



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **26TH DAY OF JULY, 2006** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Adams, Leonard, and Saltzman, 4.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
994 Request of Randal Davis to address Council regarding a petition to impeach the Bush administration (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
995 Request of Bruce Deile to address Council regarding the Libertarian National convention held in Portland (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
996 Request of Robert Hill to address Council regarding general government (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
997 Request of Paul Phillips to address Council regarding Portland Police (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIME CERTAINS	
998 TIME CERTAIN: 9:50 AM – Authorize location, source and criteria for use of one time Neighborhood Association Volunteer Directors and Officers Insurance Defense Reserve to cover cost of attorney fees and initial court costs for neighborhood association officers and directors and increase the fund total to \$20,000 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter)	PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 2, 2006 AT 9:30 AM
999 TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Donation by Freightliner to Portland Parks & Recreation (Presentation introduced by Commissioner Saltzman)	PLACED ON FILE

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<p>S-1000 TIME CERTAIN: 10:45 AM – Refer amendments to the City of Portland Charter, Chapter 5, Fire and Police Disability, Retirement and Death Benefit Plan to the November 2006 General Election Ballot (Resolution introduced by Mayor Potter and Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten)</p> <p>Motion to accept Substitute Resolution: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. (Y-4)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">SUBSTITUTE 36431</p>	
<p align="center">CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p>		
<p>1001 Statement of cash and investments June 01, 2006 through June 30, 2006 (Report; Treasurer)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">PLACED ON FILE</p>	
<p align="center">Mayor Tom Potter</p> <p align="center">City Attorney</p> <p>*1002 Extend contract with Miller & Van Eaton for outside legal counsel (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 33776)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">180331</p>
<p align="center">Office of Emergency Management</p> <p>*1003 Authorize acceptance of grant from 2003 US Dept of Homeland Security, State and Local Homeland Security Exercise Support Grant to conduct terrorism related exercises (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">180332</p>
<p>*1004 Amend contract with Thayer Consulting to expand development and administrative support of the required Improvised Explosive Device exercise September 19, 2006 and provide additional funds (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 36490)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">180333</p>
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources</p> <p>1005 Create a new classification of Emergency Management Operations Manager and establish an interim compensation rate for this classification (Ordinance)</p>		<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 2, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Risk</p> <p>*1006 Pay claim of Cynthia Rippee (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">180334</p>
<p align="center">Police Bureau</p>		

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<p>*1007 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon State Police and Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program for an \$84,952 grant to fund Portland Interdiction Team efforts (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>180335</p>
<p>Commissioner Sam Adams</p>	
<p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>	
<p>*1008 Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to approve a temporary construction easement including an indemnification from the City on property necessary for construction of the East Side Combined Sewer Overflow Tunnel Project Steel Bridge Shaft Site, Project No. 7594 (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>180336</p>
<p>1009 Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Public Schools to provide maintenance services for landscaped stormwater management systems at Mt. Tabor Middle School (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 2, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Office of Transportation</p>	
<p>*1010 Authorize contract and provide for payment for the SW 4th Avenue and SW Jefferson Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>180337</p>
<p>*1011 Authorize contract and provide for payment for the Interstate MAX Light Rail Traffic Mitigation Project, N Denver Avenue from N Interstate to N Killingsworth Street (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>180338</p>
<p>1012 Authorize a reimbursement agreement with RIMCO, LLC related to work they will perform in coordination with and on behalf of the Portland Streetcar Lowell Extension Project (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 2, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>1013 Authorize a reimbursement agreement with North Macadam Investors, LLC related to work being performed in coordination with the Portland Streetcar Lowell Extension Project (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 2, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>*1014 Amend agreement with Portland Streetcar, Inc. to provide conceptual design and other professional services related to a permanent track alignment across Block 153 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31428) (Y-4)</p>	<p>180339</p>
<p>Commissioner Erik Sten</p>	
<p>Bureau of Housing and Community Development</p>	

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<p>*1015 Authorize five subrecipient contracts to further the goals of the Bureau of Housing and Community Development through the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness and provide for payment (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180340</p>	
<p>*1016 Authorize five omnibus subrecipient contracts to further the goals of the Bureau of Housing and Community Development through the 10-year Plan to End homelessness and provide for payment (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180341</p>	
<p align="center">City Auditor Gary Blackmer</p> <p>*1017 Assess property for system development charge contracts and private plumbing loan contracts (Ordinance; Z0758, K0083, T0098, K0085, T0099, P0073) (Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">180342</p>
<p align="center">REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p align="center">Mayor Tom Potter</p> <p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Bureau of Technology Services</p> <p>1018 Authorize two agreements with MetroFi, Inc. to utilize the City right of way and facilities and to provide the goods and services required to implement a citywide broadband high-speed wireless communication system (Second Reading Agenda 974) (Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">180349</p>
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources</p> <p>*1019 Authorize agreement with LifeEra, Inc. to provide Employee Assistance Program Services to City of Portland employees (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">180343</p>
<p>*1020 Extend contract with Standard Insurance Company for life and long term disability insurance for eligible City employees for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 34929) (Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">180344</p>
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Purchasing</p> <p>1021 Require bureaus to assign a level of confidence rating to project cost estimates when presented to City Council (Resolution) Motion to accept Substitute Exhibit A: Moved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman. (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">36430 AS AMENDED</p>

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<p>1022 Update Purchasing Code to conform to new state law and make technical corrections (Second Reading Agenda 990; replace Code Chapters 5.33 and 5.34) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180350 AS AMENDED</p>
<p align="center">Commissioner Sam Adams</p>	
<p align="center">Bureau of Environmental Services</p>	
<p>1023 Authorize change in the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan number R74165 to reflect twenty-year term begins on the date of first payment and increase loan amount (Second Reading Agenda 991; amend Ordinance No. 177898) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180351</p>
<p align="center">Office of Transportation</p>	
<p>*1024 Create the Portland Streetcar Lowell Extension Local Improvement District to assist in the capital financing to construct an extension of the Portland Streetcar from SW Gibbs Street to SW Lowell Street (Hearing; Ordinance; C-10018) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180345</p>
<p>1025 Adopt the final capital finance plan for the Portland Streetcar Lowell Extension Project (Resolution) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">36429</p>
<p>*1026 Amend Agreement with the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon for funding assistance for the operation and maintenance of the Portland Streetcar system (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 51529) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180346</p>
<p>*1027 Amend contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for construction of improvements for the Portland Streetcar Lowell Extension Project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 35163) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180347</p>
<p>*1028 Amend agreement with Portland Streetcar, Inc. to provide project management and design support services during construction of the Portland Streetcar Lowell Extension Project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31428) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180348</p>

