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MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 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; Ben Walters, Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Chuck Bolliger, Sergeant at Arms.

Agenda Nos. 1485 and 1490 were pulled from Consent. On a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA - NO DISCUSSION

- 1480 Accept bid of H & W Emergency Vehicle Service for three various types of fire apparatus for \$906,782 (Purchasing Report - Bid 98006)
- Disposition:** Accepted; prepare contract.
- 1481 Accept bid of Marksman, Inc. for vehicle exhaust extraction system for \$92,624 (Purchasing Report - Bid 98012)
- Disposition:** Accepted; prepare contract.
- 1482 Accept bid of Triad Mechanical for Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant digester modification for \$1,103,563 (Purchasing Report - Bid 98022)
- Disposition:** Accepted; prepare contract.
- 1483 Accept bid of Frank Coluccio Construction Co. for Columbia Slough consolidation conduit segment 2 - outfall 58 to I-5 for the Bureau of Environmental Services for \$22,600,000 (Purchasing Report - Bid 98023)
- Disposition:** Accepted; prepare contract.
- 1484 Accept bid of Mainline Information Systems/IBM Credit Corporation for processor capacity upgrade for the Bureau of Information Services for \$877,284 (Purchasing Report - Bid 98033)

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Disposition: Accepted; prepare contract.

- 1486 Vacate a certain portion of SW Jefferson Street west of SW 18th Avenue, under certain conditions (Ordinance by Order of Council; C-9930)

Disposition: Passed to Second Reading October 8, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Vera Katz

- 1487 Authorize Water System Revenue Bonds, 1997 Series A (Ordinance)

Disposition: Passed to Second Reading October 8, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

- *1488 Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign a Purchase Order as a contract with IBM Credit Corporation for a three-year lease of a mainframe computer system, including maintenance and software, to be purchased from Mainline Information Systems (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171627. (Y-5)

- *1489 Agreement between Multnomah County, Department of Support Services, and the City of Portland, Bureau of Police, to fund computer equipment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171628. (Y-5)

- *1491 Accept donation of a horse from Ken Poorman to be used by the Mounted Patrol Unit of the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171629. (Y-5)

Commissioner Jim Francesconi

- 1492 Accept contract with Snyder Roofing, Inc. for reroofing of the fourteenth floor of the Portland Building as substantially complete, waive delinquency, release retainage and make final payment (Report; Contract No. 29666)

Disposition: Accepted.

- *1493 Authorize contract with KCM, Inc. to provide engineering services required for the Forest Park drainage restoration project (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171630. (Y-5)

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1494 Change City Code provisions relating to Urban Forestry Commission (Ordinance; amend Code Section 20.40.030)

Disposition: Passed to Second Reading October 8, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Charlie Hales

***1495** Authorize Purchasing Agent to enter into an annual supply contract with Duncan Industries for parking meter maintenance/repair services and parts supply above the informal purchasing amount, not to exceed \$100,000 annually for five years, without advertising for bids (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171631. (Y-5)

***1496** Amend contract with Lloyd D. Lindley for professional services, MLK Transportation Study, to increase amount to \$73,000 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31179)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171632. (Y-5)

***1497** Execute Amendment No. 1 to the April 1997 Intergovernmental Agreement with David Douglas School District 40 to assign responsibility for payment of previously incurred sewer liens on land being exchanged at the site of the new East Portland Community Center (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 50870)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171633. (Y-5)

Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury

1498 Accept contract with Payne Construction for Fire Station 13 remodeling as complete, waive retainage and make final payment (Report; Contract No. 31030)

Disposition: Accepted.

