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**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2007** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Harry Auerbach, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Ron Willis, Sergeant at Arms.

Item 930 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>925</b> Request of Greg Schifsky to address Council regarding tree preservation needed to preserve the heritage and watershed environments (Communication)		<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIME CERTAINS</b>		
<b>926</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Establish employee-driven committee entitled Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland for City employees as a means to enhance the City work experience through networking, resource and professional development and support (Resolution introduced by Mayor Potter and Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten) (Y-5)		<b>36523</b>
<b>927</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM</b> – Open Meadow Schools City Corps project marketing minority homeownership to youth (Presentation introduced by Commissioner Sten)		<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>Mayor Tom Potter</b>		
<b>Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources</b>		
<b>928</b> Create a new represented classification of Emergency Communications Support Specialist and establish an interim compensation rate for this classification (Ordinance)		<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 8, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b>

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<b>Police Bureau</b>		
<b>*929</b>	Apply for a \$300,000 Oregon Department of Transportation Work Zone Enforcement Program grant for officer overtime (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>181177</b>
<b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b>		
<b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b>		
<b>*930</b>	Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services or his designee to apply for a permit with the Oregon Department of Transportation to conduct work on the McLoughlin Shaft Site (Ordinance)	<b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b>
<b>931</b>	Authorize grant agreement with Friends of Tryon Creek State Park to coordinate and purchase land adjacent to Tryon Creek State Natural Area for reimbursement up to \$20,000 (Ordinance)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 8, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Office of Transportation</b>		
<b>*932</b>	Grant revocable permit to Oregon Brewing Co. to close NW Flanders St between 14th and 15th Ave and NW 15th Ave between Glisan and Everett St on August 4, 2007 and August 5, 2007 (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>181178</b>
<b>*933</b>	Amend contract with Oregon Department of Transportation to provide for bridge improvements on the NE 33rd Ave over Lombard St and Union Pacific Railroad structure-Bridge 02484 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 51830) (Y-5)	<b>181179</b>
<b>934</b>	Amend contract with Cale Parking Systems USA by \$365,000 to allow purchasing authority for new parking technology features (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 36734)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 8, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b>		
<b>Water Bureau</b>		
<b>935</b>	Authorize a contract for the construction of Conduit Trestle Vulnerability Reduction-Phase II Project (Second Reading Agenda 907) (Y-5)	<b>181180</b>
<b>936</b>	Extend contract with Black & Veatch, Inc. and increase compensation for Conduit Trestle Vulnerability Reduction, Design Services (Second Reading 908; amend Contract No. 35458) (Y-5)	<b>181181</b>

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**Commissioner Dan Saltzman**

**Parks and Recreation**

**937** Authorize contract with Portland Habilitation Center, Inc. for janitorial services at multiple locations of Bureau of Parks and Recreation (Ordinance)

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**Commissioner Erik Sten**

**938** Authorize a grant agreement with Community of Writers, Inc. for the book and literary festival Wordstock (Second Reading Agenda 909)  
(Y-5)

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**Fire and Rescue**

**\*939** Authorize a contract and provide payment for the purchase of fire apparatuses for Portland Fire & Rescue (Ordinance)  
(Y-5)

**181183**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**940** Clarify existing provisions and change reporting threshold for Lobbying Regulations (Ordinance introduced by Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten; amend Code Chapter 2.12)

**PASSED TO  
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**Mayor Tom Potter**

**941** Appoint Mark Edlen and Derek Smith to the Sustainable Development Commission for terms to expire August 1, 2009 (Report)  
(Y-5)

**CONFIRMED**

**Office of Management and Finance – Purchases**

**942** Accept bid of P.C.R. Inc. for the Patton Square Park Improvements for \$562,000 (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 107379)

**Motion to accept the Report:** Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard.

(Y-5)

**ACCEPTED  
PREPARE  
CONTRACT**

**Office of Management and Finance – Technology Services**

**\*943** Authorize a Master Agreement with Motorola, Inc. for as-needed acquisition of public safety communication equipment and services (Ordinance)

(Y-5)

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<p><b>944</b> Authorize a contract with The Police Executive Research Forum for business and technical functionality assessment and documentation of Portland Police Data Systems (Second Reading Agenda 914)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181185</b></p>
<p><b>Police Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>*945</b> Authorize a contract between the Portland Business Alliance and the City to provide police services for the Clean and Safe Program (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181186</b></p>
<p><b>*946</b> Authorize settlement with Gregory J. Schulz regarding disability and employment claims (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181187</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p>	
<p><b>Parks and Recreation</b></p>	
<p><b>*947</b> Authorize the Director of Portland Parks and Recreation, with City Attorney review and approval, to execute right of entry permits and temporary construction easements as needed to repair, improve or maintain Park Bureau property (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181188</b></p>
<p><b>948</b> Lease certain space in Multnomah Center to seven tenant groups from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (Second Reading Agenda 920)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181189</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Erik Sten</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Housing and Community Development</b></p>	
<p><b>949</b> Authorize subrecipient contract with the Portland Schools Foundation for \$950,000 to administer the Community Grants Fund to support the citywide Schools Families Housing Initiative and provide for payment (Second Reading Agenda 892)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181190</b></p>
<p><b>950</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for \$450,000 with Multnomah County and the Housing Authority of Portland for services and programs to support the citywide Schools Families Housing Initiative and provide for payment (Second Reading Agenda 893)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181191</b></p>
<p><b>951</b> Authorize subrecipient contract with the Portland Housing Center for \$200,000 to create a 10% cash reserve of sales of its loan portfolio over the next two fiscal years to support the citywide Schools Families Housing Initiative and provide for payment (Second Reading Agenda 894)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181192</b></p>

At 11:31 a.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER

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Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love  
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, AUGUST 1, 2007**

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

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**Potter:** We have two groups here today. One is a group of students attending Portland state university, and they have an executive leadership institute for japanese municipal officers' mid career training program. Could you folks please stand so you can be recognized? Very good. Very good. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*: [applause]

**Potter:** And Portland state university is very busy right now. We also have -- they have here higher education administrators from universities, colleges, and government education bureaus in khong twung in jeiling province in china. They've been in Portland since july 22nd and will be here until august the 3rd. They're participating in an intensive seminar for administrative administrators. Following that, they will visit columbia university, stanford, and u.c. Berkeley. I'm glad at least they went to the best one first.

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

**Potter:** Again, could you folks -- there you go. Thank you. Please forgive me for mispronouncing your city and province. Thank you for being here. Prior to the beginning of the meeting, as I do every week, I ask the question, "how are the children?" the reason I ask that question is, when our children are well, our community is well. We have folks come in and talk to us about the status of children and young people in our community and what are the issues. Today we have two very special guests from the children's club program, and it's richi bookshin. Richi, could you come forward? And cha-cha mills. They're both five years old. Richi attends sunnyside elementary, and cha-cha attends atkinson elementary. The children's club is a small nonprofit organization that's been operating since 1969. They specialize in child care, early childhood intervention, parenting classes and scholarship, and they serve youth ages two and a half to 12 years old. So these are a couple of old-timers, I guess, that we have with us this morning. So, richi, why don't you go ahead and start and tell us what you'd like us to know. Speak into that microphone that's out there.

\*\*\*\*\*: Our children's club is a great school.

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

**Potter:** Good for you. That was tough, wasn't it?

\*\*\*\*\*: Why?

**Potter:** And what else?

\*\*\*\*\*: The teachers are nice.

**Potter:** They're nice. Well, that's important, isn't it? Ok. Cha-cha, what would you like us to know?

\*\*\*\*\*: Well, they are very good, intelligent teachers.

\*\*\*\*\*: [giggling]

**Potter:** Good intelligent teachers? That's always good. Anything else you want to tell us about the children's club?

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\*\*\*\*\*: Well, it's brand-new remodeled, and some kids are really wild, and sometimes they can --  
[inaudible]

**Potter:** Ok.

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

**Potter:** We have the same problem here sometimes.

\*\*\*\*\*: We want to thank you for your help and support.

**Potter:** Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*: Especially erik stein (as spoken)'s office.

**Potter:** Erik Sten. Good.

\*\*\*\*\*: Stein.

\*\*\*\*\*: Oh, i'm sorry.

**Potter:** I stand corrected. You're going to have to spell --

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

**Potter:** Is that it now, guys?

\*\*\*\*\*: Goodbye. And thank you. And goodbye.

**Potter:** Well, they can say they had their first city council experience at age five. Not too many people actually have that. Thank you for being here, kids. City council will come to order. Karla, please call the roll.

\*\*\*\*\*: [roll call]

**Potter:** I'd like through remind folks that prior to offering public testimony to city council, a lobbyist must announce who he is representing.

