



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

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

On a Y-4 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
1321 Request of Harlan Hiltner to address Council regarding privatization of parking spaces and developers and the infrastructure (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
1322 Request of John Ryan to address Council regarding assistance with contacting other City and State officials (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
1323 Request of Glen Owen to address Council regarding impeachment of national officials (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
1324 Request of J.D. Cook to address Council regarding civic rule, civil rights and constitutional responsibilities (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIME CERTAINS	
1325 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Adopt changes to Title 28 Floating Structures to improve clarity and enforceability and formally add the River Community Advisory Committee to assist in administration (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Leonard; amend Title 28 and add Code Chapter 28.03.015)	PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 21, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
1326 TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Declare the City's intent to rename a major arterial street in honor of César E. Chávez and establish a process to complete the street selection by July 1, 2008 (Previous Agenda 1291; Resolution introduced by Commissioners Adams and Leonard)	RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 15, 2007 AT 3:00 PM

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CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION Mayor Tom Potter	
1327 Appoint Harris Matarazzo to the Historic Landmarks Commission for a partial term to expire October 1, 2011 (Report) (Y-4; Sten absent)	CONFIRMED
Bureau of Planning	
1328 Initiate the withdrawal of properties from the City of Portland for annexation to the City of Beaverton (Resolution) (Y-4; Sten absent)	36549
Office of Emergency Management	
*1329 Authorize contract with Public Consulting Group in the amount of \$100,269 to develop the Portland Continuity of Operations Plan (Ordinance) (Y-4; Sten absent)	181398
Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations	
1330 Authorize price agreements for the purchase and installation of specialized truck bodies used by the City (Second Reading Agenda 1300) (Y-4; Sten absent)	181399
Office of Management and Finance – Financial Services	
1331 Statement of cash and investments September 20, 2007 through October 17, 2007 (Report; Treasurer) (Y-4; Sten absent)	PLACED ON FILE
*1332 Authorize a loan agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for a loan from the Oregon Transportation Infrastructure Fund for the 102nd Ave Street Improvement Project (Ordinance) (Y-4; Sten absent)	181400
Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources	
*1333 Create a new represented classification of Emergency Communications Lateral Police Dispatcher Trainee and establish an interim compensation rate for this classification (Ordinance) (Y-4; Sten absent)	181401
1334 Change the salary range of the Nonrepresented classification of Housing Inspection Supervisor (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 21, 2007 AT 9:30 AM
1335 Change the salary range of the Nonrepresented classification of Water Consortium Conservation Program Manager (Second Reading Agenda 1302) (Y-4; Sten absent)	181402
Office of Management and Finance – Revenue	

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<p>*1336 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Development Commission for collaboration on the compilation and distribution of the New Business Welcome Kit (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181403</p>
<p>Commissioner Sam Adams</p> <p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p> <p>*1337 Amend contract with Jones and Stokes Associates to expand their work for obligations under the Endangered Species Act, the Watershed Management Plan and Superfund (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 36500)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181404</p>
<p>*1338 Accept a \$75,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grant Program for FY 07/08 for restoration work at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge Phase 1 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181405</p>
<p>1339 Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Mocks Bottom Pump Station Remodel Project No. 5375 (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 21, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>1340 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to address rule authorization and permit requirements for Underground Injection Controls (Second Reading Agenda 1306)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181406</p>
<p>Office of Transportation</p> <p>1341 Set a hearing date 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2007, to vacate a portion of SW Gaines St between SW 15th and 16th Aves (Report; VAC-10032)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>
<p>1342 Set a hearing date 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2007, to vacate a portion of NW 9th Ave north of NW Overton St (Report; VAC-10038)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>
<p>1343 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement and Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for jurisdictional transfer of Swift Highway–Marine Dr and N Portland Rd (Second Reading Agenda 1310)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181407</p>
<p>Commissioner Randy Leonard</p> <p>Bureau of Development Services</p>	

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<p>*1344 Amend contract with Joe Hertzberg dba Decisions Decisions to complete facilitation work with the Bureau of Development Services Labor Management Committee (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 37011)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181408</p>
<p>Bureau of Emergency Communications</p> <p>*1345 Settle grievance of Lori Matthews (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181409</p>
<p>Commissioner Erik Sten</p> <p>Bureau of Housing and Community Development</p> <p>*1346 Amend subrecipient contract with Caritas Housing Initiatives LLC by an additional \$52,341 for the Supportive Housing Program and provide for payment (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 37173)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181410</p>
<p>City Auditor Gary Blackmer</p> <p>*1347 Assess property for system development charge contracts and private plumbing loan contracts (Ordinance; Z0765, K0098, T0111, K0099, T0112, P0078)</p> <p>(Y-4; Sten absent)</p>	<p>181411</p>
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p>1348 Expand prohibition against smoking to exterior of City buildings (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter and Commissioners Adams, Leonard and Sten; amend Code Section 8.65.020)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 21, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>1349 Tentatively uphold appeal of Eric Rystadt, applicant, with conditions and overturn the Hearings Officer's decision to deny a 73-unit Planned Development with Modifications to landscaping, setbacks, height and loading spaces at 4027 SE 174th Avenue (Findings; Previous Agenda 1286; LU 06-185546 PD M)</p> <p>Motion to adopt the Revised Findings, grant the appeal, overturn the Hearings Officer's decision and approve the applicant's proposal based on the Revised Findings and Conditions: Moved by Commissioner Sten and seconded by Commissioner Adams.</p> <p>(Y-3; Leonard absent, Saltzman recused)</p>	<p>FINDINGS ADOPTED</p>
<p>Mayor Tom Potter</p> <p>City Attorney</p>	

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<p>*1350 Pay claim of Estate of Raymond D. Gwerder (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">181415</p>
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</p>	
<p>*1351 Pay claim of Joshua Harris (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">181416</p>
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Financial Services</p>	
<p>1352 Adopt the Budget Calendar for FY 2008-09 (Resolution) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">36550</p>
<p>1353 Adopt City of Portland Investment Policy (Resolution) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">36551</p>
<p>1354 Authorize mortgage revenue bonds and a mortgage credit certificate program (Second Reading Agenda 1313) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">181412</p>
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Technology Services</p>	
<p>*1355 Authorize a competitive Request for Proposal process for a Computer Aided Dispatch replacement system for the Bureau of Emergency Communications (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">181413</p>
<p align="center">Commissioner Sam Adams</p>	
<p align="center">Office of Transportation</p>	
<p>1356 Vacate portions of SW Hillsdale Court and SW 43rd Ave south of SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10011)</p>	<p align="center">REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</p>
<p align="center">Commissioner Dan Saltzman</p>	
<p align="center">Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management</p>	
<p>1357 Grant a franchise to Qwest Broadband Services, Inc. to operate a Cable System (Second Reading Agenda 1201) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">181414</p>
<p align="center">Parks and Recreation</p>	
<p>*1358 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, Department of Corrections to provide work crews to Portland Parks and Recreation through the Inmate Work Program (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center">CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 21, 2007 AT 9:30 AM</p>

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*1359 Amend contract with Triplett Wellman, Inc. to provide code-upgrading and partial renovation of the small gymnasium at University Park Community Center (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 36603) (Y-5)	181417
1360 Authorize grants to the Housing Authority of Portland for youth outreach and work skill development services (Second Reading Agenda 1318) (Y-5)	181418
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA</u></p> <p>Motion to hear the Four-Fifths Agenda items: Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman gavelled down by Mayor Potter after no objections.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Tom Potter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</p> <p>*1360-1 Authorize a deed to transfer real property back to Multnomah County (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	181419
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Sam Adams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Environmental Services</p> <p>*1360-2 Authorize a Conservation Easement with Multnomah County in favor of the City (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	181420
<p>*1360-3 Authorize a Limited Site Access Agreement with Becker Land, LLC for soil investigations for the Portsmouth Force Main Project No. 6902 (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	181421
<p>*1360-4 Authorize a Permit and Right of Entry with the Port of Portland for soil investigations for the Portsmouth Force Main Project No. 6902 (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	181422

At 10:52 a.m., Council recessed.

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<p><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, NOVEMBER 14, 2007</u></p> <p>DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA THERE WAS NO MEETING</p>	
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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
OREGON WAS HELD THIS **15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Adams and Leonard, 3.

At 2:26 p.m., Council Recessed.

At 3:03 p.m., Council Reconvened.

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

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

<p>1361 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM - Accept the East Side Combined Sewer Overflow Community Benefit Opportunity Program: Summary Report (Report introduced by Commissioner Adams)</p> <p>Motion to accept the Report: Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Adams.</p> <p>(Y-3; Saltzman and Sten absent)</p>	<p>Disposition:</p> <p>ACCEPTED</p>
<p>S-1362 TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM - Support the renaming of Fourth Avenue to César E. Chávez Boulevard (Resolution introduced by Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten)</p> <p>Motion to accept the Substitute Resolution: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard (Y-3; N-2, Potter and Sten)</p> <p>(Y-4; N-1, Potter)</p> <p>[On November 21, 2007 a motion was made to reconsider this Resolution and the Resolution failed to pass.]</p>	<p>SUBSTITUTE</p> <p>36552</p>
<p>1363 Authorize the renaming of Interstate Avenue within the City of Portland to César E. Chávez Boulevard (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter)</p>	<p>PASSED TO</p> <p>SECOND READING</p> <p>NOVEMBER 21, 2007</p> <p>AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Rescheduled from Wednesday, November 14, 2007</p> <p>1326 Declare the City's intent to rename a major arterial street in honor of César E. Chávez and establish a process to complete the street selection by July 1, 2008 (Previous Agenda 1291; Resolution introduced by Commissioners Adams and Leonard)</p>	<p>REFERRED TO</p> <p>COMMISSIONER OF</p> <p>PUBLIC SAFETY</p>
<p><u>SUSPENSION OF RULES</u></p> <p>Motion to Suspend the Rules to hear item 1364: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard (Y-4; N-1, Potter)</p> <p>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</p>	

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1364 Amend code for Council-Initiated Action to Rename a City Street (Ordinance;
amend Code Section 17.93.050)

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SECOND READING
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At 7:30 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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Potter: Normally we have young people come in and talk to us about issues facing children and youth, and the folks who were to appear had some things at school they had to attend to, so we're not able to have them this morning. We'll just go directly to our council meeting. The council will come to order. Please call the roll.

*****: [roll call]

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

Item 1321.

Potter: Thanks for being here. When you speak, state your name for the record, and you have three minutes.

Harlan Hiltner: My name is harlan hiltner. I moved to Portland in 1983, and I love the city a lot. I'm finding I love it a little less now. One of the main reasons that i'm here regards probably sam Adams more than anything else, which is the privatization of the parking on the streets. I'm not aware how far back that goes, but I work for deliver dish, and I have to come in and out of downtown plots, so i'm really aware of how many places say "reserved." one example would be by the Portland center for performing arts. There's quite a few parking spaces that are not available to those of us that actually own the streets. I think all people have an issue with paying for parking on streets anyhow, 'cause we already own the streets, but we have all learned to adjust to that. What I haven't learned to adjust to is that any business or organization, from my understanding with talking to sam's associate, has the right to literally lease the space next to it on the street as long as they're willing to pay for parking from the start of parking collection hours to the end of those. I resent that. I think it's a further step towards corporatization of this country, which I think has gone way too far. My second point is regarding development. There are those here that would like to see this city turn into a metropolis. I do not. We have not developed the infrastructure to handle the growth we already have. I don't think we can handle more unless we can develop the infrastructure to accommodate that. And I don't want to see us being in bed with developers. I'm a little upset about the south waterfront develop and the fact that we spent millions of dollars for the tram, which benefits ohsu, which contributed most of the money, and those that are affluent enough to live in south waterfront. How does that benefit me? How does that benefit most of the citizens in this town? I'm not even going to use my full three minutes. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you, sir. Please state your name when you speak, and you have three minutes.

Item 1322.

John Ryan: Good morning. My name is john ryan, and i'm here on behalf of myself and the city of Portland. I had testified --

Potter: Could you speak up, sir?

Ryan: Certainly. Is this better? I had testified in july regarding a similar matter. I'm appearing here today to address two items. One is a letter appearing before you which I would like you to

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read of course, and then the other one is the palanter, which is, as I have said, a uniform basis for communication and judgment. The good news first is that is functional. It works. I can solve not only a problem with it, which I won't explain what that means in the brevity of this forum, but I have demonstrated that it works. I haven't released that data yet, but it's good to know that we were well represented at the recent sustainability conference in Chicago. This could be one of the uses for this. I haven't released this information as of yet, but we can view basically something that's the energy of knowledge, and that would be of tremendous use to the city and to people in general. I'm asking also -- there's two requests here today -- that you could read the first part of this letter perhaps now, and I'm asking for some assistance in arranging a meeting perhaps with one of yourselves and then following on with some other people that are mentioned in the letter. So if you could take a look at that at the present time, that would be very appreciated.

Potter: Thank you.

*****: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Potter: Thank you for being here. When you speak, please state your name for the record, and you have three minutes.

Item 1323.

Glen Owen: I'm Glen Owen, one of several hundred thousand voters you serve as members of this city council. Monday evening this week, Cynthia McKinney spoke at First Unitarian Church in downtown Portland about her reasons for seeking the Green Party's nomination for president of the United States next year. That presentation included scathing remarks on the decay of America's entire process of electable politics, the shape and scale of her doubts about the preposterous official account of the events of September 11th, 2001, her recognition of the neutralization of any pretense of civil liberties and rights to personal and private privacy control of the fascist police state around the world, the secret and illegal application of advanced, undisclosed, and lethal technology in the civilian sphere on a global scale, the coercion of the American political economy into a permanent aggressive war structure in defiance of universally applicable principles of international law and the humiliating stench of cowardice and corruption of America's elected leaders in their failure promptly to bring impeachment remedies to all of the above. Gentlemen, you may correctly infer that you, sitting as city council of Portland, Oregon, are among those elected leaders who having a bro gaited their absolute personal sworn obligation to uphold America's system of constitutional government against incursion by all enemies foreign and domestic and, in the event of any return to democratic process for -- democratic process for voters in America, you will face the voters' wrath. Your constituents in Portland, Oregon, not only want their national elected leaders to include articles of impeachment for the criminal syndicate that now rules America and the world. They also want the forthright participation of this city council in that process of desperately needed reform. A resolution has been before the council since May 10th of last year, and since that time this council has addressed and resolved many issues of critical local importance. But on the one issue that threatens our entire American way of life in the city, you have dishonored your oath of office. We are the 9/11 and related truth movements in Portland and Oregon and are no longer so naive as to ask for your leadership in this matter. We merely ask that you accede to the clearly expressed and fervent desire of your constituents to support, advance, and resolve the only process that can reverse the transparent drive to tyranny in the city, state, and country that we love so much. I am Glen Owen, and I am solely and personally responsible for the content of these comments.

Potter: Thank you for being here this morning. State your name for the record, and you have three minutes.

JD Cook: Good morning, men. My name is Jeff Cook, j.e.f.f., c.o.o.k. No g., no e. I live at 101 Morris. 503-449-0781. You can send all e-mail, correspondence, and queries to Jeff in North Portland. I came to you on the 31st of October about a very important issue involving life and death in our community on our streets and at our intersections. And no, Mr. Adams, my testimony did

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not involve a single bicyclist. However, I found a funny thing happened on the way to the forum. Apparently it all started with a man who refused to remove his hat. I found that the citizens of our city must now act as supplicants and appear downstairs seven days in advance and sign up and sign in and run a synopsis or an idea past the council and then go home and sleepy sleep on it for seven days. This is the equivalent of icing the kicker, and that by the way is a football reference, mr.

Adams. What this is is access delayed is access denied. I need to read for you it seems from our most holy united states document. The first three words in our most holy document in this country, the controlling document the, a third world is not a bawl. The third world is not muddled interests that pepper this audience. The third world is not thugs with which you fill odd you are police force all over the country. The third world is peeable, sovereign. Now I have to move along because I have to move to the first amendment of the constitution. This is in one of your inserts as well.

Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of the people to petition the government. You are taking liberties with our liberties by dint of this rule, gentlemen, I say guardedly. You are, by dint of this rule, illegitimate leaders by dint of the acquiescence to or approve value of this rule, the dais upon which you sit in our chairs is made of sand. You are taking liberties with our liberties. You can go onto abridgement. It's simple. Curtail. Now it seems I have a lot of papers here, so I have some more important things to say. Most importantly about this particular rule of icing the kicker, the citizen becomes supplicant. Most important is that it appears to be moving hand in glove with this eruption of the tyranny of fascism that is oozing out of our nation's capitol, and I will not have our city council work hand in glove with those who would deny our liberties. Mr. Mayor, I urge you strongly hire the artist contractor, maybe me, to paint the stars upon the ceiling of this curious star chamber. Even more importantly, mr. Mayor, I urge you tear down this rule. I guess i'm done. I'm over. Thank you.

Potter: Is that it?

Moore-Love: That's all for the communications.

Potter: Move to the consent agenda. Any commissioners with wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Does any member of this audience wish to pull any item from the consent agenda? Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. We have a 10:00 time certain. It's about 10 till. Perhaps we could go to the regular agenda and start on some of those. The first one could you read item 1348 some

Item 1348.

Potter: Commissioner Leonard, did you want to address this?

Leonard: I introduced this on behalf of the office of management and finance. Tom, did you want to say anything in sarah, in my office, has been working on this as well.

Tom Feeley, Office of Management and Finance: Good morning. Tom feeley from the office of management and finance. Thank you for introducing this for us. This ordinance seeks to ban smoking within 50 feet of the entrances to city buildings basically. Right now, we do ban smoking within the building and within city police vehicles. We have received a number -- an increasing number -- of complaints about other people smoking in the Portland building especially just outside the entrance. We've gotten concern from parents of city kids that smoke is wafting into the children's play area outside. Oregon law will change in january of 2009 to actually implement this, but we'd like to go a hee and do it now essentially at our local level. It's certainly reflective of the wellness initiative coming out of d.h.r. And the benefit program and, like I said, responsive just really to an increasing number of complaints from city employees. I think, as more and more information has come out about the impact of secondhand smoke, employees have become more and more concerned. So i'd be happy to answer any questions you have.

Leonard: Thank you.

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Saltzman: I have curious if you've ever thought or looked into the idea of having an established area where employees could smoke that wouldn't interfere with people accessing and egressing. I think mainly of the parking garage beneath. Is there any kind of possibility that an area could be established that would be under cover?

Feeley: Yeah. We have looked at that. We looked especially at the loggia. It's either right outside the restaurant, right outside the store, near the entrance or near city kids. It just doesn't appear to be sort of a reasonable place to put that. The garage right now is not open to the public essentially, so it does have a certain level of security.

Saltzman: Well, I guess we're primarily talking about city employees, aren't we?

Feeley: Yeah. I mean, we could look at that, but I don't know that that's the answer, 'cause other city employees park down there, and I think we'd run into some of the same issues.

Saltzman: Well, I would appreciate it if you could at least look at that.

Feeley: Sure.

Saltzman: I think I understand certainly all the impacts of secondhand smoke and health and wellness issues, especially with winter coming around the corner, also i'm thinking of employees standing out in the raw elements. I haven't looked in the Portland garage in a long time, but if there is somewhere that's ventilated and could work even if you have to sacrifice a parking space or two, it might --

Feeley: We can look at it.

Leonard: Isn't the basement set up for exhaust fumes from vehicles? I would assume that there would be a system to expel the exhaust fumes.

Feeley: To some extent, yes. We can look at it.

Leonard: If there is, I agree with commissioner Saltzman. My issue isn't trying so much to go after smokers as it is to protect people that don't smoke. They could go to the basement. I would think, if they're city employees and have an i.d. Card, that should be sufficient to allow them entrance down there.

Feeley: Mm-hmm.

Saltzman: That's something you can look into and get back to us?

Feeley: Certainly.

Leonard: Sarah's been my resident expert on this. Maybe we can work on that and then come back and let everybody know how that turned out.

Feeley: That would be great. Thanks.

Potter: Any other questions from commissioners? Is anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Potter: Is there anyone who wishes to testify to this matter? It's a nonemergency and moves to a second reading. I think 1349 is going to take a little longer. What about 1350? Could you read item 1350? The city attorney's office here to discuss this issue?

Item 1350.

Saltzman: Yeah.

David Landrum, Deputy City Attorney: I'm david landrum, deputy city attorney from the city attorney's office.

Potter: Would you like to proceed? You know, considering the nature of this, how many people have signed up to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: I didn't have anyone sign up.

Leonard: Dan handleman.

Moore-Love: We do have one person who does want to speak.

Potter: Go ahead and proceed.

Landrum: Thank you, mayor. What i'm here to do is to recommend to the council that the city settle this case, the raymond gwerder versus the city of Portland.

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Leonard: Could you pull your mic down a bit?

Landrum: Has to do with a police shooting that took place in november of 2005. Mr. Gwerder was killed in that shooting. We have negotiated in good faith with the plaintiffs and reached an agreement whereby we can settle the case for \$500,000 inclusive of all costs and fees.

Adams: And, for the record, why are you recommending this?

Landrum: Well, this instance involved the special emergency response team, sert, and the hostage negotiation team, h.n.t., and what we learned from this event is that our response could have been more effective. The police bureau has made some serious changes since that time that we believe will produce a better, more effective response to these kind of emergency callouts in the future, but that doesn't change what happened that day. City regrets that mr. Gwerder was killed, and I think it's probably the right thing to do, to resolve the case rather than try it. Moreover, I think that although the city had a defense to mount in this case, there is enough significant risk that we might not get a verdict that we think appropriate, and it's better to avoid that risk by resolving the case.

Potter: Is the chief here?

Leonard: She may have assumed it would be after 10:00.

Potter: She was going to be here.

Leonard: I would just as soon hold it over and give her an opportunity to talk.

Potter: Ok. We'll just put this in abeyance then. So thank you, david. We'll call you back up in just a bit.

Landrum: Sure.

Leonard: I think i'm recognizing some houseboat folks out there. I wonder if everybody is here. We're about three minutes early. I think we can go ahead.

Potter: Please read the 10:00 a.m. Time certain.

Item 1325.

Leonard: Thank you, mayor Potter and members of the council. This is an update of the building code title 28 for floating structures, and it's something we've been working on for some time with the idea in mind. Floating structures specifically meaning houseboats and moorages. We've been working for some time to clarify language within title 28 to make it more enforceable and understandable. There have been some reasonable questions about whether that exists current lit. It formally creates the river community advisory committee with stakeholders that can be ongoing, people who either earn a living or live on the river and can help us in the future making further amendments to title 28. We have lori graham here from the bureau of development services. Did you want to mention anything or just be available for questions?

Lori Graham, Bureau of Development Services: Lori graham. I have my whole written speech here, and commissioner Leonard just covered it very nicely for me.

Leonard: Sorry.

Graham: That's fine. I will be available for any questions. I do want to say an official thank you to jim harris who started this process. A few years ago -- a couple years ago -- he started a very open, broad process, and he has since retired. That's why i'm here today and not him, but I did want to thank him officially for his work on this project, and i'll be available to do my best to answer any questions that you may have.

Leonard: Thanks. I'm assuming we have a sign-up sheet.

Moore-Love: Come up three at a time.

Potter: When you speak, please state your name for the record. You each have three minutes.

Tom Stringfield: Good morning. I'm tom stringfield, a member of the citizens' group or stakeholders group that worked with the bureau of development services to develop this revised code. I'm here first to express my support for the revision and to urge the council to adopt it. Secondly, on behalf of the stakeholders, I want to second what lori said with respect to jim harris. During the nine-month period when most of the work was done, which happened in late 2004, early

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2005, our group met with jim every few weeks for that entire nine-month period. He took technical input from us, incorporated it into the code. He inspired everyone's confidence, and the result is a very cooperative effort between the city and the stakeholders, the citizens. I'd like to introduce david grant, sitting next to me. His kids might complain about it. I like to think of him as the father of title 28. He's been a floating structures contractor for about 30 years around the city. Before the late '80s, there was no boating structures code. There were no regulations. David lobbied for a code back then and was a key player in the original draft, which was completed in the early '90s. In 2004, david saw that some revisions would be a big help and lobbied for those and led the citizens' effort to help bring it about. So i'd like to thank david as well for his efforts. Your turn.

David Grant: My name is david grant. I live in dike side moorage in scappoose, and I had the privilege and honor to serve as the state chairperson for the stakeholders group. Title 28 was originally brought about by members of the floating community when we foresaw a need to have some kind of structure standards in the construction of moorages and floating homes. That was done in about 1990. The revision was brought about when it was realized that, to get a better code and a more up-to-date code, we would have to, as a community, come to the city and ask for revisions. We did that starting in 2004. There were 25 volunteers that served on the stakeholders' group. It seems a little large, but we had -- we kind of just said anybody that wanted to come in and contribute was welcome. This group of people included architects, engineers, contractors, moorage owners, marina owners, boat owners, yacht club members, and just people that owned houseboats that wanted to learn what the code was like. I guess I should stop and say floating homes since we've changed the name of houseboats to floating homes during the revision these people put in 2500 hours of their own time, and the result was a pretty good code, we think. I'd like to recognize some of them today, if I may, if they'd stand when I call their names. Of the 25 people, bob wilson of tyee yacht club, randy olson of ducks moorage, eric g azow of Portland yacht club, kent molten of dike side moorage, brad houghton of columbia crossing. I would like to thank the harbor master here today. We have a new harbor master since the code was worked on. It is now ray pratt. The previous harbor master was chris payne who attended almost every meeting. Tom stringfield of rose city yacht club and Portland yacht club worked on correcting punctuation and grammatical errors, and also his input was just amazing, hundreds of hundreds of hours he spent. The coordinator of everything for the group was ms. Martha bailey from Oregon yacht club. She's back here. And she did all the typing and correlated all the revisions we came up with at both the meetings that were held as a stakeholders' group and as the group with the city representative. One further thanks is to ty covich from commissioner Leonard's office who, when the process slowed down, we went to commissioner Leonard and his office, and ty kovich gave us a tremendous amount of help in getting a stalled process up and running. A big thank you to ty. Now i'd like to introduce jan hamer, who will complete the process.

Jan Hamer: Good morning. My name is jan hamer, and i'm general manager for jantzen beach moorage. I want to highlight the importance of the updated title 28 to the entire waterfront community, because it maintains and sets a high standard for the construction and maintenance for all floating structures, including boat houses, which we haven't mentioned this morning. And it will also be the model for surrounding floating industries such as gresham, scappoose, and st. Helens. They've all expressed a real strong interest in adopting it or a very close version of it. Lastly, we need council's support to d.b.s. To complete the remaining elements that randy mentioned when he started, which was to establish the advisory committee to help the director work out the certifying process for the city inspectors to train them and then staff the floating structures appeals board to resolve the differences. Those are really important. In closing, we would like those elements to not take so long and have so many delays as we've had in the past so that we can get that going right away. We the stakeholders, as a group, ask you to adopt this new code this morning. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you. Folks signed up to testify?

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Moore-Love: We have one more person.

*******:** Good morning.

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

Brad Howton: Brad howton, columbia crossing. I had the opportunity to participate as a stakeholder in this process as well, and I think this is a long overdue improvement to the city's building codes, and I expect that it will represent a further acknowledgment of the value of the waterfront activities in Portland and its contribution to the liveability of the city. I think it's a thorough and well constructed document that will raise the standard for all of Portland's waterfront and recreational boating facilities as well as the floating home communities and should also improve the general safety of Portland's boaters and floating home residents, make the rivers more attractive playground for the city's residents. We support the ordinance, and we hope that you'll pass it and also move forward to set up the advisory committee that's been suggested. Thank you.

