



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

OFFICIAL  
 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Adams left at 12:28 p.m.

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

Linda Meng, City Attorney, replaced Pete Kasting at 11:10 a.m.

Item 1141 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>
<p><b>1131</b> Request of Hector Lara Cervantes to address Council regarding unauthorized state and federal research demonstrations and experiments (Communication)</p>	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<p><b>1132</b> Request of Walter Valenta to address Council regarding update on the plan to cut trees on Bridgeton Rd and subsequent restraining order (Communication)</p>	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIME CERTAINS</b>	
<p><b>1133 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Authorize License Agreement with the Japanese Garden Society of Oregon to operate and manage the Japanese Garden in Washington Park (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Saltzman)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO          SECOND READING          OCTOBER 3, 2007          AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1134 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM</b> – Accept the Children’s Bill of Rights City of Portland youth engagement inventory (Report introduced by Mayor Potter) (Y-4)</p>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
<p><b>1135 TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM</b> – Update the Mt. Tabor Master Plan (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Saltzman) (Y-4)</p>	<b>36539</b>

<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Tom Potter</b></p> <p><b>Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</b></p>	
<p><b>*1136</b> Authorize acquisition of 10 replacement 2-yard dump trucks (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181292</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance – Revenue Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>*1137</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for fiscal and staffing analysis of the Revenue Bureau Business License Fee/ Multnomah County Business Income Tax (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181293</b></p>
<p><b>Police Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>*1138</b> Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon and the City of Gresham to increase the number of officers assigned to the TriMet Transit Police managed by Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 52544) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181294</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>1139</b> Accept completion of Tanner Phase 4B Upper Burnside Sewer Separation and authorize final payment to Tri-State Construction, Inc. Project No. 7625 (Report; Contract No. 36531) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>*1140</b> Accept sub-recipient grant award from the Johnson Creek Watershed Council in the amount of \$560,250 for East Powell Butte Floodplain Restoration at Alsop-Brownwood (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181295</b></p>
<p><b>*1141</b> Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute an easement with the Union Pacific Railroad for construction of tunnel as part of the East Side Combined Sewer Overflow Tunnel Project No. 7594 (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b></p>
<p><b>1142</b> Authorize grant application for Stephens Creek Confluence Habitat Enhancement Project to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association Community Based Restoration Project grant program (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 3, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

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<p><b>1143</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Portland for cost sharing of joint National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater permit compliance activities (Second Reading Agenda 1115)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181296</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p>	
<p><b>Office of Sustainable Development</b></p>	
<p><b>*1144</b> Adopt a Waste Reduction Program and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to receive Metro Waste Reduction Challenge Funds in the amount of \$250,280 in FY 07-08 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181297</b></p>
<p><b>1145</b> Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for \$220,000 from Metro to help fund the BlueWorks program that provides businesses with free recycling, waste prevention and sustainable purchasing assistance throughout Portland (Second Reading Agenda 1117)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181298</b></p>
<p><b>1146</b> Authorize a three-year Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University in the amount of \$88,020 to implement Portland Public Event Recycling Program (Second Reading Agenda 1118)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181299</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Erik Sten</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Housing and Community Development</b></p>	
<p><b>*1147</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries for \$20,000 for the Civil Rights Enforcement Services Program and provide for payment (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181300</b></p>
<p><b>*1148</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for cooperation of units of local government to prepare and update the Consolidated Plan to meet affordable housing goals and to receive payment (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181301</b></p>
<p><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Tom Potter</b></p> <p><b>Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</b></p>	

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<p><b>*1149</b> Authorize charitable organizations eligible to participate in the City 2008 Combined Charitable Campaign (Previous Agenda 1068) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181302</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Purchases</b></p>	
<p><b>1150</b> Accept bid of Dunn Construction for the Sellwood Reliever Sewer project for \$2,787,538 (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 107775) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</b></p>
<p><b>1151</b> Accept bid of Carter &amp; Company Inc. for the SE Foster Road Bridge at SE Barbara Welch Road project for \$1,787,511 (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 107840) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</b></p>
<p><b>1152</b> Adopt findings, authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding process to the Bureau of Purchases pursuant to ORS 279 and City Code 5.34 and provide payment for construction of the Council Crest Park Tower Replacement Design-Build Project (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 3, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Revenue Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>1153</b> Amend Secondhand Dealer regulations (Second Reading Agenda 1111; amend Code Chapter 14B.90) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181303</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Technology Services</b></p>	
<p><b>*1154</b> Authorize a five-year Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Community College for a lease of space to erect, maintain and operate a communication building and tower Antenna Facility with an option of a five-year renewal (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181304</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Office of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>1155</b> Vacate SE Kelton Street west of SE 28th Avenue subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10040)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 3, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*1156</b> Amend contract with Alta Planning + Design for expansion, continued development, and implementation of the Safer Routes to School national model pilot program (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 35788)</p>	<p align="center"><b>CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 3, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*1157</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit and Trail Alternatives Analysis Project to extend deadline and increase budget (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 52733) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>181305</b></p>

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<p><b>*1158</b> Authorize contract with Axiom Decision Systems, Inc. to collect pavement distress data, develop quality control/quality assurance procedures, and train City staff on new data collection methods (Ordinance)  (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>181306</b></p>
<p><b>1159</b> Adopt the Update of Transportation System Development Charge rate study, establish an update fee schedule effective January 1, 2008 (Previous Agenda 1084; amend Code Chapter 17.15)  <b>Motion to accept amendments on pages 3 and 4 of the September 20, 2007 memo to implement the noncentral City Transit Oriented Development discount focused on high frequency transit routes and light rail stations for five years:</b> Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard. (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED OCTOBER 3, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p> <p><b>Parks and Recreation</b></p> <p><b>1160</b> Accept grant from the State Marine Board in the amount of \$330,500 for repairing the existing tie-up facilities at River Place (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 3, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

At 12:35 p.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER  
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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

**DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA**

**THERE WAS NO MEETING**

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**SEPTEMBER 26, 2007      9:30 AM**

**Potter:** Council will come to order. Please call the roll.

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

**Item 1131.**

**Moore:** He has requested to come october 10th.

**Potter:** Ok. Please read the next.

**Item 1132.**

**Potter:** Good morning, folks. When you speak, you have three minutes. Please state your name for the record.

**Walter Valenta:** Hi. Walter valenta. We live on bridgeton road, and we're giving you an update on what's going on on the trees. We gave you a packet. On the front is a color photo. Every one of those trees in that photo were scheduled to be cut down. The neighborhood -- this has been across your desk for a while, but the neighborhood managed to have a county judge stay that cutting. The stay was upheld yesterday. It's going to a hearing on friday to see if there's merits in having this be looked at more. At first, people thought there was no jurisdiction with the city or with different people on this, this it was a federal matter and that they didn't need to have any permits and didn't need to do anything. We're finding out actually there is some jurisdiction. I think commissioner Saltzman has been working with the tree people in the forestry to actually realize they need to get permits. They need to have mitigation. This has been something that we have been kind of the david and goliath fighting this. We're gaining headway. And here i'm just trying to let you know how well we're doing, but also the city does have jurisdiction here, and this is something that we can all weigh in on. Wyden's office, blumenauer's office, tina kotek's office. If we could do this like sacramento did where they really pulled this together and had a discussion on the trees of the levee rather than this rush to cut trees down, which has been happening. We're here to say, please help us. We've taken this as far as we feel like -- we're going to keep fighting this, but I wanted you to know the neighborhood is at, because the neighbor understands some trees may have to come down. We just think that we should have a written plan, that there should be an engineered plan, a mitigation plan in place. And none of those things have happened. There's been very little notice, nothing presented in writing, no engineering studies, and the mitigation plan is "trust us. We'll work it out next year after we've cut down all the trees." and we need something better than that, and we need to support this levee in a way that, at the end of the day, we don't -- the science is unclear whether this is even a necessary thing or whether cutting down the trees may actually harm the levee. This is a lot of unknowns. We'd like to have your help with these other agencies' help to just hold the drainage district accountable and then cut the trees after we had a good written plan. So we're here to just encourage you to stand with us.

**Adams:** What kind of response have you gotten to your request for a plan and from whom?

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**Valenta:** What's happening is we get a lot of verbal discussions and nothing in writing, and everyone who talks gets a slightly different version from let's have a really collaborative process to a one-day notice that 111 trees are being cut down and the chain saws are firing up. So it's just uneven. Sometimes the words are just right, but we've seen nothing in writing.

**Saltzman:** I would add that myself and county commissioner cogan had sent a letter to the corps of engineers, which was followed thereafter by a senator from senator wyden and congressman blumenauer asking to slow things down to, look at the sacramento experience this more detail and then also, in the interim, dave callister, our city forester, who is here if the council wants to hear from him, he has suspended or revoked permits for a number of those trees -- tree-cutting permits for a number of those trees. I will say the letter we got back from the corps was -- I mean, seemed to point out that the sacramento experience was very different. It was a long letter, didn't say much. But I think we're working pretty well together, the urban forestry, the neighbors. There is a b.d.s. angle in here, too, as I recall.

**Valenta:** I think it's even the trees that have been cut down -- it's going to be important for us to hold them accountable. The trees that have already been cut -- there's about 10 -- and the roots go under marine drive. When those roots rot out, they are going to weaken that levee significantly, and currently there is no plan that the district or the corps has to remove those roots, and it's frankly going to be a lot bigger job than they have even imagined to do that.

**Leonard:** I would point out on a related subject that's not directly related to this that i'm very familiar with the drainage district. They're great people. They do great work. But this is the kind of thing that can happen when we have separate governmental entities within the city of Portland performing tasks that other city bureaus do, specifically he if b.e.s. did have control of that, we do have a system that would have avoided even those initial trees being taken down, because the drainage district is an entity unto itself. When we annexed that area into the city, they didn't get merged into b.e.s. as fire has and police has and other governmental entities have, and it's been an oddity to me, although I just want to repeat i've raise the subject in the legislature and actually proposed to do that once, and the backlash from the folks in the drainage district was swift and severe. I agree they do a great job, but I think this is an example of the kind of thing I feared could happen and probably will happen in the future because of a lack of accountability to our government.

**Tom Kelley:** Commissioners, as you probably know, the drainage district board is elected by landowners, not by a vote of the public.

**Leonard:** Right. I am aware of that.

**Valenta:** And we've had a wonderful relationship with the drainage district in the bridgeton neighborhood for years and years. This is the first time we've been at odds. We agree they've been exemplary until this thing.

**Leonard:** But in their defense, they're doing what the feds told them to do, and my bigger point is, if the feds told us to do something, we have a process we do before we go out and start cutting trees. Somewhere in that process, somebody would have went, hold on here. We have a federal lobbyist that works for us. I mean, we are in touch with the system. And i'm not at all suggesting that they maliciously went out and did that, but their chain of command goes up to these elected property owners, and that's where it stops. Ours is completely different. I just think we would have avoided this whole thing, at least the trees being cut. Maybe ultimately we wouldn't have won, but we have a whole system we use here to communicate with the feds about this that's very sophisticated that the drainage system does not have.

**Valenta:** We want to collaborate. We're willing to work soon. We're willing to middle east the deadlines. We're willing to have a safe levee. We're willing to do whatever, but we need to have an open place at this table with a transparent process that somehow doesn't feel that way. We're really



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with what the forester is doing. Whatever involvement you want to have, we're here to be part of that, and we really want your help.

**Potter:** Do you have a copy of the corps' letter that responded to commissioner Saltzman?

**Valenta:** I think some people behind me may have that. And actually we'd like the forester to meet dr. Gray, who is probably an expert on levee landscaping who's flown in to help us here. Legally, they probably have all those letters. I don't personally have it in my file.

**Kelley:** If not, we can get you a copy.

**Saltzman:** I can provide copies.

**Leonard:** Thank you.

**Potter:** Thanks, folks. Moving on to the consent agenda, do any of the commissioners wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Any member of this audience wish to pull any item from the consent agenda?

**Moore-Love:** Mayor, we had a request for 1141. That's commissioner Adams. 1141. They requested that be pulled.

**Adams:** All right.

**Moore-Love:** Referred back to your office.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Potter:** Hearing no objection, please call the vote.

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

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

**Item 1133.**

**Saltzman:** It's a pleasure to bring this item before council. This arrangement between the Japanese garden society of Oregon and the city of Portland stands as an outstanding model of how public and private entities can work together for the greater benefit of the city as a whole. The Portland Japanese garden is a show piece in our parks system. In 2007 alone, we anticipate more than 181,000 individuals will visit the garden. Visitors from all over the country and beyond our borders. Additionally, the Japanese garden is viewed as an important local asset, providing essential urban green space just minutes from downtown. The garden demonstrates our city's commitment and value to honoring and representing a diversity of cultures and experiences within our parks. For almost 45 years, the Japanese garden society of Oregon has expertly managed this haven of tranquillity and beauty for the benefit of all of us. As an organization, they have managed a garden that has an estimated economic impact of \$7.5 million a year. They oversee 25 permanent and 10 seasonal employees and cultivate the support of 4800 members who annually contribute to the maintenance of this internationally recognized cultural icon. As we move forward with the renewing this agreement, I'd like to acknowledge the executive director, Steven Bloom, and the entire board of directors and board chair, who's here today, John Hall. I want to commend you and our staff for taking such outstanding care of this important public asset. So thank you, and I'll turn it now over to Robin Grimwade.

**Robin Grimwade, Portland Parks & Recreation:** We're here today to seek your approval for a license agreement that will authorize the continuation of the Japanese gardens management by the Japanese garden society. With me today is John Hall, chairman of the Japanese garden society, and Steve Bloom, the executive director, and I'd like to hand over to those two gentlemen for some brief comments.

