water swimming safety ambassadors and the Official Open Water Swim Team of the City (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Saltzman) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to amend 4th WHEREAS to “4% of the Willamette River shoreline in the central city has a sandy, publicly-accessible entry point; add “WHEREAS, the Willamette River is Portland’s second largest public open space”; amend the 9th WHEREAS to delete “adopted to be” and add “for public information”: Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fish. (Y-3) (Y-3)</p>	<p>37372 AS AMENDED</p>
<p>730</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM – Authorize a Development Agreement with Portland State University, Oregon Health Sciences University and Portland Community College for the development and creation of a new commercial multi-level condominium building, known as the Jasmine Block at 401 SW Harrison St (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 15 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 18, 2018 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p>		
<p>731</p>	<p>Appoint Heidi Bullock, Colleen Johnson, Rob Martineau, Dory Robinson and Allan Warman as voting members and Ana Brophy, Van Le and Vera Zaharova as ex-officio members of the Portland Utility Board (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Saltzman. (Y-3)</p>	<p>CONFIRMED</p>
<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler Office of Management and Finance</p>		
<p>732</p>	<p>Accept bid of Wildish Standard Paving Co. for the NE Halsey - Weidler Streetscape Project for \$4,296,641 (Procurement Report – Bid No. 0000915)</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Saltzman. (Y-3)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>733</p>	<p>Accept Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,532,012 from Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. of Oregon for construction related to the Portland Open Space Sequence Restoration Project (Procurement Report – RFP No. 0000617) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Saltzman. (Y-3)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>Commissioner Nick Fish Bureau of Environmental Services</p>		

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734	Authorize a contract with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for professional engineering services for the Asset Management Program for Continuous Collections System Planning Project for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,249,498 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 18, 2018 AT 9:30 AM
735	Authorize a contract with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. to provide design, permitting and construction support engineering services for the Columbia Blvd Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment Expansion Program Project No. E07947 in the amount of \$28,300,000 (Second Reading Agenda 718) (Y-3)	189056A
736	Authorize a contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to provide Program Management, Project Controls and Construction Management Support Services for the Columbia Blvd Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment Expansion and Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Programs Project Nos. E07947 and E10970 in the amount of \$21,800,000 (Second Reading Agenda 719) (Y-3)	189057
	Water Bureau	
737	Authorize a competitive solicitation for utility bill presentment at an estimated cost of \$7,500,000 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 18, 2018 AT 9:30 AM
DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WERE NO 2:00 PM MEETINGS WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY, July 11-12, 2018		

At 11:26 a.m., Council adjourned.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland



By **Karla Moore-Love**
Clerk of the Council

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9:30 AM

Wheeler: Good morning, everybody. This is the July 11, 2018 session of the Portland city council. Please call the roll. [roll taken]

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

Wheeler: I would like to recognize, commissioner Fish brought it to my attention that we have a number of high school interns here today. They have been interning with the bureau of environmental service. Could you please stand up, and let's suspend the rules for a moment and recognize them. [applause] could you go down the line and mention your name and which high school you are from?

Wheeler: Congratulations. Thank you very much for being here. We appreciate it. So, colleagues it is that time of the year where we need to select a new city council president. I would like to make a motion that dan Saltzman be the council president for the next six months.

Fish: Mayor, I can't think of a better selection. I know you spent a lot of time in thought and prayer, and I am pleased to support the decision and second it.

Wheeler: Very good. Karla, please call the roll.

Saltzman: I willingly accept, aye.

Fish: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The appointment is approved. Congratulations. That's what you get. There it is. First up we have communications. If you could call the first individual, please, Karla for communications.

Item 724.

Wheeler: Brad is coming up, I will turn it legal counsel.

Denis Vannier, Senior Deputy City Attorney: Welcome to the Portland city council. The city council represents all Portlanders and meets to do the city's business. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during the city council meetings so that everyone can feel welcome, comfortable, respected, and safe. To participate in the city council meetings, you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to speak briefly about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist, and if you are representing -- I want sorry, an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three Minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have 30 seconds left a yellow light goes on and when your time is done a red light goes on. If you are in the audience and would like to show your support for something said, please feel free to do a thumbs up. If you want to express, you do not support something feel free to do a thumb's down. Disruptive conduct, such as shouting arrest interrupting testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being rejected for the remainder of the meeting. After being rejected a person who fails to leave the meeting is subject to arrest for trespass. Thank you for helping your fellow Portlanders feel welcome, comfortable, respected and safe.

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Brad Perkins: Thank you very much. Good morning, counselors. Thank you for the time to bring this up again. First of all, for any big project such as the Sullivan's gulch bridge, there is a cause and effect. When planning something of that size, of transportation, it does cause other corridors to be created. Okay. And that is the ultimate goal here for our committee, the trail committee that we are calling a trail committee. There needs to be a will within the city in order to do this. We thought we created that will through this document that was signed and approved by the council in 2012, so here we are again. Having to get these petitions going to ask the city council again to direct your staff to get on this. Right now, they are planning a bridge across the 84 that will not allow ada approval and the Sullivan gulch connection to the bridge. There has to be a bike-only proposition. I am okay with that, but I don't know if the community is, okay. You only get a 6% grade, gradation from the point at 7th down to underneath the MLK and grand avenue highways, what's needed is a 5% grade, by locating the bridge head on 7th, prevents enough distance for that grade to be lessened. Okay. If it was on 8th or 9th were which we suggested. Number two, PBOT will go ahead with the plans to the crossings at grand avenue and martin Luther king boulevard via Lloyd boulevard. I sit here today so that I can be recorded as a representative of the sg trail committee to fully warn the city of Portland of the injury and death potential of these two intersections. Most bicyclists will travel west from the sg bridge to downtown or north Williams, Vancouver, or the promenade. Rather than build the bridge and wait for serious injury and lawsuits against the city to occur, the trail needs to go under these two highways as part of the sg bridge development. Also congestion pricing, we need to plan a way in which this regressive tax is going to be caused, is another alternative for people to commute to work, with the north Willamette greenway going from the rose quarter north to Kelley pointe and also what we are trying to do, get out to Multnomah falls on this, it will be a clear alternative for bicyclists that come in as, you know, to avoid the congestion on the freeway and the pricing regarding that. I have a question for the mayor, are you still in control of all of the departments?

Wheeler: No.

Perkins: Okay. Who is in charge of the pbot today?

Wheeler: The gentleman sitting to my left.

Perkins: Okay.

Wheeler: The council president.

Perkins: I asked to have a meeting with you ted because I have not been able to get through to commissioner Saltzman on this -- these two critical issues. So would you be willing to meet on this?

Wheeler: I would be happy to meet, I will be happy to sit down with you. If you -- it looks like you have a document? If you leave that with me I will have a chance to read that in advance as well.

Perkins: Did you get a copy?

Karla: It's on the desk.

Wheeler: Okay.

Perkins: If you look at that there is a comparison between the green loop and what we provided, mainly what we have here is something in the planning stages For 75 years versus the green loop which is only for three years. We know this is something that the community really wants. This took us two hours to do.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Perkins: We would appreciate for the council to take another look and action on this. I appreciate the time.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next individual, please.

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Wheeler: Brad, could you just chat with Mustafa before you leave and we will set something up. Good morning, sir.

Russell McCulley: Good morning members of the committee, my name is russell mcculley. I am here to speak about a possible solution for the housing situation. What I am proposing is something along the lines of these affordable housing units that we have going up now, you know, 500 units or so in a chunk, possibly connected to a vertical garden where these people can raise all of the food that they are going to need and more. Associated with a store that they can sell their produce and bringing in income. It will be a sustainable, repeatable solution. Something instead of reinventing the wheel every time with the soup kitchen and houses there. We can do several of these communities. Eventually hopefully they will pay for themselves. They are not a burden on the government. That's never been a good solution anyway. So I think that it's a Sustainable, repeatable solution with the gardening and a store and there would be plenty other jobs associated with this, you know, maintenance and there could be stores, there could be an office so these people can get their social needs met or whatever, whatever they might be. It's just a very simple solution. And I have a lot of details. I am not going to bore you now with those if you are interested. You have my contact information. And it's something that I would be really interested in seeing. And the one thing, I would like to bring up at this time, possibly in the future on these protests, when we have competing protesters, we don't get a permit across the street from each other, we can see it on the news that way.