**Item 925.**

**Potter:** Good morning, sir. Would you please state your name for the record? And you have three minutes.

**Greg Schifsky:** Greg schifsky, southwest Portland. Mayor Potter and councilors all. I've been here before about tree issues, and recently I did take a trip 22 states across the country. The photograph that I took are of farmsteads. And i'm sorry that the public can't see these, but they are essentially farm lands in north dakota. They're not unlike any other place that I think I visited in all of the states. There's a tremendous amount of plains and farmsteads. What these farmers have done to surround their homesteads is back them with trees and shrubs. The weather back there is so severe that they really value tree protections. My request to city is to continue fostering and encourage our city bureaus to cooperate with each other. There's still, I think, a lack of communication between the four main bureaus that do have something to say about trees and our tree protections. Education, of course, is still critical to the citizenry. Citizens still think that they can just cut trees down, and that's the last thing we want to see. Somehow maybe you guys have to figure out how to do that. I really sam not sure how that can be done. Again, these homesteads were out in the middle of nowhere. There's buildings just clustered right in them, as you can see. Trees offer so much value to them, and i'd like you to also consider the value that they're going to add to this city many years down the road, especially the huge trees. As you can see, these guys will provide protection in storm events like tornados, windstorms, and rainstorms. And I have seen rain there like i've never seen here. So it's critical that we continue to provide our watersheds with as much tree canopy as possible. I think that's probably all I have. You have my testimony there. There's a few more details in there. And hang onto the pictures if you wish. They are essentially what I have seen all over the plain states especially right on down through kansas. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you, sir. Is that the only communication?

**Moore:** That is.

**Potter:** We're going to move to the consent agenda? Do any commissioners wish to pull any items from the consent agenda?



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**Adams:** Mr. Mayor, I need to pull item 930 back to my office.

**Potter:** Ok. So done. Any other? Any person in the audience wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Hearing none, please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Here. I mean aye. [laughter] please read the 9:30 time certain.

**Item 926.**

**Potter:** Could the committee please come forward? Representatives? This resolution is sponsored by the entire council, and I just have to tell you I met with these folks on a number of times, and I'm just so impressed with the progress they're making in ensuring that the workforce in the city is diverse. We provide opportunities and empowerment for our employees. So thank you for being here. We'll turn it over to you.

**Debbie Castelton:** Thank you very much. My name's Debbie Castelton. I work for environmental services, and I am the chair of the diverse and empowered employees of Portland, otherwise known as Deep. The diverse and empowered employees of Portland, which I will from now on call Deep, was developed by city employees for city employees as a way to enhance the city work experience through networking, resource, and professional development and support. The way we will do this is with several programs as well as affinity group networks. The type of programs that we would actually help provide would be mentoring program in the next couple of years, which we're fine tuning right now and organizing among all the bureaus. We'll provide resources for all city bureaus and employees. And we'll help assist with diversity events. We'll also do a peer support program which is a program that B.E.S. does right now, environmental services does currently, which is very successful, and it's a great program. We can do this individually and as affinity groups. We'll provide a resource for interview panels and help with recruitment and retention strategies. What Deep is is a voluntary program. It is for city employees and open to all city employees. The affinity groups will be organized with a shared interest or dimension, and that can be organized around the protected classes set forth in the nondiscrimination laws such as race, disability, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. We'll also encourage approving affinity groups around other historical barriers, and that can be a variety of different types of groups. Sorry. I'm nervous. [laughter] all of the affinity groups will not only meet separately but they'll come back together with the executive committee and share information and organize as a larger group as well, and we'll meet quarterly on that. The rules to become an affinity group are organized around the city of policy workplace conduct rules, specifically human resources, administrative rule 2.02, which sets the expectation that employees are to interact with one another in a respectful manner and prohibits conduct that is based on employee's race, religion, gender, marital status, family status, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran status. So everything will comply with these rules. No one should discriminate against another group. And like I said, it's inclusive to all city employees. What Deep is not is intended to create a public forum or platform and will not establish or promote any political or social agenda. And I'm going to turn this over to Miguel.

**Mikal Shabazz:** Good morning, Mr. Mayor, commissioners. I'm Mikal Shabazz. I'm the co-chair of Deep, and I work for the bureau of development services. I'm the chair of the diversity committee in that bureau as well as the E.E.O. rep. I'm very proud to be here representing this effort, Deep. My comments today will be on the statement of need, why Deep is needed. And I'd like to preface my statements by saying that Deep is not designed to replace but to enhance existing efforts that have been under way by the city of Portland. It's a diversity development plan. It's affirmative action plan. Deep is designed to be implemented from the ground up. We recognize that the diversity development plan that's currently in existence in the city of Portland is management driven. It is management's responsibility to implement and all of our responsibilities to comply and to participate. Deep, however, allows the platform by which the common every-day worker, all of us, can have a voice. We spend more time at work sometimes than we do with our families. And when

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we have a hand in building and constructing the culture, we're more likely to appreciate and participate in it willingly. And that's what deep is designed to do. Through the affinity groups, deep allows the recognition and display of unique cultural and, I would say, historical perspective on issues, problems, and solutions that the city may face. Also deep will offer peer support groups within the affinity groups, and the peer support groups are designed also to eliminate that one big thing that none of us want to see in the city of Portland. That's lawsuits. And many of the problems that we face that create lawsuits and disagreements and misunderstandings can be stopped if we are listening to each other, talking to each other, and having a vehicle that we can express ourselves to our managers and to each other. Deep will play a very important role in that regard. We know we're facing an ever-changing community. The demographics are changing. The culture of the city of Portland is changing. And we want to reflect not only in our neighborhoods but in the services that we provide -- we want to see people feeling comfortable in the city of Portland, reflecting back to our customers that they are welcome and that they are a part of the city of Portland. And deep proposes to do that. We are again not in opposition to but in support of existing efforts that are under way. We want to enhance and embellish what we are already doing, the very successful programs that we have. But this, again, is from the grassroots, an opportunity for the individual worker to express him or herself in the workforce and to be proud of the culture that they are helping to create in the city of Portland. Thank you very much.

**Greg Wolley:** Good morning. I'm Greg Wolley, w-o-l-l-e-y. I work in the bureau of purchases and am a member of the executive committee of deep and I serve as its treasurer. You've heard what deep is and why our employees need deep. I'd like to provide very brief detail about the benefits to employees and the benefits to our city. Peer support, participants will have the opportunity to undergo peer support training and be the recipients of peer support. Peer supporters are trained to be empathetic listeners and supporters and to be resource people. They're not professional counselors. They're not telling employees what to do. Their true value is their ability to have a cultural context. And when I use the word "culture," it's broadly related to race, country of origin, language, sexual orientation, ability. But that context can help to provide a comfort level for employees. Mentoring. Most of us can say that we've had somebody special in our lives at some point during our careers that have had an influence on us. Career growth and enhancement has benefited as much by relationship building and understanding how an organization works as it is by the actual skills that we develop. Over a two-year period of time, deep will facilitate development of a citywide mentoring program that will help our employees to link with senior employees that can show them the ropes and advance their careers. Resources. The city has a myriad of resources available to its employees, because a lot of that information is not centralized. Deep will put them in an accessible format and make it available to all employees. Things like housing or cultural centers, resources for settling into a new city, those kinds of things, will be readily accessible for our employees. Assistance with diversity events. Our city diversity committees do a great job of putting on our annual cultural events, but there's only so much they can do. Your offices and our bureaus get way more requests to participate in events around the city than we can possibly fill. Deep to the rescue. Deep, in coordination with your offices and with the bureaus and our supervisors, will provide diverse employees to support and assist in representing our city. Our city has made great strides in increasing the diversity of job interview panels and review panels for bids and proposals, and we can do better. Deep will assist hiring managers in their efforts. Finally a recruitment and retention strategy. Mayor Potter, when we met with you the first time about a year ago, you specifically requested that we develop for you a top 10 list of recruitment and retention recommendations. We've delivered that for you, and we know you'll be discussing those with your commissioners and bureau directors. We've already mentioned several of them. I want to emphasize that we would like to support and enhance the excellent job that our human resources bureau is already doing by providing some additional help with things like sending employees to

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local and national career fairs an sending employees that reflect the diversity of employees that the city is seeking to attract. Also we'd like to assure that the structure -- help to assure that the structure of employee performance reviews provides meaningful career development opportunities for employees. And then finally we'd like to help assure that the employees exit interviews provide meaningful closure for the employees' careers with the city. I'd like to turn my part over to danelle who will talk about the tremendous support we've received over the last year and a half for deep.

**Danilo E. Del Rosiaro:** Good morning, mayor Potter around commissioners. I am with the office of management and finance, bureau of technology services. First of all, I would like to thank you for your support. As we put this deep together and developed some documents and procedures and some other processes, we have consulted and talked with the bureau of directors and bureau chiefs as well as the city attorney, around this really invigorated us for the support and reaction and the good that they have shared with us. And the human resources for one, and also the diversity, affirmative action. In fact they have sat in about two of our meetings and have shared some of their opinion and suggestions, and I think that was a very good, very good sign that we are proceeding to the right direction. And the members of deep, it's just like a good cross-section of all the different employees of the city. We have representatives from the mayor's office, from commissioner Sten, and other bureaus, and I think it's a good blend of all those representatives. And the bureau chiefs and bureau directors, we have shared information that the rest of my colleagues have presented to you, and they understand the need of the city. And finally another thing that supported us, that kept us going is the input and the feedback of our very own city employees, that they are looking forward to the development and integration of deep. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Casleton:** Before we came up with all of our guidelines and how an affinity group network would actually take place, I searched all over on the internet and made a few calls on what other comparable models do we have. The most common affinity networks are with larger corporations. There's not a lot in government, but groups such as corporations such as general motors, ford motors, microsoft, nike, kaiser permanente, kodak, general mills, they all have affinity networks. As far as government, the largest one that I found was actually with the c.i.a. They have a huge affinity network program. I was actually kind of surprised by that, but I thought that was great. The city of denver has one. Multnomah county has a couple of groups for their affinity network. The city of tempe, arizona, the state of Oregon, and another city that I contacted was the city of eugene, and they're in the process of the very beginning stages of starting their affinity network group and organizing that and asked if they could follow our lead and use our guidelines that we've come up. So instead of reinventing the wheel, they'll follow our lead. The most common types of affinity groups -- this is asked a lot -- is usually the african-american groups, hispanic or latino, women organizations, lesbian, gay, bi, trans, the asian pacific americans, people with disabilities, veterans, american indian, and age-related groups a such as young professionals or aging employees. There is already a couple of groups that are starting to form, getting ready for this kickoff. I'll be starting the lesbian, gay, bi, trans group, and dee will be starting a group, and I think it's very exciting. There's all kinds of opportunities for like-minded groups to get together. But, like I said, we will be meeting separately as well as together to learn from each other and see if there's any patterns within the different groups and also making sure that they're all on the same page and no one's left behind. Thank you very much. There is some people here that i'd like to introduce, and that's our executive committee of deep. They're sitting in the audience. Most of them are here. If I could get them to stand? Or not stand.

