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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 5TH DAY OF MAY, 1999 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

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

Agenda Nos. 586, 587 and 600 were pulled from Consent. On a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA - NO DISCUSSION**

- 573** Accept bid of Tyco Valve & Controls to furnish metal seated butterfly valves for \$1,288,260 (Purchasing Report - Bid 99121)

**Disposition:** Accepted; prepare contract.

- 574** Accept bid of Mt. Scott Fuel Co. and Alder Creek Lumber Co., Inc. to furnish annual supply of bark, play chips and top soil for \$74,750 and \$29,775 (Purchasing Report - Bid 99166)

**Disposition:** Accepted; prepare contract.

- 575** Vacate a certain portion of SE Knight Street, west of SE 14th Avenue, under certain conditions (Second Reading Agenda 544; C-9956)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173298. (Y-5)

**Mayor Vera Katz**

- \*576** Pay claim of Jerri Jarmer (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173299. (Y-5)

- \*577** Pay claim of Michele and Richard Phillips (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173300. (Y-5)

- \*578** Create one Police Clerical Assistant position in the Bureau of Police in accordance with the Personnel Rules adopted by the City Council (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173301. (Y-5)

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- \*579** Amend contract with Capital Project Consultants to provide a training program for construction project managers and inspectors that respond to the issues identified in the Oregon Regional Consortium Disparity Study (Ordinance: amend Contract No. 31575)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173302. (Y-5)

- 580** Authorize the Director of the Office of Finance and Administration to enter into agreements for technical assistance to support the Civic Stadium Executive Committee (Second Reading Agenda 550)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173303. (Y-5)

**Commissioner Jim Francesconi**

- 581** Accept contract with C. Wark Trucking, Inc. as complete and make final payment (Report; Contract No. 31128)

**Disposition:** Accepted.

- 582** Accept completion of the audiovisual system for City Hall Council Chambers and release retainage to Proline Industries, Inc. (Report; Contract No. 31647; Project 3650)

**Disposition:** Accepted.

- \*583** Solicit bids to paint the interior and upgrade signage and wayfinding graphics at the 10th and Yamhill Smart Park garage, enter into a contract with the most favorable bidder and provide for payment (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173304. (Y-5)

- \*584** Contract with Telesoft Corporation to provide and install TelMaster telecommunications management and billing system (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173305. (Y-5)

- \*585** Authorize an agreement with the Community Music Center, Inc. to provide additional services and programs through the Community Music Center (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173306. (Y-5)

- \*588** Call for bids, contract and provide for payment to install traffic signal communications cable at various locations in Portland (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173307. (Y-5)

- \*589** Contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide for payment for installation of ornamental street lights on SW 3rd Avenue (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173308. (Y-5)

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- \*590** Contract and provide for payment for installation of ornamental street lights on SW 9th and Park Avenues (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173309. (Y-5)

- \*591** Amend Purchase Order with Copenhagen Utilities and Construction, Inc. for emergency slide repairs on SW Tichner at W. Burnside and SW Capitol Highway near SW Ralston Drive (Ordinance; amend PO 1022344)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173310. (Y-5)

- \*592** Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to provide for NE Sandy Boulevard and Burnside/12th Street pedestrian crossing improvements project (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173311. (Y-5)

**Commissioner Dan Saltzman**

- 593** Revise the membership and meeting schedule of the Mid-County Citizens' Sewer Advisory Board by repealing and replacing Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 158705 (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Passed to Second Reading May 12, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

- \*594** Authorize a contract and provide for payment for the construction of NW 110th Avenue CSO control, Project No. 6490 (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173312. (Y-5)

- \*595** Authorize a contract and provide for payment for the construction of Insley/Taggart "A" relief and reconstruction SE Cora between SE 26th and 34th, Project No. 6331 (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173313. (Y-5)

- \*596** Authorize a contract and provide for payment for the construction of SW 10th to 11th Avenues/Main-Clay Streets sewer reconstruction project, Project No. 6508 (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173314. (Y-5)

- \*597** Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder to construct the Whitaker Slough culvert replacement, NE 88th/NE 92nd and NE Marx Drive, Project No. 5804, and to construct the NE 92nd Drive and NE Marx Drive sanitary sewer extension project, Project 5629 (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173315. (Y-5)