Wheeler: Thank you. Your vision is a good one, very intriguing. Thank you. Next individual.

Item 726.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Sarah Hobbs: Good morning. For the record I am Sarah Hobbs. I am here today representing the Oregon state chapter of the american foundation for suicide prevention. I have come to invite you all to out of the darkness walk at veteran's memorial coliseum. This is a yearly fundraiser. There is a lot of information. Suicide prevention research is one of them, suicide is the tenth leading killer of all people in the united states, and out of 50 states, Oregon is at number 13 for its rate of Suicide. On face value we can be very depressed and overwhelmed. It is doing a lot of work to address the issue. Our three national priorities this year is a collaboration with the department of defense, veteran affairs, to address the issues of active duty and veteran suicide prevention, collaboration with the lgbtq community for suicide prevention, specifically with an emphasis of lgbtq youth. And working with the sports foundation to teach gun, harm reduction at the point of sale. So while there is three national priorities, there is a lot of work done, too. 82% of all gun deaths in the state of Oregon are suicides. So we're really working on the state level to work to get out the information about the harm reduction point of sale. This is a bit of the work that we are doing. They have an amazing support program for survivors of suicide loss, and we are partnering with the Portland stuggy foundation to address the specific needs of children and youth who are survivors of suicide loss. I was not able to get our event flyer in time for today, but I really gave you all some good information. If you could do like the mayor has done, I would appreciate it, thank you. I did notice that. So again please plan on joining us October 6 at the front of the veteran's Anaheim angel coliseum, you know. Thank you.

Wheeler: Great. Thank you for bringing this to everybody's attention. This is a very, very important initiative.

Hobbs: The flyers, it's general information about what the foundation is doing, and then specific to the harm's reduction point of sale, and lgbtq collaboration.

Wheeler: If you get the flyers bring them by and we will post them. Appreciate it. Next individual, please.

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Item 727.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Colette Dewitt: Good morning. I want to record this. Hello. My name is colette dewitt. I think you all received a little paper that I wrote you. I am here on behalf of myself and anyone else in my position. I have much to say about this, and I decided today that I would take the time to inform you about the kind of citizen you decided to throw under the bus. That's the best way that I can say it. By passing a relocation ordinance. Here is some family history. My father started the diesel mechanics program at Portland community college on Albina with seven students. Debernardis gave him one quarter of the rock creek campus to start a diesel mechanic program, and it is still going strong today. My husband, stan, has been on the planning commission, and the two of us started natures. We grew from a small store on Corbett to five stores and two restaurants, and unfortunately, we divorced. During that time my step daughter, who I was very close to and lived with us was killed on mount hood in the oes climb. Previous disaster and my life here in the city was that my sister and a friend and I moved in to an apartment building across from the art museum where the plaza next to the historical society is. It was cheaper than the Portland student services at Portland state. While we were living there in an ice storm, an arsonist set the building on fire. We all escaped. Two people died on the floor. So my life here has been full of wonderful things and tragic things. I have one property. It decreased in value in 2011 to 13, and I couldn't find a good job. I just turned 65. I am that generation. People lost their jobs. I decided to go to south korea to teach english. I was a teacher when I met stan. I taught there for five years. I have come home. You want me to pay the people I have rented to, \$4,200 to move out of my only home. I got 350 from the red cross when everything I owned burned.

Fish: So colette dewitt, thank you for coming in. Obviously sharing your story with us. Who have you made contact with at the city about the amendments that we adopted to rent a relocation? There is specific provisions that deal with people that want to reclaim their own units.

DeWitt: No, they are not. I went to housing first. They apologized to me and said that I am sorry. We used to have an exception for someone like you, but it's gone. Then they said if you were gone three years or less, I was gone five.

Fish: Can I just -- this is a chance for you to educate us about your concern. We have an ongoing process of refinement of that particular law. We have a committee. Would you mind submitting your particular case to the committee because we are on an ongoing basis.

DeWitt: Can I meet with the committee?

Fish: You can.

DeWitt: I will come to meetings and discuss it.

Fish: So it's a group that is convened by the housing bureau of landlords and tenants. We get feedback about tweaks to the law if there is something out of whack. It sounds like you have a compelling story to share that they should hear, and we should be able to consider when there is any changes that impact you or a class of people like you. I would encourage you to do that.

DeWitt: All right.

Wheeler: And thank you for the information. You are correct, the current time frame is three years, the exemption. So in another five years you would not qualify. That's correct.

DeWitt: The housing -- the housing department told me that they were very sorry and to come here.

Wheeler: Very good, thank you.

DeWitt: So what happens?

Wheeler: Cupid has your phone number.

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DeWitt: He called me on this day off when he got my email.

Wheeler: We will make sure that he connects you with the committee and I am sure that they would like to hear you.

DeWitt: How often does it meet?

Wheeler: On a monthly basis.

DeWitt: Okay. Thank you.

Wheeler: Next individual.

Item 728.

Stan Herman: Good morning. I will try to be brief this time. Before the record now I must switch from business communication to a political agenda. Again, 19 months now, no answers from Portland's mayor or the city council. Mr. Mayor, your director of communication, michael, stated to me that he would call me. After giving him three reminders to call me, still no calls. You ordered michelle to meet with me. After three times communicating with her, no response. My question to you on record, commissioner, that's not present, Fritz, Saltzman, Fish, mr. Mayor, on record, why do you not provide me time to discuss, to discuss an issue that I have with the city.

Wheeler: I would be Very happy to meet with you. This council session will not go -- why don't we set 11:30 today my office.

Fish: That could be a crowded meeting but go ahead. You set up a meeting with one of your colleagues for 11:30.

Wheeler: We will call it noon.

Herman: I have a conference call at noon.

Wheeler: How about 12:30?

Herman: How about anything after 2:30. Or tomorrow would be fine.

Wheeler: How about 4:30?

Herman: 4:30, we can do that.

Wheeler: See you at my office, 4:30. Done. So that gets us to time certain, first item, 729. Please read that Karla. Thank you.

Item 729.

Fish: Before we take this up because we have high school students here watching democracy in action we should point out that because there is only three of us today we do not have a sufficient quorum to take up the consent agenda or emergency items, so that's why we are going to skip -- there is no consent agenda, which is for relatively minor matters that can be dealt with as a collection of items. We will not be taking up emergency items that would otherwise go into effect right away because we only have three members of the council. So you are here on an unusual day. Normally we have at least four. That's one of the consequences Of only having three. Mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. First I want to acknowledge the river huggers are here. They are easy to spot. They are wearing the bright aqua water colored shirts. We have got, I think, the youngest river hugger here this morning. Bouncing over there on the side. Since the inception in 2010 the human access project has worked to realize the mission of transforming Portland's relationship with the willamette river. They have organized many events that have encouraged Portlanders to experience their river in many ways. Such as the big float. The recreational protest swim, and the mayoral swim, which by the way is this afternoon. You should all come join myself and the river huggers at 5:30 p.m. Stan I will try and get you to come so be ready for that. We are jumping in at the station 21 firehouse dock on the east side of the river across the hawthorne bridge. Because of their incredible efforts over the past eight years, Portlanders have a better understanding of the experience of the willamette river. To date, the human access project has helped to direct over 10,000 people wanting to recreate in the willamette. The river hugger swim team is an important part of continued efforts. Since the fall of 2014, the team has worked very closely

