



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

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 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner’s Leonard and Saltzman arrived at 9:33 a.m.

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

Items No. 120 and 130 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
109 Request of Larry Tuttle to address Council regarding Center for Environmental Equity's household hazardous waste project (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
110 Request of Nick Staino to address Council regarding a judgment award (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
111 Request of Carol Staino to address Council regarding a judgment award (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
112 Request of Nicole Staino to address Council regarding a judgment award (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
113 Request of John Acree to address Council regarding Mayor Adams (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIME CERTAINS	
114 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Accept the Special Events Report and direct the Office of Management and Finance, Revenue Bureau, in partnership with the Street and Sidewalk Use Advisory Committee, to implement recommendations (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams) (Y-5)	36678

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<p>115 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Accept a joint City of Portland–Multnomah County taskforce report on options for providing animal services in the City (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Leonard) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">36679</p>	
<p>116 TIME CERTAIN: 11:00 AM – Create a local improvement district to construct water main improvements to serve properties located on NE Gertz Circle and NE Gertz Court in the Deltawood Phase I Local Improvement District (Hearing introduced by Commissioner Leonard; Ordinance; C-10031)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING FEBRUARY 18, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p>117 Create a local improvement district to construct sanitary sewer improvements to serve properties located on NE Gertz Circle and NE Gertz Court in the Deltawood Phase II Local Improvement District (Hearing introduced by Commissioner Saltzman; Ordinance; C-10032)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING FEBRUARY 18, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p align="center">CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p align="center">Mayor Sam Adams</p> <p>118 Appoint Edward McNamara to the Development Review Advisory Committee for a 3-year term to expire February 10, 2012 (Report) (Y-5)</p>		<p align="center">CONFIRMED</p>
<p align="center">Bureau of Transportation</p> <p>119 Set a hearing date, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009, to vacate the Alley in Block 5, Albina Homestead Addition (Report; VAC-10055) (Y-5)</p>		<p align="center">ACCEPTED</p>
<p>*120 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to receive \$499,600 grant from the Safe Routes to School Program for design engineering and construction of bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements at eleven Portland public elementary schools (Ordinance) Motion to amend directives to comply with new language for accepting grants: Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Fish (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">182522 AS AMENDED</p>	
<p>*121 Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain temporary easements necessary for construction of street improvements for the NW 23rd Ave: Burnside St to Lovejoy St Project No. 37480 through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">182517</p>	
<p>122 Grant revocable permit to Jake's Famous Crawfish to close SW Stark St between SW 12th Ave and SW 13th Ave from 6:00 p.m. March 16, 2009 through 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2009 (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING FEBRUARY 18, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</p>	

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Office of City Attorney

- *123** Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Local Government Personnel Institute for legal advice and consultation (Ordinance)
(Y-5)

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**Commissioner Nick Fish
Position No. 2**

Bureau of Housing and Community Development

- *124** Amend subrecipient contract with Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare by an additional \$100,000 for Project Respond Intensive Services and provide for payment (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 38274)
(Y-5)

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Portland Parks & Recreation

- *125** Amend contract with Triplett Wellman, Inc. to complete renovation of the small gymnasium at University Park Community Center (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 36603)
(Y-5)

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- 126** Authorize application to the Recreational Trails Grant Program of the Oregon Recreation and Parks Department for a grant not to exceed \$90,000 for the development of trails in Marquam Nature Park (Ordinance)

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- 127** Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to accept \$10,000 for alignment and cost estimate to construct a portion of the Willamette Greenway Trail at Willamette Cove (Ordinance)

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**Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Position No. 3**

Bureau of Environmental Services

- *128** Authorize the Bureau of Environmental services to apply for a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the West Coast Estuary Initiative up to \$600,000 to benefit Portland's watersheds (Ordinance)
(Y-5)

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- 129** Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to partner on a watershed outreach evaluation project to assess the effectiveness of the Brooklyn Creek Basin Outreach Program (Ordinance)

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- 130** Authorize a contract and provide payment for construction of the Wet Weather Screening Facility at the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant Project No. E05512 (Ordinance)

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REGULAR AGENDA	
Mayor Sam Adams	
Office of Emergency Management	
*131 Amend contract with CH2MHill for the Regional Disaster Preparedness Coordination Assessment Report for the Urban Area Security Initiative five county region (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 38044) (Y-5)	182523
Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources	
*132 Ratify a Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Council 75 Local 189-2 to authorize an additional work schedule (Ordinance) (Y-5)	182524
*133 Authorize a one-time exception to Human Resources Administrative Rule 6.03 to allow carryover of vacation leave in excess of two years' accrual for certain eligible employees (Ordinance) (Y-5)	182525
134 Create a new Nonrepresented classification of Sustainable Stormwater Division Manager (Second Reading Agenda 99) (Y-5)	182526 AS AMENDED
Commissioner Amanda Fritz	
Position No. 1	
Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management	
135 Add definition of Cable Communications Utility (Second Reading Agenda 107; amend Code Section 7.14.040) (Y-5)	182527

At 12:27 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
OREGON WAS HELD THIS **11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Adams, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, and
Saltzman, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; there was
no City Attorney, and Ron Willis, Sergeant at Arms.

136 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Safety Recognition Day Awards (Presentation introduced by Mayor Adams)	Disposition: PLACED ON FILE
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At 3:10 p.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Adams: Before we begin, we'd like to recognize a very valued member of our team. Will, will you please come forward? I have a -- please have a seat. Welcome.

Will White: Thank you.

Adams: I have a proclamation i'd like to read on behalf of the city council. Whereas, the city of Portland prizes its citizens who continually assume helping others who are less fortunate. And where, will white, you know, universally respected for his intelligence, diligence and commitment has did he do indicated his career too advancing social and economic justice for all and whereas, will white has been throughout his career a constant and dedicated advocate for affordable housing and was a founder of the development center and a resource for the community development industry throughout Oregon and whereas, as director of the bureau of housing and community development from 2004 to 2009 will has compiled a record of service which included leading the 10-year plan to end homelessness in numerous ways including work to secure general fund support for the 10-year plan and was pork worked to shepherd projects like a -- through a myriad of hurdles so that people with children and other disenfranchised people could have safe and stable homes and championed section 8 housing including the successful bringing of local and national resource efforts to his efforts and his advocacy with congress and h.u.d. and make the difference between closed deals and -- closed successful deals and failures and whereas, will's work helped low and moderate-income people achieve a greater level of support through the ground breaking initiative and a broad spectrum of homeownership programs and served the city of Portland with the utmost distinction and will continue to serve his community for years to come. I, sam Adams, do hereby declare february 11th as an official day of appreciation for will white. Thank you, will. [applause]

Adams: What are you going to do?

Fritz: Going to disney land.

White: It's a daunting job market, but i've been fortunate in putting out some inquiries and i'm going to be going to Washington, d.c. to work for our new senator, jeff merkley.

Adams: Congratulations. [applause]

Fish: Members of council would like to have a chance to make some comments and I wonder if we could recognize commissioner Fritz first.

Fritz: I want to thank you, will, for your work for the city and the citizen as most vulnerable citizens. And to me as a candidate last year, one of the most helpful things when I was running for 13 months was you put together a whole morning where all of the candidates for all the seats were invited to come and listen to your staff to talk about the programs that you've done. Informing the candidates and making sure that we didn't state the incorrect facts and incorrect allegations as we were on the circuit and talking with citizens and also it helps me know what a wonder that have you've put together and as the mayor mentioned, the economic opportunity program where i think it's 2300 people have been helped to find job, not just minimum wage, but well paying jobs and that's a legacy especially in these tough economic times for people to get trained for really good jobs and it's something that we don't necessarily think of the bureau of housing and development having done and that was the program that I thought was one of the most compelling you've done but it's just one of many. So thank you for all you have your service.

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White: Thank you, commissioner.

Leonard: We've had to work together under tough circumstances, trying to find emergency housing and you've always been the professional and I appreciated talking with you and you had a really tough job, and i've always recognized that and appreciated how you've approached your job and I know you're going to serve jeff well. He's very lucky to have you. I'm excited that that's where you're going and i'll be talking to you in that capacity. Good luck.

White: Thank you.

Saltzman: I want to thank you for your tenure as the director of the bureau of housing and community development. It's been a tough time, but you took the helm and you navigated through turbulent times and we're not through those times yet, but I think you've done a great job in balancing your resources with your commitments and i'm really excited to hear you'll be working for senator merkley. That's good news for Portland and a think it's good news for Oregon and the nation too. Thanks for your service, will.

White: Thank you.

Fish: Will, agency the housing commissioner, if I can take, mayor, a couple of minutes to reflect on will white's tenure. I've had the great honor of being the housing commissioner since I was sworn in in june of last year. I've had to fill big shoes. We've had gretchen kafoury, who he think is the mother of this movement, and commissioner sten and it was daunting to take over in their footsteps and came to office during a particularly challenging time in our city's history as we're on the cusp of the greatest economic crisis of my lifetime. I've been privileged to have a steady partner during these past seven months to help not only bring me up to speed as the new housing commissioner but to make sure the city's work was done. And that was will white. We can document what will has accomplished over the last five years and there are a few things I do want to put into the record because I think the public needs to understand the scope of his work. But I want to begin with a simple values statement. Because in all that will has done on behalf of the city and prior to that with nonprofits have been driven by the principle that everyone in our community deserves a decent and affordable place to call home. It's a simple proposition, but thanks to his work, we're closer to the dream of making sure that all of our children have shelter. I could spend an hour going through the accomplishments. I want to highlight just a few. The city's funding for homeless programs expanded five fold. That's a 500% increase and that didn't happen by chance. That happened because the case was made to this council that investments in homeless services and housing actually changes lives and gives people a chance to move to the path of self-sufficiency. You made the case and the council responded by putting new dollars into our homeless programs and when I travel around the country, I hear the same thing wherever I go. That Portland, Multnomah county 10-year plan to end homelessness is a national model and every other jurisdiction in the country aspires to have the success we've had in our first four years. We would not have a 10-year plan without your leadership. Beyond that, we can talk about the human scale. The 2,000 people who have been moved from street to shelter to housing during your watch. 2,000 people who have a chance to experience stability and a place to live and economic opportunities. You've been a champion for preservation. And that often gets off the list but when we worked together it was at the top. When we don't have adequate resources to build, we sure as heck preserve what we have and in preserving our aspiring properties like the clay tower and set forth the strategy to preserve another 10 projects like the clay towers between now and 2013, what you've done is ensured that almost a thousand, mostly older, frequently disabled citizens in our community will have the resource they need for the rest of their life. Which is affordable housing. You have been a champion of the resource access center which is a vitally important component of the 10-year plan, and this council recently unanimously endorsed the proposal that came to council supporting your vision of a facility that will provide shelter and services and a day center, and we think of it as a project homeless connect 24/7 year round. You launched the highly successful economic

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opportunity initiative which recognizes that just providing housing to low-income people isn't enough if we don't give them a hand up to economic opportunity and we have partnered with nonprofits and organizations throughout our community to help boost the wages of low-income residents. As part of our merger and the creation of the new housing bureau I have with great reluctance that the economic opportunity initiative will go to the Portland development commission.

But as sad as I am to lose it, I know that the Portland development commission and the mayor are thrilled to have this gem and jewel in their portfolio. You helped us call the question after 12 years of discussion about how to create a better system for delivering our services in our community. Judy clagg studied it. And gretchen has been talking about it for 10 years and forever we have had this discussion. This year, the mayor and a -- excuse me, last year, the mayor and I called this question. We would not have been able to do so if the groundwork had not been laid, and the compelling case established for fundamental alignment of our city programs. And when we're finished in alignment at the city level, the people you've served for these five years will have a bureau more responsive and more efficient and more accountable to the public. A couple of other things I want to mention, will. The new columbia. Which is the marvelous rebirth of what we knew as -- the marvelous rebirth of what we knew as columbia villa. Actually, in deconcentrating poverty, also ensure there's no net loss of affordable units. Your work on the redevelopment was critical. I think it's fair to say that during your tenure, you took the bureau of housing community development, which was essentially a small bureau doing good work, to a much more, much bigger bureau with greater resources tackling housing and homelessness and poverty and along the way, you earned the trust and support of this council. And as the fourth most senior member of this council and as the third housing commissioner in a great tradition, i'm extremely grateful for the work you've done and looking forward, I could not be happier that you'll be in Washington, d.c., continuing to be a great ally for this city as we seek dollars to fund this program. But I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your service to our city, to me and the impact you've made on low-income Oregonians. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you, will. [inaudible] free parking. [laughter] [applause]

White: Just the one thing I would like to say in closing, I appreciate all the complements and -- the compliments and the accurate notes of achievement. But I really want to recognize those haven't been my achievements. They've been the achievements of a bureau i've been privileged to lead that has 30-some very talented people working then with nearly 100 community-based organizations that actually carry out this work. And I just want to salute them and also to recognize that none of that could have been achieved without the support of this council. And I talked to my colleagues around the country who have a similar set of responsibilities and they're amazed that I work in a city that has the kind of backing this city council has given over the time i've been here to carry out a mission that's dedicated to helping out those who are the least fortunate in our community and have the least political impact. It's not something that is going to lead to increased contribution to members of this council. But between the council, the staff at the h.c.d. and the people in the community, those are the things that deserve the thanks for the accomplishments you've listed. Thank you very much. I think with the new alignment, we're doing to see great things in the future.

Adams: Thanks, will. Karla, introduce item 109. I'm sorry -- yeah.

Item 109.

Adams: Good morning, and welcome to city council. Please give us your name and you have three minutes.

Larry Tuttle: My name is larry tuttle. I'm the director of the center for environmental equity, which is a small Portland-based nonprofit. 75% of our work includes putting up mining pollution in rural parts of the Oregon. We started a project, Portland based project called clean to green. I've previously briefed commissioners Saltzman on this, but I wanted to bring it to the full council

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because it's a issue I think is important to the city. And that is diverted household hazardous waste from the waste stream. There be protecting the households but also keeping these products out of landfills and urban water bodies. Today, particularly, I wanted to tell but an issue that I found as part of this project that I didn't have a chance to brief commissioner Saltzman on. And if you would direct your attention to the second page of the green sheet that I passed out to you, there's a list of our priorities for 2009. And no. 5 on that list is to implement a program to help our targeted households which by definition are households limited by age and income and mobility and any other limitation that would keep them from being able to deal with these issues on their own. What we've found in numerous presentations at senior centers and meal sites is that they have a heck of a time figuring out what to do with these wonder c.f. L.'s, compact fluorescent lights. Which contain mercury. I recently read we'll put more than a billion of these mercury-containing lightbulbs into our landfills and with conversations with metro, perhaps 75% of them find their way into our local landfills. There's relatively small amount of mercury in these, but the issue is when you're putting large number of small amounts it adds up to a lot. We've been developing with program for seniors is there's no comprehensive diversion program for these c.f.l.'s on the horizon and i'm coming to you today not that you ask you do anything specific but sometime during this next year i'll be coming back to have support, a variety of ways we can divert these products from our landfills and I realize today is not an interactive forum but I want to offer if you or your staff or any others you would suggest that would like additional briefing, i'd be happy to provide it. Thank you very much.

Adams: Yeah, if you wouldn't mind talking to lisa on my staff, that'd be great.

Saltzman: I wanted to ask you for the sake of everybody in this room, what's the appropriate way of disposing of a compact fluorescent lightbulbs.

Tuttle: They're to be disposed of as hazardous waste. They're not recyclable. The same as paints and cleaning products and all of those things that we accumulate in our basements and garages. They have to be disposed of as hazardous waste.

Saltzman: When neighborhoods have hazardous waste cleanup days, save your bulbs and bring them to those?

Tuttle: That's one way. There's one business now that is taking them back. If they sell a bulb, they'll take them back. So those are the types of --

Saltzman: What business is that?

Tuttle: It's actually home depot.

Adams: Thank you very much, larry.

Tuttle: You're welcome.

Adams: For all of your advocacy. Karla, item 110.

Item 110.

Adams: Mr. Staino.

*****: [inaudible]

Adams: Absolutely, come on up. Welcome to the city council.

*****: Thank you very much.

Adams: All you have to do is give us your first and last name and you'll each have three minutes.

