



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

OFFICIAL  
 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **24TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Adams left at 11:22 a.m.

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

On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>
1773 Request of Mary Ann Schwab to address Council regarding Mayor Potter's work with Community Connect (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
1774 Request of Robert Granger to address Council regarding thanks to Mayor Potter from the Cully Association of Neighbors (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
1775 Request of Freedom Child to address Council regarding lawsuit and farewell to Mayor Potter (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
1776 Request of Sharon Nasset to address Council regarding thanks to Mayor Potter (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>Mayor Tom Potter</b>	
*1777 Authorize a grant to Lewis & Clark Law School Small Business Legal Clinic to support transactional legal services to small and emerging businesses in the Portland area, with a primary focus on businesses owned by women, minorities and recent immigrants (Ordinance)  (Y-5)	<b>182433</b>
<b>Bureau of Planning</b>	

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<p><b>*1778</b> Amend contract with Barney &amp; Worth, Inc. for \$10,000 in additional funds to assist with implementation of Cully Concordia Community Assessment Action Plan (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 37748)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182434</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Financial Services</b></p>	
<p><b>1779</b> Statement of cash and investments November 13, 2008 through November 26, 2008 (Report, Treasurer)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PLACED ON FILE</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Police Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>*1780</b> Authorize a grant agreement with Central City Concern in an amount not to exceed \$809,960 for treatment readiness services, transitional housing and follow-up retention support services to chemically-dependent, homeless adult chronic arrestees and provide for payment (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182435</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>*1781</b> Authorize payment for the procurement of materials required to construct Fanno Basin Emergency Flow Relief, Subtask of BES Project No. 8293 (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182436</b></p>
<p><b>*1782</b> Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute an easement with the Union Pacific Railroad as part of the East Side Combined Sewer Overflow Tunnel Project No. E07594.C71 for the Albina Rail Yards tunnel crossing, including an indemnification from the City to Union Pacific Railroad (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182437</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>*1783</b> Authorize application to TriMet for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Missing Links bikeway network completion project (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182438</b></p>
<p><b>*1784</b> Amend ordinance for properties affected by the street improvements for the East Burnside/Couch Couplet Project to add Temporary Construction Easements and amend an exhibit (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 182342)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182439</b></p>
<p><b>*1785</b> Authorize bid and award contract for construction of the North Leadbetter Overcrossing Project (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182440</b></p>
<p><b>*1786</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for City CarpoolMatchNW Maintenance 2007-08 to add \$30,000 and extend the terms through June 30, 2009 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 928129)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182441</b></p>

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<p><b>1787</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for construction of the NE 47th Intersection and Roadway Improvements (Second Reading Agenda 1747; amend Contract No. 52869)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182442</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Water Bureau</b></p> <p><b>1788</b> Authorize contract for construction of the Vacuum Relief Valve Project (Second Reading Agenda 1749)  (Y-5)</p>		<p align="center"><b>182443</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management</b></p> <p><b>1789</b> Amend and extend telecommunications franchise granted to Pacific Fiber Link, LLC, now known as 360networks (USA), inc. (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 172864)</p>		<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 07, 2008 AT 9:30 A.M.</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Parks and Recreation</b></p> <p><b>1790</b> Authorize Lease of City property on SW Sam Jackson Park Road to WSCO Petroleum Corporation (Second Reading Agenda 1750)  (Y-5)</p>		<p align="center"><b>182444</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>1791</b> Acknowledge the significant accomplishments of City of Beaverton Mayor Rob Drake and City of Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes as they end their mayoral terms (Resolution introduced by Mayor Potter and Commissioners Adams, Fish, Leonard and Saltzman)  (Y-5)</p>		<p align="center"><b>36662</b></p>
<p><b>*1792</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Public Schools and the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon to expand a pilot program to offer fareless public transportation for students at three Portland high schools with the intention to measure results and expand the program as appropriate (Second Reading Agenda 1751; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter and Commissioner Adams)  <b>Motion to amend to add emergency clause:</b> Moved by Commissioner Adams and Seconded by Commissioner Fish. (Y-5)  (Y-5)</p>		<p align="center"><b>182445</b> AS AMENDED</p>
<p align="center"><b>Mayor Tom Potter</b></p>		

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<p><b>1793</b> Designate Portland Cream as the Official City of Portland Doughnut (Resolution) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>36663</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Emergency Management</b></p>	
<p><b>*1794</b> Accept Emergency Management Performance Grant FY 2008 Final Report and authorize an agreement for annual funding with the State of Oregon to cooperate and implement the FY 2009 EMPG Work Plan (Previous Agenda 1756) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182446</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources</b></p>	
<p><b>*1795</b> Authorize a Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Council 75 Local 189-2 authorizing employees grandfathered into the Senior Emergency Communication Dispatcher classification under the terms of the April 23, 2007 agreements shall remain in that classification until such time as fire certification training is made available to them (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182447</b></p>
<p><b>*1796</b> Authorize a Letter of Agreement with the Bureau of Emergency Communication and AFSCME, Local 189-2 to pay Call Taker Certification Pay upon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training certification (Previous Agenda 1758) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182448</b></p>
<p><b>*1797</b> Authorize and amend contracts to extend the health and welfare contracts administered by the Bureau of Human Resources, Benefits and Wellness Office (Previous Agenda 1759; amend Contracts) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182449</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Purchases</b></p>	
<p><b>1798</b> Accept bid of Parker NW Paving for the N Russell St Improvements - N Interstate to N Kerby project for \$880,774 (Purchasing Report – Bid No. 109575) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</b></p>
<p><b>*1799</b> Amend contract with SAP Public Services, Inc. to provide additional consulting services to assist in the completion of City Human Capital Management work required for implementation for the Enterprise Business Solution Project (Previous Agenda 1760) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182450</b></p>
<p><b>*1800</b> Authorize a contract for \$1,995,000 with ieSolutions for Phase III of the Computer Aided Dispatch Replacement Project (Previous Agenda 1761) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182451</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	

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<p><b>1801</b> Implement improvements to the Downspout Disconnection Program and establish administrative rules (Ordinance; repeal and replace Code Chapter 17.37)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 07, 2009 AT 9:30 A.M.</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>1802</b> Vacate NE Junior St and a portion of NE Liberty St between NE 27th and 29th Ave, subject to certain conditions and reservations (Second Reading Agenda 1763; VAC-10044)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182452</b></p>
<p><b>1803</b> Assess benefited properties for improvements in the Portland Streetcar Lowell Extension Local Improvement District (Second Reading Agenda 1764; C-10018)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182453</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b></p>	
<p><b>*1804</b> Authorize a grant agreement with Portland Community College for the Evening Trades Apprenticeship Preparation to establish a pilot project to create access to a pool of work ready applicants in the City construction and other related positions (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182454</b></p>
<p><b>*1805</b> Revise Excused Time Pilot Program for employees of the Bureau of Development Services for a period to end September 30, 2009 (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182455</b></p>
<p><b>Bureau of Development Services</b></p>	
<p><b>*1806</b> Allow additional enforcement remedies and specify responsible parties subject to enforcement for vehicles and traffic violations (Previous Agenda 1767; amend Code Sections 3.30.050 and 16.20.160)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182456</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p>	
<p><b>Parks and Recreation</b></p>	
<p><b>1807</b> Affirm management authority for certain City property in the vicinity of Mt Tabor, including the Mt Tabor Yard, Nursery and Long Block (Second Reading Agenda 1727)  (Y-4; Adams absent)</p>	<p align="center"><b>182457</b></p>

At 11:42 a.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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<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, DECEMBER 24, 2008</u></b></p> <p><b>DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA THERE WAS NO MEETING</b></p>	
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**DECEMBER 24, 2008      9:30 AM**

**Potter:** City council will come to order. Karla, please call the roll. [roll call] [gavel pounded] i'd like to remind folks that prior to offering public testimony, a lobbyist, except those who eat doughnuts, must declare which lobbying entity they're authorized to represent. Please read the first communication.

**Item 1773.**

**Moore-Love:** She called and is not able to make it.

**Potter:** Please read the next.

**Item 1774.**

**Item 1775.**

**Moore-Love:** Freedom called and she is not able to make it.

**Item 1776.**

**Potter:** Ok. I'd like to thank all of those fine folks who came in today. [laughter]

**Adams:** That was moving.

**Potter:** Thank god for the doughnut people. [laughter] ok, do any commissioners wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Anybody in this room wish to pull any specific item from the consent agenda? Please call the vote.