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with Portland fire and safety to implement safety measures that encourage individuals to recreate and to swim in the river. The swim team also is a fantastic example of what it means to serve the community in an inclusive way. River huggers draw people from all neighborhoods in the city, and it's open to all swimmers able to swim a mile under 45 minutes. I am excited to recognize the river huggers and the human access project in this resolution which proposes the station 21 firehouse dock as the permanent home of the river huggers and designates them as the city of Portland's open water swimming safety ambassadors and the open water swim team of the city of Portland. With that I would like to turn this over to my colleague, commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you, mayor. We are fortunate to live in a city that has access to a wealth of natural and outdoor resources ranging from our amazing parks and trails, beautiful gardens, and the willamette river. Today we are here to acknowledge those who have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and to make the great river accessible to all. Specifically the human access project river hugger swim team and their partnership with Portland fire and rescue and Portland parks and recreation. We want to ensure the willamette is a safe environment where people can have a good time, with this amazing weather we are experiencing relief from the heat, it's a great opportunity to get out and enjoy events like this. Or the mayoral swim at 5:30. We are thankful for river huggers in making the willamette a safer, more accessible place for all Portlanders. And I would like to turn it over to Willie from the human access project. Willie.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Willie Levenson, Ringleader, Human Access Project: Good morning. Just really briefly. I would like to express sincerest thanks to commissioner Saltzman's office. Appreciate the long-term that you have given to the city of Portland, all the contributions you have made and the different bureaus that you have seen, and we will continue to be involved with the city and being able to provide council to the future people who come. I know that there is going to be a scrum for Matt once he goes. This is, this resolution is really great thanks to the leadership of Matt. So I want to give thanks to him, and also Chief Myers. What an outstanding leader. Just -- you talk to him, and he has this uncanny ability to listen and absorb what you are saying. And he's such a, a mellow person. What a great person to have in charge of such an important first response. And so we are thankful for the relationship with the city and, you know, and it's great to be acknowledged at this point, and really is an advocate to the biggest thing I strive for is having the benefit of the doubt when I call people to be able to have them pick it up and say Willie, great, how can I help you? I would like to feel like we never ask for anything that is not unreasonable things and when I call I am trying to solve problems so grateful for this day and thank you again.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Saltzman: Mayor, I have some amendments, I don't know if you have copies of these, they were provided to us by Portland parks and recreation. We don't have copies. I will read, I will read the amendments. One is to clarify the 4% of the willamette river shoreline in the central city as a sandy publicly accessible entry point. The resolution says 5% so we will correct that with 4%. And add a whereas the willamette river is Portland's second largest public open space. And then to modify one of the whereas's to state that the swimming safety policy was vetted with Portland fire, Multnomah county river patrol, and U.S. Coast guard and AMR river rescue. And was adopted later and used for public information by Portland parks and recreation.

Fish: I second the package of amendments.

Wheeler: We have a motion and second. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The amendments are adopted. That's it. Public testimony.

Karla: We have 11 people signed up.

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Wheeler: When your name is called, just mike up. The microphones slide around. We have this novelty sign that says keep the mic about six to eight inches away. There is a yellow light that will go on 30 seconds before your time is up. You will see a red light.

Leah Middlebrook: Good morning. Thank you for resolution. And thank you for your comments. As a relative newcomer to Portland, when I moved to Portland, the river huggers was one of the first ways in which I began to experience community here. And I just wanted to express my excitement at the way that the city has embraced the human access project and the river huggers. I also wanted to share with you what it's like, I live in southeast, and so I go down to the wood dock fairly often, and when there I hear all kinds of languages being spoken, and I really enjoy talking with people who are visiting Portland. From other places who know that one of the cool things to do in Portland is plunge in the river. I am so excited that we are now ever more in a position to show Portlanders from all neighborhoods and all areas how much of a resource the river is and to continue to make it accessible and inclusive. So the support of the mayor and the city council just helps us to extend that and makes it safer and makes it more popular and makes it more inclusive and we have a gem. Thank you for supporting it.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. We appreciate it. Good morning.

Andrea Milano: Good morning. Thank you. I am andrea milano, a public librarian. And saturday morning, this saturday morning, Fish were jumping. The skies were clearing. The water was fine. I am so happy to swim in the willamette river with the salmon. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here.

Joe Walsh: I am joe walsh, and I represent individuals for justice. And the river is polluted. So says the river keepers. If you go on their website you will see that they talk about lead. They talk about mercury. They talk about run-off from the city. What the hell are you doing? You know, there is two things that I think that the american people think that we have gone nuts. This is one of them. The other is trump. You are going to take children who have open sores all the time into a river that's been contaminated. But you take samples from the top. You say it's good. Let's go for a swim. Are you nuts? Are you going to knock the poops out of the way as you swim? There is raw sewage in the river, mayor. Don't laugh. It's not funny. You talk about tens of thousands of people that have swam. Has anybody does a study of how many got sick after they swam? No. The river keepers warn you. They are not here to support this. The river, the river huggers are here, they hug the river. They push the poops out of the way and hug the river. Why are you doing this? What purpose can you say to me, mr. Walsh. We are going to go for a swim in a polluted river, and this is the reason that we are doing it. Go ahead mayor, finish that sentence.

Wheeler: I do it because it's fun. Because it's an opportunity to share with like minded individuals. Because the quality of the water is great. I have gone many times and never gotten sick. And because it's there. And because it's a fantastic resource for the people of our city. And because more and more people are taking an interest in activating the waterfront and participating. So that's why. It's purely voluntary, mr. Walsh. You don't have to show up. Next three, please. Thank you. Mr. Walsh, excuse me, mr. Walsh, this is in violation of council rules. Goodbye mr. Walsh. Thank you.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Hilary Evart: Good morning. I am hilary, and i've been a river hugger, swimmer since the get-go. I consider myself a healthy person, and I credit my morning swims and the river three days a week to that. And so not only do I feel like it's making me healthier, but I do feel safe, and I know that there is a lot of people to speak about our swim team, but I think that I am the only one that brought one of our float bags so I thought that I would show you what it is. So it carries my possessions in here. I blow it up. And if I ever had a cramp, it's a floaty. It makes me more visible. And I have a whistle on it if I ever needed help. And I think that one thing that we did not mention is when we go on the swims, that we have a

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bunch of great volunteer and safety kayakers and standup paddlers that accompany us, so, and I just love, I love swimming, and I am as healthy as a horse. Thanks.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning. Thank you.

Stephanie Debner: Good morning. I am stephanie. And I moved here from minnesota about 12 or so years ago. Minneapolis is a city with a great relationship with the public waterways and that's how a lot of the citizens really connect with the city. I am so pleased that Portland is Developing that same relationship with the waterways available to it. When I joined the river huggers four years ago, and joined this great community of people embracing the resources that we have here, that was the thing that made me feel like I was finally really home here in Portland. It's just such a wonderful thing you know, to see the sun come up over the city and the water with Fish. We have seen heron flying nearby, and roosting as we swim by. And also to share the river with the paddlers and the kayakers and all of the crew teams and everybody out there enjoying the river and the city from that perspective.

Margot McKirdy: I am proud to be a river hugger. I've been swimming with the river huggers for three years. I also, in addition to the river huggers, there are a lot of other groups that are swimming in the river. I swim off of the fire dock and sellwood and out of the milwaukee dock and all the stretches are equally beautiful. This last weekend I participated in the Portland bridge swim, it was put on by the willamette river keepers. The national championship brought people from all over the country and even beyond our country to swim in our river and a lot of people came up to me and commented on how clean and wonderful our river felt, and I felt very proud to be an ambassador of that river.

Wheeler: Was this the First time that you had done that?

McKirdy: I did it as a relay last year but it was my first time swimming.

Wheeler: How long did it take you?

McKirdy: Six hours and 20 minutes.

Wheeler: Congratulation s. That's awesome.

McKirdy: I feel healthy and strong today.

Wheeler: You look it.

McKirdy: I am an early child educator and I have been -- I feel safe and happy to -- I bring my kids down to the waterfront. Last year with all the work that they did cleaning up the beach. We brought our kids down to the inaugural ceremony opening up poet's beach. It gives the kids an opportunity to engage with their community, see the city from a different perspective, and also be active participants in our community.

