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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1997 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Francesconi, Hales, Kafoury and Sten, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cay Kershner, Clerk of the Council; Harry Auerbach, Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Larry Sievert, Sergeant at Arms.

On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA - NO DISCUSSION

Mayor Vera Katz

1444 Confirm appointment of Leora Mahoney to the Police Internal Investigations Auditing Committee (Report)

Disposition: Confirmed.

1445 Adopt City of Portland Investment Policy (Resolution)

Disposition: Resolution No. 35644. (Y-5)

*1446 Pay claim of Cynthia Butler (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171600. (Y-5)

*1447 Pay claim of Sean Sheffield (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171601. (Y-5)

*1448 Authorize interim financing for the acquisition of street maintenance facilities (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171602. (Y-5)

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- *1449 Extend legal services agreement with Bogle & Gates (Ordinance; amend Agreement No. 31184)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171603. (Y-5)

- *1450 Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign a Purchase Order as a contract with Software AG for annual software maintenance (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171604. (Y-4)

Commissioner Jim Francesconi

- *1451 Authorize payment of \$88,500 to Portland General Electric Company for installation of electrical vault to serve the renovated City Hall (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171605. (Y-5)

- *1452 Increase term of contract with Elevator Consulting Services, Inc. (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 27916)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171606. (Y-5)

- *1453 Designate a drainage reserve easement within Pier Park in connection with Portland Parks and Recreation Pier Park conditional use permit (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171607. (Y-5)

Commissioner Charlie Hales

- *1454 Approve modifications to contract with Metro for the South/North Transit Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 50304)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171608. (Y-5)

Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury

- 1455 Contract with Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. for intervention training for \$48,000 (Ordinance; waive City Code Section 5.68)

Disposition: Passed to Second Reading October 1, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

- *1456 Contract with Northeast Community Development Corporation for \$62,500 to support affordable housing development and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171609. (Y-5)

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*1457 Contract with Housing Our Families for \$36,000 for the Mississippi Corridor target area project and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171610. (Y-5)

*1458 Contract with Housing Our Families, Inc. for \$50,000 to support affordable housing development and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171611. (Y-5)

*1459 Contract with Metropolitan Group for \$29,365 to design a fund-raising campaign and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171612. (Y-5)

Commissioner Erik Sten

*1460 Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Fazio and Russellville pump stations control systems modifications, Airport Way 1 pump station tower installations and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171613. (Y-5)

*1461 Authorize the continuance of negotiations for the purchase of one pump station and utility easement required for construction of improvements to the Argyle pump station, authorize the City Attorney to commence condemnation proceedings, if necessary, and obtain early possession (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171614. (Y-5)

*1462 Contract with five consulting engineering firms for design-related services as needed in support of sewer, drainage and water quality facility projects and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171615. (Y-5)

City Auditor Barbara Clark

1463 Transmit Certificate of Completion for street improvements in the SE 81st Avenue/SE Claybourne Street Local Improvement District (Report; C-9897)

Disposition: Accepted.

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REGULAR AGENDA

1443 **TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM** - Update on the Combined Sewer Overflow program status (Report introduced by Commissioner Sten)

Discussion: Dean Marriott, Director, Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), noted four ordinances on today's agenda which award large contracts to continue the work on the Columbia Slough Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) program. He said by the end of 1997 the cleanup plans for the Slough must be completed and then the City has three years to complete the construction. One year after that, the City must have plans in place for the Willamette River CSO program, which has a completion date of 2011. He said BES has saved \$50 million to date over the initial projected cost and has removed two of the six billion gallon total of combined sewer/stormwater, primarily through its successful Cornerstone projects.

John Lang, BES, described the success of the downspout disconnection program, its use of volunteers and its educational component. He explained the contracts for pipeline and tunnel construction as well as second stage engineering services and reimbursement for extra design work. Mr. Lang also noted that the project has been broken down, under the new Purchasing program, into portions that will allow 20 new contracts that women and minorities can bid on.

Commissioner Francesconi asked how BES got \$50 million in savings.

