



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **16TH DAY OF MAY, 2007** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Parsons, Acting Clerk of the Council; Tracy Reeve, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Ron Willis, Sergeant at Arms.

At 10:00 a.m. Ben Walters, Senior Deputy City Attorney, replaced Tracy Reeve.

COMMUNICATIONS		Disposition:
526	Request of William Wheeler to address Council regarding American Property Management June 30 deadline for Section 8 tenants (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
527	Request of Karl Chromy to address Council regarding Water Bureau (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
528	Request of James B. Lee to address Council regarding enumerated powers and Council (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
529	Request of Sandy Boardman to address Council regarding the Bureau of Human Resources (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIME CERTAINS		

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530 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Council to convene as the Budget Committee to approve a budget (Mayor convenes Budget Committee)

Motion to approve amendment of \$100,000 for Domestic Violence Advocates: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard. (Y-1; N; 3, Adams, Leonard, Potter)

Motion to approve amendment of \$200,000 for Parks Teen Program and expanded Community Center hours: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. (Y-4)

Motion to approve amendment of \$85,000 for Transportation improved pedestrian crossing: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. (Y-4)

Motion to use \$670,000 of the contingency fund to prevent the cuts in residential street cleaning: Moved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Leonard. (Y-2; N-2, Saltzman, Potter)

Motion to reconsider the approval of the budget: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. (Y-3; N-1, Potter)

Motion to approve \$800,000 of the contingency fund for the Park Block 5 match: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Adams. (Y-3; N-1, Potter)

Motion to approve \$670,000 of the contingency fund for street sweeping: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard. (Y-3; N-1, Potter)

Motion for budget note that Council to commit itself by this vote to replenish contingency to \$3.8 million at the Fall BuMP: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard. (Y-4)

Motion to reapprove budget as amended: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Adams (Y-4)

Motion to approve tax levies: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. (Y-4)

PLACED ON FILE

531 TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Accept the report on Red Electric Trail Planning Study (Report introduced by Mayor Potter and Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten)

Motion to accept the Report: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard.
(Y-4)

PLACED ON FILE

CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION

Mayor Tom Potter

Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources

532 Create a new Nonrepresented classification of Legal Assistant Supervisor and establish a compensation rate for this classification (Ordinance)

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533 Create a new Nonrepresented classification of Paralegal Supervisor and establish a compensation rate for this classification (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
Office of Management and Finance – Technology Services	
534 Amend a contract with BROECH Corporation, dba The Ultimate Software Consultants, for specialty Water Bureau database administration (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 36520)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
Police Bureau	
*535 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Department of Human Services to fund a portion of the salary of the County Domestic Violence Coordinator (Ordinance) (Y-4)	180955
Commissioner Sam Adams	
Bureau of Environmental Services	
*536 Authorize a contract between David M. Spiro & Elizabeth J. Grinspoon and the Bureau of Environmental Services for sanitary service to a pressure pipeline that discharges into the City's sewer collection and conveyance system (Ordinance) (Y-4)	180956
Office of Transportation	
537 Extend existing transportation system development charge rate study and program through December 31, 2007 (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Dan Saltzman	
Office of Sustainable Development	
*538 Authorize an Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Green Building Council to develop resources to assist cities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to buildings and neighborhood development (Ordinance) (Y-4)	180957
*539 Accept a two-year grant agreement with The Energy Trust of Oregon for \$300, 000 to fund energy efficiency or renewable energy projects through the City Green Investment Fund (Ordinance) (Y-4)	180958
Parks and Recreation	
540 Authorize a contract with Portland Metropolitan Softball Association, for the period July, 1, 2006 through October 31, 2008 (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM

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<p>541 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide funds for Department of School and Community Partnerships for the SUN Community Schools initiative (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>542 Authorize three-party Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County and the Centennial School District No. 28J for the SUN Community Schools initiative and SUN Service System (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>543 Authorize a contract with The Office of Cheryl Barton to provide planning, design, and construction administration services for improvements to the Fields Neighborhood Park (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p align="center">Commissioner Erik Sten</p>	
<p align="center">Fire and Rescue</p>	
<p>544 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Portland for the sale of data and technology used to manage fire service information (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p align="center">REGULAR AGENDA</p>	
<p>545 Tentatively uphold appeal of Elias Bitrous and George Bitrous, applicant and overturn the Hearings Officer's decision in part with conditions regarding a proposal to divide a 7.5 acre site into a 21 lot subdivision at 7615 SE 162nd Avenue (Findings; Previous Agenda 494; LU 06-106436 LDS EN M)</p> <p>Motion to adopt the Findings and uphold the appeal and overturn the Hearings Officer's decision in part with conditions: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard.</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">FINDINGS ADOPTED</p>
<p>546 Authorize contract with Dignity Village to manage transitional housing campground at Sunderland Yard (Second Reading Agenda 522; Ordinance introduced by Commissioners Adams and Sten)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">180959 AS AMENDED</p>
<p align="center">Mayor Tom Potter</p>	
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Purchases</p>	
<p>547 Accept bid of Dunn Construction Inc. for the NW Glisan Street Sewer Replacement project for \$848,300 (Purchasing Report- Bid No. 107121)</p> <p>Motion to accept the Report: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>

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Commissioner Sam Adams		
Office of Transportation		
548	Vacate the west 2.00 feet of SW Bond Avenue between SW Curry and Gaines Streets and between vacated SW Lane Street and SW Lowell Street subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10042)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
549	Vacate a portion of SW Lowell Street between SW Macadam and Moody Avenues subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10043)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Dan Saltzman		
*550	Provide grant to Miracles Club to secure real property (Ordinance) (Y-4)	180960
Parks and Recreation		
*551	Authorize a contract and provide payment for the construction of Portland International Raceway Track Repairs and Improvements (Ordinance)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
*552	Authorize the Director of Portland Parks and Recreation to execute contract with Maplewood Elementary School Parent Teachers Association to transfer funds allocated through Parks Levy for play area (Ordinance) (Y-4)	180961
553	Authorize acceptance of donation of a parcel of land from Neal Rubenstein and Sheila C. Evans for property contiguous to Forest Park (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
554	Authorize grants to five Portland school districts for out-of-school-hours youth programs (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 23, 2007 AT 9:30 AM

At 12:38 p.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Susan Parsons
Acting Clerk of the Council

For a discussion of agenda items, please consult the following Closed Caption File.

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WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, MAY 16, 2007

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

Closed Caption File of Portland City Council Meeting

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Potter: We asked a question of this audience and the people who watch on television. How are the children? The reason we ask that question is we know that, when children in a community are taken care of, the community is a better community. We have folks come in and talk with us, and this morning we have three jefferson high school folks coming in as part of the reap program, and there's also a total of about 10 youth in attendance. So is it shari? Sharee, nyisha, and laili. Could you come forward? Thanks for being here this morning. Please state your name for the record when you speak. Anybody can start.

*****: My name is laili viela, and i'm a senior at jefferson, and we are here today to invite you to come to our conference on friday the 18th at jefferson high school. Basically we are going to be holding a conference to show you what's going on inside of jeff so you can see who the people are, the student, the teachers, and what we do and just get a little more -- just a little more knowledge of what's going on inside of the school and that show you how we want to rise and we don't want to be going through so many changes anymore.

Potter: Thank you.

*****: Good morning. My name is sharee bull, and i'm a sophomore at jefferson high school. The reason why I personally would invite you to the conference is because I want you to see how jefferson is growing and developing as a student bod did and also as in the community. And also it would be good for you to come because all of the media -- I believe the media is saying a lot of false things about jefferson. And for you to come to see through your own eyes and you'll see what the real truth is. That's why I would invite why to the conference. Thank you.

*****: Hi. My name is nyisha simms. I'm a junior at jefferson high school, and I am also inviting you to the reap conference on may 18, on friday. I would like you to come just to show your support to jefferson, because we are growing, and we are trying to develop, and we are an outstanding school, and we stand in academics and sports and would like to rise up in our academics and show, instead of being, like, the guinea pig of the situation and always getting tested on, we want to stay where we're at and see how that develops. And I just want to invite you guys to actually show up and actually be a part of jefferson high school and see the real deal.

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Potter: I appreciate that. I will be out of town on may 18. Is there a later date that you would have another conference? I will not be available. I could send someone from my staff.

*****: Ok.

*****: Mm-hmm. That'll work out.

*****: It goes from 8:00 until 3:15?

*****: Yes.

*****: People can just drop in?

*****: Yes.

*****: Yeah. If you want.

Potter: I'm glad you folks are doing that. I think it's really important that the larger community understand what's really going on at jefferson and what a great school and what great students are there. I think you folks exemplify that. Are there other students from jefferson? Would you folks stand up as well? Let's give these folks a hand. I think they're doing a great job.

*****: [applause]

Potter: Thank you very much for being here today.

*****: Thank you.

*****: Thank you for having us.

Potter: City council will come to order. Sue, please call the roll.

*****: [roll call]

Potter: I'd like to remind folks that prior to offering public testimony to city council, a lobbyist must declare which entity he or she is authorized to represent. Please read the first communication.

Item 526.

William Wheeler: Mayor, city council, Leonard, Adams, Saltzman, it is an honor to address you here. You people have shown great transparency and better government and better interaction with the city citizens since I remember from the 1970's, so I appreciate your fine work. American property management and Portland housing authority -- oh. Excuse me. For the record, my name is william wheeler. I reside at 4923 southeast sherman. Have gotten into a bit of a tiff. American property management that I know of but haven't totally confirmed has somewhere around 400 people who are section 8. They raised the rent about three times as in 50 bucks a month last december, which is about three times the c.p.i. American property management told housing authority, from what I gather. Housing authority issued letters going, a, we can't do that. That's too high. And then earlier this month or actually late april, american property management notified all the people that i'm aware of -- I know about 50 people in this -- who they said you're going to be out by the 30th of june. Housing authority said, we can't handle processing that fast. We need more time. Need more time. It's being worked on. I estimate 50 social workers at an hour a day for eight climates is 2500 hours just on this little situation. On top of that, the safety net do another 400 people all at once? Some of these people have been in their housing for years. So maybe it would be a good idea for the council to at least think about or reporting -- this isn't just an idea of mine -- a reporting requirement where anybody who has over 25 section 8 people under their tenancy that they inform the city council if a policy change happens and they're going to get rid of all of them. Not a requirement they keep but just a reporting requirement when they do a policy change so that the safety net can go, oh, we have 100 people we need to process in two months rather than this all of a sudden multi hundred people. I don't know if this will work, but that was my idea. I appreciate being able to address the council. I appreciate the council's commitment to housing in this city. It is a breath of fresh air. I deeply appreciate your service. Thank you very much. Any questions?

Potter: Thank you.

*****: I've contacted commissioner Sten's office. Have a good day.

Potter: Thank you. Please read the next.

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Item 527.

*****: Ok.

Item 528.

James Lee: Mr. Mayor, members of the council, my name is James Lee. I reside on Southeast Mitchell Street. Thank you for hearing me today. With respect to specifically the measure 26-91, I want to say that the Mayor deserves our -- deserves great credit for bringing these important issues before the voters. I am a strong proponent of charter review. However, I come at it from a slightly different position. My main concern was not the chief topic during the discussion of 26-91 but rather the enumerated powers which everyone seems to have forgotten. The enumerated powers are basically what we do. The form of government is how we do it. I think it was a serious mistake on the part of the charter review commission to put these both on the same ballot measure, and logically I think that what we should do is have a separate election on revised enumerated powers which, after all, are really in pretty terrible shape. For example, there is the clearly unconstitutional censorship provision. There is a provision which does not acknowledge the preemption by the Oregon Lottery for gambling in the city and so on. In fact, I was quite surprised to see the things that aren't in there. For example, Fire Department, I mean, Police Department is adequately supported, but I don't see anything on Fire Department or emergency services, and there really isn't anything on things like zoning and planning and so on, so forth. So I took a first hack at this with the document you have before you. I've compacted the 65 enumerated powers to 25. The important things such as bonding authority are still in there. I have retaped -- I've divided these five general areas, but I've retained the numbers in the existing charter for -- for ease of cross-reference. I think it's important that we keep on this subject that the Mayor has quite properly raised, and I would look forward to participating in any action that is taken on resolving this question of the enumerated powers. Thank you very much.

Potter: Thank you, Mr. Lee.

Item 529.

Sandy Boardman: Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Sandy Boardman. Before I begin my remarks, I'd like to acknowledge the support of my friends at the City of Portland today and over the last several years. I began working for the city in 1976 when I was 18 years old. During my career with the city, I've held numerous positions, rising from a clerk in the Bureau of Planning to a management position in PDOT. I love Portland and count amongst my closest friends people who work or have worked for the city. For many years, I was the proudest of city employees, but all that has changed over the last three years, and I am now leaving my city position to seek employment elsewhere. I hope that my story will give you some new insights into the current city organization and encourage you to examine the treatment nonrepresented employees now receive in what's become a climate of fear and intimidation. Many are paralyzed by the fear of making a mistake or breaking a rule even if caused by the best intentions and being severely disciplined or fired as a result. This is both unproductive and just wrong. My own issue began four years ago in May of 2003 when another PDOT employee and her supervisor came to me with a private personal problem and asked for my help. I agreed to help her. Sometime later, the same employee apparently regretted her actions and made allegations against me and others and, in summary, she contended that she had been coerced in her personal actions by me and another employee. After a six-month exhaustive, adversarial, one-sided investigation, the Bureau of Human Resources produced their conclusions. Contrary to the progressive discipline process for represented employees, I was not given a verbal warning, a letter of reprimand or even a suspension. Instead the Bureau of Human Resources recommended a three-step demotion and removed me from management. Since I was in a nonrepresented position, my only recourse for review of that decision was to appeal to the Service Board and to hire my own representation. The hearings were finally conducted in October, 2005, almost two years after the original allegations. Because of the expense of representation, over 20

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thousand dollars, and the emotional toll on me and my family, I decided not to pursue any further legal action. I thought I learned an expensive but valuable lesson and was prepared to put the whole issue behind me. I also expected that the matter would remain tightly controlled within the city organization because personal records are confidential by city code. But I was wrong. Six months later, I was shocked to get a call from an "oregonian" reporter telling me that she had obtained information from my personnel file from my accuser about the discipline I received. Astonishingly, the article appeared on the front page of the sunday "oregonian". I made every effort to find out how the confidential records were released, requesting the assistance of pdot management. I expected this matter would be taken seriously. Only after a letter was sent to the city attorney's office did I get a response. It says, quote, ms. Deckert --

Potter: Ms. Boardman, you over exceeded your time already, and I notice that you have a very long report here.

