



**CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON**

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1999 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Francesconi, Saltzman and Sten, 4.

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

On a Y-4 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA - NO DISCUSSION

Mayor Vera Katz

- *1472 Agreement with Oregon State Police to provide the Portland Police Bureau a qualified expert for the examination of evidence collected and preserved for the Integrated Ballistic Identification System, IBIS (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173842. (Y-4)

- *1473 Donation of a vehicle from the National Insurance Crime Bureau to the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173843. (Y-4)

- *1474 Amend Purchasing Manual to comply with recent statutory changes (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173844. (Y-4)

- *1475 Authorize contract with George Austin Associates for design, development and implementation of a Leadership Institute (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173845. (Y-4)

- *1476 Authorize amendment to the City's Self-Insured Benefit Plan document for CitySelect and CityBasic (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173846. (Y-4)

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Commissioner Jim Francesconi

- 1477** Accept contract with G.R. Morgan Construction for King School play equipment improvements as substantially complete and authorize final payment and release of retainage upon project manager's approval (Report; Contract No. 32468)

Disposition: Accepted.

- *1478** Contract with 13 professional, technical and expert service firms for landscape architectural services as required in support of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation GOBI projects and capital improvement projects (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173847. (Y-4)

- *1479** Execute a public walkway easement and maintenance agreement with Madrona Park LLC (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173848. (Y-4)

- *1480** Authorize agreement for marketing and sales services with Greg Locati for the 800 MHz regional wireless communications systems for amounts specified in the contract, not to exceed \$65,000, and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173849. (Y-4)

- *1481** Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign a Purchase Order as a contract with Harris Corporation for Digital Microwave communications equipment for the amount of \$333,970 without advertising for bids and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173850. (Y-4)

Commissioner Charlie Hales

- 1482** Accept NW 3rd Avenue ornamental street lighting project as complete, approve change orders and make final payment to Leed Electric, Inc. (Report; Contract No. 31810)

Disposition: Accepted.

- *1483** Authorize contract and provide for payment for the electrical project on NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. between NE Russell and NE Knott (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173851. (Y-4)

- *1484** Approve agreement with Vintage Trolley, Inc. to provide \$150,000 in funding support for 1999 operations during FY 1999-2000 (Ordinance; Previous Agenda 1423)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173852. (Y-4)

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Commissioner Dan Saltzman

- 1485** Accept completion of the Inverness Force main pump station improvements, Project No. 5842, and authorize final payment to Triad Mechanical, Inc. (Report; Contract No. 31429)

Disposition: Accepted.

- *1486** Authorize an intergovernmental agreement with Portland State University in the amount of \$96,703 for professional services with the commercial recycling program (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173853. (Y-4)

Commissioner Erik Sten

- 1487** Adopt the June 30, 1994 Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Zone Community application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a City Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (Resolution)

Disposition: Resolution No. 35835. (Y-4)

- *1488** Contract with Peninsula Community Development Corporation for \$57,000 for the Portsmouth Vision 20/20 Target Area project and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173854. (Y-4)

- *1489** Contract with Unity, Inc. for \$59,697 for the Housing Placement Services and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173855. (Y-4)

- 1490** Contract with the U.S. Geological Survey for streamflow and water quality monitoring without advertising for bids (Second Reading Agenda 1460)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173856. (Y-4)

- 1491** Authorize an agreement with KCM, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to provide engineering services for miscellaneous professional services in the area of fiscal management and provide for payment (Second Reading Agenda 1461)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173857. (Y-4)

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Vera Katz

- *1492** Accept a U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services, Methamphetamine Initiative grant (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173858. (Y-4)

- *1493 Accept a \$10,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation for the Speed Enforcement project (Ordinance)

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173859. (Y-4)

- *1471 **TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM** – Authorize the Mayor to sign 1999/2000 agreement with Portland, Reynolds, Parkrose, David Douglas and Centennial school districts conveying City funding grants and approving school spending plans (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Katz)

Discussion: Mayor Katz noted that the City's contribution to the schools has been substantial, totaling close to \$37 million since 1994. What is different in this year's contribution is Council's commitment to focus on very clear and specific expectations from the schools. Today's contract requires the schools to report back on a semi-annual basis on their progress in four areas: 1) improvements in student academic performance; 2) elimination of performance gaps attributable to socio-economic status; 3) operational and management efficiencies, including facility costs; and 4) effective use of volunteers. Mayor Katz said these agreements say to the public that these dollars are being spent in an effective and efficient manner and she hopes the schools will report back in very concrete terms about how this allocation has been used.