Mr. Lang said value engineering reduced the cost of the pipe for the Slough and that process will be repeated for the Willamette River program. BES also found it did not need to build a \$15 million new facility at the Treatment plant for another 20 years. The downspout disconnect program and more efficient ways of doing the sump work also saved several million dollars.

Commissioner Francesconi asked whether charges are fairly distributed between commercial and residential users and between small and large volume users.

Mr. Marriott said those are questions that are dealt with when Council sets the rates.

Commissioner Sten said for every \$10 million in savings, there is about a one percent savings in the rates. He said some of the rate distinctions between commercial and residential rates come down to philosophical decisions but the City should take care in hitting big users too hard.

Mayor Katz noted that the Public Utilities Review Board (PURB) exists to hone in on these issues.

Commissioner Sten said PURB needs to discuss these philosophical issues with Council. Basically, the feeling is that if people use less they should pay less and

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there may also come a time when people on fixed incomes cannot pay any more if rates reach a certain level.

Mayor Katz asked when residents will see a real difference as a result of this work.

Mr. Marriott said the water quality is somewhat improved but residents will not see a dramatic difference for many years as the condition of the Slough and Willamette reflects 100 years of mistreatment. However, by the year 2000, the City will have eliminated 13 CSO outfalls.

Mayor Katz asked about flushing the Slough with Columbia River water, as some have suggested.

Mr. Marriott said flushing is opposed by the fisheries people because the fear salmon will be trapped in the Slough and are also worried about putting contaminated sediment at the bottom into movement.

Lissa Drubach, BES Willamette River Predesign, said they are identifying the present water condition in the Willamette and have found that water coming from upstream exceeds the bacteria standards. BES is proposing some "green" solutions and inflow controls at 58 sites and the next steps include a Task Force activities review as outlined in the written report.

Mr. Marriott said the Governor's Willamette River Task Force has an important role here. The City's first challenge is to make sure the rest of the State knows what it is doing and how much it is spending on the clean up. Too many people have the impression that Portland is the only program, not the entire watershed. He said his worst nightmare is that Portland will spend all this time and money and still have the pollution.

Mayor Katz asked how BES is benchmarking what others are doing and what changes are occurring.

Mr. Marriott said the Task Force will catalog what other municipalities and industries are doing and then begin to really focus on non-point sources of pollution, such as agriculture and forestry.

Disposition: Accepted. (Y-5)

Commissioner Charlie Hales

***1464** Amend contract with Pacific Coast Construction to include Peninsula Park renovation with the renovation of Peninsula and Montavilla Community Centers and pool mechanical systems (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31388)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171616. (Y-5)

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- *1465** Agreement with Portland Streetcar, Inc. to provide professional services related to the final engineering of the Central City Streetcar Project (Ordinance)

Discussion: Commissioner Hales said this implements the strategy Council agreed to earlier and lays out the scope of the project.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171617. (Y-5)

Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury

- *1466** Contract with the Portland Development Commission for implementation of the HOME Investment Partnership Program in the amount of \$2,559,000 and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Discussion: Commissioner Kafoury said this money will all be used to provide rental housing.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171618. (Y-5)

Commissioner Erik Sten

- 1467** Declare support for the Lower Columbia Steelhead Restoration Initiative being launched by Governor John Kitzhaber and the participation of the City of Portland (Resolution)

Discussion: Commissioner Sten said Governor Kitzhaber is really trying to initiate the process for steelhead that was used with coho salmon to keep steelhead from being listed as an endangered species. That would allow the State to manage this program locally. He said this is potentially a big ticket item for BES and the Water bureaus. He noted that Portland has been very active and spent money trying to restore steelhead but has now found that it was wrong on the science.

Jim Martin, project leader for the Governor's Oregon Plan, said Oregon is developing a conservation plan to meet and expand the Endangered Species and Clean Water acts. He said they believe the federal strategies too often work from the top down and would prefer to solve the program locally. He said the Coastal Coho plan has proved successful and is now expanding. The challenge here will be to add in the Lower Columbia River area, where the factors are much more complex and costly. This will also require more teamwork. Mr. Martin said they hope to finalize their plan by December, 1997 and a decision will be made by the federal government by February, 1998. He said they have learned that they can get the federal government to defer to the states and allow them more flexibility, even though they expect a lot of court challenges from environmental groups. They also anticipate cooperation from the State of Washington. He thanked the City for its support.