Boardman: Yes.

*****: We will -- she's not almost done. She's less than half way through.

Boardman: Those are longer remarks. I could shorten them. Could I have one more minute?

Potter: One more minute.

Boardman: That the bureau of human resource has not been able to determine how the disciplinary record was obtained by your accuser. The way this whole matter was handed should be of great concern to the entire city council. City employees deserve to be treated fairly and with respect. In my particular case, the bureau of human resources did neither. I hope my testimony today will encourage you to ask questions, asking the auditor to perform an audit. Does the civil service board have adequate authority, autonomy, and resources to do their job? Do the principles of progressive discipline not apply to nonrepresented employees? Did the punishment of the demotion really fit the final discipline decision made by the service board? Who's responsible for leaking my personnel file and how can the council ensure other files won't be leaked in the future? And should I be reimbursed for attorney's fees paid to protect myself and to keep this issue confidential only to have the details of the disciplinary action leaked anyway? Throughout all of this, I still believe in public service and the caring and talented people i've been fortunate enough to work with and call my friends. I also believe that you will give serious consideration to my comments and concerns. I thank you for your time.

*****: [applause]

Potter: Folks, if you wish to express, you can wave your hands like that, but no clapping, please. Thank you. Please call the next.

Parsons: And we would be to the consent agenda now.

Potter: Ok. Do any commissioners wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Does any member of the audience wish to pull any item from the concept agenda? Please call the votes.

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

Potter: Aye. Please read the 9:30 time certain.

Item 530.

Potter: The council is now convening as the budget committee. I'd like to open a hearing to discussion possible uses of state revenue sharing. This hearing is being held by the city council of Portland, Oregon, in compliance with the provisions of the state revenue sharing regulation o.r.s. 221.770, this to allow citizens to comment on the possible use of these funds in conjunction with the annual budget process. As proposed for council adoption, the fy 2007/2008 budget anticipates receipts totaling \$4,328,287 from state revenue sharing. As has been the case in prior years, it is proposed that this revenue be allocated in equal parts to support fire prevention and civil service patrol services. Is there anyone here today that wishes to be heard on this subject? Do we have a sign-up sheet?

Parsons: We do. I think the testifiers come later in the meeting.

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Potter: Ok. We are now closing the hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing. Casey, would you please come forward and present a summary?

Casey Short: Thank you, mr. Mayor. Casey short, interim financial planning manager. I am here before you this morning to summarize the changes in the budget from the mayor proposed budget to what is before you for the approved largely following from the mayor's memo of may 7, which included some changes to add to the approve budget from the adopted largely as the result of additional revenues as the result of higher business license activity in the current year. I will be going through attachments in the change memo that you should have in your packets. B and c programmatic changes and significant technical adjustments and then just calling to your attention an additional budget note in attachment e. Quickly then, in attachment b, the programmatic changes suggested for the approved budget are to add \$30,000 for the bureau of planning, add \$260,000 and 2.15 f.t.e. For the bureau of planning for tree policy and the code project, add \$100,000 for the platinum bicycle master plan and transportation, \$500,000 in additional one-time support for burnside/couch enhancement planning. All of those were included in the memo from the mayor on may 7. The next three are in the transportation operating fund, involve no general fund. The first to increase an interagency receiving funds from the bureau of environmental services related to the southwest texas green street local improvement district project. This project is being accelerated. That's why the funds are in 2007/2008. Convert one limited term engineer to permanent using development the permit revenues. Add one limited term engineering technician in transportation using development permit revenues. The next two items in transportation are reductions from what was in the proposed budget, cut the traffic signal capital program by \$200,000, moving that to the fund's contingency and 670,000-dollar reduction in the residential street-cleaning program. These cuts are to help transportation sustain its funding over its five-year financial forecast. In Portland fire and rescue, 24/7 i.t. Support, general fund dollars. And in Portland parks and recreation, reduction of \$450,000 that had been in contingency for a capital project at westmoreland park, adding the tree project we discussed with planning, additional seasonal labor costs and other projects and a few technical adjustments are included in the total here. The neck page, there is an addition of \$100,000 in discretionary support for the regional arts and culture council for the arts partners project, \$100,000 in support for the wordstock event, and the last two items are in the water bureau, not general fund. First is an interagency with the city attorney's office to increase collections of bad debt accounts and an additional \$479,000 plus some additional technical adjustments of 5500 for a first floor remodel of the utilities customer service area in the Portland building. Are there any questions on any of those before I move to the next technical adjustments?

Leonard: Yes. The issue of the \$670,000 being removed from the residential street plan, I don't know if sue needs to be up here to help on this, but i'm concerned that it appears that this particular cut has not had enough discussion with the employees and the community.

Sue Keil: We talked with the affected employees. We had men reserving vacancies in anticipation that we might need to make a reduction if we did not get additional one-time money to cover it or money from another source. So we have -- we have positions and have talked with the employees about the fact that we have positions to put them in. No one would be laid off.

Leonard: When did you talk to the employees?

Keil: Last week. When we first got the word about the final disposition on one-time money.

Leonard: That's what i'm concerned about is that it's that late in the process employees were engaged. I'm used to having decisions like this be processed beginning a the a budget so people see what the alternatives are and work on it real early.

Adams: We had a budget process that included labor and outside folks that helped package or come up with the options for cuts.

Keil: Well, and we also had our consultants review the cuts for least impact on service level and asset life. And safety.

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Leonard: I'm sure you had a great process with the consultant. That's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about engaging the affected workers early on in the process. My understanding is this hit them without them knowing it was going to happen when you talked to them last week for the first time.

Keil: Well, actually -- I hear what you're saying on that -- we did not put in -- if you'll remember. Maybe you don't. Not any reason that you would pay attention to that, but we did not submit any cut packages initially. We came in actually anticipating that, because of the additional one-time money that you'd be able to cover our deficit, we had not submitted reduction packages at the get go.

Leonard: That's my point is that this landed at the last minute on them.

*******:** Correct.

*******:** And us. And I'm uncomfortable with this proposal as is as a result.

Saltzman: I guess the other issue is, what is the impact of eliminating street cleaning on bes? Yes.

Keil: Right. And we looked at that.

*******:** Collection, extra cost. How does --

Keil: The street sweeping program, residential street sweeping program is \$2.7 million. This reduces the sweeping from six to seven times a year on residential streets to four to five times a year. And we would selectively be doing those reductions so that we were not impacting water quality. There are particular areas that b.e.s. Has high concerns about. We're concerned about that, too, so it would be selective reduction on those.

Leonard: But I mean you can't have a reduction in the service and not have a negative impact. That's why we do the service.

Keil: Absolutely it would be fewer sweeps but on water quality is what I'm talking about.

Leonard: What part of the city doesn't that affect?

Keil: There are some places that what goes into the storm sewer is more important than in other places because of the impact on water quality.

Leonard: For instance?

Keil: I can't give you the exact streets, but I can certainly provide maps on that. But we're sensitive to separated systems versus the combined systems.

Adams: Well, I think that we're going to get a revenue forecast update -- when?

Short: I don't expect a formal revenue forecast update yet this fiscal year. We're going to see where funds end up at year end, and those -- any additional funds or lower funds, if that's it, will be available for the council's disposition in the fall bump, which we expect this year to be in October.

Adams: Why don't we have an update before the end of the fiscal year in normally we have, if I recall correctly, an update between the approved and the adopted budget.

Leonard: I'm happy to do that.

Adams: If I could just get my question answered.

Short: The biggest swing, the most significant shift in or potential shift, likely shift in revenue, is going to come when we find out the results of all the carry-over requests, what then is actually going to be spent in the coming year. It's an ending balance matter as opposed to any new revenues.

We're not projecting any new revenues at this point. Any change in the revenue figures for 2007/2008 is going to come as a result of a change in fund balance, which we're not going to know until after the end of the fiscal year.

Adams: Hm. All right.

Leonard: What were the priorities that a consultant gave that you relied onto make the --

Keil: To be least impact on asset life.

Leonard: No. I understand that. I'm just asking specifically what were they? What were the recommendations? Did they give you specific recommendation?

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Keil: They believe that the street sweeping reduction was an appropriate one because it had the least impact on asset life and service conditions.

Leonard: I asked you what their recommendations were so we can hear what the choices were that were made.

Keil: We asked them if this was an appropriate reduction based on the criteria that had been identified for looking at reductions or inclusion in the budget.

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Leonard: I'm being very inarticulate obviously.

*****: Maybe I am.

Leonard: Stop and listen to what i'm asking. What were the list of options you were given to choose from?

Keil: You know, maybe -- john, do we have other things that we -- paving. We had reduction in paving for this level. They did not recommend that. I mean --

Leonard: Do you have a list that you brought with you?

Keil: Well, we didn't have nickel, small reductions because, to get to the size of reduction that we're talking about here, you've got to make fairly large cuts. And safety was a priority of the office. So we didn't go to the safety reductions.

Leonard: I get all that. I'm just asking you to read me the list of reductions that you had to choose from.

John Rist: For the record, john rist, pdot finance. We didn't bring that list today. We can provide that list for you of specifics. But paving was one of the specific items.

Leonard: I'd like to hear the whole list.

*****: We can get you the list.

*****: Ok.

Leonard: But i'm uncomfortable with this proposal until I understand in the context it was done. I mean, if it's the appropriate one that was picked in the context of the recommendations, it is. But i'm uncomfortable with the cut, and so i'd want to talk at least about restoring enough money until we get our next financial forecast or whatever it is to keep the service going. But i'm uncomfortable with the process that, however you did it, I mean, this is not, in my view, what we as a council embrace when we talk about collaboration. I mean, just the last minute saying, oh, by the way, your job's done.

Keil: Will be changed. Right.

Leonard: And you start that early on, like in september, with the employees and you have all the options laid out so nobody gets surprised.

Keil: We didn't -- we didn't know, but we did talk about our financial condition with the labor management committee throughout this period from -- from the get-go, but we did not know where we would land until you had made your final decisions.

Adams: Till the proposed budget.

Keil: Correct. Mm-hmm. I mean, I appreciate commissioner Leonard's remarks, but we didn't know.

Leonard: And I could sit here and give you another side, and I don't want to do that. I'm just saying i'm aware this could have been better and there was some knowledge earlier that the employees knew that this was going to be an alternative and that's not how we, I think, want to interact. I mean, I think we could work together and find at least -- at least identify further in advance what the inevitable option is going to be other than last week's.

Adams: I think we can always improve this. No question about that, commissioner Leonard. In this particular case, pdot is the only -- for those of you listening that are employees, pdot is the only budget in the city that's having to cut this year. It has to do, as you know, with the rising cost of doing business, basic materials, health care, and that the proceeds for the gas tax coming from the

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state are not keeping up with the rising cost of doing basic service. You recall from the auditor's audit that we have collectively been criticized for not putting enough money into preventative maintenance, and so, as a result, our infrastructure has been deteriorating. The concern is that the infrastructure deteriorates quicker than it should have. We also have a very dangerous system for the users, negative cost to the economy, a gruesome number of 4 \$40 million a year, a negative cost to the economy. We have a transportation system in crisis. There's no question about it. And I've been down in salem almost every week lobbying for an increase in the gas tax and the vehicle registration fees. So we have a real problem here. When we asked a consultant if we weren't going to get all the money where would we cut that did not impact safety -- you know -- that had the least impact on safety, that had the least impact on the maintaining the asset of the basic system, they gave us a very short list of things, because we have been cutting -- you don't need to be told this. We've been cutting for seven years out of this budget. So we're down to the bone on some things. This will have an impact on b.e.s. This will have an impact open the cleanliness of local streets. But in the scheme of things, this is what the consultant said would have the least impact, and I apologize if -- if this came at you without enough conversation and involvement. I think that's a fair criticism. I understand this is sort of the approach that we made. We asked for the money to fill the gap and still continue to fight for that. We're not in a situation anymore in pdot where we have choices between good things. We have choices between cutting this or cutting that. It's a hard and difficult process. So we'll try to do better in the future.

Leonard: And I appreciate that. You've said that before, and I know that you're working hard to get some money restored, but I looked at everybody's one-time budget requests, and I didn't see this on any list and frankly, had I known about it, I would have put it on my list.

Keil: We had it as a gap closure. We originally --

Leonard: Again, I'm being very clear, I think. This specific cut was not itemized on anybody's one-time funds request. I read them all.

Adams: Now, it came in -- I think you're confusing. There's a list of nonbureau requests. This has been on my list for closing the gap in pdot.

Leonard: Closing the gap.

Adams: Let me finish.

Leonard: Two different things.

Adams: They are, and that's what I'm explaining. Closing the gap in pdot has been on my list forever. When it came to the one-time money beyond the bureau requests, those are different lists. So I've been asking to close the gap from the very beginning.

Leonard: Right. I've seen that. But I'm saying --

Adams: It was on the list.

Leonard: Well, this was not on the list. Maybe you understood that's what it meant, but I can tell you that most of us here did not understand that this was the implication of closing the budget gap.

Keil: When we first started out, the gap was \$3.6 million and, by some actions that you took, not the least of them being allocating 1.2 million for covering some of the street lighting cost that's carried by transportation, that lowered the gap. In addition to that, you authorized the increasing of our overhead to the full cost recovery. That lowered the amount. Health care cost renewal came in somewhat lower than had been anticipated. That dropped our gap by 200,000. So we whittled a way at it, and it ultimately came in at the 870,000.

Leonard: I'm trying that send you guys a message here that I think is a good one I hope you would seize, which is I was not aware of this proposal. I don't think others were aware of this proposal, and I'm willing to do something to try to fix it.

Adams: It doesn't sound like, from Casey, that we're going to get any update in the revenue between now and the end of the fiscal year, which would allow us to close the gap, and I appreciate your

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desire to do that. We can get back to council with a list of options, and I think we can -- I think we're allowed between the approved and the adopted to make amendments.

Short: Yes.

Adams: I think we can also engage our labor partners between now and the next couple of weeks in the report and the options that came forward for closing it so we can work the track of, if there was more money, and I would entertain -- I mean, I would move that, if there's more one-time money that we use it to close this 670 million-dollar gap.

Leonard: 670,000.

Adams: Sorry. Thousand. Wishful thinking.

*****: [laughter]

Adams: We use that, and i'd move that we do that as part of approving this budget. On the second track, that we engage our labor partners in the dye management consultants report and the options for cutting in case that money does not come forward.