Nick Staino: My name is nick staino. I live at 6733 southeast gladstone. My wife had an judgment award against her in the amount \$7,672.60 plus interest. I'm asking the city to grant her the same amount to make it zero. You find I find a letter I asked tom potter to help with this and his assistant said to contact the independent police review which I did and also officer lee, with no response. Officer lee was responding to a 9-1-1 hangup call from my wife and was in the driveway, looking at her halloween decorations waiting for me to come home. Lee asked her if she called 9-1-1 in a joking manner, which she was -- what are you going to do, shoot me? Lee jumped out of his car, handcuffed her, did not read rights or perform any test. Transported her to hooper detox, which

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they kept her for eight hours. He lied on the police reports, saying she was intoxicated, dancing out in the middle of the streets. I have witnesses to testify she was never in the street. She is wasn't intoxicated and the neighbor was talking to her when the police officer pulled up, which he didn't see. My wife suffers from a mental illness of agoraphobic and panic attacks. With this problem, officer's lee -- officer lee's mental problems is erratic behavior with his wife looked at my wife in the same way. Because no help was received from the city, we found an attorney and because of the past, we could not get it into trial which I felt hurt the case and under oath, lee and hooper testified falsely just to hurt our case. Now, we did settle with hooper prior to trial and city attorney bill manlove offered to settle before trial. We called our attorney and told her to accept this offer. She was on the way to seattle, by the time she got back, said it was taken off the table. I talked to bill manlove last week, the city attorney, and to my surprise, he said he was offered \$350,000 plus attorneys fees which we were never told of. The city would have been out over \$75,000. I feel the city is punishing my wife for bringing this against the city and feel it's so wrong she's been through and plead with you to put an end to this nightmare and we can do this today.

Adams: I.

Fish: Can I ask a couple of questions.

Adams: Certainly.

Fish: With the indulgence of the council. The money you're asking us not to pursue is a judgment entered by a federal district court on costs incurred by the city in the trial, correct?

Nick Staino: That's correct, and a lot of those --

Fish: So it was \$7,000 that judge mossman awarded the city as costs pursuant to the rule that a prevailing party gets their costs after trial, correct?

Nick Staino: Correct.

Fish: So I just want to be clear; we're not in the position to judge the merits of this case. It would not be appropriate for a city council to second-guess a jury, a judge or the legal process. But what you're asking us to do is not pursue the recovery of the \$7,000, correct?

Nick Staino: That's correct. Most of that \$7,000, almost \$8,000 was recovery on items not used at trial. Subpoenas, and depositions of people that weren't used. Double subpoenas like for the family and stuff and doctors.

Fish: The second question, sir, is did you appeal the decision of the -- when the jury rendered its verdict, did you appeal that to the next level?

Nick Staino: I'm not an attorney, so you don't know what you can do. Our attorney hasn't talked to us since this verdict came down in july. We were surprised when we got the letter. She had just sent it two weeks ago and that's all it was. No explanation or anything. Just a letter from the city.

Fish: Ok. The other thing is we cannot give you legal advice but you've said at this hearing that there was an offer of settlement not communicated to you? You said you subsequently learned it might have been higher. This council cannot address that because we don't know the facts as we sit here and then you said the lawyer has not communicated to you since the trial and you may not know your rights on appeal. What I want to encourage you -- because before I took this job, I was a practicing lawyer. And we have a bar.

Nick Staino: Mr. Manlove said he thought I should contact the bar.

Fish: If you believe you did not get the representation you contracted for, you have the right to bring a complaint with the bar and I would encourage you to get legal advice so you can assess those rights. We can't give you legal advice but you might be operating under a tight time frame to make that decision and I strongly urge you to contact the bar and find out your rights.

Nick Staino: Thank you.

Fish: Thank you, sir.

Item 111.

Carol Staino: Did you want me to go ahead now?

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Adams: Please.

Carol Staino: My name is carol staino. I'm here today to plead for your help in a judgment against me from the city of Portland. As you know, the amount -- I won't go over that again. As a good citizen. Portland, I have never been in trouble with the law until this incident with officer lee. I tried to contact mayor potter on this matter because I saw him on television talking about the mentally ill and how the Portland police were changing the way they dealt with mentally ill people. This came from how they handled the chasse incident. I received an email back from his assistant and told me to contact the individual police committee which I did and filed a complaint. No action was taken with officer lee. My husband also contacted officer lee's sergeant with no response from him either. We even contacted hooper, and they did not get back to us. This was search an horrifying and demeaning situation to go through. And how it has destroyed everything I worked so hard for throughout 30 years of they're pie. I have no quality of life. I spend my days n inside my home, watching the world go by. I now stay mostly in the back of my home. I somehow feel safer there. My home used to be a safe place to be, but that was taken the night of october 12th of 2006. I did not want this to happen to anyone else and no one from the city seems to care, so I found an attorney to represent me. We ultimately went to trial, which I did not want to do. To my surprise, officer lee and the people at hooper would lie under oath. Excuse me. And the judge would not let lee's past into the trial, which would have made a difference on the outcome of the trial. To make things even worse, we haven't heard anything from my attorney since the trial in july. I have tried to contact the attorney and our investigator, emily, but with no response. I'm seeing a new therapist now but the nightmare from this is still happening. Then on january 14th, I received a letter from the city that was sent to my attorney, michelle burrows, an judgment against me from the case. I'm asking you, the city council, for help in this matter, because I have no income, I did not collect any disability benefits, never have. My husband's hours have been reduced because of the economy, we're barely making it now. Not only has this affected our lives, but now the guilt attributed to my husband's, you know, responsibility even more so with me -- taking me to my therapy. I'm totally dependent on him and it's becoming more stressful on him and his health. I'm hoping the city council will do the right thing to bring this to an end. Please, grant a judgment here today to get rid of this judgment from the city. And this complete nightmare that i'm going through. Thank you for listening.

Adams: Thank you very much.

Fritz: You've done something that many citizens would not be able to do before city council. I've sat where you are for many things and it's a scary thing. Thank you for telling us about this.

Item 112.

Adams: Go ahead.

Nicole Staino: I --

Fritz: It's hard.

Fish: Did you have a written statement you would like to put into the record? Would that be easier if we added it to the record so we can all read it? If you would feel more comfortable. We'd all have a chance to read it. It's your choice.

Nicole Staino: I don't know if I can do it.

Adams: If you have written comments, we're happy to take your written comments and we understand this is a stressful situation and really appreciate you being here.

Fish: If you would give the clerk your statement, we'll make sure that everyone on council has a chance it read it and we'll respond to your request and thank you for coming.

Fritz: And we recognize that you're here in support of your mom. Got that message. Thank you very much.

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

Adams: Thank you, appreciate it. Karla, could you read item 113?

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Item 113.

Adams: Mr. Acree? Welcome to city council.

Adams: Thank you. Please give us your name and you have three minutes.

John Acree: My name is John Acree and I've been a Portland resident for the past 15 years. I would like to thank the city council for the opportunity to be here this morning and to speak to all of you. Thomas Jefferson said he who permits himself to tell a lie once finds it easier to do it a second time. In many situations where someone has chosen to lie, like you, subsequent lies must be told in order to cover up the initial lies and most often, like yourself, you entangle others around you who have no idea they've been embroiled in your deceitful ways. You only have to ask your fellow councilmember, Mr. Leonard, how he feels. Or you can ask your past spokesperson, Mr. Nkrumah. I learned that lying was unacceptable from my mother when I was seven years old. Apparently those life lessons were not doled out in your household when you were growing up. Your love of the Sam Adams political machine. From the moment this story surfaced you've done everything in your power to save your own skin and assure your ascent into the office of mayor. There's no doubt that the election would have been dramatically different if we'd known about the level of your dishonesty. I've grown tired of -- the sexual grooming of a 17-year-old, regardless of theirs or your orientation would not have been accepted if you were Mr. Adams, the priest. But apparently having a mayor in front your name gets you a free pass. The same month that you hired Amy Ruiz with no experience as your sustainability policy advisor and she has gone on record that she has no experience for the position. She was a reporter writing a story about you. Maybe I'm being over-presumptuous but with the city having a population of close to 600,000 people and an unemployment rate of almost 9%, I would think someone out there would have had sustainability and planning work. You've lost my trust and the trust of others. My first for mayor is for someone not to tell lies. You can rest assured your time in this building will be short-lived. If need be, I'll gather every signature myself required to recall you and the only thing you'll be doing in this building is sitting back and watching these meetings. I appreciate everybody's time.

Adams: Thank you. That gets us to the consent agenda. There are two items to pull from the consent agenda. Item 120 and item 130. Anyone else have any items to pull from the consent agenda? If not, let's call the roll on the consent agenda.

Fritz: Yes. **Fish:** Yes. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Adams:** Aye. Could you read item 114?

Item 114.

Sue Klobertanz, Director, Revenue Bureau: Good morning, mayor and council. My name is Sue Klobertanz, director of the revenue bureau for the city of Portland. You may or may not know that one of the responsibilities of the revenue bureau is permitting special events. The bureau issues permits and assesses fees for walks and marches, parades, athletic events and other processions in the street or sidewalks. Currently, the fees are based on a limited number of pre-set size and event criteria. The staff reviews the requests based on the need to maximize the need for safety of the participants and minimize the disruption of public services caused by the events and provide the public with an opportunity to exercise protected rights of assembly and expression. The special events administer works with the sidewalk use advisory committee, and we refer to it as the special events committee. Partnering with the police bureau, the fire bureau, the many faces of transportation, tri-met, ODOT and parks. Commissioner Fritz, I went back and checked and according to our current rules, we have a vacancy representative from O.N.I. And so we need to fill that -- O.N.I., as well as adding citizen representatives to that committee. We know that special events are great for Portland. Events bring the community together. Events help people stay healthy and events attract new visits to Portland. The last time the city completed a comprehensive review of the special events program was about 20 years ago. Eight years ago, we raised permit fees and made some changes but even since 2001 we've had a 78% increase in the number of event, greased participation and population and increase events within events and increased downtown

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construction, all of this makes the events more difficult and dangerous. Currently, the city subsidizes 95% of the cost of special events resulting in a cost of close to a million dollars for the city. All of that background brings us up to last summer when in an effort to improve the special events programs, we knew we wanted to take the initiative to address the special challenges. We wanted to utilize the knowledge of the special events committee as a problem-solving body, use technology to reduce costs and complete a thorough analysis of the current programs and policies. Last summer, the review bureau was lucky enough to have Jennifer McFarland, a graduate student at P.S.U. Intern with us. Her assignment was to complete a review of the special events program. The purpose of her report, we told her before she started, was to assess the current policies and compare Portland's policies to other cities, looking for best practices, gather input from local community members and stakeholders. Research the economic impact of the events. I've asked Jennifer to briefly describe the process we used to get to today with you and you should have in your folder a rather lengthy study with lots of the details but Jennifer is going to briefly tell you the process we used to get to today.

Jennifer McFarland: Good morning, thank you, Mayor Adams and Commissioners. My name is Jennifer. I'm a student at Portland State University. I came to the revenue bureau as part of a revenue management program and I'm a resident of Portland and participated in a lot of special events so I came at this as a participant standpoint. In mid June, I developed a methodology that led to the review. From June 25th to September 1st, I surveyed 23 other municipalities including the one identified by the Auditor's office. To get a feel for what's going on. I asked a series of questions regarding the number of events, categories, permit fees, application process, cost recovery, fee structure and insurance requirements. The outcomes of the survey were that cities have as many, if not more events as the city of Portland. Most cities don't have categories. They're more concerned with what's going on at the event. Most cities don't regulate the number of events. And the application process is very similar. However, most comparable cities do have a higher percentage of cost recovery. Portland's flat fee system is not a model utilized by other cities because they don't address the complexity of special events such as routing and the city services and the impact the event can have. The three primary affected bureau bureaus, Portland Department of Transportation, Portland Police and the revenue bureau. We have many external stakeholders. Event organizers, Portland Business Alliance, Tri-Met, ODOT. Venues such as Portland Courthouse Square and Portland residents. We held four public meetings and conducted an online survey sent to all of 2007 event organizers. The event organizers' survey showed a few areas for improvement but demonstrated an overall satisfaction for the program. Stakeholders expressed the need for increased communication, increased education, restructuring of event types, designated routes and an à la carte menu and policies that address the complexity of special events.

Klobertanz: Because this is such a shift from where we are with the code and administrative rules, we wanted to come to you and ask the direction to move forward with the types of changes that Jennifer's described. There are four major policy recommendations that I've asked Alice Madison, the special events coordinator to describe to you that with the approval of the resolution today we'll move forward with.

Allison Madisen: Thank you, Sue. Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. The special events coordinator. I'd like to address the four policy recommendations. The first is to develop a database identifying low, medium and high-impact routes. Since there's a direct correlation between the route and the cost of services, the database would help us to develop a fee schedule with services particular routes. The second would be an à la carte menu of city services and their associated costs. This recommendation would allow a special event to be accurately estimated and event planners would be able to see how their event construction can impact the cost and the -- and their costs. There's several examples of those type of impacts. The public portion of the right-of-way being used. Whether it's the sidewalk, the street or a combination of the location in the city where

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the event happens. As you know, several parts of town have much higher density in vehicular traffic. Large events, more support. Signage requirements, detours. Bridge closures. Partial or full, have impacts in many ways. Crossing max and streetcar lines. Tri-met supervisors and police support to keep transportation moving. And also crowd control and traffic control requires police support. And the third provision is to make a provision for what we term an event within an event. Multiple events usually permitted as one event. Have different routes and different event types built into them. They do increase traffic impacts, planning time, personnel and an overall burden on the city event resources. An example would be a run that has several different lengths and routes built in, as well as possibly a walking event or children's event. We would normally permit it as one event where you can see that several different layers mean several different layers. And the last would be free speech from -- these events are going to be the ones that require the most work to reach consensus by all parties. We'll be working with the ACLU to find a process that encourages discourse while still being fair to all event planners. Free speech events will be encouraged to use routes that meet their objectives while still having a low impact on the city services.

Klobertanz: The resolution calls for a September time line when we bring back proposed code changes and the associated administrative rules. We expect to use our special events committee, reenergizing it by adding citizen positions as well as the representative from O.N.I. And also have a number of public workshops as we've been holding with the stakeholders so we can find the best results. From the input we've received so far, we believe we're on the right track and expect to have many more meetings before returning to you with the proposed code language. That concludes our staff presentation, but we have with us, three folks who have participated in our process since last summer. Jeff Henderson from the Portland triathlon. And sergeant Robert Lopez from the Portland police department.

Adams: Any questions for staff. Are you coming back?

Klobertanz: I can.

Fish: Can we hear the full presentation and then have them back?

*******:** Sure.

Adams: Good morning. Welcome to the city council.

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

Adams: Please give us your first and last name.

Robert Voepel, Portland Police Bureau: Good morning, I'm a police sergeant with the city of Portland. Currently work in the traffic division. My position at the time this started was special events coordinator for the traffic division of the city of Portland. We run approximately 120 events a year I want to thank you for moving forward with the cost recovery and I want to recognize folks that participated in this process. As was said before, there are many stakeholders involved and from the beginning, we made this a collaboration of all of these stakeholders, to include the Portland police bureau, the traffic division, the central precinct, the chief's office, who was involved with our -- supporting us. The Portland bureau of transportation, particularly Doug Thompson, who does a lot of these events side by side with us. Also on the special events committee. Shirley Block with Tri-Met and Dick Peterson with Tri-Met. They're heavily impacted and they're adversely affected. The parks bureau. The bureau of revenue. Sue has been awesome. She spearheaded this and she picked the right person with Jennifer doing the study. She did an extremely comprehensive study. I don't think that I would have had the time or intelligence to do myself. And then don, the special events coordinator there and now the Alison Madson. And then the two folks with me, Aaron, and Jeff with the city of Portland triathlon. And we had others, Portland Marathon. Kyle with Race for the Cure was there. Marilyn Clint with the Portland Rose Festival Association. And Ken, with the -- and not knowing all the names but several neighborhood association representatives at these meetings, at these collaborations. We wanted to have a broad-based spectrum of what it took to come to a consensus, and to come to an equitable outcome. Not only for the city of Portland, but

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the event organizers as well. Because as earlier stated, the organizations that bring these events to Portland, they're vital in the city of Portland. It makes Portland a unique place and a vibrant city to work and play in. And the free speech events. City of Portland is recognized around the country for the free speech events and we don't want to adverse -- impact them adversely by charging fees or anything like that. My perspective throughout the process, we've tried to move forward with focusing on the events that actually charge a fee to be in the event and that's the ones we try to recover costs from and the emphasis of not charging the free speech or neighborhood parades. That's a multitude of parades we have throughout the year that I wouldn't recommend charging anything for those as well. I do appreciate, like I say, you're taking a look at this resolution to move forward with this and jeff henderson.

