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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Commissioner Fritz, Presiding; Commissioners Fish and Hardesty, 3.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Cheryl Leon-Guerrero and Tania Kohlman, Sergeants at Arms.

Due to the absence of two Council members emergency items were not considered and items were not heard under a Consent Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS		
946	Request of Dorothy Holland to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
947	Request of Sally F. Fronsman-Cecil to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
948	Request of Carol L. Long to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
949	Request of Edith J. Gillis to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
950	Request of Lew Church to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		
951	TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Proclaim October 14 th , 2019 Indigenous Peoples Day (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE
REGULAR AGENDA		
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly		
Bureau of Transportation		

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Amend the future street name of SW Northgate Ct to S Elysium Pl and amend the future street name of a portion of SW Buddington St to S Elysium Ave (Second Reading Agenda 930; amend Ordinance No. 188995)

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At 10:26 a.m., Council adjourned.

WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, OCTOBER 9 – 10, 2019

**DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS
NO WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY 2:00 PM MEETINGS**

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October 9, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Fritz: Good morning everybody this is the Wednesday October 9th meeting of the Portland city council. I am the council president. Mayor wheeler is in Copenhagen representing the city at the climate conference for mayors, and I appreciate that. Good morning, Karla. Would you please call the roll?

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

Fritz: The city attorney, please read the rules of engagement.

Matt Farley, Senior Deputy 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 everyone can feel welcomed, comfortable, respected and safe. To participate in the council meetings you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony and resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. If it does not you may be ruled out of order. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing 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, 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 that you do not support something, please feel free to do a thumb's down. Please remain seated in council chambers unless entering or exiting. If you are filming the proceedings please do not use bright lights or disrupt the meeting. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or 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 ejected for the remainder of the meeting. After being ejected, 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.

Fritz: Thank you, I understand we have students from Oregon episcopal school here this morning. I have heard the Oregon episcopal students are some of the smartest in Portland, is that right? Thank you for visit, I hope you enjoy the proceedings. Please read the first item.

Item 946.

Fritz: Does the group want to come up together? Read the similar items.

Item 947.

Item 948.

Item 949.

Item 950.

Fritz: Thank you. Whoever would like to start, you have three minutes and we appreciate you being here.

Sally F. Fronsman-Cecil: Okay. Sally F. Fronsman-Cecil, Portland gray panthers. Portland gray panthers calls on the Portland city council to take a stand against the ongoing, \$2 billion expansion of pdx and air traffic to and from Portland. Failing to take a

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stand against such expansion lends the light to any stated intentions on serious pursuit of a paradigm shift extensive enough to address climate emergency and consequences. We are at a historical moment in which we must dramatically scale back if not eliminate air travel as a driver of climate change. We must seriously be looking at transition away from air travel and towards alternative forms of transportation. We need to be dismantling airports, not expanding them. We cannot keep on with business as usual. Failing to actually make the changes, we must make, is the kind of irresponsibility that is leading us from climate emergency to climate catastrophe. I stand with Gretta and her peers in their frustration with those who will not act and act Quickly. It's time to make the shift necessary for our survival and the future for our children and our children's children. I take this personally. How dare you fail to at least raise your voices and act at least that much on behalf of me, my children, grandchildren and great grandchild. Portland gray panthers is asking that you take an official stance as a city council in opposition to the expansion of pdx and air travel via Portland. We have the position -- you have the responsibility -- the position and responsibility to speak and act for everyone in present and future generations. Not only for Portland, but for the world.

Fritz: Thank you.