Leonard: I would second that, but I would always add -- I mean, I want to look at something of what you looked at to make sure I feel comfortable with whatever option you chose.

Adams: The option of council --

Keil: You want what we looked at?

Leonard: Let me finish my whole sentence. I want to look at what you looked at, but assuming that we all agree that those were the appropriate priorities and assuming that the one-time money didn't increase beyond what's been projected already, I would be open to whatever one-time moneys we have recognized but not identified for any specific program supporting restoring this program with.

Adams: Is that different than what I just said?

Leonard: Yes.

Adams: How?

Leonard: You're saying if there's one-time money that we become aware of which we aren't now. I'm saying, even if that happens, I would be open to taking money that we've up to now identified for reserves.

Adams: Oh, ok. Thanks for that.

Keil: So do you want us to bring back what we looked at?

Leonard: Yes.

Keil: Very quickly or to talk with labor about other alternatives?

Leonard: Simultaneous. I'd like to get the report and look at it so we can do both simultaneous.

Adams: But if in our conversations with labor they come up with better idea, i'd like the council to get those as well.

*****: Ok.

Adams: So how do we amend --

Potter: Well, I have to read into the language. I'd like to entertain a motion to approve the budget as amended in attachments b, c, d, and e.

Short: If I might, mr. Mayor, members of the council, I still have some other things i'd like to go over with you.

Potter: Ok.

Short: I went through the first item, which was the programmatic changes, and we have a number of significant technical changes being proposed that I just want to make sure you're aware of. This is in attachment c. The bureau of environmental services, this is related to the southwest texas l.i.d. I spoke with. We're increasing the about -- you know -- jet and lamont in the convention and tourism fund to cover the possibility that hotel/motel taxes would come in higher so we would be able to transfer the charter mandated amount to Portland, Oregon, visitors association. Facility services, operating fund is increased by a large amount, 10-point -- almost 10 and a half million

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dollars. This is just a matter of moving money among where it's budgeted in the different funds for the archives project. You'll see this also in the governmental bond redemption fund and the special finance and resource fund in a moment. Facilities also has the 479,000 for the first floor remodel at the Portland building that I mentioned. Federal grants fund is recognizing additional grants for parks projects. The general fund contingency is being increased by \$1.1 million. This is the result of the update of the business license forecast for the current year which will result in an additional ending balance which we feel -- the 2 million dollars is an amount we're pretty confident of. The council, through its discussions and as outlined in the mayor's memo of may 7, has \$900,000 of that money committed and going forward in the approved budget, assuming you approve it, so there is that additional \$1.1 millions in contingency available, making the contingency unreserved this year of \$3.8 million. There's a commensurate reduction with the park shift that I mentioned earlier as well.

Leonard: In addition to our reserve fund?

Short: In addition to the contingency, money available for the council to spend as the year goes on.

Leonard: How do you identify the fund that's 10% of our general budget?

Short: That's the general reserve fund which is a separate fund and has all the money in it that it's supposed to have.

Leonard: And so this is a separate reserve?

Short: This is part of the general fund in the contingency. It's money that can be spent by the council.

Leonard: And the amount is 3.6?

Short: The total amount is 3.8 million. The increase that is coming as a result of these actions is 1.1 million net.

Leonard: In addition to that 3.8?

Short: No. It makes it 3.8. It was 2.7.

Adams: I didn't know that.

Short: Right here on the page. And that's why I wanted to make a point of telling that.

Short: There you go right there.

Adams: That just took care of that.

Short: To finish with the very exciting parts of the rest of the technical adjustments, governmental bond redemption fund change back to the archives project I spoke of before, parks construction and major maintenance fund is carrying over almost \$3 million for projects that haven't been completed, and they'd like to have the money available on July 1 and not wait for the bump. That's why we're putting it in the budget instead of just putting it in the ending balance and carrying it over.

Adjustments to capital projects funded through the parks levy, this is discussed under the local option levy. I'll get to that in a second. The third one is \$416,000 in parks for new projects funded with grants that I spoke of with the federal grants fund. Parks local option levy, the largest part of this is to increase the budget for the east Portland community center pool it was expected these would be -- the project isn't that far along, so they're asking to have this added to the budget for 2007/2008. The last three items in this category, printing and distribution operating, reducing its revenues largely by recognizing reductions in noncity business, the special finance and resource fund, again the archives project moving to facilities, and finally a transfer to technology services from the general fund to do the 24/7 i.t. Support for the fire bureau. In addition to all the programmatic and technical changes I've just discussed, I'd like to call to the council's attention one additional budget note that affects three bureaus, and that is on green street's policy for b.e.s., the water bureau, and transportation, directing the three bureaus, develop estimated percent for green contributions for 2007/2008 and bring that to the council, have it ready for the council in the fall bump by October. There are any other questions? I'd be happy to answer them at this point.

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Adams: On the reserves, is there a piece of paper that you read from?

*******:** I have --

Adams: Do you have a summary of the reserves we have just so I can be clear?

Short: Not on any of these pieces of paper, commissioner, but it's in the budget. And what would you like --

Adams: Can you quickly just summarize the 3.8? A contingency on top of our -- is that our annual contingency i?

Short: Yes, sir. That is the unreserved amount, not spoken for for something else in the general fund.

Adams: Is there any where in the constellation of the city bureaucracy that is general fund, unexpended, reserve-like pools of money?

Short: Other than the general reserve fund, no.

Adams: As in the general reserve fund and the contingency fund, there isn't any unexpended contingency-like funds?

Short: It's all been incorporated into the projections for 2007/2008.

Adams: Thank you.

Potter: Questions? I'd like to entertain a motion to -- did you have a question?

Saltzman: No. I'm just following the script here, too.

*******:** [laughter]

Adams: There's a script?

Saltzman: Yeah.

Adams: I apologize.

Saltzman: You have it.

Short: We make the motion to approve the budget, but that also during the discussion amendment would then be offered.

Potter: Correct.

Saltzman: Then I would make a motion to approve the budget as amended.

Potter: I have to read it for the record.

Adams: You're off script.

Potter: I would like to entertain a motion to approve the budget as amended in attachments b, c, d, and e to the memo, approval of the budget for the city of Portland.

*******:** I would make that motion.

Potter: There is a second?

Adams: Second.

Potter: Discussion.

Saltzman: I have three amendments that I would wish to offer at this point.

Potter: Ok.

Saltzman: So I first want to start off by saying I want to thank mayor Potter and my colleagues on the council and our five citizen advisors for all the time and effort that has gone into the budget before us today, and I think the proposed budget represents many hours of hard work by us, our offices, and our bureaus. I would, however, like to offer three amendments which I believe reflect important investments in the safety and well-being of our citizens. And i'll introduce each one of these amendments separately. The first amendment is to change the domestic violence advocates funding from one time to ongoing funding. So I guess i'll make that motion or I can give my rationale first.

Leonard: And I commended commissioner Saltzman to second these for purpose of discussion, so I second.

Saltzman: Thanks. The domestic violence advocates and the Portland police bureau, I believe, should be funded with ongoing funds instead of one-time funding. Last year during leaner times

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certainly than we have this year, the council did step forward, committing \$50,000 in ongoing funding for one of the advocates, and we all agreed at that time that, in the next budget, we would make those remaining positions ongoing as well. So this is the opportunity, I believe, to follow up on that commitment that we made last year. The domestic violence advocates are an essential part of the Portland police bureau's response to domestic violence. Each month the domestic violence reduction unit at the police bureau reviews 500 to 700 cases. These victim advocates work as a team with the police. They review and select the cases and may contacts with abuse survivors, conduct detailed interviews, assess enforcement options, and offer advocacy services. The advocates help victims plan for their safety as victims who attempt to leave their abusers are 75% more likely to be severely beaten or killed than if they stay with the abuser. The advocates provide information and referral, assisting with problem solving, providing transportation, accompanying to court hearings, facilitating access to other social services, and providing emotional support. I've witnessed a small portion of the advocate's job when the advocates literally hold women's hands as they face their abusers in courtrooms and retell the horrific stories of their abuse. The experience of reliving the abuse and the humiliation of having to do so in an open court room is an experience that no one should have to endure without the support of these advocates. It is for this reason and because unfortunately domestic violence is not a one-time problem -- it is an ongoing problem which ravages children, women, and families in our community -- and therefore I feel that we should step up now and make that commitment that these positions will remain in the police bureau on an ongoing basis in perpetuity. I urge your support.

Leonard: Maybe I can explain my comment earlier about the discussion agreeing to seconds for the purposes of us having this talk today. As the council knows and as he explained to commissioner Saltzman, my first instinct would be to support these proposals. Unfortunately they're coming in the context of some pretty hard-edged negotiations with Multnomah county over basic services they provide that may not appear on the surface to be related to these issues but, I believe, deeply are. So a proposal by them to cut treatment programs for people who are abusing drugs and alcohol leads me to conclude that there will be more untreated drug and alcohol abusers in the community, which are directly tied to domestic violence incidents. So given that we don't know how that's going to play out yet, my reaction to this is not that I don't support it but that it's just premature in that context until we know what obligation, in any, we may have with the county if they actually follow through on their statements that they're going to shut down some of those programs.

Potter: And part of this also is just the fact that we have three times the amount of money in one time as we do in ongoing and part of that was due because we put the \$2.7 million out of ongoing aside for attenuating the parks levy. So we just don't have that kind of flexibility in the ongoing as we do in one time.

Saltzman: I appreciate that point. I appreciate commissioner Leonard's point. I guess I would return. This is \$100,000 in ongoing money that would convert from one time to ongoing. These are positions that have historically always been city-funded positions. So I understand the point about the larger discussions about the county and the city. But these are positions that are performing vital services day in and day out right now. They've always been within the police bureau, and I think that it's important, as we did make a commitment last year that we would make these into ongoing positions. That was leaner times last year. I believe -- you know -- that we can find the \$100,000 in ongoing if we make the commitment today, certainly before we adopt our budget on June 21.

*****: 27.

Saltzman: I believe that we can find the \$100,000 in additional ongoing to both fulfill the promise that we made last year to our selves and to the applicants and to the domestic violence victims in our community.

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Leonard: I know mayor Potter has recommended to chair wheeler that, after we get over this hump, there be an ongoing discussion at our level with the county commission on basically revisiting resolution a to decide what is an appropriate alignment of services for the city and the county, because that resolution a, I think most of us agree, doesn't really even apply anymore given some of what we fund now and some of what the county does now in terms of law enforcement that maybe they shouldn't. And mayor Potter's recommendation, which I heartily support, is to sit down July 1 with the county at our level and talk about a realignment of services. And I actually think that your idea should be part of that discussion about the kinds of services the police bureau provides. But I guess I'm just a little hesitant at this point to make a commitment to dollars with all of these various issues that affect that same population of people out there in question and in limbo, and I would want to look at the services cut and then put this proposal in that group of services to see which is the most appropriate to be funded. Because frankly, if -- I think you might agree with that that if the choice was to fund this position or provide treatment for offenders, I think treating the offenders with drug and alcohol treatment ends up with the effect you want, reducing domestic violence and making a person productive, and that's the choice that we have right now.

Saltzman: Well, I agree we want treatment for offenders, too, but no amount of treatment is going to do away with the fact that domestic violence is an ongoing problem and that these victim advocates perform essential roles day in and day out, helping the victims, helping the police, reviewing, as I said, 500 to 700 cases a year. So, I mean, as much as I would like to say I can honestly believe that some with you some amount of treatment is going to make that problem go away, I don't believe that. There's always going to be.

Potter: Chief Sizer is here. Did you want to have the chief comment on this? Could you come forward, chief?

*****: Good morning.

*****: Good morning.

Rosie Sizer: In our budget request, we -- the police bureau requested ongoing funding for the domestic violence advocates. We would love to have it. However, I would advocate against taking the money from unfilled sworn positions, because we're trying to higher up on police officers to get to full staffing. Just in the way of clarification, previous to last year, the domestic violence advocate positions were grant funded. To my knowledge, they were not funded by the county but funded by federal grants.

Saltzman: Right. And that's why we made a commitment last year, 'cause the grant ran out so we made a commitment last year to fund one of them ongoing and then this year to make the others ongoing.

Leonard: So just to be clear, I wasn't suggesting that that's money that's wrapped up with what the county provides but rather just completely separately on the list of services they do provide, as you probably are aware, they're threatening to cut off some vital services that will have a direct impact on the police bureau, on domestic violence, on drug dealing, project 57. All of that's threatened right now given this environment with the county. And I guess, just so you understand from my perspective, I agree with everything commissioner Saltzman said, but on those list of services about to be cut, I'm not sure if it would be the first thing I would fund from the city if we were dealing with increased amounts of drug and alcohol abusers who didn't get treatment and if we had to close our project 57, which has been successful, which is something under discussion to fund those other services, I just think we need to have this discussion in that particular context.

Saltzman: You've kind of alluded to the fact that this money would come at the expense of vacancies for officers -- allude to the fact -- if the council makes commitment between now and June 27, we can find \$100,000 to make this happen and fulfill a commitment we did make last year.

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Leonard: And I told commissioner Saltzman that if in fact this discussion we're having with the county plays out positively, I would support that at that time, but I think, for myself, I need to know better what the lay of the land is there.

Potter: Further discussion? Call the vote, sue.

Adams: I'm very supportive of this -- very supportive of this program. I'll continue to seek to protect it and fund it. But at this time, i'm going to vote against this motion to continue its funding on a one-time basis given some of the -- I think some of the arguments and concerns expressed during the discussion today move me to have this as part of the consideration of our financial relationship and service relationship with the county. No.

Leonard: No.

Saltzman: Well, i'm voting aye. I appreciate the discussion about talking about things with the county, but I don't think we need to really get this mixed up in that either. This is a very specific service that serves victims well and their families, and I think we need to keep our eye on the prize here and keep those advocates here in perpetuity. So, as I said, I vote aye.

Potter: Well, there is funding for this. It's just whether it's ongoing or one time, and I think at this point, until we've clarified issues with the county and also try to find out where the \$100,000 on going is coming from, since we have such a small pool of that, I would prefer to wait. So I vote no.

