



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Fish arrived at 9:33 a.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Parsons, Acting Clerk of the Council; Jim Van Dyke, Chief Deputy City Attorney (9:30am-10am) and Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney (10:00 a.m. until end of meeting) and Ron Willis, Sergeant at Arms.

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

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>1293</b> Request of Ronda Fast to address Council regarding method of funding public services (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1294</b> Request of Kate Marcello to address Council regarding method of funding public services (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1295</b> Request of Nataly Teplitsky to address Council regarding Sophie Liu, a victim and survivor of persecution in China (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1296</b> Request of Ulisher Hardiman to address Council regarding respect and disrespect of the City Charter, the Oregon Constitution and the United States Constitution (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1297</b> Request of Annabelle Snow to address Council regarding positive experience with the Small Business Development Center (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>	
<b>1298 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Accept the Wildfire Readiness Assessment & Gap Analysis Report–Portland Wildfire Fuel Reduction Project (Report introduced by Commissioner Fish)  <b>Motion to accept report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Leonard.  (Y-4)	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

<b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>Mayor Sam Adams</b>	
<p><b>1299</b> Appoint Jackie Dingfelder to the Portland Community Media Board of Directors for a term to expire November 30, 2011 (Report) (Y-4)</p>	<b>CONFIRMED</b>
<b>Bureau of Transportation</b>	
<p><b>*1300</b> Grant revocable permit to Oregon Brewing to close SE 9th Ave between SE Yamhill St and SE Belmont St from 6:00 a.m. on September 19, 2009 until 1:00 a.m. on September 21, 2009 (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<b>183177</b>
<p><b>*1301</b> Grant revocable permit to The East Burn to close SE 18th Ave between E Burnside St and SE Ankeny St from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on October 3, 2009 (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<b>183178</b>
<p><b>1302</b> Accept a \$387,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation to design and construct a pedestrian refuge island on NW Naito Parkway between NW Glisan St and Flanders St (Ordinance)</p>	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</b>	
<p><b>*1303</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, Department of Administrative Services, Publishing and Distribution for quick copy work (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 52303) (Y-4)</p>	<b>183179</b>
<b>Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources</b>	
<p><b>*1304</b> Authorize contract with Bio-Med Testing Services Inc. for drug and alcohol testing services (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<b>183180</b>
<p><b>1305</b> Create a new represented classification of Transportation Demand Management Assistant and establish an interim compensation rate for this classification (Second Reading Agenda 1273) (Y-4)</p>	<b>183181</b>
<b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</b>	
<b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b>	
<p><b>1306</b> Authorize a contract and provide payment for construction of building access and security upgrades to the Ankeny Wastewater Pump Station Project No. E09176 (Ordinance)</p>	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b>

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<p><b>1307</b> Amend contract with KPFF, Inc. for engineering services for the design of the South Airport Basin Phase 4 Pump Stations Project No. E06790 (Second Reading Agenda 1275; amend Contract No. 37735)  (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>183182</b></p>
<p><b>Bureau of Police</b></p>	
<p><b>*1308</b> Accept vehicle donation from U.S. Marshals for the use by the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance)  <b>Motion to amend to accept Bureau amendment to allow vehicle use between residence and place of employment:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Fish. (Y-4)  (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>183187</b> AS AMENDED</p>
<p><b>*1309</b> Amend contract with APD Communications to extend the term of the contract and increase the maximum compensation (Ordinance; amend Contract No. C38042)  (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>183183</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b> <b>Position No. 4</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Water</b></p>	
<p><b>*1310</b> Amend contract with WEST Consultants, Inc. to increase compensation, extend the performance period and increase the scope of work for Bull Run Dam No. 2 Stilling Basin Right Bank Analysis (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000183)  (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>183184</b></p>
<p><b>*1311</b> Authorize contract with Earth Dynamics to increase compensation, extend the performance period and increase the scope for work for vibration monitoring for the SW Cardinal Drive Project (Ordinance; Contract No. 30000765)  (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>183185</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b> <b>Position No. 2</b></p>	
<p><b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>	
<p><b>1312</b> Authorize a Lease Agreement with YMCA of Columbia-Willamette for use of Mt Tabor Annex (Second Reading Agenda 1280)  (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>183186</b></p>
<p><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p>	
<p><b>Mayor Sam Adams</b></p>	

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<p><b>1313</b> Authorize a grant agreement with the Small Business Legal Clinic for \$120,000 to provide continued support for two salaried positions: a Clinical Law Professor and an Operations Manager (Second Reading Agenda 1282)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183188</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>*1314</b> Create a local improvement district to construct multi-modal improvements for the Northrup Loop Streetcar Alignment (Hearing; Ordinance; C-10034)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183189</b></p>
<p><b>1315</b> Vacate the Public Way between Lots 13 and 14, Flora Meadows subject to certain conditions and reservations (Second Reading Agenda 1284; VAC-10065)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183190</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Financial Services</b></p>	
<p><b>1316</b> Authorize revenue bonds for the Resource Access Center (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Purchases</b></p>	
<p><b>1317</b> Accept bid of Stettler Supply Company for the Marine Drive Pump Station Upgrade for \$507,400 (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 110769)  <b>Motion to accept report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Leonard.  (Y-3; Fish absent)</p>	<p align="center"><b>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Position No. 3</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>1318</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Clean Water Services for funding the design and construction of a portion of the South Fork of Ash Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Project No. E09159 (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1319</b> Authorize a contract with Brown and Caldwell for engineering services for the design of the Ankeny Pump Station Upgrade Project No. E07833 (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

At 10:37 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,  
OREGON WAS HELD THIS **16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009** AT 6:00 P.M.

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

Commissioner Fritz left at 6:50 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Parsons, Acting Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney and Pat Kelley, Sergeant at Arms.

<p><b>1320 TIME CERTAIN: 6:00 PM</b> – Summer Youth Corps report to Council (Presentation introduced by Mayor Adams)</p>	<p><b>Disposition:</b>  <b>PLACED ON FILE</b></p>
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At 7:35 p.m., Council adjourned.

**LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Susan Parsons  
Acting Clerk of the Council

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**Adams:** Good morning, sue.

**Parsons:** Good morning.

**Adams:** Can you please call the roll? [roll]

**Adams:** Here. Quorum is present. Can you please read council communications item 1293. [item read]

**Item 1293**

**Adams:** Miss fast, please come forward. Glad you are here.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Good morning. Ready?

**Adams:** Ready.

**Ronda Fast:** Good morning. My name is Ronda Fast. I am here today as a former city of Portland employee, and as a citizen with concerns about the impacts of the drastic layoffs at the Bureau of Development Services. Last month, Marty Stockton and Charlotte Phillips came to make you aware of the dire situation at BDS, to assist funding, emergency fund so glad that basic public services can be maintained. And for your support to reexamine the funding structure at BDS during the budget season. I'm here today to discuss the real impact of, of the cuts on the citizens of Portland because all Portlanders are the beneficiaries of BDS's mission to promote the safety, livability and economic vitality of the city. And it is unfortunately the citizens of the city who will bear the brunt and lasting impacts of such drastic cuts. And here are some examples of public services that would be affected by the layoffs. Over the last several years, many valuable process improvements and programs such as permit ready houses, landlord training programs and many more have been implemented giving the title as the best bureau buildings in the nation. These customer service gains will surely be raised. The zoning information line as of September 30 will no longer take live calls. And the hotline normally responds to nearly 100 live calls a day. Now, all callers will wait 24 to 48 hours for a response, no matter how simple or complex the question may be. And turnaround times and quality of work will suffer with a third, the third the staff remaining in land use services and planned use reductions. The Development Services Center will increase with fewer staff available. And with no one left to work on forms, handouts and the website, the public will be left without a reliable source of updated self-education tools. As a result, more customers will rely on the DSC. Further increasing wait times. And as of September 30, there will be eight commercial and residential inspectors left, yet that section still received an average of 370 inspections per week. And commerce will have to wait days for inspections. And the ability to respond to emergencies such as last year's landslides in southwest Portland and flooding in Vernonia will be hindered with fewer staff available. And cuts to the neighborhood inspections program have reduced their staff from 16 to 4, and no longer will the section respond to abandoned vehicles, tall grass and weeds, and owner-occupied housing complaints. And these services are important to the citizens of the city. And to the customer service gains is unacceptable. And my concern is that the cuts will leave

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the bureau paralyzed. Unable to provide the most basic services to the public, and let alone emergency response and quality customer service, and my request to council today is to release funds so that basic level of services are maintained and next budget season I ask for your support for a more holistic and sustainable funding structure for bds, thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much for your testimony. Appreciate it. And sue, can you please read communications item 1294. [item read]

**Item 1294.**

**Adams:** Miss marcello, welcome to the city council chambers. Glad you are here.

**Kate Marcello:** Good morning. Thank you, mayor Adams and members of council. My name is kate marcello, and until august 12, I worked as a city planner at the bureau of development services.

As rhonda has stated today, and as marty stockton and charlotte phillips outlined last month, bds is in dire financial straits. Emergency funding is warranted so that bds can continue to deliver basic public services. As the others have stated, as well, many bds services are not funded directly by permit and land use review fees. One of the services does not have an official name. Most of us would probably just call it providing helpful customer service. Allow me to explain. I worked on design and historic design review cases ranging from small scale residential remodels to down storefront renovations to entirely new buildings. And through these reviews, I came into contact with a variety of Portlanders. Homeowners, neighbors, and neighborhood associations, and architects, developers, and contractors. And months after a design review finished often I received phone calls or emails from the previous customers. And with questions that they had about an unrelated issue, such as questions about other types of land use reviews or the building code or about stormwater or transportation regulations. I never once responded to anyone by saying, i'm sorry, but i'm a designer planner. That's not my subject area. I always tried my best to find the answers to the questions myself, and if I couldn't provide all the information they needed, I made sure to refer them to the right person who could help them. Taking the time to respond to these types of inquiries is not tied to any permit or land use review fee. I'm sure all of us would agree but this is beneficial and even essential work, and the way that I saw it, when someone contacted me later on with a question, that meant that they were satisfied with the service I provided them, and they trusted me to help them again. This fosters a relationship, not just between an individual Portlander and an individual bds planner, but more importantly, this fosters a relationship between the citizenry and the city government as a whole. It is inevitable that bds staff with severe personnel and budget reductions will find it increasingly challenging, dare I say nearly impossible to continue providing this level of service. Over all workloads are only slightly down, so it will be necessary to focus on fee-supportive work. Regardless on how dedicated the employees are and how much they will want to continue providing that same level of service, it just won't be logically possible, and it is the citizens of Portland who will suffer. I urge the council to secure emergency funding to stabilize and continue the basic public services that bds provides. Additionally, a more holistic and sustainable funding structure should be considered for bds during budget season. /ask you to consider this, how will cultural public service continue to be fostered if the path we're on is not altered? Thanks for the opportunity to speak with you todd.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. I appreciate it. Council communications is just an opportunity for the public to, to have three minutes to say what they want, and it's usually not a conversation, but I know that I suspect I speak for all my colleagues up here when I say thank you for your service to the city s we're working hard on a variety of levels, everything from economic to looking at the way that we fund programs, efficiencies within the city government, and hopefully, we can hire you back just as soon as possible. So, these are tough times, and we actually cut 140 positions out of the budget. It did not have the impact of as many people, human beings having to be let go because it was part after hiring freeze. Bureau of transportation, we've been cutting

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budgets for eight years, and so, I understand this is incredibly painful and we hear you. So I appreciate you being here today.