- 598** Amend contract with Century West Engineering Corporation to extend the term and appropriate funding for FY 1999-2000 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30561)

**Disposition:** Passed to Second Reading May 12, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.

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**Commissioner Erik Sten**

- \*599** Authorize a contract between the Water Bureau and Economic and Engineering Services, Inc. for technical services to develop wholesale water contracts (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173316. (Y-5)

- \*601** Amend agreement with Multnomah County to increase Emergency Shelter Grant funds by \$10,200, increase Community Development Block Grant funds by \$42,578, reduce General Funds by \$24,000, increase HOME funds by \$86,201, modify the scope of work and provide for payment (Ordinance; amend Agreement No. 32045)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173317. (Y-5)

- \*602** Authorize submission of the Consolidated Plan and application for grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Community Development Block Grant HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Shelter Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173318. (Y-5)

**City Auditor Gary Blackmer**

- \*603** Contract with Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon to provide towing hearings (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173319. (Y-5)

- \*604** Amend agreement with Port of Portland to provide towing hearings (Ordinance; amend Agreement No. 50988)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173320. (Y-5)

- \*605** Assess system development charge contracts and Private Plumbing Loan program contracts (Ordinance; Z0703, Z0704, T0021, T0022, K0005, K0006, P0042)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173321. (Y-5)

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- S-\*586** Authorize agreement with ODOT for Phase II improvements on the Eastbank Esplanade (Ordinance)

**Discussion:** Cay Kershner, Clerk of the Council, said a Substitute had been filed. Commissioner Francesconi moved the Substitute, Commissioner Hales seconded and, hearing no objections, the Mayor so ordered.

**Disposition:** Substitute Ordinance No. 173322. (Y-5)

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**Commissioner Charlie Hales**

- \*587** Waive or modify certain code provisions in City Code Title 16 to establish a pilot Area Parking Permit Program in certain areas of Northwest Portland (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 16.20)

**Discussion:** Commissioner Hales said Council had asked him to come up with a model that might help solve some of the difficult parking problems in Northwest Portland and waive some Code provisions in order to try out these innovations.

Doug Capps, consultant, said this parking permit program is fairly unique and, if it works, may be helpful in other parts of the City. Currently, permit programs require that the petitions be signed by residents and businesses in the area to get the process started. That requirement would be waived here as assistance had already been requested by the neighborhood, a parking study has been completed and a Parking Permit Committee formed. Those steps meet the intent of the Code to have a neighborhood-based process and residents and businesses will still have to give final approval. Ballots will be sent to residents and, to gain approval, fifty percent must be returned, with 60 percent of those in favor. He said the biggest job ahead is getting people to return their ballots and he described plans to ensure that 50 percent are returned. He said this program is only one part of a strategy that also includes shared parking on off-street parking lots and he hopes to return with a package of shared lots in about six weeks. Signage has been changed regarding parking time limits, which they expect to increase parking supply. The demand side will be met either through transit initiatives or carpooling, especially by encouraging employers to subsidize transit passes. This also requires that Tri-Met allow the sale to smaller employers of annual passport passes at a significant discount

Commissioner Saltzman asked if Council has the ability to waive the 50 percent return requirement.

Mr. Capps said the assumption has been that they could get that percentage by sending sufficient information out to residents and businesses. The Northwest District Association (NWDA) has been skeptical about these parking schemes but has now indicated its willingness to look at innovative ways to make such a program work. One thing they expect to find out is whether the established Code provisions are workable or if changes are needed to help these programs be more successful. If achieving a 50 percent return is the only thing that causes the program to fail, they may return to Council.

Mayor Katz suggested adding return postage.

Mr. Capps said this program is currently limited to the eastern edge of the Northwest area. If this works in a smaller area, expansion can be considered.

Chris Smith, 2343 NW Pettygrove, 97210, Co-Chair, Transportation Committee, Northwest District Association, stressed the need for urgency and flexibility in addressing the parking problem in Northwest. He noted that the standard City playbook has not worked in

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Northwest so other approaches are needed, especially for an expedited parking permit process. Council should also encourage Tri-Met to be flexible and offer the passport to smaller organizations..

