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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Francesconi, Hales and Sten, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Peter Hurley, Sergeant at Arms.

On a Y-4 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS		Disposition:
1389 Request of Pavel Goberman to address Council regarding a business being licensed (Communication)		PLACED ON FILE
1390 Request of M. Jay Platt to address Council regarding The Portland Esteem Project new computer resources center (Communication)		PLACED ON FILE
TIME CERTAIN		
1391 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Accept report to Council on the use of City funds for Senior Centers (Report introduced by Commissioner Francesconi)		
Motion to accept the Report: Moved by Commissioner Francesconi and seconded by Commissioner Hales.		
		ACCEPTED

(Y-4)

CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION	
Mayor Vera Katz	
<p>*1392 Amend contract with Emmons Architect, Inc. to provide architectural and engineering services for Fire Station 9 in the amount of \$48,225 for a total of \$209,101 and provide for payment (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 33401)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	176108
<p>*1393 Pay claim of Linda Moser (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	176109
Commissioner Charlie Hales	
<p>1394 Set hearing date, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2002, to vacate a certain portion of SE Haig Street east of the Southern Pacific Railroad at SE 18th Avenue (Report; C-9996)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	APPROVED
Commissioner Dan Saltzman	
<p>*1395 Authorize a Lease of Property with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the Peninsular Junction Walkway, provide for payment for the lease, and authorize payment to Union Pacific Railroad Company for construction of walkway railroad crossings, Project No. 6603 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	176110
<p>*1396 Amend agreement with CH2M HILL for professional engineering services for the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Processing Building Odor Control Project No. 6844 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 33126)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	176111
<p>1397 Accept conveyance of one property from Metro to City (Second Reading Agenda 1377)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	176112
<p>1398 Consent to transfer of Gaylen Kiltow Sanitary Service residential solid waste and recycling collection franchise to Portland Disposal and Recycling Service, Inc. (Second Reading Agenda 1378)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	176113

<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Vera Katz</p> <p>1399 Amend Portland Comprehensive Plan map and Title 33 Planning and Zoning to facilitate the transfer of planning and zoning code administration for specified unincorporated Multnomah County areas within Portland's Urban Services Boundary from the County to the City (Second Reading Agenda 1366; amend Title 33)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">176114</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Charlie Hales</p> <p>1400 Assess benefited property for the costs of constructing pedestrian walkways in the River Access Transportation Local Improvement District (Hearing; Ordinance; C9976)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED TO SECOND READING DECEMBER 12, 2001 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>1401 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Multnomah County to transfer planning and zoning administration for specific unincorporated urban areas within the City Urban Services Boundary from Multnomah County to the City (Second Reading Agenda 1367)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">176115</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Dan Saltzman</p> <p>*1402 Accept a \$30,000 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Office of Energy to provide them with marketing and consultation services for the State Home Oil Weatherization program (Ordinance)</p> <p>Motion to continue to next week: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and gaveled down by Mayor Katz after no objections.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 12, 2001 AT 9:30 AM</p>

At 10:21 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Francesconi, Hales, and Sten, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Frank Hudson, Deputy City Attorney; and there was no Sergeant at Arms.

<p>1403 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM - Tentatively approve the proposal of Freightliner LLC and overrule the Hearings Officer's recommendation for denial of a Statewide Planning Goal Exception, Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Adjustment Review, to construct a wind tunnel facility at riverfront property located on Swan Island, on the north side of N Lagoon Avenue (Previous Agenda 1387; Findings; LUR 01-00327 GE CP AD)</p> <p>Motion to continue to next week: Moved by Commissioner Hales and seconded by Commissioner Sten.</p>	<p>Disposition:</p> <p>CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 12, 2001 AT 2:00 PM TIME CERTAIN</p>
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At 2:03 p.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