Edith J. Gillis: Hello, my name is Edith Gillis, a member of the multi-generational integrated intersectional issued Portland gray panthers and a member of [inaudible] I'm going to talk quickly, but I have everything in writing so you can get it later. I was specifically asked by 350 sunrise and xr pdx to be the coordinator of medics and staff and to organize and supply the medic tent and emergency transport for those civic heroes who would be endangered in emergency rooms or hospitals. I coordinated 29 medics for the rally march and festival medic tent. We had md's, emergency room physicians and nurses, naturopaths, medical assistants, licensed practitioners, rn's, emt's, wilderness first responders, life guards including one in a kayak, medics, street medics, herbalists and mental health professionals taking shifts or on duty the entire time. This included a former cop, emt urban and forest firefighter, who volunteers daily for over 60 years to help people who are houseless, including preparing meals, he delivers to the houseless neighbors living near omsi. We have four high school search and rescue volunteer first aiders. We had the lone use of a new 2,600 aed, which is a automatic external defibrillator to shock the heart into hopefully rebeating, that the search and rescue carried. I carried four combat used tourniquets, I could add serve one handed in two seconds for anyone civilian bleeding from fascist truck ramming since the police consistently do not protect us from violent fascist terrorist and police conduct prevented paramedics from getting to patients in time if needed for emergency. In addition to our medics there were at least six Portland action medics who like I have the nation's gold standard of street medic 20 hour plus training from Portlands own rose hip medical collective and some have the gold standard national outdoor leadership wilderness first responders training as I do. Some of these rnc and pam medics are naturopaths, rn's, emt and one midwife. Pam street medics provide security to care for pedestrians who are run over by fascist, as a fascist brag online, they do and the Portland police did not. Blocked southwest Jefferson and 4th and southwest Madison to prevent. Since my medics were dedicated to the climate strike other pam street medics also went to ice where Portland police were using pepper balls and pepper spray against non-violent pedestrians fulfilling our civic duty to serve the people of Portland and to uphold our rights and duties. Our presence was intended to comfort people, preventing trampling and reduce police violence, we assisted people who fell and gave help to prevent others from falling on anybody. We passed out band aids including and electrical sound board, water, electrolytes, food and wipes and were ready to do river rescues and assist people with heart failure, low blood sugar or diabetic shock, anaphylactic shock, bullet wounds or life-threatening injuries from head and brain injuries and loss of limbs

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from police and other fascist hitting them with vehicles or pipes and batons and third degree burns from police illegally using weapons they used before. September 20th, I and five others treated for injuries caused by police using illegal chemical weapons against unarmed law-abiding citizens with pepper spray canisters held within one or two inches of the eyes, sprayed directly and purposely into the eyes of non-violent, helpless, law-abiding citizens.

Fritz: Thank you. Thank you very much, your time is up and if you could send us the rest that would be great.

Hardesty: Excuse me, madam president, I have a question. May I? The ice protest that you spoke of, what was the date of that protest?

Gillis: This is all september 20. We had to split up our medics to take care of Portlanders harmed by the by police.

Hardesty: Was that september 20 of this year?

Gillis: Yes.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Gillis: During the climate strike.

Hardesty: Same day as the climate strike? I look forward to getting your written testimony. Thank you.

Fritz: Thank you, commissioner. Mr. Church?

Lew Church: Good morning. I am Lew Church with Portland Gray Panthers, and I want to thank Sally and Edi as panthers for speaking for social justice, on the national level, now that we arrived at impeachment of Donald Trump and his gang of crypto fascists munchkins, it may be useful with the three-minute warning to see if there is a common thread between white supremacy, the proposed diversity equity code changes put forth by the Civic Life Office, the need for sensible gun laws, the current Portland State Reviver Stone, Philip Arola, Proud Boys controversy and whether homelessness in our city, permeates or color some of these social justice issues. Nationally panthers do support impeachment, the fourth impeachment in U.S. history is needed. Panthers also support sensible gun laws to ban assault weapons and ban high capacity magazines, we support the Wal-Mart boycott to end gun violence. Panthers support the homeless in our city and support the diversity and equity code changes by Commissioner Eudaly and Suk Rhee. There appears to be an unspoken connection between our housing emergency and code change pushback by landlords, condo and other affluent forces. I recently spoke with Walter Weyler the current president in the downtown neighborhood association, Walt, while basically physically handling everybody part except driving a person's cause what was forthright in stating that as DNA president, he's also a millionaire and a proud condo owner. Walt Weyler added he bought his Wilsonville company with 40 workers, sold it with 150 workers and pocketed a handsome profit. Bully for Walt Weyler and he also opposes the code changes. Local print media focused a good deal of interest against Commissioner Eudaly and suggested a titanic level of discord on city council. On homelessness, in particular, we see a division between the excellent leadership of county chair Debra Kafoury together with housing nonprofits like Reach versus the let's do something now, business sector, be it Homer Williams, Tim Boyle and Jordan Schnitzer. Deborah Kafoury, like Jo Ann Hardesty and many others is right to insist that Wapato Jail is no solution. The question may be asked, democracy, for who? It is simply Donald Trump's NRA Republic popped by the National Rifle Association is Portland, Oregon simply a haven for condo-crazy millionaires like Walt Weyler? If we take 18 months more to write a code that values affluent white folks on equal footing, is that really a democracy of and by and for the people as Abraham Lincoln insisted? Gray Panthers believe we need to take back our communities and our country from those who are unduly focused on profit, and greed. Perhaps Elizabeth Warren said it best going forward, we need a plan for that country, a country of equity and inclusion.