**Steve Bloom:** Good morning. Thank you very much for your kind words. We are excited about this lease and about this agreement and about our continuing relationship with the city. We really feel that the Japanese garden is such a critical part of the community here in Portland, and beyond Portland it also speaks to international repute. I mean, we are considered to be the finest Japanese garden in the world outside of Japan. And I recently actually just last week came back from Japan for the international Japanese garden conference, and we are known -- it was actually quite fun. I'm

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new to this job within the last couple of years, and everybody wanted to know me, because I was with the Portland Japanese Garden, which is really an exciting thing. It's internationally known, nationally known. We were just selected one of 12 gardens in the entire United States to participate in a national exhibit in Washington, D.C., as part of the U.S. Botanic Gardens exhibit, and we built a Japanese garden on the steps of the U.S. Capitol building, which has been up since May, being taken down next week. Over half a million people actually saw that exhibit. And more than 30 million people read about that exhibit in articles that were done in the "New York Times," "Washington Post," and so on. So we are a great resource, I think, for the city of Portland. We make this a livable city, but we also reach beyond the city of Portland as well. We have been working also, as you may know, with our partners in Washington Park in terms of addressing opportunities for collaboration and addressing issues that no individual organization can really handle on their own, issues that pertain to the park. On October 25th, all of you have been invited to attend a breakfast in which all the nonprofits within Washington Park want to have a discussion, a dialogue with you, about some of those opportunities for collaboration and about some of the challenges moving forward that we face. So we'll look forward to seeing you hopefully on October 25th at that breakfast. The board of directors of the Japanese Gardens of Oregon have ratified this agreement at their last board meeting, and it was done so without objection. And so we look forward to a continued relationship and collaboration moving forward. So thank you.

**John Hall:** I'm John Hall. You have a busy agenda today, and I think that Steve has spoken very well for us already, so unless you have questions for me, I won't add anything else. Thank you.

**Bloom:** If I can just also add one thing, I do want to thank everyone. Commissioner Saltzman for his support with the Parks Bureau, Jerry Fenter, Robin Grimwade, Bob Downing and Bob Stilson who serve on committees and work with us on a regular basis at the garden and Elaine Nunn who worked with us on this agreement but also Dean Alterman who helped on this side. It's an incredible relationship we have right now and have had for years with the city, and we really appreciate, without those key individuals, that relationship wouldn't exist the way it does. So thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you. Questions? Well, I'm just very impressed with the gardens. We take our friends from out of town there, and Council has actually held several meetings there for budgets and other things, so we enjoy it up there as well. The fact that we have such a high stature I think attests to the fact that you folks have been good guardians of that particular piece of property and have turned it into something that's world class, and I want to thank you for that.

**Hall:** Thank you, Mayor.

**Adams:** Thank you very much.

**Potter:** Thanks, folks. It's a non-emergency and moves to a second reading. Oops. Let's go ahead and move to the regular agenda, because we have to wait till at least 10:00 before hearing the 10:00 a.m. Time certain. Commissioner Adams?

**Moore-Love:** 1149?

**Adams:** Are the right people here for 1149?

**Moore-Love:** They may not be here till after the 10:30. Do 1149, the first item on the regular agenda?

**Item 1149.**

**Potter:** Ok. Let's go to the first. Sam? They're probably not here either. I think all of you, though, this is in regards to the issue that was raised last time about notifying -- providing people the information.

**Saltzman:** My concern last time was about employees not getting a receipt letter from the organizations they contribute to through payroll at the end of the year for tax deduction purposes. I've had correspondence with Andrew Scott and Tom Feeley, and they have changed that now. They're going to make sure that each organization sends a letter to each employee who does

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contribute with the amount that they gave. So that's probably the news that tom feeley was going to bring mere today.

**Leonard:** There's tom right there.

**Potter:** Tom, please.

**Tom Feeley, Office of Management and Finance:** Good morning. I'm tom feeley, office management finance. Sorry i'm late. I was upstairs in the meeting. They weren't watching their tv.

The ordinance before you authorizes the charitable campaign for this year. As you recall, I believe it was up three weeks ago, and commissioner Saltzman had some questions about whether or not the charities in total issued receipts. We have contacted each and every one of the federations, and they have agreed to provide written receipts this year. In fact apparently the i.r.s. regulations have tightened, according to them, so they were kind of ahead of us on that. So, anyway, I think it's fine, and we'll make sure that it's in our language with them and our agreement, and we'll make it very clear on the employee pledge form that employees will be getting written receipts. Some of the charities in the past apparently have had some sort of benchmark for receipts. Like, some of them didn't issue it for under, like, \$200. But I think we've taken care of that.

**Leonard:** Maybe if dan gave more money, he would have got a receipt?

**Feeley:** Pardon?

**Feeley:** Actually, who is very generous.

**Adams:** Good save, tom. Good save.

\*\*\*\*\*: It's true.

**Potter:** Further questions?

**Adams:** Please move on.

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

**Potter:** Anybody signed up to testify on this matter?

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

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Thanks for following up on that.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** I appreciate getting this nailed down once and for once and for all. Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. Please read the next item.

**Adams:** I don't think jeff is here yet. Can we just do 1153?

**Item 1153.**

**Potter:** 1153. Second reading. Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye.

**Leonard:** After last week's what I considered to be a really interesting exchange on this issue, I was invited to go out to east precinct and spend some time with the officers in the unit out there and the commander, and I was very impressed with the work that they're doing in developing a system to track stolen materials in secondhand stores and the new computer system they're working to get that will allow instant entrance of items purchased at a secondhand store that will be flagged immediately by the police who will have terminals to be able to instantly tell if that material raises any flags. So I really appreciate, mayor Potter, your direction of this, the work and the responsiveness I got from the police bureau on some of the concerns that I raised last time. I think they're just doing a great job on this effort and totally support their work in the future requests for funding to implement the computer system, that they'll need to finish this job. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Potter:** I, too, wanted to thank the police bureau and officer king. They're doing a good job of reorganizing and getting down to business. And I also appreciate the involvement of the secondhand stores and the pawnshops in terms of their willingness to work with the city, and I see it as a pretty good collaborative effort but one that will provide a strict oversight. So I vote aye.

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**Adams:** Can we do 54?

**Potter:** Let's see.

**Moore-Love:** Someone is here for 1150 and 1151. Can we do 1150 and 1151?

**Potter:** Let's do 1150.

**Item 1150.**

**Christine Moody, Bureau of Purchases:** Good morning, mayor Potter and members of city council. Christine moody with the bureau of purchasing. Before you is a purchasing agent report recommending an award on bid number 107775 for the sellwood reliever sewer project for the bureau of environmental services. We've done construction in the amount of 2 million \$787,538. B.e.s., along with purchases, identified six divisions of work for potential mwsb participation. Participation for this project represents 76.2% of the identified subcontracting dollars. And that's all I had. I'll turn it back over to you for any questions.

**Potter:** I think we're all very pleased to see the amount going to the mwesb folks. Thank you.

**Adams:** Move to accept.

**Saltzman:** Seconded.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. Please read item 1151.

**Item 1151.**

**Christine Moody, Bureau of Purchases:** Good morning. Christine moody, bureau of purchasing. And before you is a purchasing agent report recommending an award on bid number 107840 for the foster road bridge at southeast barbara welch road, project for the transportation, engineering, and development to carter and company in the amount of \$1,787,510 and 73 cents. Pdot, along with purchases, identified 16 divisions of work for mwsb participation and participation for this project represents 90% of the identified subcontracting dollars. I'll turn it back over to you for any questions.

**Leonard:** I just had one. We discussed this some years back, this particular intersection. Does this project including installing the traffic signal at that intersection of barbara welch road and foster or is it just the bridge? It actually mentions in here electrical work in the order, and i'm wondering if that includes the --

**Adams:** Notify idea.

**Leonard:** I'm just curious.

**Moody:** Our project manager isn't in attendance today.

**Leonard:** It does say traffic sign installation removal, so --

**Moody:** Would you like somebody to get back to you on that?

**Leonard:** That would be great. That's a dangerous intersection. I've been kind of following that, so thanks.

**Adams:** Move approval.

**Leonard:** Seconded.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye.

**Item 1134.**

**Potter:** Please read the 10:00 a.m. Time certain. Will you program aides come forward and other folks. When we passed last year in august the children's bill of rights, there were a number of things we wanted to do to help implement it, and one of them was to assess all the city programs that are involved with young people, and I think these folks have done a great job of compiling a report of the available programs as well as some recommendations for -- to fill in some of the gaps and also some next steps. So whoever wants to start, please state your name for the record.

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**Jack McNichol:** Hi. I'm jack mcnichol. I'm 17 years old, and i'm a senior at grant high school. I am the co-chair of the Multnomah youth commission.

**Lisa Frankel:** My name is lisa frankel. I'm a youth program aide working in the mayor's office, and i'm a junior at lincoln high school.

**Ernesto "E" Dominguez:** My name is e. Dominguez. I'm the other youth programmer and have graduated from parkrose and now work on the bill of rights for youth planning.

**McNichol:** For the purpose of this report, we'd like to define youth as anyone under the age of 24 who is currently living, working or attending school in the city of Portland.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** All right. So the need for youth engagement is pretty clear. It can be seen that more than a fifth of Portland's population is youth. However, only a fourth of them feel truly civically engaged in their communities and nine out of 10 of them said they would be more involved if they had a chance. So one of the brig themes in our -- big themes in our report is that youth want to be engaged but aren't being given opportunities. One of our big purposes in the report is to identify ways to get them more engaged. This report revolves around the children's bill of rights, which was started back in may of 2005. It was started with a kickoff event cohosted by mayor Potter and then commissioner lynn. About 100 youth attended, and they talked about what they thought were the most essential rights for young people in their communities. After that, a core group of youth edited, revised, and came up with an additional document taken to the bill of rights convention in june, 2006. There over 500 youth edited the document. Over the summer, it was revised. In august, 2006, the city council adopted it. In may of 2007, the county commissioned it. Just last week, the city and county jointly adopted an intergovernmental agreement that identified -- intergovernmental agreement.

**Frankel:** So now we'd like to call up a few youth commissioners who are going to read sections of our bill of rights, children and youth.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** the first article is voice. We, the children and the youth of Portland and Multnomah county, are entitled that a voice and opinion in decisions that will impact our lives.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Article 2, education. We, the children and youth of Portland and Multnomah county, are entitled to a quality public education that will help us succeed in the future, beginning in preschool and continuing through high school and beyond.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Article 3, health. We, the children and the youth of Portland and Multnomah county, have the right to physical, mental, and spiritual wellness. Article 4, general well-being. We, the children and youth of Portland and Multnomah county, have the right to be provided with the tools that will lead to a healthy and productive life.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Article 5, family, home, and community. We, the children and youth of Portland and Multnomah county, have the right to loving care and a healthy environment at home. Other homes, families, and communities provide the basis for our development.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Article 6, recreation. We, the children and the youth of Multnomah county, deserve an access to a safe and clean recreational area.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Thank you. So now we're going to go through how all of this work came together, because as you have seen there are a number of partners that were essential to making this process happen. So it all started off with a partnership between the city of Portland, the Multnomah youth commission, and Multnomah county, and those bodies came together to create the document called our bill of rights, children and youth. From that document and the resolution adopting it as well as initiatives came a number of programs at the city of Portland, including the youth planner program. That's what e. And I are part of. Our job is to engage youth in the Portland plan. We are also charged with doing this inventory of all these programs and services and, in addition, we support the action teams which are composed of city employees, county employees, community representatives, and youth commissioners whose job ties create the implementation plan for our bill of rights, children and youth. And, in addition, since our bill of rights, children and youth, was

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adopted by the Multnomah county board of commissioners, it influences their six-year community plan. And all of this is leading to positive youth development.

**McNichol:** Now we get to the purpose of this report. The reason we're here is because you asked us to make this report last August when you adopted the resolution that endorsed the bill of rights. You asked us to create a report of what goes on currently in the youth engagement.

**Dominguez:** We're talking about the process or what kind of method we'd use for this. We first went to Portland online and reserved any research that mentioned youth or offered services to youth or provided a program, even if it was a one-time thing, also volunteer opportunities and other youth engagement. And then we scheduled meetings with people from every bureau and talked about what the bureau was actually doing, making sure that, if there was something not listed on the web site or if the information wasn't correct or outdated or wrong, that we could edit that and make sure that information was correct and make sure we got as much information into this report as we could.

From there, we were looking for existing programs, programs the bureaus have wanted to do but haven't had the resources to create, what challenges the bureaus were facing when they were trying to create these things. Then we collectively identified challenges working with the bureaus and the youth program aides and looked for their recommendations on how the different bureaus can engage youth better. We came back to the bureau, then checked out the information we compiled from that, and all the recommendations we had created were confirmed to be accurate and complete.

We wanted to make sure we had the buy-in of the bureaus. As a result, in the report, we created six kind of key areas. The benefits to engaging youth, the challenges to engaging youth, three key recommendations that we kind of saw that would help to make the rest of the recommendations true. Three long-term recommendations. Current programs. And then bureau-specific recommendations, making sure that every bureau has things they can do themselves to engage youth further. The three things we were talking about in this presentation are the benefits, the challenges, and then our recommendations. The rest of that is listed in the report that was given to you. So the first benefit that we came up with from this report was needing technology, because youth are growing up in a generation that technology is really a right that you're given. You grow up with a cellphone in your hand. You come out of your mom's womb, they give you a computer, and you start going from there. Because youth has been raised with this technology since birth, they're text savvy. They know how to use everything, and they're really helpful in creating tools for web sites and things like that. If you're trying to engage youth, talking to the population that you're trying to engage is really effective, and they know what they want or what appeals to them. They're really great at being front people at answering phones and being receptionists and doing that kind of work.

**Frankel:** And I just want to add these benefits are directly from the result of our interviews with people from different bureaus. These are things that we saw consistently throughout our interviews that this is what the city employees thought were the key benefits. So then, moving on, the next benefit is new perspectives. We heard time and time again that bureaus were able to solve problems and look at issues in a new way when they had youth at the table, because age is really a key component of culture. And really a young person shapes your view of the world in a much different way than an adult.

**Dominguez:** Third benefit that we saw is a possibility for careers, which really is a benefit for both the youth and the people engaging in this and also the city. A lot of people, because of baby boomer generation of retiring and we need people to fill jobs that are available now, if we aren't engaging youth early and often, they're not going to be interested in those jobs later in their career. We need to make sure before they're in high school, even in high school, they know about these opportunities, that when they go into college and beyond, they know what kind of skills and where to focus their education so they can get the jobs.

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**Frankel:** The fourth benefit we identified was really the outreach, and we heard that many bureaus really want to do outreach to youth but don't know how. So those bureaus that engage youth in doing peer-to-peer outreach found it to be very successful partially because of the media and technology. You can create new materials to reach out there their peers -- reach out to their peers.