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Mayor Katz asked Mr. Martin to name three strategies the City might undertake.

Mr. Martin said no other city has taken so aggressive an approach or made the financial commitment Portland has with its CSO program. It may prove to have a big pay-off for fish too. Another possibility is adjusting water flows to make the environment better for fish survival. Habitat development to compensate for urban growth and education are other crucial components.

Mayor Katz said these strategies are not new to the City but mean the City needs to stay on course.

Mr. Martin said the question, however, will be whether that course will turn the corner in time for fish. The feds will evaluate whether the City needs to accelerate these efforts. He said non-point pollution sources will also be crucial and agricultural water plans need to be in place. He said as long as the agricultural community thinks this is only an urban problem, the Plan will not succeed.

Mayor Katz asked if the effects of non-point versus urban pollution are measurable.

Mr. Marriott said yes, but agricultural interests will probably call for more studies. He said the State needs to see other contributors to the problem step up rather than stay on the sidelines. He said, as a member of the Governor's Task Force, he hopes to convince State officials and state representatives of this.

Commissioner Sten said the Governor clearly sees this problem and the City will see a strong initiative coming from him. He noted that he is serving as a member of the Lower Columbia Task Force.

Mr. Marriott said the next six months will prove critical.

Mayor Katz noted that the City did not support the recent Clean Streams initiative with the understanding that rural areas would take steps to do their share.

Commissioner Hales said basic information on water quality is needed to provide a simple base line, such as whether water is cleaner after it leaves the City than when it enters.

Mr. Marriott said they will be able to tell that by January, 1998.

Commissioner Francesconi asked if any other entities besides Portland are operating under a Stipulated Order from the State.

Mr. Marriott said some other municipalities are but the missing link is the non-point pollution sources which have not been identified. The Order anticipates the

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possibility of change and the State commitment to remedy upstream pollution. If the City can show it has changed, it can go back to the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC).

Mayor Katz asked about the EQC's policy on non-point pollution.

Mr. Marriott said he is not sure it has one.

Mayor Katz said the City needs to develop a legislative strategy with the EQC.

Commissioner Francesconi asked how access to the River, an important issue for the Parks Bureau, can be accomplished.

Ms. Drubach said the Task Force wants that too and is working with Parks on points of access from the Esplanade.

Commissioner Sten said there is enormous potential for joint cooperation and said the City is better off using "green" solutions than spending vast amounts for construction. He noted that the big pipe in the Slough will have a trail on top of it and they hope to do much the same thing on the Willamette, using the project to drive waterfront access.

Mike Rosenberger, Director, Water Bureau, said fish restoration is a big issue for the City and it is no longer just a matter of water quality. He noted that the Governor has called for all players to be at the table and the City particularly needs to be there to make sure the plan adopted is a basinwide one.

Mr. Marriott outlined the steps the City has currently undertaken, including riparian habitat restoration in Johnson and Tryon Creeks, wetland restoration, the CSO project (which cleans up the steelhead route), stormwater treatment and educational programs.

Commissioner Hales said he does not want the City's participation to be seen as any kind of admission that the City "owns" the problem. He asked if the counties and regional water groups are involved.

Mr. Martin said water quality standards are expected to be met statewide and everyone will need to be involved if the State is to succeed in getting a federal buyoff for this plan. He said he does not see recalcitrance from the other parties. More fear that how any big commitments they make now will fit in with what others do.

Commissioner Francesconi said he sees the City stepping up on those issues but is not sure others will be. He said the Governor's help is needed in dealing with the region.

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Mayor Katz said it is important to send the message about what the City is already doing.

Disposition: Resolution No. 35645. (Y-5)

- *1468 Authorize an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Office of Energy to receive \$6,000 to promote and assist City and County employees with telework during the I-5 Bridge repair (Ordinance)

Discussion: Commissioner Hales said the Police and Transportation did a great job of enforcement during the bridge repair. This agreement is just one successful piece of the whole effort.