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173323. (Y-5)

**\*600**

Amend contract with GeoEngineers, Inc. to expand groundwater technical services support, including field characterization and risk analysis, through Fiscal Year 1998-1999 for the Columbia South Shore well field, at a cost not to exceed \$145,000 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31478)

**Discussion:** Tom O'Keefe, United Community Action Network (UCAN), said because this is an emergency ordinance, it appears some groundwater contamination has recently been discovered.

Commissioner Sten said there is no additional information that makes this a new emergency.

Mr. O'Keefe questioned why ratepayers should continue to pay for the analysis and containment of plumes that are coming from private property. Over the years, this adds up to a lot of money for the public to monitor contamination coming from private property.

Commissioner Sten said he is aware of how much private cost the City is shouldering and hopes to have something on that soon.

Mr. O'Keefe said there is also the liability issue because, as the City continues to use the wellfields, it moves the plumes.

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173324. (Y-5)

**572**

**TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM** – Respond to prior Council questions on Outer Southeast citizen satisfaction raised in Auditor's Office citizen survey (Report introduced by Auditor Blackmer)

**Discussion:** Mayor Katz said when Council received the Auditor's last Services, Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) report, it asked the Auditor for a further look at what is happening in Outer Southeast.

Gary Blackmer, Auditor, said they are happy to report back and pleased that Council is using their SEA report to fine tune services.

Dick Tracy, Audit Services Manager, reviewed the results of their research on citizen dissatisfaction in Outer Southeast. They learned that individual neighborhoods are unhappy about different things and the intensity of their feelings varied dramatically. His office did not find evidence of inequitable City service levels. He described the methodology they used to gather and measure data from the seven neighborhoods in the Outer Southeast Coalition. They calculated the intensity of dissatisfaction, interviewed residents and reviewed data on crime, housing and street conditions and demographic information. Because the report averages levels of satisfaction, they may vary from neighborhood to neighborhood and what is of most concern in one neighborhood, i.e. streets and safety, may be of lesser concern to another. Overall the neighborhood averages less than other areas of

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the City in the areas of neighborhood livability and City livability. Pleasant Valley is the neighborhood that feels significantly different about development from the other areas in Outer Southeast and from the City in general. Housing satisfaction in Lents is 31 percent lower than in the rest of the City, a significant difference. Pleasant Valley has the most extreme levels of dissatisfaction, primarily in the area of development and Lents is extremely unhappy about housing conditions and also rated the overall performance of government very low.. He said this low rating is based on such factors as the very poor quality of the original housing in Lents and its difficult relationships with government, particularly in connection with sewer construction and urban renewal. There has also been a lack of continuity in neighborhood activism. Pleasant Valley is an area that has experienced significant commercial and residential development and is currently zoned for 90 percent density with no environmental overlay. Roadways lack capacity as more development happens and many roads are in poor condition as they were not built for current use or future demand. The area has also been fragmented by major streets. Mr. Tracy said their analysis shows that the percentage of home ownership is higher in outer Southeast and the mix of renters and homeowners is not significant. They do not believe that demographics explain the lower levels of satisfaction and City service levels do not appear to be different here than in other sections of the City.

Mr. Tracy said ways of improving levels of satisfaction do not appear to be simple. Many bureaus are involved in solving these problems and are very knowledgeable about the area. In the future, the SEA survey will try to do some additional sampling by neighborhood to get more information from specific areas that so they can do a more significant analysis by individual neighborhoods.

Mayor Katz said the report is somewhat helpful and the challenge now is how to use this data.

Commissioner Francesconi said the breakdown of information by neighborhood is very helpful. He said he would like more information on the quality of housing stock in Lents and some idea of strategies that would address that, if there is a real problem. He disagreed that levels of service are different in this area as he knows that parkland is not the same there, given the growing density, and street conditions appear to be worse. Designating Lents as a tax increment financing district will allow the City to address some of the infrastructure problems and he believes the relationship between residents and government can be strengthened as those improvements occur.

Commissioner Sten said he was surprised to hear that home ownership is higher in that area than the City average, which indicates a long-term commitment to the area by those who live there.

Mayor Katz said the Auditor's Office may want to increase sampling. The home ownership numbers mean the City needs to provide additional dollars or loans to fix up existing housing stock in this area.