DECEMBER 5, 2001 9:30 AM

Katz: -- the public is aware of the fact that we have changed our communication rules. So let me state it this morning so if anybody's here who might be interested or anybody that's listening. The council made a decision to place communications at the beginning of the calendar. We made it because we had conflicts in our own code, but also there was a feeling that we didn't want people who wanted to share three minutes with us to sit around for the entire morning waiting until we finished the calendar, and there were times when we were sitting around for part of the afternoon and then we told them, we aren't going to stay for your communications because time has really run out. So what we're doing now is we are setting aside 15 minutes at the very beginning of our calendar, and that will allow five people, and only five people, to have three minutes each. And it's first-come, first-served. At the -- the sixth person then will be asked to come back at the next meeting. We'll see -- I think this is a pilot, right? For a month. We may need to do it a little longer. But we'll see how it works out and see if it works out well. I hope that we can accommodate citizens who want to talk with us very early in the morning so they can go to work or go back home and do what they need to do. All right. So having said that, 1389.

Moore: Roll call.

Katz: Oh, okay. [roll call] mayor's present, commissioner Saltzman is on city business. Item 1389.

Item 1389.

Katz: Okay.

*******:** Hi. I came to shake up a little bit.

Katz: Sir, sir, you have three minutes and you need to state your name.

Pavel Goberman: Okay. My name is Pavel Goberman. I live in Beaverton, P.O. Box 1664. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak up. I am a candidate for commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries, and I will be elected. I will show my I.Q. before election. What I want to speak up before you about city did big mistake, first I would like to ask you Mayor California, how is your health?

Katz: My health is fine, thank you. Go ahead. I don't want you to use your three minutes for my health.

Goberman: Okay. Thank you. I wish you to be healthy. Okay. Secondly, I want to say mistake of CTO of Portland invested money in stadium. About CTO police, member of union, want more money. They are government employee and -- on taxpayers' payroll, so they must ask taxpayers, who their boss, to ask if they want increase the money, more salary. This policy also good for nurses OHSU who want more money. They must ask tracks payer before go on strike. Fourth, about United States Attorney and FBI, I don't like United States Attorney and FBI, because Tri-Met terminated me. They defraud, felony, I ask it -- I asked them to investigate my termination in which they give fraud Tri-Met, but they refused to do it. In this case, they are right. I myself, immigrant from Russia, I support the FBI want to interview new immigrants. They do for our protection, for your protection. How protect you tomorrow could blow out the city, kill many citizens. Therefore, I would like city support FBI. City attorney and American Civil Liberty Union,

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who supported this action against fbi, I wish them take machine gun and go to afghanistan in the fight for our liberty, the fight for many thousand american killed here in united states. But city of Portland open its doors -- I give him \$10,000 but he does crime here. He lives in vancouver, but that's crime -- does crime here because Portland give him opportunity to do crime. City of Portland do not -- \$25,000.

Katz: Thank you. Your time is up.

Goberman: Okay. Thank you. Bye bye.

Katz: 1390.

Item 1390.

Jay Platt: That would be me.

Katz: Three minutes.

Platt: I'll do my best. Good morning, madam mayor and commissioners. I wanted to come down here today and let you folks know that despite the seeming evidence that homelessness and substance abuse is a never-ending spiral, I can tell you that there are some successes, and I think that that's one shame that needs to be addressed. Like any political campaign, like any social change, you need to highlight the good as well as the bad. Unfortunately that's not what we're seeing too much. But what I wanted to tell you about is something that i've done. I was homeless years ago. I used to sleep under the burnside bridge. I'm very grateful for the opportunity that the state of Oregon has given me through the Oregon health plan to address those issues. Now, I have been working very hard, I have gained some skills, not some insignificant skills, in computer software, and i've been working with several of my clients who have given me some equipment, and what I have tried to do in this project, work with the folks at transition projects, i'm very grateful they've allowed to cohost this project, and it will be opening on december 14th, which is about two weeks from now. So I wanted to invite the public, I would like to invite any of the commissioners or their staff, if they happen to have time, to come down. It will be 12:30 in the afternoon at the clark center, and again, it's being cohosted by the folks at transition projects. The idea is to get some folks living wage skills. The computer industry is pretty unique in the sense you don't need necessarily a college degree, which is something that faces people in other types of fields. The advantage is that if you can get them trained, get them certified in some very basic skills, they have the ticket to then go and get jobs to place -- at places like comp usa, and gateway, things of that nature. These people are uniquely suited for this kind of thing. I know there's -- that many of them have talents in a negative way, and given the right opportunity they can turn that around and be very positive with it. That's what I came down here to tell you, and ask you if you can at least have the courage to address the fact that there are successes as well as failures. Will anyways, I wanted to invite everybody to come down. Thank you.