Saltzman: My second amendment is to allocate \$200,000 -- and this is one time -- to Portland parks and recreation to continue what's turned out to be the very successful teen programs and expanded community center hours. During the winter budget monitoring process, the council wisely funded an extensive effort by Portland parks and recreation to reach out to teen youth in Portland and, as I think we know, this is all a segment of our community that needs expert outreach in order to effectively engage. Certainly as the father after teenager I know how challenging its can be to effectively engage teens, and parks has done an incredible job of doing this. And when we requested the support in the winter bump, our thought process was that we would do an evaluation of it and bring it back to council at a subsequent point based on success or lack of success of this program. What we can say is, before we even had a chance to do that evaluation, it's been wildly successful. I think, at each one of your tables there, there is an interim report. This has worked exceedingly well and right now will expire on june 30. As you know, that's only partway into summer. So the \$200,000 would keep these outreach programs and expanded community centers going through the end of september, and I think just some of the statistics I can tell you is that, on april 6, over 400 teens turned out at parkrose high school for a break-dancing competition. It was a huge success. A citywide teen retreat is scheduled this month to bring together 60 teens from diverse backgrounds to prioritize programs in parks focused on youth and to form teen councils at multiple community centers. Mount scott center has had slam poetry workshop, an event called jazz up your jeans and multiple dive-in movies at the pool. Montevilla took a program to the ortiz center in the culley neighborhood that drew 45 teens who had never before participated in a parks and recreation activity. You may be aware right now we have a teen idol competition that started several months ago and is culminating on june 16, and it's been wildly successful, too. I think we've had over 100 teens participating in that.

Adams: And you're judging that?

Saltzman: I'm a judge of the finalists, yes.

Adams: Are you playing the role of simon?

Saltzman: I'm not going to be simon, no. Before we had a chance to bring you a full-blown evaluation, we have seen this as being successful. The genesis for this was lieutenant harry jackson, now retired but somebody who I did several ride-alongs with and saw many kids on the streets, especially on the weekends, and looking at our community centers and other places and seeing them closed at the hours these kids are out there. So I think we need to keep these centers open now until

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11:00 on fridays and saturdays at long with the program. You can't just open the doors and expect kids to come in. You've got to do the effective programming and that's what this \$200,000 would do.

Potter: You make a motion?

Saltzman: Yes.

Adams: Second.

Leonard: So I would say pretty much the same thing on this that I did the last that contingent upon what happens with the county, I could support this up to june 27.

Saltzman: The funding right now we approved in winter bump goes to june 30 the 200,000 is still for july through august.

*******:** The time we have to amend the budget. Is that to june 27?

Short: Yes.

Leonard: But, again, great program. Your articulation of it, I think, makes the case for why it is a very effective program. But, again, we're facing issues that are new to us in this in terms of our budget cycles that the county has placed at our doorstep, including them telling us they're going to leave dead animals on the street and cut the sobring station into these treatment programs, and i'm not willing to make a commitment to spend anything until we know how that plays out, and that will be in the next, I would think, couple of weeks or three weeks. At that time, i'd be more than happy to have this discussion again.

Saltzman: Again, my response would be I appreciate what you're saying, but this is an issue about keeping these programs successful programs going through the summer, and I think that should be the focus of our decision on this one way or the other.

Potter: I support this. I think it's a good program, and obviously it gets results. I'd rather much spent the 200,000 this way than the extra police patrols because they're having problems.

Leonard: So, mayor, you're comfortable in the context of these discussions supporting this?

Potter: Yes.

Leonard: Never let it be said that I don't see a train coming. I've reconsidered my decision.

*******:** [laughter]

Potter: I think we're done with the discussion part. Call the vote.

Adams: Summer activity is really important. I think the concerns about having a holistic discussion with the county is important, but I think having a late-night place for folks to go with activities overrides my concerns on this specific one related that our discussions with the county. Aye.

Leonard: And I couldn't agree more. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Potter: Aye.

Short: Mr. Mayor, before commissioner Saltzman introduces his next amendment, i'd just like to clarify for us and for the record that the \$200,000 will come from contingency and reduce the amount of contingency unless other source of that money is identified, same with any other amendments for the general fund.

Saltzman: That's fine with me.

*******:** Thank you.

Saltzman: The last amendment I have comes out of the last week's budget hearing, and that is to allocate \$85,000 for an improved pedestrian crossing at southwest capital highway, berth court, and southwest 18th drive. As we heard about this pretty forcibly from both the business association, the hillsdale, the neighborhood associate, hillsdale neighborhood house, which will be operating new affordable senior housing called the watershed at this intersection, it's a deceptively safe intersection. It has a signal that covers four of the five lanes, but the fifth lane does not, and the fifth lane is what has 30,000 cars a day going through this intersection. And with the housing

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about to be built across the street, the potential for something tragic to happen will only increase. This is also a high-traffic route for students going to multiple schools, students going from Robert Gray to Reiki or Wilson or reversing that. This is the route they go to. So it is a safe route to school. And I think we heard pretty overwhelming testimony of this is really a disaster waiting to happen. So I'm proposing to allocate \$85,000 for this improved pedestrian crossing.

Adams: Second.

*******:** Can we vote?

Potter: Has there actually been a study done at that intersection?

Adams: There has been, and this does not rank in the top 25 or top 50 most dangerous intersections. We just need to be really clear about that. But traffic safety is an art, not a science, and I think that the neighborhood and commissioner Saltzman have rightly pointed out that there is development that will be occurring. And this particular omission in a traffic signal on an intersection is especially dangerous, because it gives you -- with the traffic signalization that is there, it gives you a false sense of security. And the only reason I think that there hasn't been more injuries there is because long-time residents know of it. These new residents won't, though, and I'm really concerned that we will have injuries and deaths there, and I'd like to prevent it. Having said that, I just also want to say, as transportation commissioner, there are these types of intersections all over the city. But I'm an incrementalist, and I think we should -- I think the case has been made here, and I'm going to support this. But we've got lots of other needs around the city as well.

Potter: Further discussion? Please call the vote.

Adams: Thanks for bringing this forward, commissioner Saltzman, and the good folks at Hillsdale. Aye.

Leonard: I am going to support this, but I do have the concern that -- and I'm very aware that there are intersections where people have actually lost their lives that have asked for these kinds of signaling, that that has not happened, and generally speaking the parts of the city that are less organized than in southwest, politically by that I mean, so because of their silence and lack of sophistication, we're not installing and passing anything today to make a street that actually has had fatalities on it safer for them. That bothers me a lot as I told some of the residents up there the other night. I am increasingly concerned of when you go east of Dish it's mainly 82nd but maybe, in some cases, east of 205 of the conditions of the streets and the lack of sidewalks and associated with poverty, which is fairly unique in Portland. And in this next year, I'm thinking a lot about some way to break this cycle of paying for improvements for safety purposes of which this is an example but also includes sidewalks and streets. But we -- I am thinking very hard about somehow doing something different in terms of financing those projects than what we have up to now to get them done. And I just thought I'd take this opportunity on this discussion to make that point, and I hope that we can bring more equity to the entire city soon in terms of safety improvements, sidewalks and streets and walking lights. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Potter: Aye.

Adams: So I move that we use \$670,000 of the contingency to prevent the cuts in residential street cleaning.

Leonard: Second.

Potter: This is coming out of contingency. Correct?

*******:** Yes.

*******:** Yes.

Potter: What other obligations have we made? One of my concerns is I think we've also requested and have not identified a source \$800,000 for block five.

*******:** That's correct.

Potter: So where are we going to find the money?

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Adams: Can you tell us how much we've spent of the 3.8 today, how much is left?

Short: Your two prior actions committed \$285,000. If the 670 were added, that would be a total of \$955,000 out of the 3.8, which would leave remaining about 2-point 8 million, a little bit above that, in the contingency. That's of the contingency that is not reserved for something else or additional amounts for parks capital projects, for example, and unforeseen reimbursables and a number of things. But this amount, the 3.8, which would move to 2.8, is your contingency that's available to you for the full year for whatever purpose you deem appropriate.

Saltzman: Yeah. Just to pick up on the point the mayor just raised, I think all members of this council have been interested in park block five and the potential of a donor stepping forward with about a 1.6, \$1.7 million distribution and that being matched by the city. P.d.c. has put in 80,000 to that, and all members have agreed this should be something we should come up with the other 800,000-dollar. We had a donor. Apparently that donor didn't work out, but apparently now we have a new donor that is making that money available, so this \$800,000 would be necessary to meet that match to do the park block five the way the citizens want to see park block five. Ad a and i'm interested in pursuing that as well, and the 2.8 that we leave in contingency, I think, provides us the adequate resources to do both that and the other unforeseen contingencies that come -- that might come about.

Ken Rust: Excuse me, ken rust. As we talk about contingency, I want to make sure it's very clear that we always have, as part of the general fund appropriation, an amount in contingency that's there for emergency and unforeseen purposes during the course of the fiscal year. To start appropriating that now for a particular purpose is a little bit contrary to policy. And puts us in a position where we may not have the ability to fund something unforeseen, something that doesn't justify going into our general reserve but is something that we expect could occur during the course after fiscal year. We have a very small amount of contingency in the general fund relative to the size of the general fund. We've always been able to manage it successfully, and I have confidence that that will continue. However, we don't know all the things that might happen to us during the course of the fiscal year. So I would just urge caution as we think about this contingency. It doesn't really mean that we don't have a need for it or it's not prudent for us to keep it unreserved and unappropriated at this time. It's been a consistent financial practice of the general fund to have those dollars for that purpose. I want to make sure that's clear to council.

*****: Very clear.

Potter: I thought you were going to be going back and taking a look at what the different options were.

Adams: Let's be honest. The options are where do we cut more from pdot that has been cut every year for the past seven years over c.s.l. and i'm not interested in cutting anymore. If we have the resources at hand to do so. And I think a 2 million dollar contingency -- and I believe that there will be more money coming in with the financial forecast update. Could be wrong, but that's why believe based on what's happening with the state financial forecast revenue picture. So I -- I think that laying our folks off and scaling back the program and then having to try to scale it back up and moving people back is disruptive, and I would -- i'm tired of cutting transportation. These are not luxuries. These are basic services that we need to be providing. There are plenty of jurisdictions around the united states and around the region and in the state of Oregon that use general fund for transportation. The city -- you know -- pdot manages the right-of-way. The city earns millions and millions of dollars from the franchise fees for access to the right-of-way, but pdot generally doesn't get those. So we're starving for money while the general fund gets money from our management of the right-of-way. I'm working hard to get new money at the state level and, if that doesn't work, i'm going to propose a local -- you know -- funding source option. But in the meantime, we've got to keep basic services going.

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Leonard: And I -- to be clear, I actually agree with the sentiment of the mayor and commissioner Saltzman about looking at options, and so i'm going to support this but on the condition that the suggestions that I made earlier that should have happened do happen beginning right away, that the -- that pdot have an effective labor management system. I'm not talking about labor management but an effective one where you bring people to the table and open up the budget from the top to the bottom and have input from all the employees about what they think might be the best focus of resources. And it's great to have a consultant, because consultant shouldn't override that process. I mean, you guys are the ones that make pdot work, and I would expect all of you to have the commitment to get in and make hard decisions so we don't end up in this position next year, 'cause i'm very mindful this is one-time money and it funds that program for another year. So, I mean, this is the same kind of approach we've taken at water, at b.d.s., the 911 center. It's hard. Managers sometimes don't like it because they get second-guessed by employees, but that's what the process is about, and I expected that would happen.

Rust: If I could just clarify the concern I have about the contingency is not necessarily this request for pdot but if we're talking about park block five, that's what concerns me. I think, when we approve our budget, we should start with what we think is the appropriate amount for contingency. When we get into the year-end closing, if we have additional resources, we can use that opportunity to commit that or maybe make that a priority. But I was concerned about further taking down a contingency necessary at the beginning of the fiscal year for us to be able to manage the general fund. The pdot request, I think, would fall within the excess amount that is right now above what is the normal contingency that we have in the general fund.

Potter: I would like to see what those other options were before we make our decision.

Leonard: In the context of the 200,000 we gave to parks, I mean, this -- just now, I would hope we would understand that is not unlike that. It is a basic service provided to neighborhoods, and it's a basic service people expect, and I would -- I guess i'm feeling like i'm not comfortable having this rushed process before july 1 where everything starts flying and people try to figure out what the appropriate option to take is. I'd rather give that process a year and have them come back next year with a more authority full, laid-out plan. Plus the mayor's going to be gone. I'm going to be gone. I don't know what others are doing in june. And there's a likely opportunity that one or both of us won't be here simultaneously when this does come up, and i'm concerned about that.

Short: The one-time funding for transportation will help, but I just feel compelled to note that the problem with pdot and its funding structure is an ongoing problem, and this one-time money, it's not ongoing money, so the problem will continue in future years. I just want to make sure that's clearly stated to the council.

Leonard: I'm interested if commissioner Saltzman and the mayor are interested in approximate putting some contingencies on the allocation of the \$670 or some conditions. Not contingencies. conditions. Such as they do an effective labor management system right away, this he get those options and they all go through them with idea in mind maybe to address the bigger picture for the next budget cycle.

Saltzman: I guess what's weighing on my mind is -- you know -- everything that's been discussed here, but I guess -- you know -- i'm now weighing this with the 800,000-dollar park block five and where we're going to reconcile those two. Also I heard from sue kiehl that the issues around the impact on the sewer system have been addressed or at least addressed the best they can and that -- and that it's reducing sweeping from six to four days a week, so it's not totally eliminating it. And that no layoffs are going to occur.

Adams: Six to four time as year.

Saltzman: But that no layoffs were going to occur. So I don't think layoffs were really an issue here. I guess that's where my thought process is. It's weighing this versus 800,000.

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Adams: And just to be clear, we have a variety of funding that's one time, a bridge to a discussion of a different funding source in the future. My first choice is an increase in the gas tax and vehicle registration fee statewide. The legislature will be done by the end of June. If that doesn't work, then the conversations and alternatives will come forward. But to cut programs back more -- and I need to emphasize that this bureau has been cutting -- we've provided -- we've gone through a lot in this process, but we provided all the cuts year by year over the past seven years and all the positions that have been cut in management and overhead, and there's always room to do more. Don't misunderstand what I'm saying. But the reason that such a basic service is -- one of the reasons that such a basic service is offered up is that's kind of where we're at in terms of -- and when we asked dye consultants to look through everything in the bureau and opportunities to cut fat or waste and they offered up some -- and we've made those cuts in this budget cycle, 'cause again we got the budget -- the original gap amount -- way down. We're still left with this gap, and again I think it's a basic service of the city we'll provide. Pdot's a good deal for the general fund in terms of how much of an asset we manage and how much general fund resources come off of those franchise fees or access to the right-of-way that we don't get a guaranteed portion of the right-of-way franchise fees. I just think that this is a really basic service, and I'd ask for your support. I guess we just need to vote.