Wheeler: And I look forward to doing that some year when I can get the training in. I really admire people who do that full swim and I think that it's great that you also mentioned that the river keepers are a co-sponsor of that river swim. You are swimming in the water, not eating the dirt on the bottom. Thank you. Good morning. Welcome.

Gretchen Jackson: I am gretchen jackson. I am a river hugger, four years, and my relationship fundamentally changed with the city. The moment that I jumped in the water. I have lived here for a decade, and I come, I come from the midwest where water is celebrated and used regularly. We use it for vistas but also for plunging in and refreshing ourselves. And the moment willy invited folks out to cross the willamette, it really changed the way that I see the city. So much in fact, that I became a swim coach, so that I could teach others to do the same effective swimming because the channel can be daunting for most. The priority is getting cleaner and cleaner waters, and the gentleman that spoke is not telling some untruths because at the bottom of the river there are dangerous pollutants where we swim, there is not. And that was a concern when I first started to swim. I called the usgs and spoke with their scientist, and I spoke about the frequency up to five times a week that I was swimming for hours on end. And they verified that the water is safe when it's not churned. Those are things that I watch out for. I get usgs alerts that tell me the

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turbidity, the particles on the top of the surface and I don't swim when it's churned, and luckily those times are in the winter, so I do winter swim. We have swimmers in the willamette every week of the year. Amazingly enough. And it's just an amazing resource that I continue to work for access to, inclusive of all. Even if you don't know how to swim currently.

Fish: Can I add one comment to what, to your excellent testimony. I have the honor of leading the bureau of environmental services, and on our website we have real-time data about the health and safety of the river. So anyone that has a question or a concern about whether it's a good time to swim or not, and obviously we discourage people from doing it after big storms. For obvious reasons, sometimes it overwhelms our sewer overflow system but by and large the data that we published says it's safe for people to go in, particularly at the locations that we are talking about.

Jackson: Absolutely.

Fish: We are not talking about the middle of harbor but upstream, and I think that that's important for people to know.

Jackson: Bravo for seeing the river here and above. It's represented in council every day.

Fish: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Janie Malloy: I am janie malloy, and I am the instigator for the river huggers, and I love this community. I am so pleased and happy to be here and thank you very much for what you have done. To promote swimming in the river. I started swimming when I was three. I have swam in this river. I have swam in clackamas cove. I go over to lake vancouver and swim throughout the area. I am a u.s. Master swimmer all-american swimmer and national open water swimmer Title holder so I know a bit about water, swimming in cold and clean water, and I promote it, and I teach children how to swim. And not this one yet. But if you want to be healthy and you want to experience the magic and the joy of being alive, doing it from the river is an amazing thing. You get into your head but then you are so grateful and you breathe deeply and you see the mountains and the clouds and the water, and it is spectacular. Tomorrow I am heading to foster lake to do a competitive usms swim, and thank you very much for supporting our sport. Just overall health and wellbeing of people. Thank you.

Fish: Can I ask you a question? The mayor likes to tout the mountains he's climbed and the iron man things that he's entered into. I am just curious if you and he were to -- if you and he were to have a measured race along the willamette, how much of a head start would you have to give him in order to make it a fair race?

Malloy: I don't know. Let's try today, ted. We have a date at 5:30 but you have to bring the baby.

Fish: All right.

Wheeler: That raises a funny story. I did the swim last year with my daughter then ten. She's a pretty good swimmer. She'd never been in an open water scenario but she loved jumping in. That was the highlight of it. She loved swimming for the first 50 yards. And we went under the hawthorne bridge, and she started to freak out a bit about the bridge. It was something about the bridge so she jumped on my back promptly. I swam the rest of the way across with my daughter on my back. So I asked her if she wanted to come today, and unfortunately she's doing roller derby today, at roller derby camp. But I like to think that river swimming toughens you up a bit as well. But your comments about sensory deprivation, that's one of the reasons that I love it. When you are swimming, you are very much in the moment. You are very much in the moment.

Malloy: Yes. It's liquid therapy.

Wheeler: It's an amazing experience. You stated it so well. Thank you.

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Dan: I will be brief. I am dan, the first time that I have done anything like this, so I am a little nervous. I am an 18-year resident of Portland. I come from san francisco. I love the city. I just have fallen in love and been in love with it for the last 18 years. I grew up or was raised on a wild river fork of the salmon in california where I learned to swim. I am a surfer. I surf in the ocean. There is just something about swimming in a wild space that is unlike anything else, unlike -- it's just wild. It connects you to nature. When I view Portland I view it as an outdoor city. It's an -- there is hikers. There is Fishers, there is bikers, there is climbers, all that sort of stuff. And when I view this city I love in the sort of michelle delaqua picture painting that you put out to the world. I view all those things, and I also view the swimmers safely swimming in our Portland river. Thank you.

Wheeler: Appreciate it. Thank you all, all three of you for being here.

Mark Burton: Good morning, am I starting?

Ruth Williams: I am ruth williams, a safety kayaker for the river huggers. And I am also a certified arborist, and a mother of twins. And when I was pregnant with them, I was really sick, and so I was just kayaking instead of swimming. Just getting out there in the morning and kayaking across the river was really healing for me and really just settling and it really helped, I think, helped my pregnancy and helped them to settle. This community has been so amazing to us and to our family to be able to participate in this kind of competitive -- not really competitive but participate throughout my pregnancy and throughout them being really little. Just really welcomed it. It is an inclusive group. They welcome all ages and abilities, and safety kayaking is a wonderful alternative, additional way to get involved. We checked the bureau of environmental services, the Levels for the pollutants, and we look at that website a lot, and we love that it's on facebook, and as well, and it gives us updates. We are just really, really grateful for the resources. And I am here to say thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for coming in and reminding us all that there is lots of ways to engage at the river. Really appreciate it. Congratulations.

Burton: Hello. I am mark burton. I swam first with the river huggers three years ago. And I came here from chicago in 1992, and I greatly enjoyed swimming in lake michigan, in the open water. And so would do so here in the mountain lakes from time to time. When -- my understanding that, it was an opportunity to swim in the river, that was great, close to home. Can swim more often. And enjoy the outdoors because I find it so much more enjoyable. And refreshing than swimming in a swimming pool, which I still do but not as pleasant. So I think one of the nice things about this developing more and more is there is more people coming to Portland and more dense and more and more important for people to have ways of recreating in the outdoors. And swimming in the rivers, it's a wonderful way to do that, and there are plenty of people who they prefer swimming over jogging around the river. And so I am really appreciative of the river huggers for that Opportunity and for what you have done to accept and endorse that. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Mimi German: I am Mimi German, and I am here to demand that we end the occupation by ice of the ice building. Until that happens, I am going to come up to this table, and I am going to request very strongly. I am going to stand and tell you that it's time for extraordinary measures to occur to get rid of ice.

Wheeler: I am happy to hear you out, but you are in violation of council rules. Mimi: Excuse me: We will take a five-minute recess. Five-minute recess, we will be right back.
[recess taken]

Lightning: I am lightning, I do have some concerns with issues pertaining to the toxic waste in the river, 76ersed from the ships going by. Various things, especially if you have a concern with children out in the river, you cannot overlook that, you have to look at what's best for your children. We live in an area that's toxic, polluted, been neglected over many years, and in all the optimism in here and I respect that. Never put your children's safety in

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jeopardy. Understand the tests done on that river, understand what's been dumped in that river. Understand which can leech up through the sediment of the river. Be cautious with your children, As an adult over 18, I don't care what you do. I really don't. Stay within the law. I could care less. But whether it comes to your children, make sure that what you are doing is protecting their safety first over your beliefs that this river is clean, there are so many tests that would otherwise say it is not clean. There is so many tests saying the river has been neglected, think of your children, think of the test, feel free to jump in that river any time that it's -- as an adult, but I would urge you when I talk to the epa, when I talk to these people, they said that they want to get near this damn river. Protect your children. Do not sugar coat this. As adults, do what the hell you want, but protect your kids. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. That concludes our testimony. I understand that willie there is a video that you wanted to show? Come on up and let's take a look at it.