At 10:59 a.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, JULY 26, 2006

**DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA
THERE WAS NO MEETING**

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Potter: Before we begin the official part of our council, i'd like to do two things. One, we have some guests from our sister city in russia. I'd like all of our fine guests to stand up so they could be introduced to the audience. Let's give them a round of applause. [applause] please forgive me as I pronounce your names. The delegates include mr. Vladimir, head of the habarask municipal district, svletlana, mr. Vladimir, director of the regional department of economics, and miss oxsana, head of the legal oversight department for the city council and miss niña polichka. The world affairs council of Oregon and the Portland sister city association are working together to arrange a program focused on good government, transparency and public input into the decision-making process. We're always happy to strengthen our relationships with our sister cities. We hope your visit will be both interesting and useful for the development of your region. They told me earlier that they had just come from seattle, and they were only in Portland for 20 minutes when they discovered that they liked Portland better than seattle. [applause] so thank you for being here. Next, each wednesday we begin our council meeting by asking the question, how are the children? And the reason we do that is because many communities around the world when adults greet each other, instead of saying "how are you?" they ask "how are the children?" they know when the children are well, the village is well. So we ask the same question to our community. Each week we have some young experts come in and talk to us about these issues. Today's young experts are from girls inc. There's quite a few in attendance. Could all of the girls from girls inc. Please stand up so we can see and you acknowledge you? Let's give them a round of applause. [applause] go ahead and sit down. Girls inc. Inspires girls to recognize their potential, honor their resiliency and believe in themselves by providing school-based empowerment programs, assertiveness education, and community advocacy for girl affirming policies and practices. They engage hundreds of female volunteers as facilitators, mentors, and community advocates who model solidarity and demonstrate the value of women and girls, holding one another up to reach our limitless potential. This summer girls inc. Launched a series of week-long summer camps, and this week's camp is called "girls can change the world." I love that. It is designed for girls to learn about community service and the ways they themselves can affect change in their communities. I'd like to invite four of the girls up. Kate hogan, shante parker, shayly smith and lauren hesten. They said there may be some alternatives. Lauren, is it? Are you one of the alternatives? When you speak, if you could speak into the microphone, that would be great. Thank you for being here. Why don't we start on this end with lauren. Introduce yourself.

Lauren Rojo Sanders: I'm Lauren rojo sanders, and i'm here to talk about youth homelessness. These are the three main points that i'd like to talk about. When you are homeless it makes it harder for you to be in school. When you are homeless youth it makes it harder for you to feel safe. And when you're a homeless youth you have a lack of food and shelter. My solutions to these problems are, we need to provide tutors that can help the youth, the homeless youth with school work at homeless shelters and community centers. We need to find more adults to take care of homeless

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youth. We need to -- we need more housing people can afford, and we need -- we also need more shelters and support services. I feel that every day people can contribute to help solve this problem by helping people of needs as much as possible. And how is it affecting me? I know people who have been homeless, and my dad works with people who are and have been homeless. It makes me very sad because I see every day that us and we have a luxurious life and we don't see it like that, but they have nothing. I hope I leave today with you knowing that every day children of all ages are affected by homelessness.

Potter: Thank you, lauren. Good job.

Lauren Hestand: Mayor Potter, commissioners, ladies and gentlemen, my name is lauren, i'm 11 years old and i'm here to talk about graffiti. Positive graffiti. I have a personal experience. My father and my mother, every time we go around town and we stop, my brothers and I ask, why are we stopping, like almost every three seconds. And they say that my father picks up his camera and takes a picture of the graffiti. The graffiti around town is sometimes amazing and is sometimes disruptive. I know it's defacing public property, but we all know sometimes it can be interesting and beautiful. I have a reason how it can be dealt with. Number one, it could be -- we can have areas around town that it can be used as graffiti spots. The areas that -- around town could be, as in -- in between alleys, and just on walls of -- around the -- around Portland. Those could be areas for graffiti to be drawn and also I found that graffiti is a way of some kids to express themselves.

Thank you.

Potter: Thank you, lauren.

Katie Hogan Good morning, my name is katie hogan, and i'm here to talk about the youth rights of safety. Some kids, they've experienced bad things in their life about sexual abuse, and it's really sad, and they have really rough lives. I've had experience with that, and sometimes when you are getting -- that's happening to you, they have a really rough life, and they have nothing to do, so I was here to talk about that I think that there should be like more web sites about those kinds of things, because I have family members who are put on there for no reason, and they haven't done anything bad about that. But they have looked on things on the computer, but hasn't happened to anybody. And I think that's really disruptive and there should be more things that can help kids who have been doing this, because it's really sad. It's just really bad.

Potter: Thank you very much, katy, that was very brave of you to come up here and say that.

Shante Parker: Good morning and thank you for this chance to speak today. I'm here today to address the issues with the school system. I have three main points to discuss with you today. Number one is stability. Number two is quality of education. And number three, overcrowding. These issues I feel are being caused by schools being shut down. School closures are causing instability by having children shuffled around and causing unnecessary and stressful transitions. In turn children are not focussing on their studies. Which leads to low quality education. School closures have also caused overcrowding and inconsistency which again contributes to low quality education. Now we've covered stability, equality of education, and overcrowding. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you all very much. You did excellent. You really did. Thank you for being here, and thank all the girls that are here today. I want the rest of the audience to know these are our future leaders. [applause] thank you. [gavel pounded] city council will come to order. Karla, please call the roll. [roll call]

Potter: I want to read this language into the proceedings. I'd like to remind folks prior to offering public testimony to city council, a lobbyist must declare which lobbying entity he or she is authorized to represent. Let's begin with communications, please read the first item.

Item 994.