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

Potter: Any discussion from council? It's a nonemergency and moves to a second reading.

Leonard: If we're not going to vote, I want to thank all of these gentlemen that are here. This really, for a lot of people, may seem like a technical update, but the reason they're so interested and here is because they've experienced what happens when there is a fire in a moorage -- fires in moorages -- as opposed to on land, it's very unusual to have a fire go from one structure to another on land. It is actually fairly typical in a moorage to have a true conflagration when you have one structure catch on fire. It's not unusual to have multiple structures catch on fire, trap people because of the access. It can really be a horrendous conflagration. So recognizing that, these folks have come forward asking that we set up regulations to minimize the risk to the folks living down there and recreating down there. This has been great. I appreciate very much the work. We'll get an advisory committee right away and get that done. Thank you.

Potter: It's nonemergency, moves to a second reading. Please read item 1349.

Item 1349.

Potter: Council has before them findings. I need a motion to adopt the findings and grant the appeal, overturn the hearing officer's decision, and approve the applicant's proposal based on the findings and conditions that are before the council.

Sten: I so move.

Potter: Need a second.

Adams: Seconded.

Potter: Please call the roll.

Adams: Aye.

Saltzman: I'm going to recuse myself 'cause I wasn't here for the original hearing and haven't studied the record.

Sten: Aye.

Potter: Aye.

Potter: I think item 1351 is also a police claim, isn't it? Settlement? So let's hear item 1352.

Item 1352.

Potter: Staff? I guess we're ahead of everybody's schedule, aren't we? This is the budget calendar. I don't know if folks have questions. We can hold off on this, but this was what was agreed to. They came around to the different commissioners' offices?

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

Potter: Is anyone signed up to testify?

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

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

Adams: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** I think the calendar looks good. Aye.

Potter: Aye. 1353. Welcome, stranger.

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Item 1353.

*****: [laughter]

David Thurman, City Treasurer: Good morning, mayor, members of the council. David Thurman, city treasurer. The resolution before you authorizes the adoption of the city's investment policy. The adoption policy is part of an annual process where buy the office of management and finance and the city's investment advisory committee review and recommend changes as needed. All recommendations are then forwarded and reviewed by the state of Oregon's short-term fund board, which advises local governments on investment matters. All policy recommendations before you today have been reviewed and approved by the city's investment advisory committee as well as the short-term fund board. The policy change recommendations are highlighted in your materials. The most notable of which is the incorporation of securities lending policy which will enable the city to earn additional income by lending securities to select financial institutions. This portion of the policy has been developed for some time, has been in development for some time, and we've worked closely with the investment advisory committee and the state to develop a policy that fits within the city's conservative risk profile while enabling the city to potentially generate income for city bureaus. In developing the policy, we took a conservative approach with the full understanding that this will limit the potential for additional income but nevertheless remains consistent with the prudent strategies we've utilized in the past. With that, i'd be more than happy to take any questions.

Sten: Are you saying you don't need our investment advice this morning?

Thurman: Sure. I'm open to ideas always.

*****: [laughter]

Adams: This is short-term investments. Right?

Thurman: Yes, it is.

Potter: And when we were talking about it the other day, you mentioned it will generate approximately \$200,000?

Thurman: We're estimating between \$100,000 and \$300,000 depending on market conditions for bureau income. We think it's a worthy program to pursue.

Sten: In that case, I won't give you any ad vise.

Potter: Thank you. Is anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

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

Potter: Is there anyone here who wishes to testify to this matter? It's a resolution. Please call the vote.

Adams: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Good work, mr. Treasurer. Aye.

Sten: I just want to thank the treasurer. I think this may be the position that's the quietest and the most important that nobody knows about. He makes us a lot of money safely, and we're happy to spend it. Thank you. Aye.

Potter: This is, I think, a good and prudent investment for the city because it does not provide any risk to us, but it does generate additional income which the city can always use. So thank you, dave, for your efforts. We don't get to thank you very often, but we really appreciate what you do for our community. Aye. Please read item 1354.

Item 1354.

Potter: Second reading. Call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. Please read item 1355.

Item 1355.

Mark Reinke, Interim Director, Bureau of Technology Services: Good morning. My name is mark reinke. I'm the interim director for the bureau of technology services. I'm here today to seek your approval to authorize b.p.s. On behalf of the bureau of emergency communications to issue a

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competitive request for proposals to select a replacement computer-aided dispatch system, commonly referred to as c.a.d. C.a.d. Replacement component addresses several of the city's aging public safety technology infrastructure systems. These include the city's 800 megahertz radio system as well as the Portland police data system. The bureau of emergency communication c.a.d. System supports the delivery of critical dispatch services for over 700,000 citizens in Multnomah county, including the citizens of Portland, gresham, as well as several other eastern county municipalities. The current c.a.d. System was implemented in 1994 and presents several challenges. The hardware platform will no longer be supported by the vendor in 2011, hewlett-packard. Due to a high degree of in-house customizations, the c.a.d. Software is no longer supported by the original c.a.d. Vendor, and software support is only available from two city of Portland programmers. These programmers are rapidly approaching eligibility for retirement, and therefore lack of personnel in the job market with skills needed to continue to support this critical system. Also, due to the age of the underlying software architecture, it's extremely difficult to integrate our existing c.a.d. System with current generation public safety technologies and systems. The following options were considered to address these challenges. Those include supporting the existing c.a.d. Software to a newer hardware platform, developing a custom in-house solution as well finally as replacing the current c.a.d. System with a vendor-supported and commercial off the shelf platform. Our analysis clearly indicated that moving to a commercial off the shelf system is in the best interest of the city. The primary benefits include ongoing vendor maintenance and support which is not at a risk due to city employee turnover as well as enhanced capabilities to integrate our c.a.d. System with other public safety systems of the city as well as our partners. Our request today is to seek your approval to issue a competitive request for proposals. Due to the complexity of the system and its critical functions, it's anticipated the selection and contract negotiations will take anywhere from six to eight months to complete. At the conclusion of the competitive selection, we return to council with the assistance of the bureau of purchasing to seek your approval for a final selection. With me today is lisa turley, director of the bureau of emergency communications. We're happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Potter: Questions from the commissioners?

Saltzman: Is this the type of a project that largely is going to be done by whoever the vendor is and there -- whoever the vendor is.

Reinke: I think there's opportunities for subcontracting with the vendor, and the vendor will be the supplier of the software and hardware as well as the integration.

Saltzman: There will be some subcontracting opportunities?

Reinke: We anticipate that.

Potter: When we started off on looking at the entire system, the public safety revitalization project, we all agreed that the c.a.d. System was the first that needed to be replaced, and this is sort of the first stage of getting to that replacement. It is sorely needed. Was anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

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

Potter: Anyone here who wishes to testify to this matter? It's an emergency. Please call the vote.

Adams: Aye.

Leonard: I totally agree with the mayor this is really an important project, and it further helps us get help to the citizens as quickly as possible, and I want to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work that lisa has done since june that has resulted in historic lows in holding times out at the 9-1-1 center. I get weekly updates, and it is just amazing some of the tweaks and protocols and one little technological change, what we've been able to do. I want to thank you very much for your great work. I have a lot of confidence that you'll do just as good a job on this.

Thank you. Aye.

Saltzman: Good work. This is a very important replacement. Aye.

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Sten: Good work. Aye.

Potter: Thanks, folks. Aye. Read item 1356.

Adams: With your permission, if we could hold this to the last item on the agenda, we have the parties locked up in a room in my office trying to come up with a compromise.

Potter: Ok. Please read item 1357.

Item 1357.

Potter: Second reading. Please call the vote.

Adams: Aye.

Leonard: I appreciate the competition. Aye.

Saltzman: Well, I want to welcome qwest into the world of communication services, and we hope to see your services and products soon. I want to thank the cable office, including david olson and mary beth henry, ben walters on the city attorney's office, as well as representatives on the mount hood cable regulatory commission and then finally shannon callahan in my own office. Good work, and we look forward to seeing you in the marketplace soon. Aye.

Sten: Aye.

Potter: Aye. The chief is now here, so we will return -- chief, could you please come forward along with dave?

Moore-Love: 1350?

Item 1350.

Potter: Yes. Dave explained it from the city attorney's office. One of the things that we'd like you to do, chief, is to go over the changes that have come about, what you've implemented in the police bureau since this incident.

Chief Rosie Sizer: Ok. Good morning, mayor, councilmen. In the shooting of raymond gwerder on november 5th, 2005, the Portland police response could have been better. Because that response could have been better, I feel it is the right thing to do for our city, the police bureau, and the gwerder family to resolve this incident instead of going to trial. We believe that the actual shooting of mr. Gwerder was justified under police bureau policy and under state law. A grand jury found the shooting justified under state law. A use of force review panel made up of command personnel, peer level officers, and citizens found the shooting within police bureau policy. As chief of police, I have undertaken several changes to our sert -- that's special emergency response team -- and hostage negotiation team operations as a result of this incident. The Portland police bureau commissioned a review of sert and h.n.t. Capabilities by ron mccarthy, a nationally recognized expert in high-risk incident handling. Mr. Mccarthy found the police bureau met or exceeded contemporary guidelines and practice within the field of law enforcement in response to critical incidents and armed and dangerous offenders. Even with this assessment, over a year ago, the Portland police bureau made significant improvements to our sert and h.n.t. Structure and capability. We changed the critical incident command system. Formerly, incident commanders were automatically the commander of the precinct in which the event was occurring. To serve as critical incident commanders now, we have selected a cadre of command personnel known for their capabilities in handling high-risk incidents, and we have provided them with specialized and ongoing training. For the first time in Portland police bureau's history, we have assigned a full-time position to the training and development of the hostage negotiations team. We have co-located that sergeant with the sert sergeant in the tactical operations division, thus ensuring ongoing training is better coordinated and communication exists on an ongoing basis between the two teams. We have purchased new equipment for h.n.t., widened the recruitment pool, around have made available to the team the services of the new civilian crisis intervention team coordinator, a trained mental health professional for sert and h.n.t. Callouts. I feel that the police bureau's capacity to respond to the highest risk incident is significantly better today because of these changes. They are among the changes that I am most proud in my year and a half tenure as chief of police. The outcome of the

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events that ended with mr. Gwerder's death might have been different had these changes been in place. Had our response been more coordinated and communications been improved. There are, however, no guarantees. Any system may break down. I cannot guarantee that the police bureau will always perform perfectly. Nor can we control all of the variables that make such incidents so difficult and risky. I can, however, ensure that the police bureau can and will learn, as an organization with a goal of providing the best and most professional services to the citizens of Portland.

Leonard: Thank you, chief sizer. When I was first briefed about this settlement, I asked about concerns I had about the case, and the chief gave me a very detailed explanation and then subsequently I met with the person in charge of the sert team, who gave me an even more detailed explanation, and I really appreciated that. I think this is the right decision to settle this case. I totally agree with chief sizer. But in the discussion that's happened in the last few days out in the community, I just want to make sure I had this right, because I hadn't heard this talked about in the community. The man who was ultimately killed had a gun and did discharge it outside? Do we know that?

Sizer: Yes.

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

Leonard: I don't think that's been reported. I mean, he was -- it's unfortunate, and I think we should settle the case, but he did discharge a gun outside, the information I had, which in no way justifies killing him necessarily, but it does heighten the concern in the community when there are bullets flying around neighborhoods. And secondly there was than issue that we discussed in my briefing that I wondered if you could clarify for the record, too, and it was immediately after he was shot. I have read that he was alive for some 20 minutes or so afterwards.

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

Leonard: And the information I got in my briefing indicated that there was some error that led to the conclusion that that was true.

David Landrum, Deputy City Attorney: Commissioner, it was a theory of the plaintiff that mr. Gwerder had lived for some period of time after he was shot. Now, there is a legal purpose in that theory, and it has to do with the wrongful death claim and damages for what's called cost of pain and suffering. As a matter of law, the plaintiff would have to prove that the decedent lived for some period after the injury that causes the death and then prove those damages. So that was an allegation they had made. The information that we have from the medical examiner that was in the autopsy report was that the single shot fired by a member of the police bureau that hit mr. Gwerder, there were only two shots fired that day, one by mr. Gwerder and another by one of our officers. That shot entered mr. Gwerder's back or side near the corner of his shoulder blade, passed through his chest, and exited on the right side underneath his armpit, and it severed his heart from his blood vessels. So i'm not a doctor, and I don't have any medical expertise, but the evidence that we had suggested that mr. Gwerder did not live for 20 minutes, probably didn't live for a couple minutes.

Leonard: I just thought it important to get those two items on the record because of the community conversation that's been happening and probably will happen after this vote today.

Potter: Further questions of the chief or dave? Thank you, folks. Did you say we had one individual signed up?

Dan Handelman: Dan handelman.

Potter: Please state your name for the record. You have three minutes.

Handelman: Good morning. I'm dan handleman, Portland cop watch, and I am not here to argue with the idea after monetary settlement for mr. Gwerder's family, and i'm glad to hear there have been policy changes that have been talked about and particularly that the crisis intervention team is talking with the hostage negotiation team. However, about a month and a half ago or two months ago, at the end of august, a man named leslie stewart was involvedded in a situation where the

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hostage negotiation team was in communication with him when a cert sniper fired through a window at him, and he was injured by either a bullet or a piece of flying glass from what the newspapers reported. Even though two years have passed and these changes have been made, it appears it didn't affect anything except in this case mr. Stewart lived. A lot of talk has occurred about that case since then. Hopefully these changes are real. Part of the issue might be the individual officers are being trained to be snipers, which is something I don't know most people in Portland realize is that we have snipers on our Portland police bureau, and this particular officer in this case, officer leo bezler, has a long history about several violent incidents that have been settled with a protester, a young woman at a tri-met stuff, an elderly man who got tasered by officer bezner. Part of the problem is that we don't look enough at what's going to happen to the officer in these cases. The two sides have said -- chief sizer just says officer bezner's actions were found to be justified by a review system. Currently the city is reviewing the entire review i.p.r. To see how it works, and we have said for many years that we don't understand why we have one set of rules for people who are involved in shootings and they go through this one system and we have another system for people who get roughed up, say, at a tri-met station or get tasered and that they get handled in a different situation. We would like to see more integration and more citizen involvement in the oversight, particularly with officers like officer bezner. In January, that report, I guess, is coming before you about the i.p.r. And the c.r.c., and we have no idea if that's going to be part of it, but the i.p.r. Did adopt a system where they are now looking at any tort claim as though it was some kind of a complaint against an officer, but I believe that, when that comes to shooting deaths, they also handle it differently, and I don't think that should be the case. If at anytime an officer's behavior is in question about whether they had engaged in misconduct, the same citizen review committee, the same civilian review board should be looking at these incidents that look at the more minor incidents. So thank you for your time.

Potter: That it?

Moore-Love: That's all.

Potter: Please call the vote.

Adams: I appreciate chief sizer's statement and comments and your commitment to continuous improvement in your organization, and it sounds like this is a settlement that most all agree is appropriate. Aye.

Leonard: And I had grave concerns about the facts of this case, as some of the community has, and it was refreshing to me when I met with chief sizer that she shared those concerns. It was one thing for her to express to me that she shared some of those concerns. It was another to actually explain to me in detail and then even further detail on the cert commander the specific actions that had been taken to attempt to avoid these kinds of incidents again in the future. But having said that, I mean, it's important to recognize that the police are charged with safeguarding our community, and it's sometimes quick for us to conclude that their motives are less than honorable, but I don't even think, in this case, given that the suspect was -- had discharged a gun outside that we can completely exonerate him from any responsibility from what happened. It's tragic the outcome occurred the way it did. It should not have, and that's why I support the settlement, but I think the community needs to look at this incident in the context in which it happened and should remind us, for instance, when we have guns in our homes that they are locked, and it should remind us that where we have people who have mental-health issues, we try very hard, I know, as the mayor and police chief have, to address those through other means before it reaches this stage. But, in any eye 70, that's all of us sitting here second-guessing what happened that day, and the bigger point is that I appreciate the forthcoming information I got from the police bureau which frankly, from the past, I had not experienced when I asked pretty tough questions about how this could have happened and the just come turned out as tragic: As it did. I appreciate the police bureau's response. I'm convinced they'll

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work hard to correct the procedures that were not in place that day and hopefully have better outcomes in the future. Aye.

Saltzman: Well, I also appreciate the statement chief keizer just gave and the commitment to improved communications between the hostage negotiation team and the sert team and to also have crisis intervention actively participating and also the selection of a special cadre of incident commanders for future situations like this. I think those are all good moves, and it's regrettable the situation occurred, but this is an appropriate settlement. Aye.

Sten: Aye.

Potter: Certainly, as police commissioner, my commitment is to ensure that the police act responsibly, but I also recognize, particularly coming from a police background, that there are situations out there that are resolved literally in some times a fraction of a second and that we rely upon the judgment. And the training and the experience of our police to handle those situations appropriately. In this particular instance, there are things that could have been done to improve that situation. The chief has initiated the changes. I think one of the best things was providing a professional mental health professional to assist sert and hostage negotiation with the kind of information and training that we can deal with folks. Unfortunately people out in the community sometimes use the police to commit suicide. I don't know whether this is the case with mr. Gwerder or not, but certainly it has a reverberating effect, I know, within police circles. As i've said, i've known many police officers that went off on permanent disability because of the psychological damage that was done from taking that particular action. And I appreciate the chief's commitment to work to improve the police organization. It's something that we can't assume that, once we make changes, the changes are sufficient. We have to monitor and particularly evaluate shootings as they come up so that we can take the action that reduces the possibility of having to use deadly force in the future. So thank you, chief, and I vote aye. We have another police issue. Please read item 1351.

Item 1351.

Mark Stairiker: good morning. Mark stairiker, risk management. This is an ordinance for compensating a citizen who was involved in a motor vehicle incident, \$13,925 injuries he sustained.

As I explained in our council report, liability is adverse. The officer was traveling the wrong way on mcloughlin northbound in the southbound lane, was not code 3, had a large service truck blocking his view and also the view of the citizen. This is a reasonable settlement to reimburse the citizen for medical bills, compensation for pain and suffering. The officer did receive counseling from police management regarding his driving, and the police policy was reviewed. I have pictures if you want to see some damage to the cars and any questions.

Potter: Questions from the commissioners? Thanks, mark. Is anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

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

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

Potter: Aye. Please read the 10:30 time certain.

Item 1326.

Potter: This item's been rescheduled till 3:00 p.m. Tomorrow.

Leonard: I was hoping it be read concurrently with the other two so we'd have a hearing on all three at once instead of two separate hearings.

Potter: All three?

Leonard: Of the chavez resolutions.

Potter: I thought there were just two.

Leonard: I thought you had two.

Potter: Oh. There is a resolution and ordinance.

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Leonard: I was hoping we'd just read them all at the same time and not have two separate hearings.

Potter: That's correct. That's my understanding on it, commissioner. Ok. Back to the regular agenda. Item 1358.

Item 1358.

Potter: Commissioner Saltzman?

Saltzman: This is an i.g.a. With the state of Oregon department of corrections. It's an emergency ordinance because of the need to really mobilize these work crews for fall leaf pickup. This is not a new contract. We've been working with prison crews for 10 years with the Oregon department of corrections the past two years. The crews do unskilled heavy laboring tasks. They are efficient. We schedule 75 crews per year at a cost of \$400 per crew. We get 60 to 80 man-hours per crew, about \$5 to \$7 per hour per person, and it amounts to about \$30,000 a year total. The crews do prevent back injuries for our regular workforce. The crews are made up of younger workers who are better suited for prolonged bending, digging, and picking up leaves. They also prevent turf damage. Current staff cannot keep up with the workload without these crews and, if they don't, turf damage does occur when leaves are not picked up. Finally, it's not the best use of our full-time staff. We need them to do more skilled work. Eileen Argentina is here to answer any questions that may happen.

Potter: Questions from commissioners?

Leonard: I'm just interested if -- I know there were some concerns. Wondering if those had been addressed, worked out.

Eileen Argentina, Portland Parks and Recreation: We had a chance to talk earlier this morning. I think he still has some concerns and a suggestion that you may want to hear. We just wanted to --

Leonard: Maybe you could come forward?

Richard Beetle: Thank you, mayor and council. My name is Richard Beetle. I'm a business manager for laborers' local 43, and I have several classifications of workers I represent in the parks. My concern is of course I have responsibilities as a labor leader to protect my jurisdiction, and to tell you the truth I did not know that this contract existed. How I found out about this contract was "willamette week" called me up on concerns about the expansion of the smoking policy and restrictions, and I didn't really have a position on that, because my local has not addressed it, but they did mention to the fact that what was my position of bringing prison labor into the parks, and I said, well, what is that all about? They said, you don't know? I said, no. I don't know. I haven't been talked to on this. Then I found out, when I got on the web page that was being presented under an emergency decree, I didn't have time to do the research I normally would do. I know remember really would not weigh in on an issue with council without some facts based on real data, and I did not have time to do that. I weighed in on fears and anxiety. Those fears and anxiety was based on the fact that I don't know what part of this work is being done that's not my work for my folks. Also I don't know the scope of the work. I don't know who's managing this workforce. I don't know what security is being provided to the parks. I don't know what the selection process in the prison system for these kind of workers are. I understand your concerns, dan, about making sure that our full-time employees aren't injured, but I also am concerned about who are these people that are being brought into the parks. I have concern about them as well. I mean, yeah, they're a younger workforce, but are they really volunteers? Now, I understand the concept of volunteerism. I know the community is concerned about their parks and a lot of times will step up and volunteer to do work, but these people are incarcerated. I don't think that qualifies as volunteer work. And also I'd like to know what kind of selection process is being used in the prisons and how they decide who comes to work in the parks and who doesn't. How are they being compensated? I know the parks is not compensating them. Are they being compensated for this work? Are they being forced

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to do this work? I don't know those questions. I mean, I don't know the answers to those questions. Also I don't know whether the community really understands or if they support the fact that prison labor is being used in their parks. And what type of security is being provided for those in the community? These are the questions I have to have answered before I can really say one way or the other whether or not I can support this contract. So what I would like to ask you to do -- and I know there's a time sensitivity to this -- is to give "me" time to have those discussions with parks so I can get a better understanding of what's really going on here.

Saltzman: That sounds fine. I don't know if eileen was prepared to respond to any of those now. I'd be prepared to set it over a week. We do need to get the leaves cleaned up. I think a lot of the answers are known and can be provided. We don't have to do it now. If you're ok with that kind of a time line --

Beetle: I'd be ok. I've just got to have these answers to these questions, because I really can't, in good faith, consider myself a respectable labor leader protecting their jurisdictions until I know these answers. And so that puts me at a dilemma.

Saltzman: Are you amenable to setting it over one week?

*****: I think one week would be sufficient.

Argentina: If I could just ask a question, eileen argentina of Portland parks and recreation. I wasn't sure if we had a sufficient presence next week for emergency ordinance. Will there be four commissioners?

Moore-Love: We do.

Argentina: And we did have a conversation earlier this morning committing to having that conversation. It is the time sensitivity of the work.

Leonard: I'm just wondering, on a related issue, eileen, there is a labor management system at parks?

Argentina: Yes. There is a labor management committee. When richard and I talked earlier today, we agreed we would find the appropriate forum for that conversation, whether it's a labor management committee or a task team that sits down and talk tight. I committed to briefing our person who's the lead on that committee and finding the right --

Leonard: I wasn't actually prospectively asking if that's where this should go. I'm curious why something like that wouldn't have come up earlier.

Argentina: I understand. We did not anticipate that there would be these concerns. It's not an expansion of the existing program.

Leonard: From your perspective, this has been ongoing.

Argentina: Routine, ongoing. And elsewhere in the city as well.

Saltzman: So I guess I would move to -- I don't need to move it?

Potter: Any objection to setting it over for a week? Ok.

Leonard: Thank you.

*****: Thank you very much.

Potter: Please read item 1359.

Item 1359.

Saltzman: This is simply an extension of the contract with triplet wellman to finish or build the small new gymnasium at university park. The money's already budgeted.

Potter: Any questions from commissioners? Anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

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

Potter: Anyone here who wishes to testify to this matter? It's an emergency. Call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. Please read 1360.

Item 1360.

Potter: Second reading. Call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. The next four items, I need a motion to suspend the rules and here the four-fifths items.

Leonard: So moved.

Saltzman: Second.

Potter: Seconded please read item 1360-1. Is there staff here to discuss the details of the deed transfer?

Item 1360-1.

Adams: This is a good thing. At the request of Multnomah county, we're transferring this property back is my understanding.

Potter: Does the council wish to vote on this?

Saltzman: Yes.

Potter: Is there anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: I did not have sign-up sheets for these.

Potter: It's an emergency. Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. Please read 1360-2.

Item 1360-2

Potter: Commissioner Adams?

Adams: This stuff normally is on consent agenda. This is a housekeeping change.

Potter: Questions? Is anyone signed up to testify on this matter?

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

Potter: Anyone here who wishes to testify to these matters? Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. Please read item 1360-3.

Item 1360-3.

Potter: This relates to the previous emergency vote. Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye. Please read item 1360-4.

Item 1360-4: All part of the same issue. Please call the vote.

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

Potter: Aye.

Item 1356.

Adams: Mayor, if I could send 1356 back to my office, the parties did not come to agreement, and we'll bring it back to the city council in january.

Potter: Any objection? Ok. We're recessed until 2:00 p.m. tomorrow. Thank you.

At 10:52 a.m., Council recessed.

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Item 1361

Potter: Please read the 2:00 p.m. Time certain.

Adams: Thank you, mr. Mayor. Dean, if you'd come forward. The east side community benefit opportunity program provides funding for community projects in neighborhoods and business districts affected by the massive combined sewer overflow tunnel construction project. During the construction of the conduit on the west side, the program, the combined community benefit opportunity program funded 10 projects valued at \$1 million. In 2006, the bureau of environmental services earmarked with council endorsement \$2 million of the \$640 million east side big pipe budget to fund the project in the areas affected by the construction on the east side. With \$1.75 million being allocated to the project and \$250,000 for projects that may arise during the project's life. As many Portlanders know, the big pipe project construction is a six-mile, 22-foot-diameter tunnel with seven tunnel access shafts connecting pipelines and a new pressure line as well as continued operations work in the swan island purpose station and columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant. So in october of '06, we invited residents, community groups, and public agencies to submit applications to -- for use of these funds to a citizen-based applications committee. Notice of the program was mailed to over 500 various stakeholders published in community and neighborhood papers, distributed in email lists by february of '07 we had 38 proposals received, totalling over \$7 million in funding requests. To dean today is going to introduce the 15-member advisory committee the and their recommendations for funding. Dean marriott.