**Dominguez:** The last benefit, which I feel is one of the greatest ones, is the fact that youth exceed the expectations set out for them. Youth learn quickly, work effectively, and produce higher results than adults think they can. Youth are passionate, dedicate the, and really want to make a change. It's really about giving the youth the ability to make that change and really give them a chance to give their input. And it'll make a really big difference.

**Frankel:** So the main challenges to youth engagement the were identified the same way as the benefits, by looking at everything we heard from the city employees. The first one that came ups with resources. It takes extra money, extra time, and extra work to support youth in meaningful roles. So resources include challenges, include funding for programs, funding for outreach, all of that.

**Dominguez:** The second challenge that we came up with the bureaus was training and support. A lot of people, both young and adult, didn't know how to work with each other. The youth didn't know how to work with adults. Maybe they'd never had a first job, and so they didn't know how things worked. And adults didn't know how to work with youth and maybe felt they had to be parents instead of supports or even just a coworker. And many adults didn't have the experience working with youth as a partner and not just a supervisor, so they needed to learn those skills for positive youth development. And likewise the youth had to learn the skills of how to work with adults and let them know what they need.

**Frankel:** So our third challenge is outreach -- you may remember this was a benefit as well -- because adult employees had a lot of challenge doing outreach to youth when they didn't have youth involved in the outreach because either they weren't experienced, they didn't know how to reach youth or maybe they didn't have the time to go into classrooms. So this was one of the main challenges we saw.

**Dominguez:** So from these benefits and challenges, we came up with recommendations that would kind of help address some of those challenges and make it easier for the bureaus to engage youth. The first one we came up we're calling youth champion awards. This award would be given to champions in the different bureaus working for the city that have really led youth engagement and have gone far, far beyond what was expected of them or even what they're paid for and volunteered their time to make sure that youth are engaged positively in these ways. This can be in mentoring or in partnering with youth or just giving youth a voice or collaborating with them. So there's different areas, and these awards would be given by the youth commission and the people would be chosen by other people in their working areas, so different people in their bureaus.

**Frankel:** Our second key recommendation is for a public safety partnership, involving getting all the public safety bureaus, for example emergency management and fire together, to engage and education youth. One idea we had for how this might look would be, let's say, emergency management would show the movie "the day after tomorrow" in a Portland park and, afterwards, they would co-facilitate a discussion with the youth commissioner about the accuracy of the movie or the inaccuracy of the movie and how this could apply to Portland and what emergency management the might do if some of the merges in the movie happened here and what youth could do in their communities. So this would provide an easy way for the bureaus to do outreach to youth and engage youth and as well as educate the public.

**Dominguez:** The last thing that we came up with is the youth civic engagement project. We've been talking a lot about how youth don't know what the city or the county does and what civics really is, how they can get involved, so we would create a core group of youth that would use that peer education model to go into classrooms and facilitate those presentations and talk to youth

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about what they can do to engage the city and what actually is out for them, letting them know about either services or job opportunities and maybe sure that this is all youth led. The presentations are created for youth and by youth. With the help of the bureaus, we find out what information is relevant, how to present it in a way that is a good way to present it to the youth. It's going to be focusing on increasing awareness and the want to participate, giving youth a place to get involved since the need is already there, focusing on civics because local government isn't part of curriculum that's taught. We never really go on a local level and talk about how youth can make a difference in their own communities. And then addressing the outreach areas that go along with some of the challenges we've seen so far.

**Frankel:** And then the second part of this civic engagement project is related to web sites. When e. And I were doing our research, we read through everything online. It was very difficult to find the information we were looking for. We thought one way to address the challenge, because most people don't have time to read through every web site. I wouldn't recommend it.

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

**Dominguez:** Not that it's not great, but --

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

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

**Frankel:** So we decided that, if companion sites to order online were created specifically for youth, that would help address that barrier, because you would have all the information related to young people in one place. So all the programs, all the job opportunities, internships, volunteer opportunities, and really concise information about what the bureaus do that easy for a young person to understand. To go along with that, we would also have all the information e. And I have gathered on that report for you who are interested in what opportunities are available, and we would have the receive -- civics information on the web site.

**McNichol:** We would like to thank all of the elected officials who supported the bill of rights this, city council, the county commission, and former county chair, Diane Lynn, and we would also like to thank various -- many, many, many people who have helped us through this, especially the commissioner on children, families, and communities of Multnomah county, the mayor's office, the Multnomah youth commission, and the more than 50 people who are bureau staffers who spent a lot of time interviewing with me and Lisa. So thank you very much.

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

**Dominguez:** So we're hoping, from this report -- when we created this report, we wanted to have a really comprehensive inventory of everything that was happening. The problem is that we weren't talking to as many of the right people as we needed to, and we were having a hard time really finding everything out, because one person didn't know something that another person did and programs were -- could be specific to one person in a bureau or could be a program that the bureau helps to create but isn't really headlines. So we want this inventory process to be even more comprehensive, and a way that can happen is by having the support of the commissioners to make sure we have the information and every single thing that's happening for each of these bureaus. In talking with the mayor, I saw that we missed a couple things in police, and we kind of feel bad about that. But the issue was that we weren't given all the information that we needed, and so we weren't able to communicate that well. So we need to talk to more people in the bureaus, not just one key person in the bureau, to really find out if we had everything and everything was really comprehensive. This report is not finished. We hope that we can continue building on the momentum we have now and make sure that we eventually get this to a point where we were not only updates it every time something new is created but make sure everything existing is in the report.



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**Potter:** Thank you very much. You folks did a wonderful job. I want to advise the commissioners, which i'm sure you already know, but this document was put together by this committee and this group a and I just think they did a superb job. I'm very proud of you.

**Leonard:** I was going to say this in my closing remarks, but since the mayor has acknowledged the document itself in addition to the great recommendations, you could teach a lot of adults how to write a report.

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

**Leonard:** Not only did you identify the problem. You were very specific inside each bureau how to provide a solution, which is extremely useful and will be used.

**Frankel:** Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Are you two going to be the ones that will establish a youth-friendly web site?

**Dominguez:** That's a really great question. With us being youth program aides, the first task we had was to create the inventory for the city, and our second task was to engage youth in the Portland plan. Since we've kind of filled our first task, we're really soon going to be moving, once our coordinator is hired, to the bureau of planning and working to effectively engage youth in the Portland plan. So at this point, we weren't the ones that were going to be implementing these recommendations, but i'm sure there's someone that will be willing to take on this task. And I don't know if the mayor has anything else to say about that.

\*\*\*\*\*: And I have something to add.

**Potter:** He has already learned the value of segues.

**Leonard:** Yes, he has.

**Saltzman:** Yes, he has.

**Potter:** As we were discussing this in the office, I really felt like we needed to continue the engagement not just of planning but making sure that the additional programs that are in the brothers that have not been provided here will come about but also just to continue to encourage the different bureaus to stay involved. We looked around. We found some money in the mayor's office budget, and we're going to be hiring a full-time person as a youth engagement coordinator, and i've talked to e. About it. And just for your information, just a reminder, there are two folks here that are in high school still. I mean, these guys are good. I keep forgetting that they're in high school. But e. Is not, and we're going to make it a temporary job until we can better define all the parameters, and e. Will help us with that. We're going to be hiring him on a full-time basis. E., thank you for accepting the position.

\*\*\*\*\*: You're welcome. We still do have some testimony of people.

**Saltzman:** That's pretty good. Negotiate wag job here.

\*\*\*\*\*: Laugh -- negotiating a job here.

**Potter:** Well, it's transparent, isn't it?

**Leonard:** Take note, adults. That's how you do it.

\*\*\*\*\*: We're going to step down and let the people testify.

**Potter:** Are they signed up on the sheet?

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

**Potter:** Please call the first three.

**Laurel Butman, Office of Management and Finance:** Good morning. I'm laurel butman. I work in the office of management and finance. I'm so happy to be here today. One of the things that i've done with youth in the past is that i've run for the past 10 years a mentoring program in the office of management and finance, and we've had more than 90 interns come through, many of which are within this definition of 23 and younger, and handful, including a handful of high school student cents that came through as well. I've learned a lot from those folks. They bring a fresh perspective, as e. Was saying before. They have a willingness to try new things and bring us ideas for connecting with the younger community. It's been just wonderful. Many of these people are still

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working at the city. They've moved on to p.r. Work. My indicator of success is always when they say to me before they leave, "i will always vote."

**Potter:** Good.

**Butman:** Yes. It is good. So it's very fortuitous that this happened when it did, because this summer we had, on my team, already started researching and had run our first youth focus group to talk about web pages for youth, because we realized that Portland online is very difficult for youth to engage with. And so when e and lisa and I sat down and talked, this kind of flourished, this idea.

We're going to make the web site work for them best, like the business community we've been working with. It's really the way to go. I'm looking forward to this partnership. We'll be definitely moving forward to working with youth to make that happen, so I wanted to confirm that we are going there, and i'll be helping to lead that effort but will be doing it in partnership with youth. So this is very exciting to me, and that's all I had to say. I just wanted to say a few words today.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Tiffany Penson, Bureau of Development Services:** Good morning all. My name is tiffany penson. I'm the outreach coordinator for the bureau of development services. This summer, commissioner randy Leonard and director paul scarlett supported the customer service team proposal to partner with the Portland school school-to-work program. B.d.s. Incorporated some career days and job shadows opportunities and some internship employment for parkrose students this summer. This was done in addition to the summer youth education program partnership with erko. Through this program, b.d.s. Was able to hire five students from parkrose high school school-to-work program in addition to the five students provided by erko to work in various sections of the bureau such as site development, document services, compliance services, et cetera. The school-to-work program was funded by the b.d.s. Customer service section, and the other students were funded by erko. From my experience, there are many positive benefits from working with youth. Engaging youth gives the students the opportunity to learn and experience work early in life, which is vital to helping them make decisions about their future. It also gives the staff the opportunity to mentor youth and make a difference in their lives. It incorporates diversity in our workforce on all levels. It teaches youth the huge amount of responsibility and sets the foundation for strong work ethic, which is vital to achieving success. Is also enhanced the bureau's quality of business, because the students brought fresh eyes and ideas to the way we do business. This summer, we incorporated some of their suggestions on how to make processes more efficient such as scanning all documents and entering them into the database and also streamlining our archiving process. Most importantly, all the staff bragged about their students and how much work they completed. [laughter] several of the staff asked if I could extend their stay longer than six weeks or if I could come up with an after-school program during the school year where they could come in and work a couple of hours. I said that i'm sure you'd let me do that, commissioner.

**Saltzman:** A little bit more bargaining there, a little bit more negotiation.

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

**Penson:** I had such a great experience working with the youth. My favorite is the social aspect that I incorporate into the job experience. I took them on field trips to the armory and the pearl, the tram tour, ate at my two favorite spots -- [laughter]

**Penson:** -- and we just had a great time. A lot of the youth had not even been to the pearl or even known any of these places, so it was great. I exposed them to the city council meeting, one which was quite interesting amongst you all up here.

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

**Leonard:** Was that one when dan was out of control again?

**Penson:** No. It was always you.

**Leonard:** Oh. I had to say something, didn't i?

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**Penson:** That's ok. I like it. I love it. It showed students learn how government works and also their civic duties. I thought it was important for you to know at experience the fruit of this great city. In my opinion, it is equally important to be socially educated as it is to be book educated. In addition to the social education, commissioner randy Leonard has agreed to sponsor theater tickets of the students' choice at the armory theater for students this upcoming fall. Thank you. I wish to further the bureau's engagement in working with youth by expanding the school-to-work opportunity to other high schools starting with roosevelt and jefferson this next summer, which will increase the number of student internships. I also plan on getting other bureaus involved in the school to work program as well. I intend to incorporate you into the bill and melinda gates program because I consider youth to be up to the age of 25. The 20 to 25 age group would benefit from this great work experience and mentoring as well. But of course, to do all this, the bureau would need funds dedicated to expanding this program. I think it's vital, important that the youth program and funding get approval throughout the city, thus providing more jobs and educational opportunities for youth. Once this is in place, all bureaus will be able to capitalize on this opportunity. We at b.d.s. Have already begun to look for additional ways to engage the youth and have already capitalized on this opportunity. Thank you.

**Annika Shore:** good morning. My name annika shore. I work for the aids services organization that's been around in Portland for over 20 years. I was asked to just speak about the value of youth engagement the on behalf of the community. I've been involved in the peer education model type of education that you heard e. Talking about since I was 16, and the experience as a peer educator that I had doing h.i.v. Prevention education in my community informed the work that I did essentially for the rest of my life so I can speak to it on a personal level as well. The program I run is called teen to teen, and it's a peer education program designed to provide h.i.v. Prevention education in the community for youth. E. Was a member of my group, which is why I have the benefit of being here today. And the teen-to-teen program operates on the sort of fundamental assumption that the number one population that has the energy and the power to activate youth are youth. And i've seen that be successful across the board. The thing i've learned the most, I think, in the work that i've done is that youth know what they need. They just don't know who to talk to about it or how to get it. And the teen-to-teen program provides the space for them to do that. Adults are excellent at providing external resources and mentorship and guidance, and youth are excellent at providing education to their peers. The youth bill of rights is incredible. I've never had the opportunity to interact with city government at this level, and I really congratulate you on providing youth the space to do this. My recommendation that is you let these youth run with all the resources you have to give them, because they can make exceptional change. On behalf of the community, I can definitely say that being given the opportunity to interact and network and engage with you in this way is something that I would love to continue, and my agency would love to continue. And I know that other agencies would as well. So congratulations and thank you for providing this opportunity.

**Potter:** Thank you. Thank you for the work you do for our community. Thanks, folks. Thank you, too. You guys were great.