***1499** Contract with Markman, Inc. for installation of vehicle exhaust extraction systems at four fire stations for \$92,803 (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171634. (Y-5)

***1500** Contract with the Outside-In in the amount of \$32,095 to support the Transitional Housing Program for persons with HIV/AIDS and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171635. (Y-5)

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***1501** Contract with the Cascade AIDS Project in the amount of \$22,343 to support the Transitional Housing Program for persons with HIV/AIDS and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171636. (Y-5)

***1502** Contract with the Cascade AIDS Project and Southwest Washington Health District in the amount of \$77,643 to support the Transitional Housing Program for persons with HIV/AIDS and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171637. (Y-5)

***1503** Contract with Portsmouth Community Redevelopment Corporation for \$36,000 for the Portsmouth Target Area Project and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171638. (Y-5)

***1504** Contract with the City of Gresham to implement activities under the HOME Investment Partnership Program and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171639. (Y-5)

***1505** Contract with five neighborhood association district coalitions for the operation of respective neighborhood office programs, including citizen participation and crime prevention liaison activities, for the period April 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998, and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171640. (Y-5)

1506 Contract with Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. for crisis intervention training for \$48,000 (Second Reading Agenda 1455)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171641. (Y-5)

Commissioner Erik Sten

1507 Accept completion of the Oregonian Basin CSO sump project, Project No. 5291, and authorize final payment to Brundidge Construction, Inc. (Report; Contract No. 31144)

Disposition: Accepted.

***1508** Authorize a contract and provide for payment for the Taggart Basin CSO sump project, Unit 5, Phase I & II (Ordinance; Project 5494)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171642. (Y-5)

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- *1509** Amend an intergovernmental agreement with Tri-Met regarding wastewater discharges from the West Side light rail tunnel (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 50841)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171643. (Y-5)

- *1510** Contract with Murase Associates, Inc. in an amount of \$100,000 for planning, design and estimating services related to the Tanner Creek park and water feature (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171644. (Y-5)

- *1511** Contract with Heritage Research Associates, Inc. for professional archaeological services for certain public improvement projects and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171645. (Y-5)

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1485** Accept bid of Triad Mechanical for Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant wet weather facility chlorination improvements for \$2,208,906 (Purchasing Report - Bid 98034)

Discussion: Cay Kershner, Clerk of the Council, said the Purchasing Agent had requested a one week's continuance.

Disposition: Continued to October 8, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

- *1490** Agreement with the Housing Authority of Portland for law enforcement and drug prevention services at Columbia Villa/Tamarack (Ordinance)

Discussion: Lewis Marcus, 8319 N. Syracuse, 97203, said this should be approved contingent on denying permission to build a home for the chronically mentally ill one block away. He said putting people with chronic drug and alcohol problems in a high crime area is a bad idea. He said this will be the eighth home for the chronically mentally ill built on the east side.

Commissioner Kafoury said Mr. Marcus should check out the Royal Palm facility in Old Town to see an example of a housing facility for the mentally ill that can be well managed.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171646. (Y-5)

1479 **TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM** - Progress report on Stormwater Management Manual development (Report introduced by Commissioner Sten)

Discussion: Commissioner Sten said staff is here today to update Council on development of the guidelines and to get input on the issues. Although adoption is still several months away, he believes it is important to have hearings along the way.

Dean Marriott, Director, Bureau of Environmental Sciences (BES), said their goal is to manage as much stormwater on site as possible and ensure that the quality and quantity of water leaving a new development is the same or less than was there before. He said the focus of the manual is on new impervious surfaces, not existing ones, and the committee is suggesting that financial incentives be provided when redevelopment occurs in order to achieve the City's goals. The minimum trigger point will be 500 square feet and at that point the property owner/developer will be responsible for all stormwater coming from the new impervious surfaces. Regarding site management when substantial redevelopment occurs, there is as yet no solution on how to deal with linear projects such as bike lanes and road shoulders. They will use existing systems in Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) areas. Both the policy and technical committees continue to meet and hope to reach consensus on most issues.

Commissioner Kafoury said the biggest objections are coming from people who think the City should take a broader look and not just look at specific sites.

Commissioner Hales said the possible redevelopment of the downtown Safeway store is one example where the amount of impervious surface would remain the same but would just be placed 60 feet higher.

Mr. Marriott said for projects like that they would do a site specific analysis to see if, for instance, a Safeway could retain some water on site.

Commissioner Hales said people need certainty about what they have to do.

Commissioner Sten said Commissioner Hales and Kafoury are not talking about the same thing. Safeway is a significant redevelopment.