Jeff Henderson: Thank you, sergeant. I'm jeff, the organizer of the city of Portland triathlon, held for the first time in 2007. I'm the guy trying to get people to jump in the river willingly. And having been through the process of bringing a new event to Portland, a logistically challenging event with the running and swimming downtown, i've developed a appreciation of the logistical challenges that the city faces in staging all of these special events during the summer and as an organizer of one of the special events I can speak to my belief that they're important for the fabric of the city. This process of revisiting the cost recovery and the structure of the permits is -- was an interesting one. It was a full-year process that had many stakeholders and I wanted to speak to the very open and inclusive nature of the process. As one of the stakeholders, as an event organizer, I was appreciative to speak to the proposals being made and discuss them in a open manner and come to an resolution and move forward with some things that maybe I don't support all of them but I can understand why they were proposed and understand why they're important to the city and the different constituent groups for having these events still being possible and economically feasible while balancing the logistical difficulties. In creating the Portland triathlon, mayor Adams was very helpful in making that event possible and bringing all the different groups together it talk about the issues with it. And this process was very similar to that. And I just wanted to speak to the inclusive nature and the fact that I felt my voice was heard and very good compromises were reached on the difficult challenges facing these different groups for putting on these events. Thank you.

Aaron Montaglione: I'm aaron, the owner of terrapin events and i've organized events in Portland for the last eight years and I want to reiterate what these guys said. I think they've said what I wanted to say. All of those folks that came together that the sergeant mentioned, everyone played a part. It was very open and just a -- everybody's collective thoughts at these meetings on what we would like to do, what we would like to see happen, and everybody's thoughts were taken into account. When I was first told we were going to have this meeting to talk about race and things like that, I kind of rolled my eyes, and, oh, boy, here we go. I'm going to go out of business in the next couple of years because I can't afford to pay the price and stuff like that. But it was clear from the outset when we all met that they were taking everybody's -- you know, the businesses into account, and all the resources that come into account, the police and pdot and tri-met and the streetcar and things like that and nobody was excluded and we were all included 100% in the process and I appreciate that and I think we've come to good conclusions as a group and I think we can probably find something that works for everybody and i, for one, am extremely happy with the way the process happened so I think it was good.

Adams: My opportunity to thank you and your team who I see at a lot of events and I want to -- and I know council sees you all as well. I want to underscore, it's a lot of work for you seasonally. And you do it with incredible -- and team does it with incredible good humor and I really appreciate that. I know all the events that you help keep safe. Appreciate it as well. And jeff, i've never been through a harder --

Montaglione: August 23rd this year.

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Adams: Good. Like to see you there. I'll be jumping in the river. [laughter] I learned so much for however many years we worked with getting yours off the ground and I think that was part of the inspiration it see if we could make it easier for future startup events. Thanks for sticking with it.

Fritz: I want to thank all three of you, too. The police not only keep us safe at the free speech events and the parades but do it in a way that's very Portland and very friendly and I really appreciate that. And the special events put on are also very Portland and i'm glad it hear that you believe the process was well done. I agree the report was well done and i'm pleased we're going to be able to continue to provide these services by sharing the costs more equitably because it's important to all of us.

Montaglione: Can I add a comment? As an event organizer, you do see the strain we put on these guys and so it's really important to see that there's some cost recovery, but there are tons of officers out there and, of course, tri-met and stuff like that, too. And I give them a call a week or two before the event and he's still working on an event that happened that weekend or the weekend before and they're doing their post-reports and stuff like that. So it's a constant strain on these guys and I do believe at least financially they should get -- financially, they should get recovery.

Adams: Thank you for your participation in this. Sue, would you mind coming back up? Or your team. Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Thank you, I want to say to Jennifer McFarland. Since this report deals with one slice of the puzzle, as the parks commissioner I have one that's not addressed. Can we renew your fellowship another year?

Klobertanz: She's still working for us.

Fish: Jennifer, you've made an enormous time commitment and does a -- what is the program that led to you working on behalf of the city?

McFarland: Sure, well, i'm in the master of public administration school program. The Hatfield program at p.s.u. And part of the management program run by George Beard, a faculty member, and it sends the top students from p.s.u. And top institutions throughout the city and state every summer to work on different projects.

Fish: Well, the motto of p.s.u. is let knowledge serve the city and we talk about the partnership between the city and p.s.u., but this is as good an example as we get. Thank you very much.

McFarland: Thank you.

Fish: I have a couple of questions and comment. I went with my family to Pioneer Courthouse Square for the lighting of the tree this past Christmas holiday and it brought many more people than we anticipated to downtown, but as a result, we had some crowd control issues, which we were a victim of our own success and what I observe being stuck with my five-year-old along Yamhill was we had some logistical issues that had to be worked out between Tri-Met and Portland Police. Tri-Met were putting up barriers to prevent going on the tracks which caused the sidewalks to become congested and in my judgment, created safety issues. Fortunately, Portland Police showed up and began to work the perimeter. But the next challenge was that the crowd was so big that they spilled out on Broadway. You had traffic problems including emergency vehicle -- they had challenges getting through. I know this is not directly germane to what we were addressing before. But did remind me with how challenging it is to work with all of the jurisdictions and there's a reference to bringing Tri-Met more directly into this process. I'm not criticizing anyone. Because it was a marvelous event but as a resident and parent caught in the gridlock, I think that I would encourage you to give us guidance down the road. I believe as the Parks Commissioner, I'm replacing Commissioner Saltzman on the Pioneer Courthouse Square and any advice for me how we can address that. I think there's some coordination issues to be worked out. The two other points I wanted to just raise are in your report, you refer it an appeal process. And if a sponsor's application for a permit is denied, apparently it comes to you, Sue, for a decision. And then potentially comes to the Council on the Appeals side. But page a11, it says your decision may be appealed to the city

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council but only after the sponsor has exhausted the administrative revenues -- administrative remedies under our code. Can you just tell us what are those remedies between your decision and it coming to council?

Klobertanz: I think in this particular case, there are no other steps there.

Fish: It comes to us?

Klobertanz: It comes to you.

Fish: And it's on a fast.

Klobertanz: Yes. And if you've had experience with the special events permit, you know it's all about coordination and cooperation. And in every -- in the two years I've been director of the revenue bureau, I believe in almost every case we've been able to work out some sort of compromise. So that really is our goal to not have any appeals at all.

Fish: Thank you. And the other piece has to do with the recommendation around the free speech permit. I am very supportive of your recommendation that there be no cost recovery for those permits.

*******:** Uh-huh.

Fish: But my impression as a citizen has been that we sometimes have these spontaneous events and what you're trying to promote is advance notice.

Klobertanz: Right.

Fish: So there can be proper planning. What are the tools available to us to encourage the proper notice so that all of our jurisdictions can do the planning, sometimes the safety for the people marches as well as for the spectators. What tools do we have to encourage people to give us that notice?

Klobertanz: You -- can you ask me that question again in september when we work through the details.

Fish: You're going to work through the recommendations.

Klobertanz: Yes.

Fish: Do I understand you're going to reach out to the advocacy commission?

Klobertanz: Correct.

Fritz: Is there any date to do the fee changes sooner than september? Take a deep breath.

Klobertanz: I don't think so. To be inclusive and resolve the -- I know staff has been working on the standard routes and some of the a la carte items. Really the free speech is one of the biggest issues we're going to have to work through and I think the time needed to meet with the stakeholders, draft language, review language, get consensus. I originally had june and pushed it out to september because I just -- I think it's a little aggressive. So sort answer to your question: I don't think so.

Adams: Great job. Really appreciate it. We, back in -- what was it? 1997, removed the barriers to the free speech permit. Commissioner Fish, we removed that it used to require insurance and there used to be a fee and as implied in your question, we wanted to be to plan with people, we wanted no bare barriers so we could have that conversation and when they do, it usually works out very, very well. I hope we can keep the spirit of that moving forward because the alternative, which is the unpermitted, impromptu, that's where we historically have had dangerous situations and conflict and disruption to the local economy. This will be controversial. We've taken a run at this three times since I've been around. So we're not making decisions today. But when your recommendations for implementation come forward, council will need to do a real gut check because hell has no fury like an event sponsor whose fees are going up hundreds of percents and who have participants in the tens of thousands. It's a lot of pressure pushing back on us. One thing I think might help in the months ahead, if you haven't already, is to do a good job of booking the costs associated with regular events so the council will see the cost benefit. To the extent -- and this may be asking to too much -- to the extent you can eyeball the economic benefits. Different kinds

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of events have different kinds of economic benefits and return on investment. I know how difficult that is, but whatever you can do in that regard, I appreciate it. The other thing i've noticed in helping jeff with the Portland triathlon is there are a certain number of events in the current policy that are considered free. Or reduced price. And some of them, i'm not passing judgment on whether the existing events that get the reduced price are appropriate or not, other than some have been in the queue for years and it makes it hard for any new events to get time on the calendar and then to get in at a reasonable price. And then i'd like your -- I like your approach of coming up with standard routes with ah a la carte options. And I know you've thought of this already, so i'll underscore it. And that is, on the standard routes, the trade-off is that if you're a business on the standard route, then you're going to get the standard impact more than others. So there's these excruciating trade-offs we have to make in the future but you're on track and this is the best work by far of any previous efforts, so thank you. Any other comments from council? Anyone signed up to testify?

Moore-Love: We have two people.

Adams: Ok. Good morning. Welcome to city council. Are you the sarah smith of the Portland jazz festival which starts this friday and runs through the 23rd?

Sara Smith: Tickets are available at your local ticketmaster outlet, Portland center for the performing arts and 133 southwest 2nd avenue. Suite 420. I wore my bicycle chains --

Adams: Karla.

Smith: Sorry. I'm sarah smith on behalf the providence bridge pedal. We recognize we're not only a bicycling event but a community event. Having read the headlines with the challenges facing the council with the current economy and the monies you need to be accountable for heading forward into the future, we recognize that and we've been very grateful for the process that the folks have been going through in deciding how to address the revenue recovery process. Our request is this: Don't -- we do not want to subsidize other events and do not want other events to subsidize us -- subsidize us. We know that our event fees will go up most likely up yards of 300%. And that's it. That's a simple request. We understand what you face. We have 20,000 people each year that come out to walk and ride our beautiful bridges. We're the second largest bicycling event in the united states. And we'd like to keep it that way. And thank you for all of your efforts in trying to make this an open process.

Adams: Thank you. Hi, john.

Jon Torino: Good morning, my name is john torino, the executive director for the appliance of Portland business associations and speaking on behalf of that organization this morning. We understand the need for the city to make changes to the current special events permit process in order to recoup some of the costs for special events held in the city. We're pleased that the revenue bureau listened and incorporated some ideas from our participants during this study and support the development of a fair and affordable fee schedule. Most of the event held by our members do not include admission fees nor can these small organizations supported by local merchants and teams of dedicated volunteers always pay the full amount to the city for supporting their events. Since their purpose is partly marketing and getting neighbors out on the streets and partly a celebration in that you to the neighbors supporting the local businesses all important for the economic development of Portland, we hope you'll take these into consideration as the new permits and rules are developed. We lend our support so that can develop the program changes and request the inclusion of the smba. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to testify before you today.

Adams: Thank you very much. Anyone else want to testify on item 114? Unless there's council discussion, Karla, call the roll.

Fritz: I have a question or suggestion in response to mr. Torino's testimony that -- torino's suggestion. We waive appeal fees for neighborhood associations, there might be some sense in looking at events sponsored by [inaudible] business associations and giving them a status and i'm

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interested in that and very good work. And I was very shocked to see we're spending \$844,000 on the staffing of special events. And yet we only recover \$45,000. That's a subsidy from the general fund for these events and while they do bring business into the city, often they're a lot of folks coming from outside of the city to participate in these events and some of them, the neighborhood parades are much more locally focused and that might be a thought as to whether they're intended to attract people from out of town and then weighing the economic benefit versus the cost to Portland taxpayers. Thank you for your good work. Aye.

Fish: I want to join with my colleague in thanking sue and her team for an event presentation and a report. And to jennifer, I want it say as someone whose spouse teaches at p.s.u. And in my case been involved with the hatfield school for about 10 years, i'm delighted you had a role in this, and when we talk about the collaboration between the college of urban affairs and this body, there's lots of opportunities and clearly, here, we get the opportunity of your skill set and another benefit is we get to scout talent. As positions become available within our system. And we're delighted you're now on our radar. As the parks commissioner, I have to go will you a similar exercise soon because the issue of cost recovery has been framed for us well. And many of the issues you've identified in this report are applicable, at least at the values level, to challenges we have in parks. What commissioner Fritz said is important. I want to underscore it. We're trying to navigate through the worst economic downturn in my lifetime and I just turned 50. And the first level of decision is can we, through a combination of efficiencies and restructure, deal with the pain? The second level, can we through fee increases or some way recovering a little bit more of our cost, can we manage the pain? And if we can't get there through efficiencies and restructure and cost recovery, we're forced to cut programs and i've yet to find a citizen group that has urged us to cut a program. There's not a single program in any of my bureaus that people want to cut. I take seriously to exhaust our options around efficiencies and cost recovery. What this report highlights, we as a city make significant investment in these events and in tough times we have to recover a little bit more of our costs, because if we don't, it means we have to cut somewhere else. You've given us a good roadmap. I appreciate the discussion and look forward to the recommendations when we convene, I guess in september. And pleased to vote aye.

Saltzman: I also want it thank sue and jennifer, alison. Sergeant for your work and the stakeholders. This is good work and look forward to approving something in september that will bring our cost recovery rates more in line with our comparative cities. I'm looking at cities, most are recovering 80%, 85%. And as commissioner Fish said, we're down around 5%. And that's not a prudent practice and one we cannot continue in these tough times. Understanding that special events operate on shoestring budgets themselves and want it use Portland and parks and bridges in the same four-month window of time which exacerbates the issue. But i'm confident that this process, you'll come back in september and it seems to have a lot of support from the people affected and I look forward to seeing something that results in a cost recovery that's fair and responsibility and prudent. Aye.

Leonard: Aye.

Adams: Thanks again. Aye. [gavel pounded] all right. Gets us to item 115. Karla, can you please read the title?

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Adams: Commissioner Leonard.

Leonard: Thank you, we have chair wheeler and members of his staff and then we're going to have members of the taskforce after you guys?

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

Leonard: Ok. I'll just start off. Thank you, chair wheeler for coming. We appreciate you being here for what really is a very, very important discussion and one that you've been a great partner on since we began this two years ago? Probably two years ago. Portland is an increasingly dense

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community. And is a community that values a lot of things. And one of the things that we value, I think, is kind of our designation as a animal friendly city. A pet friendly city. And I think it's fair to say that Portlanders want animal services. The -- the reality is however, we have -- because of the funding problems that the county is facing, we have a challenge to provide the level of services that Portlanders want and as in all taxes, people like the tax best that others pay. And that doesn't exclude animal owners as ted and I have learned. Most are funded by the county's general fund. And 71% of the budget for animal services comes from the county general fund. Anyone following the finances of the county would know. Therein lies the problem. 80% of those funds that the county uses comes from taxes from people who live within the city of Portland. Portlanders want services. At the want services because of dog barks. They want services related to those that don't leash their dogs. And there's a huge demand that mike will speak to for those services. The headquarters for the Multnomah county services is in an aged decrepit -- is that too strong of a term? -- building in troutdale and it's outside anything close approaching to the center of the population that uses the services. The intake of dogs and cats is up 41% at that shelter since 2000. And sadly, 45% or 4,438 of those animals were euthanized in 2007. A rate that's unacceptable it many citizens and those of us, including ted, that are trying to figure out how to address this phenomenon. The other component of funding animal services beyond the property tax is pet licensing. And unfortunately, only 14% of the pets in Multnomah county are currently licensed. There's a huge under-licensing that exacerbates this problem greatly. The taskforce believes even though we might greatly improve or collection rates and that's something i'm focused on and part of the partnership ted and I will be bringing to you, is us having an increasing role in that area. But even that, according to the taskforce will not fund animal services appropriately. So we have a huge problem that is getting more difficult as we increase urbanization which lead it's higher density in Portland with people having more pets. Animals in Portland deserve better than what we are currently treating them. That's something that everybody that's working on this problem and in many ways, it's the dark, dirty secret of Portland, the way we're not providing services to animals. In approaching ted about this problem a couple years back, couldn't have found a more willing partner to tackle this issue. I learned quickly, and ted's wry smile at me, should have been a signal to me. As I got on the email chain from people who have -- let's say, politely, strong feelings on this subject. And it is a -- a really challenging issue but we have approached it, I think, in a very thoughtful and deliberative way. Creating a taskforce that the county authorized a couple years back. The taskforce has completed its work to us and now drop it in our laps to take the next step and we're honored to have ted and his folks here to make some remarks. Thank you, ted.

Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County: Thank you very much, commissioner Leonard, mayor, commissioners. There's not much I could add to what commissioner Leonard has said except it say we live in a community that as a core value, we value our pets and care deeply about the safety of those pets and want it make sure there's humane treatment for all animals and that we continue to provide the types of enforcement required to ensure the community remains livable. Currently Multnomah county is responsible for all animal services in Multnomah county, including the city of Portland. Yet, the reality is that about 80% of the services currently provided by Multnomah county animal services are consolidated within the city of Portland. It would be disingenuous to talk about the county's ability to financially support the level of services necessary. We're in our ninth year of budget cut. This is going to be our most substantial year of budget cuts and animal services have suffered. Commissioner Leonard mentioned the physical plant, but there's also reductions in enforcement and our ability to provide the level of services that we'd like to provide. Our animal services folks have done an outstanding job with adoptions and trying to drive increased adoption rates. But the resources have not been there to adequately address the current needs. So commissioner Leonard and I met in the spirit of collaboration in the spirit of solving what we saw as being a critical problem in our community. And we brought together a mix of citizens, a mix of

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city and county staff members and some of the best minds in the community when it comes to animal services and how we can work together to improve those services. Today we're here to accept a report from that taskforce, who spent over a year looking into this issue in depth. It is my recommendation that you accept that taskforce recommendation, the reality is that the next step is to welcome at specific strategies, including speck funding mechanisms to actually be able to invest in the recommendations of that taskforce. Without further ado, i'll turn it over.

Mike Oswald, Multnomah County: Thank you, chair wheeler. Mayor Adams, commissioner Leonard and commissioners. Mike, from director of animal services. We're pleased to bring this resolution to you to accept the report from the joint city-county animal services taskforce. And i'd like to take a moment of your time to introduce some of the taskforce members who have joined us today. And if I could have them stand, please. Thank you very much. We've got joyce, who represents animal shelter, sharon, executive director of the humane service. And brian from Oregon afsome. And the city's revenue bureau. Phyllis, a citizen and friends of sheltered animals, sue who is our facilitator, and hank, who is a citizen and former animal services director. Ron, executive director of dove lewis animal emergency hospital. Christine, executive director of the animal alliance. And kathleen stokes, a citizen and planner with the bureau of development services. Robert simon, a citizen and attorney here in Portland. Paul, noise control 0 officer. Lila, environmental health from the Multnomah county health department. Jen, animal aid and citizen. Mark, the public safety manager for Portland parks and recreation and couldn't have done it without the help of aaron johnson, an assistant to commissioner Leonard. Thank you for joining us today. And they'll be available when we get to the questions and answers portion. What we'd like to do this morning is have sue disciple, who has been meeting for about a year, run through a very brief power point presentation. A fairly lengthy report that we've submitted, and we wanted to highlight some of the key portions of that report. So with that, i'll turn it over to sue.

Sue Diciple: Thank you. And I guess, clerk, do I need to let you know that we're moving to the presentation? Great. Thank you. Good morning, mayor and commissioners, and I want to say it's been my privilege to serve as facilitator. This was a stellar taskforce and we had no no-shows, no hold-outs. Everybody was full speed ahead. I'm going to make this brief presentation on the taskforce's behalf and then i'm going to let them come up and take my seat as you have questions, because they're really the topic experts on this. Just -- I think the background pretty much has been covered by commissioner Leonard and chair wheeler. I do want to note, that when the taskforce was chartered it was specifically to make recommendations for restoring and enhancing animal services beyond the reduced service status quo, and to identify sustainable funding mechanisms that puts the bulk of the cost of operating animal services onto animal owners. To begin to find alternatives to additional general fund funding. So -- and I think that's important for the context of the report because every person on the taskforce is committed to animal welfare but we'll talk a lot about dollars and cents in the report. So with that, first i'd like it start off by defining the problem and go through there briefly because I think commissioner Leonard and chair wheeler have touched on these things. The fact is that the Multnomah county general fund cannot keep pace with the demand for animal services. Animal services really is a misnomer. They're really people services and as commissioner Leonard pointed out, the bulk of service provision correlates with density. So there's growing demand for urban services, such as barking dog response, user friendly pet locator, services for lost pets, scoop law enforcement, and those kinds of services. 80% of those services, as commissioner Leonard noted are provided here in the city of Portland. To keep up with the growing demand, obviously something has to give. Funding sources are essential. Part of the problem currently is that, also as commissioner pointed out, only 14% of dog and cat owners in the city comply with current licensing laws. So the fees, even though in the event would be a relatively smaller percentage of funding package, most of the funding coming now from general funds, that amount is much reduced because people aren't complying. Four public workshops were held,

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hosted by our task force in support of the work that they -- what they did. Members of the public were asked to identify what they thought the most acceptable funding sources, in addition to the general funding for animal services, and complying owners at those workshops were absolutely adamant that owners should obtain licenses and pay their fair share before any new revenue sources. And the kinds resources they identified were increased licensing fees or pet food surcharge. They were adamant that, before anything like that should be considered, everybody ought to pay their fair share of what's required by law. So meanwhile intake of lost dogs and cats has increased 41% in 2007 with 45%, 4438 animals euthanized in the year 07, and I have not heard that things will look any better when everything compiles for '08. To this mix, the county animal shelter is old, undersized, and it's inconveniently located for just about everybody in the county and for everybody in the city of Portland. There is signage, but even finding it is difficult, even for somebody who's been there before like me. I drove around troutdale for a while before I could get to the shelter. People sometimes give up. There is a belief among people on the task force that some of that 45% of animals euthanized are lost pets people who have driven day after day to the shelter but have finally just given up. At one point that pet shows up, and that pet is lost. So i'm cognizant of this. Expectation and demand is increasing with urbanizing Portland, but I don't regard this and the task force does not regard this as a problem. This is an opportunity for change. 80% of dog owners currently don't license their pets. As demonstrated, compliance by even a slender majority of pet owners could contribute significant service revenue. The city and county have established a successive partnership and track record of collecting city and county business taxes. That partnership can be leveraged to increase compliance and collections of pet license fees. We're talking here about registration of pets as if it's only a funding issue, but really it's a public benefit, public interest issue. As hurricane katrina tragically demonstrated, you don't know where pets are located, and you don't have any kind of resources or plans to evacuate them or protect them. If a 9-1-1 call comes in from a resident, responders need to know is there a dog in that house, animals we need to be concerned about in that house. Right now, in Multnomah county, if your pet is lost, you get in your car every day, and you drive around to the various places that your pet might be in the region and, if someone finds your pet, what they do is they both drive around and look to see if somebody put a notice up on a telephone pole. Now, clearly we can do better. Portland views itself as an animal-friendly city, and residents are increasingly finding that rate of euthanasia -- euthanasia, 45%, inaccessible. It's said, if you look in your checkbook, it will tell you, just as an individual, what your values are. If you look at our shelters for injured and abandoned animals, it really tells a story about our values that's counter to what we say and what we think about ourselves. If you think back to the recession in the early '80s, that was a time that we formed ahead on light rail from gresham to Portland. We initiated Oregon convention center, supported a bond measure to rescue our downtown library. This may be the right time to implement change. And via a city and county partnership, this may be the right time to take steps to dramatically improve quality of life for our two-legged citizens and also our four-legged citizens. What the task force is recommending and proposing is a city/county partnership in a framework for the future. And since the charter really focused on funding, let's start there. The task force proposes getting rid of the ineffective live sensing program in favor of a registration program that encourages and builds participation. So value-added elements could include things like reduced cost spay and neuter, reduced cost microchipping, a free ride home for your lost pet. There's ways to excite people about this program instead of value. Second, the task force is recommending increased registration fees. The program would include waivers or reduced fees for those unable to pay but also would have tiered rates. Increased shelter hours, comprehensive lost and found services, spay and neuter programs would be offered. Now, street staff can address urban problems such as barking dog complaints, leash law enforcement, dangerous dog intervention, funded through a small premium added to registrations in the city of Portland to specifically pay for these urban services as other

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jurisdictions in the county wish those services in their own communities, they could opt in for that premium program. Compliance would be enforced through the city revenue bureau so that all pay their fair share. And it's important to note that fee-based revenue builds over time. So service restoration and enhancement can you phased in over time as participation in the program and as program revenues build. Fees alone cannot support an animal services program. The task force looked at many different options and came to the conclusion that it's not possible to support a program that includes an animal shelter. It's not possible to fund that through fees alone. The task force recommends continued support by the county's general fund for baseline services, particularly the shelter facility operation. A modern, accessible, and innovative countywide shelter is critical, although capital projects are not part of what the task force was asked to consider. It's kind of the elephant in the room, so to speak. The service enhancements really don't go far enough without a new facility, a modern and acceptable facility. The current facility just can't carry the load. There's significant economy of scale and shared city and county facility. The task force, upon studying of commissioner Leonard's questions, should the city take this on within it's borders and let the county just provide services in the rest of the county, other jurisdictions. There is too much economy of scale lost if we further volcanize. Also, examples here in Portland -- [laughter]

Leonard: Very nice.

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*****: A catalyst, everybody. A cat-alysh. It was funny.

Fish: We appreciate your dogged leadership.

*****: [laughter]

Leonard: I feel like there's a monkey on my back.

Dicile: There is a cost-avoidance section also, solving some of the tragedy animal abandonment and euthanasia -- euthanasia. The task force recommends charging an implementation committee to take the next step towards these recommendations. Please keep in mind the task force was not asked to address capital costs, so the cost analysis focuses on sustainable operational funding. This is what the year one start-up expenditures -- and there are some extraordinary costs for startup. The funding is proposed, as you can see, at just under a half million dollars, and it would include initial pet registration, marketing, and public education to get rid of the discredited pet licensed brand that no one seems inclined to comply with and establish a new pet registration program that is really redesigned to have value. We'd also need to set up the i.t. Database with the revenue bureau to enable them to do the collections work for the program. And we'd also need an initial transportation vehicle to get the spay and neuter program started. But then, by year five, which is illustrated on this slide, the task force estimates this program would be fully up and running and phased in. The important part of this are the two numbers at the bottom which illustrate that restored and enhanced services can be fully funded. The programs include seven to eight feet on the street urban services officers -- that's kind of what we're calling them, because it would really be kind of a new endeavor -- that would be paid for by the urban services fee. These would be folks out there doing pet education, making sure that laws are being complied with relative to tax, that animals are safe and responding to, for instance, barking dog complaints and things like that that have no response to date. You're just kind of out of luck to deal with your neighbor today if that's your situation. Also it would provide additional walk-in shelter hours and spay and neuter services. Now, if you take a look at that community outreach and education number at over \$600,000 annually, that's pretty eye popping, and I wanted to make some remarks about that. That number is really an aggregate. All the advertising and community education that it will take to inform people about the pet registration program, to do outreach on spay and neuter, to do humane education and to support a user-friendly lost and found system. Those concepts are written about more fully in your report by individual committees. The committees did not really have time to get together and see what economies on fees would be available. That is something that probably needs further

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work. So I think, in closing, the important points are these. We're at a crisis point now. Now, we've been at a crisis point, but we are truly at a crisis point now with animal services. A pet registration program that delivers value can garner participation and can pay for these additional services. Citizens are adamant that all must pay their fair share first. The time is actually right to take action, and the first action steps are easy. Adopt the report and launch the implementation committee. Thank you for your attention. And i'm going to vacate my seat, and questions are best addressed to committee members.

Leonard: I want to thank you. That's an outstanding presentation, and you've done a great job guiding this task force. This is amongst the toughest kind of issue i've ever had to deal with, and you've done a great job.

Dicile: Thank you.

Adams: Can I ask some questions?

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

Adams: You mentioned a couple of times compliance and/or leveraging from the b.l.f. Was that leveraging from the b.l.f. Sort of administrative infrastructure?

Dicile: Well, thomas would be able to answer that better, but mainly it's the collections function. It's just really professionalizing and being adamant about that collection similar to the business tax.

In terms of compliance, once we have seven or eight officers on the street and potentially other people who are working in an efficiency capacity for the city could be in charge of monitoring compliance. So yes. That's where the compliance comes in.

Adams: Did you look at or is it envisioned that where pets are sold, where pets are cared for at veterinarians, where pet stores or supplies are that people could register at that the those -- those location -- locations as well so we're making it very, very convenient for folks.

Dicile: That was part of the initial start-up costs is getting that ubiquitous opportunities for people to get involved and to register, yes.

Adams: So registration wouldn't just occur at the one building. It would occur at multiple sites in the community, even private businesses.

Dicile: Yes. And easily online.

Adams: You talked about start-up costs for spaying and neutering, and I know there's the feral cat coalition -- cat coalition. Have you looked at supporting nonprofits that are already doing that kind of work?

Dicile: Could I yield my chair to joyce?

Leonard: The short answer is I met with the humane society, and they are just not interested in dealing with some of the issues that ted and mike have to deal with in providing services, because according to them they actually have some opportunity to deal with kind of the cream of the crop of animals, and the city has to deal with a more challenging population of animals. They're frankly not interested.

Oswald: All of these nonprofit organizations and even the business side of the veterinary committee, they're all part of this network with the public facilities. As we have been exploring these alternatives, it might make a lot of sense to partner with the city/county running a program.

Joyce Briggs: I am a representative to the task force in the animal shelter alliance of Portland, including animal controls, nonprofits, and those already working in coalitions around this. The program that's outlined in your plan heavily leverages the utilization of most of those organizations to provide spay and neuter services and has a role for the government in that which is so heavily lever advantaged that the impact of what you'd be investing is far, far greater. One section of the spay/neuter program is dedicated to rabies vaccines and licenses for folks on public assistance, which are the core of folks whose animals are contributing to these issues. So it's providing a public safety aspect as part of being able to reach out to them and track their animals most likely to end up in the shelters. That's a key part of that.

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Adams: Thank you.

Fish: The 14% of pets currently licensed, that just seems shockingly low. What is the consequence to a pet owner if they don't get their pet license? What can happen to them?

Oswald: There is an ordinance that all dogs and cats need to be licensed in Portland and throughout all of Multnomah county, and if people fail to do that, they could receive a notice of infraction which can carry a fine anywhere from 50 to \$150. Most of the licensing is really dogs, and so it's around 25% for dogs with cats licensing being 7%. It's a matter of capacity to enforce that. That's why this concept of sort of rebranding it as registration is building value into this registration program that people will want to do that, because they can see the benefit to not only them as pet owners but to the neighborhood and ensuring important services are delivered.

Fish: I should know the answer to this, but to the extent we have off-leash areas in our parks where we allow people to bring their pets onto city property, do we currently have a requirement that those pets be licensed in order to access our public spaces?

Oswald: Currently there's an i.g.a. Between the city and county through the parks bureau to purchase one officer who is devoted to the park system to enforce leash laws, enforce licensing, and ensuring that people are in compliance with the rules in the park. That's been a real successful program for the last five or six years, and that's kind of one of the models we've been looking at as we develop this partnership into the future that the city has parks bureau has said we need this level of service, real specific, dedicated to working in the parks system. The county provides an officer who can go out and provide that enforcement capacity. That seems to be a successful model.

Fish: Can you just put the human face on it for me as to the consequence to other pet owners for both two-and four-legged creatures of having animals that are not licensed. There's a greater likelihood of what occurring?

Oswald: If they're not licensed? Well, licensing is a form of identification. Dogs and cats, when they become lost or injured on the streets, are picked up by our officers and receiving emergency care, unless there's something on the dog or cat that tells us where they live or who the owners are, there's no way of finding their owners. The immediately benefit for a pet owner is it immediately tells you if this is their cat or dog. Somebody is going to call them and let them know that that's where it is.