Potter: Call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** No. **Potter:** No.

*****: A tie.

Leonard: We'll have to wait till commissioner Sten gets back.

Adams: He'll be the deciding vote.

Potter: Any additional motions? Is that it?

*****: No.

*****: Not for me.

Potter: If there's no further discussion and further amendments, then we'll be hearing from the public. Is there any member of the public who'd like to testify on this item? Do you have a sign-up sheet?

Parsons: We do and we have 12 people who'd like to testify.

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Laura Craig-Bennett: * * * adventures in television is our summer youth media project. We're getting start order that right now. And we work in four different community-based organization was about 60 youth to provide week-long intensive media workshops. The young people participating in adventures in television learn to tell stories about their lives using technology. Adventures in television creates a space where young people can feel comfortable expressing their voice as well as learn about how their peers feel about the community they share. Our school year project, we go out to about 25 schools and community-based organizations every year and we bring mentor and video production tools to the centers and these are areas where young people do not otherwise have access to these tools. The people participating learn to use video technology as a tool to teach others about their classroom subjects and voice their ideas and opinions about issues in their communities. It engages young people with their community. An example of that are the wood lawn elementary school dreamers. I have a dream foundation. Last year they came to us, with a group of fifth graders who wanted to do a television show in our studios, and it's called pop talk. So mayor Potter attended pop talk, and interviewed -- was interviewed by some of the students, as well as dan widen, dr. Daniel bernstein, and a couple other wonderful people from the city of Portland. Through this unique opportunity it provided young people from northeast Portland with an opportunity to interact with as questions of, and learn about

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some leaders and innovators in our community. And i'm also happy to say this year the pop talk dreamers are back for another season, so it's been an ongoing opportunity for these young people to produce a television show. So basically what the youth voices initiative can also do, it can challenge young people to use technology in a meaningful way. And this also happens in our adventures in television summer program with this intensive experience, they're allowed an opportunity to kind of have a group of young people they feel comfortable with expressing themselves and their ideas. Last summer we used the vision p.d.x. Survey as a starting point for discussion around what are your experiences living in Portland. And one group of our students create add thought-provoking piece that discussed race class and how these factors have affected their experience in the city of Portland. Funding will all lowt youth voices initiative to support an expanded service to the young people in Portland. This proposed increase of \$66,000 for the budget will allow us to serve over 20% more underserved youth in Portland. In addition, the support would leverage increased foundation and corporate involvement from the -- for the project. So thank you all for your attention to this matter.

Fred Schaich: My name is fred, president of the international foundation for alternative research in aids. And i'm also board member and producer at Portland community media i'm here to ask you to restore the funding of the \$6,826 in the proposed 2007-08 budget. For Portland community media education program. This program includes the Oregon learning lab for information education, and adventures in television. These programs provide in-school and after-school and summer programs with the priority on underserved youth. Youth voices initiative provide services and partnership with schools as well as community organizations, such as Portland impact, girls inc., new adventures for youth, the police activities league, Portland parks and recreation, the I have a dream foundation, l programma, feed learning and gardens laboratory, and metropolitan family services. I will read some of the quotes in the process of evaluating these initiatives. These are from the teachers scpin instructors after school and community-based organizations. These are some of the quotes.

> the students were completely engaged in the project in a way that we don't often see. They were more enthusiastic about morning. They were notably positive improvements in their behavior, attentiveness and teamwork. Students who were often in conflict worked cooperatively on this project and grew in their ability to find common ground in working as a team. I saw a big self-esteem and confidence boost in the students. I heard back from other teachers that their students were excited about staying after school. To work on their projects. Particularly for students with english as a second language. The video projects gave them a different medium for communicating, and they flourished. Girls hadn't often thought about how women were portrayed in the media, but through the editing process they came to understand these choice involved in how women are represented. I have a lot more, and there's certainly were hundreds of great comments that I was excited about. In fact, I just can honestly say that I have had a life changing experience in just the review of this program. I am proud to even be slightly affiliated with this project and as a producer of p.c.m. And a member of the board of directors, the skills and experience is offered through this youth voices initiative are especially important to the youth who are economically disadvantaged, have special needs, or for other reasons at risk for pour outcomes in life. These programs prioritize services to these youth. I urge you to restore the full funding of the Portland community media youth forces initiative for 2007-2008 budget. Thank you for your time.

Richard Beetle: Mayor Potter, commissioner, my name is richard beetle, i'm business manager for labors local 483. I'm here to advocate to restore the \$670,000 for the residential street cleaning. I feel this is a real example of being penny wise and pound foolish. This is really in reality a cost shift, it's not a cost savings. And it comes at considerable expense to the taxpayers. The first victim of this cost shift is the bureau itself. I've got a whole bunch of issues that the bureau has identified as increased cost caused by this reduction in residential street sweeping. I think everybody has a

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copy of this. If they don't, I'll give them a copy. That was identified by the bureau. There's also other victims of this cost shift. The neighborhood is another victim of this cost shift because they're going to have to live with increased filth in their neighborhoods, there's going to be increased flooding because of plugged drains and possible traffic problems because of that issue. We understand what's not going to happen is the public is not going to pick up this debris. It's going to be picked up by the city. And what Wayne Ellis got to determine, if what's the most cost effective way to pick it up. Well, where it's going to go next, it's going to go into the catch basins. This is going to be a truck issue. We're going to have to send a special truck to pick up. This only a portion will be picked up this way. The rest of it will get into the sewer system and into the lift stations. These stations all have wet wells. They're going to fill up when they fill up, they pump the sewage through a higher level and gravity flow under the plant. What's going to happen, it's going to fill up, with debris, and it's going to lead to increased clogging of the pumps. These are going to have to be taken care of by millwrights, on a call-out basis, which will be time and a half. This is increased cost. To do this by actually physically getting into the pump and digging out this debris with their hands. Also from the lift stations, that's only going to capture a portion of it. It's going to go into the big pipe. This is the next place this debris is going to flow to. The mixed pipe, the big pipe is a big storage unit for storm water. And this stuff is going to settle at the bottom until enough rain water happens to wash it into the plant. It's going to continue to turn septic and get acid I can and increasingly toxic. We're going to have this stuff during a storm flow is going to flow into the treatment plant. The treatment plant is first line of defense against this, is bar screens. It's going to end up on the bar screens, it's going to be raked and put into bins and trucked off to eastern Oregon. This is going to be expensive. But that's only a portion of it. A big bulk of it will go into the treatment plant itself, it's going to get into the collar fires, it's going to get into the digesters and it's going to replace capacity. And reduce detention time. We're already challenged at the treatment plant with capacity and detention times. At the same time, when we try to haul this stuff away after it's been digested, we have to use poly multiple sclerosis and chemicals to dewater this stuff to put it in trucks. As you can see, we're going to have to deal with this in an increasingly expensive way. We're not saving \$670,000. What we're doing is spending a whole lot more of the tax dollars money trying to shift cost noose other places. This is not a good business decision. We need to rethink this issue.

Adams: I want to apologize to you and the folks you represent, we should have gone back to you after the mayor's proposed budget came out and had a discussion about options for the cut, and we just dropped ball. And I wanted to apologize for that.

Beetle: If I could have one more minute, I'd like to talk about the human cost of this cut as well. We're all wearing black arm bands. The reason we're wearing black arm bands, we're in mourning. We had this announced to us to this crew a couple of days ago. Now, I asked to have seniority lists given to me so I would know where people could bump to. I was told there was not going to be any layoffs, but I had to know it for sure. They called the crew in, they alerted them that their jobs were going away. They didn't know for sure where they were going. They didn't have seniority lists to tell them where they were going and they could not assure them they were even going to keep their jobs. That night one of the crew members, who was particularly upset and concerned because he had nowhere to go he loved doing his job, died of a heart attack that night. That was a sad situation. And I'd like to ask for just a moment of silence in honor of this man. Thank you t.

Adams: Thank you.

Potter: Thanks, folks.

Rob Wheaton: My name is Rob Wheaton, I live at 443 northeast 67th avenue. I work for Labors Local 43, which is how I'm privy to this information. What I'm here to speak about is my concern as a citizen who happens to live behind a plaid pantry which generates lots of garbage. My neighbors and I try to keep the streets as clean as possible. We do work together and pretty active in the

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community. But unfortunately it just can't, we just can't get it all. There's a lot of debris that's generated from this, the construction that's going on at Fred Meyer at 67th and Glisan, and just in general, street traffic. Glisan is a pretty busy street. Last night I attended my neighborhood community meeting, the community association, center neighborhood, no one there was aware of the street paving, or the street cleaning cuts. I'm concerned that the citizens aren't fully aware of exactly what's going to happen in the im-- and the impact on their neighborhoods. I heard this is going to be reduced somewhere between six and -- to six and four times a year, but I've been privy to the plans and I see cuts of up to 50% for certain neighborhoods. And I'm sure again we're going to be looking at the more politically savvy neighborhoods getting service while those, my own center, that's not very politically savvy, are not going to get serviced. So I'm concerned about that. That's all I really have to say. Thank you.

Michael Dehner: Good morning. Michael Dehner, here in a twin capacity, as a representative of laborers local 483 and also as a cyclist. First, with respect to the cuts that were discussed to the street cleaning program, I just want to mention the bureau commissioner Adams as you're well aware, has been carrying vacancies for quite some time. And as a labor union, we're very pleased when our members can avoid being impacted by the loss of a job. So we're glad to see no one is going out the door. On the other hand, it's not entirely accurate to portray this as a no loss situation. Because when the bureau is carrying those vacancies, it cannot accurately be said these are surplus positions.

These are vacancies that have been in dire need of being filled for quite some time. So I know you're well aware of this. I want to point out, while our individual members are protected, the bureau of course is impacted. These are cuts. I want to put on my cyclist hat now and talk for a moment about the impact to the very large community of cyclists in Portland. When you reduce street sweeping, as well on residential streets or larger thoroughfares, cyclists probably more than anybody spend a good deal of time in that area of space contiguous to the curb. And in addition to pedestrians and motorists who will be impacted by reduced sweeping, cyclists are going to have increased safety concerns about riding in debris. Those will be greatly compounded when you talk about leaf season and when you talk about any kind of snow and ice event where you're putting sand down. As anybody who has driven here knows, after quite a period of time after snow and ice have been, that sand is moved by motorists from the crown of the street into the space next to the curb. And so there's a very large accumulation of that material and I really think going to see two things occur when you reduce sweeping. You're going to see potentially more claims against the city by cyclists who are going to be upset as a -- that the city has put the sand down, and have accidents, unfortunately, because of that. But you're going to see a lot of cyclists spending more time driving in traffic, in the lane of traffic, in areas where cars like to be. So you're going to see greater car versus cyclist conflicts and aggravation probably on the part of both. Thank you.

Kenneth Bea: My name is Kenneth Bea, I work with city as a sweeper driver. As a motorcyclist, now, as a motorcyclist, after the winter, or before the winter, I like to see the streets cleaned. But when I drive my motorcycle during the leaf season and during the winter time, you got slick leaves, you got the gravel, which is very dangerous for a motorcyclist. Or bicyclist too. As a sweeper driver, I also like to see where I sweep, the neighborhoods are clean. Looking good, citizens are coming out all the time saying, all right. Good job. I have visitors, they wanted to take pictures of how clean our streets are. If you would make this cut, that's going away. You're going to have citizens going -- visitors going back saying, hey, that's the dirtiest town I ever seen. A lot of them are seeing the downtown area or are very public areas. They're not seeing neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are where our people stay. If you don't have the gutters clean, they're plugged, they have to walk in the rain, they've got cars coming by splashing them with just water. Would you like to live that that? I don't. I like to see my streets in the city of Portland clean. Thank you.

Eldon Farlow: My name is Eldon Farlow. I work in the city of Portland for street cleaning. They have touched on a lot of things we need to discuss. And it is, it's very concerning to me, to

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my family, I have children that ride bicycles. I ride motorcycles myself. And i've had friends, gatherings, but what i'm getting at, when we let these streets, residential go, we -- I worry about them plugging up and you do have the water standing, and right now we have conflicts with bicyclists, motorcyclists, car traffic, and I think all we're going to do is just aggravate it more. We're going to have a bigger number, more casualties. It's just -- and more lawsuits. I think it's something we need to make sure we understand everything that's going on. That's basically what I have to say. Thank you for listening.

Adams: I think your point on the liability is a potentially increased liabilities is a really good point. Thanks for bringing that up.

Michael Kucia: Michael keuscherra, bureau of maintenance, street cleaning. I want to make a couple comments on the cuts to our department. I'm going to quote from the proposed budget document. The mayor's message. It's a quote of Portland's economy is the healthiest since 2001. At the last full budget process, also known as bump, the city council approved \$23 million in one-time requests for bureaus. Currently the city's facing \$83 million in unmet annual infrastructure needs and repairs to maintain its roads and parks. And other community assets. While we've taken steps to fill some needs, i'm going to propose in the future we commit 25% of day -- of any unanticipated beginning fund balance, also known as surplus money, to infrastructure. Apparently there was \$37 million in available general fund resources for new requests this budget. And the 06-07 and 07-08 are budget years that did not require spending cuts to balance the general fund. Duties of street cleaning day employees meet citywide initiatives, mayor initiatives of community safety as employees respond other emergencies, and also as far as safe streets assisting with safety and maintenance projects. There's money available and a couple somewhat questionable spendings that we could have used this money for to not have a cut within our bureau. \$200,000 cultural organizing project for the office of neighborhood involvement, \$250,000 in support of neighborhood business districts. \$1.3 million to Multnomah county for jail beds. \$500,000 for voluntary substance abuse treatment for inmates at the county jail. \$600,000 reserved for sustainable business plan for office of sustainable development. General fund projects, funding for pdot was \$4.31 million. \$250,000 to the Oregon ballet theater to send them to new york city to perform. 200,000 to start up human relations commission. 10,000 to parks for movies in the parks. 60040,000 to parks for community -- 640,000 to parks for community events. \$60,000 to parks for golf advertising. And \$60,000 to parks for utility worker and customer survey. I guess my main question is, why is there a \$670,000 package for city employees in a budget year when the aforementioned requests have been approved? Why is there a cut? It doesn't seem necessary at all. Seems like there's money, we just need to go for it, and it just don't make any sense. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

Mark Sperling; My name is mark sperling, i'm a street sweeper. I remove 150 yards of debris a week. You cut that from seven drivers down to four, where's that stuff going to go snits going to go into the sewers, and like buzz said, you're going to pay for it another way. We have other leaf districts. We have 17 special neighborhoods that we do. During leaf season they get attention, nobody else in this city will get attention. Period. When those special sweeps for leaves happens, what if there's an emergency? There's an emergency call every day for us to go sweep it up. Sorry, you got to wait. The cycle for a sweeper driver today is about 45 -- every 45 days they make it through the city. It will go from 45 days, now it will go up to 60, to 90 days that. Doesn't include if somebody gets sick or hurt, or takes vacation, or whatever. When it's -- when it snows, you cut down your -- we lost eight positions. You lose eight snowplows. You lose eight people to pick up the gravel. Just takes more time. The gravel ends up in the catch basins. This is not a good cut. I personally remove all this debris.