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

**Casleton:** And we've been meeting for the last few years. I've been with them for the last year, and we really kicked into high gear over the last year. We're very excited and very motivated. The group has been very dedicated. We do meet on our own time. And when we don't, we make that

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time up. So it's been completely voluntary and not interfering with our work, and we're very dedicated to that. So there's also some other groups of people. I think Joseph Quinones is here, and he's with human resources, the diversity and development and affirmative action office, and he's extremely supportive. And we also have our city attorney that helped us, Stephanie Carper, who's sitting here. So if you have any questions, we're open to that. We'll also have our stuff on the web site, the diversity web site. So PortlandOnline.com, forward slash diversity, and we'll have a category on there that you can access as open to all city community to see what the city provides but there will also be information on the internet for the employee site. So, for instance, a blog, stuff like that. But we're in the process. When we get this passed, we'll kick that off.

**Adams:** So right now a city employee that wants to get involved or wants some help, they should contact who? Where?

**Casleton:** They would contact probably me right now, Debby Casleton. And then we'll put them in contact with the web site when it's up and give them the guidelines and meet with them.

**Adams:** Any negative reaction as you were setting this up?

**Casleton:** Actually, no. We haven't had any. It's been very positive, especially the bureau directors and the chief of police and the chief of fire. We're very excited especially. I think this fits in nicely with all of the city resources that we have already, and it's just -- I think it's affirming that city employees are extremely proud to work here and want to keep that going. That's where this is driven from.

**Shabazz:** There was one negative reaction that I received. It was taken to heart, though. And the question was asked "what took you so long?" that was the only negative reaction so far.

**Adams:** Good work.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks.

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

**Potter:** Was there a sign-up sheet on this?

**Moore:** We did. No one signed up.

**Potter:** Is there anyone here who wishes to testify on this matter? Thank you. The resolution, please call the vote.

**Adams:** Well, I just want to thank all of you for your good work on this. When we recently had the pdot help sponsor a week of recognition for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, we got some replies as a result of the outreach on that effort that were -- how would I say? -- cause for concern that we had more work to do in terms of educating ourselves as a city government family. But the vast, vast, 99.9% of everyone was very supportive. But I think this is great. I think this provides a forum and a "go to" place and a visibility necessary to deepen our collective understanding of what it really means to be an affirming place for diversity, and I have more work to do on that for myself, and I think our institution has more work to do as well. So I very sincerely thank all of you for your great work. Aye.

**Leonard:** It is disappointing to me at times to see some of the stuff come across my desk in the form of disciplines or those kinds of issues that relate to how some of our employees make comments, observations or even think they're telling jokes, not understanding the pain and the hurt they cause to the people who are the object of those kinds of jokes. Miguel, I'm proud to say, has been implementing a lot of these same principles in the bureau of development services since his promotion here sometime back and, as part of that, is -- I think I could best characterize it as taking a two-prong approach to provide education where that is needed and provide a corrective action where that doesn't work. And I am very committed in my bureaus, as I know each of my colleagues are, to use those same kind of approaches. I have little tolerance for those who target others who are either helpless or in the minority because they happen to be in the majority. It strikes a visceral, deep core in me. And so this is an approach that I think helps get to that, and I would say the same thing that Miguel heard which is I wish it wouldn't have taken so long to put this together, because I

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see this as a very effective tool, if it's used right, to use that same two-pronged approach. Provide education where people need that and, if that doesn't work, we'll use the other tools that are at our disposal to deal with the issues relating to diversity. So I appreciate this very much. Aye.

**Saltzman:** I really appreciate all of you have getting together and coming forward with this idea. I think, as somebody said, it's not a pop-down approach. We've tried those approaches and had mixed success with those. Particularly the assistance on recruitment panels and interview panels for proposals as well as for employees and helping with recruit and retention strategies are areas that we need a lot of help in. So I think this is really great that you've shown the initiative and stepped forward and taken these steps and look forward to working with all of you. Aye.

**Sten:** Well, I agree, and I want to thank you. It's a lot of work. I see it. And it is very much needed. We do have an all-white city council, and that's a certain kind of message. I think getting our employees working a lot more closely -- I think the affinity group strategy is very effective, and I think you'll really done your research before you move forward, and I appreciate that, too. There are issues it's easy to come out and say, we're going to move on this, but if you're not structured in an organization even as complex as ours, it won't work. I think that is really terrific, and I am impressed with the thinking behind it. We all have lots of biases we have to work on. I have one against the c.i.a., so i'm working on that. I'm hearing they have a good program, so that made me think differently this morning on one small issue. I think it's great. You certainly have my support.

People in my office, the bureaus I work with, are really eager to see if we can make this a success and make it nimble. I heard the point loud and clear you want to be able to respond and do it in a way that works. Good work I guess on this first step of many to making this official. Aye.

**Potter:** What really struck me when I first started talking to these folks over a year ago is how committed they are as employees of the city of perform and wants to make the organization a better place for everybody. And over the last year, that commitment has grown into very specific areas and actions that deep wants to implement within our city, and I see it as the role of the city council to support the efforts of you folks, to take your guidance and suggestions and use those to develop programs and activities and with the appropriate funding to make sure that our workforce not only represents our community but is growing and has the opportunity to excel and achieve their own personal goals in our organization. So I truly thank you, and you have the commitment of this council, and each of us individually and personally that we want you to succeed because, when you succeed, our city and our community succeeds. So thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. And i'm just amazed that the c.i.a. would even acknowledge that they have one.

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

**Potter:** That's, I guess, a big step for them, isn't it? Congratulations, folks, and I vote aye. Thank you. Please read the 10:00 a.m. Time certain.

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**Potter:** Commissioner stein.

\*\*\*\*\*: Touche.

**Sten:** Thank you, mayor porter.

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

**Sten:** I think we have a very exciting and I think fun presentation to give this morning on a very serious topic. I think everyone's well-aware the city's working hard on a strategy with a lot of business community leaders called "operation home," and the reason we started "operation home" is we have a substantial and, I would say, almost crippling economic gap between how many of the majority community own homes versus the minority community. In round numbers, about 60% of the white families in Portland own their homes, and it's close to 40 for the average for minorities. So it's a big, big difference. Most people these days, given how hard it is to pay for health care, all the things that are out there, about their only savings in many cases is their home equity, and so this really is a problem. It's not something that's going to be fixed quickly, although we have a lot of

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programs that the council has moved on, and I would say there are more opportunities. And if you're a family out there, please call the Portland housing center or any of the other groups that are there to try and see what's there now. But what we have to do, I think, to solve this problem is work from the ground up. And one of the issues is working with kids and young adults to try and make sure they understand that there are huge benefits that owning a home. It was not possible for all sorts of bad reasons in the years past. It's completely possible now if you're planning and working ahead and have a job. There's no reason you shouldn't be able to buy a home in Portland. With that in mind, we worked with open meadows school, who I think everyone on the council knows is one of our dynamic, really best educational institutions in town, and they have a program called city corps. City corps which the city of Portland supports with funding is a very hands-on kind of problem solving approach to social studies. They basically get presented a problem, and the students have to figure out a way to make progress on it and be active citizens and solve it. We have presented this problem of minorities and minority home ownership gap to the open meadow students, and they're working on doing the education necessary to solve it. They're going to come today and present their findings, which i'm very pleased with. I think everyone knows danielle ezema. She's going to give you a little more information on the project. There's also a second project that city corps is doing with the office of development which i'm not familiar with, so we'll have them introduce.

**Daniel Ledezma:** Good morning. I'm so excited to introduce the next group of speakers. Last group homeowner professionals and community members and myself sat around and grappled with the issue of how we get more folks educated with home ownership with the goal of closing the gap within 10 years. We came up with the idea of not only do we have to work with folks that are ready to buy now but what can we do to help young people start getting this message of home ownership into their minds. So several strategies were developed around cultivating this next generation of homeowners. We were left with the question of, great. So this is the strategy. Now what is the message, and how do we get that out there? We were really a group of great, hip, young professionals and thought we'd do this, but we lacked a youth voice. This summer when michelle taylor called me and said she had a group of young students from diverse backgrounds who are interested in housing issues and if we had any projects, I totally jumped on that. I was like, well, I know a little bit about hip-hop. I know a little bit about youth culture, but i'm a little far removed. Could they help us with this messaging around home ownership? Could they work on developing a message and answer the question? What's a great way that will resonate with themselves and their peers about home ownership? After only five weeks, they've met with professionals from our community and other community members and have come up with this message which I think you'll enjoy. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Sara Head:** My name is dara head. I'm the city corps project leader.