Dean Marriott: Thank you very much, commissioner. Mayor Potter, members of council, i'm dean marriott, environmental services director for the city. You have hopefully in front of you a report from me that includes photographs and maps of each of the the recommended facilities and projects, which I hope you the have had a chance to look at. Also included with that material is a list of the 15-member committee which three members of the committee are here today and would like to address you when i'm finished. The commissioner did a nice job of pointing out the context. I'll take you back to 1995 before we actually began construction of any of our major tunnels. We came to the city council and presented this idea that we would leave the the communities affected by this in better shape than before we arrived. The best way was to engage members of the community and we began with the columbia slough consolidation conduit in north Portland back in 1996 and if you've been out there as I know you all have, the landscaping along columbia boulevard, new sidewalks and trail connection were provided by the community benefit fund associated with that tunnel project. So again, when we were finished, since most of our infrastructure was below ground, not to be seen by the public, we felt it was best to leave behind something that they could see and enjoy. And so began -- that began the process that we have continued to this day as the commissioner mentioned, we took on the west side big pipe project, a \$300 million construction effort that lasted several years. We set aside \$1 million for our

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community benefit opportunity program. Again, forming a citizens' advisory committee. We have been able to fund planting along riverplace, sidewalk improvements on swan island, a community garden, tree planting programs in goose hollow, university neighborhood street tree planting program, and traffic calming facilities on southwest virginia. Also as ter elementary school yard restoration project, pedestrian improvements under i-405 in northwest Portland, south waterfront greenway trail design, ankeny green street project, which is still in process, pedestrian improvements on northwest upshire, and the overlook neighborhood project which is still in progress. So as we wrapped up the west side big pipe project, as I mentioned, a lot of those projects, a lot of the community benefit projects were finished, there's still a few wrapping up. We of course began the almost \$500 million construction on the east side big pipe. We created a 15-member committee in september of 2006 and commissioner Adams met with them and talked with them about the charge to the committee and asked for their help, and they really took that charge seriously. They met many, many times, pouring over 38 very serious proposals from community groups and interested parties as he mentioned, \$7 million in total requests, even though we had set aside a total of \$2 million for the community benefit program. The 15-member committee poured through those and recommended projects that total \$1.77 million. My transmittal memo says \$1.75. I should point out it has a minor error, it is actually \$1.77 million. And we are reserving \$230,000 because as you know, the east side tunnel will continue construction through 2011. So we learned from our experience on the west side that good ideas will continue to surface as we move through the community and affect the community, so we have a reserve set aside to fund opportunities that arise during this process. I will not read to you all 21 projects. Have you those in front of you. I just want to highlight a couple to show you the breadth of the the scope and subject areas. One grant is for \$218,000 to friends of trees to plant street trees along the construction area. \$8,100 to the willamette river keeper to do some revegetation work on the willamette between hawthorne and market bridges. \$364,000 to the hosford abernathy neighborhood and brooklyn action corps for crosswalk improvements and pedestrian signals at 11th and 12thh avenues and clinton streets, very important area to that neighborhood. And also some money to stripe some bike lanes on southeast division between 4th and 9th avenue. 16,700 dollars to expand the community garden at colonel summers park at 20th and taylor. And then just as another example, \$33,000 to folks at ladds addition to help protect and maintain the elm trees in their community park. And finally, \$78,000,900 to the columbia -- \$78,900 to construct a nonmotorized boat landing for canoes and kayaks near denver avenue to allow for improved access to the columbia slough. There are other projects, and they're all included in the materials submitted to you. I just want to take a moment to thank two members of my staff that work tirelessly on this with the community. Megan callahan, who is not here today, but debbie castleton, who is seated behind me, debbie, raise your hand. Thank you. To both of them. And also my sincere thanks to the citizens committee. We just have had a wonderful experience working with them. They worked really hard. They plowed through a lot of difficult material, complex material, and I think they came out with a sterling set of recommendations. And what i'm going to do, if it's ok with the council, is step aside and let you meet three members of the committee. Elaine kemp with the lloyd district community association, fletcher trip with the university park neighborhood association, and lance lynn call with the brooklyn action corps. After their presentation, if you have any questions for me i'll be glad to come back. Thanks.

Adams: Thank you.

Elaine Kemp: I'm elaine, representing the lloyd district community association. Thank you. Environmental services recruited 15 members and two alternates to represent neighborhood and business associations and environmental and other community organizations which included the audubon society and the bicycle advisory committee. The 11 neighborhoods directly affected by the the east side c.s.o. Construction are kenton, portsmouth, university park, overlook, elliot, lloyd

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u. Kerns, buckman, hosford abernathy, brooklyn and the sellwood-moore land area. Usually we had at least 10 members of the committee present, and detailed minutes were prepared by the b.e.s. Staff and sent to all members. So everyone was kept aware of what was under discussion even if he or she missed a meeting. We met six times between september 2006 and september 2007. Most meetings ran from 2½ to three hours, and I think I can speak for most of us saying that at least that amount of time was necessary in preparation for each of these meetings. This was my first opportunity to serve on a city committee. And I was very impressed with the work done by the b.e.s. Staff to provide copies of all the grant applications and support documents, as well as a complete listing of the committee's established criteria for evaluating a proposal, and very handy charts for us to weigh each proposal against those criteria. Between meetings, the b.e.s. Staff sought additional information to respond to questions raised by committee members during our discussions and they provided comprehensive minutes of our discussions as well. It seemed to me that while each committee member spoke on behalf of grants in his or her neighborhood, everyone really focused on making this review as fair and equitable as possible.

Fletcher Trippe: Thank you. I'm fletcher trippe, with the university park neighborhood association in north Portland. I'm going to tell you about the criteria which was at the first meeting that we decided to go through. They were environmental, location, public support, community benefit, sustainability, redevelopment, impact feasibility, and cost. Some of those are pretty self explanatory. The environmental, what was the environmental benefit that this project might bring about? The location. There was a set -- we got our packets that things within a half mile radius were in the zone, and then after that there would be things outside of that which could be considered also. Public support, these projects have support, letters attached to them. I think this is partly -- part because of the west side, because there was a lot of projects suggested that didn't have the support behind them. Community benefit. Sustainability. Like I think one was a warehouse project that we decided to fund, help them fund their roof. And there was -- it was something we could help them. We wanted to try to help the business owners down there. The impact was the zone really impacted heavily, things like lloyd district, the central east side, over in the smile neighborhood at mclaughlin. Feasibility, could it be done, and the cost. When you have 9,000 to \$1 million asked could this be done, and we decided how much we could support each one. This is my first time to serve on a committee with the city. I've been involved in my neighborhood for four years now. It was a very good experience. A lot of people advocated for north Portland, which I felt really great about. I also felt that people were open even though they have things in their own neighborhood to give up, and let us each work together. I had a good experience with this.

Lance Lindahl: My name is lance lindahl, the current chair of the brooklyn action corps neighborhood association. This is just an amazing process. I was proud to be a part of it. As we went through the delivery process -- deliberative process, we tried to keep things in mind. There's a variety of different types of projects that would happen. And the projects also had strong support within their individual neighborhoods. We didn't want to fund something that would be seen as controversial or having a negative impact. Also, we wanted to have projects selected that were as close to the areas of impact with construction as possible. And in brooklyn we're affected because we have construction on our northern and southern end of the neighborhood, and it's affecting bikability, walkability, and the ability to drive safely through the neighborhood. So we really shopped for projects that were close to these impact zones. We also wanted to make sure the projects were distributed throughout the construction impact, and that southeast, northeast, and north Portland were all given equal consideration. In september of this year, we developed the final list of the 20 recommended projects, and the total funding for that is \$1.77 million. There's also an additional three projects that have been added to the list should additional funding become available over the next couple years. And the only change that was made by mr. Marriott and the environmental services staff was that they added one more project for this adjusted funding list. We

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came back as a committee and met on that. We were definitely all ok with that. It was a good idea. It's just a really great process. This is the first committee of this type i've been on, and this process serves as a role model for how these types of things should be handled. From early on we saw this as a great opportunity to dedicate money to our infrastructure system, especially roads and trails, and promoting alternative modes of transportation.

Adams: I want to thank each of you and everyone else who served on this committee. It was a big committee, and a lot of requests. And thank you very much. We got the pedestrian bridge improved in your --

*******:** Thank you very much.

Potter: Any folks signed up to testify?

Moore: We have three people.

Potter: You each have three minutes. Anybody can begin.

Liz Tilbury: Liz, i'm a board member for friends of trees. And we're really here today to thank the city of Portland bureau of environmental services for your serious consideration of \$218,000 up to \$218,000 to support our greening the east side tree planting project. Which is part of b.e.s.'s east side big pipe community benefit opportunity program. We're proud and grateful that we're being considered for the serious investment, and the partnership with friends of trees seems like a good investment for the city as a whole. The city of Portland will earn a significant return on its investment in these tree planting projects through neighborhood enhanced livability, improved environmental quality, and certainly local volunteers coming together in the neighborhoods strengthens those neighborhoods. Friends of trees, we feel is a good partner. Since 1989 more than 20,000 volunteers have planted nearly 350,000 trees and native plants in the Portland area. This would be in the neighborhoods and in the natural areas. We've been recognized locally, nationally, and even internationally for our efforts to keep the Portland metropolitan area green while helping reduce storm water runoff and greenhouse gasses. So really what we want to say is thank you. And I would like to introduce ramona, who is our planning programs manager.

Ramona Arechiga: My name is ramona, I run the natural area restoration program for friends of trees. Thank you so much for the consideration. It means a lot to our organization and to Portland metro area as a whole. Friends of trees plans on training and organizing thousands of local volunteers in this effort to plant more trees and restore urban natural areas. In 12 specific neighborhoods in the community benefit opportunity program. All volunteer events will take place within the the geographic area of the c.v.o. Program, and friends of trees plans to work closely with b.e.s. Staff, specifically debbie castleton, and in order to determine the needs and meet the needs of this project and the planting areas. The east side greening project benefits are very significant for our community. They include reduction in storm water runoff, and combined sewer overflows which has plagued our community. We're also looking at better air quality and absorption of pollution through the trees and their canopy. They also increase the amount of oxygen in our air, so that's a wonderful benefit. In addition to reduction in energy costs through shading and cooling of homes in the warm summer months, and they will also help to reduce soil erosion and improved shelter and habitat for wildlife in our area. I invite all of you and all of the folks of Portland to come out and plant with us, all of our planting events are advertised on our website, and is it a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and become more invested in your community and make it more livable for the future.

Manhart: I'm david manhart, the director of development for friends of trees. I'm the fund-raiser. I would like to simply add my voice of thank you. I'd also like to acknowledge the citizens advisory committee that helped make these decisions, very grateful for their investment of time and commitment to friends of trees. As a fund-raiser my job will be to try and leverage the investment that you're making by seeking other support, so getting higher return on the investment the city is making in these projects. So we will keep you posted on that effort. Thank you very much.

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Adams: Thank you.

Potter: Thank you.

Moore: That's all who signed up.

Potter: Ok. Any further discussion? This is a report. I need a motion and a second to accept.

Leonard: So moved.

Adams: Second. Poise please call the vote.

Adams: Well, dween, the entire team at b.e.s., good people. Thank you very much. And how many more months to go on the project? Just a mere three years to go. Aye.

Leonard: Thank you for your good work aye.

Potter: Yes. Excellent choices. Particularly those great folks at friends of trees. I've got six of those trees in my yard, and every day I look out there and I think of them. Thank you very much. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] we are in recess until 3:00 p.m.

Items 1326 (rescheduled from 11/14), 1362, 1363, 1364 .

Potter: I want to thank everybody for being here today. We're hearing two resolutions and an ordinance to honor cesar e. Chavez. The first is to rename interstate avenue to cesar e. Chavez boulevard. It will be heard first. The second is a resolution sponsored by commissioners Leonard and Adams to establish a street naming progress -- process to honor mr. Chavez. This is the second hearing on the first proposal, the second on the second. We'll be hearing from proponents and opponents of all proposals. As presiding officer, I want to remind everybody of three rules we're going to observe today. First, you agree with someone who is saying something that you approve of and want to show your support, do so by raising your hands in the air and shaking them. Do not applaud, cheer, his, or boo. We want everyone to have a chance to be heard and we can't do that if we have to stop repeatedly. Second, no signs or placards. If you have brought one, place it under your chair now. Third, because of the large number of people signed up to testify, i'm restricting comments to two minutes each. As presiding officer, i'll discuss the order of today's hearings. One, when I direct the council clerk she will read all items related to naming a street in honor of cesar e. Chavez together. In the order as they appear on the docket. Two, the first two items docket number 1362 and 63 will be presented. Three. Docket item 1326 will be presented. Four. The following six invited presenters of docket number 1362 and 63 will testify. The following people, commissioner maria rojo de steffey, pastor leroy haynes jr., lynn lopez, maria lisa johnson, and ron herndon. Six, any invited presenters of docket number 1326 will testify. This will be followed by public testimony for those who have signed up. Eight, when public testimony is complete, docket item number 1362 and 1326 will be vote order in the same order as they appear on the docket. Docket items 1363 will be settled for -- set over for a vote on wednesday, november 21st. I believe the committee and the people in this room deserve an up or down vote on the naming of interstate boulevard. I know there are council procedures to prevent this from happening but I believe this council owes to it the community to vote on that particular measure. Now we will bring the meeting to order and karla, since we've been in recess, please call roll. [roll call] please read the three docket items.

Potter: The first item, 1362.

Sten: A procedural motion?

Potter: Please.

Sten: I want to alert the audience, which I think probably you're already alerted to, that there is a substitute resolution that we will perhaps consider later in the hearing. There should be copies around, that would substitute southwest and northwest fourth avenue for interstate avenue, so the proposal would be to consider naming fourth avenue for cesar chavez as an alternative. And I would invite testimony from the crowd as you come up on to essentially we have all three topics renaming interstate, the proposal to -- on fourth avenue, the proposal commissioner Adams and Leonard have on the docket, to delay the vote and start a new process. Those are the three things

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before us. I believe there are copies circulated and I wanted to put that on the table so people could look at that and say that may be a resolution -- it would be proposed as a substitute for the interstate.

Saltzman: I also need to move at this time to suspend the the rules found in Portland city code regarding the time when matters are placed on the agenda so we can place a nonemergency ordinance to clarify and amend part of the city's current street renaming code. This ordinance will clarify the circumstances council can initiate a street renaming and ensure any proposed renaming is referred to the planning commission for a recommendation back to us. I move to suspend the rules.

[Motion to suspend rules and hear ordinance to change city code.]

Leonard: second

Potter: There's been a second. Discussion? Call the vote.

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

Potter: No. [gavel pounded] is that all? We'll begin with item 1362.

Item 1362.

Potter: This is the renaming of interstate avenue to cesar e. Chavez boulevard. Today we are fulfilling a commitment that was made on september 6 by the city council when we unanimously led a clear path for a group of Portlanders to follow in their dream to rename interstate avenue after a true american hero. I believe that part of the commitment that was made, the committee followed the process we spelled out to them, we would honor their work with an up or down vote of that proposal. I believe too much of this controversy over this proposal has been distorted and drowned out by three untruths that have been allowed to fester. First, that anybody that opposes this is a racist. I do not believe that, and i've never said that. There are people who do believe that, however, and that that's part of their opinion and their right to that opinion. Second, that we are somehow asking one neighborhood to bear a special burden. I've never thought of an american hero name on a street would be a burden to anybody that was also not just to a single neighborhood, but to an entire city. An entire city dedicating a street to a man whose work should unite and inspire us all. Third, that economic boom that's happening today on interstate avenue will somehow be stunted or derailed by naming the street for an american civil rights hero. To believe that I would have to deny the renaissance happening today on another street whose renaming ignited similar passions, martin luther king jr. Boulevard. It's easy to focus on what divides us, it's also important to recognize what brings us together. I believe all of us want to remember what is important. That cesar e. Chavez was a giant among us, a humble leader who, through nonviolence, inspired millions of americans to seek social justice and civil rights for the poor and the disenfranchised in our society. Those basic truths underlie our need to find an appropriate way to honor him, and at the same time find a place in our city for the first public tribute to a latino. Our latino neighbors have watched and wait today long for such an honor, and indeed all of us have waited too long. I believe we have the opportunity before us with this committee's proposal, and I would like town variety the several speakers to come forward. Those speakers are maria rojo de steffey, pastor lero y haines, lynn lopez, maria lisa johnson, and ron herndon. A procedural matter before you begin. One of the citizens has asked if people can show a thumbs down if they don't support renaming proposal. So, yes, you can do that. But do it in a way that shows a little bit of dignity. Proceed.

Maria Rojo de Steffey, Multnomah County Commissioner: Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. My name is maria romo de steffey. I am Multnomah county commissioner and a member of this community. Recently I wrote to each of you to express my need for clarity. I wanted them to know how it is the objections to an outcome for a process you prescribed could cause you to advocate for an entirely new process that is certainly certain to result in similar outcome. Four of the five of you answered with thoughtful, forthright responses and I thank you for that courtesy. Today I want to express two things. My dismay of where we are, and my certainty that failure to follow through on honoring cesar chavez and completing this process will cause more

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harm than good. In my earlier correspondence, I cited two of my heroes, two men whose life and work have greatly influenced me. Bobby Kennedy and Cesar Chavez. I speculated naming any street in Portland after Bobby Kennedy would not generate the resistance being shown now by honoring the other of my heroes. I sincerely believe that to be fact. I am dismayed that we are not yet a society where our wonderful diversity can be constantly celebrated, where each of us can witness our very own community embracing the heroes of all cultures, if for no other reason, only because it is important to one culture in our midst. We all need and deserve heroes that inspire us. Those who by their words and deeds are beacons of hope and model champions of justice. I wish there could have been better understanding so that as we entered into the work of honoring Cesar Chavez, it would have produced a less divisive outcome. I fear that is simply wishful thinking. No process will ensure a lack of controversy. No selection of appropriate honor will be free of controversy. I don't think I even need to mention why. We all know the reasons why. I am also convinced that the minority communities in our region most specifically the Hispanics in this case, deserve the official action of city council in following through with street renaming in honor of Cesar Chavez. The message sent, if you back away from doing this, is terrible. It will tell me, my people, and the thousands of us who are not from the Caucasian majority, that we are less in every way. You may not wish for that to be the message, but I'm afraid it will be so. "The Oregonian" supported the renaming of Union Avenue over 17 years ago in their editorial, and I quote -- remember also that the council's decision is praise worthy. It memorialized an American who should be honored in Portland. It restated the need for this community to address more fervently and effectively the problems of minorities here, end quote. This statement is no less true today. I believe that in your heart of hearts you want to honor this great man, Cesar Chavez. And in my heart, I know no matter which street is chosen, we will be facing the same backlash that we are facing now and that is faced when Union Avenue was considered for renaming 17 years ago. My research found 85% of the property owners on Union Avenue were against renaming it Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. But that strong and secure city council moved forward and renamed the street. What we have today is acknowledgment of an African-American hero who represents our African-American brothers and sisters by sharing his beautiful name on street signs that we see every day in Portland. We, the Hispanic community, are asking that you do the same for us today. Thank you.

Dr. Pastor Leroy Haynes Jr.: To the honor Mayor Potter and distinguished members of the city council, I am the Reverend Dr. Roy Haynes, vice-president of the All Boiana Ministerial Alliance, the oldest and largest ministerial alliance in North and Northeast Portland. I come today representing the -- in support of changing Interstate Avenue to Cesar Chavez Boulevard. There are defining historical moments in the life of a city, a state, and a nation. These historical moments reflect a vision, the character, the morals of what a city or nation is to be. And in the early 1990's, our city had a defining historical moment with the struggle to honor the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. By changing Union Avenue to Martin Luther King Boulevard. There was great opposition from both neighborhoods and businesses. Yet the Mayor and Commissioners had enough insight and forthright to step outside of the normal political process to be statesmen rather than politicians. To see that this was a defining historical moment that will shake and define the future direction of our great city. Today we stand at another defining historical moment. On the issue of changing Interstate Avenue to Cesar Chavez. Like the change on Union Avenue to Martin Luther King, there are citizens and businesses that oppose the change for a variety of reasons. But the question is, will this city council have enough insight and foresight to design that this is more than just a regular street change issue? That this is a defining historical moment that will define division, the character, and the direction of who we are and where we are going as a city. This is a time for statesmen to rise up once again and discern a defining moment. Our city, we call upon you to do the right thing, voting in favor of changing Interstate Avenue to Cesar Chavez Boulevard. As history

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vindicated the past city council for doing the right thing and changing union avenue to martin luther king, history will vindicate you tosh making the right decision. Thank you very much.

Rev. Lynn Smouse Lopez: Thank you for this opportunity. I did not know I would be speaking in the presentation, but I have some things to say. First of all, I am not latina. I am white, european-american, and cesar chavez was a hero of mine. And to tell you the truth, I also wasn't in on the battle ground at the beginning or the formation of the committee or anything like that. But I got pulled in when I heard the responses and some of the racist and denigrating statements that were made to young people and to people who spoke in favor of renaming cesar chavez -- interstate to cesar chavez. When I heard how people were treated, including the native american representative and the latino leaders of this city, I could not be silent anymore. And I understood where that treatment, because in the small, small way, our church has received hate mail and emails and phone calls when it was just made known to the press that we were in the process of declaring ourselves new sanctuary church. We hadn't even decided that and received hate mail and calls. And condemning us and telling us how un-christian we were. So I should have seen that ahead of time. I was shocked and dismayed at some of the comments and the decent grading things that were said to the people that were presenting. An honest effort to name a hero and to uplift our city, because certainly, mayor Potter, I agree with you 100%, naming a street in honor of cesar chavez would do nothing to devalue it. It would raise the value and lift the honor. And the other reason I became more outspoken and involved and have spoken to a number of you, is because I don't believe our young people, my children, other people's children, should have to have over and over again the negative hatred kinds of things and see that the opposition, while not all being racist, mind you, I agree with you, that -- to be opposed to naming the boulevard is not all about racism. But to hear all those things being made, all those statements that are racist being made, and how people back off that process that was promised to them, and that the committee went through with good faith, and completed the hearings, and had neighborhood support at the beginning of that, and letters of support, to have everyone back off and change the rules in midstream is very disheartening. It's very disappointing. And this is a city I love. I love Portland, and there's so much good about it. But all the negative has come out, and a lot of the negative that has been presented in the past association meetingless continue on if -- the more hearings that are had and so on. I think it's a venue for the -- and i've said this before, it's a venue for the antiimmigrant sentiment that's going across the nation. It's a venue where people can voice their fear, their anger at whatever comes out against immigration. And they're using this name change of not an immigrant, of an american, to bring all that hatred, all that fear, all that to the level that it has risen to. So I call upon you to stand by the word and the process that was originally presented and to honor our city with this name change. Thank you.

Marta Guembes: I am here as a representative of the cesar e. Chavez boulevard renaming committee. My name is marta. I'm a resident of north Portland. I want to provide you the description of the board committee's support for naming interstate avenue the choice of the committee and many latino community members, our choice to cesar chavez boulevard. To date our committee has received several endorsements, including senator avel gordly, commissioner maria rojo de steffey, kaiser permanente latino association, albina head start, basic rights of Oregon, Oregon farmers work union, new seasons market, albina ministerial alliance, state representative jackie dingfelder, hispanic news, metro counselor district five, mr. Rex burk holder. Oregon council dpor hispanic advancement. Portland guadalajara sister association. Emanuel tempo -- pep many. United farmers workers, hispanic and unity in Oregon. Carlos perez, ncaa, latino network, and many more individuals. In addition of these I would like to -- I was planning to provide the council 2,632 confirmed signatures supporting us and interstate. And here it is. All the signatures. More than we're supposed to gather. Now we have our signatures to remind our boys are not being hurt today.

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Maria Lisa Johnson: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is maria lisa johnson, executive director of latino network. A latino leader, and also a resident of north Portland. Mayor, thank you for the opportunity. I sit before a man of integrity and principle. History will do you justice. I have said before, and I will say again, it is no coincidence that martin luther king boulevard and north interstate run parallel. During that earlier renaming, community members were also forced to reconsider to look at other streets, and now the renaming of north interstate is sounding much the same, like a scratched record, repeating once and again not here, some place else is better. It seems this afternoon we have our so-called better. The easy fix. After all, once the vote is taken, it's done. It's over, right? Not really. Nothing can erase what happened here. In earlier meetings with us and to the media, you stated your interest and commitment to a public process. Are you now implying by your proposal that in Portland that prides itself as a laib ricky hall and participatory city, decisions are still made behind closed doors by white men who have our best interests at heart? That in Portland that touts itself as a progressive city, city leaders are afraid to confront the hate that has reared its ugly head. No quick fix can undo what has happened here. Let me remind you, commissioners, that the proposal to name a street and honor of cesar chavez did not come from commissioner Leonard's office, nor sam Adams' office, but from our community and from the hard work of a committee that was volunteer. Do not try now to claim it as your doing out of some distorted attempt to paint yourself as heroes. Do not.

Ron Herndon: Good afternoon. It is customary to say i'm glad to be here. In fact i'm not. I wish this was a day would I never have to be in front of this city council on an issue that unfortunately has turned in to be so black and brown. Sorry. White and brown. The the latino community received a commitment from this body about how to go about the process to name a street after cesar chavez. They followed the rules. They played by the rules that you laid out. At no point did anyone say, if there's opposition to renaming interstate, we will not follow the process. Or we will not renail it. They were never told that. Several of you, as I understand it, committed to the renaming process if i'm wrong you can tell me this. I understand mr. Sten you had committed. Mr. Saltzman, you had committed. Mr. Adams, you had committed. Mayor Potter has never waived. Something that I had said earlier in the statement that sonny montos said -- . [speaking spanish] the word is very important. All of the up and down about who is in favor, who's not in favor, is lost after you give your word. And now I understand if there is an agreement that fourth avenue is going to be named after cesar chavez, I don't know if you understand -- if you seriously pursue this I don't know if you understand what you're doing. You have had the leadership of the hispanic community, political leadership, highest political leadership in the history of this city, neighborhood leaders, organizations that have been recited to you, have all said, we follow the process this, is the street we want. And please understand, if you really do follow through with this, indeed what was just said a moment ago, you will have not your fault, but four or five white men essentially saying to that section of the hispanic community, we know best for you where caesar should be. "we know what's best for you and caesar." that is so insulting it would have been better if you'd just said no, it will not be interstate, we'll go from there. But I pray to god -- for "the Oregonian" to get it means somebody sat down and talked to "the Oregonian" without even talking to these folks here. Somebody laid it out before the press and said, this is what we're going to do to solve the problem, without having the courtesy to talk with them first. I'm not sure if you understand how insulting that is, but we are going to solve the problem. I'll end on this note. Wherever you end up on this issue, I would hope in future discussions that you are very clear about the process and you say, if we get any opposition all bets off. Just say it in the beginning. If we receive considerable opposition from these sources, no name change. Just say it in the beginning. But pray to god if you ever give your word to any group of citizens in Portland, you keep it. We made this agreement -- we may disagree, but we do understand what it means when a person gives their word. If you give your word to any group of citizens, you keep it. This goes beyond this name change, it goes to what

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we're teaching our children. These folks had to sit and get sullied -- insulted, called names. The woman representing the native american community after she showed her support was called a squaw. Death threats. Harassing phone calls. Go back to mexico. That's what's a part of this process. That's what they've endured. And then to be told, we have solved the problem. I think you've let the city down. I think you've let this particular community down, and the rest of us who are just common people, trying to make democracy work, this is one of shall excuse my french, one of the whitest days in the history of Portland. Thank you very much.