Randal Davis: Good morning mr. Mayor and city council. My name is randal davis. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to urge you and the council to pass the resolution to impeach president bush and vice-president cheney. I make a living with my hands, but this I know -- if I

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come in to this chamber I have a duty to tell the truth. Honesty in the workplace is also required. George w. Bush was not honest with congress and the american people when he made his case for war. Nor was he honest about his secret domestic spy adam plumondore. It is an -- program. It is a high crime to provide false information to congress. Yet on march 18, 2003, he sent a letter to congress stating his reason for the iraq war. It was to take, quote, actions against those nations, organizations, or persons who planned the terrorist attack that occurred on september 11th, 2001. Later that same year in september bush admitted "we've had no evidence saddam hussein was involved with september 11th." we now know thanks to the downing street memo that as the rest of us grieved on 9-11, bush began to, quote, fix the facts to suit the policy. The prewar intelligence that led to the war wasn't flawed. It was fixed. The trillion dollar cost of the bush-iraq venture robs our city and other communities. As bridges are blown up and rebuilt in baghdad, we struggle to repair infrastructure at home from katrina, federal funds have been shifted from community policing and grant money for local crime prevention programs have been cut. We now know that prior to 9-11 bush and cheney had already started their domestic spy program in violation of the fourth amendment. And speaking of those who led us to war, john dean, president nixon's laurenly stated "today's right wing calms are authoritarian fear hmongers leading to us fascism." we have now lost 2,566 american soldiers, we read the bloody stories from iraq, we see an entire nation dying right in front of us. The blame for this carnage must be laid squarely at the feet of george w. Bush and dick cheney. The u.s. Invasion of iraq was ordered against the advice of the c.i.a., the state department, and most u.s. Military officers and in defiance of the united nations. The united states attacked and destroyed a nation that had never attacked us, which had no weapons of mass destruction and no connection to al qaeda. Strong evidence now suggests that the bush administration launched an illegal war, lied to congress, and spied on americans without court approval. Please pass the resolution to impeach. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you. Please read the next item.

Item 995.

Potter: Please read the next item.

Item 996.

Potter: Mr. Hill, let me remind you that you're in the city council, that you will not raise your voice, and that you have three minutes. Please state your name and then begin.

Robert Hill: Mr. Mayor, mr. President, who is absent, I believe, members of the council, staff, and honored guests, good morning and shalom. I am mr. Robert hill. I automatic here today on special visitation by special appearance. When I was here two weeks ago to talk about election reform and the charter review, I ended up rushing through it. And it's possible that not everybody clearly heard the message. I went back recently to the archived real player file on the Portland online website at about 20 minutes into the meeting and reviewed my commentary. I would like to start over again with my commentary on proportional reputation election systems, but I want to briefly talk about another topic first. There is a homeless shelter called rose haven that has been funded by catholic services of Portland. And it has to move here within a few days because the building is being renovated. And my number is 503-294-2684. I'm not authorized to give the sisters phone number out, it's a cell phone, but dennis is the director of social services there. The phone number to that organization is 503-231-4866. I spoke with doug a few days ago, and if anyone has any knowledge of a new location for that facility to move into, it's not only a homeless shelter for families and women, but it is also a rehabilitation center. Also I wish to concur with item 994, the impeachment petition. We really need to get bush and cheney out of office. The main topic I want to get to at the moment is the item regarding my assault by police officers two weeks ago at about 10:00 a.m. I filed this morning a letter, and you should have copies of this, not necessarily blue, of the letter I filed today with chief rosie sizer. And this is a public document. I also filed today a complaint with the independent police review division upstairs in that corner. It's

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normally not reviewable by the public, and that's a concern I have, that a true civilian review board should really have documents of sustained complaints. That can be reviewed by the public so the public knows what's going wrong with the police officers in the city. Just because a chief gets replaced once in a while doesn't mean there's real reform in the city. Also today in conjunction with the previous two documents, I have filed a claim for damages for \$1,000 because I believe this assault caused me harm. It was technical violation of an unlawful search, and that thousand dollars is something that I believe is a reasonable compensation for the violation of my federal and state rights as guaranteed by the constitutions. Furthermore, if these offices are unwilling to provide copies of what I filed, I also filed today with the auditor in the clerk's office in the downstairs floor this notice of statements submitted for city council submission today and that concludes my time.

Potter: Please read the next item.

Item 997.

Paul Phillips: I'm paul phillips. This is not a complaint about the Portland police, but rather a compliment to them. To begin with, i'm rather alarmed, more than just concerned about the Portland police. Koin 6 I believe it was reported three weeks ago or so that 93 injured and disabled police officers -- I also am alarmed, I asked two police officers, one specifically, the question if there was a thousand policemen with stating the fact that 93 are injured and disabled, and in the presence of this other police officer he said he kind of doubted it. I'm wondering if the public knows apparently a thousand police officers isn't a thousand police officers, and that there's 93 that's injured and disabled, and of course you can remember from may 24 that the city council approved a resolution 694 barrowing \$20 million for the fire and police injury and disability fund that was for the years of 2006 and 2007, which basically \$10 million per year for the next two years had to be borrowed, apparently, for the injured officers, injured and disabled officers, and no mention of the news ever reported that the firemen, how many they have. And rosie sizemore, the chief of the city police, was saying last week on the news that the officer that was involved in the 82nd eastport mall shooting was injured some 18 months before. That guy ought to get a recommendation of the she virtually was saying that -- commending him for his job performance. I've met some police officers, I don't see well enough to even know a policeman. I've got to walk up and ask them if they're police, basically. Even when they're in uniform. And all the ones I met's been honest, fair, intelligent. And I guess my time is up. Thank you.

Potter: Is that the consent agenda?

Moore: That's the last of the communications.

Potter: Please read the consent agenda.

Moore: Do you want to take --

Potter: Do any commissioners wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Does any member of this audience wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Mr. Hill has submitted a request to pull all items from the consent agenda. I deny that request as the presiding officer of this council, I deem those actions dilatory practices and refuse to allow it. Please call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the -- 950 time certain.

Item 998.

Potter: This neighborhood legal defense fund provides a level of certainty for volunteer participation in Portland's neighborhood associations in an environment of increasing litigation in our society. Such uncertainty is counterproductive to the stated admission to enhance the quality of Portland's neighborhoods through community participation. The legal defense fund will establish a fund that will be accessible to neighborhood association members to pay for initial attorney fees in the case of if an association is sued for actions the organization has taken. We are appreciative of the many hours of research by neighborhood volunteers and coalition staff into insurance alternatives and defense fund administrative issues.