Potter: Thank you, folks.

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Farrell Richartz: I work for day street cleaning. I'm one of the positions that's getting cut. I just wanted to bring to your attention the fact that street cleaning isn't just the street sweepers. As mark was just saying, we do snow and ice response, we drive the plows, we put down the gravel. We also have an emergency response vehicle respond to, say f. There's a vehicle accident, a spill or fuel or oil, they take care of that. Somebody calls in, there's broken glass in the bike lane or on the sidewalk, we take care of that. We do brush cutting along the roadsides. Take care of site hazards, somebody can't see around the corner, we make sure they do. We maintain stairways and do a lot of mowing, like for just for one individual example, like willamette along the bluff there. Part of what makes Portland beautiful, you see all these road side -- you could be all overrun with weeds, but we're out there mowing it. So I just want to the bring to your attention it's more than just the street sweepers and it does have a very human effect. I commend you for bringing -- talking more between labor and management needs to happen, because it didn't happen at all. We hear wednesday there's going to be a cut of eight or nine jobs, and monday morning, monday afternoon we get called in. You were the eight people whose positions are being cut. And so here I am wednesday, i'm probably not getting laid off, but that's as much as I know. It's not good communication, and I think it would be great if it improved.

Adams: I'm committed to making those improvements, so I apologize for the poor communication.

Tyrone Goodgame: Mr. Mayor, commissioner, tyrone goodgain, i'm also a sweeper operator for the city. I've been sweeping for approximately eight years. I've been with the city for 12 years. With all due respect, mr. Saltzman, the catch basins, the drainage problem, would not be solved, the consultant work they did, there would be so much problem with drainage problem, sewer problem, I sweep approximately 300 curb miles in the city of Portland. That's what I do. You're going to take my 300 curb miles and my other coworkers' miles and give to it four other sweepers. I go through the city, my maps, my curb miles, five to six weeks. That's what it takes me to go from map one to map 18. You're going to give that to my coworkers and expect them to do that during leaf season, when we're also doing special sweeps in east moreland, laurelhurst, buckman, northwest, southwest, we keep that area, but we're eliminating sweeping areas like north Portland, st. Johns, they would get approximately maybe two or three times a year. That's -- this is not right. This is not a good cut. This is not a peoples cut. This is just not right, sir. I will have a job, but it's just not the right thing to do. So thank you for your time.

Don Baack: Members of council, mayor Potter. First of all, wayne to thank you for the action you took on hillsdale signal. That's great. I want to talk about street sweeping from a citizen's point of view. I think we need a lot of street sweepers when we've got snow events, when we have leaves, where there's a lot of leaves on the streets. But I don't need a sweeper coming down my street in the middle of summer when there's nothing on the street. It's like mowing the grass in the winter. It seems to me what we've got here, i'm not an expert, but it seems you've got to work -- you've got a work force, so we've got so days, we've got to do it all over the summer. I'd like to see it this, is probably a huge management change, but let's put the street sweepers into action when we need them. When we don't need them, during the summer, my street don't need to be swept in the summer. And we talked about the political people in southwest. Mike roach, we're outside picking up garbage on capitol highway, barbur boulevard. We didn't ask the street sweepers to do that. We can do more of that in terms of self action, but I think looking at what we're doing with our resource and how we can manage them differently, I think it's a key issue. And the other thing is, involve the neighborhoods. If I had a choice in my neighborhood, I believe we would far rather seat money spent on a signal than more suite sweeping, taking the street sweeping we can safe, which isn't much, we have a lot of unimproved local streets that don't get swept, but we could use that in other ways. Involve the neighborhoods, because it's not just a labor issue, it's a city management issue and I understand the way we've structured ourselves, it's really tough to do this. I've run businesses,

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I know what that means. So it's not something is going to get involved in the next six months or year. Thank you.

Potter: City shall levy its full --

*******:** Excuse me, mayor. We need to approve the budget first.

*******:** As amended.

Potter: Oh, yes.

Potter: We're going to vote to approve the budget as amended.

Saltzman: So moved.

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

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded]

Leonard: Mr. Mayor, i'm serving notice of possible reconsideration of that vote at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

Potter: Excuse me?

Leonard: Our rules require that I serve notice of -- if i'm in the majority of a vote of a possible reconsideration, i'm serving that notice. I may reconsider this vote at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

Adams: What does that 19.

Leonard: You'll see next wednesday.

Saltzman: A substitute budget.

Leonard: It doesn't affect this motion, but our rules do require if you're going to reconsider a vote, not in the session, that you have the vote that you serve notice at the next regularly scheduled session. So that's next wednesday at 9:30.

Short: I just have a couple of questions. This is a meeting of the budget committee, not the city council. So i'd have to ask the city attorney what that means. Because next week is not going to be a meeting of the budget.

Leonard: We'll call ourselves as the budget committee.

Adams: I see.

Leonard: We'll call ourselves back into order as the budget committee.

Nancy Hartline: Excuse me; I believe there was only one vote to approve a budget in local budget law.

Leonard: Our rules allow for reconsideration. That's part of our parliamentary procedure adopted by the council.

Ben Walters: The parliamentary procedure that you're citing to is for the patrol says as the city council. It's not clear they do apply to the budget committee, which --

Leonard: The council, the majority of the council decides that.

Walters: But the budget committee process is a function of state requirements. And I don't know what the time line is now. It may be that what you're proposing to do is something that could be taken up when you go -- this goes forward. I understand this is coming back before the council with an opportunity for further discussions at later dates.

Leonard: Some of us will be here and some of us won't, and we're lacking a person here today that will change the outcome of one of these votes, and it's my intention to have that vote, unless of course any of my other two dissenting colleagues want to reconsider their motion, but my intention would be to bring this up next wednesday and have a vote when commissioner Sten is here.

Walters: And at that meeting we'll have an answer to the question of the parliamentary aspects.

Adams: Maybe a companion question would be, how do we reconvene as the budget committee next week?

Leonard: We just do that. We just convenient ourselves as the budget committee. The majority of the council, to be clear, interprets the rules.

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Walters: I understand that. But i'm not sure the council by statute can at any meeting convening itself as the budget committee, and that's what we'll have to look into. Just by merely by a motion of the council to convene as the budget committee.

Leonard: It is my intent to do that.

Walters: I understand that's your intent. That's what we'll have to look into as to whether that's appropriate procedure.

Hartline: The other issue I would like to raise is that we are required to submit our approved budget to t.s.c.c. By may 15. We have an extension to may 18, but we'll need to file the budget that's been approved today with t.s.c.c. this week.

Leonard: That may be, but we're a governing body and I reserve the right to be able to amend the budget at any point before or after that. I don't believe any interpretation in the state statute would deny an elected member to amend the budget notwithstanding whether t.s.c.c. Has looked at it or not.

Adams: A different question, pursuing the same end, just to -- council can amend the -- this is sort of, if this doesn't work, sort of scenario, council can amend the adopted budget, can amend the approved budget prior to adopting it.

Short: Correct. Within a limit of changing the budget by 10%, which is not at issue here, I don't think. Any fund.

Adams: And so at a minimum, at the time that we're appointed to adopt this, we could at least amend it -- council could consider amending it at that time.

Leonard: Up to and including next week if the council wanted to?

*******:** I don't know the answer to that, commissioner.

*******:** Not with stand --

Leonard: I'm not talking about the reconsideration, but if one person were to come forward with a proposal to say, I want to amend to it do x.

Short: My understanding, and i'll have to check again and discuss it with the city attorney, but my understanding is that once the budget committee, which the council is sitting here as now, once the budget committee approves the budget, and we transmit it to the tax supervising and conservation commission, that is the budget they consider, that they review and they hold open for public hearing. And that any amendment that the council might want to consider between the approval and the adopted would not change the budget that is being considered and being held open for public review by the tax supervising -- under the terms of state law. I'll have to confirm that over the intervening days.

Leonard: I don't think this would fall outside the parameters of the 10%.

*******:** No, it would not.

Adams: At least council consider fm -- council can at least consider an additional request proposal to fund the street sweeping at the time of considering the adopted budget.

Short: Yes. That I do know.

Leonard: But the concern I have is not all of us will be here at all the same time.

Adams: On the 27th?

Leonard: That's right.

Adams: Who is scheduled to be out?

*******:** Commissioner Leonard.

Saltzman: Just for maybe the sake of avoiding all these parliamentary research, as I stated, my concern primarily about the effort right now is the issue about also the \$800,000 for the match for park block five. If this council today wants to approve both those measures subject to the precautions that ken rust gave us, that at the fall bump we need to replenish contingency --

Leonard: Second. [laughter]

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Saltzman: There has to be a strong commitment that in the fall bump we're going to replenish the contingency to a proper level.

Leonard: I'm totally committed to that. And I wouldn't be attempting this extraordinary move if I wasn't going to be gone out of the country. But I apologize for the floundering it's causing, but I really feel I need to reserve my right to vote.

Saltzman: I'll move we approve this \$670 -- \$640,000 -- \$670,000 to restore --

Potter: Can we do that?

*****: You're going to have to go through a series of steps now. Because you've already approved the budget with amendments.

Leonard: Can we reconsider?

Walters: You'll have to reopen that, then you'll have to take additional amendment and approve as with the supplementary amendments. That's the steps you're going to have to -- p.

Adams: You don't have to suspend the rules?

*****: The steps that you'll have to go through, you've approved the budget with amendments, you'll have to move to reconsider that. And then having done that with the vote, then you can consider the additional amendment.

Leonard: Take us -- what's the first --

Potter: Move to reconsider.

Saltzman: I move to reconsider the adoption of the budget.

Adams: Second.

*****: A improvement.

*****: Now you'll need a vote on the reconsideration.

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

Potter: No.

Leonard: Now make the amendment.

*****: Now you can move the amendment.

Saltzman: I would move that we appropriate from contingency \$670,000 to for street sweeping and \$800,000 for the match for the private donor for park block five, and the council commits itself to replenish the contingency at the fall bump.

Leonard: Second.

*****: I believe it would be cleaner if those were to be taken as separate amendments rather than as one amendment.

Adams: Which piece, the replenish --

*****: As I understood your --

Saltzman: Three different motions?

*****: There was an amendment to -- for the street sweeping, an amendment for park block five.

Saltzman: And also a directive that we would replenish in the fall bump the contingency fund.

*****: I can make those three motions if you want.

*****: When we get to the one about replenishing will the contingency i'd like to speak to it. If you want to walk through the other ones --

Saltzman: You want --

*****: Yes.

Saltzman: I would move to approve \$800,000 from the contingency for the park block five match.

Adams: Second.

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

Potter: No. [gavel pounded]

Saltzman: Second motion is to approve \$670,000 from contingency for restoring street sweeping services.

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Adams: Second.

Potter: Call the vote.

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

Potter: No. [gavel pounded]

Saltzman: My third motion would be the council commits itself at the fall bump to replenish the contingency to \$3.8 million.

Leonard: Second.

*****: If I might comment on that, I think two things. One would be, I think this would be most appropriate as a budget note because you're not taking action on the budget itself because there isn't money to put in there. So if you wanted to make it that way. The other is just to clarify that this is contingent on funds being available in the fall bump, which there's no guarantee.

Saltzman: We understand that. I think it -- my motion can be a budget note and the council commits itself by this vote to replenish contingency to \$3.8 million by default.

Leonard: I agree to that change in the -- and the motion is the second.

*****: We'll craft that language and it will be available for the adopted budget for you to review.

Potter: Does have it to be a motion?

*****: It's amending one of the exhibits that we went through. It's amending attachment e which has all the budget notes. They're council's budget notes, so you need to be the ones to move them and approve them.

Potter: Call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded]

*****: Now you'll need to readopt or reapprove the budget as amended with these additional amendments.

Saltzman: So moved.

Adams: Second.

Potter: Call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded]

*****: Now we're on item number 10 of your list.

Leonard: The city attorney's office can stand down.

Potter: I'd like to entertain a motion to approve the tax levies. The city shall levy its full rate of \$4.5770 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and \$7,624,8 hundred -- 682 for the payment of voter approved general obligation bond principle and interest and \$90,365,463 for the obligations for the fire and police disability and retirement fund and .4026 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the children's levy and \$3.3 -- .39 per 1,000 assessed value for the parks levy.

Saltzman: So moved.

Leonard: Do those numbers reflect the amendments that happen today?

*****: There's no effect.

Leonard: Ok.

Adams: Second.

Potter: Call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] budget committee session is now adjourned. Please read the 10:30 time certain.

Item 531.

Saltzman: Members of the council, mayor, it's exciting to bring this report to council and to have all my colleagues up here as cosponsors of this important work. It shows our community, the commitment we have to providing sustainable transportation options and continually improving

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recreational opportunities for the public. With the substance of -- acceptance of this report, parks can begin partnering with other governments and nonprofits to acquire the land and right of way needed for this important southwest Portland trail route. Park acquisition has been a good tenant during my stewardship of Portland parks and recreation and this report will allow a redoubling of this effort in southwest Portland. One part of this report i'm particularly proud of is the public involvement approach that parks and recreation took in compiling the study. Much of the old railroad right of way that was once used by red electric trains had long since reverted to private ownership or to street right of way. Because of this, an extensive part of the plan process was spent meeting with the immediate neighbors along various route options, identifying their issues, and concerns and hearing their suggestions. The process was repeated over and over and over until all immediate neighbors had been heard and the report was ready for further analysis by the staff and the public. And one other exciting development that occurred last year was the passage of the metro natural areas bond measure. The red electric trail is a segment of the fanno creek greenway trail and fanno creek is a regional target area of the 2006 bond measure. So it's possible that funds for property acquisition from willing sellers may be available to our use. I'd also like to thank the Portland office of transportation staff who have been an integral part of the study team. Park staff count on their help with the innovative design of the trail, on and off streets. And then thanks to trail planner greg everhart to led the effort, and trail advocates, bike and alternative transportation advocates, interested Portlanders who helped make this a reality. We have a short presentation by staff on the details of this report and then I know we have several people who would like to testify.