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Fritz: Thank you. Are your other two speakers not here?

Church: Dorothy wasn't able to come and Carol had a family emergency in Coos Bay so there is three of us. Thank you.

Fritz: Thank you for being here. Got all that? We don't have a consent agenda today partly because there is not one and we need four people to pass a consent agenda, so we will go straight into the time certain. Please read it.

Fish: Madam president it, looks like we are a couple minutes early for the time certain may I suggest we take up the second reading first?

Fritz: That's a good idea. Please read the second item. Thank you, commissioner Fish.

Item 952.

Fritz: Thank you, we had a hearing on this matter, and we are still two minutes ahead of time so make long speeches. Please call is the roll.

Fish: Well, some people ask us what is a second reading.

Fritz: Keep going.

Fish: It means we took this up last week and now we are voting on it this week. And I don't remember any controversy surrounding this so I am pleased to vote aye. Aye.

Hardesty: Let me just say this will be another Portland street name that I can't pronounce, but other than that, there was no controversy around this particular issue. It is wonderful when community comes together with government and all agree on something, that comes in front of us, and so it is with pleasure that I vote aye.

Fritz: Let me thank my esteemed colleagues, the reason I asked them to make speeches, where normally we would just say aye, aye, is because by rule, we cannot start the next item until 9:45. So I am continuing to check my Phone. With that I vote aye the item is adopted, and please read the time certain item.

Hardesty: It is 9:45.

Fritz: This is council working together.

Item 951.

Fritz: I know commissioner Fish joins me in feeling immense satisfaction that we are proclaiming indigenous peoples day having done away with the previous reprehensible name of the national holiday in Portland, so it's my great pleasure to welcome everybody here to accept the welcome from the elders who are with us as we are on their lands and to invite Elizabeth Edwards, the director of the office of government relations to open and to introduce the invited speakers.

*****: Good morning.

Elizabeth Edwards, Director, Office of Government Relations: Good morning. Good morning, commissioners. My name is Elizabeth Edwards, and it is my honor as a director of the office of government relations to be here today with this esteemed panel celebrating indigenous peoples day in advance of October 14th. This year, and I will keep my remarks short because it's really about what our panel has to say, but this year I want to note that the proclamation is centered on the role of global indigenous populations play in climate action. While indigenous peoples are oftentimes in front line communities, and the first to face the direct consequences of climate change, whether it's rising sea levels, or impact on access to once abundant food source, indigenous peoples are also key components, key activists in climate mitigation and adaptation, and today, we brought forward this panel to share testimony about their efforts about not only raising visibility, of indigenous people but also, to discuss the value of respecting indigenous rights and the role that indigenous people play in the fight against global climate change, so with me today I am joined by Mr. Felix Chuma. Mr. Chuma is from Ecuador he is quechua inca and kumhadi. He's a member of the national confederation of indigenous nations of kumhadi. In Ecuador, he was part of the natural resources for conservation. While in Portland he's a member of the vos workers rights and education project. He's an advocate for indigenous rights and the founder of the

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500 years of indigenous resistance. Directly to my left is whisper horseman little owl, she has been a member of the white clay people in Belknap Montana, and resides in Multnomah county and is a junior at Gresham high school. She's an ambassador for the warrior movement, plays volleyball at naya, and is a dress dancer, and in her abundant spare time is an activist and community organizer for indigenous and environmental rights including climate change and missing indigenous girls movement, and moved to Oregon in June and has gotten engaged in her new environment and community. Last but not least, is Makerusa Porotesano or mac, on the, he's the multi-cultural center coordinator at pcc sylvania and a council of the elder member of the pacific climate warrior global team. He serves as one of two members who represents the pacific dioce. Is a native of Portland, and in north Portland, and is a second generation american samoan. At pcc mac is the chair of the pacific development corporation a 501c3 organization for Samoans, in Oregon, and so with that, I am going to turn things over to Mr. Chuma, and I believe that we have a translator, as well, for his comments.