**Adams:** sue, can you read the communications title item number 1295. [item read]

**Item 1295.**

**Adams:** Good morning. And welcome to city council.

**Nataly Teplitsky:** My name is nataly teplitsky. I am a reporter for the epoc times international. As a human-rights advocate and a concerned citizen, I want to bring your attention to an urgent international issue. Too many people living in the united states take for granted the freedom to open up to their beliefs without worrying about the consequences. Unfortunately, not everyone is as blessed. There is a responsibility for speak out for those, freedom has been cut short, and whose voice has been silenced by an oppressive regime. It has been 10 years since the government started following along, and they began with law-abiding citizens. You may ask why are they persecuted in china? While it is rarely practiced in 80 countries all over the world? The reason is very simple. It's because [inaudible] compassion and tolerance are the opposite of what the chinese practices for, which is retaliatory intolerance. A ground-breaking in the report by two canada lawyers concluded that tens of thousands of followers in china were being killed so that they could be sold for transplant deals. You are sitting here at this meeting, there are black test this is china. No others in china are tested unless they have been sentenced to death. I have known follows that are kept alive until their tissue types, dna, you name it, are available on computers. They are slaughtered on demand for their organs and then secretly cremated. This is all available, raping from two days to two weeks. It takes years to get their transplants. When the gates of the concentration camps in germany, the, are opened and the international community exclaimed, never again. And if only we had known, it became the slogan of people. History will not allow our generation to have the lame excuse, if only they had known. They can't say that this time. Such a crime against humanity has never been seen before. And then I am amazed that our government turns a blind eye to this practice, and our media also silent so what can we do? Well, -- can I finish the sentence?

**Adams:** Please do.

**Teplitsky:** So, we could at least play our part. Believe it or not, israel is the only country so far to make it illegal for the citizens to seek transplants in china, so I encourage our leaders to express outrage at the inhumane practices of the regime. Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. Sue, can you please read the title for council communications item 1296. [item read]

**Item 1296.**

**Adams:** Item 1296. Mr. Ulisher hardiman, welcome back. We're glad you are here.

**Ulisher Hardiman:** Good morning. I bet you are glad i'm here, i'm not, under the circumstances. With all respect, it's good to see someone that stood up for the respect, the respected civility of Portland. So i'm happy. Very quickly, by way of, of -- i, I will give you a copy here. This is from the new york times, that's today's date, and in reference to the united nations inquiry concerning the israeli attack on the palestinian population. As a war crime. Called it a deliberate disproportionate attack designed to punish, humiliate, and terrorize the civilian population, radically diminish the local economic capacity, and both towards and provide for itself and enforce upon the sense of dependency and voluble, with all due respect i'm here to postpone and hopefully change it to a later date, if your honor does not mind if I may recall to memory, your words, and i'm still waiting for your staff. The car hasn't come back, and I haven't been delivered papers, I can't deliver pizzas, so I haven't had that income, and my hammer is in there, and my harmonica is in there, so it's really crippled me severely. I'm completely impoverished, sitting in front of you, I have 15 cents, and I am ashamed to say that. So, if I may be so bold, I don't know, I hope that by the time I reported it to you, it would be done by one of your millions [inaudible] that's against the laws of Portland, me city charter, my car was tagged. Ready to make me some money, and if I make some money I will



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give you some of it, pay taxes, give it to the voters, so hopefully with some positive news from your staff.

**Adams:** We're working on it.

**Hardiman:** Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you, mr. Ulisher hardiman. And sue, can you please read the title for council communications 1297. [item read]

**Item 1297.**

**Adams:** Welcome.

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

**Adams:** Glad you are here.

**Annabelle Snow:** Me, too. My name is annabelle snow, and I am an acupuncturist and one of the owners of the north Portland wellness center. We are a multi-disciplinary clinic in north Portland that offers acupuncture, chinese medicine, chiropractic and massage. I am here today to share with you our story of how we got here. As we were beginning to dream up what our business would be, we really had no idea what we were in for. We were diligent in doing our research, and we found a property, as you could see, from the visual, that needed a lot of work.

**Adams:** Quite a before and after picture.

**Snow:** Thank you. Yes, it is. Some would say we were a little blinded by our vision. And we had no idea what we were in for, so we found a building that needed a lot of work. Was chosen because of its inherent potential, but also, because it was in the interstate urban renewal district, so we, threw our research, knew that we would be eligible for a lot of loans and grants, and a lot of support through the city. And we did apply for, for and were granted a development opportunity services grant, storefront improvement, quality jobs program loan, and various other funding to help us get the project off the ground. And so, a year and a half later we finally opened the north Portland wellness center, took longer than we thought, and through our agreement, we were asked to meet with business advisors in order to help us with our planning and through that process, we were also offered free classes through, through the, the sbdc so we took business management one, small business management two, and opportunity knox, and I think that most significantly, we were given the opportunity to have business advising one-on-one with different advisors, and over the last year we have had the opportunity to meet with, with, with jackie peterson for the last year, and, and on a monthly basis, and, and i'm here to say today that, that process of working with the sbdc and with jackie, directly, has, has, made the difference in our business. We have experienced incredible growth over the last year, and we have doubled our patient count, which is wonderful but also has posed its own challenges so through our work we've been able to weather that growth and really plan for our future. We currently employ acupuncturists, massage therapists, chiropractors, we have three staff and in the process of hiring a new one right now, and I am under the understanding that there are cuts that are putting the funding for entrepreneurial development and training in dire straits, and that this training from the sbdc will potentially no longer be available for small businesses. I am here to say our store is not unique. We had a vision and a passion and a ton of energy, and but we really had no idea how to run a small business. I had always worked for other people, and it's very different running your own business. We're responsible for pretty much everything. And I think there are a lot of other businesses that really, really is are benefiting from and will continue to need the support that we've been able to receive. So, i'm here today to tell our story and, and to ask for continued support for small businesses.

**Adams:** We, actually, the buzzer didn't go off for some reason.

**Snow:** You gave me a an extra 40 seconds.

**Adams:** The cuts you are talking about are cuts that are coming through the state. We have increased -- this council has increased funding for programs for small business, about 25%, but the cuts that, just because the cuts at the state level means that we're kind of treading water here at a

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time that you are pointing out, small businesses need help more than ever, so thank you for helping to tell the story and to underscore the importance of these assistant programs so thank you.