Sten: Mr. Herndon done? You asked me a question. I think it's important. I have a lot of respect for your opinion. I guess what i'm trying to understand, i'm trying to think all of these things through. I've had a lot of meetings, one of which you were at, which i've tried to describe to people where I think this went awry. I do believe I think the committee followed the process that was laid out in september. It may have been an absence of conversation, it may have been a misunderstanding, i'm not sure. I don't ever remember a process where once the community who was leading it got done. There wasn't a follow-up process at the council left. This is the first hearing we've had in these chambers or any chambers as a body, so that's where I see the disconnect having happened. I know would I have never said do you this process and then we don't have to do anything else. And where it began to slide apart for me, the meeting you were at, an excellent ability to talk back and forth, I said I think the greater city needs more time to talk about this, the position was, which I did not feel was reasonable, no, that's it. The process is over because that's what's laid out. I think that's -- we're going to talk more than process, but from my point of view, because I respect you so much and I appreciate what you're saying, I want to be on the record saying that's where I disagree. Not so much with what you're saying, but where the misunderstanding appears to have happened. If this council had said no matter what happens in the ongoing months, once you finish two public hearings, going to each neighborhood association, six weeks of outreach, there will be no debate, no hearing, nothing at the council the deal is over, that would be as wrong as what you're accusing us. So now we've got to recognize that let's say it's all 100% my fault. I'm comfortable with that. I'm not trying to point fingers. The process has fallen apart. That's where we are now, to have that discussion. I'm just -- that's where I think it fell apart. The idea is when the discussion ends, there is no more discussion. And typically there were formal discussions in these chambers that just have not ever happened. Let's say that's the council's fault. You asked me a question, I wanted to answer it.

Herndon: I think that should have been made very clear from the beginning. This is what unfortunately the individual who's are involved and the name change for martin luther king, went through the very same thing. The allegations that business rodriques going to go to hell in a hand basket didn't happen. A renaissance, nike, adidas. There's been a renaissance on the avenue. We're going to run out of stationery. You're going to run out at some point, you have to order new ones. One person, I do not want my company to have that name on the front of the building. But this is the other part that maybe you didn't understand. Any time somebody from an ethnic group in this town confronts a status quo publicly, a lot of nasty things are going to occur. Having gone through this myself, the death threats to your children, the harassing phone calls, the nasty words, it's not like you're trying to overthrow the government, you're depriving democratic rights, and that's what they've gone through. That's the untold part of this. Not honest disagreement, but that part. And when people go through that, they deserve to know exactly how the process is going to work. Not midstream, guess what, there's another part to it. Do you need to be exactly -- have you to be explicit. This is how the process works. And just what you said there. Are no guarantees. That wasn't said. That was not said. And along the way when people told them, yes, I will support the name change along the way on that process, they were told. I will support the name change. Once that is said, to me it's simple. After you get rid of all of the others, the city charter, as far as i'm concerned a word means something. Your word means something all this other stuff is a bunch of

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hooey. Once you give your word, that's it. If there's criticism, take it. If you're on this earth you're going to get criticized. But once you give your word, that's it. That's why I respect tom so long, i've known him since he was on the police force. Once tom gave his word, he might catch hell, but that's it. That's it. And I respect that forever.

Leonard: If I can just weigh in on that point as well, I want to be clear my perspective on this particular aspect of giving our word. If any of us actually make a commitment, we do need to live up to that. I agree with that. I wasn't in the other meetings with the other members of the council, so I can't speak to that. But in the meeting I had, and where this has come back to me as well saying you promised, and in that meeting I asked the first meeting, in early august, do you have the support of the community. And I was told resoundingly, yes, you do have the support of the community. I said, great, have your public process and at the end of that I would expect us to be able to approve it. I met a second time with the committee after things began to unravel. I asked for the meeting myself. I called and said i'd like to talk with you about what's going on. And as we were meeting, I said, clearly, what you told me about meeting with the community, something is wrong. That's clearly not the message that's coming back. What I was told was, they define the community. When I asked the first meeting, have you met with the community, they defined the community as the hispanic community. So when I asked the question in early august, have you met with the community, and they said yes, what they explained to me in the second meeting, we were talking about the greater hispanic community. And I said at that time, it was a frank discussion. I said, then I feel misled. You can't honestly expect me to make a commitment based on something you should have known was partial information. I think most people would have thought I was asking about the community with which you were going to have the street named, not the greatest hispanic community. I don't know if that's the same issue for my colleagues, but it is for me. And my -- the commitment I make I have never changed, i'm going to vote to name a major street in Portland after cesar chavez. I said it that date, i've said it every opportunity i've had. And I intend to stick to that commitment.

Herndon: I was never told you supported renaming interstate after cesar chavez. I was never told that.

Leonard: I never said that.

Herndon: I agree with what you're saying. We're same the same thing. Your name never came up as a person who said, "i will support renaming interstate after cesar chavez." no one ever said that. That's why I never called your name. I was very clear about the names I called. Your name was never one that gave their word and came up with something else.

Leonard: Thank you.

Herndon: And I can appreciate differences. I do.

Leonard: Thank you.

Herndon: I'm from the old school. You shake hands, that's it.

Leonard: I agree with you.

Sten: For anybody on the committee, I think -- for anybody on the panel, I guess -- i'd appreciate it the if you would be quiet.

Potter: Please be quiet or you'll be removed.

Sten: I think this whole decision-make process, this vote has lots of reverberations. I have spent hours and hours of meeting with different sides. I'm not looking for sympathy. That's my job. What I want to make clear is wounds ripped into very good people that did not deserve it, particularly from the latino community. I've also seen a fight in north Portland that I think is about something in addition to what I consider some very racist behavior that I saw that is completely unacceptable. I got calls in my office, things that I have never seen, and i'm not naive. I've been in office a long time. I grew up in northeast Portland before it gentrified. I have an understanding of some of these issues, though not like the three of you, and I admit that. I saw that wound ripped

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and I think it's terrible. I also have seen there's an argument going on with this city council and north Portland that is in addition to what's happening with the latino community. There is an argument that the council has put too many things in place too fast for north Portland. And you may not like that, agree with that, but you're falling as part of what's going on here. And a six-week process, blame me. Forget the other four. That's not my point. It has exacerbated that. The proposal, which is all it was, to consider city hall, that's why I thought about it, city hall, this building, my business cards change torjs or in a couple months, was made in good faith. And it was not made to try and argue, and I understand what you're saying, and I don't want to go back and forth whether that was disrespectful or not, because if it was I apologize. What I warn to say is that I see a broader chasm going with north Portland that is exacerbating the horrible wound that came from racism around this project. This proposal. Having met with the committee, and I think everybody will agree with this, for hours and hours to express my concern about where this thing was going, the proposal to consider fourth comes from that place of saying, i'm not saying one is better than the other. You could say interstate is way better, but here's a major street upon which city hall is placed. My business cards -- that's all it s I want to put that on the table. We don't need to debate it, but I can't not say out loud that maybe I failed miserably by throwing that out there. It was not from some -- not from the motivation at which I think you're feeling today. And for that I apologize that it came across that way. But I would like to still at least open the possibility of having a conversation about that street. Not making the decision, but having that conversation. And I think what is making this conversation so difficult, and I don't disagree with you, and then i'll stop, is that we've come into a situation where what is being argued is what was promised, how the process went, how things go, and not talking with each other about what's really going on and what the possibilities are. And I just want to open up that, and I want to say, if any respect was felt, I take responsibility for that, for that I apologize on television right now. But I don't think it is wrong to from the heart talk about, is there another possibility that might make sense, given amg that has gone on, some of which is -- has been very terrible and some of which is understandable. That's all I wanted to discuss.

Guembes: Our choice has been interstate, and it is interstate, and we have support. And here it is. All the support that we have.

Adams: Mr. Mayor, i'd like to make a comment. You weren't in the first meeting we had in my office. Pt discussion was around, how do we have public involvement in the issue?

Herndon: Obviously, there is significant disagreement upon the steps along the way. One last comment, what makes this even worse is that you are talking to folks who have had promises made to them over generations that were broken. That were broken over generations. So this ends up being viewed as another promise broken. That's why it has to be very, very, very clear what's being said in the beginning and there is, there is considerable disagreement about what you did agree to, and you are right about one thing, I was not in the meeting, but those who were came away from that meeting with you having said you support changing interstate to cesar chavez. That was their understanding.

Adams: There is not a unanimous agreement from the people in that meeting, ronnie, because I also had my staff in that meeting. The other thing that is, is critically important to put on the record early on is i, like commissioner Leonard, have never waived from my commitment of a major street rename for cesar chavez, and part of the discussion that I want to hear from the public today is why there is no other street in the city of Portland that is worthy of being renamed for cesar chavez.

Herndon: There are other streets in the city of Portland that are just as worthy, and in some ways, 4th avenue is an upgrade. I understand that that is not the early decision that was made by the group that got together, but we weren't involved in that early discussion, and a lot of the community

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wasn't involved in that early discussion about what street to move forward with, and that needs to be taken into account as part of this consideration, as well.

*******:** I respectfully submit.

*******:** I respectfully suggest to you that, that if we had to have, to have a, a reser stadium -- a referendum on that avenue, it would still be what it is.

Potter: Going to 1362, did you folks want to do a presentation on 1362?

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

Potter: Did you have anyone you wanted to call up? How many folks have signed up to testify?

Moore-Love: 71.

Potter: Ok. They will be called three at a time, and you each have two minutes, and remember the ground rules. Please call the first three.

Potter: Thank you for being here. When you speak, state your name for the record. We each have two minutes.

Lili Mandel: I, lily mandel, today the four of you proved that attempted rule by [inaudible] does not work here at city hall. Today, let's not forget commissioners Leonard and Adams' courage, they did not give into flex and fear. They never faltered. Today, we are all winners, and let's celebrate together by finding an honorable solution in honoring a great latino american-hero in cesar e. Chavez. Today I would like to remind you that when commissioner Leonard heard that a neo-nazi gang was coming to a Portland park, he brought all of us together to peacefully protest in the tradition of the great civil rights leader, martin luther king. Commissioner Saltzman was there. Maria steffi was there. Corinna walsh was there, and many others were there. I don't want in a negative way, and I would say today can truly be a great day if we do not allow anyone to divide us. Please, please don't give into that. Thank you.

Irwin Mandel: I am irwin mandel, and I need two minutes. Great political leaders find no shame in admitting when they have made a mistake. As a former new yorker, I have only the fondest memories of arguably the best mayor that city ever had. After having made a totally indefensive appointment in 1939, he spoke on a radio broadcast. This was pretelevision, and said when I make a mistake, it's a butte. He was immediately forgiven by virtually every citizen in the city. Commissioner randy Leonard has apologized profusely for his failure to funnel the portman process in order to find the way to honor a true american hero, cesar chavez. We are fortunate that we still have a commission form of government. Thank you.

Marek Stepien: My name is [inaudible], and I am president of the polish association located on los interstate, and I represent the polish community in Portland. Large portions of the interstate avenue [inaudible] today, we have two history landmarks located on north interstate. The polish catholic church, which celebrated its 100 anniversary two weeks ago. And the polish library, built by the polish immigrants in 1911. Every year north interstate is hosting polish festival. One of the biggest he says nick festivals in Portland, and the biggest polish event on the west coast. And I would like to, to exercise the entire polish community is strongly against the history of this, of the north, north interstate state of venue. Here, I have 160 signatures of the people who live in the area. The families that built this historic area. Cesar e. Chavez is, is a hero. All of us agree on that, but the name chavez does not reflect the history and heritage of north interstate avenue. So, let's stop fighting against the minorities and neighborhoods of the area. That does not reflect the spirit of mr. Chavez. And, and I have a note, I was called by a latino active it's a few times because of the opposition. My wife is latino. And, and she says i'm an open-minded liberal.

Potter: Thank you.

Potter: Thanks for being here. When you speak, state your name for the record. You each have two minutes.

Carolyn Leonard: Ok. I will. I am carolyn Leonard, and I did, and I did chair the committee that renamed union avenue after the late dr. Martin luther king. I'm very concerned that people are so

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weathered to a name that is not the name of a person, and I am very concerned that people don't seem to understand the street belongs to everyone. I think the mayor let the arguments be known, and they don't really -- they are not really valid. I'm very, very concerned that we have a latino community that reached out to all kinds of people. I think that, that before you say they are all latinos on that list, one would have to look at the list and see who is really on the list. I'm very concerned that, that at least two councilman have agreed part of the problem in north Portland has everything to do with how city council has dealt with that part of the city, and I think rather than, than changing the process, that city council needs to go and unravel the things that happened with max, the graffiti, and all of the other issues that are there. And, and don't allow one community to take the brunt of because they came up with, with -- they followed a process and, and got all the way through because everybody is angry about a whole host of things that, that we should stop and change it. I really call upon all of you. I love this city. I'm a fifth generation. Actually, six generations. I love Oregon, and I love Portland. The racism that service isn't going to go away no matter what you do about this street, and I would like for us to, to continue forward. You vote your conscious. Whatever it is, and, and we'll go forward from here, but after that, you have to look at the racism that exists. Everybody who doesn't want interstate is not racist, but there's enough racism here that it's going to corrupt us for the next 20, 30 years. There are children here that have endured things that they should not have to endure.

Clara Padilla Andrews: Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is clara andrews, i'm a member of the latino community, and mayor tom Potter and members of the city, city council, a couple of months ago, I stood before you to speak in support of the proposed city street renaming of interstate to cesar e. Chavez boulevard. Today, i, again, stand before you to let you know my support has not changed. I still believe the proposal before you should be honored. I believe that the cesar e. Chavez committee has done an excellent job. They came to you, our elected leaders, and seeking your advice, support, and input. You gave to them advice, encouragement, and the process in which to follow, but above all, the majority of you gave your word. I know as a former elected official, how valuable your word is. Your word is not something that is taken, that is given without serious consideration and should be respected and trusted. We hear later that there is a proposal by commissioner Leonard and Adams to name a new committee, to solve the current process and make it retroactive. Seriously, do you think that the latino community is not capable of forming its own committee and following city process? For years, I have witnessed significant injustice, and yet, we as a community continue to strive successfully. We bear the pain of prejudice. We bear -- we, we bear the scars of injustice, and many of us who continue to work toward making Portland a better place for all to live carry the abuses. Last night to my surprise, I arrived from out of town to receive calls letting me know that there is another proposal to change the original proposal. Now, be serious. If just for a moment, did you think this one through? I agree 4th street is a great street. It is not following the process that you set for us. In closing, I want to thank the perseverance of our committee, especially the co-chairs, and now, I encourage you, mayor tom Potter, and members of the commission to honor the committee's proposal and rename interstate to cesar e. Chavez. Gracias.

Serena Cruz Walsh: Good afternoon, mayor tom Potter, and commissioners, i'm serena cruz walsh. The chavez committee came to this council with a question, will you support renaming interstate avenue after a latino hero, cesar chavez. It's a question that remains unanswered and a question that I urge you to address today. I think the committee, the latino community, and all of Portland deserves a clear statement from each of you. It seems like the collective answer, with the exception of mayor tom Potter, will be no. That is a disappointment but I will recognize your right to decide this question. I will note, however, that something in your thinking has changed over the last months because you all, individually, previously demonstrated your support for the change on interstate. I suppose that one of two things happened. Either you thought that interstate was too

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good for cesar or too controversial. I would like to understand what your decision was. Interstate is an important street, which is why the committee chose it to -- as a place to honor our hero. I don't think there should be too much mystery about why interstate. It is a great street. It has light rail on it, and it connects all of the people in the city, martin luther king, rosa parks, and cesar chavez. When ron herndon got up here and said just now, if interstate, if union avenue had gone out to a vote or a popular measure, it would still be union avenue instead of martin luther king jr. There were comments in the gallery that this, well, it still should be. I really think it comes down to, to the vocal opposition of, of neighbors and the, and the thud of our community. Interstate was bad politics, and it is costly politics for you. The best way to honor chavez is to support the efforts of the committee working to make his name a part of Oregon's geography. You don't need to be creative. You don't need to calculate the maximum optimum benefit ratio, we don't need to look for this. We just need you to support the name change now. It won't be an easy decision, but then these types of decisions never have been.

*****: Thank you.

Rudy de Soto: I am rudy, I am in front of you here first and foremost as a citizen of Portland and, and a member of this engaged progressive community. I am also speaking to you as a member of the native american and latino communities. For the record, I am also the student body president of Portland state university. We have some tense meetings, but this one is better, let me say that. I've been supportive of the latino community efforts as we have come together in a positive fashion, organized and work tirelessly for the past weeks and months to gain recognition and honor for a hero, role model, and civil rights leader, cesar e. Chavez. I, like many of you, have been caught off guard by the sequence of events that have unfolded, and we are now at a crucial point in time we're you, the elected officials, of our great city must decide whether to allow for the proposed way of honoring cesar e. Chavez. Obviously, politics are a factor for some, and regardless of the reasoning behind the decision, today, is a powerful message will be sent. Young and old, of all backgrounds are, are paying close attention. Just earlier today at p.s.u., a student in sociology class were talking about this issue and the effect it will have on people now and into the future. So the gravity of this decision really means a lot. I can only hope that you understand what you do and don't do will speak volumes as to who you are as a person, a politician, and for the city of Portland. To be honest, I am glad this has arisen because I believe that this is opportunity, and this brings out both sides of the issue. I only hope when this is said and done, it was gone about in a way that doesn't leave anyone feeling like they are invalid or were disrespected. We are a strong city. We can work through this. Thanks for your time.

Consuelo Saragoza: Thanks for all of this. I am a member of the latino community as well as the boulevard committee. Mayor, councilmen, I was dismayed this morning reading the front page of the Oregonian, and many thoughts went through my head. What has been most disturbing to me in this process, which has unfolded, is how the committee work and efforts have been characterized as disfunctional and not the right leadership. Who makes that decision? What is the definition of the right leadership? The committee has gone beyond the suggested protocol, which, as we all know, included two very difficult public meetings. Nevertheless, the meetings occurred. The intent is to honor cesar e. Chavez, an american hero in our city, which is continually becoming more racially and ethnically diverse. My question is, is this council ready for these challenges and opportunities, or will we continue to read the front page headlines as I did this morning? Thank you.

Jose Gonzalez: I am jose going, and I am the executive director for the miracle theater group, northwest premiere latino arts and cultural organization. Quite frankly i'm confused by everything that's going on here. Like some of my colleagues here, surprised to see, to see, reading the newspaper about this new development, sort of done behind closed doors without participation by the principles involved. I want to lend my support to the naming of interstate avenue for cesar chavez. I think it's fitting. I think it's right, and certainly in terms of the dynamics of the

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community and the future of Portland, one of the best things that possibly can be done. I don't believe the council should consider the alternative of naming 4th avenue without true discussion with the community of that possibility. Recognizing and hoping and basically, because I work in the arts, i'm always hoping that, that you guys are probably all operating with the best interest in mind at some place, but obviously, the communication is totally wrong everywhere else. That you will at least fashion some way of having a dialogue and conversation that will make this, this, this eventuality happen in a positive way. I want to, to applaud mayor tom Potter for standing the course of being true and being a friend to the latino community. Thank you, sir.

Sten: I have a question for anybody because I thought all your testimony was wonderful. I guess the question i'm trying to get at is, I think if, if you are -- I understand the argument. I think having met with the committee, that at least three times to talk through the process, essentially, the argument that's come from the committee, which i've been trying to honor, is it has to be interstate. It has to be today. Anything else is disrespectful, and I guess having, having been very uneasy and shared that very honestly with, with we're I think that leads this community, not the statement that needs to be made. I agree with that, but having been very uneasy, I think i've been direct about that, I guess i'm struggling to see why, what becomes important this afternoon is, is, is a, is a win only on interstate as opposed to the other possibilities of, of more dialogue as you are calling for, for and/or another street, and I am not necessarily ruling interstate out in asking that question. It's just become to me, this has become to me from two sides that need to win. And, and what I was doing yesterday was what you do at the last minute when you are feeling somewhat desperate. You throw out other ideas, and you try and, and prod and polk and try and see if you can't, one way or another, push somebody to help recreate this situation you find yourself in. And I don't feel personally desperate. I'm very comfortable making a tough decision, but I feel like we've gotten to a point we're what we needed to have was a showdown. It got so bad, and I respect when the mayor walked out so the council hasn't had a full conversation about this, so my question is, why, why -- when we take a breath, look at this proposal, or if not, why is it so, so vitally important, not that you win, but that you win this afternoon on interstate.

Saragoza: I think that, um, that the committee feels that there were back door decisions being made without even having committee members present, to be able to go forward, or that there were decisions already made. I mean, there have been many, many discussions, many -- a lot of information floating around about what has occurred, and many times the committee members have not been a part of that, and it comes to them second hand, so again, it's really looking at, at, um, why not interstate? I guess, that's the question that I would ask.

De Soto: Well, and I don't know why not. I mean, the honest, and I think it's fine to have a little dialogue here in the hearing, is that, is that the reason that i've been pushing and, and trying to find some other ideas and wanting to talk to people about it, and I think there was a misstep yesterday in not calling people right away, and I apologize to the committee for that. I think that, that what began in good faith, and I think with the meetings that are now determined to be, ok, a contract was signed, nothing could change, pretty quick meetings why I said hey, I really think that's a great idea. Let's go out and go after it, and I think what's happened along the way is a lot of terrible stuff. Typically when a lot of stuff happens in these chambers, we take a deep breath before we vote. We force people to meet more. This is the only time I ever remember that when really bad things happened along the way, we escalated the process with each other, and that's all i'm getting at. I think that, I think this thing needs more conversation, and i've been saying that privately. There hasn't been any back door meetings, i've been saying that until i'm blue in the face. I'm, i'm -- I think because privately, and I don't mean to in a bad way, in a closed door meeting the committee argued to me vociferously that we can't have any conversation, and I think we need to have that in the public, as well.

Sten: That's all I ask.

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De Soto: I could respond for myself. Just, um, myself, as a personal observation, not speaking on behalf of the committee, but what I think, or at least my perception of the reason why, why this community would like that decision to be made is because we feel like, like, at least there's a sense of right now, there's a chance for this to happen, all the effort and work and, and, and so much effort has been put into it with the understanding that it would come at this point, that, that it should happen now. With that being said, the reason why I believe that, that people are reluctant for, for more time is because there's a fear, there's distrust, and the lack of confidence with, with all of the politics that are involved. And it's kind of a gut issue that hey, right now, it's the chance, um, and, and we, we, we, you know, people have to make decisions at the end of the day, and, you know, there's, there's, you know, there are people running for office, and this is not popular with all the people in the city. That's really we're I think it stems from, and that's just speaking for myself. Otherwise, I agree totally, it doesn't need to result in a win or lose situation.

Leonard: Rudy, I want to make a couple of points. First is, I couldn't be prouder that, that you are a student at Portland state. My alma mater and as the student body president, you are a well spoken young man and future leader in this community, so I think all of us up here are very impressed by you.

De Soto: Thank you

Leonard: So thank you for that, and along those lines, um, and I really appreciate how you -- what you are expressing is, is, is something that I think resonates with me. People are fearful. People are fearful that if there is any delay, there may not be a cesar e. Chavez, and I understand that. But if we could set that aside and I could ask you on, just the idea of southwest 4th avenue, southwest 4th avenue intersects the campus of Portland state university. And, and as i've discussed various ideas in the last few weeks, one of the streets I mentioned was southwest broadway for exactly the same reasons as southwest 4th because it, it intersects so many different communities and, and is so visible and, and ends up at Portland state university. I'm just wondering aside from the fear, which I understand, but just on its merits, that there is something about southwest 4th you think would be less of an honor than interstate?

De Soto: In my, my response for that would be that, that -- I think it's great that, that leaders are looking to something bigger and better, but that the community wants ownership over the idea, the place, the location, so for that to come about through this process, I think that's we're, we're, you know, i'm not -- I haven't been extremely involved in the committee, so I wouldn't know what the thoughts are

Leonard: I'm just asking from your perspective. I understand the committee. I have heard that, but from your perspective as a student at p.s.u. And obviously very much involved in caring about these issues, how you personally would react to that?

De Soto: I mean, i'd like it if p.s.u. Was named cesar chavez university. I'm just joking, but -- [laughter]

Leonard: We can work on that.

De Soto: That can be my goal for this year. I probably wouldn't, wouldn't get re-elected but we have term limits, so it's ok. [laughter]

Leonard: You are going to be up here some day. [laughter]

De Soto: Otherwise, I really don't have anything else to say expect I think that there are a lot of other places, but this is the place that the community has taken ownership. It's come about through ideas, and there's value in this proposal, and so, and so I wouldn't, speaking for myself, go -- it would be cool to name powell because I live on powell. I'm just trying to say that I think it would have to be entertained or have had to be entertained through the committee.

Leonard: Thank you.

De Soto: Yes. Is.

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Potter: Go ahead and start. You have two minutes, and please state your name for the record. Go ahead.

Carlos Perez: Ok. I'm carlos perez. I'm vice chair of the Oregon association of latino administrators. If cesar chavez was here, was alive and here today, he would tell the residents of interstate avenue, preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for another's culture. I'm here to ask you, the city council, to honor a great american and human-rights advocate, cesar e. Chavez, by renaming interstate avenue cesar e. Chavez boulevard. Critics to the proposal to rename interstate avenue say that the legacy of cesar e. Chavez does not have significance with the history of the area. Granted, the name cesar e. Chavez may not be on the historical record. However, the latino community represents the future not only for the area in question, but for the city and the state of Oregon. And it is because we represent the future, we stand before you as one unified voice to advocate for the renaming of interstate avenue. As the fastest growing segment of the population, we look for outward symbols, which represent our history, our culture, our leaders. In Portland, those symbols are nonexistent. You, the city council, can change that with an affirmative vote. Your courage in voting in favor for renaming of interstate avenue will open the doors of this community to the latino community, conveying an air of inclusivity and respect. A no vote, or worse, tabling this action would convey to the latino community that you do not value their presence in Portland. Cesar e. Chavez deserves this recognition. The legacy of latino farm workers runs deep in the state. It is through the labors of the latino farm worker that agriculture has been the mainstay of the state's economy. More importantly, cesar chavez was a man of principle, an individual who believed in personal service, improving the quality of life for his fellow man. How can someone oppose honoring a person this worthy? Critics of the proposal to rename interstate avenue cesar chavez boulevard say it's not about the man as much as it is about the process. But I counter. We have been denied access to the process for years

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Potter: Sir, you will have to wrap it up.

Perez: This time we have followed the process we were given. It is the truth. It is this truth that embodies our resolve to insure that the latino, that this latino leader will be recognized today in a very visible way. The renaming of interstate avenue provides a positive visibility to our latino community and the community in general. It is evident that latino leaders are viewed as --

*****: Time.

Potter: Sir, your time is up.

Perez: Thank you.

Potter: Please proceed.