**Courtney Palmer:** I'm courtney palmer, and i'm excited to be a part of the city corps project and working with the committee of housing and community development.

**Johnna Osborne:** My name is Johnna osborne, and I really enjoyed working on this project.

**Rasheed Moses:** My name is rasheed moses, and my family and neighbors are affected by gentrification.

**Michelle Blackshear:** My name is michelle glaxshere, and my dad was red lined when he was trying to own his own business.

\*\*\*\*\*: Hi. I'm with city corps, and we're going to stand and talk about why home ownership is important.

\*\*\*\*\*: Hi. Ever since I was young, i've been moving around a lot. This project has encouraged me to become a homeowner so that my family doesn't go through the same situation I have.

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**Jessica Crumb:** And my name is jessica crumb. I have lived in my house since kindergarten, and I enjoy living in the city of Portland. We have been working on a project with "operation home" and the bureau of housing and community development to create a message to young people of color about home ownership and why it is important. Our problem statement is how do we create a positive home ownership message, a message -- and market that message to young people of color?

\*\*\*\*\*: And then we came up with three different proposals which you will be hearing about today. Our first is continue to support home-ownership programs and education. Second, understand and address Portland's housing history. And, third, our ad campaign own your home.

\*\*\*\*\*: This was a complicated project but, with the help of the youth community organizations and individuals, we were able to get the information we needed to get our message out to young people about why they should buy and own a home.

\*\*\*\*\*: Every time we spoke to a community organization, they took us right to the point of why home ownership is important. They also pointed out that community education and community support creates more opportunities for home ownership. Our first proposal is to continue supporting home-ownership programs and education. And specifically we encourage you to continue supporting the loan programs and down-payment assistance. The Portland development commission and community cvc currently runs ownership fairs, mentor programs, and personal finance classes. We encourage the city to increase funding to these programs and to create more like them. By being in city corps, I have already begun to find information I didn't know about before. Community organizations and classes have given me information about loans and mentorship programs that will bring me one step closer to home ownership. Thanks.

\*\*\*\*\*: Understanding and addresses history is important because, if you don't know about your past, you won't be prepared for the future. The history of housing includes discrimination, racism, unfair lending, and redlining.

\*\*\*\*\*: Because of all these issues, people need to learn about their history. We propose that Portland public schools should teach the history of housing. Another way to teach history is to have a community forum. I believe that, if we have someone from the community come and talk to the people, then they will listen and learn things about their history.

\*\*\*\*\*: Now I will talk to you about our third proposal. Own your own will help young people in the future and ultimately help our communities. Own your own gives people a chance to fill in the blank. When you own your home, you own so much more than just a home. You own a chance to send your kids to college. You own an opportunity to invest and build equity. You own a piece of land in which you can do whatever you want. It gives you freedom to do as you would like and not have to worry about anyone telling you that you can't. It builds strong communities, great memories, and friendships that can last a lifetime. Our own your own campaign needs to be seen everywhere, especially where youths are more likely to be. This includes schools, tri-met, malls, community centers, internet, et cetera. One way to do that is to use posters. We came up with four posters, each focused on one specific word.

\*\*\*\*\*: History. Rasheed and michelle chose to make their poster about history. They felt that minorities were not informed enough about the history of housing in their community. For them, not being informed about redlining and discrimination in the past could create the same treatment now. This is why they say they want to change today to make up for yesterday. Memories. There is so much in a memory. With jessica a lot of those memories come from home and those certain places in her home that she can still go back that and remember what happened there. Having a home can create great memories for you and your children and just owning your home in itself is a great memory. For her, owning a home means looking back on her memories, looking back on the memories she once had, and giving memories to her children. With the poster that john and I made, we chose own your own opportunities. Like already stated before, when we own -- when you own

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a home, there are endless opportunities that come along with it. The most important things in life are your family, your future, and your education. And when it comes down to it, owning your home is the root of all these things. This is what more people need to realize. Owning a home equals your life, your family, your future. This poster is to show how important it is for you to have a mission and a plan for your future and follow through with it, also letting you know that owning a home is one of the most important missions there is and for you to start planning for it while you're young. Owning a home is crucial for your future. You make a plan, make it happen, and life is made. Another way to get the message out is a "myspace" page, and rasheed will give you a little information about that.

\*\*\*\*\*: "myspace" is a web site for friends, chatting, dating, listening to music, and getting updates on hot events, overall just having fun on the computer. We chose to create a "myspace" page because young people will hear and see a message on "myspace." "myspace" is used by young people to connect with old friends and make new ones. We need to spread the message of home ownership, and our web site will provide links to resources, home ownership information, and informational messages to youth. So check us out at [www.myspace.com/slashownyourown](http://www.myspace.com/slashownyourown).

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you, mayor Tom Potter and the city council and everyone who supported us with information for city corps. We brought you our campaign to inspire young people to own their own homes. We also encourage you to support history, education, and creating support for housing education and resources. We also challenge you to fund our own your own campaign. Inspiring young people is critical to closing the homeowner hip gap. Our campaign will inspire, inform, and motivate young people to invest in their future. To show their commitment to the campaign, Open Meadows has offered to sponsor an ad on tri-met buses if the city decides to move on -- move forward on this plan. We hope the city of Portland will rise to this challenge and help spread our message on your own. Thanks.

\*\*\*\*\*: Any questions?

**Leonard:** I was curious. Do any of you own your own homes? Did I hear you say you own your own home?

\*\*\*\*\*: We won't own our own homes.

**Leonard:** All three of you? You do?

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

**Leonard:** I'm sorry. I thought you said -- thanks.

\*\*\*\*\*: Oh. And the photos that guys were provided about is a concept brief that will give a lot more information about the stuff that we did to get to where we are today and some information about what places that we visited, our background information.

**Sten:** Great. Any more questions? A terrific presentation.

**Leonard:** Can any of you offer what it is that you would need at this point to be able to own your own homes in.

\*\*\*\*\*: Right now, I believe that -- we visited a lot of organizations that were helping people get to own -- to help them start to own their homes, but there's just like a lot more we need to get the word out 'cause most people are not informed about owning a home. I think that they think they're not able to do because they don't know about the resources they have now. I just think we need more research for them to depend on so it can help them get into their own homes.

**Saltzman:** It could work. I really like the professionalism of the posters, too. Those are very well done photographs and messages. Good messaging, too.

**Potter:** Thanks for being here, folks. That was excellent.

\*\*\*\*\*: Are you guys done? Next one's coming up. Ok.

**Sten:** I think there's somebody doing a presentation on the partnership with O.S.U.

**Steve Cohen:** Good morning, Mayor Potter, commissioners. My name is Steve Cowen, and I manage food policy and programs for the city's office of sustainable development. Thank you for



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this opportunity to introduce a very talented group of open meadow high school students who I had the pleasure of meeting and working with this summer. On two prior occasions, this council has heard presentations, the diggable city, a project that grew and was nurtured in commissioner Saltzman's office, and it inventoried city-owned properties to assess them for their urban agricultural potential. And I'm proud to announce this morning that the third phase of the diggable city report has been completed, and I'm looking forward to sharing it with you and your staffs. These students had the opportunity to read the report while it was being written, and they took the concepts to heart in making the recommendations, and then they set out to put their minds and their arms, legs, and backs into turning theory into practice. I want to introduce Jessie and Elizabeth and Rachel and Isabel, and they're going to tell why what they did over their summer, which was not a vacation.

**Laura ?:** Good morning. My name is Laura, and I'm the leader for the city corps.

**Isabel Burns:** Hi. I'm Isabel Burns, Open Meadow City Corps. I've been going to the high school for one year now, and this summer I joined the city corps summer program to gain some new experience. The city corps program is a project based on experience. The teams of students with the city office to help solve a city program. As part of this program, we are working with the office of sustainable development to help turn urban land into sustainable productive gardens. Together with my classmates, Elizabeth, Rachel, and Jessie, we have been looking at this question. What is considered unused, unsustainable land, and how can we make it productive and sustainable? However, Diggable City has already looked at city-owned land so, as a group, we took it a step further and looked at privately-owned land. We also looked at current systems and alternative options. Something we found interesting with this interesting's food quality, genetically modified organisms, et cetera. In the next few minutes, you will hear about the group and what it took that accomplish our goals. The information we found in our own neighborhood and what we recommend you do to help us with this problem. We took it upon ourselves to learn as much as we could about sustainability from the beginning. We knew it would result in the form after garden. Our garden begins a discussion to define what we were looking for and then made a plan. We explored the area for available space and eliminated plots that we found unsuitable. We told the nursing home Villa Marcel because we thought the residents would enjoy it. We visited local nurseries to learn about plants and tips. We then labored in our work. We documented our experiences on our blog, which includes a list of resources for other people interested in our project in sustainable gardening.