Janet Bibb: I'm janet bibb, a strategy project manager for Portland parks. I'm happy to be here with you today. It has been a primary bureau goal to finish the 40-mile loop trail system. And part of our parks 2020 vision plan lays the ground work with this, working with citizens. They said trails were very important, one of the four primary objectives of that plan, indicating specifically that one object sieve to create an interconnected regional and local system of trails, paths, and walks to make Portland the walking city of the west. In juneau 6 we presented an overall trail strategy to you that indicated 220 miles of regional trails, and 146 of those are completed already. This is another piece of the puzzle that will be describing to you today. Generally in southwest Portland there are four regional trails. Generally they run north and south. Red electric takes on the challenge of how to get people east and west correcting -- connecting the fanno creek to the willamette river. The -- as commissioner Saltzman indicated, the red electric trail planning boy was controversial while many southwest residents welcomed the alternative to automobile that this trail system would provide. Other homeowners felt that they would -- there would be impacts to their property, that they were reluctant to approve and that it would be a poor use of city funds for this purpose. Our research at state and local levels suggest there are incredible benefits for both individual health and environmental health in the trail system, and it's our hope if we're able to move forward and we find funding for individual phases of the red electric to address those individual concerns on a property by property basis and make it as comfortable a fit as possible. I'd like to introduce greg everhart. Landscape architect and trail planner who has done a great job on this study, and she'll present briefly the study to you.

Gregg Everhart: Janet always says briefly because there's a lot of detail, but I am going to try to be as quick as possible. The first issue is why trails, and that touched back to the recreation all trails plan and through the actual bit of the study. The first thing we heard from neighbors when we started our outreach was why trails? A lot of the people we talked to didn't have trails anywhere near them. They weren't aware this is a key part of what parks does. But what's wonderful about trails is everyone can use them. And they're not only relaxing and healthful, but they help us get to school, work, and shop, neighbors, whatever. This is a repeat from the trail strategy presentation. I wanted to emphasize that it's actually really important that the trails also be close to home. If

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they're going to be used as frequently as possible. And indeed we have a higher use locally than the state does of trails. The graph is just the percentage of people in different forms of outdoor recreation. Walking and running for exercise, or walking for pleasure. Way higher than anything else.

Adams: I thought it was a graph on trail usage of commuting versus recreation, but it's no.

Everhart: No. No one has done that sampling. So this is the map that was the end result of the trail priority studies in the trail strategy. The green is what you can go on, the red is what you can't. And then if we zoom down into southwest, you see the trails that Janet mentioned. Willamette greenway paralleling the river, Terwilliger, and then Marquam up towards the north. This is the only east-west trail, seeing it there in blue and green highlights how different it is and how much more southwest would have access. It does have a history, decades of being on the plans. We'll have Mel from Metro to talk about regional trails in the Metro plan. It also is in the southwest urban trail walking plan, Don is here to address that today. This color coded red might note. And then most recently transportation parks and our fellow jurisdictions with Metro's help did an -- a Fanno Creek action plan. You'll notice in Portland there's actually three parallel routes, only one of which has anything done. That is actually the bike route towards the south. But if we can complete either the southwest walking trail route, which is the center line, or the multimodal red electric, which is the top line, we actually will then have access to all the Fanno Creek greenway trail the city of Beaverton, Tigard, Washington County, and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation have already been building over the past 20 years. Public involvement was intense. We talked primarily to immediate neighbors and landowners for about six months. Those landowners that we first started with selected many -- recommended many new routes, so we talked to neighbors to those routes, we did walking tours, and then we got back to everybody sort of by geographic area. In June we started with a larger public, and by the fall we actually gave final conclusions. From the neighborhood sort of immediate residents are the main concerns. Some of the trail is actually on public right of way. It's a matter of upgrading and adding more improvements to the streets. People have concerns even in the street right of way that there will be change. So you may hear some of that comment today. We did have supported comment by the time we were done. There's a lot of need in southwest for places to walk and ride safely. This is how we made our choices. These particular criteria. Meeting the needs of everybody, the diversity. Adjusting the trail to its surroundings, the context. Trying to connect the potential segments in a logical way. And then most important is safety. Parks tries to have trails off street, it's not entirely possible in southwest. Where we can, we choose streets with fewer crossings or lower traffic and lower speed. This is one of the spaghetti maps with everything on it. Blue highlights are the ones that we excluded pretty rapidly just because of the sheer number or speed of the vehicles. We had to -- with the help of the office of transportation, we had to study some other ways to accommodate pedestrians in these streets that you could still then connect to our regular off-street trail. And then we had the slim second degree-down map where these different trail types would possibly be allocated. Come the final open house, we had this map. And it's really important to show this as well as what we're now recommending because since that public open house, we have made some changes. This is the legend so I don't have to explain each of these. It's your map a-1 in the report. But green is an existing trail, anything that's dotted or dashed is a proposed trail. Where we can get off street it's colored in purple, blue is a bike lane, red is a sidewalk, and if the bikes can actually be safely accommodated in the street without a bike lane, we use gray. So here's how it looks outside the city. The great news here is that Olson Road is going to get bike lanes and sidewalks by the end of this year. So that will bring those citizens to our boundary. Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation with Washington County and the city of Beaverton did update the trail plan, and they chose these particular routes as neighborhood trails to get additional improvements over time. Here at the west is our best opportunity for fully off-street trails. It's a wonderful area because of the recreational facilities already existing at Alpenrose. The playground

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and fields at pendleton park. As well as hayhurst elementary school. This is actually original red electric route, the rails were pulled, it became street right of way and in some places never got developed as a street. You move east, continuing on cullen rather than fairvale because of some of the light of way that was lost when the railroad pulled out, it became lots and now has houses on it. So we just figured we would do less acquisition, less disturbance in that area. We have another potential for off-street segment. Part has been subdivide and there's existing right of way, but there's a significant acquisition that could be a real challenge at the end of berth. Bertha itself, where you see the solid gray line, is existing street that was built in place of the red electric tracks. It actually curved down, followed at this time down to barbur. This is where we get into the options. I didn't explain that options are still positive things, alternates or maybe the version that doesn't meet our need as well. The office of transportation would really like to see more streets improved, so they like the sidewalks and road improvements at 25th and nebraska. The neighborhood would really like to see us be over near the hillsdale town center, and because we've changed our recommended route east of this area, we actually I think have the possibility to someday with option four get additional off-street trail. This depends on that intersection, which is really irregular, being reconfigured. I'm highlighting this because it's not a recommended route anymore. This is what we had after the public -- final public open house. And the work of all newer group within the office of transportation has been gathering and analyzing data about where bikes, pedestrians, and cars have access -- have accidents. And they convinced us basically to not use cap tiffany hall toll highway, even though it is -- capitol highway. I do hope that someday council will find where withal to improve that last bit of sidewalk are that would link the town center to terwilliger. But parks by with drawing this, would not be seeking funds to make that improvement. We also -- we withdraw an option which went around the north side of wilson high school. Because if you're not using capitol highway, you can't get to that piece of burlingame. Instead are new recommended route, that yellow highlighted route, comes to the south side of the middle school and high school. An unusual acute angled intersection, i've been out there with engineers to see that we can make a safe crossing there. And then we'll actually separate the pedestrians. We propose to put them in an existing trail, and take the cyclists on nebraska. It's a city street that's currently developed between the two parts of that natural area. And you got a great view of mount hood, and then you slope down the hill on a little cul-de-sac called park hill. This an addition I was direct to make monday. You'll hear citizens comment in support of it. I didn't have time to put it on the map in the same format. But there's support to actually use that same route down park hill and through the park for bikes and peds, but when the bridge at southwest barbur is replaced, there would be enhanced bike and ped facilities, and that would allow us to rebuild part that was lost when improvements to the freeway and barbur were undertaken. It's not all great solution to the red electric because it takes so much longer to get back to the greenway. But it would really enhance the connections between hillsdale and north part of south Portland neighborhood. Last part is just something that remains the same. This berth and barbur is former red electric route. And with some land acquisition and improvements to taylor's ferry road wall street still get to the willamette greenway but we would be at the south end of willamette park. You've been talking about money this morning. I hate to talk about something that adds up to \$16 mary huntington, but we do feel that -- 16 million, but we've secured \$9 million for trails in the past six years, and with the cooperation from the office of transportation, we can move small segments of this and build it bit by bit. We did as we talked to the neighborhood, reinforce with them we have other priorities that are sort of preexisting and perhaps earlier in the system of trying to get funding. We have a real asset here with the metro bond, because trail strategy directed us to proceed with acquisition, get the easements, the lands needed for trails. And red electric is part of the fanno creek greenway. We've got a wonderful -- our conclusions are that this east-west trail would be a real asset to the entire community, particularly southwest. We'd like-to-transportation

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bureau to consider adding them to their official plans. And we may delay building parts of it, but we'll certainly consider it for funding. I've now got courtney duke, who was our lead person from the office of transportation.

Courtney Duke: I'm courtney duke, senior transportation planner. At the time of the project I was the city's pedestrian coordinator and project manager for pdot. Pdot was very pleased to partner with parks and rec on this project and had a great time working on it as well. Over 10 office of transportation staff work order this project including myself. We work order analysis of existing and proposed bike and sidewalk improvements. We looked at freight and transit routes. We did the cost estimates for the future trail construction, our engineering department. We were very involved with the public involvement at the neighborhood meetings and public presentations. Our traffic group did traffic counts as well as safety analysis, including trail crossings, both of local streets and other trails. We worked on different trail types we could use. We looked at the trail alignment. We worked with our policy section, policy review and analysis. We did research on the existing right of way as well as easements that are available or that we could get in the area. And of course worked on the documented -- document review with greg. Just to touch on the safety aspect that greg mentioned, though our traffic safety team didn't originally participate in the research or public review, they were able to look at the january 06 report that greg put out. Our research on crash history and our safety group has really increased in the last few years. We were able to identify some additional areas of concern. As greg mentioned, after a tour and discussion with our safety folks, Portland park and rec recommended that the trail be moved to southwest vermont from capitol highway. Even though this is a little steeper, it has reduced the number of vehicle crosses and the number of crashes that could occur. Just in conclusion, there's a strong need and demand for improved streets in southwest. Particularly for sidewalks and bikeways, minimum waging the improvement the for the whole route would provide much-need safe routes to school to hillsdale, rieke, wilson, and will connect people of all ages to recreational facilities in the area. Willamette valley it will provide a continuous east-west route that serves pedestrians and cyclists, and anything that can help reduce motor vehicle travel and congestion in the area is also an improvement and we hope to have more walking and biking trips for those short trips to schools, stores, and neighbors as greg mentioned. We recognize it may take several phase and years to get this in, but we look forward to helping Portland parks implement the plan. And as greg mentioned, we will as a part of the next transportation system plan update, which is to start late they're year. We'll evaluate the routes to determine if there should be street classification changes, especially the off street path classifications.

Saltzman: We don't have any invited testimony, so it's public testimony.

Wendy Bell: I'm currently the project manager for a 3,000 linear foot segment of the fanno creek trail that runs through our district. When this is complete we only have about a 10th after mile left to completely connect all of the fanno creek trail within our area. Our board and staff has been working on two regional projects recently as a priority to get those complete. As far as the existing over three miles of the fanno creek trail we currently have, it's very heavily used by our patrons. It's very beneficial as a bike and pedestrian resource. Particularly for those who reside alongside the trail. While I didn't personally participate in the study, I have been with the district about eight months, my predecessors did as well as representatives from the city of beaverton and Washington county. Some of our citizens were a little concerned that Portland parks was looking beyond their boundaries to connect up with our garden home reck center, but we made them understand that we supported and are working with Portland parks in this endeavor. We're very excited that this connection at the west end of the red electric will connect our existing trail to Multnomah boulevard Portland's 40-mile loop and the west willamette greenway trail, and we have included the potential connection in our recent update to our trails master plan, which was updated last fall. We are also very excited that in the near future a connection will be made from our existing trail to the Portland

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boundary by the work being done on Olson Road. There will be bike and pedestrian facilities that will be part of the improvements there. And although we understand there are limited sources of funding and competing projects, we look forward to future projects being built at this end that will help complete this regionally important greenway trail. Thank you.

Mel Huie: I'm Mel, regional trails planner with Metro. The red electric corridor is an important section of the whole regional trails system. It's part of the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail, which will connect Portland all the way to Tualatin. I have a southwest Portland, Beaverton, Durham, and Tigard. And at the other end of this Fanno Creek trail is a bridge that was just completed in January. It's a bike-ped bridge over the Tualatin River, built specifically for bikes and pedestrians, and they'll probably put a sewer pipe underneath the decking of that bridge. That's way to the southwest of this section. But I want to highlight that this section really makes southwest Portland and the south waterfront connect to the rest of the region. The bike and sidewalks. Metro has participated on the trail action plan and the steady for the red electric corridor. Funding came through transportation funding through Metro. So we've been very pleased to see that -- to see that you've brought the study forward to the city council. I think you've done a great job. And we are supportive because as mentioned earlier, the 2006 Metro National Areas Bond Measure will include funding for acquisition of right of way and/or easements. Our program is a willing seller program. No one is ever forced to sell property or easements to Metro. We will work very closely with the city staff on what purchases are necessary over the coming years. And any land purchased by Metro would be owned by Metro, but maintained by the city. The city would be responsible for trail design and trail construction. So I think it's a good partnership and we have a history of working with the city bureaus, most recently on the Spring Water Corridor and three bridges project where Metro bond funds pay for right of way acquisition and the city spearheaded the funding to build and maintain the trails.