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Amalia Alarcon, Director, Office of Neighborhood Involvement: Good morning, mr. Mayor and council. This issue is a follow-up to last year's approval by council of establishing the legal defense fund. Back about four years ago I think now, because of changes in the insurance industry, neighborhood associations -- i'm sorry, i'm director of the office of neighborhood involvement. About four years ago due to changes in the insurance industry, neighborhood association boards lost directors and officers coverage through the neighborhood coalitions. Leaving neighborhood association volunteers vulnerable to trivial lawsuits. And in the research that we did to figure out how to resolve this issue, we discovered that there is a federal volunteer protection act that exists that supports volunteers within the course of carrying out their duties as stated by the organization for which they work. In order to prove that a person is covered under the federal volunteer protection act when sued, they would have to go to court. And that costs money. So this legal defense fund was promised by commissioner Leonard at the time to help neighborhood association volunteers cover those costs should something like that occur. Over the last year since this fund has been established, we've worked with risk management, city attorney's office, and representatives from our coalitions to really look at the procedures and the processes to access these dollars to maximize the dollars that we have and to make sure that the money actually does what we all intended for it to do in the first place. So with that i'm going to turn it over to mark sieber from neighbors northwest to tell you about the process.

Mark Sieber: I'm mark sieber, 2939 northwest montar court. I'm here to speak in particular about the reworking of exhibit a, which is the process for how to request funds from this reserve. First i'd like to thank Leonard guard of southwest neighborhoods and ruth spедder from the city attorney's office. They spent a great deal of time and put the majority of effort into this reworking. I would also like to thank amelia for sticking with us for quite some time and thank you all for your support. The draft of exhibit a is generally organizes and clarifies the original exhibit a from a year ago, but it does differ in a few instances. These are that it defines eligibility including a definition of directors and officers which is expanded to include autonomous neighborhood committees, people who speak on behalf of the neighborhood. It also, and this is a main point, reduces the minimum -- maximum allowable payment from \$7500 to \$1,000. This was in line with the purpose of the original work which was to assist in the dismissal of lawsuits. It also allows for more individuals to benefit from the fund and it addresses situations where a board or committee may be sued collectively. It also sets a time limit for filing a claim six months from the time the suit is filed and it the defines and requires a complete application which includes affirmation by the applicant that he or she is eligibility, a copy of the lawsuit, a pledge that funds will only be used for allowed purposes and it also has other conditions required by the federal volunteer act. So with that, i'd be happy to answer any questions.

Potter: Thank you, folks, very much.

*****: Thank you.

Potter: Is there a sign-up sheet?

Moore: We had one person sign up, mr. Robert hill.

Potter: You have one minute to make your point.

Robert Hill: I have a concern about this line item 1002. It has an asterisks which indicates it's an emergency measure, and i'm concerned what makes this an emergency.

Potter: Is this a consent item?

Hill: We are on 1002, extend the contract with miller --

Potter: That was a consent item.

Moore: We had on 998.

*****: I'm sorry.

Sylvia Bogert: Good morning. I'm the executive director for southwest neighborhoods. I'm just here this morning to say thank you. This has taken us a while to get here, but the neighborhood

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associations really appreciate your support for the neighborhood system for their volunteer work, and I just wanted to say thank you very much.

Potter: Thank you.

Moore: That's all who signed up.

Potter: This is an ordinance, and it moves to a second reading. We are early for the 10:30 and the 10:45. Could we go to the regular agenda? We have five emergency -- six, actually. Emergency votes this morning. No, wait a minute. Five emergency votes. Could you start with the first emergency vote, item 1019? Is o.m.f. Staff here to discuss this vote?

Item 1019.

Peggy Anet, Bureau of Human Resources: I'm the city benefit manager. I'm glad I anticipated you would move quickly through the agenda. The first contract, there are two that I am going to be discussing, the first is with lifeera, which provides the city's employee assistance program. And the second is a contract amendment that extends the city's agreement with standard insurance to provide lifetime disability. The employee assistance program has been a component in the city's benefits package since the early 1990's. The program offers counselling services for employee use as well as other types of support. It helps them deal with their day-to-day concerns as well as some critical life events that may happen such as a death in the family. The -- in addition to the city providing the e.a.p. Program, two bureaus have specific assistance, program coordinators, and that includes the fire bureau and the police bureau. The range of service that's we presently offer is quite expansive. In addition to what one would expect to be the normal sort of counselling services, the kinds of things that are now available include services for employee who's have an aging parent who lives in the -- in another part of the country that may need some senior services kinds of activities. Also includes activity -- an online health risk assessment that's available for employees to go on and do a confidential assessment of their health status. There is also information on the website that includes a template for a will for those people who have not done that. And they can fill out the basic information, and then take that to their own attorney to finalize the will. We found that employees have been very surprised when they find the full range of service that's are provided, and they particularly like the expansive nature of what is now available to them. This is a particularly valuable component in the benefit package, and it certainly compliment what's we can do for employees who might have stress or other critical events going on in their lives. With that, I would urge your adoption of this contract.

Potter: Any questions from commissioners?

Adams: On a different topic, how are -- since you're here, how are things going on the -- our efforts, our cooperative efforts, labor management efforts around reducing the cost impacts of health care to employees and to taxpayers?

Anet: Mr. Mayor, commissioner Adams, I also anticipated I might get a question on this topic.

Adams: You're psychic.

Anet: The -- we've completed a citywide employee survey, and we're using the results from that to develop the questions format for focus groups. And we're working with unions now to identify the participants in the focus groups. There's a survey out to the unions asking them to identify the resources they have available to assist us in the development of the wellness plan and perhaps most critically in terms of this present stage, we had 84 applicants for the wellness coordinator position. And we have screened that down to --

Saltzman: How many?

Anet: We received 84 applications. Which was really a number that was higher than I would have anticipated. We advertised in a national health promotion journal, and we actually have some very qualified folks from throughout the country as a result. The screening process was ably assisted by janet woodside-gomez from the fire bureau, who oversees the fire bureau's wellness program. And labor is going to be actively involved in the selection process in terms of identifying and helping us

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make a decision as to who that person will be. So I think we're making considerable progress. I think that we all know that the key to the success of the program is how we reach our employees and retirees, and it's very clear to labor and ourselves that labor plays a critical role in terms of helping us get people engaged in the process and what we come up with.

Potter: Further questions from commissioners?

Saltzman: You mentioned the feature that they will help people with aging parents in other cities. I thought that was interesting. Is that a new feature?

Anet: That is a new feature. And it's surprising how many employees we have that actually use that. The services are really quite remarkable. They provide us quite a listing of the kind of activities, and they actually have provided counselling for people who have been diagnosed with cancer who have small children, and the question in that case is how do you explain cancer to a small child? It's -- we did a number of employee education sessions, and people were really very surprised at all of the things that were available to them.

Potter: Karla, please call the roll.