**Rachel Otto:** My name is Rachel Otto, and I'm also with Open Meadow City Corps. I joined this program to enhance my public speaking skills and overcome my fear of it. When we first started, our group went to the Oregon Episcopal School where we joined a program called Sin or Go. We practiced how to confront our fears, which turned out to be useful when we had to start the real work. Not long after that, we had a couple of guest speakers to help us get started. First we went downtown to the office of sustainable development where we met Steve Cowen. He talked to us about the other offices such as Metro, Park and Wreck Chris, the water bureau, and other government-owned organizations all focusing around sustainability. He also helped us with our problem statements. Next we talked to Cara, a previous city corps leader. She talked with us about her experience and also gave us some pointers on how to successfully complete our project. In order to get started on building our garden, we had to tray and get donations, so we called around and three different nurseries liked the idea of us building a sustainable, productive garden, so they donated. Buffalo Garden gave us 20% discount off of everything. Pistols gave us 11 trees. And Goose Hollow gave us a rose bush. All of these donations really helped us build a more productive garden. We accomplished turning the unused land at Villa de Marcel into a sustain neighbor productive gardens that all the citizens in the community can enjoy. I have learned that, even though some food tastes good it didn't mean it's healthy for you, the economy or the environment. For

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example, a rutgers university study shows it takes 635,000 gallons of fuel annually to import tomatoes alone into new jersey, generating 6616 metric tons of carbon dioxide, which would require nearly 1.5 square miles of forest to absorb. Also a reading about local farm families, and I quote, local farmers cut out the middle man and get full retail price for their food, which means farm families can afford to stay on the farm doing the jobs they love. So as you can see, buying local supports a healthy economy and cuts down on fossil fuels, which contribute to global climate change. An example of my experience with local food was the time we went to sauvie island where we picked a variety of berries. We saw the benefits of going local firsthand such as getting sick from eating too many berries.

\*\*\*\*\*: [chuckling]

\*\*\*\*\*: A way to keep more local food around its by building sustainable gardens throughout the community.

**Jesse Mitchell:** my name is jesse mitchell, and i'm going to talk to you about surveying the resources we used. Our class came up with a project to get a better understanding of how our community felt about gardening, what they were eating. A lot of people really didn't care too much for what we were doing. They acted like they had no time to hear what we had to say. Some people showed an interest and thought we were trying to do a good thing for our community. The questions we came up with for our survey had to do about what we were learning and how educated our community is on it. We picked out the north Portland neighborhood around our school and set a perimeter of where we were going to walk around and survey people. As the graph shows, 47% of the people we surveyed had no clue where their food came from and how far they traveled to reach that. Another question we asked people was, on a scale of one to 10, how much do you know about sustainable gardening. About half the people we asked didn't know what that was, so I did have to explain myself over and over again. At least out of the 60 surveys spelled out, 51% of those people thought their communities could benefit from sustainable gardening and 28 of those people said that they would help out with weeding and watering if they had a community garden. I've realized, after talking to people about community gardens, that most people wouldn't participate in anything in the community unless they see that they're benefiting from what it is they're doing. The resources we used were very helpful. We spoke with steve cowen who talked a little with it about the bureau and the office of sustainability and how helpful they are to our community, which was very useful. We also watched a movie called "future of food." it gave me a better understanding on how important sustainable bargaining is for our society. The book "earth user's guide" gave us a better understanding of what plants we were going that use and where we were going to put them. We also created a journal online. It tells about what our project is about, and it lists steps on how we came that complete our project. I've learned a lot about how significant sustainable gardens can be to us and our community. At first I didn't know too much about the problem at hand until we watched the movie "future of food."

**Elizabeth ?:** My name is elizabeth. We propose the following tasks are completed and maintained so that sustainable gardens can be made for communities to benefit from. First off, funding is needed. For a formal tool lending library such as the one kenton had established at the firehouse which only requires i.d. And a utility bill to prove residence. These centers will have everything from shovels to feeds free of cost for residents. Currently parks and rec has some sheds where renters keep some belongings. According to leslie, who runs the community gardening program, there is a need for more of these sorts of sites. It has come to our attention that parks and rec programs that involve teams and gardening hit the dirt, maybe losing its funding. We would like the city council to maintain funding our program and expand on it by creating a financial incentive for schools to incorporate "hit the dirt" into their programs and to additionally teach sustainable ability, food awareness, and gardening to students. Visak shandis at p.s.u. Agreed that education on the subject is very important and shared with us that a study was done and she proved that the

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average american 10-year-old could only identify seven plants but could identify 100 corporate logos. You should be more educated on what really matters. Parks and rec currently has a waiting list of 500 plus people who wish to rent a plot in a community garden. We believe that this is something everyone should be able to participate in, and our survey data shows that there's a high interest in participation. Parks and rec have a scholarship program available through grants. However, as we have demonstrated, community gardens and local agriculture needs to be supported, and people with low income should not suffer further. We asked city council to additionally fund this scholarship so that local may begin to truly mean equality so that communities may gather and grow, so that education around food and the planet may be supported and so we can continue to be a progressive and green city. The diggable study initiative showed that there is a lack of city-owned property suitable and available for use as community gardens. To remedy this, we ask for funding to increase staffing at parks and rec who are already able to enter into agreements with private landowners and community members who will be able to negotiate the transformation of the land from private to communal gardens. However, for this generous donation, diggable city's phase three recommends investigating the possibility of tax breaks and other incentives, because they are good ways to compensate the landowners. We realize that we are asking for a number of things that require some shifting. However, our data experience and the expertise of professionals show that there is a need, desire, and demand for these changes. Thank you.

**Otto:** You have just heard about our experience of growing sustainably as well as support of our neighbors and the environmental community at large. And some actions that we think need to be taken. In short, funding for continued outreach to programs, specifically hit the dirt, tool-lending libraries and scholarships so that there's equal opportunity, to encourage school participation and to finally increase staffing at the parks and recreation bureau in order to procure more private land for community gardens. I have learned during my time in this program that even my daily choices can help my community and the world. Please consider this. Yours can, too. Thank you for listening today.

**Mitchell:** Any questions?

**Saltzman:** Where was villa de marcel? Is that north Portland?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Yeah.

**Saltzman:** So you took some unused property there and made it into a garden?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** They had a garden there, but it wasn't really nice and maintained, so we just put in dirt, put in plants and flowers, and went from there.

**Saltzman:** We appreciate the report, the recommendations and good work, and we will move on some of your recommendations.

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

**Potter:** Thank you. You folks did a great job.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Great job.

**Sten:** Testimony?

**Moore:** No one signed up.

**Potter:** Ok. We'll move to the regular agenda.

**Sten:** That was just presentation, so we don't need to vote. Thanks to open meadows and your great work.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Leonard:** Thank you very much.

**Potter:** Please read item 940.

**Item 940.**

**Potter:** Commissioner Adams?

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**Adams:** Thank you, mayor Potter. The lobbying ordinance that has been in effect for over 12 months, as i've said a number of points as mileposts along the way, is definitely work in progress as we have more experience with it. We're able to make changes that polish and perfect it. In this particular case, getting the threshold down from 16 to eight hours. The threshold is the trigger in which individual lobbyists have to register and potentially begin reporting. It's something that we've long sought, and we're pleased today to be before you, mr. Mayor and the city council, to consider that improvement. With that, i'll have shoshanna very briefly describe what this piece of legislation does and answer any questions and have discussion.

**Shoshannah Oppenheim:** Thank you, commissioner Adams, mayor, and council members. I'd like to thank commissioners Leonard, Saltzman, and Sten for co-sponsoring this ordinance with our office. This ordinance makes several administrative changes, including the intergovernmental agreements as a discussion that can happen outside of the lobbying requirements. This allows many of our city goals to be achieved when working with our governmental partners. The ordinance also refines the definition of "lobbyist," basically just clarifying it. And that's in section b. In section c, you'll see that the substance of the ordinance is to reduce the threshold from 16 to eight hours so when a lobbying entity spends more than eight hours working with one of our elected officials or with a bureau director, that basically triggers the reports requirements. The changes are continued through the ordinance to make those refinements so that the eight hours is reflected throughout the ordinance. The final section of the ordinance includes the term "reasonably" where the original requirement for approving a false statement was one that we had to prove that one believed. Now it would be that if there is a reasonable belief. It changes the standard to meet with the other requirements in state statutes that are similar in terms of proving belief.

**Adams:** And this being the month of august, we have a lot of people that we normally consult with on vacation, but the league of women voters in your pocket sent in a letter of support. Chris smith, who's on our consultant -- our committee -- advisory commit, I should say -- also sent in a letter of support and janice thompson from the -- they just changed their name.

**Oppenheim:** I think it's democracy now.

**Adams:** Democracy now organization sent in an e-mail in support as well. And that ends our formal presentation.

**Potter:** Anyone signed up to testify?

**Moore:** One person signed up, greg schifsky. He may have left.

**Potter:** It's a nonemergency and moves to a second reading.

**Leonard:** Well, I wanted to raise an issue before we move it. I've discussed this with commissioner Adams. And that is my sense has been that the definition of who is required to file these reports is unreasonably narrow. I have a sense of how broad I think it should be, but i'm not sure everybody agrees with the breadth of which I would include people who lobby. And so, in the discussion commissioner Adams and I had, we both thought it might make some sense to refer this back to his office and that he and I and other interested members of the council and our offices and, in some broader process and context, have that broader discussion and then possibly have that language hopefully be some kind of a consensus that would point out that, for instance, some of the blogs i've read in the last week as this issue has been out there -- at least a representative of the league of women voters liked the idea of having there be no restrictions on height is that registers. Anybody who influences the council's decisions by definition spending more than eight hours a quarter should lobby without regard to whether affiliated to an organization or not. But -- and that's my sense as well. There are others that don't agree with that, so my -- I think what I think would work here -- and we've done this, I think, successfully most times. Not every time but maybe go back, have that broader discussion and see if there's some language we can adopt into this that maybe would make the process by which we meet with people more transparent.