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

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

**Potter:** Move to the regular agenda. Please read item 1791.

**Item 1791.**

**Potter:** Commissioner Saltzman.

**Saltzman:** Thank you mayor and members of the council. It's a pleasure that all five of us have cosponsored this resolution to honor mayor rob drake and mayor tom hughes. Mayor drake from beaverton and mayor hughes from hillsboro. I thought it was fitting that this council acknowledge the tremendous work and leadership they have provided for many, many years for their respective cities. During their tenures as mayors, each of their cities has grown tremendously. I grew up in beaverton so I know how much it's grown. They've become two of the largest cities in the state of Oregon now and a think both mayor drake and mayor hughes has been big players on the scene. They've recognized that we grow strong as a region, that we develop as a region, and that people seek livable cities throughout this region. And each one of them has contributed immeasurably to making their cities livable places, walkable places with transit access and they've also created jobs and helped to work with the major employers of Washington county in remarkable ways. And I would like to now just take a minute and actually read the resolution and maybe mayor drake and mayor hughes could come on up to the table. While we read the resolution. This resolution is to acknowledge the sipping accomplishments of city of beaverton mayor rob drake and city of hillsboro mayor tom hughes as they end their mayoral terms. Whereas, mayor drake has been an exceptional leader in one of Oregon's largest cities for over 20 years and whereas, mayor drake's

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community service and leadership extends to actively participating in the metro policy advisory committee, the regional emergency management group and open technology business center board and helping to lead statewide initiatives through his past service as the president of the league of Oregon cities and membership on the governor's industrial lands taskforce and as chair of the governor's Oregon liquor control commission taskforce and whereas, mayor drake's leadership on regional issues in the Portland metro region has resulted in the region being recognized as one of the best planned in the nation and whereas, mayor drake is also the chief executive officer, managing 450 full-time employees and a budget of \$150 million earning him the reputation as a careful manager of tax dollars and whereas, mayor hughes has served as mayor since 2001 and his service to his community began more than three decades ago with his appointment for the city council in 1977. And whereas, mayor hughes is a role model for fellow mayors because of his tireless promotion of city government and commitment to sustainable industries and whereas, mayor hughes' exemplary leadership can be seen through capital improvements in the city, including the civic center, the main library, the cultural arts center and aquatics and recreation center and athletics stadium and his recruitment of alternative energy business in hillsboro which is positively transforming Oregon's economic base and includes serving on hillsboro 2020 implementation committee and numerous committees of the national league of cities and most recently as the president of the league of Oregon cities and whereas, mayor hughes is to be honored for the years he has spent educating others about government, both in his public life and his years as a high school teacher of history, civics and government. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the city of Portland honors mayor rob drake for his service to the citizens of beaverton and Oregon and for his integrity and commitment to putting citizen involvement at the forefront of city government and for the positive difference he's made in the lives of the constituents he's served and be it further resolved that the city of Portland honors mayor tom hughes for his commitment to improving relations between air governments and his high level of community service from statewide to local level and the respectful and collaborative manner he uses in all of his relationships leading to positive outcomes and the way in which his leadership has helped positively transform hillsboro leaving hillsboro in a strong place for future positive growth. We thank, gentlemen, for your service. If you have maybe a few words, we'd be honored.

**Mayor Rob Drake:** Any time you give a mayor a microphone -- I see that the clock is not going. That's a dangerous precedent with mayor hughes and me. You may need to pack a lunch. Well, it's an honor to be here and candidly, it's been an outstanding relationship that i've enjoyed with each of the five of you, mayor Potter most recently as mayor and to each of you commissioners. We've collaborated a lot, and one thing i've always noticed, that the elected officials in this region always put their constituents first. And certainly that's been the case with the five of you and a thank you for that work. And the relationship. And it's been a honor to represent my citizens with you at various venues because we always worked to strive to form a wedge to do what's best for the people in this region. I've always taken a very regional view and always felt that what's good for beaverton is good for the rest of the region and vice versa. With that in mind, I could not be here today without bringing a special gift for the mayor and commissioners and this might be actually be a gift for commissioner Leonard, but the good news is when you're in the news, mayor hughes and a are not. [laughter] and so with that in mind, and my wife is with me and I didn't show her or tell her about it until just now because as we know, a significant other has big sway with what we say and don't say.

**Leonard:** I know. [laughter]

**Drake:** Commissioner Leonard, I suppose this is really for you, but I affixed this with duct tape and I no he this bow is not going to -- and I know this bow is not going to come off. Thank you for being in the news so tom and I can get our work done and not have to deal with the press any more



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than we have. I'm a registered lobbyist but not here today to influence you on anything, so this is my --

**Leonard:** That's clear, with the duct tape. [laughter]

**Drake:** That's right. So this is for you. Thank you very much.

**Potter:** Mayor Hughes.

**Mayor Tom Hughes:** Well, thank you and I really appreciate the honor that you've bestowed on Rob and I. We seem to be going out of office, joined at the hip or something. I'm not sure. The article in the paper last week, and the honor at the league of Oregon cities and now this. I can't think of anybody that I was more proud to be linked to than Rob who has been a mentor to me over the years that I've been mayor and I appreciated his service to the city of Beaverton and to those of us in the region, particularly in Washington County for his leadership. The last time I was in this chamber, was to testify in favor of the tram. And it was my thought at the time that the tram, which was obviously a local project on your part, but it represented an investment in OHSU, that also owns land there Hillsboro. And were making noises that they would move out to Hillsboro if they didn't get the tram. My point was to tell you, OHSU is one of those institutions that can't succeed in Hillsboro unless it first succeeded in Portland and it's an example of the kind of link that we have between Portland and Hillsboro and Beaverton. The jobs on the west side create jobs in downtown Portland. The jobs in downtown Portland create opportunities for us on the west side and we're not in competition but rather in collaboration, I think particularly on the issue of jobs creation. I would hope you remember that as we work toward some transportation solutions out in west side, which I think will help us build the companies, particularly the sustainable energy companies that seem to be attracted to portions of Hillsboro now. I came in on Max this morning and I'm very proud to be -- to live in the community that is the -- that Max is named after. At least we have a name in one direction. And it's a great opportunity, but quite frankly, I'm beginning to worry about the people who are going to work at Solar World and live in Tualatin. How they're going to have transit that is going to get them to work and we, when it opens, is not going to do that. I think we can work together on transportation solutions, but I do have the sense that Portland and Hillsboro and Beaverton are linked particularly economically. And that's, of course, always been the case. Portland became the largest city in Oregon because of the wealth of the Tualatin valley and the road down canyon road that connected that to the port. Instead of Oregon City which should have had the growth because it's -- Portland got the growth and the successes has gone from there, so we've always been linked and continue to be linked and I appreciate your recognition of that and this honor. Thank you very much.

**Potter:** Let's shake hands. [applause]

**Potter:** It's my understanding that Rob Drake was taking credit for having built that plank road. [laughter] please call the vote.

**Adams:** Well, I can't believe that Mayor Drake has been on JPAC for 12 years, that's an amazing seat and it's a joint policy advisory council on transportation for the region and it's alternately thrilling and mind numbing at the same time working on the region's transportation system. He's been the go-to guy on the regional transportation issues and Mayor Hughes has also been someone who mayors around the region look to for ideas on innovations in terms of municipal government, so I hope you'll be around the region and we'll continue to put you to work. It's been great working with you in your positions as mayors and I continue to working with you in your new positions. Aye.

**Fish:** I want to begin by just saying how much I've enjoyed serving with both mayors on impact, which is the sister organization to JPAC. When I was clueless I would just follow your lead. I appreciate that. Both of you are strong believers in a regional approach to government and you know better than most that we rise or fall as one region. And as the newest member of the council, I appreciate the sort of inspiration and the education that you've given to me as I begin my journey of public service. But I want to take a moment to reflect on service, because I know in talking to

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both of you that you have viewed your service as a calling. As do each of us up here. It used to be 25, 30 years ago, customary to write an elected official and begin with the word "honorable." and we've lost that habit and I think become too casual with our interactions and forget the enormous sacrifice people make to do public service so I want to thank you for restoring some of that honor to public service. And finally, I think you're both exemplary role models for people that might aspire to seek office. One of the things we're going to talk today in terms of mayor Tom Potter's legacy is how he's engaged young people to our community and given them access and given them a seat at the table and I think that any young person who has had a chance to watch both you over the years serve as mayors is going to be further inspired to follow in your footsteps and I would be remiss if I didn't say as a soccer dad, I spend my waking hours in either Beaverton or Hillsboro and I hope that the kids of our city enjoy the same facilities you've fought for in your cities. Aye.

**Leonard:** I too appreciate both of your outstanding service. Mayor Drake, you'll not believe the collection of duct tape I've acquired in the last year and this will be at the top. Aye.

**Saltzman:** It's been a pleasure working with both of you over the years, in my participation in the league of Oregon cities, and as a member of impact and I want to say you're two giants on the local government scene and left an incredible legacy, both of you in your cities, Beaverton around Hillsboro and more importantly, for us as a region. So thank you again for your service. Aye.

**Potter:** One of the things that's very -- that's impressed me a lot over the last four years, as I've had the chance to go around the state and meet most of the mayors in the state and I was so impressed with the dedication of our Oregon mayors and both of these folks have had key positions in the state Oregon mayor's association and the league of Oregon cities and have really been strong state leaders in addition to strong leaders in their own communities so it's been a pleasure working with you folks. Rob and Tom. I look forward to you see -- seeing where you go from here and all of the good things you'll continue to do for our state and communities. So thank you for your service to the people of your respective cities and region and the state. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] our thanks.

**Saltzman:** Mayor Potter, as president of council may I make a point of order?

**Potter:** Karla is that legal?

**Moore-Love:** It is.

**Potter:** Ok. [laughter]

**Saltzman:** We have another mayor who's been a giant on the local government scene, sitting to my right here. And we have the city of Portland proclamation which I would like to now read.

**Potter:** Thought I was supposed to sign all of those.

**Saltzman:** I noticed it doesn't have a signature. I think it's still valid. Whereas, the honorable Tom Potter served as mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon from January 2004 to December 2008 and whereas, Mayor Potter carried out the duties and responsibilities of the office for which he was elected with an abiding commitment to the people of Portland and with honor and dignity and whereas, Mayor Potter opened the doors of city hall and invited all people to the table. Building a legacy of welcoming and transparency and whereas, his commitment to education and youth fostered the development of a spirit of volunteerism and support and innovative programs to engage Portland's youth with the city, and knowing that the future would be helped by these very individuals. And whereas, Mayor Potter extended his leadership beyond the city of Portland, across the state of Oregon, the United States, and abroad, by serving as an ambassador of the city on behalf of Portland industries, educational partnerships, cultural exchanges, tourism and sustainability and whereas, the honorable Tom Potter through his exemplary public service has brought great credit upon himself, his family and his community. Now, therefore, I, Dan Saltzman, president of the city council of the city of Portland. [laughter] I guess I'll be signing this -- [laughter]

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**Saltzman:** I, dan Saltzman, do hereby proclaim that the people of Portland do express their respect and declare today, december 24th, to be tom Potter day and encourage all Portlanders to pause a moment during this busy holiday season and send mayor Potter their best wishes. [applause] I believe we have some people who would like to testify. And if you don't mind, i'll extend my privilege as president of council and invite up --

**Potter:** Is this still legal, Karla?

**Moore-Love:** It is.

**Saltzman:** I promise i'll surrender. But we'd like to invite up a Portland public schools board member. And from the center of cultural organizing and we have another seat, and they can come up and fill that.