Elizabeth Perry: I am elizabeth perry, and first, I want to thank the mayor, particularly, for the courage that you have shown over the last few months. Speaking as in translation, latino or hispanic, however you want to view me, and I am speaking as a lifelong resident of Portland, Oregon, and I have been a social activist and educator in our community throughout my life. Unfortunately, what i'm here to say to you today, this has been one of the most disappointing processes that i've encountered in our Portland community. I have educated young people about the importance of civic engagement throughout my life. I've led them to believe that it's the importance of their participation, and if you look around the gallery today at the young people, the old people, the people that are, that are maybe your same age, we have cesar chavez in our midst today, and the lessons that we're giving for our young people and our old people and the people my age are, are lessons that will not only affect us in this moment, but throughout the, the weeks, the months ahead. This morning, I was disappointed, even though I knew what was coming, to see that there had been an alternative proposal at the 11th hour after, after citizens had been encouraged in a process that, that the city had guided us to go out and into, into our community, to speak to our neighbors along interstate. I knocked on the doors of interstate avenue, and I heard directly from, from the residents

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living on interstate avenue, and the majority of the people that spoke to me as I knocked on the doors, over a month ago, two months ago, were in favor of the name change. You may have heard in neighborhood association meetings something that, that wasn't representative of the neighbors I talked to, but I talked to neighbors directly, and they were all signing those petitions. I don't know if you ever heard that before, but my son was along with me that day. He's 14 years old. The lesson you are leaving us for not only my sake and the sake of future generations is do we trust a public process? Do we trust the people elected to represent us? And in the name of cesar chavez and the legacy that he taught us to fight for justice, that's what we are here to do today, and cesar chavez is not just words to us. We will continue, we will struggle, and we will make Portland a great place we're racial divides hopefully will be a thing of the past.

Potter: Time is up.

Alice Perry: I am alice perry, and I am the smarter of the two sisters. [laughter]

Alice Perry: I've been a resident of Portland all my life, as well. I'm here on behalf of the american [inaudible] committee, an organization founded in 1917 to fight for peace and justice and to testify in support of renaming interstate avenue cesar e. Chavez boulevard. The american service committee was the recipient of the nobel peace prize in 1947. Why am I bringing this up? As a former recipient of the prize, our organization has the honor of nominating other individuals and organizations for this prize. We have nominated cesar chavez three times. It is simple. He was a tireless, humble, vigilant, honest, straight talking servant in pursuit of social justice through non violent means. Yes, he's a mexican-american hero. He's a latino hero, but he's a hero for all of us. I hope the city council honors this man, and at the same time, I believe it dishonors the man to honor him officially at the same time as public service and at the same time as public servants, be honest and israel talking. Cesar chavez was so committed to non violence, that despite several death threats he refused to have armed body guards. I have watched this battle. There are other kinds of violence, not physical but just as harmful. The city council voted to name a street to honor cesar chavez should have been a celebratory event for all Portlanders of. It falls short of that. When he died during an open casket vigil, an old man raised a small child up to cesar chavez. And he said, i'm going to tell you about this man some day. Those committed to justice and peace will continue to tell others about cesar chavez to honor him and to honor his principles.

Potter: Thank you.

Moore-Love: Is there a kathi hammock? Ok. We have charlie bonitez, kathleen shulles and pam brooks haines.

Potter: Please read the next three so they can be ready.

Potter: Please state your name for the record, you each have two minutes.

Pam Brooks-Haines: My name is pamela brooks haines. Mr. Leonard and Adams, I want to thank you very much for your efforts on this part. I know it has been really difficult, and, and I just want to thank you for your willingness to listen and, and i'm sorry that, that it's, it's -- that we condemned people who, who rethink things and try to, try to have a change of heart or mind. I think it's not a sign of weakness at all. I think it's a sign of courage, and I really applaud it. And you know, mr. Potter, I think you have taught me a really valuable lesson. I don't think i'm going to vote for another chief of police to hold an office as important as the mayorship because I think the position requires tact and patience, and the ability to lead the compromise and the, and with diplomacy. You have allowed and encouraged this mess to be about race and racism, and I am disgusted at that. I voted for you, and I feel that my vote has been abused. Mr. Saltzman and Sten, I don't know what's going to happen here today, but I can tell you this, in my many years of experience, I know for a fact that there's no such thing as a room without a door. You just have to have the guts to walk through it. And to the committee, and to the committee, I want to say, that I think that maybe you have become the very dragon you set out to slay. You painted us all with the same brush because some knuckle dragging neanderthal made racist remarks, you assume we all

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feel that way. I spent my entire life fighting against those people who would label you, and I protest that you would label me as something as horrid as a racist because I simply disagree with the venue, not the act of honoring mr. Chavez. Thank you very much.

Kathleen Chellis: My name is kathleen. I am a lifetime north Portland resident and co-owner of the north store coffee house. I am here to present 650 signatures that have been collected from three small businesses and one sweet little church lady. This was a passive initiative. We had one tiny little sign that this that there was a petition available. We did not approach our customers in any way, shape, or form. It speaks loudly about how the neighborhood truly feels, and I will tell you that they are not all, all of one color. They are of all colors. They are of all, of all socioeconomic concerns. There are people here who, who are afraid to stand up and speak that are of other ethnicities because they are afraid of being called racist. I'm sitting listening to people that are insulted by not being consulted. I'm hearing back-door politics. No one here is opposing honoring cesar chavez, but as far as not being consulted, welcome to my world. I would love to see us all come together. I want to see a win-win solution, not a win-lose, and I don't understand why the olive branch being offered is being thrown aside. Thank you.

Kathy Hammock: Hi, I am kathi hammock, I am very proud to be a Portlander, and I am also very proud to be a part of a richly diverse community. I want to lend my voice to those speaking in favor of renaming interstate boulevard, and I just want to say that in my opinion, the best way to honor a community is to listen to it.

Vicki Kirk: My name is vicki kirk, and I am a 17-year resident of north Portland. I am here because this process has awakened me from my slumber, and I am here because I finally realized that I cannot complain about your actions if I do nothing to voice my concerns. And I am here because this issue has galvanized our sleepy communities into action. Although it may be unpopular to say, I believe that good has come from this poor and often ugly debate and process. Citizens like me are becoming active in their neighborhoods. Friends and neighbors are engaging like never before. People are discussing discrimination and cultural issues. This is all good. So don't be afraid to give this issue the time it needs to find a resolution that is fair to everyone. I urge to you regroup and create a fair process no matter how hard it is for you to do. We can be patient. I really believe that we can endure this. I am in support of opening up 4th avenue to the process. Interstate avenue should not be the only street considered. Let's all work together, and if it is interstate avenue that is chosen, I will embrace that.

Alex Sandra: My name is alexandria, and I am the sole proceed pointer of a company on [inaudible] and interstate. I acclimated myself to living in a fascist state on a level but my beloved Portland, little beirut? When did the desire for civil discourse and compromise become equated with this, with disloyalty and racism? I have also given up on suggesting alternatives as the committee has made it clear that they are not interested in compromise. I will say that in the late 1980's, I chose to bus from southeast Portland to harriet tubman middle school. I learned far more about her struggles and african-american history in three years than I did at either glencoe or franklin. Certainly, more than anyone would learn while traveling martin luther king jr. Boulevard. My comments became irrelevant this morning so you will forgive me. Cesar chavez was a labor negotiator and compromiser, and an up or down vote will not solve this problem or make it go away. Can't we emulate his example in this scenario? If you vote to change interstate, no one wins. Please don't let this committee fool you. They paint themselves as a group of minorities fighting for their civil rights. I'd like to take this ton to point out that several of them are city employees in both the mayor's office and the office of neighborhood involvement. This committee is a special interest group. This is an inside job. It is not a matter of what they know, but who. I arrived here at noon today to insure that I would be able to speak. As the first person here, after speaking to lily, I graciously let her sign in before me. Then two people stepped in, and signed in nearly 20 names, nearly the entire cesar chavez committee. For us, this is about the neglect of north Portland. We

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have the worst air quality in town and the highest rate of asthma to prove it. We have had to fight tooth and nail for the Portland precinct to stay open. Told there isn't enough money. The city let a porn store open across from a school of k-8. Thank you.

Alan Holzfel: Good afternoon, gentlemen. I have to admit I came here loaded, and I had both barrels loaded, but I find that the leadership necessary to avoid the train wreck predicted by a reason Oregonian editorial. To my very great surprise it was already evidenced by the proposal by commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman, and, and Sten. It is proper to provide an honor befitting the honor of Cesar Chavez and his work, and I, for one, commend you for your efforts. Rather than being a local neighborhood issue, which renaming interstate clearly was, this proposal provides a city-wide recognition and correctly honors Mr. Chavez' efforts in negotiation and compromise. I wholeheartedly support the passage of the substitute resolution. It will not only avoid the fallout that would result from the original proposal, but it will, it will help us all maintain a better balance. Thank you for finally recognizing the great rift between north Portland and this administration. For, for very deathly avoiding the politics so familiar to us in north Portland by not jamming something down our throats because someone in government claims to know what is better for us than we do. While I support the substitute resolution, I also implore you to abide by the existing ordinance 1793 and give the stated citizen involvement process to take its full and ordered procedure. To do less may well result in the contentious deliberations that are resulting from the first procedure, which did not follow the ordinance. Thank you.

Potter: Thanks for being here, folk, when you speak, state your name for the record. You each have two minutes.

Christine Duffy: Good afternoon, gentlemen. My name is Chris Duffey, and, and I'm from the [inaudible] neighborhood and chair of the association. I believe you are already familiar with the fact that we are very opposed to the changing of the name of the interstate. We are still opposed to that, but, but I commend you on the leadership that you are showing in trying to take charge of what has been a deplorable process, and restoring some, some civility to the process and, and reaching some type of an agreement that may be, may be agreeable to all parties involved. We believe that the following points represent the most positive route forward for the interstate avenue area, and hope that you will, you will support these concepts to start a healing process for the divided community we now have. No matter what the outcome of today's proceedings may be. We recommend that the city of Portland commit a significant participation, commit to a significant participation in the lead of the neighborhood association, to establish a diverse committee that will address the number of remaining issues post-the November 15 vote, and ie, how to reconcile the community after such a decisive process, how to build a joint vision for the neighborhoods that now, through a new possible identity, as a representative of a significant cultural icon, may have to take on the responsibility to promote it in the most positive light. We asked the council to commit funding to do this, including active recruitment and incentives to promote business enterprises to eliminate empty storefronts and support our burgeoning cultural community, to commit resources and funding to, to support additional efforts for crime prevention and, and to participate in the community committees that we will build a model of cultural respect and celebration and, and, and in the northeast neighbors, and that the council actively promotes this model in other neighborhoods, who also have a responsibility to act as part of this initiative to build cultural competencies in their neighborhoods, as well.

Penny Schumacher: I am Penny Schumacher, a resident for north Portland. I thank you for the opportunity to, to listen to us. Everyone here. I also want to commend those of you working to try to look beyond interstate and find a way to honor Mr. Cesar Chavez. I like the majority of the community, I'm against renaming interstate, not against honoring Mr. Cesar Chavez. I simply believe that interstate avenue should not be renamed after anyone at any time. Just because it's not named after a person doesn't mean it's not significant. I believe that 4th avenue or another

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downtown street might be a great alternative, and I would encourage to you talk to the cesar chavez committee to find a downtown street that would work. Certainly, I don't think that we want to honor our minority are leaders only in one part of town, which is what we're doing right now. I think that we all know the logical reasons why we don't want interstate renamed. Of course, this has not become a logical discussion, and, and not just about, about whether we should rename this particular street, become a mess, and I think we all know that, and it's a mess for those of us against the street name, are suddenly told we are racist. Even while we've been trying to come to a compromise, those of us are against renaming interstate, it has become a mess, the north Portland residents feel like we are the irrelevant ones, and, and i'm just asking you to show you believe in compromise and democracy and listening to the community. Do honor cesar chavez but do not rename interstate. Thank you.

Lynn Roberts: I am lynn roberts, north Portland resident, i'm a social worker and a community activist, and an alumni of p.s.u I just wanted to thank the commissioners for assuring the people of Portland that you have not lost sight of, of what democracy is and that that was chavez guiding principle, and I appreciate the work that you are doing to try and promote that happening here. Thank you for not being afraid to stand up, and willing to work hard for compromise when compromise seemed unreachable. I thank you for making a commitment to honoring chavez. This is what the chavez committee in all of us has wanted all along. At the same time you have shown your party to the people in Portland and beyond. You have helped all residents to feel a little less disenfranchised and valuable this morning. A recent letter to the city, positive thought begets positive accomplishment begets a better life. In this difficult decision you made today to honor chavez by giving his name to a very visible street in the busiest part of downtown, and as part of the city's largest university, you have proven that the goal of the committee to find a visible street to rename in honor of chavez was accomplished. Thank you for your desire to bring diversity to all of Portland and not just north, northeast Portland. Both residents and travelers may now be able to see that Portland values diversity within the entire city and not just one far less traveled area. I want to see unity, to move forward with positive thought, action, and a feeling of accomplishment on all ends. Secure in the knowledge that cesar e. Chavez will become part of the city's history without dividing communities. This is a defining moment, a moment for all of us to come together and for you to stand for cooperative efforts for compromise and for true democracy. Interstate is a name that is equal for all that does not have a name of a person so we can all get behind it. I've been called racist and worse for exercising my right to disagree and yet no one has bothered to ask me what my ethnicity is. Thank you.

William Seaman: I am will seaman, thank you very much, commissioners. Thank you, mayor. I do support the renaming of interstate avenue. The choice boulevard, but more importantly I want to express my strong support for the commitment of the cesar e. Chavez boulevard committee which has, I believe, unfairly been ma lined by slander, in particular, by the Oregonian and other media of the city, and unfortunately, I think by several of you commissioners, and certainly, by high profile opponents of the name change. Reading the coverage of the Oregonian, which has been a model of character assassination, one can only think of the fun house mirrors of an old amusement park that reflect the world upside down and grotesquely distorted. That distortion was most dramatically on display in last thursday's Oregonian editorial which compared the situation to the film, "crash." there is a scene in that film which most powerfully captures bigotry and racism that it portrays, and it is a scene of a white police officer sexually assaulting an african-american woman and her husband. The assault and humiliation is intentional. It is deliberate and calculated. How does the Oregonian editorialist describe this movie about racism and bigotry? Here's their one sentence summary. The movie "crash" shows how people of different races wind up humiliating each other unintentionally. That sounds almost like a comedy. The Oregonian editorial writer would have us believe that the situation is mutual and unintentional, and that we are to believe the

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conflict of renaming the interstate is the same. First the humiliation is not unintentional. Second, it is not mutual. Finally, the bigotry and prejudice that has been evident in the current conflict over interstate avenue has been neither you unintentional nor mutual. This fun house mirror portrayal from this, an Oregonian reader would have to be excused for ending up thinking that it was Cesar Chavez committee that was solely and exclusively guilty of ill will. Now, I'd like to jump, I assume that's, that's the warning --

Potter: You are up.

Seamon: Thank you. I would like to jump to my conclusion. I'll give you a copy of this statement. I think --

Potter: Excuse me, folks.

Seamon: I think that there is a path out of this. I think that path would have been open had people confronted that racism openly and directly. If they had, it would have given away the possibility of portraying the committee -- of portraying the committee as accusing everyone of racism.

Potter: You have gone over your time.

Seamon: Thank you very much.

Michelle Lasley: I am Michelle Lasley, I am a student at Portland State and a resident of North Portland. I'd like to, to offer an alternative. Cesar Chavez should be honored. People need to see, hear, and read why he is important. Moreover, this can be done along Interstate Avenue. A memorable, artistic series of drawings and sculptures should be created. The groups advocating for Interstate to be renamed could channel their efforts in organizing ideas and funding and later organizing volunteers to erect and place a memorial. This would offer involvement and bring people together. This path will honor Chavez. The memorial could be similar to the Japanese Memorial at the, at the Expo Center MAX stop. Here, in an elegant way, the harsh truth of World War II for all to see and ponder. One can read newspapers that were published, tags issued and get a sense of the atrocities carried out in the name of security and freedom. For Chavez, each stop on Interstate Avenue, beginning with the Overlook stop because of the Wednesday's Farmers Market, would host a series of artwork and information. The series could end at the [inaudible] stop so as to not overcrowd the Expo Center Memorial. The art could feature snapshots of Chavez's life, explain why fighting for labor and civil rights is important, and explain the origin of our food. This type of memorial could do more to honor Chavez and his legacy 1,000 times more than naming a street. If we continue to spend our precious time and money in street renamings, we tend to lose sight of the real point. Council members, I urge you to stick to your guns and vote to honor people, not relegate them to a street name. Street naming sounds like an honor but the reality is a disservice to the public in foregoing an educational opportunity.

Beth Horine: I am Beth. I hear Mayor Tom Potter's promise and commitment to the Latino community. His legacy. What I fail to hear is his and your commitment to the taxpayers and the voters of Portland. Many polls have been taken by TV stations and newspapers stating that people of Portland are against renaming Interstate Avenue by no less than 76%. We do live in a democratic nation, and the way that Mayor Tom Potter and the renaming committee have gone about this has, in no way, been democratic or fair to us. They have been the bullies on the playground. You all have been voted into representative the people, your city, your community, your, your neighbors. And, and I asked that you step back, support the work of the commissioners, Adams and Leonard, and in finding a just solution to this issue. Our neighborhood associations have, have offered time and again to meet with the Latino community, find another way to honor Mr. Chavez, but they are not willing to compromise. All we get is, talk to the hand. That is totally disrespectful to not listen to our input. Those types of attitudes do not belong in my community. I know for I lived there and I do business there. I have seen the frustration, the bitterness, the anger, in all of North Portland. Since the Mayor's office started this whole mess, I implore you to take a stand for us. Do not buckle to the bully tactics, but especially vote against the way the Mayor has conducted himself on this

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issue. Let Portland be proud and honored of our commissioners we voted into office, who listen, heard us, and took a stand supporting us. Stand up for the people of overlook arbor lodge, let's do the right way, the democratic way, and yes, the american way. Thank you.

*****: Thank you.

Shelli Romero: Shelly ramireo, southeast Portland. Mayor and commissioner, i'd like to voice my support for renaming interstate after cesar chavez. The other two proposals i'd like to address on the table, looking at tight end arterial makes no sense. We have had this amount of strife. I don't see anybody jumping up and saying please, rename my street sandy or division. I don't see how, prolonging the process, or looking at other alternatives will help the matter at hand. Regarding renaming 4th, that's probably not even half the length of interstate. A major arterial. Many of you have expressed you support naming a major arterial. In my view, 4th is not a major arterial and doesn't meet the criteria that's in the spirit of the work of the committee or the, or that's deserving of cesar chavez. I would also like to say that, that I wish somebody could explain to me the abc's of how the ordinance work because it seems like every time someone embarks on a street name change, it's carries out a different way. It feels like this group and other groups have tried to follow the spirit of it, and that there seems to be, in my view, a double standard of how it's applied. 20, 600 sittings gathered, public hearings held. Meetings were held with individuals and organizations. Our streets belong to all of us. We all use them in the region, across the city, and, and my, my -- I was raised on, on the picket line advocating for farm workers rights and I had the pleasure to meet cesar chavez many times over my lifetime. As a girl, my parents gave plea a book. Cesar chavez. Man of courage. I ask you all, please, to be men of courage and vote for interstate naming after cesar chavez. Thank you.

Andrea Campos: I am andrea, and I am a resident of north Portland. I just wanted to say that, that, um, I know that many of the opposers bring up the idea of maybe naming a different street for cesar chavez, but it doesn't make sense to me. A street is a street. It's going to be the same anywhere you take that name. I think it has to do with the name and the person, and especially since I heard last night you were going to go to 4th street and do that. It didn't make much sense to me because, I mean, how can you not expect to see a response from any neighborhood over changes like this. Anyway, I wanted to say that, that from the beginning of this, I thought that, that this was going to be a positive change, in our community. I was so excited to hear that we were going to name a street over, over such a great hero, not just the latino be but he was american, ok, and I would just, after going to the overlook meeting and, you know, it broke my heart to see that people thought it was such a bad idea, and I know that they worry about the money and, and for their businesses, but I just -- it still hurt me to see that they weren't willing to, to go for such a great thing that could, that could make anyone in the community feel so proud about.

George Socha: I am george socha, lives in north Portland for 53 years. I have seen a lot go on in north Portland. I think the biggest thing is nobody here is arguing whether cesar chavez was a hero. We all agree he was. That's not why we're here. We're here because the political machine has broken down. We are here because the people of north Portland have things shoved down their throats without proper representation. We have commissioners who say yes, we will do what you want. Vote us in. We will represent you. When the time comes to it, they turn and say no, we're going to listen to a special interest group. We will disregard what the people say, what the majority of people have said. Yes, we do not want to see interstate named, and not because we are racist. Not because we do not recognize the heritage of the hispanic community. We have a heritage in that community, too. We have built this community. The polish have been there for almost 100 years. Do we wipe out their heritage? No. But yet we are being told by the hispanic community and their leaders that we do not recognize their heritage. It's fine for them to come in and say, you no longer exist. We are the future. I'm sorry, I am still part of this, I am still part of the future. I have not died. I have worked in this neighborhood. I have supported the hispanic community, I

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work for them. I am opposed with the process in which we are taking. It is time for you commissioners and the mayor to stand up and say ok, the voters put me in this office. I will listen to the voters. I will not do what my personal opinion is. I will listen to the voters. And that's why we are here. Thank you. Good afternoon. I am armando. I don't work for the city government or the city. However, I am an alumni of Portland state university so we have got that in common. First, thank you for hearing us out, and I appreciate that. The process was followed. The process that you formed and endorsed was followed, and we made sure that, that process was followed through throughout the time. It has been a long few months that we have had this. All the requests have been fulfilled. Commissioner Leonard, you walked into a meeting that you requested, and you walked in young, and, and I was, I was taken aback by that. I did not expect that behavior. I expected a lot more from you. However, you know, that's the case, and I can't do anything about it. You talked to us and told us to listen and kept telling us to listen and talked to us about the process. Commissioner Adams, you took a long time and spoke to us at length about the process, and kept bringing up the process. Commissioner Sten and Saltzman, you gave us your word, now you say, you are telling us now that you have changed your mind, and my question is where is your integrity? I believe in integrity and words. People's words. My father and mother taught me that, that your word was very important. A person's word is very important. Now I question that integrity. Mayor tom Potter, I salute you. You have shown throughout this whole process you do have integrity, and that now you have the respect of not only myself but many people that I know of. Now that we learned that you have the commissioners, i'm addressing this to, you decided that, that what is best for us. Commissioner Adams, in your office a few months ago, one of your staff made a comment that the cesar chavez boulevard had created a racist environment, and I guess the message here is that, is that, is that, is that our problem? I don't think so. I think that's the problem that we have in our city, and that's a problem that we need to address. I have no problem addressing that. I'm an educator, and I have dedicated myself to addressing those kinds of issues.

Potter: Excuse me, folks. Excuse me. I will take care of the time. I ask you folks to be quiet. I'm not going to ask you again.

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

Potter: Your time is up, sir.

*******:** Ok.

Stephanie Davis: I am stephanie davis. I work in north Portland, and I don't have to explain to any of you gentlemen what a great man cesar e. Chavez was and what an american hero he was. He won the presidential medal of freedom, highest civilian honor. I would like to talk to you about the tremendous efforts this committee has taken on. This community-based committee has taken on over several months following the city process of street name change. For months, they have spent gathering their support and signatures. They thought long and hard what streets should be named. They wanted a street that echoed the message of diversity, that they were trying to spread, and to truly make this an honor the street needed to be visible. After revealing the city's restrictions and process, they found the interstate avenue was, was the best, if not the only street that they could work to change. Now, 4th street has been mentioned, and as an upgrade, and there was some, some snickering and nods of agreement from members of north Portland, and I believe one who owns, owns a, a consignment shop out there, agreeing that this would be an upgrade. It seems that, that the community-based committee sees more beauty in this street than the people who, who are fighting against this street name change. I have never had the opportunity to work with mr. Chavez, but his passion for democracy has influenced my life. The process, the citizens being involved in the government process is a virtue we should never break. Sometimes the right thing to do is not the most popular. I was taught that your word is the only thing you have in life. When you were erected, you had your word and your conscience. I hope you can live with both as mayor tom Potter will.

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Melanie Davis: I am melanie davis. I come to you as a citizen and a voter. I think it's been suggested that maybe latinos are not voters and may have not contributed to the election or to your campaign in any way. I think that it's a fallacy, I think that there is a fallacy out there that they are not taxpayers, we are not, we are not a part of the group that created this beautiful city, we call home. We live, work in north Portland, and I have to echo stephanie's remarks. Many of the communities remarks. One of my greatest disappointments is the fact that we are here yet again because there's another resolution on the table. That is not only a slap in the face to the latino community but to the members of the community of north and northeast Portland. You are continuing to change the process. This community was charged, not charged, was told what the rules are to play by, and the community did that. They were told to identify a street. They did that. They identified interstate avenue. And the community stands strong behind that. I think now there's a suggestion that, that 4th avenue should be the new, new, as stephanie said, the upgrade. That is not true. We think that, that interstate holds true. It represents families, pools, children, the businesses. And, and i'm disappointed in the community, or the business community of northeast Portland that is in the opposition of this because last that's a lack of respect of the future community consumership of north and northeast Portland, and the voters of this area, and I am just asking that you respect not only the latino community but that of, of north and northeast Portland. And, and that, that -- i'm just -- i'm, again, disappointed that we're here again with another resolution. I am a graduate student at Portland state's history program, and I am working on the m.l.k. Street renaming in Portland so I have gotten to be knowledgeable about the history of street renaming in Portland and I can answer some of the questions that you have about what the history is of different streets, so I can address those for you. I'm not going to go over a lot of territory that other people have, but I will say with m.l.k., before 1986 when it was originally proposed by the street renaming committee, there was one street in the entire city of Portland that was named for an ethnic minority. One. Here we are 20 years later, we have three streets that have been added, so now we're up to four. So, cesar chavez is important, and how we honor him is relevant. We have hundreds of street names for people who have no historical relevance, other than the fact they own some property. All right. So, let's take a closer look at some of the streets that do exist. There are some requirements for the process that are in place. So broadway, I thought broadway was a good street but unfortunately, broadway began since the city of Portland, but extends outside of the city limits under the street renaming requirements, it has to begin and end in Portland city limits. Second, it can't be named for another person, so you got rid of a whole a lot of streets there, and finally, it's, actually, part of the process. You do have to go through the public committee, and so we've done that. So, one of the things that we think about is 4th avenue is really good but you will have a hard time passing it by the historians committee because it's been 4th avenue since 1851. On the other hand, patton has had eight different names in the course of the history. No kidding, eight of them. So if you look at the developments, and I have been looking at the development on the maps, the development process in downtown Portland has been far more significant along 4th avenue than along interstate. As far as the concerns of the polish community, comparing that, and they have had four buildings on the street, so it's not a persuasive argument, so, so if you would like to know more, I have a lot of information available.

Potter: Ok, folks.

Armondo Gonzalez: I am perry gonzales, I am a student at Portland state university and here to support the name change of interstate avenue to honor cesar chavez and the work he's done, and also to honor the latino community and all communities in celebration of this great man and the work that he did while he was alive. I think it's very important to continue to honor that legacy not only with the naming of a street, but a continued celebration of his life and the work that he and many other people did. I come from a bag we're my family was farm workers. They worked very hard in that. My grandfather emphasized education, and luckily, many of his children and their

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grandchildren were able to go on to college and better education and a better life and better opportunities than they had before. Now, my two younger brothers go to school in north Portland. I think it would be amazing opportunity if, if my two younger brothers could go down the street, past interstate and see the name of cesar chavez, a leader that comes from their community, and who, who is influential in our personal family history and in the greater history of all people in Portland and in the u.s. I also need to oppose the, the resolution to name 4th avenue in honor of cesar e. Chavez because it doesn't representative that spirit of community that I see represented along interstate. My, my reaction to this is because I see that there can be a future along interstate we're we can have community celebrations honoring cesar chavez, bringing the community together to honor him on a day we're we could have a parade, a march, a celebration with everyone learning about him, whereas 4th avenue -- 4th avenue is empty, so I support renaming interstate avenue to cesar chavez.