Katz: Congratulations and good luck. Thank you. All right, everybody. Consent agenda. Do we have any items to be removed off the consent agenda? Anybody in the audience wanting to remove items off the consent agenda? All right. Roll call on the consent agenda.

Francesconi: Aye. **Hales:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. [gavel pounded] all right. Time certain, 1391.

Item 1391.

Katz: Okay. Who wants --

Hales: You're on.

Francesconi: Come on up, folks. Let me -- when the mayor temporarily -- no, she's not out. Just to refresh folks here, it's all in this report to council, which is really well done. It's great to have so many citizens here today. The people behind this report. The council in july of 2000, authorized \$125,000 to help with the community-based side of the district senior centers. We put a little budget note saying that 20% of the funds should be used for educational and recreational purposes,

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and we also encouraged intergenerational activities. Today we have a report showing that 75% of the money went in that regard, and in numerous Portland public schools and intergenerational opportunities outlined in this report. In parks we provide senior leisure services and a lot of activities through our community centers, maybe for some seniors who are a little less disabled, but it's really a continuum of services here, and we have our partners who are providing a whole lot of activities, and this is just a very happy day. Go ahead.

Charles Kurtz, Chair, Elders in Action: Thank you. Mayor Katz, good morning. Commissioners, good morning. My name is Charles Kurtz, I'm the chair of Elders in Action Commission. I'm here this morning on behalf of Elders in Action to extend our thanks to you folks for supporting services to seniors in Portland, and particularly for finding funds to provide ongoing support for recreation and socialization services at our district senior centers. The mission is to provide -- is to assure of vibrant community through the active involvement of older adults. And you folks have gone a long way toward helping us achieve our mission by making programs available that keep seniors independent, active, healthy, and involved. The county commission, following your lead, also provided the same proportionate funding for the Gresham district center, and people in this community are really fortunate that we have leaders who put people first. And we really thank you for it. We wanted to express our appreciation today. And we have a token for you, we know you have a lot of paperwork in your business, and so we'd like to present each of you with an Elders in Action official paper weight to keep your paperwork under control.

Nancy Harp, Manager of Community Services for Multnomah County Disability Services: Thank you so much. Now to give you some information and feedback about what your investment is producing for the community, I'd like to introduce Nancy Harp, the manager of community services for Multnomah County Disability Services.

Harp: Thank you, Charles. Good morning. Mayor Katz, commissioners, it's my pleasure to be here this morning to talk about the impact on community of the city funding for senior center development. You've no doubt had a chance to read our report and you'll hear personally from folks this morning about how your investment in assuring that frail elders have the same rights and opportunities for recreation and socialization as healthier able-bodied seniors has strengthened our community. Among those benefits has been 114% leveraged resources, and in today's market that's a pretty good return on your investment. There have been over 17,000 hours of volunteer support for this effort. That translates for those of us who talk about FTEs and just over eight FTEs of volunteer time. Many of those are individuals who have reconnected through -- to the community through these programs. There's also been an increase in the number and diverse of community partners contributing to those services. Almost 50 partners are now engaged providing services to our older adults. And -- and innovative programs have occurred bringing together youth and seniors learning from each other, working together, and together building community. The possibilities for our community have only just begun, this has been the spark for increased activity and working together. The partnership between parks and rec, the senior center district centers, and ADS is a strong one. We work together to provide recreational and socialization opportunities for seniors in the city of Portland, which will enable them to continue to be active and contributing members of our community. To give you a more personal hit on that, we have both providers and recipients of services this morning. Three with us this morning in person, and three on a short video clip to tell you about the impact on their lives and programs. So I'd like to now introduce a person from Portland Impact who will talk to you about the services there, Irene will talk to you about the impact on her life as a recipient of those services and now a volunteer, and Stephanie Harrington from Hollywood Seniors has a short presentation, and then we'll show you our video.