Mayor Katz said Pioneer Place II is another example of having the same amount of impervious surface in a total redevelopment. She said the question is what are the standards and what are the economics.

Mr. Marriott said there will be options to choose from and they do not aim to push any project over the edge because the regulations are too expensive to comply with.

Commissioner Kafoury suggested providing some financing, i.e. low cost loans, to make the economics feasible.

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Mayor Katz asked about the response of developers to date.

Mr. Marriott said they are interested in ending the current uncertainties about the added cost, for example, on one buildable lot. There is also disagreement about the effectiveness of some of the techniques.

Mayor Katz asked about the effectiveness of roof gardens for holding impervious water.

Mr. Marriott said they could be a partial solution, although to date they have been viewed more as an architectural element.

Commissioner Francesconi noted that if water quality can be ensured, then perhaps the quantity of water will not be so big a problem. He said City bureaus need to make sure they do not have conflicting regulations and regional participation is needed too.

Mr. Marriott said Commissioner Sten just wrote Metro about the need for more aggressive treatment of stormwater, i.e. in the Johnson Creek area.

Commissioner Francesconi said people are afraid of the cost to maintain a stormwater facility and also fear the City will take it over.

Mr. Marriott said the Bureau will encourage private parties to maintain such facilities whenever possible. There will also be an appeals process when the regulations go into effect.

Commissioner Francesconi said some stakeholders, such as industrial property owners, do not feel adequately represented on the advisory committee.

Mr. Marriott agreed that the current committee does not represent all stakeholders.

Commissioner Sten said bureau people should be serving on the technical advisory team if they are not already. He said there are lots of issues for industrial users who are currently more concerned with rates than redevelopment.

Commissioner Hales said it is very important that Council's policy be very clear as the clearer the regulations are, the better acceptance there will be. Interbureau policy issues should be solved so that there is no doublespeak between bureaus.

Mr. Marriott said when issues cannot be resolved regarding full site redevelopment they will be set aside for further work.

Commissioner Hales noted that redevelopment projects such as the Belmont Dairy are very difficult already and that if the City makes them even tougher, the message to developers will be to go to the suburbs.

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Commissioner Sten said he believes building financial incentives into the rates is the best way to go. He said it is very expensive to treat rainwater as sewage.

Commissioner Francesconi asked if the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had granted the City enough time to resolve these issues.

Mr. Marriott said the City has already had one extension but the DEQ is well aware of how hard it is working on this.

Disposition: Accepted. (Y-5)

Mayor Vera Katz

- *1512** Authorize an Agreement for Downtown Clean and Safe Management Services between the City, Association for Portland Progress and Portland Downtown Services, Inc. (Ordinance)

Discussion: Commissioner Kafoury said the issue of fees on condominium owners has still not been resolved.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171647. (Y-5)

Commissioner Jim Francesconi

- *1513** Agreement with Rotary Club of Portland; Portland Rotary Charitable Trust; District 5100, Rotary International; and Friends of the Children's Museum for raising funds for renovation of OMSI museum site in Washington Park for relocation of the Children's Museum (Ordinance)

Disposition: Continued to October 8, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Charlie Hales

- *1514** Establish effective date for elements of the Central City Transportation Management Plan that were delayed until EPA approval, including amendments to the Zoning Code (Ordinance)

Discussion: Jessica Richman, Planning Bureau, said when Council adopted the Central City Transportation Management Plan (CCTMP) in December, 1995, some elements were delayed until the City received approval from the EPA. That approval has now been granted and the Bureau is thus requesting four Code changes to: 1) remove the parking lid; 2) increase parking ratios; 3) allow adjustments to maximum parking ratios for supermarkets and anchor retail; and 4) consolidate some parking sectors.

Elsa Coleman, Office of Transportation, said this officially takes Portland off the

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non-compliance list. She said it will be a definite advantage to downtown to spread parking management to adjoining areas.

Commissioner Francesconi asked how parking management is being spread regionally.