Claire Oliveros: Good evening, mayor tom Potter, city commissioners, I am clare. I am a resident of north Portland and, and I was born and raised in northeast Portland. I'm here on behalf of the committee for human rights in the fill teens and the student leaders and staff of the Portland community college sylvania multi-cultural center. Some of the students are here today. We support the name change of interstate avenue to cesar e. Chavez boulevard. As a second generation filipino american, this renaming of interstate avenue empowers all communities, especially communities that identify with, with mr. Chavez struggle for racial and economic justice. Cesar e. Chavez stood for social justice and human rights, working in solidarity with filipino labor leaders up and down the west coast. He joined the collective struggle and formed the fight against the exploitation of employers and oppressive working conditions, which still persist today. We all are ben factors of his life's work. As elected officials, you have the opportunity to, to demonstrate Portland's commitment to diversity and communities of color by supporting the original resolution. Police do not undermine the work of the coalition and conduct back door medication. Renaming interstate avenue to cesar e. Chavez boulevard will send a message that Portland elected officials have the courage to support leadership that comes from grassroots leaders and allies and uphold the democratic process. By supporting the flame change of interstate avenue, you will be part of the reclaiming of a piece of history in our city that has all too often been overlooked or left out. You have an opportunity to make change happen in voting in favor for the interstate name change to cesar chavez boulevard. You can help Portland become a city that embraces racial justice and move beyond the multi-cultural awareness. These efforts limit people of color from real access to institutional power and decisionmaking. In the big picture it's a street name. It's just one aspect. After today what will linger will be the decisive and hurtful, painful process that's split our communities apart. I urge to you vote yes for the street name change of interstate avenue.

Arlene Holmes: Mayor and commissioners, I appreciate the opportunity to be heard here today. My name is arline holmes, i'm a Portland native, and I have lived in the arbor lodge neighborhood in north Portland for 30 years, and this has been a, a very educational process for me to come to this. First time I have come to anything like this. So, it's, it's encouraging about the spirit of democracy that we do have here. I do not support the name change of interstate avenue. My neighborhood has experienced much name change in the streets and, and a lot of turbulence has resulted. And, and I think that, that, that, obviously, there's a lot of intense feeling about, about this. I really regret that the committee did a lot of hard work and, and feel that they were misinformed as to the correct way to go about this. I regret that. And, and I appreciate that you are standing here and we're all talking about the fact that there's been some confusion in the committee, and the committee thought one thing and other neighborhoods, people thought something different. I, I do not support the name change of interstate avenue, but, but I do definitely support the community coming together to honor mr. Chavez.

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Robin Cash: Hi, I am robin cash, and I live in overlook neighborhood, one-half block from, from interstate, and I am, I am so excited as soon as I heard we might change the name to cesar chavez. I was excited. I didn't know the committee but, but I just wanted to take part. I wanted to be a part of this exciting time. It's true that not all of the people that oppose this are racist, and it's also true that many people in north Portland feel dumped on and, and feel, feel as though they have just, just had too much change pushed down their throat. From my perspective, it would be so sad to, to lose the opportunity for this wonderful change, for this exciting change. I think, um, north Portland has been exciting, progressive place to live. I love living there, and, and I think that changing the name to cesar chavez would just be the icing on the cake, and I will go just hate for us to lose that. I do, I did walk door-to-door in my neighborhood. I collected signatures in favor of this, and, and many people were in favor of it. Other people, it's true, are opposed to it, but there are many, many people that are in favor of this change. Throughout the overlook neighborhood we're I live, and that's we're I walked and I collected hundreds of signatures, and I have talked to hundreds of people, and I just will give you an example of one woman who, a young woman who, who was very opposed to this, and she said robyn, interstate is this funky, dirty street, you know, and that's we're I lived, and I grew up and I want to keep it like that. So, you know, that's not a racist comment. People have all kinds of reasons for opposing this change, but i'm in favor of it, and I just want to say one more thing, my time is almost up, but commissioner Sten has said what is it about this? So I want to focus you, that many people have said this process, you know, this process hadn't been right, and I think commissioner Adams was concerned about the process, so now, all of a sudden, we changed it to fourth, and everybody opposed to this is thinking, ok, this is a great process, you know. I just don't get it. I don't get it about that, so I think it is about the process.

Lonnie Currier: I'm, i'm loni courier, born and raised in north Portland. It's the multi-cultural neighborhood I grew up. I had a latino partner for 10 years. I didn't know much about cesar chavez until this proposal came about. I listened to the proponents, and I admire the accomplishments of cesar chavez. I support recognition of his important work and respect the work of the renaming committee to see, to seek recognition for chavez, and I admire your commitment to rename a street in Portland, you but i've been surprised all along to find out how the city code for renaming has been disregarded for street renaming. Mayor, you said in one of the public meetings that you didn't care that we weren't following the code. That's not what I expect from our city leaders. Now look we're we are now, debating promises made behind closed doors, versus, versus processes that, that should or should not take place. If the code, in my opinion, if it does not meet our current needs, or process, we should change it and follow the new process. Mayor, you are, you also opened up the public meetings and closed them with he should all agree to disagree but you walked out on the council when they were discussing whether any alternatives should be discussed. What is the purpose of process if it's not going to be considered and listened to? I personally oppose the interstate renaming for a few reasons. I feel it, it has a unique history, perhaps, more unique than some other streets. In particular, it's like our own version of route 66 with a unique median that I have never seen anywhere else. That's what the photos are that were distribute and had here's a sample of that. I tore this out before light rail came in because I was concerned about maintaining a piece of the unique history. I feel that the multi-cultural neighborhood requires a balance with maintaining an element of the history that's already there. This will be the second street name change in such a short period of time, as, as after light rail, it's one of the few things that we have left. So, oh, I have a couple of suggestions for, for a new process, because I think that renaming would involve, involve, will involve some opposition no matter what street you choose. One is to address the cost of businesses. Personally, I think a cost of something like this should be shared by the city. I think there should be city reimbursement of the business costs impacted. It's not fair to those that happen to live on the street.

Potter: Your time is up.

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*****: Thank you.

*****: Who is first?

*****: Go ahead.

Rob Wolf: I am rob wolf. This is my first time before the city council, and, and I would, I would have preferred to wear a suit and tie today as I usually would in a public appearance. I'm an attorney, a small business owner, and my office is two blocks away, and I have 2.5 employees, so I think that that's a small business. The reason that I didn't wear a jacket or a tie today is because, because I didn't have time to, to respond to what I read in the Oregonian. I quickly grabbed the paper. I was in a class last night, and I find the debate about interstate and cesar chavez has moved to 4th avenue. And not only has it moved to 4th avenue, but there's another, an editorial complicating the city commission for voting on 4th avenue today. Now, I admit that there's been some flaws in the process. I admit that there may be some problems with the committee. And there may be an, an entire, an entire flawed process, but I have an idea. Let's vote for 4th avenue today so we don't have any process. We don't even have 24 hours. We don't have a day. Let's just change it to 4th avenue. I realize on the interstate it would be a few thousands to change the station. On 4th avenue, it's a few million dollars. Take a look next door, a 30 story building, law firms, accounts, you have got to change your web pages, get webmasters. It would cost a lot of money. Could somebody consider a little extra time just to think about it? Now, I realize everybody feels backed into a corner. I'm not taking a position on interstate or the committee or anything else. You want to vote on it, fine, you will tick off one group or the other. You vote on this, you show there is in process. What we need and what I recommend is step back. Get out of the corner. Don't let them put you in the corner. Get out of the corner, and let's look at the process, and let's not rename anything for six months to a year, and until we know what the process is. And also, either give everybody two minutes or nobody two minutes. Thank you.

Daniel Garcia: I am daniel garcia. I work in north Portland, and, and, and I think it's, a lot of this today is about respect. Who do you respect? How you respect them, and, and, and, you know, I have, I have a family member on the committee, and I have seen, I have seen the emotions go up and down, you know, and that's not a good feeling for anybody, you know, and I work with people that, that fall on both sides of the issue, and I have seen their emotions go up and down, but you know what, I think it's time to, to, to not worry about politics, not worry about, about six months into the future of we're you are going to be, or what office you are going to sit in. And, and take a stand and make a decision to respect the committee and to respect the people, no matter which way to lies to, respect the people in north Portland and committee. Do your job and make a decision. I believe interstate should be renamed. No doubt about it. But, but what do you believe? Whether it should be named one way or the other, just make a decision. Don't let us hang out here like this any more. If you wait, it's going to fester. It's going to become worse than it already is. We're already going to have to repair this. We're going to have to repair this between the two communities. That's not fair to either community. That was not the goal. So take a stand, make a decision, please.

Kert Wright: I am kert wright. I am a resident, property owner, business owner, in north Portland. I am a tenth generation american. You name a race, and I have got it. There are few who are as diverse as i, although I do have 10 siblings who have the same. Of the businesses you listed as supporters, how many are located on north interstate? Of the signatures in support, how many are registered votes in Multnomah county? Was it a democratic process to have only those in favor have a petition on, on the mayor's/city-owned website? Would you not be screaming foul if it was for only those opposed? Do you believe it is appropriate to allow people in Washington or colorado to cast a vote for something that affects a small area? By the way, north interstate does not traverse Portland. It is only in north Portland. A pocket of Portland that is not traveled by the majority of the citizens here. Something i'll never understand is, is why naming a street after a deserving street

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honors them. In a society we're acronyms reign. I have heard so many people mention m.l.k. It is but letters for directional guidance. Would not cesar chavez boulevard become c.c. Boulevard? Where is the honor in education in that? How many here know what the, we're the joan of arc statue is, have you ever heard anyone say turn right when you get to the j of a? I haven't. Give honor to us all and christen a bridge, park or statue after cesar e. Chavez. I'd like to question the process that you chose to rename north interstate. I realize that, that you, mayor tom Potter, wanted to honor and show respect for mr. Chavez. I questioned, my question to you is at what cost? You gave no respect to the citizens who live and work in the affected neighborhoods. I think it would be a fair statement that we don't want any name change. History is important. It guides us forward. It teaches us what works. It enables us to be whole and caring. What you have allowed and at times encouraged to evolve into a nasty and negative issue for your personal agenda --

Potter: Time is up.

Wright: Should make you ashamed.

Tom Curtin: I am tom, I live in the university park neighborhood in north Portland at 503 north [inaudible] street. I am against the renaming of the interstate avenue. My family has lived in north Portland for over 120 years. We have lived throughout the piedmont overlook and albina neighborhoods since the late 1880's, before I went into the marine corps, I grew up two blocks south of Portland boulevard, five blocks west of union avenue, and about nine blocks east of interstate near the corner of moore and holman. I played youth football at arbor lodge and attended kindergarten at ockley green [inaudible] my mom walked across the interstate to get to her world war ii job on columbia boulevard. In mentioning this i'm asking you to keep some of the history of the neighborhoods intact and suggesting that keeping the street names as they are now is one very visual way of doing that. I am not opposed to change honoring great americans. I was in agreement with the union avenue to the martin luther king boulevard name because the name, union, had civil war overtones and dr. King worked hard to reconcile the hostility between the races. Yet, one argument that I have not heard in this debate is why concentrate the renaming of the streets of such great civil rights leaders in only one section of Portland? Our residents of southeast, northwest, or southwest portman opposed to living long, shopping along or just driving along a street named after a person of color? I think that that is just about as disrespectful and culturally insensitive as ignoring the wishes of interstate avenue citizens and more so [inaudible] abandoning the official process of renaming the streets in the city. Thank you.

John Kirby: I am john kirby, great honor to be here. I'm a 25-year Portland resident but not along interstate, but I wanted to point out that, that I originally came from new york, was a new york resident, go back there quite a bit, so this is a very difficult controversy for all, so I thought that I would share just my thoughts on how others do it, and new york city, in particular, and to make sure that I had the facts correct, I called new york city hall today and I talked to the people that do this for the city of new york. So I thought I would share their perspective. There are similar pressure this is new york as there are here to recognize very important individuals, but it has to be balanced against the pragmatics of renaming streets and impacting businesses, so after a lot of decisionmaking, a lot of thought, they decided that they wanted to adopt honorary street naming which means they dually name streets so for example, when I caulked with them today about one of their situations, if you go down to 77th avenue in new york, right by abc, you see 77th avenue on the street corner, but right underneath there, that's the honorary street name for peter jennings, the abc broadcaster that decider died recently, so that's how they recognize people, if you go around new york, wallstreet, around Washington square, and everybody place around new york city, they do this type of thing to honor people but has less impact because the street maintains the original name. They can rename just one block or an entire area or a square doing it this way, and the new york city process is followed. A community group approves it and it goes to the city council, and the city council approves it, and it becomes, becomes the new rule. It's administered by the parks

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and recreation. So, I might suggest this as a possible compromise for the city of Portland, maybe not in this situation because you are both so far down the stream but certainly in the future it can apply to, to attempts to honor other people similar to mr. Chavez and other great americans, great members of the city of Portland, so it might be a possibility to be adopted today by the city council. Thank you.

Eric Gale: Good afternoon, I am eric gale, a resident of the overlook neighborhood, it's hard not to repeat things that have been said already, but I really want wanted to emphasize how much process was, was part of this problem and why things, things fell apart. The context is, obviously, in any emotional issue central to everything, and, and the renaming committee and the, and the proponents are feeling, what they are feeling because, because of the whole context and history of their experience and the same goes for, for the opponents in north Portland, and as commissioner Adams knows, living there and mayor tom Potter knows having worked there and as I learned, almost immediately, when I moved there three years ago, people in north Portland have, have a chip on their shoulder when it comes to the city hall. They felt neglected or, or other ways with that toys phrase it, you are shoving things down their throat, and that's a real sentiment, and the longer someone has lived there, the stronger that is. And, and I think that that's why, why it's not surprising when a process came out, that had two public meetings, we're, we're input was really irrelevant, it was very much presented that this is a done deal. It's not surprising that, that people were upset, and, and it fell apart, and weighed an insight of what can have been, when the committee came to the board, the board, it was a very congenial, productive conversation, and we didn't take a stance either way on it, but, but this was kind of preprocess falling down. I don't think it's their fault, but they followed the procedures laid out but I really want to emphasize that, that process has been key in this, going forward, it needs to be key whether it's, whether it's 4th avenue or interstate, that, that it, it is going to be key to the success of this, and as one of the p.s.u. President, or student council president said it needs to be gone about in a way that does know make anyone feel invalid, and I just wanted to emphasize that, thank you. I am dennis hartman, I am an officer in the interstate avenue association. In my 25 years of the community involvement in north Portland, I have never seen a more collective sense of depression, and that depression crosses racial lines, social, economic lines, and a depression that once again, the city hall is, is doing it to north Portland. That depression is, from being accused of being, being racist. That, that depression is, from, from being disrespectful. Speaking personally, no one in this room was a bigger supporter or a longer fan of mr. Chavez than I am. This issue is degenerated to the point we're the legacy of mr. Chavez has been hijacked. What's been missing through the process is real leadership, and I truly hope that you can find it in yourselves to rise above all of the petty dynamic and engage in the leadership required to, to rightfully honor this great man. And I applaud you for the efforts that, that, of trying to find the compromise. Thank you.

Ann Alea Rogers: I am ann alea rogers, and, and thank you for allowing me to speak today. Again. Today I am hoping for a compromise that will bring, bring to an end this unsettling and unhealthy confrontation that renaming interstate avenue has, has taken. This has been a costly procedure in time, energy, and money. A prime consideration in the matter should be support for the investments that have been made in the developing of the max light rail lines and the ongoing effort being made to rezone interstate avenue to open the way for both commercial and higher residential density properties. After decades of deterioration, the, the revitalization of interstate has begun. There are new businesses. New, new rentals and condominiums developments and already, are already started, and more projects pro are being considered. Being granted a racist community will not encourage new development. The key criteria used to evaluate potential real estate purchases and development are location, location, and location. During my 40 years careers as a real estate salesman and broker, in north Portland, often the most important sales tool that I had, was the fact that my husband was a Portland policeman and we brought our home, bought our home

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in north Portland in 1957, our children attended public school, and i, my husband, his brothers and sisters and other children attended jefferson high school, and we had no desire to move elsewhere. Thank you.

Jesus a Estrada: Hello, I am Jesus Estrada, a retired teacher from Portland. 35 years I was a counselor at Roosevelt and a teacher at Jefferson. Also Marshall and, and all over the place. Just to get to it, I was involved in talking with the committee, and I have spoke to some of the commissioners, and what we do right now, we have an organization in north Portland called [inaudible], and what we do is we are doing, we are having dialogue and we're, we're building partnerships with the neighborhood association, and we're trying to do all of the things that we can to form the relationships so when the difficult issues come forward, that we're able to reach an understanding as quickly as possible. I have this written thing up but I threw it away because it's just -- I was caught by surprise by what happened this morning, by what I read this morning, and as a community organizer, 45 years, I had the pleasure of working with Cesar Chavez. We escorted him from southern Oregon, through the University of Oregon, Oregon State, Portland State, as a student in 1968, 1969, and he also taught me that, that he said, it will always be difficult. I was a student at Oregon when I was doing that, and he said it will always be difficult to make a decision when the leadership fails to give it's true direction of what's going on, I'm disappointed. Our committee, the committee and many people had come up with alternatives, so I will give you one, since you are considering wanting to consider alternatives, will you don't undignify us by just -- I would prefer that you make the vote no and not dignify us by having us go through this process, and then say I know what's about it for you. As a mediator for many years, I have known that, that until both sides who were for or against an issue, until they both come to an understanding of what it is that they are trying to get to, that until they understand that, that nothing will happen. The commissioners did not make a clear statement about that. Please just vote up and down yes or no, and, and we will continue our organization and many other organizations will continue to try to do what we can to participate in the community, in all of the communities because we live here. The recommendation was, was thrown out once, and, and then.

Potter: Your time is up.

Estrada: May I give the recommendation?

Potter: You have had 30 seconds over your time.

Sten: Can I ask a question? What was your recommendation?

Estrada: The process broke down again. Ok.

Sten: That was the right process.

Estrada: Basically, to name the street Cesar Chavez Boulevard and to put above it, it's a presence in this community, to put above it the historic interstate community. They have that all over Portland already. I think that's going to give both sides, that is, otherwise, for me, just vote no, if that's how you are going to go, but don't be undignified and, and keep changing things if you don't have a handle on the process. Thank you.

Sten: Can I ask you one question? I appreciate your efforts you've been making and I got lost in the jump from we need to do some mediation to, to let's just take a vote, I found that mediation works best when the updown vote is yet to be determined, and it could go either way.

Estrada: I don't ever remember that, there was leadership in leading that. We knew from very early, and I remember meeting with Mr. Leonard, we knew early the process was not going to work, that it was something wrong with it. And at that time, I believed that the leadership should have stepped up and is said, time-out. Before we go to any more hearings, before we go to any more community we're, we're err embattling each other, I feel the community is embattled. We're in that position. It's a win-lose now. Either way you go. I wish that, that the council or, or somebody would have stepped up. I wish that Mr. Adams would have stepped up so, he went to a meeting and said, he wanted to meet with some of us, somebody would have said wait a minute,

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we're in charge of this process. Here's how it will be way early before, before the mudslinging happened. I work in that community and I work with people who are opposed to this as much as in favor of it, but I think we're both in the same pain place. We're both feeling this, that we've been led down this, so again, reiterate, I would rather hear the vote no than to hear everything you do doesn't counsel, and then have, have people on the other side explain themselves, and I mean, I have never seen that much of an organization come together because i've been trying to organize a lot of things from the community that's opposing and, and i've been getting some, some feedback, but I really don't know what this is. I don't know why people are not, not in favor of it, so with my recommendation --

Leonard: Can I follow up on that about the meeting we met at, you were pointing out that there hadn't been political leadership or an attempt to find a way out. But you I have to remind you, that's why I asked to meet with you was to say that, that there was a majority of us on the council that recognized the process had become dysfunctional, and the literal words I was told back in that meeting is you are either with us or against us so I found myself in a place we're I was dealing with two sides, neither of which wanted to, to have a reasonable discussion, and I appreciate -- I agree with you that we need leadership, and I was attempting to provide that, but I got less than an open response in my attempt to do that, and the, thus we find ourselves we're we are today.

Estrada: May I respond to that?

Leonard: Yes, please.

Estrada: What I heard from you say at that meeting was that you were going to try to, what I understood, we were going to try to correct the process. I did not hear that we were going to come up with alternatives to what that is. That's not what I heard

Leonard: Ok.

Estrada: So when people said no, this is the decision that we made. This is we're we wanted to be, we knew and we know anyone that's dealt with government and i've been an elected official myself knows the final vote is right here but it's how it's handled, how it is really processed and the people keep, keep it real clear about how this is going to happen that's going to keep, keep us from being divided in this community. I still intend to work with this community. There is still many activities that are going to happen. We hope to happen. It isn't just one little battle lost, and, and, but we want to maintain our dignity to win who we are, the war, to unify the community. So, I hope that, that you show that leadership and make that decision on the question that's here rather than, than, than try to, try to find the back way out of, of trying to make this work. The only ones who are going to make it work is us. It's not you trying to rescue us. It's you making the decision based on what you have heard already. And because the process was broken, you within able to hear that.

Sten: Let me ask you one last question. I appreciate your approach, so it makes, makes -- I would have to take from your testimony, and I just want to make sure that this is what you are saying be it doesn't make sense to you to, to, to say to, to the latino community who wants the change on interstate, ok, this other idea came at the last minute, do you want to think about it? Why wouldn't we take a bit of a break for, for the latino community who I think has made a lot of great cases about how they pushed hard, etc., expect I won't say it, to think about the other proposal.

Estrada: That's my point. What other choice have you got, mr. Sten? To now, now that you have got us all at each other's throats, and I know a lot of those people that are opposed to it, who are willing to work with us, what other choice do you have but to do more time. I think it could have been handled in the front. I hope if it's a no vote, that, that there will be leadership that's ready to deal with the thing. I have given a suggestion of what you can do, and I agree with the lawyer guy that came by and said, I don't think that you know what you are doing, or unless you are going to break the process, that you can give us cesar chavez, you have many more businesses and stuff to happen unless, unless you are saying no, we'll just decide and the heck with what they think, so it's really, really -- it's really a mess.

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Sten: It is a mess.

Estrada: I need the leadership to step forward as a community organizer and, and representative of many other people here, to step forward and, and help us to work this thing out rather than, than to, to discredit one group and, and, and refuse to, to face the type of communities you are dealing with what's going on there, and particularly, mr. Adams, you are from our community, so you should know our community.

Sten: It is a mess, and I appreciate that, and I won't go too much longer but I think this is an important point to keep talking about just a bit. I like the way that you are, you are willing to broach some of these subjects. I have, in my meetings with the committee, and I think there has been three over the last two or three weeks, have repeatedly made strong suggestions about, about some other ways to take, to take a step towards, um, towards more process, looking at other ideas, thinking it through, and the committee has drawn a hard line and said absolutely not, and i've tried very hard to respect that. If the promise in front of you is that, is that the city council is at least considering really saying what you just said, that may be there's another street, maybe we recognize that the process is a mess, maybe we recognize that, that going through this process again won't work, and so, so the proposal being why don't we do the street, and it's a proposal, why don't we do the street you are sitting in so that it isn't us coming somewhere else, if that's right here, in the center of the city, we're city hall sits. If the premise was the city council may be willing just to do that as what I would consider a very strong statement of, of support for the man and his legacy, why, why would know we take a breath and discuss that?

Estrada: Because you are discrediting all the people on both sides of this issue, to just give us the solution and say, here it is. I also agree with someone who said the process wasn't working until, until, until somebody said, cesar chavez is our hero. He's the best thing that's ever happened but not in my neighborhood. Now everybody is oh, yeah, let's give it to 4th. So to me, to do it that way would be to discredit both sides and, and show disrespect, and we have, and we have, as a, as a -- we have a lot of healing to do to, to, so we can put some things together and make the communities come together because the future is evident. The numbers are changing and, and people are going to, to, are thinking differently and so on. That's why I wouldn't do it.

Sten: Thank you.

Potter: Thank you.

Eliana Machuca: I am eliana, I work for Portland job justice, an organization that supported the name change of cesar e. Chavez boulevard. A lot of points have been raised throughout the course of this, and I agree with a lot of the comments put forward by those who support the name change. I wanted to bring a couple of other points to the table, not necessarily echo a lot of what has been said. I did want to spend a second to say that, that, that on one side, there's a lot of sides, but on one side, in the latino community, people are confronted with a lot of attacks, whether you are documented or not, you are, you are feeling the effects of, of executive decisions, legislation, and, and raids, racism, and, and all kinds of things that, that affect you, and then for this, I think it is seen as an opportunity to do something positive, to find something that would be honoring an american latino in this community, and, and a symbol of hope, and, and I think, I think, um, I think one of the things, I think, we also recognize is that you don't get anything, especially people in [inaudible], without fighting for it. We weren't surprised to hear testimony that this anywhere but here, not in my backyard. I mean, I think that, that -- I think to an extent people are ready for that. So, I think that part of that is not wanting to put, not wanting to go back just because you don't want to -- you know that there's going to be a fight, no matter what it is, and so, and so that's important. I think the other side is that there is people who are feeling like, like there is so much -- this is everybody. We don't have control over the health care. We don't have control over the war. We don't have control over job security. And this was seen as something that potentially, oh, this is another change. Something else we don't have control over, but it was a tangible thing to fight against. A tangible

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thing to say, well, maybe we can, we cannot have this name change happen so I think that that's, we're at this point right now, those two things happening, and, and I guess that I want to leave with that, that this is the potential to do something positive. The city council still can work on those other issues that I think people have a hard time struggling with, and I think, I just wanted to put that into context. It's abstract but I think it's important.

Larry Mills: I am larry mills. I live in the canton neighborhood, lifetime resident. Mayor tom Potter and fellow commissioners, i'm very dismayed that we are here today under these tense and unnecessary circumstances. The interstate renaming fiasco should never have gotten to this point. Unfortunately, the citizens opposing this name change have been characterized as insensitive and racist. From the first meeting I attended at keizer town hall, it became very evident that, that this was back room politics. The organizing committee indicated that they had the support of the mayor and fellow city commissioners, or city council members. Unfortunately, they did not conduct the outreach, any outreach with the community. It was like it was a done deal. So, process, my friends, was not followed. The same process that any citizen group would be required, would be required to follow, and to compound a contentious situation, race became an issue. Let's be clear, race is not the issue. The issue is simply checking with your constituency before you act. This wasn't done. At all meetings, citizens suggested compromises. Other ways to honor mr. Chavez, and, and it fell on deaf ears, and apparently there was no flexibility whatsoever on the issue so, it's not the fault of the community to react. The onerous of responsibility falls on this city council. Now you have a tough decision. I don't envy you. The city council should be a stabilizing influence in our, in times of controversy, rather than, than fanning the flames. Our mayor gets up and walks out of a city council meeting, and I don't know how many people I have talked to, who are still scratching their head about that one. So, remember, when you put -- remember, who put you we're you are at, and, and that's the issue, and not the other distractions. Hopefully the damage can be repaired.