**Potter:** So you wish to pull it back?

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**Adams:** Commissioner Leonard's suggestion is that, as we continue to look at this and about every couple of two, three months, we come back to you with refinements that, in our next refinement, we have a discussion with the council on stakeholders, looking at the issue of who's required to register.

**Saltzman:** I am sympathetic to what commissioner Leonard is speaking about. I mean, I think that, if the goal here -- and it states right here that it is to increase the transparency in city decision making, this ordinance misses a lot of people who are influencing city decision making, and it seems like rather than recognizing the elephant in the room, there's, like, a whole universe of people out there who are influencing us who are not triggering reporting requirements and instead trying to ratchet down these thresholds thinking we're going to finally, if we get it down fine enough, going to unveil the grand conspirators, who are the people that pull our strings. It just seems to me it's not genuine in its intent. I mean, I think it's a few people who are driving this that think, if there's these paid lobbyists out there that are just controlling everything, but I also know, if you look at any of our public schedules, I think you'll see the majority of my appointments are spent with people representing citizen groups, neighborhood organizations, nonprofits. It seems to me it's not transparent. If you really want to give the public transparency, those areas should also be reflected in these reports.

**Adams:** Rest assured, commissioner, that this ordinance is genuine in its intent, and it is the product of the political environment and to get it initially passed and make these refinements over the past year has had to be done in the political environment, and you have been part of that discussion. And compromises that have had to be made over the past year have included compromises that you asked for. So we continue -- I continue to push for refinements to it. I think a discussion -- it took a year to get it passed, and I think a discussion about exemptions at this point after a year of experience with it is very appropriate. The biggest exemption right now is people that have contracts with the city in terms of the implementation of those contracts. They're exempt. And it seemed like a reasonable exemption, but i'm willing to look at that. The biggest exemption is neighborhood associations. And the big elephant in the room is the fact that neighborhood associations are exempt from having to report. However, under this ordinance, they do have to stay within a qualifying -- they do have to behave in a way and act in a way and manage themselves in a way that they qualify based on merit, not just because they are neighborhood associations. So I think it's great to have that conversation. I think that this lobbying ordinance is, more than anything else, inoculative. I mean, we're going from a big town into, in many ways, a small city and beyond, and I think that we have to have these things in place much like the clean voter elections efforts as well. So I look forward to having the discussion --

**Saltzman:** I'm not so much talking about exemptions. I'm talking about the basic fundamental illusion that it doesn't look to who your affiliation is but to how much time you spend.

**Adams:** Well, you and I disagree then. I do think the taking it from 16 to eight hours will, during these seasons of the year, not in the summer where we don't do a lot, but I do think it will capture more people who are lobbying. It is seasonal, though, and it isn't even necessarily seasonal. It comes in waves. We have issues that come up that are very controversial that endanger a lot of lobbying, and there are periods of the year and years where we don't. But I do think that, bigger than that and the finer the net is, it's to the benefit of more disclosure of more people lobbying, and I think that's a benefit to the city.

**Sten:** I would just say that I certainly have an open mind and would be happy to see what you come up with, commissioner Leonard. I guess, for me -- and that's why we have different folks -- to me, i'm probably not supportive, because I don't think there's any tricky work to figure out what people who aren't paid are lobbying on, and I think the disclosure of the calendar solves that problem. And if somebody's interested, they can get that information so quickly that putting another reporting requirement on groups -- my interest in the lobbying requirement is that i've many times met with

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people and had no idea who was paying them to lobby me. And they weren't required to disclose that, and I think often paid testimonials appear to be not that. For me, I think the only thing that is hard to fathom is who is paying somebody to lobby. I don't think there's any problem figuring out who the friends of trees, the league of women voters or how much they're meeting with us and requiring them to fill out a piece of paper including the neighborhood associations. It seems to me to be not adding transparency, because I don't there's any mystery there. I think it's creating a hurdle to interacting with us, because people are going to start to say, maybe I don't want to come in and make a round of discussions if I'm going to get dinged or not filling out a bunch of paperwork. For me, I want to keep this more surgically focused on paid lobbyists I what I mean by a lobbyist as opposed to who influences us in terms of that.

**Leonard:** Well, I was hoping not to have to give an example, but I guess I have to give an example to respond to what would otherwise be a good argument that you're making. I don't know about anybody else here, but I've been lobbied more by some in the linnton community than I have on any other subject, first with whether to rezone industrial property to residential from industry and then now whether or not it's ok for a biodiesel plant to go in. The linnton property is owned by shareholders of the linnton plywood that is now defunct but still owns shares in the plywood. It has been represented to me that it is fairly common knowledge in the linnton community that a number of them are shareholders in linnton plywood and thus the representations to us about what should or should not happen to that property weighs heavily on the value of that property. I personally believe that -- you know -- I shouldn't have to get into finding out who from there is or is not representing either the community interest or their own personal financial interest. My preference would be that it shouldn't make any difference to me but that the public should know not just about the meetings, because my e-mails don't show up on the meetings, and I get very detailed lengthy e-mails which I think all of you get carbon copied on about the pros and cons of a biodiesel plant in the linnton community. Those take a lot of research and time and I would argue that would probably fall in the definition that you think is appropriate for a lobbyist. But because that isn't necessarily a lobbying entity as we've defined it, they don't have to reveal to the public their lobbying activities. So I guess my reaction is to say, instead of us getting in and saying, well, we really think you are a lobbying entity is just have it be more inclusive who it is that has to register. Such as in the legislature. When a person goes down to the Oregon legislature, if they're doing nothing but on a personal level lobbying for their aged parents' rights in the state of Oregon and they spend more than, I think, it's 18 hours doing that, they register as a lobbyist. They don't have to be paid. They can be down there in egalitarian efforts to do whatever it is they want, but you reach that threshold. It doesn't matter. You just register. That's my preference here. I get that we're probably not going to reach a consensus on that at least, but I would think at a minimum at least organizations that have representatives, whether they're nonprofit or not, just -- and it's not punitive. Some of the debate has been characterized as it's punitive. It's not.

**Sten:** I'm totally open and willing to look at it. I don't think there's anybody who's remotely interested in the linnton situation who doesn't know what you just said.

**Leonard:** Right. Except the media and except the public. You know it. I know it.

**Sten:** No. I've talked to lots of media people. They know there's shareholders involved in that. But I guess my point is that I'd rather have that happen sometimes than submit citizens to -- you know -- hundreds of citizens' groups to paperwork. But I guess the other thing, if I might respond maybe just to brainstorm on it, is that maybe there is an economic disclosure issue that might be a way to get at it.

**Leonard:** I'm actually fine with that.

**Sten:** I would be very in knowing what somebody is lobbying me on when they have an economic interest.

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**Leonard:** I guess the process i'm talking about, we would do all that. We would talk about all that and come up with something -- and I hope commissioner Adams and I didn't have a misunderstanding because I was hoping actually that we could not take action on this change until we came back with a package. That was my interest.

**Adams:** Oh. Yeah, we do disagree on that. I'd like to get this improvement on this as incremental. I'd like to get this on the books. We can always change our minds later or go a different direction.

**Leonard:** A date in mind by which we will come back with the results of this other process?

**Adams:** I think we could do it within two months.

**Leonard:** Ok. That's fine.

**Adams:** Is that fine?

**Leonard:** Yeah.

**Adams:** So the end of september?

**Leonard:** That's fine.

**Adams:** And I think the discussion is a good one. The idea of economic interests, commissioners, I think is really useful. And, commissioner Leonard, the linnton plywood is a cooperative, and so it is legally and odd beast. And because it is a defunct cooperative, we should look at that to see what's instructive about it.

**Leonard:** The bigger point is they own shares or the controlling interest of the property and, if the shares become exponentially become more valuable if it's residential land than industrial land --

**Adams:** Right. I think your point I take away is that there are definitely folks who have ownership of something very valuable, and so therefore everyone involved with it --

**Leonard:** I want to be really clear about one point. A lot of individual neighbors come and lobby about zoning changes that may impact the value of their property. That's not what i'm talking about. If you have an interest in a piece of property that will become more valuable if the council takes a certain action, that's what i'm talking about.

**Sten:** If you own the property itself.

**Leonard:** Yes.

**Sten:** Not I don't want somebody to build something next to my house because it will bring my value down?

**Leonard:** That's not what i'm talking about. Instances where a proactive decision on the part of the council that you're urging them to take exponentially increases your financial situation.

**Adams:** I got it. I think it's a great issue.

**Potter:** And since this is one of several tools that we're using, including publishing our calendars, I will think we should review all of those things to see if they're effective.

**Adams:** In that case, I need three months.

**Leonard:** That's fine. I like that as well.

**Sten:** And i'm fine with that. I would certainly be supportive of voting this through and bringing the threshold down to a while you work on it, because I don't mean any offense. I mean, it's a good thing. Three months is usually longer than three months.

**Adams:** Not in my office.

**Sten:** I'm just talking about mine and randy's office.

**Leonard:** Yeah.

**Sten:** And so I thought -- it would be instructive, I think, during that period to at least get one eight-hour segment of reporting in. The first one of bringing from 16 to a, does that actually change what we're seeing? The extent to which that changes what we're seeing might impact my view of this next question. If we're picking up a lot more by moving it to a, I might be less inclined to broaden the net quite as much. I would like to get that result during the exact three months in which sam is going to get this dealt with.