**Potter:** When you speak, would you please state your name for the record? And you each have three minutes.

**Nate Waas Shull:** Good morning. My name is nate waas shull and i'm here to speak as a community member involved in the youth bill of rights. I've worked the Oregon council for hispanic advancement and there directed a youth empowerment and mentors program. Through my work at ochoa, I worked to engage latino youth from across Portland in the planning and creation of the youth bill of rights. And I continue to work with the voice committee of the bill i've been repeatedly humbled by the insight, abilities, and desire to serve the community that I have found in these young people whose voices are so often marginalized. Nate, I want to help the community, a

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young woman named Denise once told me through an OCHA program. I just don't really know what to do. She hadn't been mentored or empowered to share her gift, and the space had not been created for her to contribute. As I move on from my time at OCHA this month, I carry with me the memory of Denise's questions and commitment, and I also carry a commitment of my own to help our bill of rights, children around youth, move from ideals into action. On behalf of the young people like Denise who want to engage and improve our community. It's worth remembering, I believe, that this week exactly 50 years ago, nine African-American youth were escorted by armed federal troops into Little Rock Central High School to simply have the opportunity to study and learn alongside their white peers as full human beings with dignity. We've come far in these 50 years, and we have far to go. And on the anniversary of the Arkansas Nine's ordeal, we will do well to reflect upon the doors that still remain closed to young people in our community and our society and the ways that we may work together to open them. And I wish to personally take this opportunity to urge you, our city council, to support the proposal to create Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard in North Portland and to do it on behalf of our city's youth. Not only the youth who have worked to support the street-naming effort but all of our city's youth who need and are hungry for public recognition of diverse, positive role models in our city. Thank you.

**Angelica Arroyo:** My name is Angelica Arroyo. I go to Mount Hood Community College, and I'm a member of the M.Y.C. I feel an important issue for young people in Multnomah County today is to have a clean and safe recreational area or place where they can feel safe. I feel there is a great importance in the youth on deserving a clean and safe recreational area, because it affects the community and youth around it. I feel, if you want this article to be true, there needs to be more work to be done around this -- these recreational areas, because I feel, if this isn't taken care of, it reflects on the community and the people around it. Thank you.

**Stacey Neve:** My name is Stacy Neve. I'm 17, a senior at Grant High School, and I am a four-year member of the Multnomah Youth Commission. I love Portland. I love our gorgeous bridges, our fabulous rainy weather, and the community I've grown up in my entire life, but I especially love that this city has committed itself to recognizing young people as valuable members of the community and seeing that our voices are just as important as anyone else's. Portland has been a wonderful place for me to grow up, and I've been able to watch you make it an even better place for youth. You adopted the youth bill of rights and the Multnomah Youth Commission's intergovernmental agreement and also approved VisionPDX which will hopefully make Portland a better place for not only young people but everybody. I urge you to continue making the city of Portland a cleaner, safer, and even more amazing place for future generations of young people to grow up by supporting the M.Y.C. And our work with the youth bill of rights. Thank you.

**Potter:** Please state your name, and you each have three minutes.

Kelly Henderson Mayor Potter, City Council members, my name is Kelly Henderson. I am 17 years old, and I am a senior at Joseph L. Meek Professional and Technical High School here in Portland. Health care is a very important issue for young people in Portland and Multnomah County. Some of us depend on our parents' insurance until we finish school while some of us, our parents either make too little or too much money to qualify for an H.M.O. or the Oregon Health Plan. Consequently, many students sit in a classroom trying to learn while they have a toothache, can't see the board or have some illness that continues to get worse until they can only find care in an emergency room. Children and youth of Portland are essential to the future of our country. To have good health, whether it be physical, mental or spiritual, is guaranteed in the youth bill of rights. No youth or their parent or guardian should have to worry about not being able to seek proper health for their kid when they are sick or need treatment like immunization or dental care. Only when these needs are met may a child flourish. This bill of rights will show our youth that we really do value them as members of society. Thank you.

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**Caroline Brinster:** My name is caroline brewster. I'm 13 and an eighth grader. It is important that every child in Portland and Multnomah county have a loving and healthy environment at home, because it affects their every day lives and their development as an adult for the future. It is important that the youth of Portland agree with the bill of rights, because the bill is specifically for them. If we continue to commit to it, to the bill of rights, we will notice a significant change in our community. Our community depends on the youth of today. Thank you.

**Andreanna Cop:** My name is adreanna cop. I'm 13 years old. I think that a good educate is needed in every Multnomah county youth's life, because a good education leads to a better lifestyle, which leads to a better future. The youth bill of rights would let the youth know that they also have a voice.

**Potter:** Thank you very much.

**Moore-Love:** That's all who signed up.

**Potter:** This is a report. Need a motion to accept.

**Adams:** So moved.

**Leonard:** Seconded.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Well, I think this is a fantastic work. I think its success is built on the people that are involved, but I also think the approach to the work, the peer to peer, youth to youth aspect of it has been, I think, absolutely fantastic. The resources provided to support that peer to peer effort, I think, has been really important, allowing a lot of enlistment of a lot of youth in the community to come up with this work plan and these values to fill the gap in services to youth. I think also, as I think nature mentioned, providing a place that's sort of the official table of government is absolutely important. An opportunity to participate in decision making and advocate for the bill of rights. And I look forward to working together to not only try to assist and to participate in fulfilling the key recommendations but also the specific recommendations in my bureaus, which I think are right on point. And if we can get those done, it will make a big difference for youth in the city of Portland. I want to thank the staff and all the leadership for this, and I also want to thank mayor Potter for spearheading this. Your idea, and it's fantastic. I'm very, very enthusiastic in voting aye.

**Leonard:** Well, i've tried in my adult life to accomplish the things you've identified that we should be doing as a city to get youth engaged in specific bureaus, and i'm just really pleased with how all the bureaus are responding but particularly, as you could tell from tiffany pen son of bureau of development services has really taken the bull by the horns and run with it in terms of creating opportunities and places and internships and real-life experience for youth to come in and see what it means to work at the city of Portland. So I appreciate all that work, tiffany, that you and all your colleagues do up there, which is just stellar stuff. I appreciate the passion and the work we've heard of here today. This is a really outstanding report that is really usable. It actually is something you can give to any of our organizations to explain to them how we want to implement a program to get more youth involved. So thank you very much. Aye.

**Saltzman:** I'm very impressed with your report and the recommendations. I'm going to ask each of my bureaus to look at their particular recommendations and then get to me in how we can make sure that they happen or, if they can't, why not. But I think the thing that i'm most encouraged about is how to make local governments more understandable. I mean, there's so many adults who don't understand what we do or the county does, let alone youth. So I think if we start working with the generation of tomorrow, hopefully you'll become more informed citizens about what goes on and how it affects your pocketbook and your daily lives. And so i'm very encouraged about that. I hope that -- you know -- one of the issues -- the question that you posed, a lot of youth want to know -- they want to do something good for the community but don't quite know how to go about doing that, and i've experienced that own issue with my own daughter in the last several months. I haven't

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found a good answer, and I hope that that's something that the youth commission can grapple with. We have a hands on Portland organization that is really good at giving people the opportunity to volunteer on a very short lead time, short notice basis. Can we emulate that for youth or help identify social service organizations, nonprofits where the youth can get engaged in doing meaningful things? That's often the problem. There's usually a lot of time for sealing envelopes or stacking food cans. So I know that's something you'll grapple with, and i'm more than eagle to help figure that one out with you. And the youth web page is really going to be good. That's a great thing. Thanks for all your good work, and keep it up.

**Potter:** Four years ago, when I was running for this office, one of the things I said -- and I said it partly in jest, but as i'm listening to some of these young folks talk, it maybe is closer to the truth than what I thought at the time. I said I think, if we really want to address children's and youth issues, we should drop the voting age to five years old.

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**Potter:** That would get the attention of the politicians. But, you know, I think you folks got our attention, and you did it in a very thoughtful, intelligent, and directed way. I am see pleased, and i'm proud of all of you for what you've done. I just think that our city is going to be well served by you in the future, and they will be well served by you now. We have just so many people to thank but a couple of folks in particular. When commissioner Adams and I went over to the swearing-in ceremony for the Multnomah youth commission, I was just impressed with the quality of the young people, many of who are here today, and I really am impressed with the man who is heading up the youth commission, josh todd. Josh, could you stand up?

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**Potter:** And also I notice sit can in the back two women who were -- adult women who were very much involved with this, elizabeth kennedy wong. Would you stand up, elizabeth?

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**Potter:** And a good friend of mine, karen hanson. Karen, thank you for what you've done.

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**Potter:** Karen and I were talking a few years ago about the lack of focus for our young people, and out of that discussion and out of the involvement of young people evolved this children and youth bill of rights and are now being put to action neighbor items that we can do not just in the city but out in our community. I think it will serve our community well. When you look at the fact that there are 113,000 young people in the city, that's significant. Maybe we should get that voting age dropped a little. You guys could make a few changes that I think would be very interesting. But i'm very proud of you. I'm looking forward to the next steps. And down the road, because down the road I see in this room a lot of the future leaders in our community. So thank you all very much, and i'm really, really proud to vote aye. Thank you. Now, if any of you folks have to get back to school, you're excused.

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### **Item 1135.**

**Potter:** Please read the 10:30 time certain. Commissioner Saltzman?

**Saltzman:** Thank you. This is an exciting resolution before us that has -- represents literally hundreds of hours of community volunteer time and that of our senior parks management embedded in its aspirations for a transparent and inclusive master-planning process around the mount tabor central maintenance yard. First off, I want to set the table, so to speak, of what has brought us to this moment. From my review of the history over the past decades, Portland city council has never appropriately addressed the deplorable working conditions at its parks central maintenance yard. There have been plans to start from scratch at a new location and plans to update this location but none have ever come to fruition. The process in this resolution starts with the assumption that the parks central maintenance yard is staying at its current location. I fully support this assumption and

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hope the council can support this and pass the resolution before us. It is a vital step on the path to really improvements in our employees' working conditions. When the budget and parks is tight, it's the front line staff who take it on the chin. They are the ones who go without adequate funds in their restrooms. They are the ones whose offices drip rain while we sit in our refurbished offices here in historic city hall, and they do it without complaining and while performing their jobs on the high standards that we set. When budgets look good, it's more parks, pools, and community centers again while all too often our employees' own needs continue to go unmet. Well, all of that is about to change with the passage of this resolution. At the conclusion of the process set forth in the resolution, we will do right by our employees, and we will have community buy-in on a plan to rehabilitate and repair the central yard. But big questions remain. Do we need all 20 acres for maintenance facilities? What about our horticultural assets at the yard? How do they tie in with the need for more community gardens throughout the city? Does a grand entrance off of Division St. make sense? How does a policy of connectivity in our transportation system plan impact what we do on this property? And how do we respect the historical designation many of these buildings have while providing adequate working conditions? A lot of questions that require a lot of expertise to answer and raise -- and to be raised in this process. But the most important question in front of us is how do we engage the public in this process and to maintain the momentum that's been built up to this moment over the past four months. The answer is bureau innovation project number nine and its template for true community involvement. Again, this can't be done on the cheap and requires council to place its dollars where its rhetoric is and adequately fund this extensive outreach effort as well as the master planning and the facilities planning that will go along with this effort. Getting to this point has not been easy on neighbors, and I want to thank all of you for your hard work. If council supports this, then the work will continue, and I sure hope you will stay on and stay actively engaged as your voice is critical to the success of the future. And to keep and sustain the momentum and the goodwill that's been developed at this point, I want to announce today that we are going to, as a parks bureau, fund one-third of the budget this year in our current budget so that we can get the process going sooner. We will need additional resources through either the bump or the budget process, but we're going to commence this planning process sooner rather than wait for the bump or the next fiscal year to get going. So the presenters today are parks directors mary santner and scott yeltsin and john larson.

**Zari Santner, Director, Portland Parks & Recreation:** Good morning, mayor, commissioners. Zari santner, director of parks and recreation. We have a presentation that will start with scott yeltsin from south tabor neighborhood association.

**Scott Yeltsin, South Tabor Neighborhood Association:** Commissioner Saltzman, thank you for those words of support. Really appreciate it. And, mr. Mayor and commissioners, thank you not only for this opportunity to present this today but also for the opportunity to encourage and support active community engagement the. I sit before you now today as partners with the city of Portland with parks and rec, and I don't think that really happened a year ago. When this came down literally a year ago when mount taylor and south tabor residents realized what was happening, the intent of selling park land to a private entity, reaction was intense. It varied only between anger and rage, I think, and maybe a bit of sadness. I know, for me, I was crushed not only because we were selling public lands, but we were selling public land without any of the input from community members. And this is, I think, like true Portlanders we all really like our park lands, and you'll never find more dedicated people to the parks than tabor residents. This is our home. This is our backyard. This is where we walk our dogs, where we let our kids be kids. This is where we kind of get away from the drone of what we do every day. And we're passionate about this place. So we were upset is the best way to put it that we weren't engaged in this. But cooler heads prevailed, and commissioner Saltzman and zari santner thank you very much for the opportunity to have mediation so we could get down and kind of sort out the ugliness that kind of happens in this that. Mediation was tough.

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It was ugly at times. But what we realized is, when we got all of that out of the way, when we got the distrust and the anger and the fear and the suspicion out of the way, when we got all the cards on the table, we realized that we're actually partners, equals in this, and we actually have really creative great ideas, and the community understands the needs, wants, absolute desires of parks and the city of Portland. So it was great to go through this process and come to a conclusion that we were all in this together, which I believe we are. Something happened during this process that I know, for me, was almost magical. I came into the process thinking -- well, one, I was angry and, two, if we're not going to sell this to a private entity, I want a community garden, a paved road from south tabor, parks, swing sweats, soccer fields, dog parks. I had everything in my mind. And then, when we got down to business, we realized that we like our parks. We like our parks to be maintained. And you really don't get anything for nothing, so we understood that maintenance has to be an issue, that infrastructure is something that needs to be invested in. And I think that's what we came through this with, really a model process to really get everything out on the table and realize that we're all on the same page and that we're equal in this. We truly appreciate the support and going forward with this resolution only ratchets it up one more notch, and I really truly believe it does do that. It takes the intent of b.i.p. 9, takes visionpdx, and takes it by the horns and runs with it. This is community engagement and I dare say it is government engagement. We're being partners here. We appreciate your support in this and funding it and moving it forward so we have a plan for the future. Thank you.