**Snow:** You are very welcome. Thank you.

**Adams:** That gets us to the council, or the consent agenda. And does anyone wish to pull an item from the consent agenda?

**Parsons:** We had one pulled, 1308.

**Adams:** 1308? Ok. And anyone wish to testify on the remaining consent agenda? Any discussion from council? Sue, would you call the roll on the consent agenda.

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

**Adams:** aye. Approved, can you read the title for 1298. [item read]

**Item 1298**

**Adams:** Commissioner fish..

**Fish:** Thank you, I would like to invite the chiefs to come forward.

**Leonard:** It's chief babcock -- i'm sorry, I didn't see you back there.

**Fish:** Commissioner Leonard, would you like to do the presentation?

**Leonard:** No. [laughter]

**Fish:** Welcome. In the news recently, we have read about fires ravaging the los angeles area that includes the loss of life and extensive property damage, and just last week, there were several small fires near powell butte. And in Portland, 20% of the city's acreage is urban green space. As development expands at the boundaries of our natural areas, the risk of significant property loss due to wildfires increases. In 2006, the federal emergency management agency, or fema, provided funding through the Portland emergency management to address the risk of highly flammable, invasive weeds. For the past three years, an interbureau project management team comprised the staff from fire and rescue, and parks and rec, and environmental services, and planning and sustainability, and the water bureau, and the office of emergency management, have worked diligently to coordinate project planning, public outreach and education, and, and on the ground, looking at wildfire fuel reduction. This interbureau team has done a marvelous job. They are, their collaboration has resulted in the reduction of hazardous wildfire fuels on approximately 650 acres of public and private lands in Portland. And I want to be very clear, it is not a question of, of whether there will be a wildfire in our city, but rather, when. When it occurs, we will take to heart the information available through this study, and apply the-a, outlined in the report that has been furnished to all my colleagues. And as a commissioner, I am always encouraged when, when I have a chance to witness close collaborations between multiple bureaus. And that collaboration, of course, leads to a better product, and I want to thank the three of you and the leadership of all the bureaus that came together to do this work. And we are looking forward to beginning the implementation of a city, of a city-wide wildfire disaster mitigation plan. And before you, council, is a city-wide wildfire readiness assessment, and our crack team is going to briefly present their findings, and we'll be asked to accept the report. Thank you.

**Zari Santner, Director, Portland Parks and Recreation:** Good morning, mayor and members of the council. I am just delighted to be a chief for five minutes. [laughter] as commissioner nick -- commissioner Fish mentioned, this report is a final product of the three-year effort known as the city of Portland wildfire risk reduction project. This process and the project was, became possible through is a grant that was received from fema, and it, basically, highlighted three things. One, is that we have major challenges, and the report outlines those challenges and has about 30 recommendations. And, and in addition to that, there needs to be a lot of education with our community at large particularly those areas that are close to our natural areas, and the third, the outcome of this process was that we cleared 650 acres of our natural area, very flammable, invasive. As a result, we also have habitat in those areas, and the areas that were treated were, were primarily in forest park, powell butte, and what is known as willamette escarpment. You are familiar with the

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area and some areas above oaks bottom. And as commissioner Fish mentioned, this has been a true collaboration, and one of the most important recommendations of the, of the process is, is that this collaboration continues. And now, with that, i'm going to, to turn to, to, to turn to you.

**Carmen Merlo, Director, Portland Office of Emergency Management:** Good morning, commissioner and Mayor Adams. POEM is very proud to be a sponsor of this production project, and very pleased to showcase this project as a hallmark of interagency, interbureau coordination. We are the custodian of the plan, the vehicle with which we were able to get federal grant funding. The work accomplished by the fire bureau, by parks, environmental services, water and planning and sustainability really moves us forward in the protection of our natural environment, and I want to thank the many individuals that had a part in this very successful project. Like planning, this is an ongoing process, and I really look forward to working with these and other bureaus in the future. Thank you.

**Chief John Klum, Portland Fire & Rescue:** Good morning. Council, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. First and foremost, we support is the recommendations within the risk assessment and the gap analysis on this, and we're fully committed to see that we do everything that -- that is identified in the reported from, from fire and rescue's side. Again, to echo this, this is a perfect example of interbureau collaboration. And not only did the benefits of the individuals that worked on this project open up the communication lines, but they definitely identified areas for increased preparedness and interoperability, and specifically, I would like to thank mark wilson, dave mcallister, and the chief, chris babcock and chris barney, as well as the directors that supported them with the staff that was needed for of the implementation of this, and there is so many benefits as a result of this, and one of the key things in Portland fire and rescue's side it, identified the need for enhanced wildland interface training. We have a baseline training that we delivered to our employees, but during, this this, this analysis of this, we actually took steps to increase that, that train that's delivered to all 700 plus sworn members and the fire service. But it also identified a core of 50 individuals that have, have expert is training in different aspects of wildland urban interface that we have. Now have this cadry of individuals going to be our wildland core response team within the city of Portland. This also helped us, as far as the interoperability with how we participate with, with the state mobilization plan, and it also highlights is the, the importance of having communications and interoperability and accessibility between all the bureaus. One of the other benefits that I see that we got out of this personally is that I also am the defense board chief, and as a result of this gap analysis, it really brings to light that, that, of the need for Multnomah county to have a wildland mitigation plan, and i'll do everything in my efforts as chief of Portland fire and rescue and as the defense port chief to work closely with carmen's office, Multnomah county, and emergency management, as well as all the other fire departments and representatives in Multnomah county to develop that plan as a priority. Thank you for your time.

**Fish:** Chief, could I put you on spot for one issue? We do not regulate smoking in all the parks and natural areas. But, my sense is that cigarette smoking is, is one of the primary causes of some of the fires that happened in natural areas and in parks. While it's not one of the 30 recommended action items, is that something that you think that, that we should, fumble point take up and consider?