Leonard: I would add beyond that, because people bring up, why is this important to me? I take care of my pets. The same argument applies, in my view, over families that don't have kids that go to public schools for property taxes for kids that go to public schools. If you're a pet owner, by definition, you love animals, and you can't view the animal world as that which you just own, but all cats and dogs, many of whom end up in the shelters, are being euthanized because we don't have the funds to take care of them because people don't license their pets. It's a community responsibility for all of us that are pet owners to pay our licensing fees whether we personally see a personal benefit from that or not for the broader community of animals.

Fish: I'm also guessing that, for licensed animals, there's a greater likelihood that those pets have had the proper vaccinations and other things that not only protect those animals but people who keep in contact with them.

Oswald: Animal services is dead skated to protecting public -- dedicated to protecting public health. We need to show that the animal has had rabies shots. You can track through to the owner and see whether or not you've got a public health issue for that person. The majority of the calls that come to this organization are people who have issues, some of public concern for their own safety, because of a dog bite or roaming dogs or concerns for their property, concerns about animals that may be yowling out. It's kind of protecting our entire community to provide these services, and I think you see that is something born by the -- borne by the community as a whole.

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Fish: I want to acknowledge that the comment about how we track missing pets now -- there's a telephone pole at the corner of 39th and knot that has all the flyers attached to it for cats and dogs missing, a consequence are not having a system for tracking animals. Thank you.

Fritz: Do we have a record of how many are vaccinated?

Oswald: The licensing is also a record of a rabies vaccinations.

Fritz: How many dogs are getting vaccinated but are not then licensed?

Oswald: That we don't know.

Fritz: I think that's also a factor. Moving to cats, there's a much lower registration rate for cats than there is for dogs.

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

Fritz: The last time I checked, Multnomah county is the only county in Oregon that requires licenses for cats. I wondered if you'd looked at different licensing for indoor cats versus outdoor cats.

Oswald: What is the value to pet owners, what's the value to the community, I think that's the kind of work we she'd to be doing, looking at other administrations, seeing what's working and not working frankly, Multnomah county has been one of the leaders across the nation in trying to recognize that cats are part of the valley and part of the community, too. Now we're seeing more cats than dogs that are in shelters. To understand what would motivate somebody to say, hey, I need to license my cat --

Fritz: As we're rebranding licenses to registration, might there be some value in looking at trying to get people to keep their cats inside because of the impact on birds? Would separating the two make any difference? The highest you had in your records was 43% in nashville where there's no fee. It's apparently not the fee that's the barrier. I'm wondering what else is stopping people from getting their animals registered. Separating the two at least for indoor cats might increase that revenue stream.

Briggs: I think we all agree with you. The reason why there isn't so much evidence on intact animals and why there's a differential licensing that gives a lower rate if your animal is sterilized is that those are the animals that are -- for instance, cats that end up outdoors, they're usually given the opportunity to procreate, the ones that are much more likely to be adding to the trouble we have for dogs and cats. We do know there's a very careful way to target the audiences. As opposed to seeing it punitive, big brother kind of thing.

Saltzman: I haven't read the report then, but it looks very good. The most problematic is probably the registration. Do we have the ability to have service officers to go on private property to see if a dog in the yard actually is registered? Are these things we're thinking about? Where is the arena where compliance and enforcement interacts?

Leonard: We just run the address and see an address. You wouldn't have to go on the property. The address would be in the system.

Oswald: There are a number of approaches.

Saltzman: So the officer would run an address. And then what happens if the address shows there's no pet license?

Leonard: Well, then they're violating the ordinance, and i'm assuming we'd send a letter to them about compliance. If this was easy to address, it would have been addressed by somebody other than ted and i. I have a view that, if you take your dog in to the vet and it's not licensed, you must have your dog licensed at the time you take your animal in. And that has raised the hackles of the veterinarian community for a variety of reasons.

Fish: That is contained in this?

Leonard: It's not, but it would be the next stage. We're asking you to authorize this to go to the next stage the kind of system we'd implement. So having had the bureau of licenses for a while, I have an appreciate of people's ability to skirt licensing requirements.

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Saltzman: That's why i'm sort of raising this.

Leonard: My discussion point I would push is probably more than just a voluntary program trying to get people to step up, although I think that might be important but also some firmer steps that would require registration. Understanding you would have to have offsets for a sliding scale for people's income and that kind of thing, all that taken into account. Generally speaking, I don't think a vet in Portland should be allowed to treat an animal that's not licensed.

Saltzman: Would urban service officers -- say somebody is walking their dog down the street. Could they approach? I don't know if you have the answers to these questions.

Leonard: Ad have the citizen lay on their face with arms extended until you could ascertain whether the dog is licensed or not. [laughter]

Saltzman: I know it's easy to joke about, but if the underpinning reliance on enforcement is how everything's going to be paid for, I think you've got to treat these issues seriously. You're outlying a progression of enforcement that may be way beyond where the citizens and vets are willing to go. I'm just trying to ask some honest questions here that I think I have. I don't know if those have been answered yet or will be answered.

Oswald: I can just add that the task force looked at a really comprehensive way of building compliance, an entire system where you deal with education and valuing and incentives. Also there has to be, at the other end of that continuum, some kind of consequence. And the ways in which we move through this, I think the task force is envisioning that, if we really make a case, people will be doing it. They'll be registering their pets, 'cause they'll see the value and benefit. There still needs to be, at the other end of that, a consequence. Our officers today are enforcing the ordinance every day in Portland. Leash laws, licensing laws, potential dangerous dog laws.

Saltzman: To what extent does getting the microchips implanted support efforts to people complying. Is there any kind of contradict tree --

Oswald: There's not. It's a second layer of protection for the pet and for the pet owner. Because what you have is you can have a lie sense but if the pet loses it, all the shelters are scanning for microchips. It's opportunity to get your pet back. If we sell it as one benefit and connect it somehow to the registration system, we're ensuring that more animals can get back to their owners. The more we do that, fewer enter into the shelter, and it becomes a much more effective program.

Saltzman: And then finally, just from my own personal experience, we are an aging population, so our dogs are getting old. Cats, too. I have a dog who I believe has been one of the 14% that's been registered or licensed, but the most recent notice, we require a of prove rabies vac nations, and my veterinarian doesn't want my dog to have a rabies vaccination at his age.

Oswald: There's an exemption the veterinarian can offer for health reasons on vaccination, and that satisfies the licensing law. There's a lot of mechanisms built into the system that it can work for various incentives, but also it's a number of humane issues that are built into it so again we don't -- we want to reduce the barriers out there for people to license.

Adams: I have a contribution -- you have a contribution to make?

Thomas Lannon, Revenue Bureau: Absolutely. Commissioner Saltzman, you're asking exactly the sorts of questions that i've been asking over the course of the last year. I think really the problem is that animal services' core mission is to serve animals and serve that public interest. Unfortunately they don't have the resources and haven't really been focused on the collection end of the process, and that's sort of where the revenue bureau comes in. We've been very successful over the last few years in dramatically increasing compliance rates for business licenses. In terms of the problem that really we see before us today, it's a matter of discovery. If an animal doesn't enter the system, if an animal doesn't, for example, currently get vaccine nighted -- vaccinated, vets will report that to animal control. But if that owner doesn't vaccinate the pet -- and I think you'd be surprised at the large amounts of owners that don't enter the system -- i've had discussions with people in the water bureau, specifically at the meter reader shop, to potentially have our water

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bureau meter readers enter a simple code into their hand held device whenever they come upon a property that appears to have a dog owner. And so it's those kinds of -- a return to the older 1970s model frankly where there was a census conducted. Folks would go door to door, knock, hear a dog barking, and maybe you leave a hanger. Some these things are really common sense approaches. Another approach is frankly to dramatically increase the follow-up and the collection process. A few years ago, the process as to send a postcard or two. If no further response, I think there was a presumption that maybe the dog had died or you were no longer in the jurisdiction. What we do for business licenses is, if you fail to register -- correction. If you fail to file on april 15, we'll make a presumption that you're choosing not to file. And so we may choose -- and i'm saying "maybe" because the implementation team needs to address a wide range of these issues. We would presume your pet is still alive, that you're simply choosing not to comply. It's certainly not our intent to come at this from a big brother perspective, and I know my colleagues on the task force had a lot of concerns with some of the language I used early on around compliance. But the fact of the matter is that there will always be a significant fraction of the population that, for whatever reason, chooses not to pay. And these aren't people that lack abilities to pay. These are people that simply are unwilling to pay and have had a free lunch for too long. I think that's where the revenue bureau comes in. And we've identified some other approaches: Amnesty, sliding scale for ability to pay, potentially discount for multiple owners so you're not analyzing people that are adopts multiple animals from a shelter. There's a whole bunch of issues we need to address.

Fish: I was thinking of your suggestion of canvassing. Within the chain link area we're trying to get through, all of us have had encounters with some problem dogs.

Leonard: But you can understand from my service coordination perspective why i'm proud to tell you that I hired thomas into that job. He's who i'm thinking about, and his approach to these issues would help.

Adams: I would ask the commit I to really do further thinking about been -- benefits of getting your animal registered and benefits of finding a lost pet and much more of a web-based sort of approach so that folks can post online, look online. If you're registered with the photo or you have characteristic descriptions to be able to sort, I think there's some for-profit stuff out there you might not even have to build yourself. I think a lot of folks would, as part of registration, benefit, the prospect of losing their pet and being able to find it more quickly I think is something they would pay for.

Saltzman: I think another important benefit, which I think sue kind of touched on -- and again i'm not sure what's in the report, but the ability for first responders, 9-1-1 call takers -- the ability to have a house flagged for pets at 911.

Fish: We spoke about that specifically.

Saltzman: I think that would be of real benefit to the people.

Wheeler: This is obviously a joint resolution in accepting the task force recommendations and moving on to the next step to the talk about funding and specific strategies on the issues commissioner Saltzman and other commissioners raised. Commissioner Leonard will be joining me this thursday, I believe --

Leonard: Tomorrow.

Wheeler: -- to make the same recommendations to the Multnomah county board of commissioners. We're seeing this as a joint resolution and joint acceptance of the task force recommendations. Before commissioner Fish jumps in, I just want to point out that, by accepting the task force recommendations, we're not necessarily committing to all of the recommendations to the task force.

We're acknowledging the hard work that these citizens have put in for the last year in making a commitment that we will continue to work going forward to implement those recommendations.

Leonard: And specifically, the resolution coming back in june, we're directing the staff, if you all vote to accept this and the county commissioner chooses to accept it, we'd develop a plan taking

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into account all the issues raised here and come back to us with a plan that you would then consider.

Wheeler: We see this as an important milestone.

Adams: Although it says pet registration, you're just talking about dogs and cats. Chickens, too?

Oswald: Just dogs and cats are the primary target we're looking at.

Fritz: I just want to clarify what you just said, that we're not committing to the funding at this point.

Wheeler: I cannot, on behalf of the board of county commissioners, commit to any funding here and now. We are in the process of putting together our budget to be perfectly transparent. It's going to be a very challenged budget. Having said that, there are a number of recommendations in this task force report that are operational, cultural, and some with leverage existing opportunities to exist in the county.

Leonard: All you're committing to is directing the staff to develop a detailed plan of how we would implement the directions.

Adams: We have no one signed up to testify. Is there anyone, though, that has been involved with this process that violently objects to anything that has been said thus far and feels the need to rebut or is there any issue that has not been discussed that you want to raise? I just have an eye on the clock there. Since no one is signed up and there's no one else in the room that wishes to testify and there's no further council discussion, Karla, would you please call the roll?

Fritz: This is excellent work. Thank you, commissioner Leonard. I appreciate knowing that this work has gone on. Thank you very much to all the citizens and staff who have been involved in this. It's a fine report I found very interesting, and I look forward to ongoing work on it. Aye.

Fish: Commissioner Leonard, I want to single you out for your leadership on this. We have come to expect reports that you are shepherding through council like this to be of a very high quality, appreciate the work and leadership that you've shown, appreciate the collaboration with chair we'll - - wheeler. There's a lot of services where people don't know where the county orsy provides it, but they need the service. I especially appreciate that, during these tough economic times, you're taking the lead in looking at ways we can slab brat and get things done in different ways. We can have the debate someday about whether we're going back to city/county consolidation. Without the consolidation, we can certainly date better, do coordination better.

*****: [laughter]

Fish: This I ink is an example of where we work best together with a shared problem. I was going to remind chair wheeler, but the mayor was giving me a dirty eye that we didn't want to consume anymore time, but we gave him a lot of courtesy and respect today, so when you and I present tomorrow, we expect the same courtesy.

Leonard: Right.

Fish: This is really an extent product and has been a very constructive discussion. I'm pleased to accept the report and vote aye.

Saltzman: I want to thank commissioner Leonard and chair wheeler for spearheading this effort and all the task force members. I think there are some approaches -- a lot of ins that need to be thought out, but I think overall it's in the right direction. Pleased to support this. Aye.

Leonard: I would be remiss not to acknowledge the hard work that sue and the task force -- this is a subject not unlike when one goes similar to having a discussion about religion or abortion, and I don't say that lightly. This is usually not people that are ambivalent on the subject of animals. They are driven to become quite emotional and, in some cases, beyond emotional. I got a lot of emails, a full range, of what I just described coming through the emails. And so I am just personally committed to not allow this to be one more identification of what the problems are in Portland and Multnomah county to be shelved. For whatever it's worth, I will not rest until these recommendations are implemented, and I realize that it's one of probably one of the most thankless

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tasks people can do to try to figure out how to get people to pay taxes, but they don't want to pay to do the kinds of things we're going to need to do to address a lot of concerns commissioner Saltzman rose. But i'm committed to making that happen. I've also committed to making sure we work out of a more respectful place not only for the animals but for yourself. I've thought in terms of bonds and levies -- levies, and there's nothing i'm dismissing out of hand to create a place that reflects the values of our community that we have as a shelter. I can't put it any better than that. Both of those things I am personally committed to making sure happen. So I appreciate all the work everybody's done. It has been very trying to do what you've done, and now we're going to go to this phase and hopefully all of you will keep in touch to make sure we do it right and then see you back here in June when we come up with our recommendations. Thank you, aye.

Adams: Commissioner Leonard, gate job. Chair wheeler, thanks for the great partnership. To the committee and staff, thank you. This is really the bureau of revenue's day. Lots of hard work coming forward. Appreciate it. Aye. All right. That gets us to item number -- why don't we do the items that were pulled from concept. Item 120 first.

Item 120.

Adams: I needed to pull this from the consent agenda for a technical change to delete and insert the proper wording at the request the state of Oregon. So it's a technical change, and i'd entertain a motion.

Leonard: So moved.

Fish: Seconded.

Adams: Moved and seconded. Can you call the vote?

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye.

Adams: Aye. We are voting on the main motion. No one wants to testify. There's no council discussion. Can you please call the roll?

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye.

Adams: Aye. We also then had item number 130.

Item 130.

Saltzman: This is an authorizing bureau of environmental services to go to bid to expand the capacity of the Columbia Boulevard treatment plant, which is really the treatment plant for sewage in Portland. To exchange this capacity by 150 million gallons a day in order to accommodate the east side big pipe and all the other complements of the combined double flow project coming online. This has been reviewed by d.e.q. And approved. The money is budgeted in d.e.s. To pay for this, so this is authorizing to go to bid on this. We estimate the cost to be about \$9.4 million.

Adams: And --

Fritz: I had a question. I had other questions, but given the late hour, i'll hold on. I was wondering what is a wet weather screening?

Saltzman: I was afraid you were going to ask that. Wet weather generally means dealing with storm water, storm events where it rains. I believe this has -- I think it's -- the vernacular really applies to major expansion of the Columbia Boulevard treatment plant. I can't tell you what the screening aspect means.

Fritz: Ok. We tried to find out from staff.

Leonard: We have somebody who can.

*******:** I'm the engineer on that project.

Adams: Please have a seat and give us your first and last name.

Vu Han, Bureau of Environmental Services: Good morning. My name is Vu Han, and i'm one of the engineers in the bureau of environmental services. You had a question about what was screening facility. It is a facility with mechanical screens to remove floatables and big solids out of the waste water stream before it gets down to the primary and secondary treatment process at the

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waste water treatment plant. It is big steel screens, seven feet by 10 feet, and there are four of these to be installed.