Joe Rastatler: Good evening, mayor. It's evening now mayor and commissioners, I am joe, a resident of northeast Portland, and i'm a co-chair of the jobs of justice labor committee. It is on record as supporting the change of interstate to cesar chavez boulevard, and so do i. If cesar got the word of our community's grappling with this issue, I believe he would not be surprised. No stranger to struggle, farm worker gains were not given to them, as she said, they were fought for and taken. The 4th avenue proposal, without cesar chavez committee's input and approval, I believe, takes power from their recognized leadership, and it seems disrespectful and wrong. Cesar chavez was a person of love and hope. He believed in the dignity and the goodness of every person, and he practiced non violence, inspired by his hope I believe some good will come from all of this. One of the great moments in my life was in 1991 at the marylhurst college when cesar remembered him as a friend and ally, and he told me how pleased he was to recognize that thousands of folks inspired and trained by the farm worker movement went on to lives of public service and action. He was a mentor to me and to many, many of others from all walks of life. I want to make the point that i, also, like just about every person raised in an environment of white privilege, and at times, overly competitive, prone to violence, and still, to some degree, racist. These are characteristics that I believe that I share with people in the Portland community, and in honor of cesar chavez, I choose to learn and practice being a less racist, and I invite the city commissioners and all others to be a part of this process.

*****: It looks like I will be up here all by myself.

Julie Ann Rogers: I am julie rogers. North Portland resident. I am going to take a little different tact here. We're walking around this thing like race isn't an issue. It is an issue. And that's the missed opportunity that we had here. We could have sat down and really learned about our neighbors. We could have learned how to help the families that have been traumatized by del monte am we need affordable housing in overlook. We don't need a name change. We need people that work together to build our community together. What you have done is you have galvanized us

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all. Please, this is we're I get to what I wrote, sorry, i'm very, very glad to hear, I think it was mr. Martinez, saying that there was a willingness to bring all people to the table, that, that is the beauty of our city. Every person can come to the table. I don't have to be discluded because I don't agree. We need to work together. Please listen and work with the mediation. I called many times, asking for mediation from the neighborhood involvement, was told that was not part of the job, and I know that's different. And we need to do something to bring us together. I choose to live in north Portland because of our diversity, because of my neighbors, and honor us by including us all, if we stop, stop and we sit back and we all come to the table to go. Thank you.

Woodrow Broadnax: How are you doing? You are in this storm, that's good. I want to see this. Erik never, never ever goes to a store and tell them that you have got a problem with your phone because the person thing is do you want an upgrade? That is a no-no. Don't do that. The other issue is this, as a representative, the 19th of june, in america, and it is the second oldest african-american holiday in the united states, following 1776, we birth the civil rights movement. We birth cesar chavez. And then in that respect alone, I have to stand here and say that, that I have to support the latino community as it moves forth to recognize their hero. It is the right thing to do. We entrusted in each and every one of you the power to make the decisions, regardless if they are good or back or backlash or not but to make the decisions for us in these regards and not to be, to be swayed one way or another. When I hear the decision has been made, and then it has counter made, and then I wake up to, to 4th street in the morning. This is not an opportunity for a chicken in everybody's pot. This is an opportunity to be able to fix a problem that is seeking racism you, not the racism of this dynamic but one that's ingrained in the fabric of 1776 that carries over to all of us. So, I am going to say, this and I am going to give you an opportunity. I came to dan quite some time ago and said this -- I respect the idea of interstate. I respect the idea of martin luther king, however, there are drivebys and drug dealing there. There are thing, prostitution on martin luther king, and I can assume if we change the name of cesar chavez, it's going to be much of the same. Thank you.

Promise King: I am promise king. I have testimony today about why, and why not. I want to say racist [inaudible] I want to say I will pay attention, play it like a black person playing a card, and it's disgusting. If you ever pay attention to the presidents that we have here, rosa park, you know this is a rehash of origin, sentiments, and all it would require is your commitment to the process. The resolution, you [inaudible] all that matters is to respect that resolution. I have a lot to say about this, but, but i'm watching my time, but, but you know, take you back a bit to the district, minorities really never had given the benefit of the doubt. You know. As time goes on, with modifications and, and courageous men like mayor tom Potter and, and a man like you, things change. We're making progress. But you know, having talked to a lot of my friends in the latino community, it is really disrespectful. In my last testimony, I asked you [inaudible], so if someone says I need something, you either say no or yes. Don't cherry pick and say look, you know, go and pick somewhere else. Just be courageous enough to say no, or go back, come to me with another choice. I am going to vote no. There are two things of being [inaudible] talk about during this process. Race and politics. We have heard a lot about this, but we have not heard about how, how politics have really, really transgressed this process. But, but all in all, I ask you to, to vote yes for this resolution.

Lois Stranahan: I am laura stranahan. Commissioner dan Saltzman is my commissioner. He always says he knows who I am, and I know that he knows who I am because my handcuffs hang on the kitchen wall. Remember. [laughter]

Potter: Would you like to explain that? You lost me on that one. You have 10 minutes. [laughter]

Potter: You got our attention.

Stranahan: I wasn't arrested just once, but twice. That's why I say they hang on the kitchen wall. I'm proud of them. But I want to say that, that just remember one thing, and i'm sorry that, that this

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chap over here left because I have some, some good things to say to him. I hope he comes back. Remember, we're not for, from a holiday. Thanksgiving is coming around soon. I was born in arkansas in 1919 on a 65-acre farm. I grew up on, on this farm knowing, knowing what it like to be, to be on the short end of the hoe, and that's we're, we're cesar chavez got his bed back from working not only, not only working in the fields

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Stranahan continued: California table grapes. And that's one of the reasons how I happen to get my handcuffs on the the kitchen wall. I'm not ashamed of that. I'm very proud. I want to say you couldn't honor a better person to name cesar chavez interstate avenue. I was at the first hearing --

Potter: Ma'am, your time is up.

Stranahan: Oh, good god: Anyway, thank you very much. I just want to say, please, I want to hear just -- not just one vote, but I want to hear a unanimous vote tonight to hear it say, yes, we vote interstate avenue cesar chavez. Thank you.

Richard Prentice: My name is richard prentice. I'm pretty much a lifetime in my 70-plus years, resident of north Portland. And my family goes back to 1912. So about three generations now. And we also, i've been a resident, property owner, business, employed over 150 residents of -- 150 employees, mostly from north Portland area, which our location was at the interstate and greeley area, a manufacturing plant. In addition, I was schooled at holy redeemer jefferson high school, and graduate of university of Portland. So I think my ties speak very strongly about my being a concern of the north Portland area. I would like to point out very quickly in my limited time that I have never been a social or community activist. You folks never have seen me before, and chances are you won't see me again. This is not my forte. I'm involved in other projects in my retirement. I'm going to make one point. And one point only in my remaining 50 seconds. That is, I heard all these arguments, let me rephrase this. I never heard so much pandering over an individual of which nobody has actually said anything against. We all recognize cesar chavez for whom he is. And we all -- we didn't come here -- did we come here to glorify the man? He's burden and i'd we all praise him. We're here about a street change name. All of this talk and all of this racism talk and all these associations from the various latino etc., agencies, have nothing to do with the fact that we are of a name change and I oppose the name change because I do not feel that it's necessary to change the name in order to glorify a man. This is a beautification thing we're trying to do with cesar chavez, and I think we should be thinking about other alternatives. Obviously we do not -- there's opposition here. It should be taken into consideration, and given to the people or to you folks to come up with other alternatives. Fourth avenue is not like the man said, fourth avenue is not the alternative. But why not a school, why not a park?

Potter: Time is up, sir.

*****: Thank you.

Patrick Nolen: Mayor Potter, commissioners, my name is patrick know land, i'm a -- I grew up in a union family. My grandfather -- I knew cesar chavez and jimmy hoffa were before I could name a president. Cesar chavez is part of the reason i'm a community organizer today. As a former resident of the old town-chinatown, and employee whose office is on sixth avenue, i'm excited about the prospect of having a street in my neighborhood named after cesar chavez. I've read a couple of the books about this famous american, his nonviolent effort I respect. As someone who considers him a hero, I feel he would be disappointed about their being an argument over a street named after him. Instead, I would imagine he would be much more happier with a street named avenue of the worker. Still, I can see it naming a street after this great man. As long as the community around that street wants that change. I oppose an interstate named that street, because it seems obvious the communities do not wish that name change. Thank you for your time.

Prentice: May I address one question if I could get an answer, why --

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Potter: No, sir. This is for input at this stage. You can contact members up here after the meeting is over.

Prentice: I will.

Potter: Please state your name when you speak.

Ramon Ramirez: My name is ramone ramirez. For the record, i'm president of the the Oregon farm workers union. [speaking spanish] on behalf of our 5500 members, we want to state our firm support for the renaming of interstate street for cesar e. Chavez boulevard. I got to tell you, as president of the Oregon farm worker union, i'm also called upon on many occasions to go and support community efforts to rename something after cesar chavez. I was active in woodburn, I was invited to attend hearings on the renaming of a new elementary school in springfield, Oregon in the support of cesar chavez and I gotta tell you, that in each occasion, real briefly, that I hear the same arguments that are made by the general population that he's a great man, a great hero, and so forth. But we've got to recognize him and let's do something else. Let's name something else after him. And it's the same basic argument. That's being made. And I really -- one of the things I -- that happened in springfield was there was a lot of opposition to this. This was almost the same kind of opposition as what's going on here. Can you imagine springfield, Oregon, naming an elementary school after cesar e. Chavez? The amount of press and -- that was created. And I went and the school board decided to rename it after him, and there was a lot of the arguments, that it's going to cause us a lot of problems and so forth. And I went back a year later with the founder of the united farm workers union, along with cesar chavez, and we went back to a community celebration. And that school, i'll tell you, was full of pride. The community came out to support it, and it was the greatest thing i've ever seen in the state of Oregon. And I truly believe that the same thing can happen to interstate if you both voted in favor of it. It's going to create a beautiful community, it's going to have a lot of economic -- we're going to have a lot of economic benefits out of it, and I want the commissioners to vote in favor of it. Thank you.

Leonard: If I could ask you a question, we've worked together on a lot of issues.

Ramirez: It took commissioner randy Leonard to visit the labor camp about five years ago, six years ago, down in the willamette valley. Also commissioner Sten has also been there.

Leonard: And so you said this is like the other debates that you've been involved n i'm curious, I want to ask you about that in a little bit. This -- what feels you nkrumah to me about this, and I would appreciate your perspective, is that there isn't a debate against the five of us about whether or not to name a street, a major street in Portland after cesar chavez. The debate is whether it's interstate or broadway, or fourth. Is that different in your experience than the other communities, or is the debate solely around whether or not to name a street or not?

Ramirez: A little bit of both. The difference is, I would say the similarities are that the idea came from the latino community. And so in this case it's similar, because i've -- I know the committee that got put together, that worked together for this, and to me they're sort of recognized leaders in our community. So if those are the leaders that are putting out the information that this is what they want, this is what the community wants, that's a similar thing that happened in eugene.

Leonard: I appreciate that. It's real clear for us that's a significant issue. In the other communities is the debate whether it's over one street versus another, or is the debate whether or not?

Ramirez: It was not in our back yard kind of attitude.

Leonard: Ok.

Ramirez: We didn't want it in our back yard. And in this case it was residents who lived in the springfield area saying we don't want to hear --

Leonard: The significant difference here is there is five of us from that, five of us that have committed to naming a major street in Portland after cesar chavez. Understanding that underneath that, wherever there is -- wherever that occurs, we recognize that there will be some level of opposition. We get that notwithstanding that, we're all committed to doing that.

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Ramirez: The significance in this case would be what the latino community wants.

Leonard: I understand that.

Ramirez: They want interstate.

Leonard: I understand that.

Ramirez: I think that needs to be respected.

Leonard: Thank you.

Martha Perez: Congratulations. We made it this far. We're going to go further. My name is martha perez, i'm a general political activist. I belong to nobody, I am free. I reside at 920 northwest kearney street. Just some unifying statements. I am a general political activist. We include all people. I remain open minded no matter what happens. I still support mayor Potter, thank you. I prefer cesar chavez on interstate, but with compromise, if we can't agree, continue the conversation but still be decisive. Let's work together, maybe the next sing may let's celebrate cesar chavez. Equality plus love equals democracy. I have faith in my community. That means all of us. We are neighbors. If we have an earthquake, we're all treated the same except for those, you know, my head tells me more dialogue, but my heart tells me to support chavez. [speaking spanish] if you'd like this t-shirt, you can't fight over it, because there's only one. So share it. I'd like to temporarily shame sam Adams, please make it unanimous. I'm pretty sure you will, but please, please. Thank you very much. Let's just finish this and let's go home. [laughter]

Manuel Galaviz: My name is manuel. Thank you for allowing us to speak. I'm a family physician from the Portland vancouver area. And for over 25 years practiced here. My dad was a farm worker. We did farm work and lived in the same labor camps just mentioned. Up until the eighth grade. And when I woke up this morning I certainly did not think I was going to be here to speak for the council. I went by to a retail store and a lady there mentioned she had just come back from phoenix, and vegas or someplace, and said that she had heard about it there. So I had to come down and speak up. Cesar chavez is an american hero. My father came to the northwest in the 1950's to pick crops in very poor conditions. And with big dreams and visions. There was 14 of us in our family, and back then it wasn't degrees behind your name, it was numbers of hands in your family that determined your income. Among those dreams and visions was his family's and his community's success, and happiness. And he represented and fought cesar chavez fought and represented for those dreams and visions. Tonight when you have your glass of wine, eat your green beans, and have your strawberry apple desserts, think of and thank all those farm worker hands involved in making that possible. We take that for granted. Cesar chavez, the person and the hero, is much more involved in our everyday life than we imagine. And we are in the nation's eyes, so we need to do the right thing. We need to honor him, and honor his contributions to the community, and by renaming interstate avenue cesar e. Chavez boulevard. Thank you.

Potter: Please state your name for the record.

Bertha Ferran: My name is bertha, I come as a private citizen. Good afternoon. Good evening, mayor Potter and commissioners. As a lot of you know I arrived in Portland 47 years ago. As a cuban kid a. Refugee from castro's dictatorship. My friends sent me to this country because he believed in the ideals of this country, its freedoms and the opportunities for all to have equality. I have always believed that when I or someone gives your word, he or she means what he says. And I find myself sitting here today asking how a group of elected officials can promise something and then do the opposite. Lately all I hear is the word "compromise." but how can compromise be accomplished when rules are banned, changed sometimes, but not for all, and -- cesar chavez is an american born hero to all of us. Military service veteran, a labor and civil rights leader, and champion of all who work hard to strive to make our country a better place. Today I find myself not angry, but sad, very sad. By the turn of events, the stress created over this issue and because my trust has been broken. In my opinion, i'd rather be told why not interstate, than to be disrespected

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by those who are supposed to trust by those not following the process. Thank you, mayor Potter for your unwavering support of our community.

Martin Gonzalez: I'm a resident of north Portland. Let me start by offering a compromise that's already been stated, but to make sure it's understood it's on the table. And that is that interstate avenue and -- i'm not here to support the renaming of interstate avenue to cesar chavez boulevard, but the compromise is one that's already been identified by people and we see in the kenton neighborhood, there's a marker that sits on top of some of the streets over there, that says "historic kenton." it can be put by renaming interstate avenue to cesar chavez boulevard, you can put on top of that, "historic interstate highway." I think that's a compromise. And I think -- I can tell you that will get the support of the community that has put forth the idea of renaming here. The part that I think that remains -- that I think that I was glad to hear the person from arbor lodge and stating some of the challenge that we had after that vote was taken. And it's an important vote. In terms of creating a real dialogue, because some people say they want a dialogue with folks from our community. And when the return call gets to the owner of night hawk, that person yells for the whole time of the duration of that conversation. And they count that as dialogue. I think we need to do more in understanding what real dialogue is. The the part that I think that is the a challenge, and I think we don't want to cop to, is that it's taken me a while to understand what it means to have white privilege. And that is the ability for folks to not engage in a discussion of race. Not the to engage in a discussion of prejudice. We don't have that alternative. We don't have the ability to be able to negate or come to the argument that the -- because of this name change. Thank you.

Moore: That's all who signed up.

Potter: I have a note there were a couple of phoenix ever folks who were not able to sign up. Were those folks put on the list, do you know? [inaudible]

Dan Handelman: Mayor Potter and commissioner, i'm dan handel man, a resident of north Portland. I'm not representing any organization today. I guess first i'd like to say to commissioner Sten, oh, my god, fourth avenue, 180 years of history down the tubes: That's the argument you're going to get.

Sten: I knew the coalition for the number four was going to show up. Here it is.

Handelman: Honestly I heard there was debate in texas around historic highway 93 at one point because people were attached to highway 93. I joke, but please, don't throw out all the work that's been done by this committee. Commissioner Leonard, who was very bold and brave when he realized his vote on the iraq war resolution in this chamber was misguided by what he had been told, please take an historic stand, take your opportunity to look back at the vote today and say, yes, I did the right thing. There were people who were upset about it, but I know this is the right thing to do. It's time to change interstate to cesar chavez boulevard. And I that I goes for all of you. Thank you very much.

Alex Lowell: I'm alex lowell and i'm a resident of overlook. I've been marginally involved in this process. I've talked with some of the my neighbors, and I know there's support for renaming the interstate cesar chavez, and I want to state my support also. I get concerned when I hear sweeping statements from other members of the overlook neighborhood or arbor lodge saying our community does not support this. I hope you all know there is significant support in all of these neighborhood associations. Maybe we didn't make the vote at that night for the big meeting, but there certainly is significant support. It might not be majority support, and frankly, majority support if that's what you're looking for, is probably not going to happen. And that's why I question the idea of going and considering other streets. I think that it's a reality there probably will not be majority support, so conjuring up this process again just doesn't quite make sense to me. We're going to be -- we'll continue no matter what neighborhood we're working in. We'll hear these stories of connection, of multigenerational families living there, of going to school there, all meaningful things that connect people there. Are people that will not support a name change, and then there will be significant

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number of people who will. And I think that's the reality of the situation. I think it's entirely appropriate for the selection of the street to have come from the latino community. And I just want to say this process has certainly been botched, but even if you do the most ideal process, you will not have a majority support. You need to make a call, and think about issues of equality and justice for minority communities. And issues that are something like this that is also embraced by a larger community of different populations, just not the latino population.

Monique Snyder: Monique "the insider," long-time resident, employed in north Portland. The biggest questions I had involved with this entire situation is why. Why north Portland again? You know, I have the biggest respect for cesar chavez, as I did for roller coaster, as did I for m.l.k. My biggest question is, why north Portland again? The people in north Portland, when asked -- asked some of the city commissioners, even the mayor, I said at a meeting, I said, you know, there's been votes taken here, and everything else. I said, do our votes not count for anything? And I was very politely told, no. So the people in our community, you get to a certain point, I live in north Portland because I enjoy a diverse community. North Portland is just about as blue collar. We even have doctors and lawyers who live here now too. But the nicest part is that it's a tight community because we work together, we work hard, and we're very proud of doing what we do. We're not ashamed of putting our arms out and saying, hey, come join us. Had this been approached in that manner, if the latino community would have come and said, you know, there's getting to be more of us, we'd like to be more involved in the community, everybody's arms would have gone out at the time. We said, how can we do this and how can we make it work? But then there gets to a point when this is your home, your livelihood, your work, after so many years, you get bumped once, you get a little bit possessive, perhaps. The second time, maybe you're getting protective. Protecting -- protective of your home and your community. It's all you have to offer. The third maybe ever time maybe you get defensive. I think that's where usual standing now. Is people in our community, I don't see the racism that some people are seeing. We have latinos in our community, we've been talking to them on purpose to see what they think about it. They want to know what everybody is fussing about. Why can't we do everything together? The rest of us do. All i'm saying s. I live in a proud community, i'm very proud to be there. I'm sorry this mess had to happen. But i'm not blaming it on to the community. The latino -- I have the best respect for those people. I think it's very --

Potter: Your time is up, ma'am.

Snyder: It was your problem, not ours.

Potter: Your time is up. Thank you.

Moore-Love: One more person, I believe.

Alan: My name is allen. My father is from mexico, he's from a little state called -- my mother is from new orleans, louisiana. So i'm here to take with the message from my father's side of the family, to my mother's side of the family. If you look back, and we make change happen for mexicans, black folk, for native americans, the rule tends to be born out that we only win when it's cost-free, or beneficial to those with power. That situation doesn't exist, we don't win. So we don't win very often. We don't win elections, we don't win fights with neighborhood associations. We don't win when we try to get into neighborses -- neighborhood associations. We don't win in sustainability. We don't win. We're asking you tonight, we want this win. We want to win tonight. We want interstate avenue to be named after cesar chavez. And for that to happen, you're going to have to go against that rule that's born out forever. Pay a cost. And the message is the same to the folks who oppose. Some of these folks i've worked with quite a bit over the years, and we're asking you tonight to give this to us, sacrifice what you want tonight for what we want. Because when we leave here tonight, many folks who are advocating for this will have to worry about being followed or pulled over, followed around a 7-eleven, and you won't have to worry about that. We'll be making those sacrifices tomorrow. Tonight I want to you give this one to us.

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Christopher Weebe: My name is christopher, I split my time between northeast and north Portland. Living with my girlfriend part of the time and in northeast part of the time. It's a weird life i've got. Anyway, I guess the -- I keep hearing about the community being in support, and yet when we see the surveys and the votes, and the neighborhood association meetings, it's 75-90% opposed is what i've seen in every poll. And I guess my main thing is, no one ever notified me. We live five streets off north interstate, and I never got a piece of mail inviting me to a public meeting. I never got a phone call inviting me to a public meeting. I didn't even know they were happening until all of a sudden it seemed to be a done deal, and then a few days ago I go to the cesar e. Chavez boulevard commission and on the front page of the website it basically says we have decided that interstate's name will be changed. And the last paragraph basically says that if you are against this in any way, then you are -- there's something wrong with you. I mean, this is on the front page of the website. And my sort of idea is, if -- if I was asked at all, I wouldn't have a problem with this. But no one contacted me in any way whatsoever, and when I keep hearing people saying, the community is for it, what community are we talking about? That's really all I have to say. What community are we talking about?

John Armstrong: My name is josh armstrong, i'm a fourth generation north Portland resident. You'll have to excuse me, I failed public speaking. So i'm a little nervous. It's unfortunate all of the hard work the committee has done was based on the process set by you. You ignored the process of the law. 1793. We would nobt here today if you had directed them towards the law. I'm sure they would have successfully gotten any street name they wanted. It's time for mia culpa. It's time for to you step up, admit you've made a mistake, and imied us in a new process. Process bite law. Thank you.

Moore: One more person requesting to speak.

Lore Wintergreen: I want to apologize, I just got off work. I know you've heard a lot of testimony, and i've heard some of it. I was standing there crying when allen spoke because I think what he said was so true. The people on the commission said this is important to us. And sometimes we simply have to stop and say, if it's this important to you, this is something we have the power to give you. And the issue of oppression, I went to the ockley green middle school meetings, and there was so much blatant not said on the mikes, but if my partner and I stood to the back and heard what people were saying amongst themselves, and hearing how others in that room had to hear over and over again, those messages that were messages of racism, of others, of saying these people are different, it exists. And something that was said to me was the way the facilitation of that meeting went. That did nothing to heal and bring people together, but just had people making divisive statements and leaving at that. I think as follow-up to this, number one, we need to rename interstate cesar chavez avenue. Number two, we need to make a commitment as city to work to bridge this divide and to help people deal with their issues that are keeping them separated. Thank you.

Potter: Now is the time we vote on 1362 -- did you have something you wish to say?

Saltzman: Would I like to move a substitute resolution expressing support for naming fourth avenue cesar e. Chavez boulevard.

Leonard: Second.

Sten: Discussion?

Potter: Yes.

Sten: I'd like to have a little council discussion. I'm going to surprise my colleagues a little bit and want to toss some things around. I'm not going to keep going over how the process was bad. It was very bad. And I think the council has a lot to blame to take for that, and I think the committee could have been a little more flexible and given me in particular, I can only speak for myself, a little more room to work to reach your goal. I wish you would have, and you chose not to, and I understand that. I also think there's been tough things on both sides. One of the things we get probably

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criticized a lot for is trying to indicate before a vote what you're going to do. It's always a tough call, because if you give nobody any indication of what you're thinking, it's hard for people to effectively lobby you and make their case. So what may appear to be moving around on my part has been trying to say out loud, i'm hearing convince arguments on all sides. This is a tough situation i've been trying to get to different fofs, and we're not there -- points of view, and we're not there yet. I have said out loud i'm in -- was leaning towards the interstate change, and also said out loud yesterday when the idea floated that I helped create about fourth avenue. I still think that fourth avenue is potentially a terrific street to name, and I think the message, I honestly think I know most people here may not agree, but 10 years from now when children to city hall, it would be a more powerful message than interstate, I believe. That being said this, is where my colleagues -- I may surprise people, do you to these hearings to listen. Having listened for hours now and thought about it, I would be prepared to stay with the interstate change. Not because I completely agree, to be honest with my friends who are arguing for that, and not because i'm not without sympathy for the arguments that the other side has made. I think there's been good ones. I also believe there are other choices. But as the choice has been presented to me today, I would be prepared to set aside the -- what I think is a powerful idea. I wish I could convince some of you of it. But having essentially convinced nobody in part because it's late, i'm prepared to move away from that idea and support interstate. And it is because of what has been a tough thought process i've been going through the last couple hours. And that's just where --

Leonard: I would give you my perspective. I listened real hard, and I struck -- I was looking more for the agreements in the room than I was focusing on the disagreements. And the agreements that I heard were very similar from both sides. People feel like they're not being listened to. People feel like they're not being respected. Those are very powerful feelings people have, and they've been expressed here tonight and continue to be expressed. Somebody said we have the power to give something to one group. And if that was the case, if it was ours just to give, each of us with a won to do that. In so doing we're taking something from another group. And so we're in this possession of having to balance interests. And one of the hardest things to do in a legislative body is to actually listen as we did today, and i'm very much influenced as you are, by some of the thoughtful things that were said today. But i've heard that on both sides. And so you're having to be put in the possession of making a decision that negatively impacts people. Which brings me back to what I was going to say, my remarks on a vote, but I think I want to say now. For those of you who were at the last meeting this will be a repeat for you. The city council and I am a part of that, made this process ruin us by not sticking with what the code said. It didn't start with this street name change. There have been two that would have occurred before this. This is not about the committee working on this, and they did something wrong. The council owns that, and i'm a member of the council, and I agree with that. But having said that, what we have to do and what I tried to do when I met with the committee was to say, we made a mistake. And the mistake is that basically what we allowed to have happen is now what the committee working on interstate is accusing of doing. We allowed to have happen a process, a private process to come up with a street name change, and we basically said, go out in the community if that's ok, come back, and what happened was people in the community felt like, how come I wasn't involved in picking what street was on the list? Well, that hit me one day like, you know, why didn't I think of that when they first met with me? Thus, I apologized at the last hearing that we had on this. Because I should have thought of that. That wasn't any more appropriate than how you feel about us coming up with fourth avenue. But having said that, I think that we do own that, and we have to try to make it right. And I can't in good conscience make it right at the expense of either of those two groups. Thus, i'm willing to find a middle ground. And for me, the ideal ground would be to go back, pass the resolution commissioner Adams and I brought forward backing up a little bit, appointing a five-person committee, telling them to come up with five streets, have hearings in the community and come

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back with a recommendation. If it's interstate, as others said here tonight, I would vote for interstate in a truly open process. But I don't think that's to be. So we're left with what we have. And in my view, I think the proposal that was generated in discussions here at city hall yesterday with fourth avenue present the an honorable solution to a problem that this council has created. I think commissioner Sten is right, the parties are so immersed it's hard to separate the emotion from the facts, and 10 years from now, kids coming off a school bus out in front of city hall indicated at 1221 southwest cesar chavez avenue can -- strikes me as one of the most honorable things this council can possibly do. That it begins up at Portland state and terminates down in a working class neighborhood strikes me as one of the most honorable things we do to commemorate the memory of cesar chavez. I guess that's my long wait saying I think this was thoughtful. I think it emanated out of a lot of process, notwithstanding some of the criticisms we've had today, saying this wasn't the result of process. I think it actually bubbled up as a result of everything we've heard, all of the emails we've gotten. Some of which were tongue in cheek. I don't believe a lot of people -- maybe were you in the room, who said, why don't you name fourth avenue cesar chavez, you like it so much. I think I was not maybe sincere as we accepted it, because I read those and thought, hmm, that isn't a bad idea. And I don't think I was the only one that thought that. And so I do think that it's a result of a process, and as I understand the proposal that we'll be entertaining, we actually wouldn't make a final decision tonight. We would pass the resolution tonight, the ordinance would require to go before the planning commission that would hold public hearings on this proposal, and would come back to us one more time for a vote. So I do think it truly feels like a compromise. It's not what I want exactly, but it's enough of what I think is honorable for both sides for us to move ahead.