Representatives of the school districts testifying about their planned use of these funds included:

Keith Robinson, Superintendent, Centennial School District
Barbara Rommell, Superintendent, and Don Gardner, Board Chair, David Douglas School District
Michael Taylor, Superintendent, Parkrose School District
Ben Canada, Superintendent, Portland Public Schools
Hudson Lasher, Superintendent, and Renee Sessler, Board Chair, Reynolds School District

Those testifying highlighted some of their plans for using the money provided by the City. These include expanded summer school programs, strengthened tutoring and reading programs, additional classrooms for severely-handicapped children, updated administrative software programs, improved security measures, quality surveys and "state of the schools" assessments.

Commissioner Francesconi noted some of the reasons why good schools are in the public interest, the most important being the need to overcome the growing economic gaps in the City. He said some of the ways schools can help are by providing more class time, lower class sizes, ensuring that all children succeed no matter their ethnicity or income level and, finally, to get more employers to adopt schools as part of the school-to-work efforts. He listed some of the projects he would like to work with in each of the school districts.

Commissioner Saltzman commended the school districts for presenting such solid, specific plans for using the money.

Commissioner Sten said most people do not know how much of their property taxes goes to which jurisdiction and personally he believes it is an arbitrary and relatively unfair tax structure at the moment. For that reason he does not believe it is all that startling an idea

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for the City to share property tax dollars with the schools. However, he hopes a more permanent funding solution can be found soon.

Mayor Katz said when federal, state and regional governments abandon the community, it needs to go it alone. She said one way to close the economic gap, especially in the African-American and Latino communities, is to close the educational attainment gap. She added that 60 percent of those seeking entry level jobs come to the workplace at third grade level. It is everyone's responsibility to raise the educational standard and the City is happy to help in this small way. She is committed to continuing to push the schools because all must do better so young people can succeed at whatever they want to do. She thanked Madelyn Wessel, Chief Deputy City Attorney, for working around the City Charter regarding the role and responsibilities of the City to the School Districts. Some day that language will change as the City ought to have this responsibility.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 173860. (Y-4)

Following the vote, Mayor Katz excused herself from the meeting.

Commissioner Charlie Hales

- 1494** Consider vacating a portion of N. Ziegler Avenue north of N. Bank Street at the request of Host Development, Inc. (Hearing; Report; C-9965)

Discussion: Phyllis Redman, Office of Transportation, said this is a proposed vacation of a portion of N. Ziegler. She said north of N. Bank Street there is an extraneous 20-foot strip of land attached to Ziegler and by vacating that portion 40 feet will still be left for future street improvements.

Commissioner Saltzman moved to approve the report and ask the City Engineer to prepare an ordinance. Commissioner Sten seconded.

Disposition: Approved; City Engineer prepare ordinance. (Y-3)

Commissioner Erik Sten

- 1495** Authorize the City to participate in the Oregon Public Utility Commission's implementation of Senate Bill 1149 regarding electric utility regulation (Resolution)

Discussion: Commissioner Sten said the legislature passed a bill that allows some limited deregulation of electricity. The City has many interests in how this is done, ranging from the franchise fee relationship to the amount of money spent on conservation and low-income programs. This allows the City's voice to be heard.

Disposition: Resolution No. 35836. (Y-4)

- *1496** Contract with Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives for \$50,000 for the Tenant Child Care and provide for payment (Ordinance)

Disposition: Continued to November 3, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

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- 1497** Grant a franchise to Level 3 Communications LLC for a period of ten years (Second Reading Agenda 1466)

Disposition: Continued to November 17, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Sten presented an award to Portland Cable Access (PCA), in partnership with the Water Bureau, for a locally produced program entitled "Lead: A Community Fights an Invisible Danger." He congratulated PCA for its initiative in doing programs that make a difference.

Lew Fredericks, Chair, PCA Board, said they won this first place award for programming in the area of public health, competing against New York, Atlanta and other large cities.

Robert Skelton, Executive Director, PCA, said this projects reflects the collaborative efforts of PCA and the Water Bureau.

At 10:35 a.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

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By Cay Kershner
Clerk of the Council

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WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, OCTOBER 20, 1999

DUE TO THE LACK OF AN AGENDA

THERE WAS NO MEETING