**Disposition:** Accepted. (Y-5)

- 606 Accept bid of Stettler Supply Co., Inc. to furnish well maintenance and rehabilitation ground water well sites Nos. 1, 6 and 11 for \$207,510 (Purchasing Report - Bid 99162)

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**Discussion:** Darin Matthews, Procurement Manager, Bureau of Purchases, said they recommend accepting the bid of Stettler Supply. The first issue here is the rejection by the City of the low bid of Schneider Equipment for failure to turn in good faith documentation with their bid. The second issue regards submission of the pre-qualification application by Stettler and whether it was received in time. He said he is confident it was received in time and approved by the City Engineer.

Mayor Katz said the note says that the good faith documentation was not submitted because the bid was under \$200,000 and the good faith effort did not apply.

Mr. Matthews said the City Attorney's office believes the good faith efforts did apply to all bidders because the estimate was over \$200,000. He said Oregon law does not permit the City to allow different requirements for different bidders on the same project.

Jerry Moore, Water Bureau project manager, said both bidders were at the pre-bid meeting and were informed they needed to comply with the good faith efforts.

Steve Schneider, Schneider Equipment, said awarding his company the bid will save the City \$17,000 and highlight some of the confusion related to this bidding process. Because the check sheet had a plus \$200,000 marked next to the good faith efforts, they believed they were not required to submit the good faith effort forms if their bid was under that amount. However, his company was then deemed non-responsive for failure to include Forms 1 and 2 of the good faith efforts. He said Schneider received Addenda Two from Purchasing only the day before the bid was due, requesting all bidders to contact minority businesses at least six working days prior to the bid date. That would have been at 2:00 p.m., an hour before they received the Addendum. That put his company in an impossible situation but when they called Purchasing to request the bid day be delayed they were twice basically told not to bother bidding. After further intensive discussion, they were told to submit something that said they had contacted people but found they could not do the work. The company asked Purchasing to put that in writing but they refused. His company then proceeded to submit a bid and was subsequently deemed non-responsive. Mr. Schneider said they found that Stettler's documentation was incomplete and that they could also could not meet the six-day requirement.

Mayor Katz said she is willing to take this back and review it, if Council so wishes.

Commissioner Sten asked staff what a delay would mean.

Mr. Moore said the project has already been delayed and another week's delay will put this back to mid-August.

Commissioner Sten said he is willing to rely on Purchasing if it believes this is the right decision.

Commissioner Saltzman said he is comfortable with this but is concerned with the good faith efforts problems that have been cropping up.



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Mayor Katz said this issue is being resolved, thanks to issues that arose earlier but there may be some other issues that need to be looked at as well..

**Disposition:** Accepted; prepare contract. (Y-5)

**Mayor Vera Katz**

- \*607 Authorize a contract with Advanced Interactive Systems of Tukwila, Washington for purchase of PRISim Firearms Simulator for \$154,375 without advertising for bids and provide for payment (Ordinance)

**Discussion:** Assistant Chief Mark Parisi said this will allow the Police to purchase an interactive training system for use in "shoot, don't shoot" situations and also the ability to create scenarios based on actual occurrences in the City. Its mobility will allow it to be placed in precincts when not being used during in-service periods.

Lt. David Benson, Police Corps, described a variety of training situations in which this system will be used. He said it is much more sophisticated than the current system and will allow trainees to learn how to react to many more "real life" situations.

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173325. (Y-5)

- \*608 Authorize the use of payroll deduction for payment of relocation loans for City of Portland, Bureau of Police employees (Ordinance; amend City Code Section 5.08.140)

**Discussion:** Sergeant Roger Hediger, Personnel Division said this loan program has been used 20 times by employees who have moved distances of over 200 miles and to date, \$93,145 has been loaned out. He said it is a wonderful recruitment tool in today's competitive market.

Commissioner Saltzman asked if participants have to reside in the City.

Sergeant Hediger said no, but there is a forgiveness clause for certain portions of the loan if they do so.

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173326. (Y-5)

- \*609 Accept a \$23,450 grant award from the Oregon Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Division for Marijuana Task Force (Ordinance)

**Discussion:** Assistant Police Chief Lynaae Berg said this grant is meant to help local police forces with marijuana investigations. Use of the grant money is restricted to overtime funds and material and services.