Potter: I'd like to say a few words. First, I want folks to understand what this substitute motion does. It displaces my resolution and ordinance and we will not be voting on interstate as a result of the passage of the substitute motion.

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That is one of the key decisions about tonight, is how do we include everybody and respect them and come up with a decision that can, that we, ourselves, can live with. From my part, and people are angry with me for this, I concluded that interstate avenue should be named after cesar chavez. That was not something that I did lightly. I looked around the united states, I saw what was happening, and I understood that there would be much discussion and anger about it. But, I also realized that that's not uncommon. Quite frankly, when I listen to the latino population talk, one of the things I keep hearing time and time again is, is the, the statement, just wait. Wait until next time. Or, or the case of sabrina telling her father to wait. Now, what kind of guilt that must provide our families. I think as Portlanders, I love Portland, I love Portlanders, I would have never run for mayor if I didn't. This is my community. This is where I will live and die. I believe it is up to us, as a commune, to solve this problem, but for all the mistakes this council made, and we made them, for all the mistakes we made, this committee did exactly what we asked them to do. And in fact, more. And I think in order to honor this committee and their work and I honor them, is that I believe that, that it's up to us to insure that, that their wishes are carried out, and that we begin that healing process in the community we're we, as a community, can come together and work this through and talk about, about next steps, and there are some ideas about, about deciding on a new process for naming streets. I would like more time to think about that. That's why I voted no on that. I think that there is other ways to go about doing it that are also inclusive of our community, but, but, but that come to a conclusion and provide the opportunity to make an up or down decision on this issue. So, understanding that if this motion goes through, that this will not be voted on, and that, to me is, a dishonor to our committee and their hard work by not allowing us to, to say yes or no on this, and I know, I can counsel, I know how many votes are here. This is something that I

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think needs closure, and if we can't do that, I think that, that it's going to continue to tear into our community, particularly, our latino community

Leonard: Mayor tom Potter --

Saltzman: Go ahead. You asked the question about the substitute ordinance. Not the resolution but the substantive ordinance -- what the substitute ordinance does is create a new process we're city council can initiate name changes, and the change to southwest 4th avenue would be the first name change under that, so it does codify it and make it less vulnerable to legal challenges

Leonard: Does it go, under the terms of that, go to the planning commission?

Saltzman: Yes, it would go to the planning commission, and then come back to the council for an ultimate vote

Leonard: Thank you for that. If I could, mayor tom Potter, honestly, I left my speech in my office we're, we're --

Saltzman: Do you want to get it?

Leonard: No, I left it there on purpose because it was written -- I spent the last two weeks writing it and rewriting it on the issue of interstate, and so I was very relieved. I was going to leave it in my office, but parts of what I said there, I think, is important to discuss here today in light of what you just said. But first, I want to make it clear that, that there's nobody in this room that respects your record on standing up for people would don't have a voice more than I do. I remember when you walked -- I was an active firefighter and you were the police chief and you walked in the gay rights parade in your uniform. There was a loud argument in my fire station with me by myself on your side arguing your point of view. I respected that a lot. When you got into office, I went to you shortly after you went into office and raised with you my concerns about the joint terrorism taskforce, and the unfair treatment of people who happened to be muslims, and the unfair treatment of people who my practice, might practice religions that the f.b.i. And federal government targeted for political reprisals, and you did exactly what I expected you to do. You joined onto that resolution with me to withdraw from the j.t.t.f., and, and i, i, if I didn't tell you then, I very much respected you for doing that, but I knew you were going to do that based on your record. But words are important, mayor tom Potter. Words are very important, and they are more important from a mayor than anybody else on this council, and I think, I think we all understand that. More than, than you do. And, and when you, when you said that, that you watched this debate throughout the country, and then, and I wrote down what you said, you said something else is occurring when this comes up, you are right. You have never ever said, not once, that you think that the other side is racist or there is racism, but mayor tom Potter, when you say something else is occurring when this comes up, one can only conclude that that's what you are referencing. And pulling things up from the subsurface relating to race, as well it, framed this debate in such a way as to make what we are doing tonight exponentially more emotional and difficult because there are a number of people that listen to you and take guidance from you, who, who believe if you believe that, is true, their darkest fierce about what must be going on are confirmed when they hear you use those words, so I wish that we could have this debate at the level that, that respected both sides and didn't question either side's motives, which, which, I mean, I know that, that this is about, about your feelings. But, again, when you raise questions about, about the unfairness of us using a substitute resolution, I just have to say, that hits me bad because I think we have gotten into this mess because we don't respect our rules, and if commissioner Saltzman wants to propose something under the rules and question our integrity because we're using the rules, to further what we think is, is fairness in the community, it really -- I don't think it does any of us a service to say understand what's going on, it is our rule, our legislative body and it's how we do things. I mean, what I have learned from this, honestly, is that we need to, and I will share with you shortly, a charter amendment, and that's designed to go in this charter to amend the city charter of the constitution of the city to establish a process that none of us can change, for changing street names because clearly, the emotion of each of us in wanting to

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accommodate whoever it is that comes to us, whether it was martin luther king, actually, he wasn't under that procedure, but rosa parks and now cesar chavez, cast the rules aside and we have to put it in the city's constitution to, to, so that we, we have a set of rules that we live by because I really believe that this whole mess would have been averted and we would be voting on a change to interstate avenue that I would have voted for had we followed a process. A specified process. So I don't want this debate to descend further than it has by now questioning our, our right to use the rules to, to correct something that happened. I hope you don't take anything I said offensively. I don't mean it that way but I want us to change this discussion and have us all capable of being very respectful to each other and the community and we demonstrated that by working together and the issues we passed here together, and there's -- I don't like we're this is headed, where this has put each of us.

Potter: Since i've been talking to me I guess it's up to me to respond, and i, you know, we've talked a lot, randy, about our respective rolls and jobs, and I know we have a lot of disagreements. One of the things we agree on is that, is that philosophically, these five people tend to agree more on the philosophy of how, what, what is the role of government than just about any other five commissioners. How we go about doing that, I see really, really varies quite differently, and that, and that my commitment to, to insuring that people are inclusive comes from two things. One is, when I was a police officer. And I saw abuses by the police, that I could not stomach, and one of the reasons that I decided to, to get promoted was because I felt that no one was addressing those issues. The other reason was, was watching my daughter, who is a lesbian, suffer the indignities of a second class citizen, and that, that I find my affinity with the latino community comes from, from an understanding on a personal level how the injustices, and there are injustices, and there is racism, and there is the issue of race. I separate the two out, commissioner. That's something that I think our community has to discuss. And I think what this has done, and we talk about the bad things about this, but maybe one of the good things is that we can sit down and talk about this, that there are neighborhoods like arbor lodge, who are offering to do that, so that we can begin to, to discuss as a community on a more rash, less threatening level after this issue is resolved. But for tonight, and I think it's a really important issue, i'm not trying to start a fight. I'm not trying to make it worse. I'm saying, I believe that committee, and so far, we haven't up here, blamed the committee for this. Is that the committee deserves some closure on what they have brought before us and requested of us, and that's all i'm asking, that resolution will preclude that final vote. I have heard commissioner Sten say he would change his vote, if it were to come up, but if it doesn't come up, neither he nor I will have that opportunity. And that's all i'm asking for from you folks is to have the opportunity to say yes or no.

Adams: Is there a way to accommodate that?

Kathryn Beaumont, Sr. Deputy City Attorney: Well, I wanted to clarify procedurally for you and for the audience what's before you. The motion that you are voting on is whether to substitute one resolution regarding 4th avenue or the resolution regarding interstate avenue. If that motion passes, then you will vote on the resolution concerning 4th avenue. If that motion fails, then you will vote on the resolution regarding interstate avenue. The only other alternative would be to withdraw the motion, and then you would be voting on the original resolution concerning interstate avenue

Leonard: So, and --

Adams: Nothing to substitute for if it passes or fails, nothing to substitute. If you proceed with the vote on interstate avenue --

Sten: Can the prevailing side call for reconsideration and the substitution --

Leonard: Yes, you could, and I don't like to do this here a lot but I worked with the rules a lot in another legislative body, and basically, what is happening, and I don't think that mayor tom Potter intends, this but basically, what happens, and other people may intend this, is that you get to get put

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on the record as voting against cesar chavez boulevard. That's not something that -- I have spoke to my colleagues about, and they are not in their heads, that's what they want. That's not what I want to do. I don't want to vote against cesar chavez. I want to vote to name a major street as I have said from the beginning for cesar chavez, so, so I respect mayor tom Potter your motive. I'm not sure that, that the pure motive shared by everybody on your side, and i'm, I -- the rules are designed in a way for, for a certain process, and I think that we have done enough of bending the rules in this process. We have a motion before us to substitute it. If you like it, vote for it. If you don't, don't. Let the chips fall we're they may but I don't want to play games any more with our rules than we already have.

Potter: One final point, commissioner, I think you make a very good point about forcing people to vote on interstate avenue. I'm saying that this substitutes resolution requires me, forces me to vote no against it even though I want to name something after cesar chavez

Leonard: I hear you.

Potter: It's the same thing

Leonard: Once again, we share that. [laughter]

Leonard: I understand, but what I am saying is, I think that we have set up this false paradigm in this debate. To be very direct, in the false, the false paradigm is, it's either yes on cesar chavez on interstate or you are against us, and I have had that said directly to me. I know other members of this council have had that said to them and I will not play into that any more. The rules are the rules, and they say what they say, and they are established for fairness and open debate, and that's what they are here for. I was prepared to come in here tonight and vote no on interstate. 24 hours ago. And was heart sick over it. But if it's not going to happen -- and live with it. I was not going to ask for an opportunity to vote yes and have you reconsider something and I can say well, I voted yes and you reconsidered and now I can vote no. I didn't play that game and I don't think it's fair of you to ask that of me.

Baumont: One other procedural option available to you would be to substitute the resolution offered by commissioner Adams and Leonard for, for the resolution regarding interstate avenue

Leonard: And it's germane, both are germane? There is an issue of germaneness when you do substitutions.

Baumont: Well, they both concern renaming a street for cesar chavez. One would, would initiate a process to rename a street and spell out the process more, and the other would, would rename a specific street.

Potter: Is there a second on commissioner Saltzman?

Saltzman: I would call the question.

Saltzman: This is the vote on whether to substitute.

Sten: Whether to.

Saltzman: Yes, and then a vote on the substitute.

Adams: Well i'm going to make my comments now since this is going to be a series of votes on procedural --

Leonard: This is procedural. You might consider waiting until --

Adams: I will make my comments

Leonard: Ok.

Adams: I want to repeat because it is worth repeating that cesar chavez was an american hero that yielded very important gains for all americans. That symbols, such as street names and parks and bridges and what we title and name our public spaces send an important message of what a community values. And as a city that, we're most of the streets, whether people are conscious of it or not, were named for developers and their friends from the 1860's through up to now, I do think that Portland will be a better place when cesar chavez has a street named in his honor. I have always supported from the very beginning and do until right now, no matter what the vote is today,

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will continue to, to rename a major street in the city of Portland for cesar chavez. I also want to repeat, as I have said a number of times and have been on, on talk radio and, and with other press outlets, that, that the intentions of, of the folks who sought this name change, their intentions I find to be not only honorable, but very inspiring. Most of them are known to me, and I considered them friends. But when I was initially -- when we initially talked in my office with four proponents, and one of the proponents sitting beside me was the leader of my neighborhood association, and we talked about having some support from the neighborhoods. It didn't have to be unanimous. I know these things can be contentious. I know my neighborhood in north Portland and no matter what topic I go to in north Portland, there is always a level of, of anger about city hall and representing city hall. I thought that the bar was a relatively low bar, that there would be some neighborhood support for this effort. It turned out not to be the case. In the process of doing that, I have been appalled at times by what this conversation with the community has developed to. The fact that there is controversy on this issue does not mean that the process is broken. I do believe that people can disagree without being disrespectful. But in this particular case, I also want to underscore that there have been very egregious times of, of, and incidents of great disrespect we're i, myself, have heard racist epitaphs that I thought that we, as a community, were beyond, and they are absolutely inexcusable. When rosa parks was renamed in a streamline process, and so we are well beyond for rosa parks, naito parkway, which I was part of for naito parkway, and I have been part of this problem, as well, and i, too, apologize for the contributions that I have made to the dysfunction. When we did rosa parks way we did it in a very streamlined way. It did get through. We did have a public hearing. What we also heard through this process is that a lot of people didn't know about it until the signs went up, and so I did feel and do feel that, and have come to learn that it is unfair to ask a single neighborhood to accept two major street renamings in the course of a matter of months. And for that reason, i, along with commissioner Leonard, came up with a process that would require us to go out and to conduct a, a better up front consideration than was done in this process for what streets could be renamed. And that I felt would better process that Portlanders, more Portlanders would find, would find support for the renaming of cesar chavez. I also am very respectful that reasonable people can disagree with my approach. I did not have, randy Leonard and I did not have enough support to move forward with our proposed alternative. Since that time, I have also heard from proponents and opponents alike that they are tired, and that they would like to have some sort of decision to move forward. So while the process to rename interstate avenue has not met my expectations, the process has yielded for me, and I believe being around Portland, as I am hyperactively do, that the proponents have made the case to the majority, vast majority of Portlanders that renaming a major street in the city for cesar chavez and providing not only the recognition that he deserves but our latino community has earned, a long time ago and deserves, that he deserves a major street. The 4th avenue option was a compromise for me on process. A major compromise from me on process. When I take all these factors together, and there are a lot of messy factors to try to put together and analyze on this issue, I believe that the name change is up to us on the city council, and I am persuaded that 4th avenue is worthy of serious consideration, and I know that will disappoint those that have invested so much sincere time in trying to get interstate changed. And in many ways, the emotional part of me likes the idea of renaming 4th avenue for cesar chavez to tick it to the races, but that's my own personal view of things. Is it worthy, 4th avenue, and shelley raised, I think, good questions in terms of is 4th avenue really an appropriate street? 4th avenue is the seat of city government. It is the seat of county justice. It is the location in which we plan our city's future of the streets. It has the largest university in the state. It has two parks. Two of the oldest parks in the city. It goes through old-town chinatown in a multi-cultural spirit in which cesar chavez, himself, sought to do his work. It has practical visibility such as being signed on i-205. It has a lot more people who use it on a daily basis than interstate avenue. Those

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are is practical considerations. I would ask the proponents of interstate avenue to give thoughtful consideration to what is admittedly a compromise. Thank you. Aye.

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

Sten: No.

Potter: No. Now we vote on the motion.

Beaumont: Now you vote on the substituted resolution.

Potter: Excuse me, the substituted resolution, and that is, could you please read that to make sure that everybody knows what we are doing.

Moore-Love: Support the renaming of 4th avenue to cesar chavez boulevard.

Potter: Please call the vote.

Adams: Aye

Leonard: I thought commissioner Adams gave the best speech I have heard him give since he has been here. It was a summed up exactly how I felt. I want to add a couple of things. As hard as it is, as I know, for, for, especially as hard as it is for some of my friends in the latino community to, to believe this, I have looked for, since the first day I met with the committee back in august, to a celebration honoring cesar chavez. It will be my personal goal, and I will, and I will take it upon myself to, on march 31, to have a celebration on, on 4th avenue between jefferson and main which fronts city hall and the Portland building, have those streets closed and have a celebration of cesar chavez. I know it's impossible for some to think that they can't get themselves there. I think someone told me a long time ago, with time and love comes healing. I believe that, that this entire community can come around and see that this will be a celebration of the wife of cesar chavez and the principles he fought for. I think we have a lot of work to do from we're we find ourselves today. I am committed to doing that. I am ready as soon as anybody else is to begin that work. I am happy to do everything in my power to, to heal some of these wounds that, that not only have occurred, but have had so much salt rubbed in them these past few months, and I deeply, deeply regret that. The last sentence in the speech I was going to read, that's in my office says this community is diminished as a result of this action. I don't have to say that today because this community, I think, will now find itself healing itself as a result of this action. And, and each of us in our words and deeds up here have to remember that. It's very important as I said to mayor tom Potter, and I need to remind myself of that, but our words are very important. If not always, especially right now, and I intend to, from this point on work hard to heal the divisions that have happened, to bring us together because, because, in a very short period of time, nobody is going to remember this debate, and all they will see is that on the letterheads of every member of the council and the mayor from this point on, the address, 1221 southwest cesar chavez, and that's, that's going to be an honor, I think, that will live beyond the feelings that exist today. So, I appreciate the work of my colleagues, each of them, including mayor tom Potter, and he's brought passion and conviction to this. My other colleagues have been problem solvers trying to find a way to, to bring all of us together. In spite of what is happening here at this moment tonight, I believe that will happen. I honestly believe that that will happen. And so it's what those promises for the future that, that I vote aye.

Saltzman: Well, I think when we passed the resolution in september committing ourselves to the process and to make a decision, I believe i'm adhering to that today. We are making a zig. I know the committee -- everybody is nervous, afraid, and raw. All of us up here, all our staffs, the committee, members from the neighborhood, and I believe it's time to end this ugliness. It is ugly, and where I disagreed with commissioner Leonard and Adams was, was more process because that only spreads the ugliness throughout the city, and risk coming up with nothing. The problem with the proposal put forward by the committee and contained in the resolution and ordinance that we might have adopted is it was, as commissioner Leonard has said, contrary to, to our code, and therefore, very legal, very vulnerable through legal challenges, and perhaps, more concerned of me

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is a referendum on this matter. A referendum on this matter will not be about renaming interstate avenue in honor of Cesar E. Chavez. It will turn into a referendum on immigration policies, and I can think of no uglier debates occurring inside country, more mean spirited debates occurring in this country than is occurring now over immigration policies. We don't need a surrogate election for that in Portland. I don't think this council needs to be spending more time on this matter, defending legal challenges, facing referendums well into next year. We have plenty of other things that we need to focus our attention on. I think southwest 4th avenue is an entirely, and this referendum, I mean, this ordinance will, will protect southwest 4th avenue from, from referendum and all legal challenges, so I'm voting today for substance over more process. I am usually always a vote for that. When we get this vote behind us I do hope that healing will occur over continued rancor, name-calling, and bitterness. I on the committee's feelings that 4th avenue is disrespectful. But I see this as taking it from not in my backyard and putting Cesar Chavez Boulevard in our front yard. In the heart of downtown Portland. I think that's an entirely fitting and appropriate way that will remind all Portlanders and visitors of his incredible contribution to the tapestry of America. Therefore, I vote aye.

Sten: I believe we need to honor Cesar Chavez and I believe also that, that based on the bad side of what's happened, and there's been a lot of back and forth about everybody who is against it is racist and these arguments. What I have seen and felt in my office is, is something I tried to describe earlier, which I think is a legitimate opposition to interstate that has to do with what happened in that community and too much change and I don't think that too much change is a racist argument. People have coded it as that but I don't think that. I really don't and I don't accuse people of good will of that. I have, however, also taken some of the most racist calls that I have ever heard in my career on this issue, and because of that, I have felt a deep need, and I think everybody on the council is but it has been very difficult, to affirm the Latino presence in our community and to say to people that that is unacceptable, and what I have been struggling with the last few weeks is that, is that I've pricked, unfortunately, I wish I wasn't right, this vote would get very tough and very tricky, and that I've tried to work to find another way, and was able to find that, and I have to respect that at the end of the day, the argument from almost, from a unanimous Latino community coming in saying no, this is what we need for that affirmation. I may not completely agree with you. My friend and I argued for many hours last night. But, but I fell on the side of I need to respect and affirm that, even though I wish that there was another choice. That's why I voted no on the last piece, and we can argue, you know, whether, you know, and it was a fair argument on process, but at the end of the day the last vote, I mean, for people, it's not that complicated. It was a vote to take interstate off the table, and, and it was a 3-2 vote and I don't mean that with disrespect. That's what it was so I voted no because, because after today's hearings, somewhat different than I thought the last couple days I mulled on this, I was convinced today that the better path was to name interstate, even though I was not completely happy with that, as I have tried to be honest and share, that being said, that vote is behind us and interstate is off the table, and the vote to name 4th avenue, I will support. I think 4th avenue is, is a very good and fitting tribute, and I respect the argument that my friends have made that interstate is the better one, the one you put your heart and soul to, but with that, essentially, done, and I don't think that there should be a huge argument whether there was a vote or not, there was a vote and I think that people saw that, and so now the next step is in front of me, and one of the things I was arguing the last couple weeks was let's have more process, and what I heard from everybody was more process is going to get worse so I didn't get to the idea of potentially supporting 4th avenue until, until realizing that maybe the only way you can solve this is to do something, something more direct, more bold, not to, to say not doing a process is a good thing. Obviously, that idea did not solve things. It did not cross any divide, which is why I decided to, to take the stand that I took the last, on the last vote, and, but I do believe that we could come together around 4th. I hope people will think about it and mull on it and, and see, as we get past the

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question of win or lose on interstate, how I feel is to have, and I don't mean any offense to martin luther king jr., but the most prominent street ever renamed, renamed, a street that has skyscrapers, the seat of government. I honestly think that people probably would have not thought to go after a downtown street on the front end of this, and to some extent I think that the emotion, importance of the debate has led to -- I will not say it's not a loss to the latino leadership here because that's your decision to make, I can't say that but I think that it is a fitting statement, and had we, we got to it in a different process, I think it is a statement that people were be very excited about, and, and, but because we got to it in the way we got to it, obviously, that's not how it feels tonight, so I did vote no on the last one with the intention to support interstate, and, and with due respect to both sides, but I will vote yes to name, to name 4th avenue as the next step for cesar chavez. Aye.

Potter: I'm trying to figure out what to say here. I first want to apologize to the committee. If there is fault, it's our fault, not yours. I don't see -- I remember when you folks came to me, and I don't know july or august, how happy you were. You had been working on it for several months. You had considered a number of streets in Portland. And you had some criteria that you were using to evaluate. You settled on what you thought was a very, very lively, attractive, and growing community of north interstate, and asking that name be changed to cesar chavez. Remember we talked about, about make sure you go around and talk to people in the neighborhoods, here in the city hall, and you did what we asked you to do. And that, um, that from here, I think that its important that, that i, as mayor, go out to the community that, that probably has the least like for me in the city right now, that talked to you, and find out what we can do to work together to create an atmosphere we're we can respect each other and listen to each other and include each other in the decisions of the community, but in my heart, I will always know that renaming interstate avenue cesar e. Chavez boulevard was the right thing to do. People will call me hardheaded. People have said, please, people have said that, that I have led the latino community to this, which I think is one of the few degrading things I can point to and say, you know, if you are telling me that they can't think for themselves, that they aren't able to articulate what their needs are, then you are barking up the wrong tree. I think 4th avenue has a lot going for it. The one major thing it doesn't is the latino population of Portland, Oregon. I hope, because this decision has been made, that, that, that we do improve how we make these decisions, and that it's not just about what council thinks but about what our community thinks. And, and, um, and I am the lone vote of no, and, and i'm just sad about that. I vote no. The ordinance is supposed to be heard next week. Quite frankly, I saw it 15 minutes before I came down for this meeting. I would appreciate another week's extension so at least we can look at it and examine it and make sure that, if we are going to come up with an ordinance, it's the best one possible.

Saltzman: I feel that, that the city attorney's office and our office has worked to make sure this ordinance is airtight, and I honestly don't think that there's a need for more time. It will go to the planning commission and it will go to a second reading, and we can correct any errors that are encountered in that time before the second reading.

Potter: I think as a courtesy, if, I haven't read it.

Adams: I haven't had an opportunity to read it, I think as a courtesy we should hold it a week

Leonard: A --

Saltzman: A week beyond next week? The second reading will be?

*******:** Two weeks.

Potter: Is it december 1?

Moore-Love: That's november 28.

Potter: November 28.

Saltzman: I will be out of town that day.

Potter: That's ok. [laughter]

Potter: What is -- can we -- are you going to be out the following day? The 29th?

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Saltzman: That will be the 29th.

Moore-Love: I have you out on the 29th, too. I have commissioner Saltzman out on the 29th, too.

Saltzman: Really?

Moore-Love: Yes.

Potter: I don't mind waiting another week.

Moore-Love: December 5.

Saltzman: Ok.

Potter: Ok, folks.

Beaumont: We still have two other agenda items you need to dispose of. 1363 the ordinance. 1326 is the resolution introduced by commissioners adam and Leonard.

Item 1326.

Adams: We'll withdraw

Leonard: Send that back to my office.

Potter: What is the action required on 1363?

Item 1363.

Beaumont: This is the first reading today, so it would pass to second reading --

Potter: I thought that's what we were putting --

Beaumont: You voted on the substitute resolution, there is still the ordinance before you

Leonard: So we need to do the first reading and then we'll set it over for second reading on december 5?

Adams: This is first reading.

Beaumont: I think we're getting confused

Leonard: Ok.

Beaumont: The one ordinance that's on the agenda was the ordinance to rename interstate avenue. That needs to be moved to second reading. You need to do something with that.

Leonard: Is that necessary for 4th avenue, commissioner Saltzman?

Saltzman: No. It isn't.

Beaumont: The second is the ordinance introduced under suspension

Leonard: Can it be withdrawn?

Saltzman: It can be withdrawn or we could go to second reading and vote up or down.

Beaumont: Right. Two options.

Leonard: I would appreciate if we could just withdraw it.

Potter: I think it's my ordinance, isn't it?

Potter: I would like to hear them both.

Beaumont: Do you want to hear them both on the same day?

Potter: Might as well.

Beaumont: So the second reading on the interstate ordinance would be on november 29, thursday.

Saltzman: December 5

Leonard: In in light of that I think we should have the second reading next week.

Potter: Ok.

Leonard: We're going to cooperate, we'll cooperate. It has to go both ways.

Moore-Love: November 21?

Leonard: We'll have the second reading next week.

Beaumont: For the interstate?

Leonard: Both of them.

Beaumont: All right.

Potter: Next week it is. We're adjourned. [gavel pounded]

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At 7:30 p.m., Council adjourned.