**Moore-Love:** Mr. Granger is here now and would like to speak.

**Martin Gonzalez:** My name is martin and president of the board of the latino network and as commissioner Saltzman has mentioned, a member of the Portland public schools board. It's an honor to be before you. Thank you, commissioners, for doing this and this recognition. When I think of mayor Potter and his actions, i'm reminded of the story that you've probably heard of the starfish thrower. I think sometimes it takes the form of a little boy and sometimes an old guy. After a storm, it's at the beach and throwing the starfish back at the fish and another man comes by and asks, what are you doing there? There's miles and miles of beach and thousands of starfish that are still here. What difference can it make? And the person basically says, well, it made a difference to that one. And so when I think about mayor Potter, I think about the difference he made of his work in regard to the diversity he brought to the staffing here at the Portland city hall. And the difference that he made, I think, for people out in the community to come into the halls and see themselves reflected and -- in this here place. And that access that I think it's inviting of coming down to city hall and testifying and being part of the process here. When I think about, you know, the difference that it made in terms of the administration that mayor Potter had in terms of here, I think of those of us that I think are struggling to deal with this progressive city and dealing with issues of race and see a strong need for [inaudible] in dealing with the issue of race. Particularly when we look around in our schools and we see still the inequities in terms of the deliver of quality education for all children and the fact that many children of color are still anywhere from 10 to 40 points off in terms of meeting the benchmark behind their white counterparts. And the need is still there. So when I think of mayor Potter, I think of a man that is willing to take principle stands and I think that's an important thing right now in terms of elected officials to be seen I think and for the community to see that there are people that get elected that are willing to take risk and be out front and -- and address issues of social justice. I thank you, mayor Potter, for doing that, for being an example for all of us, to follow, and to care, I think, for the inclusivity of all people.

**Casey Jama:** Good morning, mayor tom Potter and commissioners. My name is casey. The executive director for the center of culture organizing. I think you -- when I met tom Potter the first time, it was when he was running for office. At that moment, I think I was at the city hall once testifying on issues that I deeply care, which was the joint taskforce issues. And I was angry, upset, never come to city hall to testify. And [inaudible] as Portlander. Always saw myself as an outsider. But because of the meeting I had with tom Potter, I had mistrust with politicians and I remembered the first meeting we had, when I walked way from that meeting in your office, I talked to some of my community members and said, I think this guy is real. Because I know when I see a good leader. I recognize it. In my past, where I come from, my past life, when I was in somalia, we -- I get to know as a young child that you don't interrupt with elected official. I stay away from. Because all they can bring is trouble. And -- but when I met tom Potter, I knew there's a different leadership in Portland that I need to work with you and need to trust him. And I think that alone, provided me an opportunity the last four years to civically engage in the city of Portland. I came to the table many, many times. Sometimes issues that I want to be part of -- how that -- that angry, but

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rather than being someone who wants to contribute. Today I see myself as a member of the city of Portland, resident of Portland and as my friend martin said, the way that you created and included [inaudible] of the community and made them to be a part of city of Portland, being inclusive city, it's beyond my wildest expectations. I never expected this from a mayor of Portland. So I concluded my testimony that I think the leadership that you provided us, tom, will stay with us. I think last year, we train about 15 leaderships from 11 different country as today, another 24 from 18 different countries and those leaders are following your path, including myself. And again, I want to thank you for your service. You're a mentor to me. Possibly, someday, I will throw my hat into the politics of Portland and Oregon because of you. Because you inspire me. And i'm looking for all of the city commissioners and elected sam Adams to work with you, because i'm not going away. I'll be here. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Robert Granger:** Good morning. I bring a letter from the neighborhood association out in cully. And specifically representing kathy, who wants to be here but had to work. My name is bob granger and i'm a member of the cully neighborhood association. By unanimous vote on december 9th, 2008, the cully association of neighbors passed a resolution thanking Portland mayor tom Potter for his support of the cully neighborhood during his term in office. We initiated the resolution because we recognize and appreciate the contributions that you've made to the city and our neighborhood in northeast Portland. Early in your term as mayor, you told us that city government cannot solve all of problems facing our community. Government has its role to play, but so do the citizens. The required -- it required a partnership in this spirit, you promised to partner with those of us committed to create a 21st century vision for our community and our region. Motivated by this spirit of cooperation, we stepped forward with a number of initiatives. Aimed at enhancing the liveability and sustainability of the cully neighborhood and the city of Portland. As you promised, you were there to support this work. As a result of this partnership, we're going to have a beautiful pedestrian and bike friendly cully boulevard. A regional park. An open space which will provide clean air and safer streets for our children and grandchildren. Obviously, this was a team effort by you and the city council. Who've been very supportive and the various agencies across the city, but it was your leadership that set the tone, as well as your approachability, friendly style of management, and that communicated to us that you really cared. We optimistically look forward to a continuation of this progressive work in our neighborhood and city. Mayor Potter, we wish you continued success in your future endeavors, and you'll always be welcome in our neighborhood. Respectfully, kathy, on behalf of the cully association of neighbors. And I would like to on a personal note say I had the honor the hosting you on one of the first visits you made to a neighborhood in Portland in old town chinatown. And I remember going into the grove hotel which is now no longer the grove hotel and is making significant progress and the major issue brought forth by the neighborhood was public toilets and restrooms. If I look now where we are, and particularly also the help of commissioner Leonard, we've made great progress on behalf of old town/chinatown neighborhood association, I always thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you for your kind words. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Is there anyone else who wishes to come up? Now is the time. George, you have a letter to read?

**George:** Yes, I do. Mr. Mayor and the commissioners, i've been asked to read this letter, remembering Portland mayor Potter from keung ung. I'm a khmer rouge genocide survivor and rotarian and royal rosarian and the Portland office of neighborhood involvement director hiring committee. It's my profound regret that i'm unable to attend mayor Potter's last city council meeting however it's my pleasure to have tom Potter as the mayor of my adopted home in Portland. Mayor Potter knew I did not vote for him, but that did not stop him from making me his friend, engaging me to serve others and empowering my community to be part of a force that makes the world a

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better place. I came from Cambodia, from a culture in which I could not trust any politician or public official. During the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia, I survived under the ruling officials who were evil, cruel and brutal. Since then I remained skeptical of politicians and public officials. Mayor Tom Potter has restored my faith in politics and civic leadership. Consequently, he's inspired me to be a better person. By the beginning of 2009, Tom Potter welcomed a former mayor of Portland. However, Tom Potter will be forever my friend and my inspiration. In my memory, he will always be remembered as a courageous leadership, compassionate servant, champion of civil rights and friend. Sincerely, Keong Ung. Leverages the past to make it better one person at a time. [applause]

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Mayor Potter, do you have -- a few words or would you rather we just move on.

**Potter:** Is that ok, Karla?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, you may.

**Potter:** This is my first -- set the clock.

**Leonard:** Set the clock.

**Potter:** It is my last official council meeting so when I gavel this out, I'm going to take the gavel and Sam's going to have to find another one, I guess. [laughter] but I've truly been blessed and honored by being the mayor of Portland. I've met a lot of wonderful people, including many mayors, many folks who are out in the neighborhoods and businesses of Portland daily working to try to create a community that we all can love and support. And a community that is inclusive. And a government that is inclusive. So I have a lot of mixed feelings. On one hand, I'm glad this is my last council meeting. On the other hand, it's going to be sort of a bittersweet time. I want to thank my fellow council members for our working together and contrary to some reports in the media, we actually do work together and supported each other in a lot of important issues that are important to the community. So I'm very pleased to have you all here this morning and to thank you deeply from the bottom of my heart for the honor you've given me. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Karin, would you and any family members come up to the table? We're not going to make you talk. Don't worry. We have something for you, as well. [applause] Thank you for your service to the city, too. This is a proclamation so there's no vote but if any council members wish to say a few words, now would be the time.

**Fish:** I'll be brief. Tom, I want to begin on a personal note by thanking you for the friendship you've extended, you and Karin have extended to Patty and me. And helped us make a seamless transition to my new job. And appreciated everything, including the evening we spent out and what happened that evening will stay in that restaurant and not become part of the official or unofficial record of your service. On -- we'll leave it to the pundits and the historians to assess your legacy, sir, but there are six things I would like to acknowledge as what -- from my point of view, were significant accomplishments during your tenure. Community policing, and you brought an unique perspective as a former police chief. I can tell you as a member of the community and elected official, you would feel the change on the streets and it took leadership and direction and it took a strong partnership with our police chief. But I think that is significant and will be one of your legacies. I want to acknowledge your work on behalf of children and youth. You know, once upon a time, they were not welcome in this building and now we have a Multnomah County Youth Commission and we have youth commissioners assigned to our office and I have to say I feel blessed that Shantelle Monk is assigned to my office. And I think your practice of having young people kick off each council meeting was terrific and frankly, young people are now completely integrated into what we do as a city and leading the way on some of our key initiatives and I think the work that the commission and advocates have done to provide bus passes for students is remarkable. I think that will be a significant legacy for you and Karin. Bringing young people into the system and getting the council to adopt the bill of rights. I've been impressed, sir, with your

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work with communities of color and immigrants as we heard so eloquently from our speakers, there was a time when folks from certain parts of our community did not feel welcome here, did not feel heard, and you not only listened to them, but engaged them in everything we do and I think that will continue and built upon and one of the gentleman said he was inspired to actually think of running for office and getting involved in politics on behalf of commissioner Saltzman and me, we prefer you wait until after 2010. [laughter] but i've heard that from many people who come before this council, that they have been inspired to seek public service because of your example. Fourth, you provided strong leadership in reforming the fire and police disability and retirement fund and in doing so, you have strengthened public commitment for the fund. And I know that it was a contentious issue when it was discussed and debated on a community-wide level buff increasing and enhancing public support for the retirement service system, you've done a great service to our firefighters and police officers and you've built bridges between Portland and the other parts of the state. And when I have had the chance to leave Portland for other places i've had occasion to hear from people about either your past visits or impending visits and when my family went down to see the Oregon shakespeare festival, all the mayor could talk about was your planned visit to the community and how you thought so much of the community that he was going to take the time to come and visit and learn their challenges. And finally, and I blended into that earlier, I think the children bill of rights stand as a separate standalone achievement but your outreach to young people and engaging them in our process is significant. As I said, we'll leave to others, the task determining a legacy. But I know both as a member of our community and as your colleague, that you have left a wonderful legacy. And I thank you for your informal leadership style, your personal qualities and the support you've given to me and family. You'll be missed but I know you will not be leaving the scene. I know you'll be actively engaged in helping to make Portland a better place. I would like to salute and toast you today and offer you my thanks.