Moore: I didn't have a sign-up sheet, but I don't know if there's anybody who would like to -- we have one person who would like to speak to this.

Potter: This is your last time to speak today. Make the most of it.

Robert Hill: Pardon?

Potter: This is the last time you're going to speak today.

Hill: Why? Why it is my last time.

Potter: I made that a ruling. That's sufficient.

Hill: On what basis?

Potter: Would you like to be removed from the room again?

Hill: I'd like to know the basis of your decision.

Potter: You're taking one minute.

Hill: Is there a rational basis for that restriction on my speaking before the council?

Potter: I consider your actions dilatory.

Hill: I don't understand, your honor.

Potter: Give him one minute.

Hill: I think it's unfair for you to do that, to restrict my ability to speak to the city council when I barely had a chance to speak to any of these items.

Potter: Go ahead.

Hill: None of these are posted on the website. Hi to come this morning to get these. There's an undue restriction on -- on my right to speak --

Potter: I did.

Hill: I think it's a bad idea to pass this bill today even fits a good bill. It has an emergency clause in it. I'm not a fan of emergency clauses. It doesn't really say why it's going to have an undue and costly delay in providing benefits to the planned participants in section two. It's just a simple declaration with no explanation of how that happens. Did somebody drop the ball? This is a bill sponsored by you, mr. Mayor. Is it something you're responsible for, making this be an emergency instead of a regular time to bill? The same thing with bill 1020, line item 1020 there. Are 18 emergency items and only 10 normal bills on today's agenda. Why is this city operating in emergency mode? Why are so many bills having to be emergencies with no explanation of why they're emergencies? Who is not running this city correctly? Is it you? Or is it your staff?

Potter: Time's up. Call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1020.

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Peggy Anet, Bureau of Human Resources: Mr. Mayor, members of the council, this is a contract amendment that merely reflects the rates for 2006 and 2007 for the first three years of the contract we had with standard for a life and long-term disability, we had fixed rates and for the fourth year, they review our experience and provide us rate adjustments. And what this amendment does is reflect the rate adjustments that were negotiated with standard insurance. As it turns out we had good experience on the life side and the rates went down. We had not so good experience on the long-term disability and those rates did go up. And with that I would urge your adoption of this contract amendment. Thank you.

Potter: Questions? Please call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] i'd like to move ahead to the next emergency vote. I'm moving ahead because I have to leave at 11:30 and we require a minimum of four folks to vote on emergency. Please read item 1024.

Item 1024.

Potter: Commissioner Adams.

Adams: Thank you, mr. Mayor. The council consideration today if approved will authorize the start of construction of the Portland streetcar lowell extension project that will add about a half a mile or eight blocks to the city streetcar system. It will run from the current terminus at southwest gibbs street, which is the tram to lowell at the south end of south waterfront district. Lowell is one block north of southwest bancroft, where the current location of the spaghetti factory is. The extension will let us better serve all the new developments that is occurring in south waterfront. The meriwether condominiums, people are moving in right now, and ohsu's center for health and healing, they're scheduled to move in mid october. The john ross and atwater place developments are under construction and other projects under consideration include the tram and another project by williams and danes at southwest lowell. At builtout this new neighborhood will have three to 5,000 housing units at many levels and about 10,000 jobs. The private investment in addition to the public investment is expected to be about \$1.5-2 billion. It is important we do this to handle the growth of not only the south waterfront districts, but the south waterfront is our investment in the central city, and helps us maintain urban sprawl. The project cost is \$14.45 million.

Potter: Did you say maintain urban sprawl?

Adams: Sorry, contain urban sprawl. Thank you, mayor.

Potter: Just a slight clarification.

Adams: Thank you, mayor, for being such a devoted fan of my testimony. The project will cost \$14.45 million and is funded in a variety of sources. We've included the sources of the funding as attachment a on the ordinance before you. I'd like to thank the private property owners, which are putting up \$4.5 million for the local improvement district. I'd like to thank the state and the governor for the connect Oregon grant. We have federal funding from hud of about \$644 million, and a variety of other funds from pdot. This extension sets up consideration of streetcar connection between south waterfront through johns landing, and on to lake oswego. Vicky is here to answer any questions that you might have.

Potter: Questions from the commissioners? Is there a sign-up sheet.

Moore: Yes. We have mr. Mark williams.

Adams: He had to leave.

Potter: Ok.

Moore: That was all besides mr. Hill.

Potter: Please call the vote.

Adams: Thank you vicky and carter mcnichols, rick gustafson and everyone on staff working hard to move this forward. Aye.

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Leonard: I appreciate the work commissioner Adams brings to this project. I have had concerns in the past, but his diligence and seeing through particulars of this allows me to feel comfortable in voting aye.

Saltzman: Very exciting. Pleased to vote aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] did you want to go through, this is the same -- go ahead and read item 1025.

Item 1025.

Potter: Questions from the commissioners? It's a resolution, please call -- is there a sign-up sheet?

Moore: I had one all together. If mr. Williams didn't want to speak to this one, the resolution either?

*****: [inaudible]

Leonard: Wise judgment. Poise please call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1026.

Item 1026.

Potter: Questions of commissioners? Please call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1027.

Item 1027.

Potter: Questions? Call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1028.

Item 1028.

Potter: Questions? Call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded]

*****: Thank you.

Item 999.

Potter: Thank you very much. Commissioner Saltzman, I --

Saltzman: I think we have everybody here. We can get started. We'll just start without her.

Potter: Please read the 10:30 time certain. ¶¶

Adams: I'm going to start bringing in music.

Leonard: Here we go.

Saltzman: Thank you, antonio, for the musical moment here at city council.

Adams: That was beautiful.

Saltzman: You can hear the antonio trio august 5 at the Washington park summer festival at 6:00 p.m. In the rose garden amphitheater. We wanted to set the mood in order to give a warm thanks to freightliner for the \$100,000 donation making possible Portland parks and recreation 2006 Washington park summer festival. This is the second year in a row freightliner's generous donation has allowed parks to produce the festival that was lost nearly 20 years ago due to the city's inability to fund it on its own. Here with us today is roger nielsen, chief operating officer for freightliner, and with him is lisa, would you like to say a few words?