Mayor Katz said the City should try to find out how to continue using some of these methods to prevent gridlock.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171619. (Y-5)

- *1469 Authorize construction contract for the Columbia Slough consolidation conduit, Construction Segment 1: influent pump station to Outfall 58 (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171620. (Y-5)

- *1470 Authorize construction contract for the Columbia Slough consolidation conduit, Construction Segment 2: Outfall 58 to Interstate 5 (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171621. (Y-5)

- *1471 Authorize additional funds for the Phase I, KCM, Inc. consulting contract (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30075)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171622. (Y-5)

- *1472 Authorize Phase II contract with KCM, Inc. to provide professional services on the Columbia Slough consolidation conduit and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171623. (Y-5)

- *1473 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Health Department for services related to implementation of the Lead Hazard Reduction program (Previous Agenda 1431)

Disposition: Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

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- 1474 Assess benefitted property for the cost of constructing street and storm sewer improvements in the SE Ankeny Street from SE 119th Avenue to SE 122nd Avenue HCD Local Improvement District (Hearing; Ordinance; C-9907)

Disposition: Passed to Second Reading October 1, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

- 1475 Assess property for sewer connection contracts processed through the Private Plumbing Loan Program for the period ending September 8, 1997 (Second Reading Agenda 1437; P0029)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171624. (Y-5)

- 1476 Assess property for sidewalk repair by the Bureau of Maintenance for billing processed through September 11, 1997 (Second Reading Agenda 1438; Y1022)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171625 as amended. (Y-5)

- 1477 Assess property for sewer system development contracts for the period ending August 11, 1997 for the mid-County sewer project and non mid-County area (Second Reading Agenda 1439; Z0669, Z0670, Z0671, Z0672, Z0673)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171626. (Y-5)

At the end of the meeting Mayor Katz allowed Art Lewellan, Loop Oriented Transit Intermodal (LOTI) to speak about Item 1454. He said he represents a group which supports placement of the South/North light rail alignment on the east, not westside of the River. He said another thorough analysis is needed if it is to succeed.

Commissioner Hales said the City will have to find more means to solve transportation problems than building the light rail line at this time.

At 11:05 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1997 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Francesconi, Hales, Kafoury and Sten, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cay Kershner, Clerk of the Council; Harry Auerbach, Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Larry Sievert, Sergeant at Arms.

1478 **TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM** - Report on off-leash area for dogs at Mt. Tabor Park (Report introduced by Commissioner Francesconi)

Discussion: Commissioner Francesconi said he and Charles Jordan, Director, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, could have made a decision about this without a Council hearing but thought it was indicative of a larger issue that Council should be aware of -- accommodating many different uses in City parks while still protecting neighborhood livability. He said despite meeting with over 1,000 people and holding six public hearings, no consensus was reached on this issue.

Commissioner Francesconi said he is committed to keeping an off-leash area in Mt. Tabor on a trial basis but with the understanding that dog owners would form an organization to police themselves. They have already done so, forming Pets Using Parks (PUP). He said he has been convinced by Water Bureau staff that the current site is too close to the reservoir and that a new site is needed. Whatever site is selected, however, a different enforcement policy and a good neighbor agreement with PUP is needed. He added that Parks will hire a full time enforcement officer who will split his/her time between Mt. Tabor and Gabriel parks.

Charles Jordan, Director, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, said this is just one example of user conflicts that are occurring in City parks. Walking dogs is an important recreational need for many citizens but Parks knew it could never satisfy the needs of everyone. The Bureau tried to do a test site on the cheap without making a lot of improvements, such as fencing, and thus created its own crisis. He said three parks have official off-leash areas now -- Chimney, Gabriel and Mt. Tabor. He also noted that enforcing the City's leash law is very difficult and expensive.

Mr. Jordan said the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association has taken no position and neither supports nor opposes the new site proposed as an off-leash area. He said he surveyed seven sites and recommends No. 6.