Commissioner Hales said spreading parking management regionally is the whole policy basis for this change. He said this move from the 1970's parking moratorium approach - "the lid" - sends a message that the problem can be better solved with more mixed-used buildings and more transit use. The regional framework plan is an attempt to take these ideas into the suburbs.

Ms. Coleman said Metro (through IMPACT) is looking at maximum parking ratios throughout the region.

Mayor Katz noted that this is the same response Council heard in December, 1995 when it asked the same question Commissioner Francesconi is asking today.

Commissioner Hales said substantial policy changes are needed and that just changing parking ratios is not enough. Behavior needs to change, too.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171648. (Y-5)

Commissioner Erik Sten

- 1515** Authorize the City Attorney to intervene and participate in the Oregon Public Utility Commission's review of Portland General Electric's Customer Choice Plan (Resolution)

Discussion: Commissioner Sten said he would like the City to have access to the study as it has a big stake in this Plan.

Disposition: Resolution No. 35646. (Y-5)

City Auditor Barbara Clark

- 1516** 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 (Second Reading Agenda 1474; C-9907)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 171649. (Y-5)

Communications

- 1517** Request of Linda Bauer to address Council regarding the Planning Bureau (Communication)

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Discussion: Cay Kershner, Clerk of the Council, said Ms. Bauer had asked to reschedule this at a later date.

Disposition: Withdrawn.

1518 Request of Richard L. McBee to address Council regarding building permit requirements (Communication)

Discussion: Richard L. McBee, complained that the City was requiring him to seek very expensive permits to remove a wood stove and rewire his garage, which were in no different condition than when he purchased the house four years ago.

David Sweet, Bureau of Buildings, explained that the Bureau considered the present conditions to pose a fire hazard.

Commissioner Hales asked Mr. McBee to meet with him and Mr. Sweet after Council to see if some solution could be found concerning the cost.

Disposition: Placed on File.

At 10:45 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 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; Kathryn Beaumont Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Chuck Bolliger, Sergeant at Arms.

Commissioner Charlie Hales

1519 Report on differences between the current zoning and Comprehensive Plan designations in the Centennial neighborhood (Previous Agenda 1194)

Discussion: Commissioner Hales noted that the Codys, the principal parties involved in raising issues about the zoning and Comprehensive Plan designations in Centennial, were on vacation.

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Safety.

1520 Tentatively grant appeal of Lents Neighborhood Association against Hearings Officer's decision and approve, with conditions, application of Lents Seventh Day Adventist Church for an expansion of existing parking lot at 8835 SE Woodstock Boulevard (Findings; 97-00464 MS CU)

Disposition: Findings Adopted. (Y-4; N-1, Francesconi)

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

BARBARA CLARK
Auditor of the City of Portland

Cay Kershner
By Cay Kershner
Clerk of the Council

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

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Britta Olson, Acting Clerk of the Council; Linda Meng, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Chuck Bolliger, Sergeant at Arms.

1521 **TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM** - Appeal of Roseway Neighborhood Association against Hearings Officer's decision to approve with conditions the application of the City of Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation for a conditional use with adjustments to add a soccer field to Wellington Park at 6635 NE Mason (Hearing; 97-00552 CU AD)

Discussion: Linda Meng, Chief Deputy City Attorney, outlined the guidelines and conditions for testimony of an on-the-record appeal.

Commissioner Hales said he has been regularly briefed on the progress of the General Obligation Bond Measure projects and staff mentioned that this particular conditional use permit had been appealed. There was no discussion. On September 18, 1997 he and a staff member visited the site without meeting or speaking with any other parties.

Commissioner Francesconi said he has received six letters, mainly in opposition, and he drove by the site recently.