**Leonard:** Where is the toast?

**Fish:** That's after the meeting. [laughter] [applause]

**Fish:** I would be remiss if I didn't also add that a number of the people you brought into city hall will continue to serve in important capacities and I want to specifically acknowledge, carmen and myla, who I stole from your office who are now on my team and we feel blessed that they're on the second floor helping us. So thank you.

**Leonard:** I'll go next. It is interesting how some of the community accentuate the differences people have. You and I have not always agreed, but I have found you to be one of the most worthy partners i've had when i'm debating an issue, and for me, I will confess at times to becoming so passionate some may confuse what i'm arguing. But with you, i've never had anything but the utmost respect and particularly when you and I would be out debating issues in the community, I found it very difficult, conjuring up the part inside of me that argues the best. Because of your professionalism and always very pleasant demeanor, it was difficult to try and disagree with you. But those are on the disagreements and honestly, for me, they represent like 1% of my frame of reference of who tom Potter is. What i, as i've mentioned here the other day, there weren't as many people here, what I think about is for instance you first coming to office and me coming to you talking about the joint terrorism taskforce and I was amazed of your conviction that you as mayor and the police chief were always in the chain of command assigned to the joint terrorism taskforce and you get a lot of credit for the community. And it's made us a better example of what a city -- cities should be like around the nation. I was -- because of the experience with prior human relations -- I don't see maria, lisa here.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Right there.

**Leonard:** Oh, right there.

**Potter:** Easy to miss them.

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**Leonard:** And I talked to her at the time and I supported it, but I was afraid it would go the way -- but asked me to come to a meeting of the group on scapegoating and it was one of the most riveting experiences i've had in public life. Listening to the stories and a stayed way beyond my invited time because I was so taken with the stories. And so I think your vision for that just as an example, but in understanding the need to create processes to get members of our minority communities into council, only you could have done. And it would not have been something that I would have brought forward, but you were right and whatever reservations i've had have long since gone away.

And I would be a -- in fact, an attempt to remove those processes, I would be a champion against. Because of your leadership. And the same with the works center over on m.l.k. I was proud to go with you the day we had the grand opening and again, I will tell you that if there were ever some effort -- and there won't, but if there were and I were here -- I would commit to you to be the, for whatever worth to you, the champion against closing it. It was a significant improvement in our community. Not just because of the center, but because of the message it sent and I greatly respect that. And then finally, I would say what a lot of people don't know about you is your sense of humor, your dry sense of humor. Which I appreciate more than most. I think i've gotten to experience it more. [laughter] and I remember you and I drove

to salem during the last legislative session and somehow, anna griffin found out and it was during the middle of a debate. And she asked me when we got back, what did you and tom talk about in that back seat all the way down there and back? And I said, well, if you have to know, it was old police and firefighter stories. All the way down and back. I don't know if you remember that.

**Potter:** Oh, I do.

**Leonard:** It was just -- I felt as though I was sitting in the station in our neighborhood beat cop stopped by for coffee. And that's mostly how I feel about you is that. That connection with you and I always have and always will. And i've never seen in this print. I've seen a lot of other things in print which has frustrated me, but i've never seen in print me telling each reporter i've talked to if I had the ability to choose a neighbor, I would choose tom Potter to be my neighbor. I mean, he would be the ideal person to live next door to, because he is respectful and kind and has strong convictions and if he left, I would be privileged to take care of his house and I have no question if I left, he would take care of mine. And for whatever that means, that, for me, that's how I think of you, as this really honorable, worthy individual that stands up for what he believes in. And even when you didn't win, I have to tell you, I respect people a lot that stand up and fight. And I think you know that. And at the end of the day, for me, whether you won or not, I always respected the fact that you drew a line and said, "that's my line." and I hope I can measure up to that and hope if somebody says that to me, there's no kinder thing to say. Stand up for what you believe in. People don't back you down and do what you have to do. And that's the highest complement I can give to you and I know you've -- i've talked about the adventures you intend to explore when you leave, i'm jealous and I wish you the best. And you have the love of your community.

**Potter:** Thank you, randy. Could you return that rake you borrowed? [laughter]

**Leonard:** I can't find it. [laughter]

**Adams:** There are many things I admire about you, mayor Potter. I think you were born with sort of what we now call the values of sustainability. And i've had the honor to work with you when you were police chief and when you held leadership positions in the nonprofit community and now city council and the environmental and social and economic justice. Before we even had sort of a definition of that concept, you clearly were exhibiting leadership and followership traits in those areas and as mayor, I think it's worth highlighting on the environmental sustainability after decades of trying, you actually brought home big portions of ross island into public ownership and that's a huge and difficult accomplishment. Having worked on that as chief of staff for a mayor unsuccessfully for a number of years, I know how hard that project was. And the area of social justice, the fact that you brought back the human relations commission and not just in words but in

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deeds, backing it up with the resources and the expert he's necessary and an initiative in a city that's becoming stronger with increasing diversity, but embracing that diversity that's an important accomplishment of your term as mayor. And on the economic side, for the first time, establishing programs in the Portland development commission so that instead of just providing small businesses with an occasional handout, creating a whole new program where they get to own a piece of the rock. They get to own the space in which they are going to be doing business, that provides them the stability during the good times and bad, that comes with owning a piece of the rock. These are all tenets of sustainability and again, I know from your work in the police bureau and leadership in community policing that really put the partnership together by making sure that the citizens not only had the responsibility, a part of the responsibility for public safety, but also had some of the authority of public safety through the community policing efforts and I personally benefited from the fact that as police chief, you walked in the gay pride parade and suddenly with that one action, the conversation within the community changed and that benefited me personally. Probably one of the things that when I would look over the span of your career that I think is truly unique and has been mentioned by my colleagues up here, is that in every point in your career where you moved up a platform of responsibility and authority, you gave a hand up to the people who had never risen to that same level of authority, responsibility or prominence. Whether it's people of color, women, sexual minorities, you always made sure not to give a handout. But to give a hand up. And for that, I know I speak for everyone when I say thank you. And I look forward to reading your comments like we have many other retired mayors in the community now. [laughter] a chorus of reaction panel. To the work of this council. The truth squad. Joining a truth squad, a retired mayor and getting your counsel as I assume the position of mayor and I wish you all the best. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Well, I guess i'll get the last word on this. But I just want to say that I think as with mayor before you, i've learned a lot from the person who is a mayor of the city. First and foremost, I think it's the respect that has grown for that person in that seat. It's a lot of work. Our jobs as councilmembers are a lot of work, but mayor is the most work. And the toughest work. Not only do you spend a day inside the office worrying about everything going on with bureaus under your control or maybe bureaus under our control, but it's coupled with a aggressive -- particularly in your case -- a aggressive schedule in the community. Your day didn't end at 4:00 or 5:00. I think that's mentioned in the commitment to bringing there people who were not used to being in positions of influence in city council and putting them on commissions, on advisory committees. Creating the youth commission and bringing back the human relations commission and setting up the office of youth gang violence prevention and your leadership is foremost in that area. I also respect your principles and integrity. Sometimes it was frustrating to me that I couldn't change your mind. But I always knew that, you know, you came from a very strong sense of conviction in what's right and you stuck to what's right. I think your credit for bringing youth involved in the city with the Multnomah county youth commission, with bringing youth to our city council meetings, I think that was educative and informative and I want to recognize your commitment to youth through your commitment to the parks and recreation. We didn't have to go out to voters last november, and seek renewal of the parks levy. We absorbed that levy dollars back into the general fund. Providing continuous well funded parks and recreations operations and you played a leadership role with the thomas cully park master plan. You went out on a walking tour and came to me and said, we need a master plan. We need to jump start in thomas cully park and a few weeks ago, we approved the master plan, which is the first step toward making that park a reality. You also through your budget last year, provided money to do the first Portland -- the first swimming pool, aquatic center, I believe east of 82nd avenue, at the east Portland center. Now there's a brand new pool there and it's a result of your leadership. You supported youth programming for teenagers in particular through parks and recreation activities particularly starting at spring break and going through the



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summertime when there's often too much idle time. And so your leadership in those areas is tremendous. And I certainly have to acknowledge your leadership in getting voters to approve the historic reforms to the fire police disability and retirement funds. They will benefit taxpayers and police and firefighters and restore confidence in that system and it would not have happened without your support from the very start. It simply would not have happened. So you've done much and as I said, I admire you and learned a lot from you and I understand you're laying political groundwork in Cancun -- the word is your operatives are doing the groundwork and I want to -- [laughter] and also to other cities and counties in the state and I too have witnessed strong feedback at League of Oregon cities meetings or anyplace I've gone, to the fact that you've gone to their cities and counties and met with them and listened to them and it's had a positive effect and I thank you for reaching out and helping to make the state truly one Oregon. So thank you, Tom, very much. [applause]

**Potter:** Enough about me. Rob and Tom, thank you so much for being here this morning. You two are part of our treasure of elected officials in the area and I do hope our community appreciates what you have done for them. So thank you very much. And Karin, thank you. With your tiny camera going. You've been my partner. I couldn't have done it without you. Ok. Let's go to item 1792. Thank you, folks. If you have to leave, please do. It won't be offensive at all. I'll be leaving shortly after you. [laughter] please pick up one of the voodoo doughnuts. They're wonderful and we're going to commemorate their efforts in just a few minutes. So please read.