Katz: Okay. Come on up. Make sure you use the mike.

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Mamak Tabrizian, Portland Impact: Good morning. My name is mamek with Portland impact. It's a pleasure to be here today. On behalf of all district centers i'd like to say thank you for this money you have invested in these programs. As you've seen, it's been like a seed money that has turned to a fruitful tree with all the additions that have been coming that way. I would like to focus briefly on three main areas today. One is the population we serve, two is the level of integration that has happened between the different funding source and last is the outcome. The population we serve are very frail home bound seniors, often their recreational needs are overlooked because they are so frail. They deal with so many different barriers, from transportation, to language barriers, to lack of motivation, that they cannot really mainstream parks and rec programs or the different exercise classes outside in the community isn't an option for them. That's where the integration services come in, with all the other fundings we try to remove those barriers for them and tailor our services to their needs. And to just give you two brief examples of that is, a couple of different district centers, we've taken the exercise classes into these home bound seniors' homes to a point they have overcome their fear and they've been able to come and participate in the regular exercise classes at the district centers. And another example was an intergenerational project where the youth were matched with home bound seniors, the youth learned the interview skills and photography skills and they went to the home bound seniors' home, interviewed them, learned about their life story and put a beautiful project together. After years of isolation, some of these seniors came out at the reception to hear their life story through their youth partner. So it was a great success. And with the outcome it has had on these seniors, it's been an extremely empowering experience for them. For one, they have made it to the class. That was a big accomplishment by itself. And it didn't even stop there. They have broken the cycle of isolation and they have come back and given in many cases into their community. To just give you a couple of examples, one retired teacher came and said, I like to participate in your intergenerational mentoring tutoring with the s.u.n. Schools and i'd like to participate in that. That person was in years of isolation before then. And now she was an active member coming back into the cycle of support system. Another hair stylist came and said i'd like to give my time once a month in giving free hair cuts to the seniors once a month. And many, many examples like that, but it's -- with three minutes it's hard to mention all of it. We didn't have any fancy outcome reports to show you beside the report that is there, but i'd like to invite all of you to spend a day at any of the district centers and really see that light in these people's -- in these seniors' eyes, that's the light that has given me courage to speak in front of you, where it's not the most comfortable thing for me. And it just gives commitment to anybody in this field to really see how this -- these services together can bring that completeness into these seniors' lives. I would like to please ask you not to cut this money and whenever you have a chance, to look for extra money. [laughter]

Katz: Sure. Thank you. Did you did beautifully.

*******:** Thank you.

Katz: Move over just a little bit and allow the next testifier.

Irene Heaverin: Good morning, mayor Katz, and commissioners. I'm rather nervous at coming up here and speaking before you, but the program that we have over there at the multicultural center is really good. I speak for -- on behalf of the hispanic group. It was rather small, but it's gotten to be quite large, and there's a lot of handicapped people in more ways than not just being able to get around, the language barrier. We've enjoyed the program that they've been putting out there. We've gone out on several trips that we ordinarily probably wouldn't have been able to take. There's also - - they've had guest speakers come in and educate us on different things. I can't -- a lot of things i've been planning to say I probably have now gone by the wayside. But it is really a very good program, and we really appreciate the fact that we've been able to utilize the funds in that -- you have been able to give us to utilize the funds in that way. Thank you.

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Katz: Thank you. Okay, move down and let the younger generation --

*****: I'll just move out.

*****: Don't everybody leave me.

Katz: You didn't want to be left alone.