Kathleen Stokes, Planning Bureau, said the Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau wants to locate additional soccer fields for youth soccer teams in the Northeast area. A medium-sized, 180- by 270-foot field is proposed for Wellington Park. Parks requests that the landscape and buffer requirements on the north adjacent to the school field be waived and the landscaping requirements on the east adjacent to residences be reduced. The Hearings Office approved the conditional use and adjustments with conditions and the Roseway Neighborhood Association appealed the decision based on concerns of added neighborhood traffic, the lack of on-site parking and the need for restroom facilities. Planning staff recommended a meeting between the neighborhood representatives and Parks to resolve these issues. A tentative agreement was made which included the use of the parking lot at Harvey Scott School. Portland Public Schools (PPS) gave Parks a preliminary agreement, but Ms. Stokes said PPS will not allow use of the field on Saturdays without reimbursement for security personnel to lock and unlock the gates for the 34-space parking lot.

Mayor Katz asked about the cost of opening and closing the gate and Ms. Stokes said she was told PPS would have to pay someone \$30 an hour.

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Ms. Stokes showed slides of the area. She noted that the streets on the side are local, service streets and most are not improved with sidewalks. In order to be approved, the proposal needs to meet the criteria for institutional and other uses in R zones (Code Section 33.815.105) and must be in compliance with the Transportation Goal and Policy 6.1 through 6.25. A shared parking agreement with the school would need discussion as the school is also a conditional use. The Hearings Officer gave conditions of approval which regulated the scheduling of games and practices, screening along the east edge of the the soccer field, sidewalks and pedestrian pathways and additional measures to lessen the impacts of the proposed use of a neighborhood.

Mayor Katz said her notes show the school lot is already used for the school's soccer parking. She asked if it were open and used on Saturdays.

Ms. Stokes did not think they had weekend games scheduled previously, but did not know the schedule now.

Commissioner Hales noted something like the locked gate was an old issue between the City and PPS No. 1 and which the Council had thought, until this moment, had been resolved. He apologized that elected officials and members of the School Board need to spend time on a nonsensical issue like this which has nothing to do with the park. He noted that the City was building a \$250 thousand soccer field on a school site in Southwest and is not charging PPS anything for that.

Katy Philp, 3707 NE 65th Ave., 97213, member of the Roseway Neighborhood (RNA) Board and the Association, said RNA opposed the Wellington Park soccer field, due in part to the Parks Futures document which states that athletic fields are not an appropriate use for a neighborhood park the size of Wellington and the neighborhood felt it did not meet all approval criteria. The RNA Board's decision was not to oppose the soccer field but to seek additional conditions of approval. In a spirit of cooperation and with the recommendation of the Planning Bureau, the RNA met directly with the Parks Bureau to ask for additional measures to be added as conditions of approval -- that noise, glare of lights, late-night operations, odors and litter have no livability impact and that restrooms are a necessity to the park and used year-round. Originally, Parks requested removal of restrooms and their replacement with portable units. The Parks Futures documents state that parks with athletic fields should also have permanent restrooms. RNA requests the restrooms to remain permanent and unlocked at all times (presently, they are locked seasonally). The Parks Bureau said they could accommodate the latter, except in winterizing to prevent broken pipes.

Ms. Philp said the timber play structure is a newer piece of equipment which they do not want to lose. RNA asks it to be moved to a mutually-agreed upon area or replaced with an equivalent structure. Regarding the two trees that will need to be removed, the Hearings Officer said they should be replaced by three trees. The

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applicant proposed to add eleven trees along the relocated path and RNA would like to work with the Parks Bureau on their placement and number. Parks will be able to work with them on placement, but there may not be budget for eleven. Ms. Philp said the parking continues to be an issue in this process. Neighbors already have problems with availability of parking when school facilities are being used. There are problems with parking on the narrow side streets, illegal parking on planting strips and in public rights-of-way. She noted emergency vehicle access may be impaired due to the constrained width of the travel lane. RNA is asking Parks to get a written agreement from PPS for school parking use and to notify soccer participants in writing that those spaces are available. PPS has not granted this request. RNA also is asking for "No Parking" signs on Skidmore.

Ms. Philp said over 100 autos may be attracted to the area each game day. There are no traffic control or calming devices on adjacent streets and many are unimproved. Pedestrian safety is potentially hazardous. As maintenance of unimproved streets is primarily the responsibility of adjacent property owners, additional traffic demands will place an increased burden on them. Tri-Met only runs every one-half hour on Saturdays. The Hearings Officer indicated local streets could safely accommodate the additional traffic and added a condition for sidewalks on 66th and Mason. RNA requests Parks Bureau to install traffic calming devices. As sidewalks are a condition of approval, their cost and other expenses related to the soccer field should come out of the soccer field budget and not the Bond Improvement project budget.