**Item 1792.**

**Potter:** This was heard last week so this is technically a second reading, but I would ask one of the commissioners to bring it back. It went in last week as an emergency vote but we didn't have enough folks to vote on it. And this is an important issue for the bus passes for or youth and it would be nice if we could get this started up by the first of January. So there was a motion to amend.

**Adams:** Move.

**Fish:** Second.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please call the vote on the ordinance.

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

**Potter:** That is a wonderful event. I'm so pleased that our young people will have transportation this coming year. And that we hope we can expand it to the other high schools. It's an important thing for the young people. So I appreciate the work of the council. Please read 1793.

**Item 1793.**

**Potter:** This is a fun part. Come on up. These two guys are the owners of the voodoo doughnuts. If you've walked in a parade in Portland, Oregon, they're there to hand out a doughnut to whoever is in the parade. These guys are amazing people. If you watch television at all, they're on the Food Channel, they're on so many different national channels. They're great promoters of their product, which I can attest to, a great product. And they're also great promoters for Portland. Both would like to actually go on to the Royal Rosarians.

**Adams:** What a great idea.

**Potter:** And Trace has his royal rosarian uniform.

\*\*\*\*\*: I do.

**Potter:** I'm not sure where you got it.

\*\*\*\*\*: [inaudible]

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**Potter:** So before I read the proclamation, and we vote to make this the official doughnut of Portland, I wanted to give you a chance to talk and I think you brought a couple other folks in here.

**Kenneth Pogson:** My name is Ken, co-owner of voodoo doughnuts. We do business -- we would like to thank Mayor Potter and the people of Portland and travel Portland's been very, very good to us and the tourists of Portland, we love this city very much and we love talking to the tourists. It was 20 years ago this week that I moved to Portland, Oregon from Memphis, Tennessee, and it was under 10 years ago that I shook hands with my business partner. We knew two things. It would be unique and never Portland. We finally decided on voodoo doughnut and we came up with the cream-filled doughnut, which out east is named after another unfortunate city. But we wanted to stand out and we named ours the Portland cream. And we gave it two eyes, which we claimed gave Portland vision. [laughter] [applause]

**Pogson:** And it's a simple notion, a simple idea on a silly item, such as a doughnut, but we truly believe in. We really love it here. I've been here 20 years this week. I married someone from Portland. My children are now fourth generation Oregonian and I love this city and to be involved in something as nice as this. And I really thank you very much.

**Tres Shannon:** I was born in Portland, Oregon, and I just -- I love the city. Love working with Kenneth. Doughnuts -- I didn't really expect the fanaticism of doughnuts. I know people like fried dough, but the people really spoke. And that we were able to come up with something that represents Portland and my bigger dream is hopefully we can barn storm statewide and even take it further and get the Portland cream known as the Portland cream this side of the Mississippi, all the way. So take that, Boston: [laughter]

**Potter:** Well, thank you very much.

**Adams:** When do we get to eat one?

**Potter:** He can't have any until after the proclamation.

\*\*\*\*\*: There are some outside.

**Leonard:** Who says Tom Potter doesn't tell me what to do? [laughter] I have not touched that because he said don't you dare.

**Potter:** Did you have some other folks?

**Shannon:** Deborah from Travel Portland is going to speak and our lawyer, is going to speak. But both of them are stuck on the hill. We had to ham it up ourselves.

**Fish:** That's good for Sam and I. We want a bite.

\*\*\*\*\*: And --

**Pogson:** Given us an opportunity to travel for Portland and promote Portland and Oregon. And when he and I separately got a gig to speak at a convention in Chicago this year, about our marketing skills, they flew us out there. They, the travel bureau helped us significantly with our --

\*\*\*\*\*: [inaudible]

**Pogson:** Our power point presentations since we're not the computer people and they added a little extra Portland in there. And it went over well and they've been supportive of us ever since.

**Shannon:** We're over the moon. This is a great day.

\*\*\*\*\*: It's exciting to be part of.

**Potter:** I think we should vote for this before I read the proclamation to make sure we're consistent. So --

**Adams:** Let's take our time on this. [laughter]

**Potter:** Karla, could you please call the roll.

**Adams:** Aye.

**Fish:** Well, you know, you mentioned Cole is your lawyer.

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

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**Fish:** If I get returned to the practice of law, I want to become cole. He represents voodoo doughnuts and storm large. The two best client this is town. Congratulations, aye.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, I have about a 10-minute speech prepared -- [laughter] no, I want to say --

**Adams:** You don't get one.

**Saltzman:** I'm pleased to have an official doughnut here in the city of Portland and to really thank both of you for voodoo doughnuts. I'm one of those people -- i'm sure we all are -- one of the first thing I say is wait until 10:00 and you can go to a great place called voodoo doughnuts and it's part of Portland. And people do go there. Get a lot of tourists there. And I better stop talking. Aye.

**Potter:** You know, I spent a lot of time with you guys. And actually one of the first times was the mayoral candidates doughnut-eating contests.

**Adams:** Boy, that's a dignified event. Midnight on a sidewalk.

**Potter:** In front of voodoo doughnuts. 200 people one-third my age. And it was just an amazing event. Because the primary person I was running against did not show, you decided to -- and there were like six that did. You decided to put on the 11 doughnuts which were also the same number of letters in his last name and I thought that was very clever. And I remember we had four minutes and two seconds to eat the 11 doughnuts and there was an alice cooper song playing.

\*\*\*\*\*: "i want to be elected," by alice cooper.

**Potter:** And having that many doughnuts at 11:00 at night didn't sit well but I really can't listen to that alice cooper song anymore. [laughter]

**Leonard:** Anymore? You listened to it before that?

**Potter:** [inaudible] [laughter]

**Potter:** But I think you've done remarkably well. We brag about our businesses here in Portland and I think you folks personify a small business that is immensely successful based solely on the talents and your ability to market and attract a clientele. I've been to both of your doughnut places and when I am, it's always crowd. That's a good sign for Portland and you folks. And thank you for what you do and the contributions you made to the city. And I was serious about the royal rosarians. I hope you're on it. They could use a breath of fresh air and folks with different color hair. [laughter] and I love those folks dearly. One of them is going to be the prime minister soon that works for the city. Whereas, voodoo doughnuts opened may 30th, 2005, whereas whereas, their fifth anniversary was celebrated may 30th, 2008, with a grand parade -- you know the fifth anniversary, 2005-2008 --

\*\*\*\*\*: May 30th, 2003 was our first --

**Potter:** Thank you, that's why it's five. With a grand parade that consisted of more than 1,000 participants, bikers from old town to open a second shop on northeast davis in Portland. And i've participated in that parade and that's one of the funner parades i've been in. Whereas, it's recognized as one of the top 10 doughnut shops in america and earned the acclaim for its creative flavorful and unsurpassed quality of doughnuts made with love. And whereas, they've created a raised doughnut covered with chocolate with two eyes and christened the Portland cream in honor of the city of Portland. And Portlanders are well aware that locally owned shops help form the economy of our -- and the health and welfare of police officers and our patronage and assures the world class doughnuts in the employment of Portlanders. Now, therefore, i, tom Potter, do hereby declare voodoo doughnuts as the official city of Portland doughnut and encourage all Portlanders to enjoy the taste of Portland cream in appreciation of their contributions to our economy and bringing recognition and fame to our beloved city. Thank you. [applause] Aye. Thank you very much, folks. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: That's good.

**Leonard:** Did you have a bite already?

**Fish:** Yeah.

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**Leonard:** 11 doughnuts.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Piece of cake.

**Leonard:** Good.

**Potter:** You ought to try their apple crisp. That's the one I like. Ok, thank you, trace, and you guys are great. There's doughnuts out there.

**Fish:** They're all gone.

**Potter:** All gone?

**Leonard:** They're right here.

**Potter:** There's still a few. Did you guys get one.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** If there's any left, sure dan and I would love one.

**Potter:** Karla, would you take one and also have ben --

**Fish:** Is there a napkin?

**Adams:** Use your sleeve.

**Potter:** Karla, I want you to have one.

**Moore-Love:** [inaudible]

**Potter:** Ok.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** That's good.

**Potter:** One of the enjoyable parts of about this job is working with Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Thank you.

**Potter:** She's an unsung heroine. Let's have a hand for Karla. [applause] you've taken me out of a jam many a time so thank you very much for keeping me --

**Moore-Love:** My pleasure. It's a pleasure working with you, too, mayor.

**Potter:** So please enjoy the doughnuts and we'll move right along. You're not going to eat it, dan?

**Saltzman:** I'm going to eat it after the meeting.

**Potter:** Ok.

**Saltzman:** Very disciplined.

**Potter:** Disciplined. Please read item 1794.

**Item 1794.**

**Potter:** Anybody here from poem to discuss this? I suspect they're kind of busy right now. The office of Portland emergency management has done a tremendous job in working with the mayor-elect and myself to ensure that the roads are safe in our city and that the flow of vehicles is -- has not diminished and i'm proud of the fact that being a large city in this area that we've been able to do it within our own resources and not have to detract from any of the resources that the state had that other cities need more. Anyone signed up to testify?

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

**Potter:** This is about accepting money, so could we vote on that? Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1795.

**Item 1795.**

**Potter:** Please proceed.

**Jerrell Gaddis, Bureau of Human Resources:** Mayor Potter and commissioners. My name is jarrell, the labor relations coordinator for the bureau of human resources. The ordinance i'm bringing forth to you today is regarding the emergency communication operator two in which the senior dispatchers moved into that position and now what we want to do is to provide them -- currently, they need to be trained in a 12-month period. What we're trying to do per the contract, the contract calls for them to be red circled if they don't complete the training in a 12-month period. What we want to do is don't penalize them if they don't complete the training in the 12-month period based on issues beyond their control. We've had challenges with training so that we want to provide them a safe haven so they're not penalized in that manner.