Lisa Turpel, Portland Parks & Recreation: I am lisa turpel, and i'm here to give my warm thanks to freightliner for their second year's donation to our Washington park summer festival and summer concerts. I think it would demonstrate the gratitude of Portland to freightliner for this donation with a little vignette. There was a gentleman on the bus last year who had -- who was sit can next to one of our employees from Portland parks and recreation who got to chatting with folks and found out that our staff person worked for parks and recreation and he said that he was -- had just that night before been up to Washington park summer festival, this was last summer, and had

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enjoyed a wonderful picnic and concert under the stars, and he was leaning back on the blanket and he was thinking to himself, it doesn't get better than this. Zari is here now, and I know she has a couple words to say.

Zari Santner, Director, Portland Parks & Recreation: I'm sorry i'm late. Good morning, zari santner, director of parks and recreation. I'm very, very delighted to be here to acknowledge the contributions that freightliner group has made to the city last year and fortunately this year. Many of you have attended summer concerts in parks, and this is a very well-loved summertime activity in our community. And it started, if you read parks bureau's report, all the way back to 1908, you get really a lot of descriptions about summer concerts, musical concerts, performances, marching bands that had occurred throughout the year and decades in parks. And the summer musical festival in Washington park started in 1949 under the leadership of -- who was the director of recreation for Portland parks, and this effort under her guidance and leadership has continued throughout the years and has become the model for summer concert series in parks. Over the years neighborhood committees have taken the lead to raise funds and select artists and spread the word. And local businesses, small and large, have stepped up to sponsor concerts in nearby parks so that artist and technicians receive a reasonable fee for the work and cost is no barrier for public enjoyment. When music is played in parks, in summer evenings and the park is filled with hundreds of people picnicking and dancing, toddlers, elders, and everyone in between, there's no room for activities that put a neighborhood in peril. And summer concerts in Portland parks stand as a testament to the power of arts and parks in fostering a sense of community. 2005 was a banner year. Primarily because of the partnership with the freightliner groups. And because of their generosity and their contributions, we were able to expand the concert series and participation by more than 25% in our parks, and most importantly we were able to publicize these events through media and radio. Today we have roger nielsen, who is the chief operating officer of the freightliner group, which he would say a few words, and the purpose of our presentation today is just to give the council an opportunity to join us in thanking the freightliner for their contribution and for their generosity. Before I turn to roger I would like to read a quote from a musician who played in one of our parks last year. He said -- his name was mark bosnian. He said "the cost of attending Portland parks concert is zero dollars. The benefit it provides to the community is worth millions of dollars. And to be able to play zydeco in front of a sea of smiling faces and watch kids of all ages dance their interpretation of the funky monkey is absolutely priceless. So with that, I will turn it over to you.

Roger Nielsen, Freightliner: Dan, lisa, zari, commissioners, mayor Potter, thank you very much for the introduction and the kind remarks. As dan mentioned i'm roger nielsen, the chief operating officer for freightliner and i'm delighted to be here today. I'm usually worried about plant production schedules and material costs, so i've given me quite a welcome relief from that pressure. You'll be glad to hear we're having a banner year as well at freightliner and we have some very busy production schedules right now going on on swan island. Despite the press of business we're pleased and proud to sponsor the Washington park summer festival again this year, and like you we're looking forward to many wonderful evening in the parks this august and an outstanding lineup of concerts. Much like the concert series freightliner has a long history in Portland. For those of you who may not be familiar with our company, let me give you a synopsis. Our founder opened a manufacturing facility in Portland in 1947 to built a better truck for the use of innovative lightweight materials. 59 years later freightliner is still proud to call Portland home. Our Portland - - our corporate headquarters in the Portland manufacturing plant are both located on swan island along with more than 4,000 of our employees. We've grown quite a bit, and i'm pleased to note freightliner leads the north american market today for the building and selling of heavy and medium duty trucks. With a total of 26,000 employees in the united states, canada, and mexico. We are also the leading north american producer of school buses and diesel-powered vehicles and chassises for the motor home market and the walk-in van market. We've been an integral park and successful

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part of daimler-chrysler since 1981 when then the company known as daimler benz purchased our company from consolidated freight wise. You know daimler-chrysler. You may not know daimler-chrysler is also the largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in the entire world. More than twice our nearest competitor. This has been highly beneficial to freightliner in terms of access to advanced engineering and research capabilities, among other competitive advantages. Most of you have seen the doctor z commercials on t.v. You may recall the chairman daimler-chrysler was the president of freightliner in the early 1990's. He and his family remember Portland fondly and I highly doubt his recent stint in detroit as head of freightliner -- head of chrysler compares favorably to living here in Portland. I met his children, his children still call Portland home. This is home to them and always will be.

Saltzman: That's not an actor then.

Neilsen: It's not an actor. His mustache is real.

Potter: I just won a bet with my wife on that. [laughter]

Nielsen: With that background, i'd like to close the few comments on why the Washington park summer festival sponsorship is important to us. Sponsorship opportunities are key decisions for companies like ours and we're pleased this one is such a great fit. You might be wondering what truck manufacturing has to do with music. As one of Portland's largest employers, we believe that being an active community participant is an important and worthwhile goal. The well attended and free concerts at Washington park are a wonderful way for us to give back to the city at large. We also appreciate the cultural and ethnic diversity represented in the concert schedule and the fact these performances have broad appeal and educational value. We recognize that contributing to the communities where we operate means a great deal to our employees as well. Our role as a summer festival sponsor last year was a huge hit with our employees, and as I mentioned earlier, many of us will be personally participating under the stars with our families. Finally, I know working to maintain Portland's status as a family friendly city is a priority for all of you and that is a goal we all share. Once again, thank you very much for the opportunity to contribute, and the recognition today. We look forward to seeing you guys on the grass as well at Washington park this month.

Saltzman: Thank you. This is really a splendid example of how the public and private sectors can collaborate together to implement family friendly activities for the entire community. I hope we can continue this tradition with you for many years to come in the future. So to remind our viewing public and everybody, there are 15 concerts at the Washington -- as part of the Washington park summer series, as well as 40 other summer concerts throughout the city throughout Portland neighborhood parks and all are free to the public. Now back to you antonio for a closing. ¶¶ [applause]

Potter: Thank you. That will be a hard one to top.

Adams: That was your best presentation ever, commissioner.

Saltzman: Thank you.

Potter: We have a 10:45 time certain, but we don't have -- it's not 10:45, so we will go to the regular agenda. Please read item 1018.

Item 1018.

Potter: This is a second reading. Vote only, please call the roll.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye.