Council complimented Ms. Philp on her excellent presentation.

Dan Berkman, 7005 NE Prescott, 97218, said he represents other Wellington Park neighbors who are on record in opposition to a soccer field. They support youth soccer and understand the need for more fields, but do not support poor urban planning, destination developments on local service streets or adding traffic to local service streets. The Rose City Soccer Association is one of the largest in the City, not because it has more children involved in soccer than other neighborhoods, but because it is chosen over their own neighborhood associations. This Association as well as the visiting teams will be driving to practice and games and most will be using the most direct streets, the local service streets. Parks Future, the Portland Parks Master Plan, classifies Wellington as a neighborhood park which emphasizes low-intensity activities and ball fields are not characteristics of neighborhood parks. Mr. Berkman hoped the Council would implement all the mitigation the RNA asks for and a smaller field to allow for the large maple tree.

Nancy Gronowski, Parks Bureau, said Wellington Park is one of 12 new soccer fields, part of the Bond project which was primarily to go in the Southwest and Northeast. Parks had difficulty in finding sites for them and this is a good one.

Mayor Katz asked if this were a site identified during the Bond campaign.

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Commissioner Hales said no, there was a soccer field task force which worked with Parks staff to identify general areas, not specific sites.

Ms. Gronowski said one of the two trees is nearly dead and Forestry would have taken it down. Parks has met with the neighborhood a number of times and most issues have been resolved, with parking and traffic the remaining important ones. Wellington is the only neighborhood park of its size, about four acres, without any kind of athletic facilities. It meets all the criteria for siting: it is flat, open and well-drained. The school parking lot is in an alcove area, which is why PPS has problems with it. Historically, a soccer field takes about 28 cars per day at a generous estimate, as a number of people car pool, ride bikes and walk. The streets around the park are very wide, 30 to 40 feet, and can accommodate about 60 cars -- adequate parking even without the parking lot. Traffic volumes on 66th are low and an additional 100 cars on a Saturday should not overburden the street system.

Mayor Katz asked if the community was ever asked if it wanted a soccer field or if they wanted something else and what this field will cost. She further asked if the school district would be using this field.

Ms. Gronowski said the community had not been asked that directly about a soccer field or something else. The school has a small soccer field on their property and she did not know the PPS policy about opening the parking lot for their games. The construction funds available are about \$156,000.

Commissioner Hales clarified that the park was listed as a Bond measure improvement itself and the soccer field money, which is portable, comes to this park as it was selected as one of the sites. He asked about the number of replacement trees issue.

Ms. Gronowski said trees cost about \$300 each to install and, with other demands on the money, Parks planned to hold back on them after mitigating for the trees cut down, but to plant at least three and maybe add more in the future.

Commissioner Francesconi said he could not tell if it were a cost factor or no real need to not pursue traffic calming devices.

Ms. Gronowski said Parks was not convinced there is a need for them, but if so they will assist in taking care of the problems. A speed bump costs approximately \$1,500.

Commissioner Francesconi asked if the soccer folks had promised to pack the litter out.

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Mr. Gronowski said they did and the children are about nine or ten years old with the parents bringing just snacks. Also, Park staff patrols this park daily, including Saturdays.

Mayor Katz exclaimed that Park staff could receive the parking lot key from the school district and monitor the gate.

Commissioner Francesconi asked about the tree funding. Ms. Gronowski said the soccer funds would pay to cut them down and Parks Bond funds would pay to replace them.

Commissioner Hales asked if the maple tree is preservable.

Ms. Gronowski said the field could be graded in such a way as to not cut into the maple's root system.