Karla: You can use the play button.

Willie Levenson: This video was done by rich. How do you say your last name, rich? Okay. I should have that down. Rich does a lot of video work, super talented, and I hope you enjoy. Thank you.

Levenson: Hold on, I will go ahead and let's queue it up and make sure. You have got the volume up. Are we ready?

Wheeler: Good to go.

Levenson: The human access project is a movement to skies of a party. We're a grassroots nonprofit run by volunteers. We put on the big summer beach party. We have a swim team, the river huggers, who combine activism and fitness. We have this huge open blue space. We are a city that literally surrounds this huge waterway. There are very, very few public access points. Floating and swimming are just part of the half movement. Human access to the river is what we are all about. Our mission, to transform Portland's relationship with the Willamette river. How? Advocacy, and making waves while sitting in an inner tube or swimming across the river. McCall beach. Before. After. Poet's Beach, Before, after. Utilize our project.

Wheeler: Nice. [applause] very good. So does that conclude the presentation?

Levenson: That is it.

Wheeler: All right, we will get to lengthy speeches here, Karla, please call the roll on the resolution.

Saltzman: I am really very impressed with the river huggers who showed up today and their personal testaments to their relationship with the river. As I am impressed with our mayor, who is going to do swims in the river. I think that, you know, nothing like a mayor setting an example and drawing attention to an issue. Than swimming in the river, and I want to really acknowledge willy leveson for all the attention he's refocused on the river. You have done a remarkable job, and I really am respectful of all that you have done to get our public and our, our residents feeling good about the river again. I wanted to say I appreciate willy, your words of praise from matt in my office but I also wanted to thank jean of my office, too, who worked very hard on this. And our fire marshal who worked with you to get us to the point today where Portland fire and rescue feels comfortable with the river huggers using dock 21 as their permanent home. Pleased to support this. Aye.

Fish: Dan gave me speech, so I will be briefer. I want to associate myself with everything he just said, and I appreciate that mack was called out, and I can assure you that every bureau in the city has offers in to matt. One of his great qualities, and we share an office, not an office, a door between offices. In city government, there is a very precious quality. A great talent that he's developed. How long has matt been on the team?

Saltzman: As long as i've been here...20 years

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Fish: That's a lot of experience, so thank you matt. I want to acknowledge mike Lindbergh, who is one of your great champions. He has been talking this up for a long time, and willy, congratulations to you. Everyone who joined us today and to the mayor and commissioner Saltzman for bringing this forward. Thank you. Aye.

Wheeler: I want to thank everybody, all the same people, maybe I will just do it in a different order, and it will sound original. Willie, thank you for your guidance, for your leadership, for your tenacity, for your vision, and for continuing to encourage people to engage and live with the river. For too many years this city really abused its river as a number of people testified today. The reality is that the city spent heavily to change that legacy. Under commissioner Saltzman and commissioner Fish's leadership, the city invested over a billion dollars in the big pipe project, which has significantly reduced the outflow, the monitoring is much more efficient than it used to be. There are more people with eyes on the river. The city has re-engaged. We are working heavily on the superfund site. And all those things spell increased health, increased accessible, and increased habitat. Along the river. And the river is becoming much healthier than it used to be. It is a good place to swim and a good place to recreate, not everybody has to be a swimmer. The river huggers would be the first people to say that you don't have to be a swimmer. But there is many ways that you can enjoy and engage with the river, whether it's just sitting on the beach, with a good book, and with family members, or having a picnic, or whether it's being on a paddle board, somebody mentioned earlier this morning, or whether it's engaging in other ways, and maybe going down and sitting on a dock, and all of those things are worthy past times. We have too long been a city adjacent to the river, now we are going to become a city of the river again. I think that it was interesting that this morning's testimony highlighted that it's not without controversy. Old views of this river are going to die very, very hard. And the only way that we are going to be able to change the perception is number one, by making the investments to clean the river and keep it clean and maintain the habitat, and number two, for people to really engage the river and encourage other people, family members, friends, co-workers, to come down and to participate and see that it really is a new day on the Willamette river. I want to thank commissioner Saltzman in particular. This resolution, although I am a fan of the human access project and the river huggers, this was really dan's team. He and matt Grumm and others worked really hard on this Resolution and making sure that it captured the spirit and the objectives of this effort, and so I want to applaud you, dan, and I want to thank matt for his hard work on this. And I want to thank the river huggers who came in today and took time from your work and families and from other commitments to come here and to share this great asset with the people of this city. I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. Thank you all very much for being here. And I will see you today at the dock at 5:30. [gavel pounded] the resolution is adopted. Thank you. You can clap, that's okay. That's okay. [applause] thank you all for coming and sorry about the disruption. That happens from time to time. Next item, 730, please, Karla.

Item 730.

Wheeler: Colleagues, it's my pleasure to present for council approval the authorization of the development agreement between the city, Portland state university, and Oregon health and sciences university, and pcc, with the support of the prosper Portland, for the collaborative development of the site at 4th and Montgomery. This agreement marks the achievement of an important project milestone and has been many years in the making. This partnership provides a means to leverage our resources and funding to achieve common goals that we share and provide a community asset that will Serve a broad range of citizens and create long-term partnerships with the owners of the project. Here to present on behalf of the office of management and finance, of course, is chief administrative officer tom Rinehart. And good morning. Mr. Rinehart. Welcome.

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Tom Rinehart, Chief Administrative Officer: Mayor, thank you. For the record, tom Rinehart, proud to be the city's chief administrative officer. We are happy to be here to ask council to authorize this development agreement for a new seventh story commercial condominium building. It is located between 4th and 5th avenue, and now branded as the 4th and Montgomery building. This partnership is an opportunity to offset the shortage of city owned office space within the downtown core and reduce the amount of lease spaces we need to accommodate the future bureau needs as our city grows. In May 2017, council approved the bond financing of the project. Not to exceed \$20 million. Plus, additional amounts sufficient to pay the costs related to the bonds. I want to emphasize that the development agreement before you today include two main components. Number one, it outlines rules and responsibilities for all the partners. Specifically, the decision-making processes, the design process, and the project Budget, the schedule, and the property conveyance. Number two, it identifies each owner's square footage requirements and funding responsibilities. An often-asked question is who will be in this building from the city of Portland, and we believe it is most likely the beautiful of planning and sustainability will move employees into the space. We are grateful today to have representatives from many, if not all of the partners. I believe all of the partners are represented today, and I want to acknowledge them before I hand it off to dan from Portland state. From prosper Portland, I think that I saw Lisa, do we have Lisa? If you could raise your hand behind me. When I call your name, so council can see you. I think that I saw lisa here. From Portland community college, lisa degman from ohsu, jennifer taylor. I am watching the.

Wheeler: They are all here so far. Check and check.

Rinehart: From srg partnership, lead architected, sam and lori. And of course dan is here from Portland state university, our anchor partner. Dan is going to take us through the rest of the presentation, and then we will answer any questions that council has.

Wheeler: Very good.

Dan Zalkow: Wheeler and city council, thank you for the opportunity to share information about the exciting project. As the associate vice president For planning and construction real estate at psu, I have had the privilege of working on this project since the conception about five years ago. Per the development agreement, psu is leading project management and has been delegated responsibility for contracting and accounting services. We take this responsibility very seriously, and are extremely committed to being diligent stewards of our collective resources. Anderson construction, constructed the building and many consultants and trade partners have been broad onboard. We are on track to exceed our collective goal that at least 20% of firms hired by the design team and contractor are minority women, disabled or emerging small business owned. And we have had two design advice requests meetings, and we will be before the design commission on august 2 for our land use hearing, if all goes well, as anticipated we plan to break ground in a few months, and then two years later, around October 2020, the building will open. This has been an extremely positive collaborative relationship between the four partners. We have worked very well together over the last year. The building occupants will include at least five yet to be determined retailers. Psu's school of education, the joint school of public education, Portland community college's dental programs and Their community clinic as well as the city bureau to tom noted. I can speak for all of the city's partners on this project in thanking you all and prosper Portland and the office of management and finance for your continued support.