Stephanie Harrington, Staff, Hollywood Senior Center: No. Hi. Good morning. My name is stephanie harrington, i'm a staff member of the hollywood senior center. We prepared a little information for you that you just received. An overview of what i'll be talking about. A few articles, some positive media exposure that the hollywood senior center has gotten, and there's some information about our programs and services. Can you hear me now? Information on programs and services at the hollywood senior center and a fact sheet on how the senior center started. At the end there's some really great photos of the various activities through the senior center development. In the first quarter, from july to september of 2001, the hollywood senior center received \$7800. From the city of Portland's senior center development. The resources leveraged totalled over \$27,000. That's a ratio of 3.5 to 1. So for every city dollar we were able to leverage 3.50. This breaks down as you can see, into almost \$8700 in private fund-raised cash, and almost \$14,500 in in kind volunteer and paid staff time, which is really important. And \$500 in kind and Multnomah library cash and staff time to cosponsor an intergenerational storyteller, which there is actually a picture of in the back. As you can see, it's really, really well spent, your investment has been really well spent. The number of seniors who benefited in the first quarter, 398 people participated in educational activities. 408 people participated in recreational activities, and 3,365 activity visits by duplicated participants and combined educational and recreational activities. The educational and recreational activities vary. We have both paid and volunteer instructors from Portland community college as well as Portland parks and rec come in, and instruct on gourmet cooking, paper crafting, and spanish, italian, watercolor, a variety of activities. So who uses our center? About 75% of participants have an annual income of \$15,000 or less. The city of Portland senior center development has really helped create and maintain full and easy access for the lower income and less mobile seniors. The senior population. There's really a bridge for those people that need home assistance, which is funded through the county services. We've seen a decrease in isolation for these -- with some of these seniors. An example, there's a member at our center who comes in, who originally started coming in for nutrition, and decreased his isolation, and with his involvement in our center, we were able to identify a few other needs for in-home assistance and some housing assistance. And so it's a really good bridge between the city and the county. In creating this easy access to socialization and nutrition and educational and recreational activities, we're creating a neighborhood gateway to information and assistance, and some of the programs included in the information and assistance are the senior law project, the volunteer income tax assistance program, and the sheba program, which is a senior health been fits assistance program. All of these are free and volunteer-based that we were able to provide at the center. When the folks come in for the various activities, they learn about these particular programs, and so we're able to help them in many different ways. So in closing, i'd like to say we really, really appreciate your funding and your support, and we really enjoy our partnership with you and the city. Thank you.

Katz: Thank you.

Harp: We have a video.

Katz: Let's see the video.

*****: And one last comment.

Hales: Maybe just a question before or after the video. After is fine. [inaudible]

Harp: -- to accept, I would like to introduce you to june weaver, an elderly gentleman, lived in southwest Portland for -- since 1921, and was married for 60 years. After his wife passed away, this is when we really got in contact with him. And he'll tell his story.

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Gene Weaver: My name is gene weaver. I've lived out here in the same place since 1921. About a mile and a half from this community center. I married my wife in 1937. We had one of the best lives together. We always did things together. I lost her four years tomorrow. It was the worst thing that ever happened to me. I lost all our friends, and I have no friends, I sat home in the house, basically in the winter time, and looking at the four walls, it just ran me down. About two years of that, my doctor sent me to the hospital. I was there for six days, they cut me open a couple times. Found not too much wrong. Anyway, a case manager, I don't know how she got my name, but she came into the hospital and wanted to do things for me. She came in quite a few times before she left the last time she wanted to come down to my house and see how I was getting along. I said that's very fine. Well, she came down and I think the first thing she noticed that I needed some help taking care of that house. She asked if it was all right to bring somebody in. I said, sure. And she brought somebody in, and things went along very good. In fact, she charged me less than -- [inaudible] more than he expected. She came back to see how he did, because she was satisfied, but before she left again, my -- she came to me and wanted me to come to the community center. I've heard of it, but I didn't know it -- about the things were, or what they did, and so I said, sure, i'll come up. And I met her, and she took me around and introduced me to a lot of people, and they were friendly, and I thought, well, here's a new beginning for me, and everybody was so friendly, and wanted to do things, that I kept coming upper day. -- I kept coming up every day. I'm -- I absolutely think if she hadn't came to see me I wouldn't be here now. That's the way I feel. She did a lot for me. This place has been a real, real nice deal for me. And i've also exposed other people about the same conditions I were in, and they said practically the same thing, that I feel in my heart, and I think this is one of the best things that ever happened to me after my wife passed away. I think that's just about what i'd like to say. It's the truth, it's right from my heart. I would recommend this place to anybody. That's just about all I have to say.