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Mark Knudson, Water Quality Manager, Water Bureau, outlined the Bureau's concerns about the proximity of the existing site to the reservoir, which could contaminate the water supply, although there has been no indication of any problem to date. He noted that the three Mt. Tabor reservoirs service about 75 percent of the City's residents.

Diana Tuttle, People Using Parks, requested establishment of an off-leash area for dogs in Mt. Tabor. She said dog owners are asking for the same accommodations made for other park users, such as tennis and soccer players. She said higher density leaves fewer and smaller places for dogs to romp and they are prohibited from being off-leash in more and more places. Ms. Tuttle cited the known social benefits resulting from dog ownership. She said PUP has committed to doing monthly park clean-ups and engages in other activities to help make this work.

Her testimony and the selection of Site 6 was also supported by Nancy Norby and Marilyn Cohn, other members of PUP.

Paul Leistner, representing the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association, said there is a need to distinguish between those who have dogs off-leash in designated areas and those who let them off-leash everywhere in the Park. He said the negative effects cannot be brushed off and called for fencing and more enforcement in the area. He said the Neighborhood Association was caught in the middle of this controversy and found the process very frustrating and reactive because they never had all the information at any one time. He read a resolution adopted by the Neighborhood Association at its September 17 meeting which calls for identification of an interim dog off-leash area for six months on a temporary basis. It also asks that this use be evaluated using conditional use criteria. He said Parks needs a better process for siting these areas and also needs more of them. He criticized the Parks Bureau for not involving the neighborhood in determining the criteria and for not completing a master plan for Mt. Tabor Park.

Rochelle Leistner, Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association, called this a "stealth siting" and said the whole process was flawed and shameful. She said residents near Site 6 were not notified of this decision and any selection should be on an interim basis.

David Hilts, Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association, said the land use issue is the most important one as a conditional use approval would have been required if a baseball field had been sited here instead of the off-leash area. He said it is impossible for the neighborhood association to react when first one area and then another is fingered for this use.

Commissioner Sten asked Mr. Leistner if he believes an off-leash area will work anywhere in Mt. Tabor.

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Mr. Leistner said he is not sure as there has been no process upon which to base that decision. However, it cannot work without enforcement, fencing and management.

Ms. Leistner said enforcement must also apply to off-leash areas as well.

Mayor Katz said the motion before Council today is to accept the report, not write an ordinance. Council is looking to the Bureau Manager and the Commissioner-in-Charge for guidance although it may make some recommendations.

Mr. Leistner said Site 6 was only proposed Tuesday night so the neighborhood had only one day for review.

Commissioner Francesconi said if Council wants to do something different than what he has recommended, it can.

Mr. Hilts said the Planning Bureau should be involved and a Citywide review conducted.

Commissioner Francesconi said Site 6 was selected as an interim site because of the need to move the current site away from the reservoir. He said there will be enforcement.

Others testifying in opposition to Site 6 or to the siting of any on-leash area in Mt. Tabor included:

Carol Landsman, 1015 SE 69th, 97215
Jeanne R. Blur, 6738 SE Yamhill, 97215
Robert James, 1505 SE 71st, 97215
Jay Conrad, 6835 SE Yamhill, 97215
Sue Parish, 2204 SE 70th, 97215
Nona Philipsen, 6635 SE Yamhill
Steve Hassett, 1015 SE 69th, 97215
Geneva Maier, 6347 SE Yamhill, 97215
Norma Epley, 6371 SE Yamhill, 97215
Ellen Capps, 510 SE 65th Avenue, 97215
Bruce Barclay, 940 SE 68th Avenue, 97215
Lynn Bailey, 915 SE 68th Avenue, 97215
Doug Bailey, 915 SE 68th Avenue, 97215
Mike Rumpakis, 6393 SE Yamhill, 97215

Opponents described the negative impacts the trial off-leash area at Mt. Tabor has had, including the fact that too many people unleash their dogs on the way there and that unruly dogs pose a safety hazard to other Park users. Other reasons cited by those testifying in opposition were the effect on wildlife in the Site 6 area, lack of enforcement, overuse of the park and the need to protect the water system from

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possible contamination. Opponents also criticized the process for selecting Site 6, contending that it had not been properly studied and there had not been a fair public review.