**Santner:** Commissioners, zari santner again, director of parks and recreation. Portland parks & recreation has an obligation to community engagement that exceeds the standards. You all know that Portlanders are very passionate about their parks. They not only use their parks but they want to influence how the parks are used. They play in their parks, but they also help maintain their parks. And they contribute seemingly at endless meetings planning for their parks. So when we don't properly engage them, we hear from them, and this is what happened last year, as scott elaborated on, when we were looking at options for mount tabor maintenance yard. I'm very, very proud today to be here before you accompanied by representatives from the two neighborhood associations, and later on you'll see some of our staff in full agreement as to how we proceed from here on. As you will hear from the next speaker, we have gone through an extensive process of mediation and planning for public engagement as we proceed with next steps. And the next step is updating the mount tabor park master plan to including the 20 acres maintenance yard and the nursery. This master plan will move us forward with the park's citywide maintenance facilities plan and will address the biggest and most used maintenance site in our parks system which is the central yard with the goal of improving efficiencies and the working conditions of our staff and volunteers who work there. And it will be done in a full and transparent community engagement process. Before I turn to the next speaker, I want to publicly thank the 16 members of the mediation committee that stuck with us through thick and thin and others whose came to the table willing to engage in the process so we can truly work in partnership for the good of the park system. I particularly want to thank commissioner Saltzman for letting us chart new waters with the mediation and proving that no divide is too great that cross when all partners are willing to come to the table. With that, it's my pleasure to introduce john larson who represented the mount tabor neighborhood association throughout the process -- and I believe -- are you the chair of the neighbor hood?

**John Larson, Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association :** Yes. I'm the chair for the neighborhood and of the committee for this.

**Larson:** Thank you for having us here and, commissioner Saltzman, thank you for your remarks introducing this resolution. Grateful for those. Last november, you all directed Portland parks & recreation to work with communities on the issues around mount tabor central yard and nursery. In fact, in giving that directive to the parks, you also asked the community to work with Portland parks



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to find a satisfactory solution. Zari Santner came to the Mt. Tabor NA and the South Tabor NA and proposed that citizens from each group enter into mediation with parks for the purpose of rebuilding trust and ideally to forge a working relationship. There was a lot of skepticism about this, apprehension on both sides, but we overcame that hesitation, and members of the two neighborhood associations and the park bureau administration sat down together in a series of four- and five-hour-long community meetings. These were evening meetings, after workdays for most of us. And they were intense, difficult meetings at times. Toward the end, it got a lot better but, at the outset, it was hard. Talking with each other through the long months and hours of mediation helped each side reach a much better understanding of the other's perspective, and it also helped us to realize that we actually have a great deal in common, and it further allowed us to see better each other as human beings. It's easier to overcome the adversarial circumstance from which this began when you're sitting in a room together. Through the course of the mediation -- this was a mediation held in the sunlight, in the summertime. Held in the sunlight, held out in the open, and anyone could come. We had 16 actively involved community members, people who had committed at the beginning to be in this process. And i've been involved in public processes before, and you can start out with 16 people or 25 people at the beginning of a process and, at the end of the process, what's left in the room is five or seven people and you can have a unanimous agreement, but did you have unanimity between those people who started the process. In this process, we had extremely committed group of individuals, and we had 16 people at the beginning, and there were 16 people there to sign the agreement with when the mediation ended. The agreement we reached was not a reluctant like, ok, i'll sign this but. It was like everybody -- you know -- it was unanimous, and we were all happy to reach that agreement. In the course of reaching that agreement, we also had the opportunity to learn much more about the extraordinary value of the central maintenance yard itself and about the professional and dedicated city employees who take such extraordinary good care of our parks. We came to recognize and to appreciate how challenging their jobs are and, when we toured the yard and saw firsthand the difficult conditions under which they do their work with buildings and facilities that are rundown and unsafe and really in a distressing state of disrepair, are i'd have to say -- and I want to show you a little slide show about this. Scott's going to run through it, and i'll talk a little bit about the slide. This is mount tabor. It has beautiful trees, reservoirs, green spaces. We spend a lot of time there. This is the generation of Portlanders. These are scott's kids actually, and these are the generations of Portlanders that he would constantly remind us that we're trying to do this for. We're not doing this for ourselves. We're doing this for them and their children. This is the mount tabor nursery, and this is a larger view of the horticultural center. For a century, this nursery has been there growing street trees for Portland. It's been a major contributor to what makes our city the beautiful city that we love so much. These relatively new greenhouses that have been built can really be well-used but, to some extent, they're not fully utilized, and that's one of the issues we want to address. This is now looking down from the nursery into the mount tabor park central yard. There's the entry sign. A lot of things go on there. These are just a handful of the different trades that actually work out of mount tabor yard. We had a lot of slides to select from for a broken window shot with a board covering it. We chose that one. You can see the buckling wall here, those gutters even worse than the gutters at my house.

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**Larson:** This is a roof that's not a 40-year roof anymore, i'd venture to say, although it's probably been there longer than that. Cramped storage spaces, the kind you'd expect to find in your backyard but not at central maintenance yard. They do extraordinary work under very cramped conditions. The carpenter shop has an eight foot high ceiling, so they're horsing four-by-eight sheets of plywood in and out of there trying to build stuff with them, and the ceiling is as tall as the sheet of plywood. These are folks that take care of ball fields, and this is the shop that they work out of. You can see that plastic ceiling there. This is their stuff there. That plastic ceiling is in lieu of

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insulation. So how energy efficient is that? Well it didn't need to be energy efficient because until last year, they didn't have heat in there. Now they have heat, but they still have plastic under the ceiling. The exterior wall is a chain-link fence with plastic over it. There's that exterior wall again for ball fields. And during the winter months, they work inside there fixing the equipment that they take care of the ball fields with. It's disturbing. There's the lock shop there. Oh. You should have taken a picture when all the boxes were in there and you had to walk around all those boxes to get into it. It's cramped quarters. They do, I think, just yeoman work with really difficult situation. It's very orderly, but it's completely crowded. They head out before dawn to take care of our parks, and this guy is one of two people outside of toro who is certified to work on their mowing equipment. People from toro factory call him when they have trouble figuring out, like, how do you fix a mower. He has to work outside because there's not room for him to fix those mowers inside. There's a flimsy awning above him. This is not acceptable working conditions. Community gardens are located -- the headquarters for community gardens are located here. I guess it was contemplated that that could be moved to downtown Portland for efficiency sake, but by far the preponderance of users of community gardens are on the east side, and a lot of them are immigrant communities and feel comfortable coming here to mount tabor where it's familiar and where they can pay cash, and so community gardens operates out of here. These are just a few shots of our mediation process and the community putting in long evening hours of working on this process. There is the kids again.

**Yeltsin:** I like the raised hands. That's my favorite. Yay: We're doing this.

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**Larson:** This last one, this is corky in the horticultural department. He's worked there for over 30 years. When we went in there to talk to people in the maintenance yard, be introduced to them, he said, my dream is, for one year before I retire, I would like to work in a functional workplace for one year before I retire. We've made a commitment to him that we're going to try and get him that year. You can see corky. We're running against the clock here.

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**Yeltsin:** Don't tell corky that.

**Larson:** No. He said that to us. He said, you guys gotta get off your butts and get this done. We came in there, and they were skeptical. They said the first meeting we went to at the yard. They looked at us as a bunch of community activists and said, how come you're interested in the yard now? You were never interested in the yard before. That's true. I lived in mount tabor for 25 years. I just assumed it worked well. I'd never been there. And they said, we've heard this before that the yard was going to be fixed. When jim francesconi became parks commissioner, he toured the yard, and he said, by god, i'm going to take care of this. Well, it's still there, and it still needs help, and that's what we're here for. The mediation agreement called for community members and park staff to continue to meet, craft, and open a transparent process to update the mt tabor master plan to include the 20 acres of the mount tabor park central yard and nursery and the long block, the block that extends from park out to 60th, and in the process those pieces were excluded from consideration in the previous version of the master plan, so we're going to update the master plan to including those and, in the process, determine the fate of the maintenance yard, how it can be restored or enhanced, to determine whether any part of its function might be better served elsewhere and what other public amenities might be compatible if and only if the horticultural facilities can be made more efficient. This entailed another three months of meetings to design the public process again with diligent participation from both the community and the park bureau. Additionally, we invited employees for this phase of mediation -- we got the bad stuff out of the way. We invited employees at the maintenance yard to join us in these meetings. It was important to everyone involved that the 100 or so city employees most intimately involved also be actively involved in the process of determining what should happen to the yard and nursery and, just as important, that they

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be part right from the beginning of designing the decision making process we're going to use. We have thus put in collectively hundreds of volunteer hours over the last seven months in those long evening meetings, in subcommittee meetings lasting equally long, in reviewing documents and in soliciting the views of other folks in our communities and in people around Portland. The resulting process will update the mount tabor park master plan to include the yard, the nursery, and the long block and will also carefully reveal the role these pieces play in the maintenance of the entire public park system. The problems at the mount tabor central yard of disrepair and dysfunction, of cramped and leaking workplaces, of valiant and skilled employees doing herculean work under desperate and difficult circumstances in order to maintain the public's investment in its park lands can be years in the making. Fixing this situation is inevitably going to take a great deal of time and effort, but it is a challenge that can be met and that must be met. It is extremely important that we build upon the momentum and goodwill generated over the past seven months of hard work to begin now to finally create a solution to these festering problems. We citizens see this as a down payment on an investment in our park system, the down payment from the community towards fixing the problems at the maintenance yard and taking better care of the parks themselves. We are asking you to support this joint effort between the community and parks by voting for this resolution and by allocating the money necessary to implement it. We will bring back to you, in a year from when this process begins, an updated master plan for mount tabor park to embrace the yard, nursery, and long block. This plan will also include a clear and specific determination of an appropriate solution for the mount tabor central yard, the linchpin of the maintenance system for the entire parks system. It will thus provide you with the centerpiece of the overall facilities maintenance plan for Portland parks and recreation, a plan that you have long been urging. All of this will be developed in a fully transparent process, a model for good public engagement. The facilities maintenance plan is approved by council, then we are committed to working further with park and council to pass a bond in 2010 to make the much-needed repairs to this vital piece of the infrastructure of both an important regional park and the entire Portland parks system. We are thus asking you to embark with us on a four-year effort that is up to the bond in 2010 that is long overdue and urgently needed for the mount tabor park central yard and nursery. Please support the resolution, and please allocate the money to help us keep moving forward. Thank you for your time, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Saltzman:** Before questions, there are people in the audience who served on the mediation committee. Maybe if they would like to stand, we can recognize them.

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**Adams:** I had a question. I wasn't able to be here for the first -- most of the first council deliberation on this issue. The current mount tabor master plan is how old?

**Santner:** We don't have a master plan. When we came before you last november, we said then there are two options available, and we had just done a preliminary study that either one would work, but it needed to be now expanded. And now we're going --

**Adams:** So when it says an updated --

**Santner:** Oh. The park. There is a park portion.

**Adams:** Right.

**Santner:** In 1998 --

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**Santner:** In 1999, we had a general obligation bond funding for making improvements to mount tabor park, and at that time the community said, well, let's do a master plan so we have a full idea of what the nature of improvements need to be. We were on a very tight time line. We had five years to implement the entire plan. So at that time, we did the master plan for the park, excluding the 20 acres.

**Adams:** So in terms of --

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**Larson:** And that plan was never approved by council, so it's never been actually validated. There's a master plan, but it's not --

**Adams:** That's good to know. And so is this -- I want to be clear. Is it an update to the entire master plan, including this new section or is it considered an update by only focusing on this new section?

**Santner:** Very good question, commissioner. That master plan included a vision for the park that would include the entire site. Very aspirational. And then principles and values. What we want to do is reaffirm those principles and values that would also include this site and then focus on this 20 acres specifically.

**Adams:** And because there's a citywide aspect to the consideration of the maintenance yard, how do you see incorporating the nonadjacent neighborhood perspective, moving forward, the citywide perspective?

**Santner:** We have a very extensive community involvement process and community members that participated in this process agree that this is a regional park, and people -- voices from the rest of the community need to be included as part of this process. So that's our plan to make sure that there are people from other parts of --

**Larson:** We'll be reaching out across the city.

**Larsons:** We got involved in this because we live near it, but we're conscious it's a regional park and that the maintenance facility is central to the maintenance of the entire park system and that a lot of voices need to be heard. So we want to take a close look with as much community input as we can get as to whether -- as to how that system -- the overall system should work, and what the role is that the central yard should be playing in that. The horticultural facilities is really an important aspect of that. That's where things -- that was situated there a century ago on the south slopes of mount tabor for a very good reason, because you can grow plants there. We need people from other areas of the city, and there will be.

**Adams:** I guess the final question for now is, in the resolution, i'm looking for the language that memorialize parts of your testimony or your testimony that we will improve working conditions out there. And I just want to know, in my read of it -- I think that's a given, an important -- and maybe my colleagues don't agree, but I think it's a given to this process. Is it in here and I missed it?

**Santner:** That's the intent, commissioner. I can't really say whether we have it verbatim there, but definitely that is the intent.