**Klum:** We could do that and I think that's a good idea because human, human error is probably the major cause of, of interface issues, whether it be individuals that are cooking or, or careless, you know, smoking habits and so forth on that. That's we're we are seeing, the second one, the fire that we had up on kelly butte last month was the result of a cooking fire. Very dry conditions. I think that there is a couple ways that we can approach this. We can do it via ordinance or through city code title 31 and the fire regulations to have restrictions on smoking, especially look at subcommittee to look at what is applicable as far as maybe what we determined as the wildland risk season, which usually goes from july 4 through labor day.

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**Fish:** I recognize this is an area of some controversy and overlapping regulation but I would look forward to working with you and commissioner Leonard, just to take a look at that question.

**Klum:** I think that would have some opportunities.

**Fish:** Thank you. And council, we have is a brief presentation to follow.

**Fritz:** I have a question. Do we have a plan for how we are going to map the areas and how we're going to fund the ongoing work?

**Santner:** You will receive a presentation that shows you the map of all the areas that has been identified, and in fact, we still have one additional 200 to 250,000 from the fema that we're going to continue this for one more year, and with that, we are going to focus entirely in forest park so we will be able to remove the problem areas, about 200 acres.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Fish:** We have a brief presentation if the folks could come forward and take any additional questions.

**Mark Wilson, Portland Parks and Recreation:** Good morning. I am mark wilson, fema project manager for Portland parks,.

**Chris Babcock, Portland Fire & Rescue:** I am chris babcock, fire and rescue.

**Wilson:** Mayor adams and city council, bureau directors, thank you for providing the opportunity for us to speak today on behalf of the project management team. And it has a lot of moving parts as you've been hearing. Chris and I are going to present a brief project overview describing fema project goals, objectives, and successes with a particular focus on the just completed wildfire risk assessment and gap analysis report. After a series of wildfires in 2000 and 2001, four city bureaus received a granted from Oregon emergency management and fema, federal emergency management. This grant has enabled, as you've been hearing from the bureau directors and commissioner Fish, unprecedented coordinated wildfire education planning and fuel management activities on the ground between the four agencies that were the recipients of the grant. That said, there were many more other agencies involved. The project goal, as you see on the slide, is to reduce and manage wildfire fuels on public and adjacent private lands at the wildland urban interface, and obviously, we care very deeply about these places. These natural area parks and open spaces, as they provide habitats for wildfire, native plants and most importantly, people. And they protect water quality and also provide for watershed health. You see the objectives on the next slide. And, and I would like to talk briefly about some of the successes in that we have had on this project. We designed and delivered city-wide education programming, included in that was, was wildfire safety and prevention presentations, mailings, particularly with the focus on the focus areas, and publications and development of a project website, which I would invite you to check out. It's [Portlandonline.com/wildfire](http://Portlandonline.com/wildfire). We partnered with advisors and neighborhood representatives to prepare long-term are vegetation management plans and, and short-term wildfire fuel reduction projects on public and private lands. Again, if I would refer you to the website, to get specifics of those plans, both for powell butte and the escarpment parks. We reduced on the ground, hazardous wildfire fuels on approximately 650 acres, and at oaks bottom. This is a series of actual slides showing this is the forest park, powerline right-of-ways, and we also have, if you could back up, chris, this is oaks bottom. These are before and after slides showing before and after, and, and then the next slide is, is, sum is, mocks crest before and after. And we were able to really go after a lot of weeds so this is really has been a, a multi-objective project, and as a final project we conducted a city wildfire readiness assessment and gap analysis. The gap analysis that you've been hearing about, it covers 30 action items that have been identified ars areas that, that, not just fire, but all across the city that we can work to improve upon. Those 30 action items, we're going to talk, about they fall generally in five categories, and we're going to give you examples so you are aware of some of the, what wield like to work on, and in coordinating, there is a need for, for a standing working group across the city bureaus to address the issues of wildfire that face us. And

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so, we're looking to, to establish that group from the representatives from the different bureaus. And with regard to training, if there were a significant wildfire that, that did come up in the city, fire and rescue would not be the only bureau responding, and we would be looking for support at that instant from several bureaus. Namely, police. We would be utilizing maintenance for their, for their flushers to bring extra water to the remote areas away from hydrants, and we would be looking for assistance from the net team, you know, in, to assist us, so those, those different groups and stakeholders have yet to have real significant training on how to, to support us and operate in a wildfire area. So, we're looking to, to advance that training. With regard to communications, at this point, parks has, has a difficulty communicating with each other, and, and helping fire zero in on, on areas that are on fire or if there is medical emergencies in the different parks areas, and they have -- they have that inability to, to quickly communicate, so we're looking to, to enhance that ability for them. And at this point, there are, with regards to planning, there are some contradictory codes that, that could be addressed that would, that would further allow citizens to, to protect their properties, against wildfire threats, and, and there are definitely areas that we want to continue to, to reduce the fuels that are currently there, so we minimize the wildfire risks throughout our, our open space areas. And there are 700 acres that have been identified in forest park as an example, and we work on 150, so we have a significant amount of work to continue with. And rocky butte is another area of significant threat that we would like to address in the future. We would like to, to, speaking on a personal note, maybe I would like to thank my colleagues on fire, environmental services, poem, and all the other city agencies involved with this project for demonstrating a true spirit of interdisciplinary cooperation for this project. I really feel privileged to have worked with them. And, and as, as he just said, we have the opportunity to, to, to work another year expending additional fema money to, to continue our work on the ground. And collectively, we ask you to support the, the continuation of the work that we have begun by, by taking action on the following four action items, and first off, accepting the report and next, um, directing the wildfire group and implementing the proposed actions on the report. I think that you all have copies of the executive summary on the reverse side of the summary are the 30 action items. And we're also looking, you know as we go into the future and look ahead at the work that needs to be done, from all bureaus, perspectives, there will be a need for, for us to pursue some funding sources to, to accomplish that work, and we're looking for your support as we pursue possible grants, and so, to accomplish that work, and, and with regard to, to the reduction, enhanced trading and updating equipment, and such, and also, we're really, we really need to begin looking not just with, in the city of Portland, but to, to enhance our, our partnership at the city and county level, and the regional level to, to accomplish tasks that will better, better prepare us for, for an occurrence of the wildfire, namely, completing the update of the natural hazard mitigation plan due at the end of the year, and then beginning the work on a community wildfire protection plan for the county, which would be, we would be strongly involved with, and this is an action that, that the chief just referred to and is support the by the Oregon fire defense board. Thank you very much. We appreciate the opportunity to speak today, and we'll take any questions that you may have.