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**Fish:** What does red circled mean?

**Gaddis:** Leaving them in the current clarification without an increase.

**Potter:** I think it --

**Leonard:** If they take a job that has a lower pay scale, they stay at the pay scale.

**Lisa Turley, Office of Emergency Management:** Lisa. What happened when this council originally authorized us to go to the four clarification instead of the two clarification system, we had people who had not been declared certified and already in our pipeline as certified echos two's and we started hiring call taker and we have a -- we, management, have a backlog of employees who need to be fire certified but according to the old contract, they would suffer pay penalties, but it's not their fault. We want to hold them in the status quo until we can provide the proper training.

**Fish:** When you say fire certified, you mean certified to do fire dispatch?

**Turley:** That's correct, sorry.

**Potter:** Other questions? Please -- anyone signed up to testify?

**Moore-Love:** I did not have a sign-up sheet. Veronica would like to testify.

**Veronica Bernier:** Good morning, councilmembers. Good morning, mayor Potter, you're looking well. December glow. The snowstorm agrees with you. Good morning, commissioner Saltzman, commissioner Adams, and commissioner Leonard, it's as good to see you. Hi, i'm veronica.

Community health education from Portland state university, graduate 2005. I have a degree in public health also. Commissioner fish, before you get up, I wanted to ask you -- [laughter]

**Adams:** Nice try, nick. [laughter]

**\*\*\*\*\*:** [inaudible] it's like the lazy boy recliner.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Bernier:** [inaudible] there we go. Comic relief. Seriously, fellows, you're doing a great job. Including the mayor. How you manage to pull it together month to month is amazing to us in public health. Every time you come through with another plan to help out the people and I wanted to say we include these people here. As a former nurse for about five years and 20 years as a med surg nurse, I support their work. We see the other end and it's important to continue that through the lifespan in Portland. And I know commissioner Leonard, and I understand you have some words in this -- so work in this too. So I support that. And commissioner Adams, this is totally extemporaneous. You're doing a good job clearing the sidewalks and there's a guy in front of trader joe's who will work for a few bucks. I like jamie and I love the intrepid spirit of people from port when they come through again, it's the city pulling together to work. And according to former mayor katz is a city that works safely and quickly and get to the problem and solve it. So good for you. Good for you, carry on. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

**Potter:** Emergency, please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1796.

**Item 1796.**

**Gaddis:** Mayor Potter and commissioners, my name is jarrell with the -- a labor relations coordinator. This ordinance was established so that call takers can receive increase upon dpscc certification. Right now, those current individuals aren't able to receive this increase due to the current contract and what we want to is establish that increase upon certification and use that certification date in the future as date of increase per steps.

**Turley:** Lisa turley. Bureau of the emergency communications. What this does is when we had the previous [inaudible] with the echo two's, employees would receive a pay raise at six months and final certification at about 18-20 months. What this does is incentivizes those new employees who we expect to certificate around six months. Although they could certificate between four and eight. So we're going to give them their pay raise at the date they do actually certificate so they incentivize them to certificate as quickly as possible.

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**Potter:** Questions? Thank you. Anyone signed up to testify?

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

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1797.

**Item 1797.**

**Potter:** Staff.

**Scott Strause:** Good morning, my name is scott strauss, the manager of benefits and wellness and we're asking the council to allow us to extend our benefits contracts through march 31st, to allow us to input our contracts into the new s.a.p. System so we can pay our venders.

**Potter:** Any questions, commissioners?

**Fish:** This is a technical --

**Strause:** Yes, yes.

**Potter:** Anyone signed up to testify in this matter?

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

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

**Adams:** City commissioner-elect amanda fritz will be provided oversight to the wellness in the new year. Looking forward to her working with you. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read 1798.

**Item 1798.**

**Jeff Baer, Director, Bureau of Purchases:** Good morning, mayor Potter, members of city council. I'm jeff baer with the bureau of purchases and authorize a contract in the -- parker northwest was the low bid and we had 12 areas recognized, the result was 27.3%. Subcontractor participation which I think is good and they're in full compliance with our equally benefit compliance. It's a local firm and they're e.e.o. Is current. I think we have a representative here from the transportation in case there's questions.

**Potter:** Questions?

**Adams:** Good work on the certified firm participation. That's great.

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

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

**Potter:** Anyone here who wishes to address this issue? Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1799.

**Item 1799.**

**Potter:** Good morning, jennifer.

**Jennifer Sims, Office of Management and Finance:** Good morning. Jennifer simms, office of management and finance. I've appreciated the spirit you brought to the meeting today and i'd like to thank mayor Potter for his service these last four years. So mayor Potter and members of council, i'm pleased to report as I know you've heard that our phase one of the enterprise business solution project went live as scheduled on november 26th. And our support and stabilization activities for the first phase are going well. Today i'm requesting you authorize an amendment to our contract 37969 with our implementation partner, s.a.p. Public consulting services for additional service related to phase two. The human capital management. This will provide needed functional and technical support. The amendment is for \$388,080 and included in the adopted budget.

**Potter:** Questions from the commissioners? Anyone signed up to testify on this matter.

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

**Potter:** Anyone here who wishes to address this issue? It's an emergency. Call the vote.

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**Adams:** Well, I can't to congratulate you for the success of going live with the program. It's challenging and necessary program. I know you've put in -- you and your team have put in long, long hours, so congratulations. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Leonard:** Well, I want to expand on what commissioner Adams just said. It's because for some of us who have been here a while, not necessarily on the council, but Portland. It's a notorious one. There's a glitch in the computer system and the hangover lasts for it appears a generation, but you and ken have worked -- I just know because i've met with you continuously throughout this, along with your staff, evenings and weekends and most people hearing this don't know what i'm talking about and that's my point. Is that there's been no attention given to the excellent work done leading to flipping the switch and having everything light up the way it's supposed to and I continue to appreciate the hard work involved and I want to acknowledge, not just you, but -- and ken, but all of the people that are doing all of the work that consumed more time than people have any idea of. And that you pulled it off. And had it not been pulled off, we would have read -- you did a great job. And i'm proud of the work you did. Aye.

**Saltzman:** I also just want to add my accolades to the hard work that you and ken rust and many city employees have done to make this a very smooth transition so good work. Aye.

**Potter:** I've told you this before Jennifer but I think you did a great job on this. Obviously they put the right person in charge of it and I think a lot of it is due to your perseverance and the great staff that you have around you and all those consultants who have made a very difficult and large scale business application software system possible for our city. So thank you very much and please convey my thanks to ken. I vote aye.

**Sims:** Thank you very much.

**Potter:** Please read item 1800.

**Item 1800.**

**Baer:** Good morning, mayor Potter, members of the city council. Before you is an ordinance to authorize executing a contract with iesolutions. A couple notable facts about the firm we've selected. First off, this is a phased approach. Back in october of 2006, we sort of set the stage to execute this agreement with this firm. They have a state-certified minority enterprise, award of a \$1.9 million contract. They're Portland based, so they're local, and they are in full compliance with our requirements.

**Turley:** Lisa terley, boac. We are finally ready to move to the final and perhaps most important phase. After working with iesolutions, as they have successfully managed both phase one and phase two of the project within budget and on time, as director of boac, I am recommending that the city enter into a contract with them for face 3. Phase one included an in-depth examination of the current c.a.d. system and a strategy recommendation. Phase two, c.a.d. Selection, created a competitive r.s.p. process. Iesolutions has conducted an extremely thorough process, meeting with hundreds of individuals from b.p.s., boac, and all of our partner agencies and always providing quality projects. The most important factors of this project have always been the extreme high risk we are operating under because of our continuous c.a.d. Program situation and the very short live window in boac. Any delay jeopardizes our ability to reach the february, march, 2011 implementation window. It would force our critical 9-1-1 services to rely on an ever-aging c.a.d. System. Because of these risks and because iesolutions has intimate knowledge of our current system, what our expectations are from the new system, the expectations of all the various agency and individual participants and thousands of pages of r.s.p. And contract documents that have been generated, I am requesting your support on authorizing iesolutions as a full-force vendor. Thank you.

**Leonard:** You've done a great job on this, lisa, in addition to the issues that I acknowledged last week of your management skills. In this in particular, you've done an excellent job in managing

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and shepherding this really complicated project. Also mayor Potter needs to be acknowledged because this has been one of the things that he told me is a priority along with the construction of the new Portland office of emergency management building behind your locations. Again those of items, this is one of those areas, if somebody wasn't as diligent as you are, the ramifications we don't even want to talk about, having our current c.a.d. Go out of the ability to be serviced incomprehensible. I really appreciate your diligence on this.

**Potter:** 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 address this specific issue? An emergency, police call the vote.

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

**Potter:** Aye. I also want to thank lisa and the folks at boac. This is by far the most critical of issues. If we don't have a 9-1-1 system, the city could come to a standstill. This is very important. I appreciate the leadership of commissioner Leonard and lisa's staff. I don't think most Portlanders realize how important this particular issue is to their safety. Thank you all. I vote aye. Please read item 1801.

**Item 1801.**

**Potter:** I think commissioner Adams and b.e.s. Staff --

**Adams:** This is a really good program that is so good that we -- [laughter]

\*\*\*\*\*: As usual, I have -- [inaudible]

**Leonard:** That's too bad, because I was going to vote for it.

**Adams:** Followed by one person who will testify and give us some administrative updates.

**Dan Vizzini, Bureau of Environmental Services:** I'm really here just to answer any questions you might have. The downspout disconnection program was one of the cornerstone programs for the combined sewer overflow project, and it was created in 1995. A remarkable model of citizen involvement, a partnership between the city and property owners. I think 56,000 properties have participated, 1.2 billion gallons of storm-water runoff per year not going into the combined sewer system. It's a program that's being replicated around the country, just a remarkable program. The work of this particular ordinance is a bit mundane. What we are attempting to do is bring the program up-to-date with the new storm water management manual that was approved in the fall and to move administrative language out of the code and into administrative rules and to clarify so that participants in the program can understand what we're doing in an easier way. So what you have is an ordinance to amend a chapter of city code and then also adopt the administrative rules.