*****: One -- there's one thing i'd like to add that gene would like to include in this story, that is he's become a very valuable volunteer for us. We are located in the Multnomah center. We have many seniors in the area who have lived here most of their lives, looking for a place to go to meet new friends and find a purpose in their lives. I'm glad to introduce you to another member of the senior center, who is the president.

*****: My name is sergei. I am 74 years old. I arrived in Portland years ago, I am coming to the senior center. Senior center for me became my second home. Here I have many friends, american people, russian people. I am glad that I find -- found this senior center.

Harp: You had a brief glimpse -- donated and high school students also come and teach the seniors computer skills in the center. In closing, we just hope that today you've had a real glimpse of the life enhancing and community building work that's going on as result of your investment in dollars and the older adults of our community. And it is through a -- the continued funding and the continued strong partnering of parks and rec, the senior district centers and ads, and the citizens of our community that we can meet the diverse needs of our older adults and continue to build community. Thank you.

Katz: Thank you. And you had a question?

Hales: Maybe it's just the way that your graph on the report -- in the report was set up, but I don't see the information from the community -- the senior center at the east Portland community center. Is that one -- is that being operated by the ywca?

Harp: Why is it not on the list? Actually, it is on the list but the -- so you have the whole picture of all nine district centers in Multnomah county, eight are in Portland, so --

Hales: Which -- the one at the east Portland community center --

Harp: Oh, that's cherry blossom. The one on 1 hundred -- 106th? That's actually mid-county.

Hales: Okay. Okay. Good.

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Katz: Thank you.

Francesconi: I had one question. What's new about this? Where are you going from here? Can you give us a glimpse into the future? As to what this means for your program going forward?

Harp: With the continued funding and continued partnership, we see this as only the beginning. To sort of spark the fire and the energy and as people come together their new ideas and new programs, there's more intergenerational activities, we look for more partnering with schools, neighborhood associations. So I think we've just scratched the surface of energizing people around these activities, and bringing together people who haven't been maybe used to being with seniors. For our society hasn't been real comfortable with seniors in the past, and we show it's not scary, and it's fun, and together we're learning. So we are at the beginning of program, I believe. I think what you've seen is just the beginning.

Francesconi: Thank you.

Katz: Karla?

Moore: With have -- we have no one signed up.

Katz: Thank you. I'll take a motion to accept the report.

Francesconi: So moved.

Hales: Second.

Francesconi: I guess I wanted to thank you all for taking your reporting function requirement so seriously, but also for doing so much. I think there was some concern that it would -- we wanted to see some new activities, new recreational educational activities, new intergenerational, because those things are more within the mission of the city. And you frankly reached seniors that parks does not. And so rather than parks doing it, having you do it, because you have the relationships, the knowledge and expertise, was the reason I think the council did this. I guess on a personal note, I understand more indirectly some of the loneliness that gene talked about on this video and that you experience every day with my mom having died since we gave you this. And I see what my dad is going through. And so what you're really doing is reaching lifelines to people, and bringing them back, which is more important than some of the physical illnesses that people have to deal with. And you're doing more because you're allowing them to contribute back to their communities and form relationships. What I liked even about this report is your -- you're extending it to younger people as well. On another continuing the personal side of this, I grew up in my grandmother's house, and my grandparents' house. I came home from the hospital and it was an Italian family, and we moved right next door. My whole life my grandparents lived next door before I went to college.

So I think the fear of growing old isn't quite there as much as it is with some of our young people today who don't have those intergenerational experiences. So you are reaching out and doing this. I noticed some of the comments from some of the seniors. I've enjoyed the young people very much.