Rinehart: We are enthusiastic about the partnership. We are happy to take any questions that you have. Please don't ask me to manipulate the slides. I did my best. That was a great job.

Wheeler: I will make one minor correction. It's the psu, ohsu joint school of public health that --

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Rinehart: Thank you.

Wheeler: No worries. My job is done here.

Saltzman: Will this building be the lead gold.

Zalkow: Aspiring to be lead platinum.

Fish: I want to offer a two-minute history lesson. We have to keep on track, so the mayor can meet his 11:30 appointment with one of his colleagues. But this project started under mayor adams, and it was mayor adams who led a comprehensive effort that led to the creation of the so-called education urban renewal district. One of the casualties of having serial one-term mayors is that a new mayor can come in and can change whatever he or she wants, and as a result, we have seen some lack of continuity on some major projects. The mayor came in, was a skeptic of the education ura, and actually pulled the plug on it. Interestingly one of the council Members that agreed with him in terms of the utility of an education ura was commissioner Fritz. The commissioner Fritz thought that a bargain, a deal, a commitment had been made to Portland state, and she was not going to pull the plug on an education urban renewal district, without a commitment from the city that we would make up the commitment through some other mechanism. That led to a more robust vision for the south waterfront urban renewal district and north macadam district that led to the conversations about the site-specific projects with the city and Portland state and other partners could do what they had done so successfully at the urban center. Which is probably the model of where all of these parties come together and use their buckets and build something, so mayor, I want to say to you that I appreciate that you and the cao have honored a commitment that council made. And dan actually is the official historian of the council because he goes back longer than I do. We were both here when that commitment was made. I had particular heartburn when a decision was made to pull the plug on an education ura because I thought it was well conceived, and I thought that there was no institution that was more important for us to work with than Portland state university downtown. But because of commissioner Fritz's principal position, we ended up redrawing the lines on the north macadam district and Ended up putting additional resources in and picking projects, this comes out of that. I think that this has the potential to be a wonderful project with a great partner, so I say notwithstanding the pitfalls of serial one-term mayors, I appreciate that this administration is channeling a bit of the adams administration in keeping faith with the commitment we made to Portland state university, and this building, I think, will be a great community resource, and an important space for us as we relocate the planning and sustainability there, so thank you.

You are welcome.

Rinehart: You are welcome. Mayor, you call, before you call the roll can I acknowledge a couple other people?

Wheeler: We need to take testimony.

Fish: And it's a first reading.

Rinehart: Can I acknowledge them? Three people from facilities played a key role and I want to acknowledge sharon, david, and laura. I believe I saw sharon here? If you would wave your hand? David was here earlier. And of course from the city attorney's office, countless hours by linda law, I don't think that she is here but I want to acknowledge the work that she put in. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Public testimony. Karla?

Karla: Something went wrong with the signup sheet. Is there anybody here who wanted To speak to this item? Okay.

Wheeler: I see one person. Come on up. Three minutes, please, Karla.

Edith Gillis: Good morning. I am Edith, and I am a very proud member of the seiu, service employee international union. We are a sanctuary union. We welcome all. There is no room for hate in our workplaces, homes or country, we are united in solidarity with

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immigrants, refugees and members of the races, and religions, lgbtq, and we respect women and honor black lives. I am here because this development area that is a joint for public health, I want us to be aware it's close to ice, and that one quarter of the people who are we wanted by our union are immigrants. More than that, in nursing homes, and almost all of the people, adult foster care, are immigrants. I also want you to be aware that as we are terrorizing immigrants and refugees, who through no fault of their own are denied the proper paperwork, that they have an offer stone from them or denied, and that reduces the quantity and the quality of care options. In 2000 the Oregon voters.

Fish: In all fairness the mayor has ruled what was germane or not, you have testimony as to -- the specific item before us is whether we should enter into this development agreement. And it has specific terms, so the testimony really needs to be to the development agreement.

Gillis: So I want the terms to be increasing more information about having protection for the care providers, and that we have protection from ice and dhs and other folks violating that space. For those of us who are going for cnas or other degrees, and that the study of it and the space around it is protected, and that we're not having the violation as today when the fire department and the ambulance were called in falsely, to ice, to clear away for the prisoners taken away, and protesters and neighbors being brutalized. I want to have our public health to take into account. The environmental harm. And I want them to be taken into account the systemized oppression and violence and how that chronic stress causes long-term physical and auto-immune diseases that we need to have addressed as a public health issue.

Fish: You represent seiu?

Gillis: I am coming as an individual who is a proud seiu member but not speaking for them.

Wheeler: Very good, thank you, and I appreciate -- I hear what you are saying, and I appreciate the way that you did it as opposed to what we saw about 20 minutes ago. In the chamber. I didn't know what the heck that they were talking about because they were shouting so many invectives and swear words.

Gillis: They were shooting people, children, and they were poisoning people chemically sensitive, terrorizing the neighborhood because of ice and dhs and violating the central State and city laws.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. All right, with that, this is -- is there anything else colleagues before we move this ordinance to second reading? Very good. This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance and moves to second reading. Thank you tom wherever you disappeared to, and very good. Dave and everybody else, thanks a lot. We will look forward to continuing this process. Next item please. Item 731.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Is melissa merrill here? Why don't you come forward and I will make brief comments, and mayor and colleagues as you know, coming out of the blue ribbon commission, a recommendation was made to establish a Portland utility board. That board provides citizen oversight of the two [inaudible] the bureau of environmental services and the Portland water bureau. Per city of Portland code, members of the Portland utility board or pub are appointed by the mayor in consultation with the commissioner in charge and confirmed by the city council. Today we have before us five appointments for voting members and three ex officio members of the board. I would like to thank each and every one of the volunteers who have stepped up and have agreed to serve our community in this Role. We have asked melissa merrill, principal analyst from the city budget office, who has dedicated staff to the pub to give us a brief introduction to the new board members. Welcome.

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Melissa Merrell, City Budget Office: Thank you. Melissa merrill, city budget office. Good morning mayor. Commissioner Saltzman and Fish. Thank you for having us here today and considering these appointments. I would be happy to go through the recruitments and review process if you would like.

Fish: You can go to the names.

Merrell: We have five voting members for your consideration today two are new members, heidi and dori. They are both here if you would like to speak with them briefly. We have three reappointments, colleen johnson, allen warman and rob martineau, they are also here, and three ex officio members.

Fish: We have some material about all the folks. Mayor, I would suggest that we ask, to the extent that people are able, all of the nominees to stand, but why don't we invite the new faces to come forward and give us a minute or so of why they are interested. Could everybody here today to be nominated or renominated stand so we can acknowledge you?

Wheeler: Melissa, I want to thank you for the biographies you provided us in letter form. They are really good and thorough.

Fish: Who are the two new members? Why don't you, if you could come forward and he have take a minute or so to tell us about yourself and what is it about this position in that interests you and welcome.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Wheeler: Thanks for being here.

Dory Robinson: My name is dory robinson. I work for the Oregon department of environmental quality as the water quality permit coordinator, and prior to that I worked for a medical manufacturing company in china. In that world I dealt primarily with compliance. I joined the pub because I am committed to advancing the needs of people of color and in the realm of environmental justice, and my goal is to create greater access towards equitable race in the field of -- well, in the ream of water quality, and also I want to promote the pub and other neighborhoods and communities in Portland, particularly, the communities that are not well recognized, and I am just very honored to be here. I am so proud to be an example for young black girls who have an interest in civic participation, and public involvement. So thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. We are pleased that you are willing to do this. Your skill set is deep, your interest is obvious, and I personally, as a resident of the city, I am really grateful that there is people here of your caliber willing to step up.

Merrell: Thank you, mayor.