**Potter:** Questions from the commissioners? 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 address this specific issue? Nonemergency, moves to a second reading. When will that reading be heard?

**Moore-Love:** That will be january 7th.

**Potter:** January 7th. Thank you. Item 1802.

**Item 1802.**

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

**Adams:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Potter:** Please read item 1803.

**Item 1803.**

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

**Adams:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. Please read item 1804.

Did you want these read together?

**Leonard:** They're separate issues.



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**Potter:** Please read item 1804.

**Item 1804.**

**Leonard:** This is just simply the technical document by which we're going to transfer \$45,000 that was previously approved in the 08/09 budget to etab, which is an organization that some you may be aware of run by a woman, deborah williams, out from the old columbia villa area wherein young men and women, middle-aged men and women who have had challenges in life are brought into this program by deborah. For the first time in their lives, they're given skills to enter into apprenticeship programs, so they work collaboratively with the building trades council and other apprenticeship programs to help these individuals turn their lives around. I've gone to the ceremonies. I've participated in some their events. It is one of the most outstanding programs that help people who have struggled up to that point in their lives with a variety of issues i've ever witnessed. This \$45,000 is really just a small amount that will help deborah. She just does wonderful work.

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

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

**Potter:** Please call the votes.

**Adams:** Aye.

**Fish:** I want to thank commissioner Leonard for his leadership on this. When I served on the board of the housing authority of Portland, I got some firsthand exposure to etab. Some of the graduates, as randy noted, come from challenging backgrounds. I've actually been part of the workforce that has in turn built some of the more recent developments that happened, and that includes humboldt garden. This is a program that gives people the skills to become employed to firms like walsh construction and others, and they begin careers in the trades which, as we know, are good-paying jobs with benefits. As we also know, there's a pretty significant mishmash between both the needs of our region and the work of w.s.i. There are 34,000 jobs that need to be filled with the mishmash of students coming out of our high schools. This is a unique program that creates a bridge and gives nontraditional candidates access to the trades and good-paying jobs. I'm very pleased to support this. Aye.

**Leonard:** I really appreciate those words, and that reminded me that I should have acknowledged walsh construction and other contractors who partner with deborah to place these men and women in jobs. And honestly, i've often thought we should have a mother teresa award to annually recognize a person in our community who is selfless and who really helps people who are less fortunate. We have a lot in our community, but my first choice would be deborah williams. She's one of those truly rare people who gets up every morning motivated to do this work and goes to bed at night worrying she hasn't done enough. Thanks for reminding me of a number of things I should have said. Aye.

**Saltzman:** This sounds like a great program, and i'm pleased to vote aye.

**Potter:** It's just amazing what a few dollars will do to small organizations like this that can have a maximum impact and affect the lives of many people and provide them an opportunity to succeed in lives. Thank you, commissioner. I vote aye. Please read item 1805.

**Item 1805.**

**Potter:** Commissioner?

**Leonard:** This is a -- we oftentimes at the bureau of development services, as one might imagine -- I didn't see paul here. Please. He'll do a much better job than I would. Thank you.

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

\*\*\*\*\*: I was looking around, and I thought, oh, i've got to explain this. Thank you.

**Paul Scarlett, Director, Bureau of Development Services:** Good morning. Paul scarlett , bureau of development services director. The ordinance in front of you is an amendment of an ordinance we brought forth two weeks ago which outlined a provision to allow excused times for employees who want to take advantage of such an option. At b.d.s., we are experiencing, as consistent with the

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economy, quite a downturn in the workload and the revenues, and this is one of the options with providing staff to allow for reduction in our expenses, mainly personnel costs. And since two weeks ago when this was passed, no one has taken advantage of it. One of the sort of restrictive parts of it is that it has a minimum of five days. In talking with the union, employees, and in subsequent meetings with commissioner Leonard, it's been recommended that one daewoo make it more attractive for employees to take advantage of taking time off without pay. It also allows for your benefits to be intact and for you not to pull an accrued leave. It's one of the great options we're looking at. We are exploring many other options to reduce our expenses such as not filling vacant positions, reducing overtime, reduction in travel. We are experiencing quite a downturn in workload and our revenues and have been very pleased with how forthcoming employees are about wanting to help out in this situation. Some of these options are optional, but nonetheless it's a teamwork approach. When talking with the union it's a very collaborative approach and more than open to exploring and implementing some of these options. This amount in part has five days to one day. It also touches on the ability to use -- to not have to use vacation time the day before and after a holiday. And I think there's another provision. So we're wanting to bring it forth for, I guess, adoption.

**Leonard:** And this is just another of the aspects of the continuing efforts to avoid what would have happened in another time. Employees would have been laid off by now. Because of this strategy and others we've employed -- a week ago monday meetings with the unions, every monday at 1:00 in my office, various b.d.s. Employees, we're working through very difficult decisions to get to the place with how we're going to have a broader impact on employees. I appreciate mark is here and appreciate is excellent work and suggestions and ideas. Unfortunately, we're going to have to wrap up here. Sam has to get out. But thank you for your effort and, paul, thank you for your leadership.

**Scarlett:** One quick thing. Mayor Potter, thank you for the years of service, your support to b.d.s., and you were a member of the hiring committee when I got my job.

**Leonard:** A hiring committee of two.

**Scarlett:** Thank you and good luck.

**Potter:** Thank you, paul.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** You're welcome.

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

**Moore-Love:** There was mark and veronica bernier.

**Leonard:** She's gone.

**Mark Bello:** One very important point was just to thank you, mayor, for being here these four years. Your staff was very accommodating. We appreciate that was a union. Our president, we want to just thank you for particularly b.d.s. And commissioner Leonard and human resources for being so responsive and taking something that looked like it wasn't going to work and fix it. We know times will be tough and our workers will be impacted. The more creative ideas the better. We are open to anyone that has a good idea. Thank you.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. Please read item 1806.  
**Item 1806.**

**Leonard:** This simply amends the code to allow -- I was actually going to misspeak on the last one, cause I was talking about this one. This allows b.d.s. Staff to enforce some of what pdot enforces now with respect to cars on the street. The staff currently -- i've actually pointed this out a number of times over the years that you call one agency b.d.s. If you are an abandoned car in somebody's front yard, you call another agency of pdot if you have a car on the street. It's frustrating for pdot workers and frustrating for b.d.s. Inspectors, a huge workload for pdot, and we can help them by amending the code and getting the authority to also be able to enforce on the streets, so that's what

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this does. We've been bluffing, so we thought it was time to actually give them the enforcement authority.

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

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

**Potter:** Anyone who wishes to speak on this matter? Please call the vote.

**Adams:** In its fifth year of cuts in the bureau of transportation, we say "thank you." aye.

**Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Potter:** Aye. Please read item 1807.

**Item 1807.**

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

**Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, I regret I wasn't here last week when we adopted the master plan for the yard, but I do want to thank parks directors larry santner, many parks employees, and the neighbors in and around the mount tabor area for working very hard on a management plan and master plan of which this is a piece of, and I really want to commend them. Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. Commissioner fish would like to make a statement.

**Fish:** This is our last meeting of the year, and I know we all have places to go, and the chamber has emptied out, but I would be remiss if, on the eve of christmas, I did not express my heartfelt thanks to a number of people who have made this holiday season a better, healthier, and safer place for the homeless men and women and families who have been living on our streets. I'm pleased to report to you that the \$200,000 investment that the city council authorized into severe winter weather, warming centers, has been an unqualified success. We are currently housing about 1200 people a night throughout the city of Portland who otherwise would be on the street at risk of either death or significant physical harm. We are in our twelfth night of running emergency shelters. We have put unprecedented strains on the system. Thanks to an unprecedented collaboration and partnership across jurisdictions, we have pulled this off, and I can report to you with some significant pride that we have set a new standard of emergency response. There's a number of people i'd like to specifically call out here, and many of these people I would put in the category of unsung heroes. They are not used to getting recognition. They don't seek it. They don't do what they do in anticipation of recognition. But, again, I think they are the unsung heros in our community. I'm going to start with the folks at the Portland office of emergency management, particularly carmen merlot and mark chub. For the first time ever, they helped us set up an emergency management plan with a communications plan. We've never had that kind of level of discipline in our efforts. They are just wonderful professionals. We are so fortunate to have both of them and their line staff. Second I want to acknowledge the work of the Portland water bureau. We've had some significant challenges over the past new nights getting people to various shelters throughout the city, and it's in part a function of the fact that our roads are challenged and tri-met has been dealing with unprecedented challenges of their own. And I want to just acknowledge commissioner Leonard, director shaff, and the employees of the water bureau who stepped up. Three vehicles over the last three nights, they're going to continue through christmas and through the weekend. The three gentlemen who volunteered for this service who are working long days and then into the evening driving water bureau trucks, I intend to nominate for the highest award that the fire bureau gives in its annual recognition. I'll be talking to the new fire commissioner about that so they get proper recognition next year. It has literally been a life saver, their presence. But I would say part of their service has been reflective of this community-wide effort to help people. What has impressed me the most as i've talked to the water bureau employees who have been involved is that they have repeatedly told me during the coldest nights that it is an honor for them to be helping their fellow citizens. I want to can knowledge the work of the fire bureau, chief klum to gave support for a multitask effort, and to the silver brothers, two guys that work long hours because they have two parents that they are supporting. Both of these gentlemen, when again we had tremendous