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173327. (Y-5)

- \*610 Accept a \$25,000 Drug Enforcement Administration Weed and Seed grant (Ordinance)

**Discussion:** Assistant Chief Berg said this grant money is used to target chronic drug locations in the Weed and Seed area (basically the Albina Community Plan district). The

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Police work closely with the community to target those locations. The money can only be used for overtime and evidence funds.

Commissioner Francesconi asked how much money has been used on the Weed side since 1996 for police overtime.

Assistant Chief Berg said in 1996, the Police received \$75,000 and the following years the money has decreased gradually to the \$25,000 that is being offered this year. The money is split with the Regional Organized Crime and Narcotics Task Force. The Seed side gets much more funding and the money that comes from the Drug Enforcement Administration all comes from forfeiture funds so it can only be used for law enforcement narcotics purposes.

Commissioner Francesconi asked if there is any connection between the Weed use of the funds for enforcement of drug houses and the Seed side.

Assistant Chief Berg said the philosophy is to reach areas targeted for economic revitalization that are having specific problems. The theory is that if people are afraid, they will not invest in those areas. She said there has not been as much coordination between the two sides as there should be although there is a Steering Committee which looks at those issues.

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173328. (Y-5)

**Commissioner Charlie Hales**

- \*611** Amend contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to carry out the construction of rail, street work and overhead electrical improvements for the Central City Streetcar Phase I project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31987)

**Discussion:** Commissioner Hales said the utility work is almost done on the Streetcar project and today people are here to talk about the next phase.

Vicki Diede, Portland Office of Transportation (PDOT), submitted a Substitute Exhibit. She said this contract is a big step forward as it will allow them to go out in the street, lay the track and put up the electrical system. She explained that the Substitute Exhibit corrects the finance plan to reflect the actual bid prices for the rail, electrical and street work. On the resource side, it incorporates the actual money coming from bond sale on April 27.

Mayor Katz said it appears to have gone from a \$42 million project to \$52 million.

Ms. Diede said it went to \$52 million in March to incorporate the cost of extending the water and sewer work. It has now bumped from \$52,149,800 to \$52,782,691. That is the difference between the estimates for the rail, electrical and street work elements and the actual bid prices.

Commissioner Francesconi asked if there will be more changes.

Ms. Diede said the rail, electrical and street work will be under contract after today and there is a firm contract for the vehicles. The sewer and water work is also done. The two

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areas that have not gone to bid yet are for the maintenance facility and the extension to Portland State.

Commissioner Francesconi asked where the additional \$600,000 is coming from.

Ms. Diede said an additional \$500,000 was received from the bond sale and the remainder will be covered either from contingency or from PDOT funding over time. Transportation has committed to paying the debt service on that funding.

Commissioner Francesconi asked for more information on the 14 percent minority contracting.

Commissioner Saltzman asked why the City is paying more than anticipated. Is that because the construction market is so hot and will that affect the potential cost of the maintenance building and extension?

Carter Nichols, Streetcar project manager, Shiels Oblatz Johnson, said this is a complex project and they have attempted to quantify all the risks associated with working in the public right-of-way. That elevated the cost somewhat as they have been pretty conservative in their assumptions. This is a unit priced contract based on assumptions about the quantity. He said they added a fair amount of money to remove existing trolley tracks which are expensive. He said they feel very confident about this number.

Commissioner Saltzman said it appears there is a good probability the City will encounter additional costs with the maintenance facility.

Mr. Nichols said work on the maintenance building is not in the right-of-way and they are pretty far along on the design. The estimate for the extension to Portland State is the least certain at this point. They are carrying a 10 percent construction contingency which they hope not to use.

Commissioner Francesconi asked what the potential funding source to cover the increased cost of the extension, if there is an increase.

Ms. Diede said sources might include other PDOT resources or perhaps some tax increment money that is currently unfunded in the Portland Development Commission's (PDC) year plan..

Mayor Katz choked. She said there is a \$7.5 contribution from tax increment funding and PDC to the streetcar.

Commissioner Hales introduced the contractors from Tracy & Witbeck. He said this is a difficult and messy project but a good relationship has been established between the contractor and the City.

Ron Wells, President, Stacy & Witbeck, said they will do the very best they can to be good neighbors and minimize the business impacts. He said if they are successful here it may help them get more work of a similar nature in other communities.