Heidi Bullock: Good morning, I'm heidi. I work for the port of Portland. I am one of the environmental project managers. And prior to that, over 15, 20 years, maybe, of private consulting work in the environmental engineering. My background is in hydro geology, so obviously clean drinking water and rivers and watersheds are very important to me, and I have a deep commitment in wanting to be a part of that and making sure that there is affordable clean water and provided to everyone in the Portland community. I am really honored, and excited to hopefully be able to both be a part of this. As a part of the civic responsibility, and also to garner experience that I am looking for in that arena and also an opportunity to apply my knowledge and skill set.

Fish: Can I just say that we are very fortunate to have two people of your caliber and each of you brings a unique skill set. I think that just generally, it is the case that the better job that we do, bringing more people into our deliberative processes, the more that the public knows that the pub is the place to go to have a say about our utilities, rate-setting and other things, the better. We have come a long way in the last five years. We used to be able to fill this room with people at rate-setting time. I think that we have recovered some of the lost confidence in the utilities, but more broadly speaking, engaging the community

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in what we do is very important Work. Each of you has a unique skill set that will help us to do it. So thank you very much for your willingness to serve.

Merrell: Thank you.

Bullock: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you both. We really appreciate it.

Fish: Before I move the report I want to acknowledge colleen johnson and alan warman have served as our co-chairs. Alan is here. Is corrine here? No. I know election time is upon us. The pub will be taking up the question of leadership going forward. Whatever the outcome of that we owe them a debt of gratitude for their service and their willingness to continue to serve on the pub. With that, mayor, I move the report.

Saltzman: Second.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Saltzman: I want to thank our current members, our existing members for their service and welcome heidi and dory. You both have outstanding backgrounds and particularly strong in environmental areas. Your passion is evident as well for environmental quality. Great to hear. Thank you. Aye.

Fish: One of the things that the blue-ribbon commission recommended was that we be very clear in our I think it's a bylaw or in the authorizing legislation about the areas of expertise that we should be recruiting to serve on the pub. This particular oversight body is loaded with talent. After all we're spending a small fortune on our public utilities, so we ought to have qualified people helping us get it right. Thank you to our newest members. Thank you to the folks who have continued to serve, our leadership team, rob and others, I'm pleased to support this report and vote aye.

Wheeler: This is to me one of the more important boards that we have an obligation to fill. Heartens me to see that we're filling it with people who are really, truly amazingly well qualified bringing different background and experiences and maybe even perspective about priorities to the board. This is an area I didn't know very much, little to nothing, by the time I took office. I really enjoyed hearing when members of the pub come to testify before city council, particularly at budget time. Give us their perspectives. It's always well received. I'm delighted you're willing to step forward and delighted that we have so many returning members who are willing to continue to engage. Thank you all very much. I vote aye. The report is accepted.

Fish: Thank you.

Wheeler: Next, 732.

Item 732.

Wheeler: Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Is this me?

Fish: Lets kick it to larry pelatt.

Larry Pelatt, Procurement Manager: Good morning. Thank you very much. 732, you have before you the procurement report recommending a contract award to wilder standard paving for the northeast halsey wide lower streetscape for \$4,296,641. The engineer's estimate, bureau confidence level was moderate. Council approved 18847 for procurement services to solicit the project. It was advertised on the electronic procurement system. Bids opened May 24. Four bids were received and wildish is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Unfortunately, 9.3% over the engineer's estimate. July 15 prosper Portland city of Portland bureau of transportation entered into an intergovernmental agreement for the design of this project. Slightly larger project. The scope includes pedestrian safety, crossing improvements, protected bike lanes, northeast 103 avenue improvements and some east entry triangle improvements. It's identified in the capital improvement program. I'm going to skip a couple things. Wildish standard paving is identifying contractor for the following areas of opportunity. Roofing, plumbing, hvac,

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masonry. 16% identified as dmwesb subcontractor participation. Wildish is in Eugene. They are not a state certified contractor. They are compliant with all city of Portland requirements. I can answer questions or Elizabeth Mann from PBOT is in the chambers for project questions.

Wheeler: Any questions? Very good. Any public testimony on this? This is a report.

Fish: Move the report.

Saltzman: Second.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The report is accepted. Next, 733. This is Larry also.

Item 733.

Pelatt: Okay, good morning. Again. I'm Larry Pelatt. The overall project -- skip the first part. Overall project budget including design services, insurance bonding and additional piece was 3.85 million. Funding sources are a combination. There's 2.15 million of voluntary local improvement district essentially property taxes, \$200,000 carried from the fall bump and 1.5 carried from the 2016 fall bump. Council adopted the 188068 ordinance November 2, 2016. Proved exemption to get us to a cmgc process and three payment for construction related to the open space restoration project. Project advertised on the procurement system proposals were evaluated by a five-member evaluation team including a member from the city's minority evaluator program. Stacy and Whitbeck was determined the most qualified responsive. The pre-construction contract was executed August 1, 2017 indicating beginning much the project. This report seeks approval of the guaranteed maximum price for the project of 2,532,012. Portland parks bureau with procurement services and prime contractor and subcontractor have negotiated a commitment of 20% are hard construction project amounting to 437,867 of a base construction bid. Stacy and whitbeck has a current city of Portland business license. They are not a certified dmwesb. They are in compliance with all the city of Portland contract requirements.

Fish: Do we have someone from parks here?

Pelatt: They had not gotten back to me.

Fish: If you could introduce yourself for the record.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Sandra Burtzos, Portland Parks and Recreation: Good morning. I'm capital project manager from Portland parks and recreation.

Fish: I have two questions for you. Number one, where do we stand in terms of issuing permits?

Burtzos: We're very close. I expect them to be possibly today. Final permits.

Fish: Thank you very much. Two, I was over at a bookstore the other day near the source fountain, the smallest of the fountains. That was running. Are the others operational?

Burtzos: We have keller off right now doing early work that was part of the pre-construction services contract. Then the others are on right now. We will turn off lovejoy on the 23rd after the 22nd Sunday parkways going through there.

Fish: I don't know whether this is a fair question. I was up in Washington park the other day actually couple days ago and none of the fountains were on. Is there a lag in terms of when they come on like the lee kelly and the rose garden or the fountain next to the statue?

Burtzos: I don't know about those particularly. Our fountains crew -- maybe around three, four weeks ago, told me they were all up and running.

Fish: Could you ask someone in parks get back to my office? I'm talking about the lee kelly sculpture that has a fountain component in the heart of the rose garden. There's another couple fountains on the way up there. I remember that we worked out a deal about

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who is going to pay for what and who is going to run what. I would be curious whether they are scheduled to go online. Thank you for your good work in expediting the permits.

Burtzos: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good.

Fish: I move the report.

Saltzman: Second.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Saltzman: Aye.

Fish: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The report is adopted. Thank you both. Next item, 733 I'm sorry, 734.

Item 734.

Fish: We're joined by Shannon Reynolds, principal engineer from the bureau of environmental services, to give us a brief presentation. To tee this up, this contract will allow the bureau of environmental services to improve its asset management program and identify combined and sanitary sewer infrastructure most in need of repair and maintenance. Ms. Reynolds, welcome.

Shannon Reynolds, Bureau of Environmental Services: Thank you. Commissioner Fish, good morning, Mayor Wheeler -- for the record I'm Shannon Reynolds, principal engineer in the bureau of environmental services. I'm here today to request authorization of a professional services contract with Brown and Caldwell for technical support services for our continuous collection system planning effort. This work will help us improve how we identify and find solutions for a list of assets that collect wastewater and stormwater. Consistent with what you've heard from Director Jordan who presented on the BES ten-year strategic plan we need to increase our investment for this particular asset class from 50 million a year on average to about \$80 million on average a year. Reinvesting in these assets are essential to protecting health and human safety and avoiding flooding. The consequences of not investing result in sewer backups, street flooding and regulatory fines. We do a very good job at BES of maintaining and operating our assets in this particular class and to achieve that 80 million reinvestment strategy we need to continue to maintain our investment in our processes and our characterization for those assets. So we need to refine and optimize our processes to provide more cost effective use of city resources to do so. Through this work BES will continue to invest in updating the characterization of our assets and the associated condition and risk. We will update and improve tools used to perform the characterization and develop a long-term strategy for the assets to appropriately plan and scope capital projects to repair aging system components. The PTE support from Brown and Caldwell will cover a three-year period ending in 2021. Ongoing implementation of the strategy developed through this effort will continue for system characterization and process improvements. To summarize I'm requesting authorization for a professional services contract with Brown and Caldwell to provide technical support for the continuous collection system plan. The contract was competitively bid and has a 20% DWMESB participation component. I just want to say thank you for the opportunity to present to you today. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have at this time.