Saltzman: Was I right about explaining what wet weather means?

Han: Wet weather means mostly rain water, nonsanitary flow.

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

Fritz: Thanks, commissioner Saltzman.

Fish: We wish every presentation was that succinct.

Fritz: And also that every project with the series we've been having from the bureau of environmental services have been very well done. We're putting people to work, getting these things done and putting these things out for contract. I was he especially pleased to see that it's at the optimal level of cost.

Adams: So this is a nonemergency. It moved to a second reading. That gets us to regular agenda item 131. Could you please announce it?

Moore-Love: Did you want to do the 11:00 time certain?

Adams: I'm sorry. Let's do the 11:00 time certain.

Items 116 and 117.

Andrew Aebi, Bureau of Transportation: Commissioner Fritz, it's a privilege to have you consider this item. Let's go ahead and move through the presentation. Just to give you an overview of where deltawood is north of the columbia slough and east of interstate 5, and just wanted to give you a geographical overview of where deltawood is. We received one remonstrance from the 42 acceptable properties in both of the l.i.d.s. The map is the same in terms of the boundary and properties included. The owner of the property that remonstrated is the southernmost property shaded in orange there at the entrance to deltawood and the property owner again submitted a remonstrance again the formation of both l.i.d.s. None of the other property owners remonstrated. Just wanted to give you a financial overview. Karla, I have some hard copies of the presentation if you want to pass them out while i'm going through this. Currently the deltawood homeowners association pays all of the water and sewer bills for the entire neighborhood. Recently the deltawood h.o.a. Increased their monthly dues by \$80.10 a month. It's my understanding that \$60 of that increase was related to utility bills and the other \$20 a month was for repair of the existing private water and sewer systems that are failing. The city entered into a repayment agreement with the deltawood homeowners association of the 24-month repayment plan, no interest. I'm pleased to report that the deltawood h.o.a. Has made their first two of 24 payments and are on track to getting this back bill paid off. What we have now is we have a water and sewer bill that's being put up 42 ways and it's up to the h.o.a. To collect that from everybody. They'll have the back bill paid off in november 2010. The intent is not to assess either of these l.i.d.s earlier than december of 2010, so assuming that deltawood pays on track to pay off the back bill, they would not then incur the financial obligation for the l.i.d. Until after that back bill is paid off. Most importantly, when both l.i.d.s are completed, each resident will have control over his or her own water and sewer bill, and the h.o.a. Won't be in a position of having to collect the money and divide it among everybody. So that's an important conservation aspect that we can now introduce to deltawood. I kind of wanted to run through the cash flows a little bit. The deltawood residents certainly know the value of a dollar. This is a difficult decision for them to move forward with the l.i.d. The bureau of environmental services is offering partial funding through the party line sewer program council approved last year. Most of the cost of both l.i.d.s, the only exception being right-of-way, are capped by the water bureau and bureau of environmental services. Cash cap is something we unfortunately are not able to be offered for most but are for this l.i.d. If you look at the average monthly payment for both of these l.i.d.s, for the party l.i.d., it would be 91.68 a month to finance over 20 years based on current interest rates subject to change, a similar figure for sewers, \$6.003. \$151.71 if you add those up. The water usage in deltawood is higher than comparable neighborhoods. That I estimate the

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household savings would be \$9.10 a month. If you take the \$15, back out the \$9.10 a month, if the deltawood h.o.a. Were to roll back the \$80 a month increase for the back bill and repair costs upon completion of the l.i.d., in theory the net cash flow out-of-pocket would be \$62.51 to the property owners for both l.i.d.s combined. So city staff have worked very, very hard to try to make these l.i.d.s as affordable as possible for the property owners. I just want to note there is some private plumbing in this estimate. My understanding that the sanitary sewer comes in the back door and the b.e.s. Will likely be moving that to the front door. I recapped the remonstrances for you. I did want to bring council's attention to a notification error, the first i've seen in my tenure with the city.

There was a data entry error where one digit was misentered. Much to my surprise, the property owner in gresham didn't call me ask -- call me up to ask why he was getting a bill for deltawood. Prove of registry came from the auditor's office. I sent a letter and made two phone calls. The property owner didn't return any of my phone calls. I did get a return receipt on february 6th, so I know she got a copy of the letter. We've been sending her correspondence for two years, so neither one of these projects should be a surprise to her. Council has the full prerogative, if it so wishes, to continue this hearing or to delay the second reading. My recommendation is to move forward with the second reading next week. The residents -- residents are quite anxious to move ahead. So the recommendation again is to approve both projects next week and to move forward. -- next week and to move forward. Two of the 42 properties are currently in bang foreclosure -- bank foreclosure, and I have notified the banks that we are planning to move forward with these individuals and that I have not heard anything from either one of them. And then I also just wanted to note that one of the things that I have to do was local improvement district administrator is to evaluate financial feasibility, i.e. The ability of these properties to repay their obligations with the l.i.d. The ratio of both l.i.d.s, the ratio of evaluation to assessment is 6.71. Having said that, if there are any defaults on the l.i.d. Payments, then that obligation would go with the responsible bureau. So before I turn it over to properly owner testimony, mayor Adams, I do have emails from two property owners and understand I have a third email from another property owner, and i'll make sure you get copies of that after today but before the second reading. Here are copies of the written testimony from two property owners. I'll let Karla pass those out. And last but not least, I just want to read you two quick things from exhibit f that I think might help you in making a decision. I got an email on october 23rd, 2007, from lorna of deltawood, h.o.a. President, who is with us today. She said we have two areas with slow water leaks, currently the area by our gertz road entrance, now providing us with a lovely pool. We had the plumber out last week who let us know both leakages are beyond glue and tape. I also just wanted to read for your attention or call to your attention rather the deltawood phase two l.i.d -- I got an email from b.e.s. On february 26th, 2007. There was also a leak and overflow of sewage last week. So I think there is a real dire need to get these improvements constructed, and I recommend council move forward with passage of both ordinances. Thank you.

Adams: Any questions for andrew?

Fritz: I'm wondering about the price confidence level being low as a reason for not being sure of how much it's going to cost.

Aebi: One of the things that we changed with the l.i.d. Process when we did some changes in 2003 was to try to minimize the amount of upfront engineering we did. We found we were doing a lot of very expensive engineering to put together plans that would wind up on the shelf if the property owners didn't want to move forward with l.i.d.s. One tradeoff of that is that we go into it with a loss less confidence. I can tell you that, in my tenure as l.i.d. Administrator, with respect to street projects, i've never had to come back to anybody and ask for more money than what we estimated in the beginning. We built in a contingency to allow for unknowns. Even forsake of argument the costs go up, there is a cost cap for the cost and the l.i.d. So the deltawood residents get the benefit of that. Obviously that's a risk to the bureau. But the other thing to keep in mind as we put these

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two l.i.d.s together to offer maximum flexibility, they can move forward with water or sewer. It was pretty clear from the feedback I got that the residents want to do both. I would expect, just from my project management experience, that there should be the opportunity for real cost savings by moving forward on both of these l.i.d.s together and maybe even constructing them at the same time. That's something for water and b.e.s. To figure out.

Fritz: So it's a cost overrun for b.e.s.? Does that come out of sewer rates from everybody else?

Aebi: Yes.

Adams: Any other questions for andrew? Thank you, andrew. Your usual good presentation.

Moore-Love: We have four signed up.

Adams: Good afternoon. Welcome to the city council. Give us your first and last name, and there will be three minutes counting down on that clock in front of you.

Ken Schoggins: Good afternoon, commissioners and mayor. My name is ken scoggins and I am a relatively new resident to delta park. I just wanted to show up here today to give my voice of support to andrew and his entire staff, all the hard work they have done over the last year and a half that i've been present there and to encourage you to move swiftly on this to get us to the next phase. This is a small little community. We do appreciate you actually for recognizing there are little pockets all over Portland. We're really not just out there by ourselves, but we do appreciate your encouragement. We also know, in order to continue the sustainability our neighborhood, these are requirements for the long-term livable environment in which we would like to raise our families. And so, again, all I wanted to say again is thank you very much for your time, and these guys have done a great job, and please accept it and move on.

Adams: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Neal Ruckman: Hi. My name is neil ruckman -- neil ruckman. I'm also a homeowner in this little neighborhood. I got there in a peak time when it was transferring from first-time homeowners, buyers, that sort of thing. It's a very modest neighborhood, and I moved in there even though I knew about the water issues, the big backfill that was basically built up because other people didn't take responsibility for the neighborhood and just let it climb, and here we are taking responsibility for that back bill and taking responsibility for the neighborhood. We're here. We're asking for this help. We can't afford it, but we can't afford not to either. It is just that critical. I think, because of the financial nature of the neighborhood, any inkling of having to spend more money is a big deterrent, and people react to that rather than thinking through the entire process and seeing the benefits down the road in the bigger picture. We would have a higher compliance or approve value for much more of the residents. The neighborhood has shifted. It used to be pretty crime and nuisance and drug ridden, and I have seen very little of that since i've moved in there. So I just encourage you to approve this and get it going. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you very much. Hi.

Lorna Baxter: Hi. I'm lorna baxter, the president of the deltawood h.o.a. And I appreciate you listening to us today on this project. I'm not going to elaborate too much over what andrew has said. He gave a lot of good information. Of course we are main li -- mainly now homeowner occupied in the 42 homes. Our common area which links us together has been the water and sewer well, sharing one water meter. So we have that, and then we have a small parkland area that links us together. This of course requires that we have a management company that helps us to manage our finances and also help in monitoring the need for repairs and things like that. Right now, our calls have come. They're more often in regards to the water and sewer pipes. They're cracking and breaking. It seems it all happened at the same time. I guess it's because of the frozen ground and cold winter, but they're all now talking all at once. They had different kinds of wrapping and temporary types of fixes. So, with this, I look at this situation, and of course our costs are more than the average water bill. Right now it's because of our deficit that we're all paying back. And I see that, with the repairs that need to happen right away that, without this project, without the l.i.d.

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Project, the homeowners would all be strapped with a phenomenal bill. You folks would know more than the average homeowner in my area about the costs of such a situation. But we in no way could replace all of the sewer and water piping and be able to afford that. I imagine most contractors want their money up front and wouldn't allow us a payment plan whatsoever. The city of Portland has been gracious in allowing us a forgivable amount on our deficits. And looking at the I.i.d. Project and our payment plan, that's the most feasible way that I could see to be able to do this project. Yes, there are poor homeowners in the area but, as it stood right now, there would be no way for them to be able to pay for this water and sewer bill as it stands and repair. What would happen is what I see linking with the I.i.d. Project is that the city water and sewer bureau have, for low-income homeowners, programs and plans to aid in that, and also they're giving as time period to be able to pay this back. I really appreciate the city's assistance and really hope that you will consider our plea.

Adams: Thank you very much for your testimony today.

Fritz: Thank you so much for coming in and reminding us all that the city provides services to citizens and often we do it as publish/private partnerships. I know this will be a burden to pay for this, but it is improving your neighborhood, and thank you for coming to talk to us.

Adams: Who else signed up? Give us your first and last name.

Karen Jayann Sturtevant: My first name is actually karen. I go by my middle name. Last name sturdevant. I would like to thank you, guys, for considering us. This is a very small community of 42 homes sharing all one water meter. That means one person has a home and there's a single person in that home paying the same amount as somebody who's got a home with six people living in it, which is not fair to that single person at all. The water bills greatly have a different amount of usage there, and it depends on if the home has a dishwasher or not, all kinds of things that are considered in that area. We're just -- we're striving at this point to do a lot different changes. I've been there since june of 2005. We have gotten rid of a lot of drug usage, done a lot to clean up the area. As soon as I moved in, I was immediately almost elected onto the board because of the fact that the person I bought my home from was previous president of the board. And she kind of carried over for years because nobody else wanted to be on it. We've established a full board, incorporated a neighborhood watch committee. We've done a lot to try to get the area up. Like neil had said, now it's predominantly an owner-occupied area where it used to be a big rental area. So there's a lot of people that are coming in and trying to get this area built up. Besides it being a low-income area, they're trying to do something -- this is an area where they can buy normally, but the water issue does create a big hardship on everybody. At this point, I don't know how else we could get it managed down there. Thank you.

Adams: Congratulations on the success thus far. Hi.

Forrest Festner: Hello. My name is forrest heffner, and I haven't even gotten a chance to move in yet. I've been doing some remodels. I purchased a house that was finalized a few months ago. It's kind of unfortunate that a lot of things -- i'm a first-time homeowner. The hole community was kind of like what I could afford on my own. The only thing I knew about it was we had shared water and sewer. And so i'm like, well, ok. That's kind of strange. And that's all I was told about it. And so, after I signed my papers to move in, then I find out about this big headache everyone has been going through. So i'm kind of -- this past water bill and everything, I go from what I thought I was going to be paying -- and all my bills doubled before I even moved in except the past water -- but I agree with them totally that we definitely need to have it all modernized just from what i've seen in two months, water is always running down the road when there hasn't been any rain. I can tell that the bill is really big because of all the pipes that have been breaking. A lot of water has been wasting. My particular yard has a manhole in the backyard, and they were talking about the sewer overflow. It happens right in my backyard, and it happened last week. I've battling with lots of this stuff, and there's water under my house that i'm dealing with also right now. So i'm

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hoping that they can come in and hopefully not put it on the back burner and they really go ahead with this before the pipes continue to disintegrate on us. I think it will improve the whole neighborhood a lot. 'Cause being another new homeowner, we're all wanting to fix it up and make it a nice community.

Adams: Thank you for your testimony. Appreciate it very much. Anyone else who wishes to testify? Any other discussion from council?

Fritz: This goes to second reading. Right? We'll vote next week. I was elected promising to provide basic services in all 95 neighborhoods. I'm going to add those that are not part of it, a recognized neighborhood association, because this is a wonderful project, and you're all to be commended for working so hard on it.

Adams: Moves to a second reading, both items, and that gets us, I believe, to 131.

Item 131.

Patty Rueter, Office of Emergency Management: Good morning. Patty Irwin. Patty Rueter from the offices of emergency management. I'm just here to answer questions. We all have found, by going to our first part of the contract, that there were a lot of questions still left to be attended to on this five-county regional coordination project. The outcome of this research and coordination would be to be able to plan together, to be able to have a better understanding of what everyone is doing and to be able to have a structure in place that shows how everyone works together from all the counties. So we have found the money in our 2006 grant, and we are at 110,525 and are wanting to move forward with more detail in the development of this project.

Adams: The emergency is necessary because?

Rueter: Because we need to keep going on the process. We have our contractor already starting to work, and they need to be able to continue without delay.

Saltzman: When will this project be complete?

Rueter: May.

Fritz: It's grant funded. It comes from the federal government?

Rueter: Right. Urban area security initiative incorporates five counties: Columbia, Clark, Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah and the city of Portland, and we are trying to make sure that Portland is not an island, that we work in conjunction with all of the counties so that we help them, they help us in any kind of disaster, and that we are -- we have incorporated all of our capabilities.

Adams: Any other discussion from council? Anyone signed up to testify?

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

Adams: Is there anyone in the room that would like to testify on item number 131? Unless there's further discussion, Karla, will you call the roll?

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

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

Leonard: Great job.

Adams: Item 132.

Item 132.

Jerrell Gaddis, Bureau of Human Resources: Good afternoon. My name is Jerrell Gattis. I'm with the bureau of human -- bureau of human reorganizations, and I'm representing BOAC. The ordinance is for an additional work schedule for the dispatchers. Let me provide you with some background on this work schedule. This is a work schedule that was derived from the last negotiations in 2006 in which a committee was created called the retention -- recruitment and retention committee. Part of that committee was to identify issues in recruitment and retention. They looked at how to maintain the current staff and recruit. What they found is we only had three shifts with employees to choose from. This shift creates a more work like the -- and now it's been operating a year.

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Saltzman: These shifts are 11-hour shifts?

Gaddis: That is correct.

Fritz: I have a question about the difference in estimation of residential impact.

Gaddis: The o.m.f. Looked at it as no increase. The bureau of communication looked at it as an increase. And so what I wanted to do was make sure that both sides of the issue was presented.

The answer is, yes, there is. There is.

Fritz: A financial impact?

Gaddis: Yes. The financial impact can be up to \$14,500. Yes.

Saltzman: Per year?

Gaddis: Yes, per year.