**Adams:** Good work.

**Wilson:** Thank you, mayor.

**Fish:** Thank you for the outstanding work. I'm grieving over the loss of the fire bureau but randy and I are in mediation over that. Terrific job.

**Wilson:** Thanks for your support, commissioner.

**Adams:** Has anyone signed up to testify? Anyone in the room wishes to testify on item 1298? Thank you, gentlemen. Sue, would you call the roll on -- oh, a report. Did I hear a motion to accept the report?

**Fish:** Motion.

**Leonard:** Second.

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**Adams:** Moved and send to accept the report. Would you please call the roll.

**Leonard:** This is outstanding work. I had the opportunity to get briefed beforehand by the fire bureau, and always am impressed with the work product that the fire group produces, but equally impressed with palm and parks coming together and addressing the public safety issue in such a collaborative fashion. It's reassuring, if not inspiring. Thank you, aye.

**Fritz:** I appreciate the coordinated interbureau work that's gone into this issue and wildfire reduction is, essentially, an, an, interjurisdictional in nature and it's good to see everybody working together. We have forgotten for some time that there have been problems, and, in interjurisdictional interagency coordination and conflicting city policies, mapping, funding public outreach, and so it's good to see this coordinated approach and thank you all for your work. Thanks to the technical advisory committee and the advisory committees that came up with the restoration plans and carried out on the ground projects in the three focus areas. I concur with the need to continue with the next steps and I appreciate all the work. Aye.

**Fish:** To carmen and gary and chief klum, thank you very much for your leadership. It's a pleasure to see you this morning. I do want to just mention as previously was part of the record, the names of the project management team because these are the folks that really did a lot of key work, chris babcock from fire and rescue, and ostre, dave mcallister is here, parks and rescue, and patty ruder from emergency management, mark schmidt fire and rescue, and mark wilson, parks and rec, so thanks particularly to those individuals for their work. And chris, thank you for your presentation. Outstanding, and in my briefing I learned that we have had over the last 100 years, a number of fires, which caused enormous damage in places like forest park and elsewhere. So, we're trying to get a bit upstream here, and put together the kind of preventative measures, which hopefully will lead to avoiding that happening again. And so, excellent work. Great example of interjurisdictional work, and I am particularly pleased when fire, palm, and parks work so effectivel. Aye.

**Adams:** I think all the appropriate thank you's and acknowledgements have been said, so I just want to underscore each of those, and very pleased with that. With that response to the largest, most recent fires. It's been so positive and I want to commend you for your willingness to take a look anew at everything that we had in place up to that point and move this much farther forward so thank you very much. Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Adams:** Report is approved. And can you please read council calendar item 1308. [item read]  
**Item 1308.**

**Adams:** Good morning. Is there a reason that we should not do this?

**Brendan Finn, Commissioner Saltzman's Office:** No.

**Adams:** Ok. Do you, either one of you believe that there is -- should we do this?

**Finn:** Yes.

**Adams:** Ok.

**Finn:** We need an amendment.

**Adams:** Yes, I know. Do you want to show us your amendment?

**Finn:** Sure.

**Adams:** Can you give us a summary of it?

**Finn:** It's a brief introduction. Council needs to approve all vehicle donations that come into the city, and this one is from the u.s. Marshal. I will turn it over to commander eckhart and jim shindler, the fleet marking.

**Jim Shindler, Bureau of Police:** The u.s. Marshal task force has one detective assigned. They give us a vehicle is and pay the overtime, and in this case, they are going to buy a vehicle and donate it to the police bureau as part of a push to get 600 vehicles pushed out nationally. So that's what this is part of a new program.

**Adams:** Excellent. Anything you want to add?

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**Commander John Eckhart, Bureau of Police:** Well, they are giving us a short time line, and that's why we're here. The city fleet is aware of this. They are behind us. And they are doing some work on the background, hopefully we can get there completed by the end of the month.

**Adams:** I will entertain a motion to make the amendment.

**Fritz:** Moved.

**Fish:** Second.

**Adams:** Moved and seconded to make, to proposed the amendment, and to, to council calendar item 1308. Discussion?

**Leonard:** What kind of vehicle is it?

**Eckhart:** I think that the detective is looking at a van, something that he needs to be able to be in 24 hours a day on surveillance, and depending, and they send him all over the pacific northwest, so that's kind of what we're looking at, or maybe a larger sedan.

**Leonard:** Do we have options?

**Eckhart:** Yes, yes just the price range.

**Adams:** Any other discussion? Sue, call the roll on the amendment.

**Leonard:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Fish:** That was the finest presentation that I have heard, thank you.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Appreciate that.

**Fish:** Thank you for your work. Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. Amendment is approved. And anyone here wish to testify on the amended council calendar item 1308? Sue, call the roll on the amended item number 1308.

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

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

**Adams:** 1308 is approved. Can you read council calendar item second reading 1313. [item read]  
**Item 1313.**

**Adams:** Please call the roll.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor Adams for having the presentation last week, this is a really great program. And I know that you have been very dedicated to continuing the funding for it to provide support in the community and for the lewis & clark folks. Aye.

**Fish:** I would say make no mistake, this council and, in the last year has made a tremendous commitment to small business, and under the mayor's leadership, and whether it is the general fund dollars that have gone to Portland development commission to help small businesses, I think almost 2.5 million, whether it's reforming the business license fee from, from, for the fact when after the fact tax whether it's adopting a novel by local provision, which allows some of our local businesses to participate and compete, and in addition, funding this clinic, which, in my judgment, is also a great example of leverage because for every dollar that we're investing, if we are successful in launching a new business, it comes to the taxpayers. A huge return for the return, so similar pleased to vote aye.