**Leonard:** I want to ask some questions but, for those that are new to this issue or maybe watching by tv, I don't want them to think that I am questioning in any way your commitment on the parks bureau or what the neighborhood said or and somehow overly skeptical, because I think, after I give you some background into why i'm going to ask the questions, I am -- it should be apparent to anybody watching that the questions i'm asking need to be asked and they need to be answered. I've learned on the council here, just in globally voting on these kinds of process here, that when the vote comes back and I ask questions about it that the criticism towards me is, why did you agree to vote for this process in the first place if you're not going to agree to it? That hasn't been an effective argument for me not to do wthey want to do, but it has been an argument, so i'm going to diffuse that right now by saying that whatever you come up with is your recommendation, and I reserve the right to support or not support as I use my own judgment and experience. And I just want that on the record. Second, if we had any group coming forward to ask for any funding to do any research, I would say what I just said. But specific to this particular process, very specific, so that those that are watching and listening understand the context, this has been -- this site has been what I would call the subject of really an embarrassing process on the part of the city, and to the extent i'm part of the city, i'm not happy about it. But in spite of repeated e-mails and personal visits and meetings I went to from the mount tabor residents a couple years back claiming, with no supporting documentation, that any discussions that were going on to sell the maintenance yard to anybody but

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specifically to Warner Pacific College and repeated reassurances to me by the Parks Bureau a year ago, the neighborhood association asked a Freedom of Information Act request if there are any documents related to discussions, and sure enough they came up with a memorandum of understanding that was signed by the director of Parks and President of the Warner Pacific College committing to selling the property by November 16th, 2006. So I guess you could say that these questions are based on fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. So I'm going to be real clear what I vote on here today, and I hope that people understand that and they're very responsive to the questions that I ask, 'cause I don't want to have to belabor this point, but I want to be clear that the parameters are as you've represented them to be. As Commissioner Adams just pointed out, what you've said you want to have happen and what the resolution says are not the same thing, and I am as concerned about that as Commissioner Adams. I want to remind folks that, when this came up last November, I brought forward a proposal to give over and above the Park Bureau's regular budget over \$600,000 to improve facilities for Parks Bureau's employees. So to get to the specific issue that I'm concerned about, notwithstanding the fact that the Council took selling the property off the table last November, the issue of leasing the property to another entity remains on the table. In private discussions I've had with the director and with the neighborhood and even Commissioner Saltzman, I've been assured that that is not something that has been decided. And in fact that the effort would be to do as you have represented, to actually develop a plan to rebuild the maintenance yard, which nobody questions the need for. But the concern I have is that I've asked specifically that that be taken off the table, and what I've heard back is that it will not be taken off the table. It raises a flag. If in fact the effort of this group that's going to spend \$465,000 includes discussing whether or not the site should or should not be used for a maintenance yard, in my view that's a waste of precious resources. From a political point of view, from a neighborhood point of view, and I would tell you from the Parks Operations point of view, the maintenance yard needs to stay, and it needs to be rebuilt. That should be the starting point of these discussions. I will support \$465,000 being spent towards plans to redevelop the maintenance yard. I will not vote for this if I hear there's a possibility of \$465,000 being used for any payment to help decide whether or not the yard is going to be used. In other words, if I have an assurance here today that there is an agreement amongst all of us that leasing the yard to anybody is off the table, I can support this. That does not preclude, for an example, if there is a discussion regarding a joint use agreement. I think that's an appropriate discussion for the neighborhood and the Parks and whoever else you have a joint use agreement with. But to contemplate a legal document that would give the rights of any piece of park land, whether it's Mount Tabor or Powell Butte, to a private entity, I will not support, and I will not support a process that even contemplates that. Each or any of you that would like --

**Saltzman:** I'd like to maybe answer first, and then feel free. But the issue of the agreement around the sale you know when we dealt with this a year ago, I publicly apologized for that document. It should never have been signed. That is that. The issue of a lease, we're not -- as I said in my opening remarks, this whole process and resolution starts with the assumption that the Parks Central Maintenance Yard is going to stay where it is. But having said that, there is a process that's going to look at various things from facility planning to design to historic preservation and reconfiguration perhaps of the yard's facilities. That's what this b.i.p. Process 9 is going to be all about. In the spirit of an open process, we don't want to preclude any options at this point, but there's no option to lease the entire yard for some other purpose. It's only part of the planning process.

**Leonard:** I'm sorry to be nitpicky about words but, when you say there's no plan to lease the entire yard, the first thing I think is there may be a plan to lease part of the yard. And all I'm saying --

**Saltzman:** I'm saying that could come from this process. I mean, it's not likely, but it's an option that's part of the scope of this public involvement process.

**Leonard:** And, again, just to go back to my original kind of framing of this issue, I would not support that. If the neighbors came back and sat down and said, we will picket your home, Randy, if

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you don't vote to allow us to lease this to north pacific, i'd say, you know, here's where I live. See ya. Because i'm not going to vote for it. But I think it's more important than that that I don't think the political support is on the council to do that. This is my practical concern. You're asking to authorize \$465,000 at a time when i'm trying to scramble together to get some money to get some services for centennial high school kids to go to a summer camp-out in the bull run and having a hard time identifying how to get \$100,000. I'm trying to scramble up some money, another \$100,000, to get some bathrooms built in old town. So this isn't a theoretical discussion. This is an issue of priorities and how we spend money. If the money's being used to discuss whether or not the option is on the table and time is being spent to discuss whether or not we can lease the property, it's a waste of money. I do not want to vote for something that does that. If you look at me and say, no, we're going to use that money to do just what commissioner Saltzman said other than the potential lease, I totally support it. Maybe they'll decide to take the maintenance yard and put it on the other side of mount tabor. I'm fine with that. And open up where the maintenance yard is now for another access to south tabor neighborhood. I'm fine with that. Maybe you'll decide you want a soccer field and we build it and operate it. I'm fine with that. Maybe you'll say you want to have a joint use agreement with warner pacific and the neighbors agree. I'm fine with that. But I don't want to give up any legal control the city has -- and it isn't just this piece. It's any property the city has for parks. Because of the tortured history I hope you respect the fact that I have the right to have that concern. I appreciate commissioner Saltzman's apology, but again i'm going to be careful about what I agree to in this process when it comes to this piece of property because of that history. So i'm just simply saying, if there is a basic set of agreements that captures all of what you have said in your remarks, I totally support that. I'll vote for the money. But I need to have it stated on the record, at least verbally, that we are not going to be debating whether or not we're going to be leasing the land.

**Larson:** I want to answer your question. I think it's a fair question. For it to be on the record, some part of this will have to come from zari, but i'm going to try to answer the question from the community point of view. I want to go back to your original statement, because I want to assure you and everyone at council that voting for this process is not a blank check for the outcome of the process. We recognize that. It's our intent that through having an open and transparent process that we will be bringing back to you a result that will have withstood our scrutiny and of course your scrutiny. If it does not withstand your scrutiny, you'll gonna to have to say, well, you didn't do a very good job, fix this and we'll fix it. Bringing this proposal back to you is a whole other step in the process. I can't say what that proposal is going to look like, but I promise you that I won't be any part of saying, well, you voted for the process. That means you endorsed the outcome. So that's one.

**Larsons:** The question of potential lease of this property is a vexing one that hung over all of our discussions, and we grappled with that a lot. In my view, as part of the fallout of what happened a year ago, we now have a neighborhood association without a president because nobody wants to job at this point.

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

**Leonard:** You didn't dispose of him somehow.

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

**Larson:** No. He took himself out of the room. But it was very -- our neighborhood association was nearly collaterally damaged.

**Leonard:** Why is that garden so green, by the way?

**Larson:** Well, I don't know.

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

**Larson:** That's not on the record. So our president took himself out of the equation, and no one else wanted to run when spring came and they said, well, you know, that doesn't look like a fun job.

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What we have now is a four-person kind of governing council with someone who assess the agenda, who runs the meetings. I'm the elected spokesperson for the mount tabor neighborhood association on issues having to do with parks. Sort of a co-presidency.

**Leonard:** And they chose well. I always appreciate your interactions.

**Larson:** Thank you but—And I was the author of a resolution in our neighborhood association that passed unanimously that said we oppose sale, lease, loan, gift, transfer—we tried to write an all encompassing resolution. The neighborhood association is on record as opposing lease of this property. Nonetheless, when we found ourselves debating this issue, we felt that we're advocates for a public process and we're saying we need to hear from everybody. Whatever proposal anyone wants to make, there has to be the possibility in the room for anyone in the room to say anything. That said, I know I'm going to be part of this process going forward and i'm going to vigorously oppose lease, if that comes up -- to any entity like warner pacific.

**Leonard:** If I can interrupt you, I want to address that point. And I appreciate that. As I reminded you when you told me that in our meeting, the council took off the table buying and selling the property. So we didn't say let them discuss that. And I guess i'm just concerned that if we've agreed we're not going to have the property sold, why wouldn't we just take the next step and say or leased, and leave it at that and have all your time and energy do what I think is great work, redesigning what the highest and best use of that piece of property is in terms of the maintenance facility.

**Larson:** And somebody used that term. Highest and best use --

**Leonard:** The maintenance facility.

**Larson:** I know, but when -- all of these things are open to best interpretation. Someone said highest and best use, someone said wait, that means development --

**Leonard:** It does. Take the property you're looking at and for the purposes of a maintenance facility, what is the best way to design it and create it in a way that fits on the property the best.

**Larson:** And that's -- forgive me, because I haven't done this before. Wrote a public involvement plan, which is attached to this resolution. And I don't know whether -- it seems to me it's at least on the record. I don't know whether it's part of the resolution proper or not. But the public -- we were very careful in the way that we wrote that public involvement plan to say that the first issue is exactly as commissioner Saltzman outlined in his opening remarks. The first issue is with the presumption that the maintenance yard stays, we will look at the maintenance yard and how it works and what its best function is there and how it can be best made to work. We want the workers to tell us how it works best for them. That is the presumption. We do that first and then and only then do we look at what kind of corollary uses might be had. So I think that's the way the public involvement plan is written. That the maintenance yard is presumed to stay, and I think there is no will within the community. I sat through a lot of hours of discussion about this thing. And i'm known in the neighborhood as an advocate for every voice being heard. In our neighborhood association in all of our community meetings, in any conversation i've had with anybody in the city about this issue, nobody says to me, well, why not a lease? I know could you say, if it's not an issue, why not just dispose of it?

**Leonard:** You're not the one I need to hear from. I need to hear the director of the parks and the commissioner of parks say here there is no current discussions, there is no plan, there's no contemplation, there's no informal discussions to lease the property. I need to hear that. And i'm hearing john is doing a lot of talking and i'm not hearing a lot --

**Saltzman:** I'll say that. There are no current plans discussing leasing of this property.

**Leonard:** There's no discussions, no emails, maybe in this property you can bring it up?

**Saltzman:** This process is designed to allow people to bring all options to the table. So that doesn't preclude somebody bringing the option up.

**Leonard:** I'm just saying a discussion about that as a strategy.

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**Saltzman:** There is no discussion about that as a strategy.

**Leonard:** I will take that on its face.

**Adams:** You agree, Zari?

**Santner:** Absolutely.

**Leonard:** I'm giving a lot of benefit to what you're saying, John. In trying to get myself to a place where I can support this. Because I hear what you're saying, but I hope you're hearing my concerns and experience and I just want -- I do not want at the end of this process for there to be a meltdown. And i've seen it happen in this neighborhood a number of times. And i'm just not going to do anything that plays into that if I have some reason to think that that's possible. And that's the only reason i'm raising these concerns.

**Adams:** I want to try to get a little more clarity around what would -- the kind of work that would be completed with the master plan update, vis-a-vis the yard and whether or not at the end of that expenditure and process where that would be a facilities plan so it's kind of a geeky question, would we have something from there to go into preliminary engineering, or would that constitute preliminary engineering?

**Santner:** Very good question, commissioner. This process as john mentioned, will start with evaluating all of our needs, central maintenance facilities and horticultural needs at the site. What our current needs are and as I have mentioned before, before this council, last time we work on this facility was over 50 years ago. So we know if we do something that's going to last another 50 to 100 years. So we want to make sure we plan for the future as well. So we'll start with preliminary engineering in architectural terms concept schematic plan. So at the end of this process we will have a blueprint that tells us where these facilities fit, how, are they one stories, two stories, and are there ways we could improve efficiencies, or considering the historic preservation of some of the buildings on the site, are there opportunities to configure this in a way that would give us more space, safety is a huge concern in terms of movement in the Yard. So these are the things that the process would include. So in the end we will have a blueprint that could tell us how much it would cost to improve or as commissioner Leonard mentioned, we build this facility, and how can we phase it if it's a substantial price tack. Are we going to do it all lump sum or can we phase it? So that's what our intent is. And as john mentioned, if through this process we're able to economize in space, and there are space leftovers, what are the things we could do?

**Adams:** How -- again, it might be here and I missed it, how big is the committee?

**Santner:** We haven't formed a committee yet. But definitely we'll include people or those people who are willing, the 16 people who were involved in this process.

**Saltzman:** The mediation people was about 16 people. This process would be --

**Santner:** Bigger, right.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks. How many folks have signed up to testify?

**Karla Moore-Love, Clerk:** We have 15 people to signed -- signed up to testify.

**Potter:** Can I ask folks to keep their remarks to two minutes? We have a number of other things on the agenda.

**Potter:** You each have two minutes.

**Alfred M. Staehli:** I am alfred staehli, i'm a retired architect, a mount tabor resident and a member of the mount tabor neighborhood association. I support the resolution on upgrading a mount tabor park master plan. The following remarks address the significance and integrity of the mount tabor park central maintenance yard nursery and the long block, briefly referred to as tabor yard. The present importance of the yard has -- as has been conduct there'd for the past 100 years or more. The tabor yard and horticultural -- horticultural program was -- was continued by a successor superintendent kaiser. The program's work propagated the trees, shrubs, and flowers for the finished landscaping and maintenance of all of the parks and for displays for official ceremonies



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and observances by the city, rose festival, fleet week, holidays, memorials, city hall and council lobby and office displays, the pittock mansion, receptions for visiting dignitaries, transit mall planners, and for the appropriate plants for storm water disposal, bioswales, and for the restoration of reclaimed wetlands along Johnson Creek and other areas of Portland. Tabor yard and the horticultural program has been inseparable from the maintenance and beautification of Portland's image. I just have a few more to finish. It has been recognized for its excellence. The yard's programs and operations have been valuable and internationally for its excellence. The yard's programs and Operations have been a training ground for carpenters, painters, and gardeners, oriented toward historic landmarks and landscaping. And for the equipment maintenance and repair specialist. Is there a better way to find a specialist and oversee the restoration and repair work of others? When contracted out and by training them in house, and possibly in cooperative programs with p.c.c. And Mount Hood Community College. How do you price these intangible qualities? Can you dismiss them for a sharper bottom line? Can you outsource these services and skills and realize the equal quality with less overhead? Addressing you as one of Portland's older arc tech cher preservationist, I'm asking the council to support, plan for and fully fund the preservation of Tabor yard operations and the full horticultural program. Thank you.

**Kathryn Notson:** My name is Katherine, I'm a South Tabor resident and a former board member. I'm one of the 16 people who signed the resolution and the other four of my neighborhood are here as well today. I support going forward with this resolution in order to deal with issues at the maintenance yard. I feel that this is an important aspect of the park, and I know there are other issues outside of the park usages that are concerns of my neighbors. I know that our neighborhood plan that we adopted back in March of 1996, there was discussion of public access to Mount Tabor Park from Division Street. And I've heard that even now from some residents as we've gone through this. I would like to go forward with this process, and I would also challenge the commissioners and the mayor to give us their written comments that we can address their questions during this process, as well as the rest of the citizenry so that we may have those answers for you in a year from now. We should make that commitment to you in order for you to have your participation in this as well. Thank you.