Felix Chuma Pinguil/ interpreter: [speaking in another language] [speaking in another language] [speaking in another language]. My name is Felix Chuma Pinguil I am the son of 500 years of indigenous resistance, I am from kitua in inca, Ecuador, from the confederation indigenous world with the deepest respect and permission of our my and our elders and the great nation of abiala, American north, central, south, and all of the government councils. Your honorable mayor ted wheeler, commissioners and city officials of the city of Portland, with respect to and deep permission I will share a few words and an illusion to the proclamation of restoring change through indigenous people days of the conquest of the colonization by resistance of our people and allies. 526 years ago the indigenous nations walked steadfastly in defending mother earth's territories and Pachamama and the statute of resources and the ecological balance and bio-diversity. Without it, we cannot talk about customs, culture, values, music, art, education, health, housing, or other projects. The geo political, geo ruling models have applied single unit view of the market for production and competition between human beings leaving large gaps of inequality and discrimination and abysmal of corruption. The great economics ideologues of planners and models such as capitalism, neo liberism, communism, has needed without answers nor solutions to conflicts and gaps of differences. The indigenous nations are the protective guardians and defenders of renewable and natural bio-diversity, ones that produced food and many other functions of the great cities of the world, indigenous nations consistently live the neo colonial invasion of transitional oil, mining, hydroelectric companies, looting consummation of lands with pesticides, zero toxic, fungicides, drying up our rivers, lagoons poisons contamination with mercury, lead, causing corruption, death, cancer and deformities. The natural repression and death of indigenous leaders is the consequence of migration with all this causing disastrous climate changes for our planet, indigenous nations resist and some survive as I have. Some have survived massacres, abuses, robberies, rapes, deaths, 90 million human beings from north to south, and all that remains, that is no way to have an exact count is the extermination and genocide of the greatest humanity in history and the second world war. Thanks to the deep struggle of our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, and grandparents And grandmothers who defended with their lives the practice of sacred ceremonies, the indigenous massacred, persecuted, and rulers of the death of thousands of indigenous people, this is the cost that is still going on today. We are a culture that has to contribute and protect the earth and human species. The declaration recognizes an distinctive important status of indigenous people, the declaration of international right of indigenous people, I apologize, this experience and universal spirit that underpins their text, the declaration is an affirmation accepted of international human rights and also expresses new and non-binding aspirations. Today the declaration is the most comprehensive

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international instrument on the right of indigenous people. It establishes universal framework minimum standards for survival, dignity and wellbeing of the world of indigenous people and develops the existing human rights standards and fundamental freedoms that apply to the specific situation of indigenous people. Your honorable mayor, ted wheeler and commissioners of the city of Portland and in recognition to the city, of the city, recognizes is, recognition of this city as recognized to be a sanctuary city, I ask although the current government of the united states is not recognized, international declarations of our rights, I am before you today petitioning the local government and international rights of indigenous peoples to be recognized in the city of Portland throughout the state of Oregon, and it is recognized internationally and it is important to press and put pressure nationally through walking through the resistance with all the indigenous people in the world and the international declaration of rights, and to continue to work harder for agreements for global and local climate change. Finally, I would like to invite you to a conference and ceremony for 500-year indigenous nations resistance community, this event will be held on Saturday, October 12, from 4:00 to 8:00 here at Portland city hall at the atrium on the first floor. Thank you for the opportunity to serve my community and thank you for your time and attention.

Fritz: Thank you both. Now we would like to introduce whisper horseman little owl.

Whisper Horsman: [speaking in another language] hello, good morning, I am a woman from the agency and white clay people's country, my family is a stiff arms and I am from the black lodge clan, my name is big woman, but whisper horseman little owl is what they call me.

Fish: Can you move the mic closer?