And I prefer these high school student teachers to holder teachers because the students present it in an easier format. And another one said, the classes were very helpful. And our high school instructors were fun. So that's good. And I suspect you don't -- I suspect if you'd interviewed those young people who were the teachers, they would tell you how their eyes were opened to the wisdom and experience of the seniors with which they were dealing with. So that's what this is all about. So thank you for doing it more seriously, and council, I won't do this until May, I promise, but in this -- parks is trying to give even more resources for seniors. We're trying to do the east Portland -- put a pool at the east Portland community center to really turn this -- the community center that commissioner Hales was talking about, to turn that more -- even more into an intergenerational will facility with lap pools and warmer water for seniors. University park, we're trying to turn that into more of a senior center like east Portland community center where not only will it serve the seniors in a facility appropriate for the seniors, but it will also allow more intergenerational opportunities. And then we're trying to add some capacity to senior leisure services. When we gave you

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additional resources, it was hard for me as the parks director because -- commissioner because I knew we could have used some capacity in parks to reach out to more seniors. So those three things I just mentioned, university park, east Portland community center with a pool, and more capacity of senior leisure will all happen if the parks levy passes in may. Which we need your help with.

Thanks for your work. Aye.

Hales: Thank you for -- thanks for a good report. We talk about being a livable city, I think sometimes that sounds pretty abstract, but one way to describe it is you -- it ought to be a place where you want to be young and fall in love and a place where you want to grow old. I think that's the measure of a city. Is it a good and humane and warm and interesting place to age in place, and not have to leave that community that you love. And the service that you provide and the friendship and support that people provide for one another in these centers I think is a very important part of that that i've seen in my own experience, people who in their later years got cut off from the community that they'd really depended on, and it's not healthy. So what you do is very healthy and we appreciate it. Thank you. Aye.

Sten: It's a wonderful presentation, and I knew -- do know all the good work you're doing, but it's nice to see all of you here and hear some of the specifics. Sometimes we put money out there and we know it's doing a good thing, but this really demonstrates it's one of the best investments we could make. And I just love the way people get to get involved, solve some of their own problems, but in the same way help other people. I think what i've found over the years is that no matter how many issues people have, they still want to be of service, so it gives people dignity as well as a chance to really connect and take on some of these issues. So keep it up, and i'm very proud of you. Aye.

Katz: Thank you, everybody. Let me also talk a little personal. I watched my mother, who's now passed away, live a very lonely life until she realized that there was a community service for her to go to. And though it wasn't one of the neighborhood centers that you've talked about, but it was a place that had friendship, that had something for her to do, the ability to relate to other people. I kept telling her that she retired too young, because a lot of people retire when it's really not time to retire, they still have a lot of energy, the head is still working quickly, and they can do marvelous things. And so if we give the elders -- elderly community the opportunity to serve, and that's what you're doing, you're taking care of other people and you're giving other people an opportunity to take care of themselves, it's a great, great service. As families disperse all over the country, there are in many cases very few family members to watch out for our elderly population. They're just not there. They're absent. And so we need to make sure that there are volunteers in our community that can reach out and provide a safe environment, a comfort, and a place that people feel like they're contributing, whether it's teaching somebody on the computer, whether it's getting a rummage sale together, or a dinner together, a lot of people have these wonderful organizational skills that you've attached into. So congratulations. Aye. [gavel pounded] all right. Thank you, everybody. I don't think you really want to stay for the rest of the calendar. We'll give you a couple minutes to go out, because we still have a couple of items. Karla?

Item 1399.

Katz: Second reading. Roll call.

Francesconi: Aye. **Hales:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. [gavel pounded] okay. Before we go on to the next one, let's make sure that -- come on, folks.

Katz: Let's take the next item.

Item 1400.

Katz: All right. We're in rat land again. Come on -- wait a minute.

*******:** Good morning, mayor. Commissioners. [squeaking]

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Hales: She's got her rat.