Wheeler: Any questions?

Saltzman: I was curious, what percentage of our sewer system is combined? Sanitary and stormwater.

Reynolds: About 30% is combined. Two-thirds is separated stormwater.

Saltzman: Thanks.

Wheeler: Is there any public testimony on this item?

Karla: No one signed up.

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Wheeler: Very good. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you for your great work on this.

Reynolds: Thank you.

Wheeler: Well done. Next, 735, second reading.

Item 735.

Wheeler: Colleagues, this is a second reading. There was previous testimony and a presentation on this item. I was not present but I have reviewed the record. Are there any further comments or questions on this? Very good. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next, 736.

Item 736.

Wheeler: Very good. Again, I have reviewed the record. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item, our last item today, 737.

Item 737.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: I'm going to introduce gabe solmer to introduce our panel and take it from here.

Gabe Solmer, Assistant Director water Utility: Thank you so much. Gabe solmer, deputy director, Portland water bureau. Kathy cook is with me. We wanted to tell you about this rfp for bill printing and presentment which includes water, sewer and stormwater. I'll let Kathy take it from there.

Kathy Koch, Water Bureau Customer Service Director: Good morning. Water bureau currently creates prints our bill both paper and electronic in-house. We print approximately 830,000 bills, 260,000 notices and 90,000 letters in a year. In fiscal year 16-17 we billed charges for over \$487 million to our ratepayers. This is a critical function for the water bureau and bes, one of the main ways in which we communicate with our 192,000 customers. Last year we had a consulting firm review our process. This study documented our current work flow and identified potential vulnerabilities. While they found our process efficient they identified potential areas of improvement. The system we have now does not support a disaster recovery plan. We are looking for a bill print and presentment vendor with multiple sites across the u.s. For backup printing facilities. We have had instances of not being able to print for a day or two while waiting for a technician to fly into Portland to work on our printer. Our current data processing group consists of two people more of whom have more than 30 years of service with the city. While their dedication and attendance is phenomenal it's a big risk to have such a critical function on the backs of just two people. We believe a change would improve customer satisfaction. Our current bill print is limited to basic information in bill format. Print and design is not a core function of a utility bureau. We're not keeping up with the technology and customer demands. For example lenders have the ability to place targeted messages on the bills by whatever criteria we want to show. It can go as far as down to a type of customer or a location in a neighborhood, that kind of thing. I just have an example in this where we got an unsolicited sample of what we could do but in this you'll see that for the electronic bills you can actually have a video embedded so the example they used was our clean water festival that we do. It features and highlights our blog, a way that we can allow customers to know that the bureau is more than just this bill, just the charges itself. It really can connect the community to the things that we're doing. The printer that we use for printing bills takes up a great deal of space and we're coming up on replacement. It's around a \$250,000 machine. We need to decide if we should continue to print in-house or contract that work out. We have estimated the potential cost of this contract based off our existing budget line items, space, equipment, supplies, postage, hardware, all of that, we estimate the cost to

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be \$1.5 million a year so 7.5 is for a five-year contract. The estimation is taken out of our current budget, does not assume saving because we won't know until we get the bids back. The successful bidder will have expertise in bill design, present our data in new ways that provide greater clarity and will be able to quickly support or produce changes we have requested. We are seeking industry expertise on the specific function of bill print and presentment which will allow us to keep pace with the technological advances of and/or customer expectations.

Fish: Excellent presentation. If we were to go this path and use an outside vendor, which you have identified as multiple potential benefits including being able to have continuity of operations in the event of a seismic event or something like that and to offer a range of other services and features. What would happen to the two employees, long time employees currently working in bills?

Koch: It's interesting because they would remain. The job itself of printing our bills is a significant task. It's a pretty important function but really they just put the ink in and push print while they do their other things. It's not a big time out of their day. Probably between pushing the button and getting the job done is maybe 30 minutes. It's not going to be a significant piece of work taken away as part of the employees themselves. So again, they have both been here 30 years, so I imagine through attrition we will continue to do something else but right now there's plenty of things for them to do.

Fish: Thank you.

Saltzman: This contract is to do outsourcing of our billing ultimately? Or is it just backup printing in case of emergency?

Koch: We would send our daily file to a different vendor. It would be outsourcing the actual printing of the piece of paper and the electronic presentment. In the electronic presentment which we don't have the technology now to do but we always put a bar graph for usage so people understand what they are using when they are using it. It has things where you can just when you get an electronic bill you can dig down to more information than what we provide now. So if people still want to get it in print they can. But there are some pretty amazing electronic features that would come with this kind of thing.

Saltzman: What protections do we have for our customers whose data will now be in the hands of a third party vendor who will probably want to market that database to another vendor?

Koch: We have protections within our contract just like we do with our computer information system. Our billing system. That's a third party vendor. So the city has been in this business of needing to share that kind of data. It would be in the contract about what they can and can't do with our information.

Fish: I think what you're hearing is if we go down this road and there's a vendor that puts in a competitive price, he would want to see as a follow-up issue the kinds of legal protections that we would be placing in a contract which would ensure both the that the privacy rights that people have to their data is protected and that their data not be marketed to third parties without their consent.

Koch: Yes. We will certainly cover that. It will absolutely remain 100% our data at all times. They wouldn't be able to use it for anything else.

Wheeler: To that point, I would add a third thing to commissioner Fish's list, which is in the event that they have a data breach they have to notify us on a timely basis about the data breach and the nature of it. I assume is that becoming standard?

Koch: Definitely. With pci and pii, it's actually nice to try to get out of that business ourselves and give it to somebody else. But yeah.

Wheeler: I support your idea. I think it's very good. Will you be able to go back and look at how frequently people are actually looking at the other features since the billing will include potentially your blog, a video, which I think is pretty neat. Are you going to get any kind of

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data or analytics back giving you some indication of who is reading, how often, whether that tool is effective?

Koch: Not only will we get that for our electronic they also have the ability which we don't today where it was delivered to the post office at this time, delivered to your house at this time. A lot of times customers will say never got the bill. We actually have a way of tracking when it leaves our office to when it gets to the customer.

Wheeler: Very good. That's disappointing. That's often one of my strategies. [laughter] come up with a new one.

Fish: What percentage of customers that have specifically asked for e-bills?

Koch: We are at 40 some thousand customers on electronic billing. I would assume that we will have a much greater adoption because of the functions that this would offer.

Fish: So my colleagues understand, we have been trying to offer as many inducements as possible to get people to sign up for monthly e-bills. Some prefer a quarterly bill and they prefer it in paper form. But this gives us potentially the opportunity to make the electronic billing even more attractive. I do know that a lot of e-bill companies now have it down to a science where you get a text message and you just text back y, or n, and they debit your account. It tells us technology is going ahead leaps and bounds. We can come up with some features that make it easy for people including I like the idea of reminders.

Reminding people when they are getting close to due dates. Giving people a gentle reminder if they are at risk of losing a date.

Koch: Here's a general sales pitch. We offer pay by text right now.

Wheeler: Good pitch. Excellent presentation. This first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading.

Karla: Nobody signed up.

Wheeler: Thank you. I did jump the gun on that but turns out nobody signed up. With that we are has adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

Adjourned at 11:26 a.m.