Saltzman: I'm very pleased to go ahead with this of the this is an exciting opportunity for Portland, from an economic development point of view, but also in terms of giving all citizens access to the internet at no cost. This is a great, exciting proposal. I look forward to it. Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1021.

Item 1021.

Adams: This is follow-up to a resolution that was passed by council at the request of yourself and my office to learn the appropriate lessons to be learned regarding issues related to the tram and the

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confidence of the information regarding cost estimates that the council should place on the variety of projects that we approve at a variety of stages in the process. Given the high volume of decision-making that we have to make here, we thought that it would be useful for our efforts at making good decisions and the public's efforts to try to track where a project is in terms of its development and in terms of how much confidence we should place on cost estimates at various points along its developments to actually put together a rating system that people that come before us as a city council and staff that comes before us as commissioners in charge would be able to communicate, and it would be a standard rating system that would allow for us to develop a common language across the far-flung city bureaucracy. So Jeff and a group of folks have been working on coming up with an initial draft of standards, and we'll be presenting them today and we'll continue to fine tune them with experience. So Jeff, up front I want to thank you very much for your work on this, and the team of people that you had involved with you.

Jeff Baer, Director, Bureau of Purchases: Thank you. Mayor Potter, members of city council, I'm Jeff Baer, the director of the bureau of purchases. As Commissioner Adams alluded to, this was back in March I was directed to pursue coming up with a rating index you could be better informed at various stages along the project life and you'll see the index as we came up with it really tracks that at varying stages along the project estimate, and from a very low rating index where the project scope is very visionary or conceptual, and really at the development stage, so there are not -- there's limited detail known at that point, but as you get further and further along the design path and get down to where you have a clear understanding of the materials that are involved, the different size quantities and so forth, it really raises your level of rating in terms of conveying to the council what -- how much due diligence has gone through and put into the project, and how much clear understanding of the whole project in its entirety really is at that optimal level. We also added a completion which really is designed to gauge our attempt at rating and also to come back to you to let you know that here's what we did, here's what we assigned as a rating index along the line and here's what we know at the end of that project so we can come back and say what did we learn and sort of grade ourselves from a project management perspective. So with that I'll stop. We did -- let me add one more thing. We looked at a number of different areas from the port of Portland, ODOT, NASA on project rating indexes to come up with a scheme. Some of them have elaborate ones that go through quite in detail, and this chart I think reflects a very straightforward, easy-to-understand for the public to know where we're at when we assign different rating level. So I'll stop there and address any questions you might have.

Potter: Questions from the commissioners? Thank you, Jeff. Well done.

Baer: Thank you.

Potter: Do we have a sign-up sheet?

Moore: No one has signed up.

Adams: I need to move a substitute.

Potter: Ok. Please do so.

Adams: I move the substitute for exhibit A to the one I passed out, do you have a copy?

Moore: I just passed it out. I have extras.

Potter: I do hear a second?

Saltzman: Second please call the vote. This is on the substitute.

Adams: The change was simply to add the words "engineering unique to the transportation construction project management." there's a design phase and an engineering phase, so we wanted to be clear about that. Aye.

Leonard: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] now on the resolution itself.

Adams: Just a final thanks to you, Mr. Mayor, for partnering with my office on this, and again to your great team in purchasing. Aye.

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Leonard: Aye.

Saltzman: I want to thank commissioner Adams and mayor Potter. I think this is a really nice tool that all bureaus can use and the city council can use to unify around better decision-making on important capital projects. I think this gives us a great tool to do that. Aye.

Potter: I too appreciate commissioner Adams' leadership on this. I think it's a good way for the council for the bureaus to give council a heads up when there's something coming before council that has financial implications and other kind of implications to have this kind of tool for us to use, and I appreciate the work of jeff and his folks and commissioner Adams' office. I vote aye. [gavel pounded]

Adams: And I forgot to thank brian hockaday on my staff for all his good work on this.

Potter: Please read item 1022.

Item 1022.

Potter: This is a second reading, vote only.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1023.

Item 1023.

Potter: Second reading, vote only.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] we've already gone through the consent agenda and your item was passed. Thanks for being here. You only have to stick around if you're really interested.

Leonard: That would call into question his judgment.

Item 1000.

Potter: Please read the 10:45 time certain.

Potter: Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you, mr. Mayor, members of the council. Today we consider referring reforms to the fire and police disability and retirement system for voter approval in the november elections. The resolution we have before us stood embodies the work of independent citizens, representatives from the police and fire bureaus, city staff, and the city council. A year and a half ago the city council started down the path to reforming the fire and police disability and retirement system. In february 2005 council created the independent review committee, or i.r.c., to oversee a comprehensive analysis of the fire, police, disability and retirement system n january of this year, the council created the reform committee to propose substantial and comprehensive reforms to the system. The reforms before council today are both fiscally responsible to the taxpayers and are fair to our public safety officers. In essence, the reforms ensure independent audits of the system will be conducted, the reforms also ensure a fair disability system, a system overseen by independent disability experts, a system that will not be abused. As well, if the voters approve these changes, we will improve the financial health of our city. The city currently faces a \$1.64 billion unfunded property tax liability. If we do not correct this problem, we will leave our children and our grandchildren the legacy of an \$8 billion unfunded debt. This threat to the city's financial well-being, the unfunded property tax liability, has been studied seven times, the first report was a 1982 city club report. With our action today, the voters for the first time in nearly 24 years will have an opportunity to weigh in. The reforms we'll ask voters to approve in november correct this looming unfunded liability problem by moving all new police and firefighter -- all new police and firefighters into the funded Oregon state public service retirement system. Equally important, the reforms to the disability system are significant and sweeping. As the independent citizens committee indicated, the major problem with the current system is that disability experts do not make decisions in claims. Instead, a board controlled by beneficiaries of the system have been making decisions on disability claims. For the public to have confidence in this system and our city, independent experts in disability manners must make claims decisions and the system cannot

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be controlled by beneficiaries of the system. The reforms before us today ensure the use of neutral and independent experts to make claims decisions. In addition, these reforms bring the fire police disability and retirement system into the existing structure at the city, ensuring more oversight by city council, oversight that a sorely needed. The final piece of the resolution is to guarantee that the city will provide greater accountability to the taxpayers regarding the fire police and disability retirement system. An initial audit of the system will be conducted within nine months to allow the city to monitor and measure the system for success as well as to provide guidance to improve the system. The public deserves a chance to vote on these reforms in november to reform this system and ensure that we do not leave a legacy of debt to our children. Before we guinea do want to offer a substitute to this resolution. It contains minor wordsmithing changes from our city attorney's office. So I would move the substitute.