Those testifying in support of establishing an off-leash area in Mt. Tabor Park included:

Jim Wilson, 4412 SE Salmon, 97215
Doug Westervelt, 2225 SE 11th Avenue, 97215
Charlene Nichols, 900 SW St. Clair Ave., 97205
Anina Bennett, 5131 SE Hawthorne, 97215
Eugene Powell, 1313 SE 9th, 97214
Olivia Kulas, 3303 SE Washington, 97214
Carolyn Barclay, 940 SE 68th, 97215

Supporters said other cities such as Seattle and Eugene have successfully designated off-leash areas which can provide positive benefits when properly done. They said more off-leash areas are needed throughout the City and that eliminating the one in Mt. Tabor will not eliminate the problem of irresponsible dog owners.

Commissioner Francesconi asked the City Attorney to look into whether this is a zoning issue and whether land use criteria should apply.

Harry Auerbach, Deputy City Attorney, said it is the City Attorney's position that this is not a land use issue.

Mayor Katz asked Mr. Rumpakis what he had found in his research into best practices in other cities.

Mr. Rumpakis said Madison, Wisconsin requires registration fees and that the dogs be healthy. Enforcement, health and management are the major issues for all cities.

Mr. Jordan said the Parks Bureau does not know if off-leash areas will work because it did not make the necessary improvements to make the one in Mt. Tabor work. He said Parks will dedicate a park ranger half time just to Mt. Tabor to see if that will make a difference in enforcement. However, Parks does not want to make enforcement promises it cannot keep, and he noted that expecting one ranger to cover over 200 acres of Park to may not entirely solve the problem. He said Parks would like to try this site and work with PUP and dog owners on a new process they hope will be acceptable to the community.

Mayor Katz said additional off-leash areas are needed and there also needs to be some enforcement other than education.

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Mr. Jordan agreed but said the question is how much does the City really want to spend on enforcement.

Commissioner Sten said finding other places for off-leash areas is a good idea as Mt. Tabor is over-used. He finds that just about every park has an off-leash area that operates informally, citing Grant and Irving Parks as examples. He said if the off-leash area in Mt. Tabor were closed tomorrow the entire park would become off leash but over time this approach may work. He said other places need to be found for dogs to roam as people who are trying to follow the rules are now having to drive to Mt. Tabor.

Mr. Jordan said Parks is scouring the City for more sites as everyone agrees a number of sites are needed.

Commissioner Francesconi said he thinks Parks proposal for Site 6 should be given a trial to see if it works. He said Site 6 was chosen because none of the other options were good and Parks has to protect the reservoir, the wildlife and the neighbors.

Mr. Jordan said this site was selected after Parks began giving more weight to areas away from people's homes.

Commissioner Francesconi said in his judgment Site 6 works best but he would like to have Mr. Jordan do a final review of all sites first. If PUP, the neighborhood association and residents can come up with an alternative site then they should do that soon as Parks needs to move quickly because of the Water Bureau issues with the reservoir.

Commissioner Sten asked Mr. Jordan if there was a citywide process to look at sites.

Mr. Jordan said Parks staff has found it needs to go neighborhood by neighborhood and talk to people who live nearby. They are working with the neighborhood associations now.

Joan Hennick, Parks Bureau, said they have worked with neighbors in the Grant Park area on establishing an off-leash area but the Grant Neighborhood Association rejected the idea for the same reasons Council heard today.

Commissioner Sten asked if there would be any merit to having a blue ribbon committee look at site criteria and consider how many sites there should be.

Mayor Katz said Parks might consider providing some incentive to neighborhoods that accept off-leash areas in their parks.

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Commissioner Sten moved to accept the report and recommendation of Commissioner Francesconi. Commissioner Kafoury seconded.

Disposition: Recommendation accepted. (Y-5)

At 4:30 p.m., Council adjourned.

BARBARA CLARK
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Cay Kershner
Clerk of the Council