*****: We have seven more to share their comments to testify.

Scott Bricker: Happy to be here today. The organization, the B.T.A. I work with represents -- has membership of 4500 people, and we try and represent a much broader constituency. And I'm excited to be talking about trails today, because it really talks about the intersection of constituencies. Trails are unique, there aren't too many places where you have recreation and transportation agencies working together. Something that is fun but also does the job of getting you places. That improves your health, and also improves the economy. That improves the environment through making our land greener, and also decreasing emissions and all the other issues related to that. The bicycle transportation alliance support this project, and our staff through the couple -- last couple years have worked on variety of segments of this, so we're very excited. I do want to note that trails are really sort of the platinum fall silt. Their safety has been recognized as a top issue for increasing bicycling and walking. Off street trails provide the best facilities possible. Until places I think trails need to be -- we have to look at what widths, most of this is 12-foot width and that's probably enough in this area, I know that some of the 12-foot width paths we have closer to downtown are already congested, so I think it's something to look at as we continue to develop our trails. I think this trail plan called out the right widths. I just want to note just to keep it brief, the issue of funding. I hope that the city of Portland council members folks would advocate with Metro to talk about how -- what projects they do fund with their trail acquisition with their bond acquisition program. It's going to require us to actually stay on top of them to make sure that the trail right of way are acquired, and we're working with that, but I think from the city's standpoint there aren't a lot of areas in that bond measure that are actually within the city of Portland. This is one of the opportunities. So we hope there's a pro active role the city can take in working with Metro. And that leads me to a final budget or funding discussion, which is I just hope in the future the city will continue to fund these very popular top recreational programs of the city. Right now I think the perspective is leverages many state and federal sources as possible. We think that's a

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smart strategy but we hope moving forward we can put as many local resource noose creating this important connection. The b.t.a. supports this plan and thank you for all your work.

Keith Liden: Keith liden, also until support of this plan. As you know, walking and bicyclist in southwest can be very challenging. Not only because of the traffic and so forth, but also the terrain.

We have very few examples of low traffic routes that are also relatively level. I know that's not true for the entire trail, but much of this trail would be relatively low by southwest standards. It would provide a very good connection that would be appropriate for all age levels. So Multnomah boulevard might be great for an experienced cyclist, but it's not something you'd want your grade school child trying to ride. I think another good part about this proposal is it can be built incrementally. So you can pick off pieces as the opportunities become available. And then finally, as has been mentioned, you'll have a tremendous opportunity to leverage or take advantage of investments that are being made by other agencies. One example would be in the shattuck road area of southwest, we really don't have a pedestrian bike friendly north-south connection of any sort. With olson road being improved, if that very western part of this trail that's in the city would be completed, you would have a connection at least get over to olson road so Portland residents could take advantage of that improvement, it will run from beaverton hillsdale highway all the way to Washington square. Thank you.

Chris Hathaway: My name is chris hathaway, I live in the hayhurst neighborhood close to the eastern alignment of the red electric trail. I'm here to voice my support for the red electric trail planning study. I was born in Portland and grew up on the inner east side, lived there almost my entire life until about six years ago when I moved to southwest Portland. I'm in a house about equidistance from hillsdale and Multnomah village. Did I this knowing full well the area lacked bike and pedestrian amenities. 20 years ago when I was a student at grant high school, a popular cheer at the time when we were playing wilson was, we have sidewalks, yes, we do, we have sidewalks, how about you? [laughter] clearly sidewalks are not in the future for most of my neighborhood. However, that does not mean the city can't take proactive positive steps that will improve pedestrian and bike mobility in southwest Portland. The red electric trail is is a great opportunity to create safe, positive connections between schools, churches, the hillsdale commercial center, plays of work, and other trails that we do regional attractions. Then able people to live healthier lives, in my neighborhood they would help kids get to school safely without cars. And trails are valuable amenity for any neighborhood. National park service and trails program and other groups show that trails don't only -- they don't increase crime, but they actually increase property values. And in southwest Portland where the hills, lack of sidewalks, dead end, and other obstacles make walking and biking difficult, multimodal trails are critically important. I support the route alignment outlined in the planning study as well as the southwest slaven alternative route. I appreciate the efforts and professionalism of park staff on this project, and for the opportunity to express my support for the planning study to you today. Thanks.

Alex Cousins: Alex cousins, I live at 5220 southwest shattuck road. I'm a resident of the hagers neighborhood. And also live close to the recommended route for the red electric trail. I'm also an occasional bike commute tore my job in southeast Portland, and i'm a regular user of the walking routes throughout southwest Portland. I'm here to offer my complete support for the red electric trail study and the recommended route. I will hope you werel join me in the many residents of southwest Portland would would like to see this proposal become a reality. Just as southwest Portland is underserved by sidewalks compared to other parts of the city, so also are we underserved by adequate dedicated bicycle and pedestrian facilities nihemly in the form of trails. Those trails that do exist, terwilliger, marquam and willamette greenway are too far east or north to be convenient to the vast ha jeremy otten of southwest Portland residents, and nor do they provide the much needed east-west connectivity. Due to the development patterns, it sun likely that urban street standards of curb and sidewalks will fully develop in our part of the city, making the

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availability of dedicated trails even more important to southwest residents. Off street trails, signing existing sidewalks are far less expensive than full street improvements. The recommended red electric trail route is the best option to connect fanno creek greenway trail to the west with the willamette greenway trail to the east. Lynning up these facilities will make our part of the city more walkable, bikable, and livable. The route would provide connectivity to established recreation areas, provide safe routes to schools, offer southwest Portland residents an alternate means to commute to work and open up a large area of the city of Portland to a new means of recreation, exercise, and wildlife feeling. In close i'd like to commend exemplary job done by parks staff, particularly greg everhart in working with the community. The community engagement process was thorough, transparent, and inclusive. I can say this with some insight being that I work for one of Portland's leading public involvement consulting firms. And no, greg is not one of my clients. I participated in this process as a stakeholder. And I was impressed with how park staff went about meeting first with directly impacted property owners, along potential alignments prior to opening up the process to the larger public. There were ample opportunities to provide feedback, through site visits, small group meetings, open house, online surveys and a good website. Park staff certainly did their job and the result of this impressive work is reflected in the document before you today. Thank you for your support of red electric trail.

Lillie Fitzpatrick: I'm lily fitzpatrick, a resident of hayhurst neighborhood association. I'd like to know what a street sweeper is. We don't have them in southwest Portland. But as the chair of the neighborhood association, I have presided over several very contentious meetings regarding the red electric trail. It's true there are some very vocal opposition to the trail in our neighborhood. But there is equal and maybe not as vocal support for the trail. I attend many public outreach meetings, including walking tours of the proposed route. I have also read the report from top to bottom. In typical Portland style, parks has beat this to death and wrote an excellent report. They solicited input and in many opportunities -- gave many opportunities for everyone to give their piece on this trail and they change the plan accordingly. Greg and her team have done an amazing job. As a citizen member of the traffic safety coordination council and safer routes to school tech, I believe the red electric trail offers southwest Portland unprecedented safe pedestrian and bicycle access to several schools, recreational facilities and businesses. The hillsdale business district, pendleton park, alpenrose, gabriel park, the southwest community center, wilson pool, the willamette greenway, and george hein parks will be accessible from our front doors. The trail will provide a safe and -- additionally the trail will provide a safe exercise facility for the staff and elderly residents and patients of cedars-sinai park and marquis care nursing facilities. As a private citizen, not speaking as the neighborhood association chair, I live two blocks from where this trail will go through, and I am thrilled with the possibility of safe biking running and walking opportunities. Something I don't have to put the bike in the car and drive tomorrow my sister and her family lived for a time in the minneapolis/st. Paul area. So I got a chance to ride the trails around minneapolis and st. Paul where they linked schools, parks, business districts, and neighborhoods. It was so much fun exploring those areas with my kids. It was safe for them to ride. Regarding the fear of increased vandalism and crime along the trail, I live on a street in hayhurst designated as an alternative route to the highway for pedestrians and bicyclists that was put on the southwest walking map. Since its release, I have seen no rising crime, vandalism, auto traffic or vagrants. What I have seen is a marked increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic. We enjoy the friendly interaction we have with people as we work in our yard or sit on our porch. I look forward to inviting people in our neighborhood after all, these are not my streets, trees, parks, and schools. They are everyone's. We have lovely neighborhood. And I look forward to sharing it. This trail will be a great asset to the metro area and I hope you support it. Thank you.

Don Baack: Commissioners, mayor Potter, after 10 years we now have a trail in front to us say we can move forward, which we're pleased w I want to commend greg, janet, and courtney as

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particularly principles in doing this report. We strongly support what's being proposed. It's important that the alignment in the west of hillsdale follow the red electric more or less, because the grades, the alternative grades are really tough. It would really discourage people using this trail. I do want to suggest one thing. The recommended route and alternative options should be evaluated for inclusion in the transportation system plan. I would like to have you change that to, shall be included. We don't need to go true another five-year process or arguments and going through all. This let's get it in the plan, and then we'll move forward with getting it done rather than leaving it open and more debate. We've had this now for 10 years, let's go. We really support. This it's in the 10-year -- in the 10-year-old hillsdale plan to have a connection from berththa to capitol highway, including a bus garage, a bike garage that people could come in and ride their bike to that point. Leave their bike and not have to take to it their office downtown, ride the bus downtown, pick up their bike and move out to the neighborhoods. I think that really makes a lot of sense and I think that's the standard we'd like to see and we'd like to begin this right away. We commend you for getting this done. And we want to move forward as soon as we can. Slaven route is important to hillsdale, southwest trails, and south burlingame. And as soon as this is adopted, there will be some of us out there moving to clear the blackberries on that existing road, because it's basically now a homeless camp and we'd like to reclaim it at least as a pedestrian trail immediately. Thank you.

Potter: We need a motion to accept.

Saltzman: Move acceptance.

Leonard: Second.

Potter: Call the vote.

Adams: Congratulations to everybody. I want to thank my colleagues and pdot for their great contribution. Courtney and others to this project. I want top thank the advocates. Don, mr. Trails in southwest, thanks for everything that you do on this cause. And the good folks at parks, greg and the entire team. Really appreciate your continuing good work. I'm very happy to vote aye.

Leonard: I'm happy to support this. Aye.

Saltzman: This has been a long time in the making and a trail that runs east to west in southwest Portland is very necessary for serious about getting people -- giving people options to get around. And I think this route we're look at with the options inherent -- with the options attached is a good route. It's been well vetted with the public as lily said, beat to death. And I think we have a true gem. Now the next step remains to start piecing together the funding to make this a reality. But this is really great work. I'll just testify personally, I worked with don balk about a year ago to put gravel on a trail segment near my neighborhood, and I am amazed already every weekend I see people with little backpacks hiking up the hill, looking for that little trail part, and they're using it. People in my neighborhood are using it too. I'm in this city and southwest are ready to walk. And ready to bike. This is is a great work. I want to thank greg, janet, courtney, and all the parts, transportation, and citizens of that have made this so. Aye.

Potter: I want to thank parks and pdot and the citizens who are engaged in this. This is an excellent piece of work and don, thank you for all the work you do in southwest. We really appreciate and you all the good folks out there, what they do. And this is going to be a great addition to southwest Portland. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 545.

Item 545.

Potter: Council has before them findings. I need a motion to adopt the findings and uphold the appeal and overturn the hearings officer's decision in part with conditions.

Saltzman: I would make that motion.

Leonard: Second.

Potter: Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 546.

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Item 546.

Potter: Second reading, vote only. Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] read item 547.

Item 547.

Jeff Baer: Good afternoon. I'm jeff baer, the director of the bureau of purchases. Before you is a purchasing agent report requesting authority to execute the contract with dunn construction for the northwest glisan street sewer replacement project in the amount of \$848,300. The dunn construction is in full compliance with our equal benefit requirements. They do have 4.4% of minority business enterprise subcontractor position on this contract. I'll answer any questions you might have.

Potter: Any questions? Thank you, jeff. Did anybody sign up to testify?

*******:** No.

Potter: Ok. It's a report. I need a motion to accept.

Saltzman: So moved.

Potter: Second?

Adams: Second.

Potter: Call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] read item 548.

Item 548.

Potter: Commissioner Adams.

Adams: This is a good thing, we should do it.

Potter: Any sign-up testimony?

*******:** No one signed up to testify.

Potter: Ok. It's a nonemergency, it moves to a second reading. Please read item 549.

Item 549.

Adams: This is also a really good thing.

*******:** We did not have any one sign up.

Potter: Nonemergency, moves to second reading.

Potter: Item 550.

Item 550.

Saltzman: Members of the council, mr. Mayor, last year the council approved a grant of \$500,000 for the miracle club to purchase a permanent home on northeast martin luther king jr. boulevard. Miracles club provides services for recovering addicts and their families, including 12-step meetings, social gathering space, and weekly family nights where parents and their children get together, play, dance, and enjoy themselves in an atmosphere free of drugs and alcohol. Today i'm please to let you know miracles club has found property on martin luther king which it intends to purchase and develop into a permanent home for its services as well as drug and alcohol free housing. Last week council approved creating a special appropriations account to prepare to assist miracle club in its dream of a new home. Before you today is an ordinance to authorize a grant agreement between the miracles club in order to release \$50,000 of the \$500,000 that council approved. The initial \$50,000 is necessary to secure the property miracles has identified. I expect I will be bringing forward an additional grant agreement to release the remainder of these \$500,000 in funds. I urge approval.

Potter: Anybody sign up to testify?

*******:** Did I not have a sheet out for this one.

Potter: Anybody here who wishes to testify. It's an emergency vote, please call the vote.

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

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Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] I understand item 551 you wish to pull back to your office.

*****: Yes.

*****: I should read it.

Item 551.

Saltzman: Would I request this item be referred back to my office.

Potter: Ok. So ordered. Read item 552.

Item 552.

Potter: Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: This agreement passes park levy funds to the maplewood p.t.a. in southwest Portland for replacement of an old wood play structure. Maplewood elementary school p.t.a. has envision and fun raised for an ambitious play area at the school. The parks levy allocated \$29,000 for the project which includes funds for staff, staff time, permits, percent for art and other minor soft costs.

So the p.t.a. has removed the old equipment and is ready to begin construction immediately. I urge approval.

Potter: Anybody sign up to testify?

*****: Did I not have a sheet out.

Potter: Anybody here who wishes to testify? Emergency vote, please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 553.

Item 553.

Saltzman: What can I say? This is a donation of two parcels of land, roughly 12,000 square feet to forest park. It's a great thing and we thank ms. Evans and mr. Aruba 17 for this generous -- reuben 17 for this generation donation.

Potter: Anybody signed up to testify?

*****: I did not put a sheet up.

Potter: Anybody here who wishes to testify on this matter? Nonemergency, moves to a second reading. Please read item 554.

Item 554.

Saltzman: This continues our commitment for out of school programs through the Portland parks and recreation, and I would urge approval.

Potter: Anybody sign up to testify?

*****: I did not have a sheet out but no takers.

Potter: Ok. Nonemergency, moves to second reading. We are adjourned until next week. [gavel pounded]

At 12:38 p.m., Council adjourned.