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**Adams:** Are you ok with that?

**Leonard:** Yeah.

**Saltzman:** I'm fine with it.

**Potter:** Nonemergency. Moves to a second reading. Please read item 941.

**Item 941.**

**Saltzman:** Members of the council, the sustain neighbor development commission is the citizen advisory panel that reports directly to the Portland city council and also to the Multnomah county board of commissioners. They've existed in one form or another for about eight years now and have helped the city work on everything from green building, sustain neighbor food policy, and toxics reductions. Six are appointed by the city council and five are appointed by the county. Last spring the f.d.c. presented two reports to the council including a report with recommendations for how the city and county could further reach sustainable economic development opportunities, and they are focused on working right now with stakeholders and community partners to begin realizing some of those recommendations. The appointments of mark edlen and derek smith will be an asset to the f.d.c. efforts. We have derek smith with us here today. Mark edlen could not be here, but he has a very nice letter that michelle creme would like to read. I think we all know mark edlen. His well-known establish many is one of the greenest if not the greenest developer not only in Portland but increasingly in places like california, arizona, utah, and Washington. They are committed to doing the right thing. Derek was director of corporate responsibility for norm thompson where he built one of the retail world's first comprehensive sustainability programs which was benchmarked globally by companies like gap, ikea, and mcdonald's. He is now director of operations for yellow color house, a start-up environmental paint company right here in Portland. With that, i'll turn you had over to michelle to read mark's letter and then derek.

**Michele Crim:** Mark definitely sends his regrets that he's not able to be here in person today, so I will read this statement that he wanted to relay to you. Mayor tom Potter and Portland city commissioners, I wish to thank you for considering my appointment to the sustainable development commission. When my now-retired partner, bob gerding, and I cofounded gerding edlen in 1996, it was based on one simple principle, trying to do the right thing. From developing sustainable projects that enhance communities to creating value for investors and passing up projects that don't meet the company's values, we are motivated by a sense of responsibility to do what's right. We have a passion for building a sustainable community and understand that investments and sustainable projects translates into valley for the city and our neighbors as well as investigators and lenders. We are constantly in search of the solutions that will yield the more sustainable community with a strong focus on energy and water preservation as well as generation. As a company, our goal is to produce buildings that generate more energy than they consume and consume more waste than they generate within the next five years. We have only a very little time in which to make the necessary changes in our built environment. We need to move quickly, particularly as it relates to the existing inventory of buildings that do not perform well. We believe our opportunities are immense and Portland needs to continue to raise the bar further, faster, and leave not just Portland -- lead not just perform and Oregon but the nation as we try to cite a truly sustainable world. We are committed to building strong business, government, and community partnerships that seek to create a vibrant economy and community supported with tax and regulatory systems which reward sustainability. I look forward to working with the sustainable development commission and the city council to nurture and grow a business sector that creates values for communities and the people who live, work, and play in them. Thank you for this opportunity to participate. Sincerely, mark edlen.

**Derek Smith:** I just want to thank you for the honor of serving on the commission. You know, I see the value that we all for years have created in the leadership position on sustainable development, and I think that there's a lot more work to do, but I really genuinely look forward to



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creating more value out staff asset that we've created through the commission. If there's ever a place that can figure out how to do it, it's here. So i'm pleased to be a part of it. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you very much. Is there a motion to accept?

**Leonard:** So moved.

**Saltzman:** Seconded.

**Potter:** Call the vote.

**Adams:** Thank you. Aye.

**Leonard:** Sustainability in Portland is not just the politically correct thing to do. It's an economic development tool particularly for Portland. We have, because of the great work that's happened in Portland over a number of years, gained honestly a national if not international reputation for sustainability, and it's my hope that those efforts don't just manifest themselves in us coming up with great ideas but we can actually bring industry, businesses that focus on those kinds of issues here in Portland, thus providing jobs, tax revenue, and all the things economic development does, and I think we're on the precipice of that happening on a number of different fronts in the sustainability field. I can't be a more exciting time to be involved, particularly at the level you will be, on those sustain that ability issues, and I look forward to working with you very close. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, I want to welcome derek and mark. We appreciate the talents and insights and breadth of experience you have on these matters, and I know you'll make the commission better, and we look forward to continuing to get your advice and recommendations and acting on those. Thank you. Aye.

**Sten:** Thanks for serving. Aye.

**Potter:** I think it's really an exciting time for our city in terms of sustain neighbor development, and the commission is going to play a very key role in that. I think both derek and mark are going to provide excellent service to our community. Thank you both. Aye. Please read item 942.

**Item 942.**

**Jeff Baer:** Good morning. I'm jeff baer with the bureau of purchases. Before you as a purchasing agent report requesting approval to execute an agreement with pacific contracting resources whose doing business as p.c.r., incorporated in the amount \$526,000 for the patton square park improvement project and to note a couple of different areas related to their contract. Of the total subcontract amount, they have awarded close to 50% in the amount of 47.8% awarded to w.b.e. Firm to do landscaping work and they will be self-performing the other divisions of work and related to that project. They have in full compliance with the equal benefit ordinance and also with the e.o. and business license d e.e.o. and business license. We also have a representative in case there are any project questions.

**Potter:** Questions from the commissioners? Is anyone signed up to testify in this matter?

**Moore:** I did not have a sign-up sheet.

**Potter:** Is there anyone here who wishes to testimony to this matter? It's a report. I need a motion to accept.

**Saltzman:** So moved.

**Leonard:** Seconded.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. Please read item 943.

**Item 943.**

**Matte Lampe:** Matt lampe, director of b.t.s. This is a master contract that rolls up a number of previous contracts we had with motorola. It basically sets by negotiating a master contract little bit better terms and conditions for the city in terms of things like acceptance testing, giving us some better leverage around equipment and software. The key most significant feature in it is our software subscription that underpins the 1800 megahertz public safety radio systems, all the

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software that manages the trunking system is maintained through this contract as are all our purchases of additional equipment both for the city and for the agencies that run with our system. We are now, I think, over 80 agencies who run not only the motorola equipment but run on our radio system, and this allows us the sort of spending authority limits to purchase that equipment on the life of the contract. It is five years with a five-year renewal option. It does not actually give us spending authority. Spending authority comes through the budget. Currently this year we have, I think, \$2.9 million in the budget associated with expenses on this contract. Any expenditure over that amount, we would be back in front of council for budget amendments. We don't anticipate any on the city's side, but any of our partners, if they decide to replace the significant amount of radio equipment, may come to us and ask and pay for that equipment. We would come back that council for a budget adjustment in that case. So it's basically contractual clean up for us.

**Potter:** Questions from the commissioners? Thank you, matt. There is anyone here to testify on this matter?

**Moore:** No one signed up.

**Potter:** There is anyone here who wishes to testify to this issue? Emergency vote. Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. Please read item 944.

**Item 944.**

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

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

**Potter:** Aye. Please read item 945.

**Item 945.**

**Potter:** Please come forward. Any other staff?

**Mike Reese:** Good morning, mayor and members of council. I'm mike reese, precinct commander at central precinct. This contract provides for the salaries of three of our officers to work in downtown Portland. They address the neighborhood liveability issues and work on order maintenance types of crimes in downtown. It continues a contract that we started with downtown clean and safe in 1997 and has been very successful. Our officers directly impact the positive perception of public safety in downtown. They work on bicycle patrol and are some of our most effective officers, and I would highly recommend that you continue this contract.

**Potter:** Questions from the commissioners? Thank you. Is there anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

**Moore:** We have one person signed up, dan handelman.

**Potter:** Please state your name for the record, and you have three minutes.

**Dan Handelman:** My name is dan handelman with Portland cop watch. Good morning. I have brought with me the ordinance that you passed last may which extended the contract created in 1997 that expired on june 30th of this year, and it was passed retroactively in may, 2006 to finish the contract from june 30, 2005 and extended it until this year. In other words, almost a full year past when the contract had actually expired. The original contract and this reminder says that this agreement would, by no terms, be extended beyond october 22 of 2007. So what we have is the city doing kind of retroactive business and, in this case, extending a contract for 10 years beyond a point when it said it would not be extended at all to provide basically police officers to a private entity, the Portland business alliance, which is paying their salaries and their overtime and their benefits. And I understand the value of public private partnerships that you like to describe, but -- and public private partnerships called tax money, and most people, when they pay tax money, they get the same services as everybody else. But it appears that the downtown business alliance gets to hire their own police officers. There have been articles about this in the Portland mercury and the street routes and the growing concerns about the flip side of this question, which is the lack of

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accountability for private police officers. But in this case, what we have is a private entity paying the salaries of these officers to do, I assume, what is something that's pleasing them or else they wouldn't continue to pay. So I think that considering this is another retroactive agreement that is backdating for a month, it would be better to have a longer conversation with the community about what it means for private money to be paying for our public police officers. And I hope that you take this seriously and allow for that dialogue to happen, especially because this is a 10-year contract, and there are more and more serious questions about privatizing public safety and all aspects of the public commons as it were. And I guess my final comment on this is that, when the sit/lie ordinance came to pass, we offered that if we wanted to raise \$350,000 could we buy our own ordinance and he guess the question is, if we raise enough money, can we buy our own police officers, too.