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John Ballyer, Stacy & Witbeck, explained his company's use of minority contracting and the steps they took to reach their goal of 14 percent.

Commissioner Hales moved to amend the Exhibit. Commissioner Francesconi seconded and, hearing no objections, the Mayor so ordered.

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173329 as amended. (Y-5)

- 612** Amend Chapter 17.38, Drainage and Water Quality, to implement revised stormwater management policies and the Stormwater Management Manual (Second Reading Agenda 571; amend Chapter 17.38)

**Discussion:** Commissioner Francesconi said he is glad to see folks coming together to resolve these difficult issues and while there is still a lot to be done, he believes the ongoing committee can be a big help in doing so.

Commissioner Saltzman said the advisory committee will monitor progress and formation of that committee will come to Council as a resolution next week.

Mayor Katz said this will probably serve not only as a national but an international model. A lot of interest has been shown by other communities.

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173330 as amended. (Y-5)

#### Commissioner Dan Saltzman

- 613** Consolidate City and County Information and Referral programs (Resolution)

**Discussion:** Commissioner Saltzman said Multnomah County agreed last week to do further work on consolidation of the City and County information and referral lines. He said the City receives over 10,000 calls a month, approximately ten percent of which should be routed to the County, but currently the City is unable to transfer those calls. He has asked the Office of Neighborhood Information (ONI) to report back in 60 days with details so the consolidation will actually go into effect.

Celia Heron, Acting Director, ONI, said the City and County have been talking about doing this for five years and it is nice to see it finally moving forward.

Commissioner Hales said this will be a real victory for common sense and good service.

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 35787. (Y-5)

- \*614** Authorize an intergovernmental agreement with the Multnomah County Department of Community and Family Services in the amount of \$21,837 for FY 1998/1999 to provide services to the Caring Community of North Portland (Ordinance)

**Discussion:** Commissioner Saltzman said the Multnomah County Department of Community and Family Services has agreed to provide funding to hire staff and provide for other program expenses. This will allow the City to be an important part of grass roots

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organizing around school and social service issues. It will also allow the City and County to collaborate on offering services to the North Portland community.

Commissioner Francesconi said there will be more discussion among these parties about issues other than after school programs.

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173331. (Y-5)

**Commissioner Erik Sten**

- \*615** Grant a temporary, revocable permit to IXC Communications Services, Inc. and establish terms and conditions (Ordinance)

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 173332. (Y-5)

Commissioner Hales moved to Suspend the Rules in order to hear from City labor union leaders. Hearing no objections, the Mayor so ordered.

**SUPENSION OF RULES**

- 616** Request of City Union representatives to address Council on wage issues (Communication)

**Discussion:** Tom O'Dea, representing the District Council of Trade Unions (DCTU), which is currently engaged in wage negotiations with the City, said the DCTU classification study has been very good but the union believes that wage increases should be commensurate with employee efforts and reflect productivity improvements. He said the union is requesting wage increases beyond what the City has budgeted based on increased worker productivity and the fact that more services are being provided to more people with fewer employees.

Grant Zadow, President of DCTU and Business Representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said the union is concerned that its message was not being heard and decided to come to Council to directly state its feeling that, while the Consumer Price Index has served well in the past, Council should understand the shift in the nature of many City jobs in its labor negotiations.

Jim McEchron, Labor Local #43, representing 600 City workers under the DCTU contract, thanked Council for allowing them to speak today as they sometimes find it difficult to get their message across through the bargaining process.

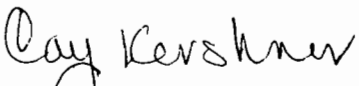
Arlyn Stepper, President, AFSCME Local #189, said Portland has been nationally recognized for its partnership between labor and management and over \$500,000 in savings has been documented in the Water Bureau due to employee efforts.

Mayor Katz said this may be a better way for Council to hear from union leaders rather than having them go to each Council member individually. The issues raised, especially productivity, will be coming up over and over again in the bargaining sessions.

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At 11:37 a.m. Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER  
Auditor of the City of Portland

  
By Gay Kershner  
Clerk of the Council

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**DUE TO THE LACK OF AN AGENDA**

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