Adams: Second.

Saltzman: I just wanted to add that the city attorney and shannon callahan are available from my office to answer any questions regarding the substitute.

Potter: What was the substitute again?

Saltzman: It's basically minor wordsmithing changes from the earlier version.

Potter: Ok. Good. Please call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded]

Saltzman: We're now open for testimony unless council has questions.

Potter: Was there a sign-up sheet.

Moore: We have eve schweber.

Potter: Who are you with?

Eva Schweber: City club.

Potter: Ok.

Schweber: Mayor Potter, commissioner Saltzman, commissioner Adams, and commissioner Leonard. As a representative of city club, of city club of Portland, we are pleased to be here as you vote -- as you just vote order proposed charter charges that will restructure Portland's antiquated fire police disability and retirement fund system. By referring fpd&r reform to the november ballot you will be giving voters the opportunity to address a \$1.64 billion liability before it becomes an \$8.4 billion liability. As you know, the greatest hurdle is yet to come. Convincing voters this package of reforms is not only in the best interest of the city, but is also of significant consequence will not be easy. It will require the act of support of you, our elected -- of you, our elected officials, stakeholder groups, continued reporting and commentary by local media, and visible support from civic organizations such as the Portland business alliance and the city club of Portland. In january of this year, city club made a commitment to educate others about the need for fpd&r reform. Pending adoption of today's package, which is just happened, package of reforms and authorization from city club's board of governors we expect to be active participants in your voter education process. I would like to thank you for your ongoing leadership and commitment to fpd&r reform. Your leadership has brought stitch sis from a brought range of interests and concerns together to work for the greater good of Portland's long-term fiscal sustainability. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you. Is that it?

Moore: That's all who signed up. Please call the vote.

Adams: I want to thank commissioner Saltzman for his dogged leadership on this issue as well. His staff, the mayor, and his staff for perseverance. Our legal shop, financial shop, judy, whichever shop you work for, i'm not sure, I want to also thank mary jo markle, who is now helping reconstruct mississippi, but is going to be interested in this, and also brian hockaday on my staff who -- over there, whose worked hard on this in the last couple months. I look forward to helping campaign for this. I think it's an important reform. It reflects I think excellent progress. It takes

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care of many of the concerns and it does so in a way that keeps as much support together as possible. So i'm pleased to vote aye.

Leonard: The easiest way to have submarined this attempt when it first began would have been to sit back and say nothing and allow what was occurring to roll itself out. Because what would have happened at the end of the day is the voters who have to pass final judgment are not going to be something they feel is an unfair judgment upon their city's police and firefighters. And I know that from a lot of experience. I am pleased that didn't happen, that people that were concerned about the various issues raised in the fire and police disability and retirement system saw the need to work together, to create a coalition, to keep everybody on board where people tried to get off board, sit down with them, talk that through, figure out what was causing them concern, address it, and move on to the next stage. One does not have to have been a firefighter or police officer to appreciate the work that they do for the community. And this community makes that point often. The changes contained herein I think are fair and are balanced, and will protect our police and firefighters in a way that they need to be protected when they are injured, when they are killed, it will still provide in my view a reasonable level of benefits to their surviving families, and that will happen. And when they retire, will give them a reasonable retirement upon which to spend the years of their lives after they leave service. So in many ways as difficult as this was for a lot of people, this was the easy part. Because we have to get the voters to vote yes for all of this work to make any difference at all. So having this unified front that we do now is very important. It is very important. It is important to the voters, and it is important to our police and firefighters. Each of us here needs to be very involved in the upcoming campaign. Some of us here, however, given our prior lives, have a responsibility to be probably even more involved and more vocal, and more visible about the need for the voters to vote yes. I assume some of that responsibility with this package today. And understand that it's part of what is important for the long-term viability of this city, and I -- commissioner Saltzman and I have already begun talking about our joint efforts to do what's necessary to win this very important charter change in november. So it wasn't always pretty, but getting here, but dan and I discovered new sides of each other, which I think enhanced our friendship to the surprise I think of a lot of people. But when I would think he was being hard headed, I would realize he probably had a good argument, I was being the same way. And I think out of that came a very healthy debate and a very healthy product that we are voting on here today. And i'm pleased to vote aye.

Saltzman: These reforms, which I hope voters will approve, are fiscally responsible to the taxpayers and fair to our public safety officers. I'd like to thank all those who have worked very hard over the last year and a half to bring these reforms to where they are on the verge of going to the ballot. City staff, council staff, members of the independent review committee, members of the fire, police, disability and retirement system board of trustees, city club representatives, and members of the police and fire associations, as well as the Portland police commanding officers association, thank you all for your hard work and input as this process has moved along. I'd also like to thank my fellow commissioner and especially mayor tom Potter for his leadership on this important reform, and finally two people who deserve medals of honor, shannon callahan from my office, and austin from the mayor's office. They've gone above and beyond the call of duty to get us to where we are today. Thank you both. Aye.

Potter: Ditto. I think this has been a tremendous effort. I think six months ago probably if you were a betting person, that we'd come to an agreement on this, not too many people would have bet on that. But it happened I think it demonstrates when good folks come together we can make good progress in improving the lives of our citizens, of our public safety people as well. So I also want to thank our two unions, the police and fire union. They stayed with this process the entire way. They made an early commitment to be constructive and work together, and I think they did that. And now we look forward to working with them on the next stage, which is to take this campaign

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out to the voters so that they understand the significance of what this does, not to this -- just to this generation, but to future generations in Portland. This particular change I believe will add stability to Portland for decades to come, financial stability, stability for our police and fire. So Shannon, thank you. Austin from my office, thank you. I can't help but note but today is Austin's birthday. Happy 39th birthday, Austin. And I think this is a great present for you, because you worked so hard to make it all happen. Finally to Commissioner Saltzman. Without his leadership and perseverance, some say dogged determination, I'm not sure if this all would not have come down. So Commissioner -- our Commissioners are correct, we've got through this first phase, and it's the furthest we've ever come in almost 50 years of trying to deal with this issue. Over 50 years of dealing with this issue in a way that's really constructive and resolves a huge unfunded liability issue for our city. So thank you all, thank you Commissioner, and I vote aye. [gavel pounded] I do believe that's the last item on the agenda.

Moore: Yes.

Potter: We are adjourned until next week.

At 10:59 a.m., Council adjourned.