Egbert Kunrath, Vice-President, Rose City Soccer Club (RCSC), said during the last 13 years the club has gone from about 70 to 488 players. People are screaming for soccer fields and the school fields are in desolate condition. The soccer clubs and players have been very good about keeping the fields clean and providing a service to the community. His club has 140 volunteers for the 488 players. The soccer season runs from mid-August to mid-November at the longest, with six weeks of Spring soccer in April and May. Saturday games are usually from 9 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Mr. Kunrath said all but a few of the RCSC players come from the immediate neighborhood.

Elaine Dibble, 2714 NE 42nd Avenue, staff for Portland Youth Soccer Association (PYSA), said they would be more than happy to include advice on using school or public parking when mailing out the schedules. Routinely, all soccer participants are asked to respect the neighborhoods and park their cars responsibly. The mailed schedules contain information on direct routes to the fields using the major arterials.

Ms. Philp asked what is wrong with this being the last park without a soccer field? She noted that the Parks service person is not there all day, they clean and leave.

Mr. Berkman pointed out that the neighborhood is not without soccer fields.

Commissioner Hales asked if the school soccer field was irrigated and Mr. Berkman said it was but the system was in very bad repair and there was poor drainage.

Ms. Philp said that sidewalks should come out of the soccer budget.

Commissioner Sten asked if there were a possibility to fix up the school soccer field and share it.

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Ms. Dibble responded that there is a need for both fields. The Harvey Scott school field is an extremely small field, suitable for first and second grade children. The park field will accommodate children through fifth grade and is usable for baseball.

Commissioner Hales said it would be useful to know, especially after the Bond measure to improve PPS facilities which just passed, which fields PPS is renovating.

Commissioner Hales suggested work on additional conditions, such as trees. RCSC offered to help and if their money purchased the trees the neighborhood could have a tree planting through Friends of Trees and a lot more could be planted with the same money.

Commissioner Francesconi said, with the RCSC offer, a legal condition would not be necessary. Regarding parking, there is no need for a separate condition as he has talked with the Superintendent this week about it. The traffic calming seems too expensive at present.

Commissioner Hales noted that traffic calming was to slow traffic, not reduce the volume. School zones are a priority for that work so the City traffic staff will be available to the neighborhood to see if this area warrants it, so it should not be a condition on Parks.

Mayor Katz asked who from the school district responded regarding the parking lot security and if Parks could have their staff there at the beginning and end of the day. Ms. Gronowski said PPS building staff responded and she was assured Parks staff was there on weekends.

Mayor Katz asked her to get back to Council with definite information. She recapitulated the resolution of the issues: trees, parking lot and traffic calming.

Commissioner Hales added that the sidewalk requirement would be triggered by either the park or soccer field improvements. Sidewalks are required in many of the Parks projects, soccer fields or not. This proposal is that Parks improvements and the soccer field would share the cost of that condition.

Commissioner Hales moved to tentatively uphold the Hearings Officer's decision and deny the appeal and Commissioner Kafoury seconded.

Mayor Katz said Parks' agreement with the neighborhood would be included in the findings and memorialize the conversation on the other issues.

Commissioner Francesconi said the fact the neighborhood and Parks negotiated together was most helpful but it was too bad it came all the way to Council. He said there were not enough special neighborhood parks and on the other hand there

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is a tremendous need for soccer fields. In the future, developers will be charged through a Systems Development Charge to create community/neighborhood parks.

Commissioner Hales said some good issues have been raised but he, as a soccer parent, cannot see where the parking demand will reach that theoretical peak very often. The soccer associations can be counted on to be good neighbors to the neighborhoods. Another consideration is the distance parents drive to soccer due to fewer soccer fields.

Commissioner Kafoury said Parks and the soccer league are willing partners to make it work without negative impacts on neighborhood livability.

Commissioner Sten said with a better relationship between PPS and Parks some fields could be sited on school land.

Mayor Katz said the City is trying to provide additional recreational opportunities for young people but it is sad to not please the neighborhood in the use of their own park.

Disposition: Tentatively deny appeal; Prepare findings for October 23, 1997 at 2:00 p.m.

At 3:10 p.m.m., Council adjourned.

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Auditor of the City of Portland



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