Saltzman: In additional overtime?

Gaddis: Yes.

Adams: Other council discussion? Thank you. Is there anyone that would like to testify on item 132?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Adams: All right. It is an emergency. Please call the roll.

Fritz: Well, it may increase overtime, and we're going to have a discussion about overtime in emergency communications and in the meantime I recognize there's a lot of good work done with good negotiation, so I vote aye.

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

Adams: Aye.

*****: Thank you all.

Adams: Item 133.

Item 133.

Adams: This is to allow in the bureau of transportation an inclement weather team that -- inclement weather team that we required to postpone their scheduled vacation and holiday leave. For those that have a maximum of two years and therefore cannot carry over any of the excess of two years to allow one-time disgeneration for a specific group of people for which we're required to work through the storm and their otherwise scheduled holidays. How is that for -- is that all right?

*****: That's excellent, mayor.

Fish: Seconded.

*****: Ok. Good.

Leonard: I like how you're thinking.

Adams: Any questions of our esteemed staff from the city council?

Leonard: We voted on a similar thing recently, so we all understand why.

Adams: Anyone in the room who would like to testify? Karla, please call the roll.

Fritz: Thank you for waiting patiently all morning so we could say "thank you." aye.

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

Adams: Aye. Item 134, second reading and vote only.

Item 134.

Adams: Please call the roll.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Adams:** Aye. Item 135, second reading, vote only.

Item 135.

Adams: Please call the roll.

Fritz: Despite the late hour, i'm going to reiterate why this is really a wonderful thing, that it's going to bring at least \$600,000 of additional revenue every year thanks to the great work of our staff, including david olson. And it was an amicable settlement that avoided litigation and had the support of our community partners' contacts, so I vote yes.

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Fish: I have a lengthy speech i'd like to read that I have cleared with commissioner Fritz, but I will suspend it and congratulation commissioner Fritz on her work. Aye.

Saltzman: I'm pleased to vote to support this. I want to acknowledge ben walters as well as david olson. Good work everybody. Aye.

Leonard: Aye.

Adams: Aye. Good work. We are adjourned until 2:00 p.m. when we have the safety recognition day awards.

At 12:27 p.m., Council recessed.

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Adams: Good afternoon, welcome to the 13th annual leadership and safety awards. We are very pleased to be here as your colleagues on the city council to help recognize both team efforts and individual efforts in safety. For me this issue is not only a matter of the recognition is not only a matter of what it means to be a good commissioner in charge, it's also personal. I lost a grandfather to an on the job accident. He was a lineman for montana power. And so for me and my family, this is personal. And it is for a lot of families as part of the city work force as well. So we're really excited to give you the recognition that you've earned and deserved, and we're going to start with the office of management and finance. And if I could have nurse laura herring come forward.
[applause]

Adams: Congratulations. Nurse laura worked to expand and improve the city's annual flu shot program. Every fall she coordinates and conducts numerous clinics throughout the city to dispense vaccination and this year alone helped prepared 2100 employees to safely weather the flu season. Also during the past year she was inviewpointal in advocating that the shots be provided at no cost to city employees. Thank you for your dedication, hard work. It is true commissioner Fish cried during his shot?

Laura Herring, Office of Management and Finance: Absolutely not.

Adams: Congratulations. Would you like to say a word?

Herring: It's just a pleasure to be able to provide that kind of service to my fellow employees at the city. Thank you. [applause]

Adams: If I could have the o.m.f. Safety committee please come forward. Theresa green, carol timper, gary baldwin, lonnie turner, john tomlin, doug stickler, and nicole gillfoy, and paul wallman. The office of management and finance recognizes their safety committee for its efforts and contributions to ensure safe and health workplace during the past year the group developed euro specific safety inspection checklists completed quarterly safety inspections, completed an online bureauwide earthquake preparedness promotion, evaluated workplace injuries and illnesses and attended the citywide safety committee conference. Thank you for your very, very good work. Appreciate it. [applause]

Adams: Will bob ochs please come forward? Hi, bob. Bob is here on behalf of his comembers of the bureau of technology services safety committee to receive the recognition of appreciation. The bureau of safety committee is a recent formation, an expansion of what was once just limited to the communications network department safety committee over the past year the group restructured the committee to represent employees throughout b.t.s. And worked hard providing all the -- revising all the existing programs to cover the entire bureau thank you very much, bob. [applause] city fleet would like to recognize frank hoffert and rob spea. Please come forward. Hi, gentlemen. Frank and rob designed, fabricated, and installed bike safety guards on a variety of trucks in the Portland department of transportation maintenance operations. Modeled after the rear trailer undercarriage protectors on semi trailers to prevent rear-striking cars from being wedged under the trailer, they're affixed as a skirt along the right side of the truck between the front and rear wheels in the event of a right turn collision with a bicyclist, which sadly we've had some. The guard will help prevent the

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rider from being pulled under and wedged beneath the truck. We might have had some in the city of Portland, but never a city truck. And this will help ensure that never happens. Thank you very much. [applause] Steve Lieben traffic crew leader is being recognized for being a safety leader. Steve made it his responsibility to identify needed traffic markings and signage in the bureau's work yard, obtained approval, and installed the markings and signage. His dedication and leadership has resulted in a much safer workplace when operating large service vehicles in equipment and inventory yards. Thank you, Steve. [applause] This team's work was put to the test this year. If I could have Ken Bedel, Michellene Washington, Peggy Patterson, Venr -- Vernell Warren, Mike Kucia, Ray Gawthorne, Richard Smith, Michael Williams, Eldon Farlow, Cory Long, Glen Swenson, David Crabtree. They are the snow and ice training team: [applause] this team is recognized for safety leadership today because of its exceptional training on working safely during snow, ice, and flood, as a result, employees at the bureau are prepared and knowledgeable about how to conduct safety operations during dangerous adverse weather conditions. And we've had too many already, but I guess the forecast calls for the possibility of snow and ice next week. So I hope we're ready. I think we will be with your good work. Thank you very much. Congratulations. [applause] Would Keith Orr please come forward? The maintenance operations safety committee nominated Keith Orr, traffic electrical supervisor, for safety recognition because he's actively served on the committee for many years, maintenance operations is very appreciative and wants to formally offer its thanks and gratitude on for his caring and dedication, and so do we on the city council. Congratulations, Keith. [applause] Karl Warren -- Daryl Warren. The maintenance and operations safety committee also nominated Daryl Warren for recognition as an unsung hero. Darryl is a utility worker one, but more important, he demonstrates a quiet but constant commitment to making sure that our street maintenance system works safely. He not only models commitment to employee safety, but also teaches others and kindly insists that the crews conduct themselves in a safe way. Thank you for keeping us all focused on going home safely to our families each night. Congratulations. [applause] Randy Johnson. In recognition of the Portland bureau of transportation maintenance operation for achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2008, against an average of the previous three fiscal years in the following categories, general liability, 8%. Fleet liability, 28%. Workers' compensation, 4%, on behalf of the bureau, the public works division, you are getting the significant loss reduction award. Congratulations very much, Randy. [applause] Good job. Would Mark Freedman, Patti Peterson, and Shelley Knezevich, recognition for the Portland bureau of transportation's parking enforcement safety committee, for designing a safety suggestion form to solicit concerns and ideas from staff, a key feature of the new form is a section for recording management response and actions to better ensure follow-through. Updating safety kits for scooters and vehicles used by parking enforcement officers and abandoned auto staff, arranging slips, trips, falls, classes for the parking enforcement staff, analyzing a variety of safety and ergonomic issues associated with using the scooters. Mark, Patti and Shelley, you are getting the certificate of appreciation for the improvements you've made for the parking enforcement division in terms of safety. Thank you very much. [applause]

Saltzman: Good afternoon. I'm Davenport Street -- Dan Saltzman, and our first recognition is for the sworn personnel safety committee. Officer Gary Manegan, Officer Kevin Frazier, Criminalist Joel Mann, Detective Pandora Parks, Officer Rick Deland, Officer Andrew Edgecomb, Mike Palmer, Elise Worland, and Laura Herring. This is a recognition of the Portland Police Bureau Sworn Personnel Safety Committee for its continued efforts to ensure safety and health in the workplace and for officers out on the street. So please join me in expressing your appreciation for the sworn safety committee. [applause] This is for significant reduction in losses. Chief Sizesser? I think going to accept this award on the behalf of the bureau. The Portland Police Bureau has achieved significant reduction of losses during the fiscal year 2008 against an average of the previous three fiscal years in the following categories. General liability is down 16%. Workers' compensation, down 14%.

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So congratulations to you. Keep up the good work. [applause] now on to the bureau of environmental services. The construction and design safety committee. Gary hodge, janet strahl, lori allen, scott gibson, julie suor, dan bangle, nile choate, phil choate, blair bean, pat darby, stephen hawkins, rick mccoey, joe panis, and teresa waters. We're happy to recognize the bureau of environmental services construction and design safety committee for their continued efforts to improve the bureau's systems for managing construction safety. The committee has developed safety-related policies, contract language, and training recommendations in an effort to make the bureau of environmental services construction projects safer places for citizens, contractor workers, and city employees. Thank you all very much. [applause]

Saltzman: The next recognition is the bureau of environmental services field construction safety committee. Dan bangle again, veronica ferguson, jim schiller, dean wendt, terry tice, pat nagle, and scott mackenzie. This is for the field construction safety committee. This committee is focused on hazards that inspector and technicians face on construction sites. They have taken steps to reduce and control hazards in some of the most dangerous work locations in the city. [applause] next recognition is for the bureau of environmental services material testing laboratory safety committee.

Cynthia tripplett, sheri dafineaus, paul schuberg, neil bruesch, and julie suor. This committee, the bureau of environmental services materials testing laboratory safety committee, was formed this year to focus on specific hazards and concerns that bureau employees face at the materials testing laboratory. The group was instrumental in addressing hazards at the laboratory and making it a safer place to work. Significant contributions to attaining the chart status in 2008, which I think we'll be talking about later, for construction field operations, and completing activities set forth by the criteria. [applause] the bureau of environmental services pollution prevention group safety committee, mike hauser, jennifer shack elford, bethany nabhan, chris jackson, john mcgregor, paul schuberg, dan van meter, randy belston, dallas fowler, chuck lytle, and brett holstrom. This is straightforward recognition of the b.e.s. Pollution prevention group safety committee, which i'm sure is doing good things throughout the entire bureau. Thank you all. [applause] next is the wastewater group. That includes mike ciolli, trahn tran, mark mitchell, chris bamford, bob browning, dean tran, scott norris, paula abdul schuberg, andrew knight, armon kohlman, cliff meier, randy tomsik, jim sander son, ron lair hillen that and steve deatherrage. Their major accomplishment, keeping meetings focus kentucky derby task assignments completed at a month-to-month 75% rate. In spite of what's -- good job of keeping meetings focused. [applause] our next recognition is for the bureau of environmental services east side tunnel construction -- combined sewage overflow project safety committee. Tunnel safety committee. Pat darby, neil choate, paul weisheit, gary irwin, melisa diede, gerryer and sorntion mike lombardi, and com corry. This recognizes the joint efforts of the east side combined sewage overflow tunnel project safety committee, which is comprised of employees from the city of Portland, key witness, our prime contractor, and the saif corporation. Some of the accomplishments achieving an osha rate of 2.83 per 100 workers. The severity rate of 57 cents per \$100 of payroll. As compared to the state average of \$7.74 for all contractors doing similar work. Only current construction project in Oregon to be recognized in osha's elite volunteer protection program and the first city project to report safety statistics to a citizens' oversight committee. Congratulations for keeping us safe. [applause] scott gibson, do you want to come back up? The bureau of environmental services recognizes scott gibson for his safety management efforts. As the principal engineer for the design services group, scott has made a strong commitment to the overall safety program of b.e.s. Engineering services. He has served as an active member on three of the bureau's safety committees, made safety a focus for his staff, and has taken steps to develop and incorporate new safety standards and to -- into contract documents for several bureau projects. We thank scott for the efforts he's made to significant improvements to our safety program. [applause] this is our unsung hero award. Scott mackenzie. Is scott here? The bureau of environmental services

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recognizes scott mackenzie as an unsung hero for his efforts to make safety a priority on the projects that he works on. As an inspector he works closely with contractors and teams to ensure worker and public safety. For instance, early one morning before work started, scott drove by a job site and noticed a shopping cart near a large excavator. Rather than dismiss the cart's presence, he forked the contractor's crew and urged them to inspect in the area. They discovered a citizen hidden, asleep beneath the excavator's trap mechanism. Had the citizen not been found, he may have been crushed when the excavator was started. A great example of a dedicated employee. [applause] and neil choate, come on back up. The bureau of environmental services recognizes neil choate for his safety leadership efforts. Neil has provided safety leadership for b.e.s. Since 1995. Working first as an inspector and advancing to the position of inspection supervisor where he ensures the safety of 23 city construction inspectors who report to him. Neil has served on several bureau safety committees and chaired design and construction safety committee for three years. He has helped develop safety language for contract specifications and bureau policies, most notable, since he became the supervisor in 2001, the inspection group has not had a lost time accident. Neil's leadership has played a large part in accomplishing this excellent record. Great work, neil. [applause] randy belston. Randy? Ok. The bureau of environmental services recognizes randy belston for his safety leadership as a member of the water pollution control lab's safety committee, randy has presented a prejob planning presentation for the bureau and the city's annual safety committee conference, conducted topside confined space rescue training, and coordinating with the fire bureau rescue personnel, performed textbook-perfect hazard analysis and traffic control planning with his crew, conducted well-executed, confined space entries which is sometimes performed over a dozen times daily. Simply put, randy's attention to detail, especially in potentially hazardous tasks, is exemplary and much valued. Thank you. [applause] and then dean marriott, bureau director, is going to accept this award. This is for significant reduction in losses. This is in recognition of b.e.s. For achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2008 against an average for the three previous fiscal years in the following category. Fleet liability has been reduced by 40%. So here to receive this award is the bureau's director, dean marriott. [applause] **Fritz:** Good afternoon, i'm amanda Fritz, and the end of this morning's council meeting, which went quite long, commissioner Leonard said he was unable to be here this afternoon due to unforeseen circumstances. If I had had more than six weeks experience of politician, I might have said something like, I know how much you care about your bureau, you must be very disappointed. Instead I said, "oh, good, can I give out your awards?" we don't as citizens or elected officials often have this opportunity to thank you for all the work that you do. And especially for the safe work that you do, and as a nurse for 27 years, I know that safety is intentional, it doesn't just happen. I'm pleased to give out the awards for the bureau of development services. First the bureau recognizes denise kleim for her safety leadership. Denise is a key champion and support for safety and wellness in the bureau. Her efforts this past year include overseeing the 4th avenue crosswalk project to ensure employee and citizens safe access to the building. Initiating the new safety incentive program, and promoting and supporting september employee preparedness month activities. Thank you, denise, for your commitment. [applause] the bureau of development services recognizes shukria quereshi.

Shukria Quereshi, Bureau of Development Services: Shukria quereshi here.