Whisper Horsman: Laura john the tribal relations director at the city of Portland asked me to speak about the importance of indigenous people and indigenous people's day on October 14. Indigenous people day, a day that celebrates and honors indigenous people and commemorates our history and culture. As a high school student at Gresham high school, a very diverse high school, I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know students of different ethnic backgrounds, and I notice no one mentions native people am I asked around are you native or know anyone native, and that led to the fact that no one knows about reservations or that native people still existed. When I told my friends I was native American I got asked questions do you still live in tepees, or they would say I have never met a real native American before, and some were surprised that each tribal nation had their own language. It's crazy to think so many of my peers have a common misconception about native people, but yet they live so close to reservations and the vibrant local urban native community because of the colonial system at play our tribal histories are not taught in completion. Therefore, the ignorance continues. My peers continue to grow up and if not corrected will believe that we are not here. This happens over and over again throughout the city and our nation. Christopher columbus brought a gold-making profit of taking from the land to create commerce. 500 plus years today the same village continues to drive the planet into climate crisis and lead us into ecological collapse. Examples include standing rock and the dakota access pipeline, kxl pipeline that's happening right now threatening my sites, navajo nation and the urban mining, hearing and mining coal plants equals cancer and diseases amongst the navajo nation, california dams and how they destroy salmon runs to the point that they don't exist in rivers and here locally our air, rivers, eco-systems, and are threatened on the daily indigenous people, and have known about climate change for generations, climate change is just another symptom of colonization. We are fishermen, hunters, gatherers, and gardeners, we have children of mother earth and we carry the connection throughout the generation, even know in a modernized community, this increases the increase of fossil fuel usage transportation, manufacturing and even communications is not only has a huge impact on

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indigenous people but for everyone in the world. Indigenous people rely on mother earth for everything, actually, everyone needs clean air to live and we need to protect everyone's lands for our existence and for the generations to come. So instead of honoring colonialism, I am happy that indigenous people's day is being called for, and on, honor our people in a good way, we are being responsible when we acknowledge how colonial, colonialization has a continuous impact on indigenous people especially when it comes to climate change. This is one way for non-natives to not only notice us but to notice what's happened on the land they are standing on and how they can help end climate capitalism invest in real solutions like keeping the oil in the ground and investing green energy. I was happy to meet the mayor of Portland, ted wheeler in person when my friends and I marched during the international global climate strike and after we were invited to city hall to meet with Laura john and others. We asked Laura if we could meet the mayor and she asked him and he accepted our ask and came and met with us and took pictures. That meant a lot to me. Thank you for acknowledging my people and all indigenous people today. It feels good to be seen and heard, thank you for acknowledging our mother earth that we all share and should live in peace. My people once said the creator created life, he gave men two gifts water and women and promised like would prevail mother earth given these two significant gifts. Water is honored as a sacred gift because it would provide life to all life creations and likewise the women have a higher honor and purity than men because we are able to give life.

Fritz: Thank you, commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, madam president. I want to say that I couldn't imagine being a high school kid in city council chambers reading a statement. I just want you to know how proud I am of you and I am saving a seat for you so when you get out of school you should come and take this seat. Okay.

Whisper Horsman: Thank you.

Fritz: I also wanted to comment I am glad the legislature passed a law that from now on, public school students will be taught indigenous history and to honor the native people, so I am glad you will be the last class to graduate without having had that essential information. Thank you for bringing, for educating in the meantime.

Edwards: Last but not least is Makerusa Porotesano.

Makerusa Porotesano: Thank you. Greetings from the pacific to our indigenous stewards, ancestors and protectors of the lands, you are not alone. Our ocean, our vasa connects us in ways only our stories can understand. Your resiliency is an inspiration to our collective movements in the pacific, and we will continue to fight for your peace and justice.

Distinguished commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to share these words from the pacific. Proverbs says [inaudible] rocks will rot, words will not. In the spirit of the ocean family, I trust that my words shared today will stay with us. In the marshall islands there is a proverb that says many drops of water together make up the ocean, and many grains of sand make an island. In recognition that it will take collective efforts to accomplish a great feat. On september 20, many drops, millions of drops of water create an ocean for climate justice. Our indigenous people stories took center stage. Although our community or indigenous community numbers were not the largest, I am reminded of the words of [inaudible] who reminds us that we should not be defined by the smallest our islands but by the greatness of our oceans. Today another ocean is needed to create a future for my people. If we do not take swift action now, our islands will continue to sink under water. Young children are building sea walls to keep the sea water from flooding their homes and crops. The marshall islands are forced to look at adaptation practices to build ground levels higher which would cover gravesites, historical markers, their history. The islands Fiji and the Marianna islands face constant tropical storms that grow stronger every year, and the desecration of our ocean life is killing the natural food resource for our people. As