**Adams:** Aye thank you. 1313 is approved. Can you please read the title for emergency ordinance is number 1314. [item read]

**Item 1314.**

**Adams:** Good morning, how are you?

**Vicky Diede, Bureau of Transportation:** I'm well.

**Adams:** We have had this come before us in the form of a resolution.

**Diede:** Yes.

**Adams:** So you are back with the implementation language.

**Diede:** Yes.

**Adams:** Anything different from what we described to council at the first presentation?

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**Diede:** Well, the only thing different is that if you look at the map, on exhibited b, on the right-hand side, the long, skinny natural, we had not included it on the map before, but the description included it, but we forgot it color that parcel. And it is the parcel owned by the Portland development commission, and they are aware of all of this, so that's the only change there.

**Adams:** Ok. Discussion from council?

**Diede:** I may say one thing before we negative, we have three invited guests today, tiffany, chris, and patty.

**Adams:** I know. I figured I would give staff an opportunity to ask any questions. Thank you.

**Diede:** The process is that at least three weeks before the hearing date we mail a notice to all of the property owners within the proposed district, and tell them when the hearing is going to be and what the project is and what it's going to cost, and then we give them is a primary estimate of their assessment. So, they all have that information. There is also a requirement that if they wish to object to the form of a written remonstrance they must send something to the auditor's office and liens by the wednesday before the council. We did receive six remonstrances, a total of 996 tax accounts on this. The six remonstrances represent .32% of the total assessed value, and the level of, of the remonstrances can be found in exhibit d, and the summary of that information and the reasons for that and the responses are in exhibit e.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much. The number of remonstrances gets to a certain level, everybody is, is in.

**Diede:** Yes.

**Fritz:** Can you clarify for the estimated assessment that the most, the biggest is 359 and that's a one-time assessment?

**Diede:** A one-time assessment.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you. Could our three invited guests come up. And I just ask you to answer the question. Is there any reason in your opinion why the city council should reject this?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** No. [laughter]

**Adams:** Ok. Council questions for this panel?

**Leonard:** I would be interested in what, what they might want to say.

**Adams:** Please be swift.

**Chris Smith:** I will. Chris, I have a variety of interests in the streetcar. I am here today primarily as a property owner in the district, and I got an assessment from the 100 for the rental union, investment unit that I bought and the streetcar loss so i'm a next door neighbor to the folks in bridgeport who are, who knew, demonstrating, and my vast real estate holdings. And speaking as a property owner, I think the question, the remonstrances is really, really what's the value of the project, and to me, this puts the property that I own at kind of the center of the streetcar university. There will be the departures from a few blocks away to northwest to downtown to the succeeds, and there is tremendous value, and as for the concerns expressed about sort of activity level and all of that, being is a nuisance, you know, I would pose the question, what happens when we don't do this if, if tiffany builds out the pearl, it is loud and we don't have good transit service, there will be a lot of cards that will an greater nuisance than any activity related to streetcar. This is a, this is a no brainer.

**Adams:** Thank you. Miss gardener.

**Patricia Gardner:** Our perspective from the neighborhood association is we're part of the central city, and I know what tiffany has in mind. It's a lot of business. Not just residential but also office at the north end of the pearl district, and the idea of creating a streetcar system versus a line is key. We can't do it without is the northrop alignment. So.

**Adams:** Thank you, ms patricia gardener, for the record.



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**Tiffany Sweitzer:** Tiffany sweitzer, mayor and commissioners, as I said when I was here before, we have a lot of work still to do. Nine blocks, nine acres still to develop, and we're caught in this world that we're all in today. And we need everything available, whether that be parks, transportation, and, of course, the density that we're trying to provide, if I had my way, as I said to you before, I would try and the streetcar farther north because we will be building an additional 1,500, 2000 residential units, as well as office that will, we'll need to use that mode of transportation. So, very important. The cost is minimal. And the cost, actually, is, is most significant to us. Given the vacant land, the retail that we own, and just our own units that we still have.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. In your own way helping to bring there forward. Appreciate it. Anyone else wish to testify on item 1314? This is an emergency ordinance. Can you call the roll.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I think it's a credit to this staffwork and missson witzer and everybody else who provided an open transparency and good communication throughout the process. We have six remonstrances out of 132 property owners in this area, and that also is remarkable that there are 132 people living this close to the street line and that's great. To the properties with more people so thank you very much. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. It is approved. Can you read 1315. [item read]

**Item 1315.**

**Adams:** Please call the roll.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I want to thank the folks in centennial neighborhood association who provided me additional information on this and also the good staffwork. Patty hicks, tom lewis, and luis cody from centennial. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

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

**Adams:** 1315 is approved. Can you read the title for ordinance calendar number 1316. [item read]

**Item 1316.**

**Adams:** Mr. Johansson and mr. Rush, commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** I think margaret is joining us. Is she here? Kim, why don't you start.

**Ken Rust, Chief Administrative Officer:** Good morning mayor Adams, I am ken rust the director of office of management and finance and with me is erik johansson, the manager. The ordinance that is before you for first read is to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds. The proceeds which will be used to fund the city's contribution to the resource access center, and I will have erik talk about financing and what this will allow us to do. He's been involved with this transaction, and I will turn it over to him for discussion.

**Eric Johansen, Debt Manager:** Thanks, ken. Yeah, this ordinance does authorize bonds to be issued for the resource access center, and the city sea participation in the project will be in all three components of the project, including the low income housing component, the day use center and the men's shelter, and total cost for the project is at 46.8 million, and of that, the pdc and the city agreed to pay 25.5 million in funding for project costs. And other significant sources that will come into the project are tax credit equity, as well as cash contributions from hap and in addition, some other, other smaller sources. And the city's source of funding for the project is expected to be tax increment revenues, and from the river district, urban renewal area, and we expect, we're still negotiating with the parties in the transaction of the final forum of the participation of the parties, and, and the security that will underwrite the obligations but we expect we'll be back to the council, probably on ok 21, and with one or more final definitive ordinances that will implement the

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financing for the project. And I expect these ordinances will, will authorize both the interim and the takeout financing for the project using river district urban renewal funding. And as I mentioned, since tax increment financing is part of the project, I expect the pvc commission will take action on ok 14 requesting the city issue bonds for the project. And as kim mentioned this is a non emergency ordinance so we move to second reading next week. Happy to take any questions.