Fritz: These dill expwrent proactive about scheduling inspections, promoting and administering the award program, doing research and logistical follow-up for safety commission action items and employee safety suggestions, keeping all our driving ement employees current on their defensive driving classes, and performing coworkers with creativity, energy, and enthusiasm and total commitment. Thank you so much. [applause] in the category of significant reduction in losses, the bureau of development services has -- is recognizing director paul scarlet for achieving significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2008 against an average of the previous three fiscal years in

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the following categories. Fleet liability, 50% reduction. Thank you so much, paul. [applause] and then we have the bureau of development services safety committee for its work during 2008. Kathy saunders, jim nicks, kyliam hammon, rickey thomas, audrey eyo nyong edwards, mike liefelled, jamaal folsom, ruth shriber, denise kleim, and shukria qureshi. Highlights include coordinating training, health and fitness and emergency preparedness, providing employees with flu shots and blood screenings and completing the safe pedestrian crosswalk at the 1900 building. Thank you, team. [applause]

Fritz: This is for the interstate safety committee, the bull run safety committee, and the Portland building safety committee. This is for the water bureau. The three safety committees in the water bureau. If I could have everyone come up. For the interstate safety committee, jim anderson, jason gainor, andrew heinsch, randy lawyer, john robinson, larry griffiths, michael houston, tim mcgwire, charles smith, bill dyer, jeff guard, randy kane, mike pop, eric, russ, dave kendall, and bill preston. I think we'll do that set first. This is also for the work of the whole committee in ensuring a safe and healthy workplace. Many then we have the bull run safety committee, which is advertisement grantdle, alan boschee, brews bulick, robert alter, josh jeffrey, craig mcmillen, richseright, steve schenk, randy kane, and rick ehlert. This again is in recognition for their ongoing safety committee. [applause] finally, the Portland building safety committee at the water bureau. Terry wens, gary egan, jeff guard, mike boyko, mark seeberg, kate leatherbarrow, eric brainich, eric hofelled, chuck buyukas, and chris herzog. This is the Portland building safety committee. [applause] someone just told me I got their last name right. I don't know how many i've said so far, but -- we have derrick johnson. Derrick is a water operations crew leader at the water bureau. He taicts lead in the field each day to make sure she and his crew have what they need to complete their assigned work in a safe work environment. He assures his crew is aware about necessary preparation force daily jobs and that they unthe potential hazards they encounter. He makes sure to prepare his job sites for all aspects of the work to be performed. Some of the things he does to create the safe work site include laying out a well-structured traffic control plan, assuring that locates have identified under the ground infrastructure before digging, using personal protective gear, ensuring excavation is appropriately as need. Derrick has demonstrated the qualities of a good leader to takes safety to heart. Thank you for all you do. [applause] derrick is off working hard as so many of our employees do all the time. Would jodi burlin come to the front? On behalf of the head work operations, sandy river station security group, management emergency team, the -- this is long, but it's worth hearing. The water bureau's education program takes great care to be prepared to respond to any first aid events that occur in the isolated bull run watershed. It's remote locate indication offers numerous challenges for emergency response. There's limited communication, multiple secured areas and difficult terrain. Many resources have been invested to make plans and provide resources that water bureau hopes never to use. This past summer there was a sudden medical emergency that put the bureau's emergency action plan to the test. A participant of the bureau's watershed touring program suffered severe heart problems. Jodi, the bureau's educator guiding the tour, and lauren hallway, the bus driver, acted quickly to assess the situation, calm the patient and other participants, and travel quickly to find better radio communication. Finally arriving at bear creek house where they assessed -- accessed a phone line. Upon hearing the radio communications, tom zimmerman and todd eberes obtained an automatic defibrillator where they went to the house. Sandy river station employees who by experience are highly skilled at translating even the spottiest of radio calls, quickly dispatched emergency services and timely arrived at the lock entrance in order to admit emergency medical personnel from the city of sandy fire and rescue. Sandy fire and rescue arrived in impressive time and the patient was in professional medical care in less than 45 minutes. Everyone acted quickly and calmly, demonstrating teamwork and resourcefulness that makes all employees proud to be part of Portland water. [applause] would marty fairbrother, josh jeffrey, and dave reynolds please come forward? A crew from the natural resources conservation

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service was on its way to the -- on friday, february 22nd, 2008. When their sno-cat ran out of gas. County sheriff requested the water bureau's assistance in the rescue operation because they knew the bureau had a sno-cat and the bureau's employee were well acquainted with the environment. Josh, who maintains watershed security, acted as the main communications resource for the rescue, marty and dave braved the elements in the bureau sno-cat to deliver fuel, and by the following morning escorted the stranded crew out of the watershed. Portland water bureau is pleased to honor employee who's go above the call of duty to respond to those in need. [applause] with the following people please come forward. Peter niernngarten, tim hall, david schaff, collin english, jason gainor, eric fullan, carla rat piston, sara maier, bill dyer, scott bradway. Particularly bicycles and commercial service vehicles. Last september they staged an event during afternoon rush hour at the memorial coliseum parking lot focusing primarily on and marketed to bicycle commuters. The group gave out flyers, a bureau published d.v.d. On traffic safety and invited participants to sit in its commercial service trucks so they could see for themselves the many blind spots the drivers must cope with. The event was an unqualified success. We thanked this group and for that matter all of our many other employee volunteers that helped on other bike safety projects for their commitment to make our community safe. [applause] now we have the unsung hero award. The bureau is proud to recognize bill dyer as an unsung hero. Bill? Bill has served on the interstate safety committee for four years and on many ad hoc and sanding subcommittees. He is a strong and positive advocate for his coworkers' safety and well-being. Whenever we call for help and volunteers, bill is the first to step up and pitch n we're proud of bill's unwillingness to compromise anyone's health and safety. Thank you, bill. [applause] the water bureau is pleased to recognize bruce bulick as another unsung here oh. Bruce serves on the bull run safety committee and has invested time and effort in making the carpenters' shop at sandy river station a safe workplace. He upgrades the facility's personal protective equipment and championed the purchase of a new saw with sensor technology that triggers a sudden blade stop if it detects flesh. Good: Bruce keeps a fresh eye on bureau work practices and has been constantly -- vigilant identifying and correcting practices that may be unsafe. Thank you, bruce. [applause] and the bureau's final unsung hero is rick ehler. Rick is a member of the bull run safety committee. Rick works at large volumes of caustic soda and ammonia. He is diligent when ensuring proper protective equipment is worn by himself and the delivery truck driver during transfer operations. Rick has color coded and labeled chemical offloading pipes and valves tone sure that there is no confusion and that the proper chemical gets into the proper tank. Rick also performs lab analysis which exposes him to the risk of coming in contact with lab agents. Rick demonstrates his commitment to safety by ensuring that safe testing procedures are followed and that proper personal protective equipment is worn while performing the tests. [applause] the final award in the -- for the water bureau is the significant reduction in losses, which workers direct to -- worker director kelly mulholland will accept. This is in recognition of the water bureau for achieving a significant reduction in losses in fiscal year 2008 against an average of the previous tres fiscal years in the following categories. General liability, 18%. Pleat liability, 8%. And workers' compensation, 7%. This is excellent. Thank you. [applause] and i'm now the council's liaison to the wellness program, so I encourage you all to take part in that program. Thank you again for all of your work. [applause] nwda I have the great privilege of -- .

Fish: I have the great privilege of serving as the parks and recreation commissioner and as hour housing commissioner. I'm not sure why my stack is smaller than everyone else's, but i'm pleased to recognize some folks from Portland parks and rec. Would you please come forward? Greg hauly, paul lacroix, vicki burr well, adam Fisher, mark matos, earl strayly, gary johnson, vince moore p. Barbara uggun, tom henn, peter anthony, lance condray, linda johnson, paul radmaker, p.j. Mcgwire, doug brenner, dan doak, shaun lindsay, and alex salazar. Yes pleased to recognize the

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operations safety committee for developing a safety training checklist for our seasonal maintenance workers. Thank you all. [applause]

Fish: Would the following seven people come forward? Kevin mattias, jennie birt, nancy roth, barbara uggun, sheryl juber, nannette nelson-furman, and lori higgins. In recognition of the bureau's recreation safety committee for its work promoting and enhancing both occupational safety as well as safety for the citizens who visit and/or use our facilities. Thank you very much.

[applause] this is an award for creative solutions. Would abby mack far lane, susan meamber, nancy roth, adam mcgowan, sue cox, and lisa os terberg please come forward?

*****: None of them are here today. They're all out -- our east Portland pool, we're having a senior opening today, so east Portland pool opens on tuesday, the 17th. 106th and main: Come out and see us:

Fish: I think i'll be there. If you will accept this for them n recognition of east Portland community center's pool project for integrating ergonomics into the design of the offices for the new swimming pool. Pp &r staff including the project manager, aaquatics and community center leadership, work together to integrate height adjustable work stations instead of fixed height counters in the office. The new adjustable work stations surfaces allow for easy and ready application of work station ergonomics for seated workers by the mere turn of a crank handle. This far sided feature improves employee comfort and productivity while greatly reducing operational costs involved in adjusting the equipment to the users. There's a tongue twister. Let's have a round of applause for the whole team. [applause] it's my honor to award -- is zari santner here? Director santner? Thank you. This is the significant reduction in losses award. In recognition of Portland parks and recreation for achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2008, against an average of the previous three fiscal years in the following categories. General liability, 33%. Fleet liability, 38%. Those are great numbers. Congratulations. [applause] thank you. And it's my honor to turn it over to commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: I bet everybody in this room can identify with this. You walk into a meeting like this, you get an agenda for the meeting, and then you look and see under special addresses, you're giving a special address. Like oh: But never fear. Because tracy and lonnie who organize these awards did such a great job, I have it right here. Let's take a second to just thank tracy and lonnie for reck niegz all of you. [applause] for all their hard work. On behalf of the bureau of environmental services design and construction division, would dean marriott and neil choate step forward to receive our next recognition? Neil? Today my fellow council members and I are honored to recognize the bureau of environmental services design and construction division for attaining one of the occupational safety and health administrations most prestigious certifications in its safety and health achievement recognition program, also known as sharp. Unfortunately Oregon's osha administrator, michael wood, and osha's sharp program manager, mark hurleman run able to join us today, but they extend their congratulations. To achieve sharp status, the bureau demonstrated exceptional safety and health programs not only in scope, but in application and organizational culture. Few employers in Oregon have achieved sharp status and fewer still are the number of public entities that have achieved this level of safety competency. In fact, about six years ago bureau's waste treatment plant -- wastewater treatment plant was the first sharp certified group in the city of Portland. So we thank the bureau for leading the city as a world class safety organization. [applause]

Adams: We are having a special recognition for safety leadership award to an individual who will be retiring, he says, in june, after a long tenure of service to the city of Portland. Could I have tom feely please come forward? Maybe he's already retired. [laughter] everybody else surprise -- just kidding. Tom feely is the senior manager of the o.m.f. Business operations division, and as I mentioned, you're determined to retire in june.

*****: So i've heard.

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*****: July 1st.

*****: 30 years.

Adams: We're honoring him tooksd recognizing his safety leadership in a variety of areas. He was instrumental behind getting the flu vaccinations into the city of Portland, and he is key to the work behind the wellness program for all city employees, and his efforts in o.m.f. At the loss control and safety programs has been instrumental. So we wanted to recognize you before you retire for your great leadership in the area of making the city safer. Thank you, tom, very much. [applause] michael meissner, michael, on call-technician supporting the office of management and finance, bureau of technology services, public safety radio system, you've been working that the job for almost 10 years, and you have maintained an accident and citation-free driving record for this entire period. Amazing. I can't say that. Your work involves a lot of driving at all hours of the dispai in all conditions. You're on call at times 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including remote radio sites, sometimes in areas of high altitude in the city. You -- your driving requires you to go, as I understand, on undeveloped roads at times, back road conditions, and you also serve as a volunteer reserve police officer for the gresham police department, responding to public safety emergencies with equal -- with an equal outstanding driving record. Congratulations. You've got a special coat. Thank you very much. [applause] next coveted coat is russ kreis. Russ is a Portland bureau of transportation maintenance operations, he is the safe driver of the year for p dorkts a construction equipment operator who has worked with the department for 16 years. He has the ultimate most respect among his peer force his work ethic and work safety. And has served as a formal and informal mentor to employees and continues to be one of the most sought-after instructors in our commercial driver's license training program. Thank you for everything. Congratulations. [applause] the last coat is josh kraut. [applause] thank you, josh. Parking enforcement is pleased to recognize josh as the top safe driver during 2008. Josh has been a utility worker too in the division for nearly four years. His job is to install and remove all reserved on-street parking in the metered areas of Portland. So you do a lot of stopping and starting, you're out in traffic a lot. Joshs's entire day is spent driving in the most congested parts of down towfnlt his work is mentally and physically demanding and takes place in the most challenging of situations. Josh's safety record is excellent and a model to all. Congratulations, josh. [applause]

Fritz: I get to give out coveted coats too. Curt french has been employed by the bureau of development services since october of 1987. In 1987 curt was initially hired as a temporary worker to process summer auto tows. Since then, curt grew his career with the city by working as a multifamily dwelling inspector, later as a dangerous buildings and fire damage inspector, and finally in 2002, earning a promotion to an inspector that performs a combination of building types. Curt's field work involves extensive and demanding travel all throughout around the city, making multiple stops at job sites through the course of an average workday. Many thanks to curt for his contributions to the city and for the care that he has shown the citizens of Portland through his excellent safe driving record. [applause] the Portland water bureau is pleased to recognize terry mendoza as its top safe driver of 2008. Terry has served the water bureau for 21 years and his assignments place him behind the wheel for most of his workday. He has driven a variety of different vehicles from both a large construction -- service trucks to small pickups and is known for being a highly cautious responsible driver. He will often set up traffic control at job sites so his vehicle is protected from traffic disploa he can safely perform his duties. Terry averages about 40 miles at inner city driving each day with total career having driven in excess of 175,000 miles. He has done this without any accidents or moving violations. Ferry, we thank you for the extra efforts that you take to ensure driver safety, the pride in your work is evident and much appreciated. [applause] gary fairchild is a 27-year veteran firefighter of Portland fire and rescue who has spent much of his career working at some of the busiest stations in the city. When assigned to station 29 in 2004, firefighter fairchild assumed the voluntary position of permanent driver for the station's a

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shift. Firefighter fairchild's preparations for safe vehicles operations starts with a daily cheskt apparatus. Behind the wheel of his 35,000-pound emergency vehicle, he conducts himself calmly, remaining responsive to direction and instructions. He practices defensive driving and is thoroughly knowledgeable of his district. He always positions the apparatus to ensure a maximum protection of his company while also achieving the best usage potential of the apparatus.

Congratulations. [applause]

Saltzman: Paul jensen has worked for the Portland police bureau for over 24½ years. During this time he's worked at precincts throughout the city, and is presently assigned to southeast precinct where he works the night shift. Paul has worked patrol for his entire career. He has responded to thousands of emergency calls without ever being involved in a preventible collision. But his exemplary record is not a surprise to those who know him. Paul has distinguished himself in numerous ways, including being awarded the meritorious service medal with valor, a life saving medal, and a unit commendation medal. Congratulations to officer paul general serntion 2009 recipient of the police bureau's safe driving record. [applause] jim sander son was selected by the bureau of environmental services as its top safe driver. Because of his safe operation, of the sledge tanker truck. As our next backup -- as our backup cdl operator for this vehicle, jim exhibits courtesy and safety on the road and continues to be an active safe member of the wastewater group safety committee. He is a conscientious individual, demonstrates active caring for his fellow employees and maintains an excellent safety record. Congratulations. [applause]

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Kate Wood, Office of Management and Finance: My name is kate wood, i'm the risk manager for the city of Portland. It's my duty today to provide the closing remarks for the occasion and kind of like the academy awards, I have to thank everybody and do it quickly before the orchestra begins to play. I've been with the city about 20 months now, this is the second opportunity that i've had to have a small role in safety recognition day. But i've been in the occupational safety and health field for about 29 years, and I have to tell you this is is a wonderful event. To enter safety recognition into the official and formal record of the city is a very powerful message. For elected officials to personally present these recognitions to individual employees is unique. I want to thank the city council not only for allowing this event and supporting it, but for their active participation. Thank you. [applause] we all know that active participation visibly demonstrates the visible leadership that clearly tells what an organization's values are. We can tell that the value of the city of Portland today is for employees who work safely. I'd like to thank the bureau directors who have attended today, and show -- to show their support and their pride in the accomplishments of their employees. I'd like to thank my boss tom feely, who had to leave, but he's been tremendously supportive in the efforts of risk management to provide safety and health services to all of the bureaus. And I only hope that the person who takes his place will show the commitment to get things done that help employees be safer and healthier when they come to work each day. To the city risk staff who organized this event every year, to lonnie, tracy, and steve morgan, my thanks for their good work and to the bureau safety managers who work in partnership with us on behalf of their bureaus, to nominate employee and get us the information that tells the story of the good work that they're doing. Thank you all very much. And clearly and most importantly, i'd like to thank the employees of the city of Portland that come to work every day, mindful of safety. We all understand that we all have to work safely. It's something that's expected. But we don't necessarily believe that we're the ones that are going to get injured. The statistics tell us that somebody is going to get injured. And so it's very important that every one of us know what safety is all about, and perform our jobs safely so that we can watch out for our coworkers and send everybody home safe at the end of the day. Speaking of end, this concludes the 2009 safety and recognition day. Thank you for your attention, your support, and participation. I'd like to invite you all to join us in the lobby for some refreshments. Thank you. [applause]

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At 3:10 p.m., Council adjourned.