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you develop climate plans, we ask you strongly take into consideration the following. A divestment from fossil fuels and supporters of the fossil fuels industries and investment to clean 100% renewable energy to keep climate polluters out of climate talks and take consideration indigenous perspectives as a means for climate navigation. In the language, the word for ocean is vasa. Broken down, vasa literally means sacred space. When people gather and ideas collaborate, we create oceans. For some of us who have been in the deep sea, ocean can be a very scary place without a vessel and proper navigation. As council members, you have a responsibility of creating vessels for our journey and ocean, and when we are on sacred space, I hope that you will look at indigenous peoples for navigation, our pacific people are not idle in the ocean, and we are navigating the vessel to solutions. The country of Tokelau is the first to be powered by 100% renewable energy. My island of Taou is also powered by 100% solar energy. Our youth are mobilizing and engaging climate negotiations all over the world. Figi was the president for the conference of parties two years ago, and council I am here to say that our people are not drowning, we are fighting. As we look into the proclamation and recognition of our people, I ask that you not look at it as a day, but a right for our people to survive and to prosper and a recognition to see our people and our narratives as solutions for our many climate problems. I wish you well in the task ahead and thank you in advance for being a drop in our ocean.

Fritz: Thank you.

Fish: Thank you.

Edwards: This concludes our presentation, and just a few comments before the remarks and the proclamation. This is the fourth year that the city has had indigenous, celebrated indigenous people's day, and last year and in prior years we focused very locally, this year you can tell that there is a global focus with fantastic representatives as part of our Portland metro area community, but with ties all around the world. We are truly in a moment of global crisis and we have a lot to learn from indigenous peoples and celebrate indigenous peoples. I would be remiss if I did not share regrets from Laura John, our tribal relations director, who is currently up in the Spokane area for the affiliated tribes of northwest Indians conference. Otherwise, she would be here today but I am proud to be here in her stead with tribe relations being a key component of the office of government relations work, so I will conclude my remarks and thank you the council for your time.

Fish: Elizabeth just a protocol question. I believe we have one elected official in the room, could you identify that person?

Edwards: Representative Tanya Sanchez from north Portland is with us today.

Fish: Could she stand so we could recognize her? [applause]

Fritz: Thank you for being here, representative. Commissioner Fish, do you have additional comments?

Fish: Do you want -- do you want the proclamation first or comments first?

Fritz: Comments first.

Fish: Let me begin by thanking our outstanding panelists. I understand the young woman from Gresham high school is a junior. I have a sophomore at home in high school, and I want to echo what my colleague said about your poise and the presence that you have brought to this proceeding. I get to see a lot of kids from high school and not many of them have your level of maturity, confidence and presence, and so congratulations to you and your family. We know you will be a tremendous advocate, and commissioner Hardesty offered to give up her seat on the council for you so I think that's gracious. That was surprising. A little surprising to me, but certainly very gracious. So thank you to the panel. I want to acknowledge Laura John, who is not with us, but commissioner Fritz and I, over the years fought for that position. There was some controversy over whether we would have a tribal liaison. There was some controversy about how we would pay for it. Laura has done an absolutely outstanding job helping us connect not only to the recognized

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tribes but to urban Indians, and I will just give you one example because much of her work goes unheralded. It's behind the scenes work but the city is embarking on some salmon sanctuary work, to protect salmon in tryon creek, it turns out that there are lots of overlapping interests among tribes and urban Indians, and Laura took the leadership role in reaching out to folks and engaging their level of comfort with our project, getting feedback, and ultimately, developed a consensus amongst the tribes in support of the work we are doing to restore habitat and protect salmon. It's really been the missing piece, one of the missing pieces in our city's outreach and we have to remember that the recognized tribes are sovereign governments. This is not just a, a -- this is not just a gesture on our part. They are a legally recognized part of our government. We have not had, until recently, a high level contact on a regular basis where we've been able to engage our partners, talk about long-term plans, show the respect that this body needs to show to indigenous people. So, I want to thank Laura. I also want to thank all the people that are here today who took time to join us. This is an unusual council meeting in that this is the event. This is it. Once we are finished with this we will take a break and it will be the shortest council meeting on record. [laughter] each of you took time to come here and to support this panel and to make a statement, and I want to thank you. I look forward to hearing the proclamation, but the commitment that you have from me and the work that I have the honor of doing to the parks bureau and the bureau of environmental services is that we will continue to consult very closely with our native american partners and allies and friends so we get it right, thank you all very much, and again I look forward to hearing the proclamation.

