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Sandy, Oregon 97055

I am disgusted and outraged that the City of Portland is even thinking of reducing longplanned and incremental rate increases to pay for needed services on a basis that's fair to city workers. I agree with LIUNA Local 483 that this is a political stunt, that is penny-wise and pound-foolish in the old phrase, and extends self-inflicted labor conflict for no good reason or meaningful benefit to most Portlanders.

I stand with the workers in the City of Portland who will be disproportionately impacted.

In 2024, I will remember the votes on this proposal. I will only work and vote for officials who appropriately recognize and respect the workers who make the City run.

As a Portland resident and taxpayer, I call on the City to fully honor its agreements with City unions. I would rather have infrastructure improvements, reliable utilities, and well-staffed bureaus than the price of a cup of coffee.

Chris Lowe clowe@igc.org

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These small rate reductions will do nothing to help working Portlanders or their families, nor do they benefit Portland residents on fixed incomes. They were pushed on the council at the last possible moment, with absolutely no evidence whatsoever to prove that higher parking and utility fees are actually causing people to leave the city.

In fact, the worst thing about these rate cuts is that they will recklessly and needlessly decimate PBOT and PWB staff and programs, force draconian layoffs, and cause major additional deterioration of Portland's streets and water infrastructure. This is simply shocking, and it's no way to run a major city.

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Please vote to reverse these rate cuts, restore PBOT and PWB budgets, and save Portland's infrastructure from pointless deterioration.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Thank you.

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Portland City Council Agenda Written Testimony

Row 106

Name	David Stein
Agenda Item	420
Position	Oppose
Comments	Please see the attached document. I am opposed to cuts to the Parking Meter Rate increase that was approved over a year ago by City Council and rolled back last week at Mayor Wheeler's behest.
Email Address	steinnet@gmail.com
Submitted	05/23/23 8:55 AM
Final Meeting Date	05/31/23
Public Records Acknowledgement	
Attachment	Yes

Hello Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

I am a volunteer serving as a member of the PBOT Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee in addition to the Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee where I am the immediate past chairperson. While these comments are my own, they are informed by years of work attempting to advance the many goals and plans that this, and prior, Councils have adopted over time.

City Council has established lofty goals around climate, how we move around the city, the expectation that we can get around the city safely, and more recently how we want to ensure that as our transportation system evolves we are not propagating past harms to groups that have been systematically targeted in the past. The mechanisms by which we fund these priorities have indicated that the City of Portland is not serious about addressing these issues.

The 11th hour change to the previously approved \$0.40/hour increase in parking fees is befuddling. It does not represent a tax on stakeholders as the only people who pay it are those utilizing the public right of way for storage of a private vehicle. By cutting this previously approved adjustment in half it undercuts the ability of PBOT to effectively manage parking inventory using well established pricing mechanisms. Further by making this cut so late in the budgeting process it virtually guarantees that the cuts in services will be more viscerally felt by everyone traveling in and through the city and that any public discourse will be limited as these decisions will be made outside of the normal process.

More damaging than the cut itself is advancing a narrative that PBOT resources can be further cut. It raises the question of if PBOT has been hiding the true impact of repeated budget cuts over the past several years too well. When Mayor Wheeler asked the question last year, at the July 13, 2022 City Council morning session, of why bicycling has been on a steady decline, one of the oft cited culprits is the diminished maintenance of bicycle facilities. Bicycle facilities have borne the direct impact of shortfalls as gravel, glass, foliage, including blackberries, and other detritus has been allowed to accumulate for longer periods between street sweeping events. PBOT often cites a lack of funding for building diminished bicycle facilities, lacking protection at intersections or using paint or perhaps a few plastic wands instead of concrete and grade separation.

Pavement quality has been gradually declining for years and as this number goes lower, the cost to maintain the level or bring it higher rises exponentially. However most bike riders are already familiar with poor pavement quality as Neighborhood Greenways utilize roads with worse pavement than roads with higher car volumes.

If City Council wishes to provide less expensive parking to support businesses then lowering the fee may have a small impact. However funding should be allocated from the general fund to prevent PBOT services from being further reduced. If this is not amenable then the full \$0.40/hour fee should be reinstated and City Council should get serious in enabling PBOT to be more fully funded so such a small cut isn't devastating to city services.

Respectfully,

David Stein

<u>City Council Meeting - Wednesday, May 24, 2023 2:00 p.m.</u>

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