**Leonard:** I want to ask you a question. Because you said that this money provides police officers to a private entity. So i've inquired on this point, and it is my understanding that what -- that you've mischaracterized this, that in fact they augment those that are assigned to central precinct by the number of officers that this pays for and the individual officers that are being reimbursed to the city by the p.b.a. Four don't even know they're the ones working downtown because the p.b.a. is paying it. In other words, they just augment the existing force so that the actual reality is -- and as you know, i've supported some of your issues, so I hope you take note of my concern about how you're characterizing this. So that my understanding is that everybody downtown benefits without distinction, whether they're a member of the p.b.a., whether they just happen to be visiting downtown, because we've augmented the downtown force by the number of officers this pays for. Do you have a different understanding?

**Handelman:** I -- well, I guess because the contract is very broad in this language, it's very hard to understand, but it appears that they're talking about paying the salaries of specific officers, and it appears from even commander reese's presentation that he was talking about some specific officers who are carrying out this on bicycle patrol. So maybe somebody can address that, but I thought that this was about a certain number of officers and that those specific officers' particular job was to augment the work of the downtown clean and safe by coming to their aid and conducting the arrests and so forth when their ability as private security ended and they needed police officers to enforce the law.

**Leonard:** I got my information from bernie, and so maybe bernie and officer reese or commander reese --

**Potter:** Why don't I have commander reese come back.

**Leonard:** Bernie? No. I mean I asked you yesterday this very question, and that's why i'm representing what I am, so --

**Reese:** Commander reese, I think, since he's the commander, understands the relationship. Please explain it.

**Reese:** The officers that are assigned to work with p.p.i. Under this contract work directly for me. They are accountable to the Portland police bureau and to the citizens of Portland. They follow our rules and procedures, and I direct their work. We do liaison with the downtown clean and safe officers, and the officers are out riding bicycles carrying one of their radios as well as ours so that if one of the downtown clean and safe officers comes upon a crime in progress or a situation where they need an officer, they have faster access because these officers or on bicycle working in that down town geographic area.

**Leonard:** I need for you to address the issues specifically that i've raised.

**Reese:** In regards to assignment?

**Leonard:** Mm-hmm.

**Reese:** We have three officers that are dedicated to that detail. It can rotate and has in the past among different officers, but generally we like to keep the same group of officers because they

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know the business owners. They know the people downtown. They know the social service providers.

**Leonard:** I mean, what i'm interested in is do these three officers narrow what they would otherwise enforce because they are working as a result of this contract or do they do the same kinds of arrests, patrol, citations without regard to whether or not it's a p.b.a.-affected property or not?

**Reese:** They do. And they work in a specific agree graphic -- geographic area, which is the downtown core area.

**Leonard:** What is that geographic area?

**Reese:** It's basically inside the 405 loop and the willamette river.

**Leonard:** And the marquam bridge and to the north what?

**Reese:** I think it's burnside. It might be a little bit on the other side of burnside into old town. It goes up to, I think, davis or --

**Leonard:** So is it the marquam bridge to davis?

**Reese:** Yes.

**Leonard:** Ok. So they work in that area. And just so i'm clear, they -- they're distinguished they carry an extra radio that allows them to communicate with the private security folks.

**Reese:** And I direct them to work on neighborhood liveability issues. They do not take radio calls for service.

**Leonard:** What's that mean, a liveability issue?

**Reese:** Open containers of alcohol, offensive littering, aggressive behavior by people. They often come in contact with mentally ill people so work closely with "project respond" and cascadia.

**Leonard:** If a complaint comes from a business owner that is a non p.b.a. Owner, they don't care and would not know?

**Reese:** They would not know.

**Leonard:** If they witnessed any -- I guess, I mean, you hear what the issue is here that there's some sense that maybe they are just doing the work for the p.b.a., and i'm trying to determine whether that's accurate or not.

**Reese:** They work for me and the Portland police bureau and the citizens of Portland. And if they come upon a crime in progress, they deal with it like any other police officer.

**Leonard:** Their sergeant, is he a sergeant that oversees a number of other officers as well?

**Reese:** They work for sergeant fender, who is our special events sergeant, and he is assigned to day shift at central precinct.

**Leonard:** And so are there other officers besides these p.b.a. Officers, that report to the sergeant?

**Reese:** No. Because of his duties, those are the only officers that he has assigned to him, but he coordinates all of our demonstrations and protests in downtown Portland. He liaisons with any of the special events like the rose festival or cinco de mayo.

**Leonard:** Bernie, yesterday when we talked, I mean, it's clear this is different than what I was hearing. I mean, I asked you how you audited this. I asked you how do you keep check on it, and you said you don't. Did you understand that this --

**Bernie Bottomly:** Well, I think I was trying to answer a slightly different question which was two questions. One was how are they paid? That was the issue --

**Leonard:** The question to me was how do you know that you have three extra officers and how do you know that they didn't hire them and then increase the amount on duty? And clearly the better answer would have been, well, because they're specifically designated, and you didn't tell me that.

**Bottomly:** That's something that I wasn't aware of.

**Leonard:** You were not aware of that. Ok. You're pretty new to the p.b.a.

**Bottomly:** Yeah.

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**Potter:** On any particular shift, every officer is assigned a specific duty and geographical area, and whether it's general patrol in southwest or in downtown, they actually have very specific duties. This particular detail, because its paid for out of the l.i.d., works within the boundaries of the l.i.d.

**Leonard:** Ok.

**Potter:** And in terms of what they do, they will -- although they don't answer to radio calls, they will enforce any law in the city on any property or public area.

**Leonard:** Which I would expect that the bigger point is they don't do extra things because they work for the p.b.a. specifically for the p.b.a. They just generally are there to handle the kinds of issues you described, the liveability issues and --

**Reese:** Absolutely.

**Leonard:** Ok. Does that sound different to you than what you thought, dan?

**Handelman:** Well, it doesn't address the question of how much of their time is taken up by the private security guards that other officers aren't taking those calls, so the point is that businesses who aren't part of the p.b. Can't or who didn't direct those private security guards, what they think of liveability issues --

**Leonard:** So what's an example of one of those issues where they would respond? The private security guard would say, we need police assistance on what kind of a thing?

**Reese:** I think the open container of alcohol is a very typical call in downtown Portland where you'll have a security officer outside a building who might come across someone who is drinking alcohol or intoxicated, and at that point they would call one of our officers. They would either use the radio that they have, if they have access that our downtown clean and safe officers or they're going to call the nonemergency line, and this just facilitates that communication. It gets our officers there faster. They deal with the problem, and then they're on to something else. And to take care of that, they may be calling hooper and having that person taken care of there. It may be a citation or some other type of situation.

**Leonard:** All right. Thank you very much.

**Potter:** We have similar agreements with tri-met, housing authority of Portland, the lloyd district. It's people who have special needs that also are willing to help pay the city to deal with those special needs.

**Leonard:** Great. Thank you. I probably should have called you as well. After I talked to bernie, I felt comfortable that it was just augmenting the force. I'll do that next time. Thanks.

**Reese:** Thank you.

**Potter:** This is emergency vote. Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. Please read item 946.

**Item 946.**

**Potter:** Staff?

**Stephanie Harper:** Good morning. I'm stephanie harper with the city attorney's office. This ordinance would authorize a settlement with greg schulz that would resolve all of his disability as well as employment claims against the city of Portland. If you have any questions, i'm happy to take them.

**Adams:** I ask the same question every time just so that it's very clear to those that might be listening that you're recommending the settlement because you believe it will be cheaper for the taxpayers to do the settlement than to pursuing legal options?

**Harper:** That's correct.

**Potter:** And the saving is significant in this particular issue?

**Harper:** That's correct.

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**Potter:** This is fpd&r, paid out of fpd&r funds. It's in regards that a police officer off on disability. It's part of our return to work program. But he had already taken vocational training and been trained elsewhere in another state and we're basically buying out his pension rights.

**Harper:** Buying out -- the disability. Not the pension.

**Potter:** The disability.

**Harper:** Correct. And with the fpd&r reforms last fall that provided for a charter chain that gave the admin stray of the fpd&r authority upon approval of city council to actually recommend settlement on disability claims, and so this is in accordance with that authority.

**Potter:** Further questions? It's emergency vote. Please call the vote.

**Moore:** I did not have a sign-up sheet.

**Potter:** Is there anybody here who wishes to testify to this matter? Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. Please read item 947.

**Item 947.**

**Saltzman:** This is a rather routine item, but it's important to the work of our parks bureau. Sometimes in order to make repairs or improvements on parks property, staff need to utilize adjacent private property. This requires a per fit or easement from the adjacent property owner, and currently that can only be gained through council action. This change would allow these easements to be gained without having to go through council, although they will be reviewed by the city attorney prior to their execution by the director of parks.

**Potter:** Is anybody signed up to testify on this matter?

**Moore:** I did not have a sign-up sheet.

**Potter:** Any further council discussion? Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. Plead read item 948. Excuse me. It's a second reading.

**Item 948.**

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. Please read 949.

**Item 949.**

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

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

**Potter:** Aye. Please read item 950.

**Item 950.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. Plead read item 951.

**Item 951.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Call the vote.

**Adams:** Good job, erik. Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Good job, erik. Yes. We're adjourned until next week. > [meeting adjourned.]

**Leonard:** Thank you.

At 11:31 a.m., Council adjourned.

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