**Karne Trappen:** My name is Karen, I'm a carpenter with the park bureau. And I was part of the design of the public involvement plan. I think -- I came on board like June or July and I fully support the resolution. I think this is a great -- if this is what really is going to happen, which it sounds like these folks are very much -- this is what they want, these neighbors which I applaud all of them for coming forward and fighting for us to have decent working conditions, this is -- I don't know of other workers that have been able to be a part of designing their work environment. And that would be a great thing to happen. I know that there are a lot of naysayers still in the park bureau that totally do not believe that this is going to happen. We've heard over and over different things that's going to happen, we're going to move the yard, we're not going to move the yard, that's all I've heard since I started. And I'm really hoping that we can just make a decision and start moving forward and do something. And I'm looking forward to helping with the design process also. So thank you.

**Saltzman:** Before Karen leaves I just wanted to let the council and the audience know that Karen recently won the public employee of the year award for the northwest region of labor and international union of north America. She was nominated by Richard Beetle for her activism for the union, her coworkers, and Portland parks and recreation. She was nominated from over a pool of 5,000 public employees in the northwest region, and she is one of only five award winners and received her award in Chicago last Friday. So congratulations. [applause]

**Potter:** Thanks, folks.

**John Long:** My name is John Long. I'm happy to be here, Mayor and Commissioners. And basically for brevity, I am a horticulturalist, and you saw all those wonderful pictures of the areas I help

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manage. So pictures are worth a thousand words. You don't need me to continue on with that. I would like to also add that we are definitely working with partnerships with the bureau of environmental services, growing plants as well as the water Bureau, especially with the hydroparks that are being developed these days. We definitely need improvements in the area that we're working in. And I would invite those that have not been to the yard to just come in and see it.

That might help sway you one way. So i'll end with that. Thank you.

**Richard Beetle:** Commissioners, mayor, thanks for having us forward to talk about this issue. My name is richard beetle, I am the business manager of laborers local 483. Would I like to join with my members in favor of this resolution with the following caveat. I commissioner Leonard's concerns and we would not support in any notion a lease or loss of public control of this property. You will be listening, you have listened to testimony from a truly dedicated and professional work force whose been struggling to provide a high level of service that the public expects and deserves. All the while while working out of early 20th century facilities that have serious maintenance problems that is inadequately sized and designed for its mission. These buildings don't meet a.d.a. Requirements or osha or current building codes, or basic fire and safety hazards. The yard does not offer adequate restrooms, showers, or lockers. Nowhere in the city do we ask public employees to work out of these outdate fad silts. We have been promised for years by numerous commissioners through several ballot measures that these inadequate facilities would be addressed only to be disappointed. But this time I truly think it's different. I believe this because of the strong commitment that commissioner Saltzman has made to this effort. I believe this because the open and inclusive and transparent public process that zari has so carefully crafted. I believe this because of the dedicated group of citizens, park staff, and employees who have so tirelessly put together this resolution. They have pioneered a new partnership that has ushered in a new era of collaboration and cooperation we have not seen before. To -- together they have delivered on their prom toys put together a public process that will assure the best use of this facility. What we're of what we're asking this council to do is to keep their promise. By investing the money to keep this process going. Together we can finally have that facility that will allow our members to ploy the services to this community that they deserve. Thank you.

**Mike Murphy:** My name is mike murphy, I am a locksmith for the parks bureau. I just want to say I support this, keeping the yard at mount tabor. I think it's very important to have a centralized yard, just Because of the interaction that's done amongst the employees first thing in the morning. An example is somebody has a broken lock, they come to me, tell me where it's at, I get all the information they need rather than get a work order and try to chase these people down and find out exactly where the lock is at or what is going on. So I think just the interaction of the employees of the yard in the morning -- as far as getting the workload out.

**Potter:** You each have two minutes.

**Mark Bartlett:** I am mark bartlett. I'm a member of the mount tabor neighborhood association and part of the group doing the work to compose the resolution. For the past year i've spent at least a thousand hours waiting through studies, financial documents, and strategy papers produced for and by Portland parks and recreation. I've found the following conclusions pertaining to this run through these documents that the city of Portland could not find a better location for the central yard if they didn't already own it. These documents are also clearly pointed out that the parks can and should continue to produce plants and horticultural activities at this site. It was chosen for a reason a hundred years ago. Parks and recreation can return this to a profitable endeavor if they are allowed to do so as it was in the past. All of the bureaus can be serviced in part or whole provided by the facilities There. If council will cooperate and utilize this asset. First, the the colocation efficiencies with other bureaus could be realized and that would benefit both the bureau and the public. Would I ask the council to consider this and act to initiate this aspect as a component of the outcome of this resolution. The public has demonstrated their voice for maintaining capital assets

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and these facilities do need your attention. Employees working there deserve something better. I want to ask the council to support our work and their relationship with the bureau. A group of dedicated public members are ready to take this forward with Portland parks to its completion. Two resolutions were passed stating just that. I would ask them to -- keep the momentum intact.

**Don Jacobson:** My name is don jacobson and i'm representing the Portland chapter. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak to this resolution and I urge you to pass it and allocate the necessary funds to implement it. I appeared before you in the spring of 2006 with issues regarding mount tabor and other public parks. One suggestion I made at that time was to codify and institutionalize a public process for Portland parks and recreation and other city bureaus. If that proposal had been pursued, perhaps this resolution might not be necessary and the important work that needs to be done could already start it. In the fall of 2006, the fate of the mount tabor park yard, nursery, and lawn blocks erupted in an atmosphere of crisis and mistrust. However, thanks to commissioner Saltzman and the other commissioners' support of zari santner's initiative, ours of community involvement, a process began that engaged the community and which a dialogue resulted in an agreement in how to proceed. I hope that using this process as a template early and open public involvement in Portland parks can circumvent antagonism, thereby benefiting community agencies. The mission of the maintenance yard nursery and lawn blocks from the master plan needs to be remedied very soon. One definition of deferred maintenance could be more money later. With funding at a premium it is cost efficient to spend money on maintenance now rather than to spend a lot of money later on. It's a tragic mistake to let our infrastructure to continue to deteriorate. Our city workers need an adequate, safe, and efficient place to work. It's time to begin a process to fix these problems. Please support and fund this resolution. Thank you.

**Gary DeVore:** My name is gary devore, i'm supervisor of mount tabor yard. I work for the city for 27 years. I would ask you gentlemen to think about coming to work every day and share the same office. Share the same phones. You may or may not have heat that day. If it rains outside, you have water running through your office. And then go out and do your job with a smile on your face. That's what we ask our staff to do, day in and day out. Supervisors and the managers support this resolution and we ask that you do the same. Thank you.

**Shannon Loch:** Thank you for the opportunity to talk today. My name is shannon loch and i'm a mount tabor neighborhood resident and I sat on the 16-person mediation group. Over the last year you've each been instrumental in helping us get to this point, and you've been supportive in our efforts to keep mount tabor whole. Our community is more whole as well. Which is to say that the parks bureau staff, the park employees and the citizens have forged a new lie -- alliance we can be proud of. Thank you commissioner Saltzman for giving director zari santner the latitude and the support to initiate the mediation process that's resulted in this resolution today. And commissioner Leonard, thank you for dialing in and bringing to our attention how we could sharpen the focus on this process. I know it's something that's been a point of conversation with the mediation group and I appreciate your comments. Thank you. It's going to be a number of years before this plan is carried out. And I just want to say that as a community we will remain vigilant. We recognize with the comprehensive plan and other land use policies coming up in the future, they could impact our open spaces. And we'll be following not only the mount tabor park issue closely, but all of our open spaces to keep them from being vulnerable and lost to the public domain. Thank you.

**Nancy Norby:** I'm nancy, I live in the mount tabor neighborhood. And I was part of the mediation team. I'm a vice-president of the neighborhood and a founding board member of the friends of mount tabor, a group that came out of the original master planning process. In the public meetings it was requested that there be a friends group for the park. The success of that group demonstrates what a few citizens can do. We have around 200 families and performed over 15,000 hours of service in the park. We have built trusting relationships with Portland parks and rec, Portland police, water bureau, and oni. We've also formed a foot patrol that has won awards and is said to be

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a model there. Are at least 40 members working at any one time. I was also a member of the original master planning committee for mount tabor and I seem to be the only continuous One through. That group was put together for the purpose of spending the money from the general obligation bond that was passed for the parks department. The committee was charged with analyzing the park and deciding on improvements that would help it. We have one point -- \$1.2 million and a lot of it went to parking and the amphitheater. We were told the nursery was not part of the discussion because that would come later. With the limited amount of money there probably wouldn't have been impact made on the yard so I suppose that made sense. I'm also interested in anything that goes on at mount tabor park. I've -- i'm appreciative of all the efforts of the staff in the parks department who come to this agreement and look to the future with an open and transparent process to the side -- with input from all concerned parties. I urge you to pass the resolution and fund it. I would like to see planning for mount tabor park be completed. Also the facilities and maintenance department need to be looked at and need to figure out what's best for the future of the whole system, not just mount tabor, and what would be the best public good for the nursery and the long block. It will be a lengthy discussion and hopefully we'll come out with a -- we have a committed group of people more than willing to give their time and Opinion and the momentum will not be halt and we can keep moving forward in a timely manner, get relief to the workers of the yard. I want to thank commissioner Saltzman for starting the funding and letting the process go forward. Thank you for letting us speak.

**Cascade Anderson Geller:** Thank you. Good morning, cascade anderson geller. I was really charged to talk about history but al staehli done a good job of that. It's come up a lot. I want to say how impressed I was with the Multnomah youth presentation this morning. My daughter also served on that, she's at u of o in the honor school, and that was a good training group. And this is a great time to follow a great resolution to follow the children because the first children's initiative in Portland was really started by the park -- by parks, not by the park bureau, but by the city fathers whose wives couldn't stand taking their little children by the hand who were well dressed and didn't want to step in the muddy streets to walk down the streets with very poor children who had no place to play ball, no place to play at all, whose parents were contributing to the prosperity of the city and the growth of the city. But they had no place to play. So these women in reading the writings, the letters in our archives, in our wonderful archives I think we're also funding, shows us the importance of parks. The foundation of conscience in all communities. And so mount tabor park is our biggest -- was our biggest park until 1947. It was also one of our oldest parks. It's also exemplary in sustainability, and we have a team -- it has contemplative -- it was designed to be contemplative, it was designed to be -- is that my time?

**Potter:** You have 30 seconds.

**Anderson Geller:** Anyway, it's just a wonderful place. You've heard that a lot today. And it deserves our funding. We haven't put much of a dime over there for a long time, so \$465,000 is a lot of money, and i've had my issues with it. The discussions this morning have really echoed what I had in my mind and out in the public for quite some time. But that said, we have a good team, we're moving forward, it exemplifies the vision p.d.x. It's in process, in front of you today, and thanks a lot. It's great to be here on a good note. So good day.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Anderson Geller:** Thanks to all of you, thank you commissioner Saltzman especially.

**Steve Nassar:** My name is steve, I am a member of the south tabor neighborhood and I was part of the process of one of the 16 people going forward. First let me thank zari santner and commissioner Saltzman for their support of the public process. The mount -- around the mount tabor park central yard and Nursery. When I first became involved in the mediation team, I had a pretty low opinion of the parks bureau and zari santner in particular for signing the m.o.u. With warner pacific to purchase yet another piece of our historic mount tabor park. After working with zhari and her staff,

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i've come to see her as a staunch advocate for our parks system and i've learned to appreciate her contributions to this process and her career long dedication to Portland city parks. The mount tabor park master plan from 1999 and 2000 confused me when I first read it. An important integral part of the park, even our entire system was left out of the plan. We do such a great job creating and maintaining one of the best city park systems in the nation, I just could not understand how or why the central maintenance facility for the parks system fell off the plate. How can we maintain our parks without maintaining the very infrastructure that supports park maintenance? It just didn't make any sense to me at all. Our parks employees are working under grim constraints. The facilities at mount tabor park central yard and nursery are disintegrating and with it our ability to sustain the stellar park systems we've managed to build. The people that maintain our parks deserve a safe and functional infrastructure in which to perform their duties. Putting this historic mount tabor park central yard and Nursery back into the park master plan will help give us much-needed visibility and support to our parks maintenance teams. Please do support the park system by adopting an open and transparent process for involving the citizens and neighbors in our city to update the mount tabor park master plan to include this important integral piece of the puzzle, the mount tabor central yard nursery and long block.

**Linda Robinson:** I was one of the few people involved in the mediation who didn't live in the mount tabor -- one of the mount tabor neighborhoods. I participated for a number of reasons. One is I have a very strong feeling about involving the public early and early and in a meaningful way. And realizing this was a regional facility that needed additional perspective. As a chair of the citywide parks team, an ad hoc group of park advocates, I feel very strongly that we needed to rebuild the trust, we needed to improve and communication between park advocates and park employees because the more we can share with each other, the earlier we can share information with each other, the better we as park advocates can help parks. And we do share a lot in common, and I wanted to be part of this process to see how it work and to see how meaningful it could go forward. It was very difficult and frustrating at times and painful at times, but I think it was very useful process. So I appreciate not only zari's participation, but gay as well, and I thank commissioner Saltzman for giving them the leeway of doing that, because I think it was a very valuable process, came out with a good product.

**Dawn Smallman:** Dawn smallman, i'm a homeowner in the mount tabor neighborhood. I recently joined the mount tabor mediation team and -- I want to thank you for your conversation of the resolution today and also thanks to commissioner Leonard for his point about leasing the yard, which is a concern of mine. I'd like to urge to you fund improvement and upkeep for the mount tabor central maintenance yard, nursery, and long block. Keeping the production of plants and trees within our city's hand means we control the ability to keep our city green while our city's population expands. The yard is an historic part of one of our most beautiful parks. We hope you will approve funding for the protection of it and ensure all of Portland continues to reap its benefits. Thank you very much.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks.

**Moore-Love:** That's all who signed up.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** I just want to explain my concern about leasing versus joint use. Under all things being equal, a lease transfers possession. Whereas joint use does not. And similar to commissioner Leonard's point of view, I would be open to joint use agreement, but I would look very askance at any sort of lease, proposed lease. So I wanted to make that clear. I want to thank all the citizens who have been involved. Did I hear the mediation committee was 60?

\*\*\*\*\*: 16.

**Adams:** 16, ok. [laughter] I want to meet that mediator. My thanks to the mediators, citizens, and parks, and commissioner Saltzman for continuing this process. Aye.