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transportation challenges, they pulled two vans out of the fire bureau's training center, equipped them for this mission, and have been running shuttle services all evening. They're the last ones on the job. They will not go home until every single person that they see on the streets has been approached and given the option of being housed. And I understand that, over the last few days, occasionally they've been able to get one to three hours of sleep before they go for their regular assignment as full-blown fire department employees. They are incredible heroes. We are running an emergency warming center at the foresquare church at ankeny. The other day, when we got a lot of snow, there were access issues, and we knew we could get people with wheelchairs and other access disabilities -- disabilities to the facility, and it was shoveled out so we could get access to the church. And just yesterday, not surprisingly, we had a significant failure with the sewer systems at foursquare church -- foursquare church. Again a group of firefighters came over, worked with another crew to dig out the system. A contractor was brought in. They patched and fixed the problem and then paved over and completed the work so that we could open the shelter on time. Extraordinary. As I've learned in my six months as the commissioner in charge of the fire bureau, what I would have considered as extraordinary is ordinary to this bureau. I want to thank rosie sizer and the rank-and-file officers who are circulating through the shelters to provide back-up support to the many volunteers from the red cross that are working long days and long nights, but they've been enormously helpful and also to fire bureau e.m.t.s who have been providing emergency services to anybody that needs them. Tri-met, when they have been able, have been supplying us with buses to transport people and have on occasion supplied buses which we've used for temporary warming centers. To the red cross that has been our partner in operating the emergency warming centers, I have met more dedicated men and women who are red cross volunteers, many of whom do not live in the city Portland. They have come from various communities to help, and these volunteers are working evening and night shifts at centers that are well beyond capacity and doing so with great cheer. I want to thank thomas bruner and his staff and all the volunteers who signed up. I will tell you, thanks to some emergency appeals that went out in the last few days, including an "oregonian" editorial today, calling on tv and radio, we're now fully staffed for the weekend at all those warming centers at unprecedented levels of public response in terms of people volunteering. The salvation army has done yeoman's work. In particular I want to call out the salvation army women's shelter. We don't have enough spaces for women in our community. They run a women's shelter in old town chinatown. Some of the stories that I've heard from people who are there just have frankly shocked me to the point I'm no longer shocked. The resilience people who are victims of domestic violence and other traumatic events. The staff there is going above and beyond, and we're very proud of them. We have a number of nonprofit partners that have been working overtime to help be part of the solution. They include teams being sent every night into places where camping occurs, trying to get people to come inside. And where they've been unsuccessful, they're taking blankets and jackets and other emergency supplies to people who, for whatever reason, decide to spend the night outside. Just behind elmer's a critical new piece in our safety net where you will find families with children. As my colleagues know, there are nearly 2000 homeless children who go to school every day. You think, boy, on top of all the other challenges of being a middle school student or high school student, imagine spending your nights in a shelter and not a home. Jean demaster and her team of volunteers are doing a great job at that site and also transition partners, inc. That is running their shelter at 5th and glisan and also that's where people can sign up in partnership with Washington county for the meade building which has become a backup. I want to acknowledge the folks at 2-1-1, the emergency operators handling the calls. They've been stalwart and we have had no information in the service, and they're the ones giving out information for locations when people call. Hundreds of volunteers from across our community have signed up to help, and I will tell you from my experience and my daughter's experience and experience of our friends, it's a life-changing thing to come into contact with people who have nothing and who are going day to day hoping to

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get through the day to be able to be of service and to work with other folks. To me, the only time i've ever personally experienced anything like this that's comparable was in the Oregon reaction to 9/11 and the flight for freedom when thousands of Oregonians went back to new york during very challenging times. I've never seen such spirit, and I don't know what to attribute it to other than the innate gratification of Oregonians who have stepped up this holiday time. I want to thank my colleagues on the council. With your support and commissioner Leonard's leadership, we were able to get ahead of the curve on warming centers. Thanks to b.d.s. And others who expedited the permitting process to get the work done so the shelters were ready to receive people. The combination of the warming centers and the contract with the red cross have allowed us to substantially expand our capacity and make sure everybody in our community who sought shelter received it. I want to thank the Oregon food bank and other providers throughout the city. People are literally showing up at warming centers with food to make sure that people have at least one warm meal a night. And when we had a complete systems breakdown at the foursquare church, deputy chief some milt himself went to costco and loaded up on food so people would have a hot meal. I also want to acknowledge the churches in our community, union gospel mission, st. Francis, and their dining call who's providing a place to sleep for hundreds. I have never seen anything like this. Of course, when you ask these folks about what they're doing, they will refuse to be given any credit and thank god they've been given the opportunity to serve others. I also want to acknowledge a couple other people. One is a mr. Ali who is the volunteer coordinator for the program at the foursquare church. He's a gentleman that one day couldn't get to work because his car got stuck, so we dispatched a fire bureau worker and got him there. He is managing a facility that is about 150% of capacity right now. As you know, whereas we screen in a number of the full-time permanent shelters n an emergency like this, we do not screen people who come to our shelters if you need space for any reason. That means, in addition to all the deserving people in the population, we also have some very challenging people, people that are active users of drugs and may be inebriated and in fact people who may have warrants out and may be engaging in antisocial behavior. We don't turn anyone away. Mr. Ali has this unbelievable capacity for maintaining call at the center. One of his techniques is to keep of moving up the curfew and turning up the lights when the lights go dim. It has a very therapeutic effect, and he's a hero. I could go on and on and on. I would say that, if someone's watching this now or hears of this and wants to know what he or she could do, a couple of suggestions. We still need supplies, blankets, socks, coats, tarps, gloves, and I will suggest you call the red cross. They can direct you to the right places where to deliver those or call 2-1-1 . They can let you know what our facilities are. It's the end of the year, and if you're thinking of making a charitable contribution, I can't think of a better place to put it than to go online and contribute to the Red Cross or the salvation army, join, t.p.i. or to any of the other folks like union gospel mission or st. Francis or other churches and synagogues in our community. If you have some time, I would urge you to go to the newspapers. They're listing places where today and tomorrow you can volunteer to serve christmas meals. I know a number of us are planning to do that today and tomorrow. There's a big feed on christmas day at the ywca. Finally I would say, if you can't do any of those things but have a few minutes, I would say pray for warm weather, because we are hoping that warm weather comes our way this friday, the day after christmas, so that by saturday we can begin to demobilize the emergency effort and get back to status quo. Mayor, I will tell you I am never amazed at the capacity of human beings to step up to any challenge. It's just the nature of things. But I guess I have rarely seen an effort as inspiring as what i've seen across jurisdiction, across bureaus, people of all walks of life who have stepped up. Again I want to acknowledge that this council was ahead of the curve in authorizing the money, and all our city employees have performed remarkably. I want to acknowledge that and, on the eve of christmas, thank everyone for their work. As your housing and fire commissioner, I could not be prouder of the coordinated effort that has literally save hundreds of lives this holiday season. Thank you all.

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Ledge len I want to make sure to reserve this moment for tom of to have the last words, so I want to say a couple things before he does. Nick, you said that you don't know what to attribute all the people doing what they did. I'm sure, as tom would tell you quickly from his experience at the police bureau and from my own background, there are a lot of good, hard-working, well-intentioned people but they're for naught if you don't have a command structure in place with a strong leader at the top. And I frankly would not have -- it wouldn't have occurred to me to ever call anybody and offer the water bureau bus or the water bureau vans if you hadn't asked me. It may seem like a simple thing to you, but in an emergency communications and clear communications are the most important thing that can happen, and I have just been awestruck by your commitment to this, and I don't think people know. I don't even know if your colleagues know other than myself that nick has actually been in the streets working every night and every weekend since this began, personally organizing and directing cooperation where it wasn't happening, taking well intentioned people who would have, as we say, walked around in circles, not knowing what to do, and forcing them to work together and forcing the system to work. Honestly, I didn't think I had anything to learn as the incoming fire commissioner, and I will be a different fire commissioner watching you this last few days. I never would have thought I would have said that two weeks ago. I mean, you've absolutely jumped into the middle of what was a potential catastrophe. People would have died.

Notwithstanding the \$200,000, the buses, the good intentions of people, people would have died if they didn't have a strong incident commander at the top, and you were that person, and I would have never thought you would have done that given your background. Your instincts are perfect. As i've communicated to you before, you've just really stepped up. I mean, you can serve on this council for 20 years and will most probably there will never be again an incident happen for you to display what you've displayed with only six months on the council. I think if tom and I were signing your probation reports, we would cut your probation short by six months and say you passed. You no longer have to be hazed because you --

**Saltzman:** Aye --

**Saltzman:** You won't be recalled.

**Leonard:** You have honestly done a wonderful job.

**Fish:** Thank you, randy, very much for those kind words. You know, I didn't mention bhcd because I wanted to share the credit with others but, in light of your comments, I would like to acknowledge that the bureau of housing and community development has stepped up in a way that I think is also unprecedented for the bureau. And sally erickson and ryan debetter were placed by carmen merlot into the unified command. They are the people 24/7 who have fielded the calls in working with me.

They have performed brilliantly and have been part of conference call several times a day with our whole team troubleshooting, getting back-up plans. So to sally and ryan, heartfelt thanks for their great work, and I will tell you that we've learned some things about homelessness through this and about our capacity of how to better serve the folks who need these services. And they have done a magnificent job, so I want to acknowledge their work. Thank you, commissioner Leonard.

**Potter:** And I also support what commissioner Leonard said. I think I was not aware of all the things you've done, but i've certainly been aware of all the activity that's been going on, and I think that the fire bureau and water bureau have really stepped up. It's just amazing, and i'm very, very proud also of our office of emergency management, because they obviously put a lot of structure to what has happened. We've got a lot to be thankful for, and I want to thank the council and, to all of Portland, I wish them a merry christmas, a happy hanukkah, a peaceful ide, and a meaningful kwanzaa. Thank you very much for this opportunity. We've adjourned until january 7th, 2009.

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At 11:42 a.m., Council adjourned.