Fritz: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, madam president. I want to also appreciate that we are here at this time and in this moment, and 2015, the first resolution was passed, and every time I am -- I am honored to be part of a native American event, I am reminded of the seven generation approach that the native community honors, and so even though we are new, with this resolution in building these relationships, I understand that what we're building for is a seven generations from now. What we are building for is to ensure that everyone has a deep understanding of not only native cultural history, but frankly, all the history that's not white in America because most of us are taught white history, but we're not taught the other parts of history and how they are vital to the vibrancy of America, so I am so pleased to be here today. What a great day to have all these little ones upstairs. By a show of hands how many people have learned something today by being in this chamber? Panel, you should be proud just about every hand up there is up. I applaud your work, and we have a lot more to do, but we are having an impact as this generation, they just learned something. Thank you for being here.

Fritz: Thank you, each of you for taking time to be here and for your wisdom and your kindness. I was born and raised in England. My people have been part of the problem for centuries, and I am sorry, I am sorry for the impact that the European invaders had on our peoples throughout the world. And therefore, it's my responsibility to help fix it. One of the many things I have learned from indigenous people here in Portland is the value of doing things right and taking the time to do things right. Cynthia Castro, one of my senior policy advisers is working with tribal director Laura john to identify an appropriate land acknowledgment statement, and you will hear in the Proclamation that we have a reference to peoples who were here before us, and it does not identify the particular tribes and bands that were a part of the culture here over many millennia because we are taking the time to engage the native tribes and the research to make sure that we don't rush into something that is, in fact, again not right. We want to do it really carefully, so I want to acknowledge that and just tell you that I am -- I am blessed to, by treaty, be here, and my seat is open next year, by the way, to be here honoring the legacy that your peoples have

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given us and to help now move forward together. Thank you, representative Tanya Sanchez, for your work in the legislature, your ground-breaking work, and your partnership. And indeed, to the public and private school teachers who are going to, from henceforth, be teaching indigenous history as specified by indigenous peoples. So we are making progress. So colleagues, what I would like to do is I will read the proclamation and I would like to take a photograph, we have lots of indigenous people here today if you would like to come up and be part of the photograph, that will be great, and I will adjourn after that to make sure for the folks at home, the cameras capture everything. Okay. Whereas the city of Portland recognizes that the indigenous people of the lands that would later be known as the Americas have occupied these lands since yime and memorial. And whereas the city recognizes the fact that Portland is built on the homelands and the villages and traditional use areas of many tribes and bands in this region without whom the building of the city would not be possible. And whereas indigenous people's day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of native nations to the united nations sponsored international conference on discrimination against indigenous populations in Americas. And whereas, the united nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples known as the declaration recognizes that indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, and economic, social, and cultural institutions while retraining their rights to participate fully if they so choose in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the state. And whereas article 29 of the declaration recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples to have the right to -- recognizes that indigenous peoples have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the capacity of their lands or territories and resources. And whereas indigenous peoples are carriers of ancestral knowledge and wisdom about bio-diversity, conservation, and are experts in protecting and managing 80% of the bio-diversity. And whereas on October 7, 2015, Portland city council passed a resolution resolving that the City of Portland shall recognize indigenous people's day on the second Monday of October. And whereas the 2019 indigenous people's day shall be used to reflect upon the value of looking to indigenous people to help inform the city's climate action strategies and declarations. Now therefore, i, Portland commissioner, Amanda Fritz, council president on behalf of the ted wheeler, the mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2019, to be indigenous people's day and encourage all residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions to observe this day by reflecting on the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples on this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that indigenous peoples added to our city. [applause] so if everybody who would like to participate in the photo, please come up. Ms. Horseman I am going to give the proclamation to you. I hope this is just one of a long career of activism for you.

Fritz: Since there is no further business this meeting is adjourned.

At 10:26 a.m., Council adjourned.