Andrew Aebi, Local Improvement District Program Administrator: We have an extra guest. Good morning. I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Andrew Aebi, the new local improvement district program administrator. What you're voting on today is an ordinance to authorize the assessment for the river access and transportation district. I just want to give a brief time line of this project. This l.i.d. Made possible the improvement to the steel bridge and the pedestrian walkways that thousands of Portland citizens are enjoying every day. Certainly one of the most popular projects we've had in recent memory. This is a project that we have been working on for quite a few years. The l.i.d. Was formed february of last year. This is a very unusual l.i.d. In that we had 100% support from the participants in the l.i.d. This l.i.d. Provides 1.5 million dollars of funding towards the cost of these improvements, and by leveraging this investment from the community it made possible the benefits that we enjoy today on a daily basis. Specifically what this l.i.d. Helped pay for was the convention center boat dock, the river overlook near the convention center, as well as the pedestrian and bicycle connection from the east bank floating walkway to Tom McCall Waterfront Park. I'd like to just very briefly recap for you the technical complexities that went into completing this project. I'm not an engineer, but some of the obstacles that we had in completing this project were pretty formidable. The project involved construction of a pedestrian walkway on the only telescoping vertical lift bridge in operation in the United States today. We accomplished this project with no reduction to the navigable river clearance. We had to install pedestrian access by the use of guardrails, remotely controlled gates, monitoring cameras, a p.a. System and walk signals. The bridge had to remain open to serve 200 light rail trains daily, 500 bicycles daily and 18,000 vehicles per week day during construction. We accomplished that with only 48 hours of lockdown work planned, and in fact we only had 25 hours of lockdown work by the time the work was completed. There was no economic loss from the delay, or loss of river or rail commerce. And finally, we had no incidents or liability claims incurred in the completion of this work. And while I'm not a lawyer, I can tell you that there were seven years of negotiation that took place with the Union Pacific Railroad involving 35 trains a day that complete -- that cross the steel bridge, including the Union Pacific Railroad, Amtrak, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe. So there were engineering challenges, there were legal challenges, but in terms of the l.i.d., we had 100% support. It was a wonderful way to leverage the community investment to provide a project which has been so well received by the community today. So your vote in favor of this assessment ordinance will close what most people would agree is a very successful project, and a real tribute to our partnership with the community. Thank you.

Katz: Thank you. Questions? Anybody want to testify on this? Anybody signed up?

Katz: All right. It goes to second.

Francesconi: If I could just make a comment, because this has been so critical to the east bank. You deserve, and Commissioner Hales, Vic Rhodes, Transportation, you deserve some kind of national award. This is absolutely tremendous what you've done. Absolutely tremendous. So I just wanted to say that. And if there's anything parks or the city can do to help you get some recognition, it's a tremendous accomplishment that's really linked our city together. So thank you.

Hales: Thanks, Jim. I think Pdot has done a great job. The fact they got 100% sign-up on the l.i.d. Shows how much community support it has. We did -- although we didn't get any national recognition, we did create a little glass plaque honoring Vic Rhodes in particular, and had that installed in the structure, because as you know, Vic did a lot of that seven years worth of negotiation with the Union Pacific and really pushed this project all along. I think it may have been seven years ago when the mayor got that rat from him, when we -- he was first explaining this project to the city council. So it has been a long process. But very successful. Great work. Everybody at Pdot deserves a bravo for this one.

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Katz: Before the esplanade opened, I took a walk to see the work you did, and it -- I think you were with me, or maybe somebody else from pdot. There were several people that were there. Commissioner Hales, the work was exemplary. The concrete lines, I don't know what the technical term for it, lined up perfectly. The details were so well done. And you did think about putting the metal screws on so that we wouldn't be hurting the infrastructure by skateboarders and bike riders. So it was well done. Thank you very much. All right.

*****: Thank you.

Item 1401.

Katz: Second reading. Roll call.

Francesconi: Aye. **Hales:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. [gavel pounded] 1402.

Item 1402.

Katz: Commissioner Saltzman had requested that this item be continued until next week, at which time I think he will remove the emergency -- amend it to remove the emergency to a nonemergency item, so it will have a second reading. Hearing no objections, so ordered. I just want to remind you that we will be continuing item 1403, but I do need at least three of you here so that we can get together, move the item on and then adjourn. We stand adjourned. Thank you. [gavel pounded]

At 10:21 a.m., Council recessed.

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2:00 PM

Katz: Good afternoon, everybody, the council will come to order. [roll call]

Katz: Commissioner Saltzman is on city business, and commissioner Francesconi just is here.

Item 1403.

Katz: Okay. Commissioner Hales' bureau has asked for this to be continued until next week. They still need to deal with some of the findings issues.

Hales: So moved. One week.

Sten: second.

Katz: Okay. Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered. [gavel pounded] everybody, we stand adjourned.

At 2:03 p.m., Council adjourned.