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**Leonard:** My preference would be that today we're voting on 465,000 dollars to have a community process to design the rebuilding of the maintenance yard. To be clear, what you've agreed to do is enter into a process and spend \$465,000 to decide whether or not to rebuild the maintenance yard. Which delays the maintenance -- rebuilding of the maintenance yard for a long time. In the interest of collaboration I will agree to spend this money, even though I don't think it's the highest and best use of each of those dollars. And we know we need to rebuild the yard as a practical matter, we know it's probably going to be right where it's at right now, and that would be money well spent in my view in trying to figure out how it's configured, whether or not you can have with the reconfiguration access to the south tabor -- hearing those concerns and hopefully others maybe soon era they're than later, you can start focusing on that, because you have the political will here right now to Get this done, and I think delaying it further by having a process that's overly inclusive of issues is not in the best interest of parks employees or the neighbors. So I hope that we get this process expedited and we're not a year from now looking at a report that says we should rebuild the maintenance yard on division. So I very much appreciate all the comments here today. They've actually helped me get to a place where I can support this. Aye.

**Saltzman:** I want to thank everybody who was involved in this process. I want to thank scott and john in particular. But all the 16 people who participated and I want to acknowledge zari santner for her leadership and sort of rolling up her sleeves and spending lots of hours and were you all and I know it was something she really wanted to do. She approached me about her desire to sit down after the events of last year and really restore credibility in the parks and recreation bureau. And her as the leader of that bureau. So she egged me on to this -- to do this. I was often times skeptical of the outcome, but I nevertheless said have at it, and do good things, and that's exactly what is before us today. And so I want to thank her for her great leadership. I also want to acknowledge karen loper and gay grayinger and karen for their participation in this and all the citizens. So I think that a year from now I think we'll have more than just sort of, here's what we should do. I think we'll have the game plan for doing it as well. Perhaps everything but the fund can piece to rebuild the yard nailed down. That's going to have to come through this council or through a bond measure. But I think we'll have all the other questions answered and hopefully bought into and done under a model public involvement process that mayor Potter developed. So great work to all. Pleased to vote aye.

**Potter:** I want to thank you, commissioner Saltzman, zari, employees of the parks bureau, and the citizens of south tabor and mount tabor neighborhood associations. The one thing I know about you folks, and some of the concerns expressed by the employees, if we're going to do this, I can assure the employees we will, but the reason I know is because we have these two particular neighborhood associations wanting it. And you folks are really good at what you do and I appreciate it, because you do exemplify civic engagement in our city. And I think Portland, though it's well known for it, is still learning some of the ropes. And I appreciate the citizens helping us and teaching us. But at the heart of good government to me is app active and engaged citizenry. I think this exemplifies it. I really value this proposal That you folks have put out for a public process. And we -- when we developed b.i.p. Number nine, that's what we were thinking of. You folks put writing to the concept and made it a reality. So I want to thank you for that. I know in the end the entire city of Portland would be better served by what is produced. Not only through, that but the actual implementation of the improvements to the maintenance facility. I have often thought how ironic it was that the building that is the worst maintained in the city of Portland is called a maintenance building. [laughter] i'm sure that didn't escape some of you folks either. So good job. I look forward as one of the council members to work with you in making sure it gets done. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] thank you, folks.

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**Potter:** We're going to move through the emergency votes very quickly. Hopefully. Because at least one of the members needs to leave. The first emergency is 1154. What they're trying to accomplish with this, for public safety folks there's a couple of dead spots out in that area of town, and this can help us solve that problem. That's a safety issue. I think for fire and police. And I appreciate matt, you and your shop looking at this and coming up with something that can work. If you could very quickly go through this.

**Matt Lampe, Director, Bureau of Technology Services:** This is a lease agreement with Portland community college, their sylvania college to allow us to site a monopole that will provide fill-in coverage for the 800 megahertz public safety radio system into some areas in southwest Portland that we really can't reach now it will help with dead spots. We held a community meeting with the council, it's one of the first times i've been in a meeting where we talked about a new tower that everybody was actually in favor of because they're well aware of the problems the police and fire people have there.

**Potter:** Questions? Is anybody signed up to testify? Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] do you have another one these, matt, emergencies for today?

**1156.**

**Potter:** The next item, 1156. Commissioner Adams has requested that be deferred until next week.

Some of the folks, young people who were going to testify won't be able to be here. 1157. Could you please read that?

**Item 1157.**

**Adams:** This is an item that originally was intended to be on the consent agenda, so it's -- we're required to have it on the agenda to -- the purpose of which is to study trail alternatives to lake oswego.

**Potter:** Any questions from the commissioners? Is anyone signed up to testify?

\*\*\*\*\*: I did not have a sign-up Sheet.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye [gavel pounded] please read item 1158.

**Item 1158.**

**Adams:** This is another one that was supposed to be on the consent agenda. It is a follow-up, part of our series of actions for the audit report time prove our pavement management.

**Leonard:** You had me at "should have been on consent agenda."

**Potter:** Any questions? Anybody signed up to testify in this matter?

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

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

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Item 1159.**

**Potter:** 1159, commissioner Adams, it's a nonemergency but it's one of yours. Would you like to address that?

**Adams:** The previous time that this topic was before the city council is really, we treated it as a hearing without action, so today is the first hearing of an ordinance to reform the city's transportation system development charges. At the september 5th public hearing we heard recommendations from the citizen advisory committee as well as public testimony, and the advisory committee's recommendations Focused on geographic equity across the city and keeping rates comparable to today's. Five questions were raised at council and we have prepared a response and recommendation to each. These issues are strategic application of the transit oriented development discount, outside the central city, which I support. Time line for phase-out of the central city t.o.d. discount, the proposal is to end the discount in 2010 so it is a phase-out. A look at project costs by

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mode. This is a multimodal project list with improvements to support freight mobility as well as travel by transit, bike, walking, and automobile as contained in your information. Addition of a bikeway from i-205 to eastern city limits. The project list includes the completion of the foster road quarter and we've -- corridor and we've identified a possible future s.d.c. Project called the market mill main bike boulevard. This project is being developed through the safe and sound transportation funding proposal. And identification of nonfreight projects in north Portland, all the five projects that are on the list ofv been clarified. They are multimodal and while one is clearly of most benefit for freight facilities another is solely for bike and pedestrian improvements. Staff is here to answer each point or questions. Why don't you give us a quick overview. I just want to reiterate, this follows up on your -- one of Your suggestions, commissioner Saltzman, we do intend to keep some transit oriented development discounts tightly around places such as gaitway -- gateway, and also in a tight-knit way around light rail stops and potentially selected streetcar stops in the future. But why don't you start out by speaking to that, since that's the most substantive change.

**Kathryn Levine, Office of Transportation:** On the possibility of a more strategic application of the t.o.d. discounts -- i'm katherine lavine from Portland transportation. That was raise the at council on september 5th. We looked at how that could be constructed, and in order to encourage 40 oriented development, we have proposed a t.o.d. discount that would be focus order light rail stations as well as high frequency transit routes that is both bus and light rail. So the september 20th memo to council on these five points includes proposed amendments to the code that would be needed to implement that change.

**Saltzman:** So phase out central city.

**Levine:** That's correct.

**Saltzman:** Keep the transit oriented development for light rail station and high frequent --

**Levine:** Transit route.

**Saltzman:** You mentioned gateway?

**Adams:** That will be the terminus of three light rail lines. The money forgone, we have a roughly 10-year, \$110 million -- .

**Levine:** The previous amount of forgone revenue for the t.o.d. was over \$13 million. \$3.5 million was outside the central city. It was substantially less, but it allowed for incentive of transit oriented development. Along the late corridors, and station areas.

**Adams:** So the impact would be \$3.5 million?

**Levine:** Based on the history, that's correct. The perspective of the advisory committee chair is just a reminder that any discount obviously lessens the amount of project dollars available for funding, and from the perspective of the advisory committee they would want us to continue to look at where the discount is being realized and how much and consider that in budgeting expenditures across the city.

**Greg Jones, Office of Transportation:** In that lane you also need to recognize there's a significant benefit achieved by projects in transit oriented development areas, and while these projects generally tend to be fairly expensive, the benefit received from those projects is also substantive. So trying to balance out dollars credited with dollars spent is probably not a useful way of looking at it in these areas.

**Adams:** I would argue as well with all due respect to rick in disagreement, that given the history of expenditures over the past 10 years that applying that kind of principle now would necessarily be historically there. So i'm comfortable with what we've proposed. So this is a first reading reading and we would recommend that you adopt the rate study and project list with the ordinance, establish the fee schedule, and make the necessary code amendments shown on pages 3 and 4 of the september 20th memo to implement the noncentral city transit oriented development discount focused on high frequency transit routes and light rail stations for five years. Those code



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amendments require an annual review of the amount of discount provided. And as we've discussed, there are some policy implications to that.

**Saltzman:** You're not suggesting we vote today, right?

**Levine:** Do you need amendments to be moved?

**Saltzman:** I would move the amendments.

**Leonard:** Second.

**Potter:** Call the vote.

**Adams:** This is the only vote, thank you both very much. I've never seen a citizen committee that was more diverse and more laudatory of two staff people, so thank you very much. Aye.

**Leonard:** And I've heard the same thing. But I want to point out the project that's been added with respect to the bike lane east of 205, the eastern city limits, it's very cool. And very appreciated, and will be heavily used by the residents. When it's done. So I appreciate that very much. Aye.

**Saltzman:** I appreciate the receptiveness to my suggestion that we eliminate central city transit oriented development. Because by definition the central city to me is transit oriented. But I still feel there was a case in other parts of the city outside of the downtown core that a transit oriented development tax credit would be useful in inducing the right type of development, particularly at light rail station and high frequency transit corridors. So I appreciate you looking at that and coming back with a positive recommendation. So I'm pleased to vote aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Potter:** What about 1155?

**Item 1155.**

**Steve Maddoux:** Good afternoon. My name is Steve Maddoux, and myself and next to me, Joe, work for the the Portland office of transportation right of way group. And to my far right is Dennis with the -- who is representing the petitioner of Catholic Charities. This request to vacate Southeast Kelton Street west of Southeast 28th Avenue has the support of staff. It's been approved by the planning commission, and we -- staff is here to answer any questions you might have. So I'll turn this over to Mr. Keenan.

**Dennis Keenan:** Mayor Potter and commissioners Leonard, Adams, and Saltzman, my name is Dennis Keenan, I'm executive director of Catholic Charities here in Oregon. Our principle offices are located at 231 Southeast 12th Avenue in Portland. I'm a resident of Portland's Woodstock neighborhood. I'm here today to seek your approval of our request to vacate Kelton Street. Our intent is to develop the -- our adjoining property to its highest and best use. Principally for affordable housing, safe, decent, and affordable housing for lower income residents of our city. We have already completed 50 units. The 132 units we'd have in this area, 36 of those would be dedicated to the city's initiative for a permanent supportive housing to help end homelessness in our city. This site is an infill site, it's a brown field. We are remediating any contamination that exists in that area. In addition, we have 13 units of homeownership, single family residents we're working with in partnership with host community development to have a further dimension for this entire neighborhood. We very much appreciate your careful and favorable hopefully consideration of our request.

**Potter:** Questions from the commissioners? It's a nonemergency, moves to second reading. What's the date, time?

**Moore-Love:** October 3rd on the regular agenda.

**Potter:** Ok. Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Sounds like a great project.

**Adams:** Thanks.

**Keenan:** Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Potter:** I think that's all, commissioner. Please read item 1152.

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**Potter:** Folks, very briefly give a description of your request.

**Christine Moody, Bureau of Purchases:** Christine moody, bureau of purchases. Before you is an ordinance for approval of an alternative contracting method for the council crest park tower replacement design build project for the bureau of technology services. And matt is here to explain anything about the project that you might have questions about.

**Matt Lampe, Director, Bureau of Technology:** We're here to issue an r.f.p. for the -- to get the proposals we need to get approval of the the alternate method, which is design build. We believe that's the appropriate way to do this type of tower, relatively few people who do these tower designs and builds. We think it's the most efficient process for how to move forward with this project. We've talked about council crest tower a couple times. In terms of budgeting it's been -- we originally came in with a budget proposal that was part of r.c.i.p., that was amended with additional funds added last -- in the last budget cycle as the structural standards for the tower had changed to bring it up to the latest structural standards for essential facilities. And this is basically the next step in the process so that we can get bids and designs to evaluate for targeting construction to begin early spring next year, as soon as the basically the ground is ready to dot foundation work, we would like to have the tower replacement try to complete all the work in one construction season so we don't have any disruption to the park for more than one year. We've been working with parks and friends of trails to the marquam trail area to make sure we have a way to keep the trails open and fully functional while we're doing the tower replacement. To some degree that will depend on what we get back from the contractors and their bids in terms of where the cranes, safety zones, have to be, etc. Getting through -- getting to the bid process and getting information back from potential contractors is a critical step for us to be able to work out final mitigation plans with parks, etc. For how we actually would do the construction. This is the next step as we replace the critical asset for the radio system.

**Potter:** You have project estimate, and even though it's a moderate estimate, it was 1.8 million, but you have 2 million set aside in this year and last year's budget --

**Lampe:** I think it's 1.8, but we have other tower maintenance things we could roll into it if we needed to.

**Saltzman:** Will this tower be built in the same foot fingerprint of the existing tower?

**Lampe:** What will happen, if you were to picture the site we have a rectangular building, and the tower is next to one corner of the building. The new tower will be next to the other corner of the building and then when this tower is completed and the equipment is placed on it, then they will demolish, take down the old tower. So it does change the footprint very slightly. The overall footprint when you're done is almost identical. A building and a tower located immediately adjacent to a corner of the equipment building that's there.

**Potter:** Questions? Thank you, folks. Is there anyone signed up to testify?

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

**Potter:** Is anybody here who wishes to testify on this matter? It moves to a second reading. Nonemergency. Please read item 1160.

**Item 1160.**

**Saltzman:** This is a good thing we're getting state money to help fix the riverplace dock, which is used by many boaters and pedestrians in the city.

**Potter:** Any questions? Is anybody signed up to testify?

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

**Potter:** Is anybody here who wishes to testify? A nonemergency, moves to a second reading. We're adjourned until next week. [gavel pounded]

At 12:35 p.m., Council adjourned.

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