**Margaret Van Vliet, Director, Housing Bureau:** I just wanted to provide a quick project update. Mayor Adams, and commissioners, I am margaret vanvliet, housing bureau director. And glad to be here, and glad to be providing an update. This is, as you know, a terrific project and an important one, and for the housing bureau. So, a couple of quick updates, I know you've been hearing about this over the last several months, and so, since we were last here, officially, we did receive in a grateful forum a million dollars of the general fund to help support this supportive services, and that are to be delivered to the folks who take advantage of the access center, so that's an important piece that was, that was, that was not yet resolved when we were back here several months ago, and I just wanted to thank the council for that because that's going to be critical to the success of the, of the, of the project, and we're working hard with partners, including transition projects to, to really outline what the compliment of services should be, and in the day access center and looking at a variety of things that really are focused on helping Portlanders and manage health and wellbeing matters in real-time. And as you know, we're diffusing a hassle block as the work continues to design a complimentary project on the other half of the, of the block u, and, and we are working as erik says towards a close next month. And construction start this fall so, I would be happy to answer any questions.

**Fish:** I want to acknowledge it was the mayor that put the million dollars in his budge, and for, for ongoing, which, which was critical because some of our, some of the folks who, who were less than enthusiastic about the resource access center raised a question about how we maintain the operation, and there is a, a, a, there is some history in the county of, of major projects for which there was a sufficient funding for operations by moving a million dollars to ongoing, we were able to solve that problem, which puts this whole project on solid footing. And the other thing that I want to acknowledge is that erik and kim deserve probably a purple heart for all the work that they have done in trying to come up with multiple backup financing strategies, and the reason they worked so tirelessly is that until recently, there was a significant cloud over the river district, and that was the challenge to the amendments of the river district plan, and so, we have had to look at a number of ways that we could get to the finish line but again, I want to acknowledge the mayor's leadership in bringing about a resolution of the dispute involving the river district, which gives us a clean shot and it is our hope, mayor, that we can break ground as late as, or as early as the end of october, and then we're looking, I think, about a two-year construction time line. By my last count there are only four cranes in the air in Portland, so by adding another crane to the air, by putting a, dozens of, of workers to work on this project and by, by moving forward on what is the centerpiece of the 10-year plan to end homelessness, this is a very happy day and I want to thank particularly ken and erik for all their hard work to go to the us here, for margaret for being steadfast and delivering.

**Rust:** Love that idea of the fiscal purple heart. That would be something. I have quite a few of them, I think. [laughter]

**Adams:** Commissioner Fish you have done a fantastic job since becoming the housing commissioner of keeping this going, both taking over a project you inherited, applying a lot of rigor, and a lot of scrutiny, but also at the same time, improving it, and at the same time, keeping it going, so I want to acknowledge that. We're here today because of your efforts and it's fantastic. This community is, has needed this, has asked for this for what, over -- many years. Almost 10 years, so congratulations.

**Fish:** One thing I want to be clear of, this is not the panacea that some present. This will not end homelessness or solve the problems on the streets but this will put us, seau as a city, at the forefront

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of national efforts to provide pathways to self sufficiency, places for people to congregate and services and walkers and showers, and other basic necessities of life, and it will be a lead platinum building. It will be a signature in our skyline.

**Fritz:** I know we're voting on this next week but bears repeating several times. Thank you very much for all your work, commissioner Fish. Commissioner Fish has been completely diligent and focused on this since I came in January. You've been working on it so hard, and Adams, your work in resolving the appeal on urban renewal district. This has been a very hard fought battle, and it's very encourage, and, and, and i'm happy to see that this is happening today, and, and in awe of the work that's been done.

**Fish:** Thank you very much.

**Leonard:** I agree with everything said.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Anyone wishes to testify on council calendar item non emergency ordinance 1316?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** No one signed up.

**Adams:** All right. 1316 movers to next week for council vote s and can you please read the title for purchasing report item 1317. [item read]

**Item 1317.**

**Adams:** Good morning. Welcome back. How are you today?

**Christine Moody, Bureau of Purchases:** I am doing fine, mayor, how are you?

**Adams:** Good, thanks.

**Moody:** Ok, before you is the purchasing agent report recommending the contract award to the low bidder in the amount of \$507,000, 507,400. The bureau of environmental services and purchases identified 11 divisions of work for potential minority women and emerging small business participation, and the participation on this project is at 18.6%, and performing work in asphalt paving, excavation and landscaping. Mr. Hammond is here from bes if you have any technical questions about the project.

**Adams:** And for the record.

**Moody:** Christine moody, bureau of purchases.

**Adams:** Any questions for christine? Thank you. Anyone in the room wishes to testify on council calendar item purchasing report 1317. Do I hear a motion to accept?

**Fritz:** So move.

**Leonard:** Second.

**Adams:** Moved and seconded to approve the report. And sue, please call the roll.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I want to note I appreciate the bureau of environmental services continuing to provide leadership in building and maintaining our basic infrastructure including our sewer systems. Aye.

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

**Adams:** 1317 is approved. Can you read the title for item 1318. [item read]

**Item 1318.**

**Adams:** And good morning, and welcome to the -- city council.

**Scott Gibson, Bureau of Environmental Services:** I am scott gibson, represent the bureau of environmental services, and today we have an intergovernmental agreement to authorize construction of sewer infrastructure that is along the border between us and clean water services district. I don't know if there are any questions.

**Adams:** Questions from council? Anyone wish to testify on item 1318? This is a non emergency ordinance, and moves to second week. Sorry to, next week for consideration. [gavel pounded] can you please read the title for item 1319. [item read]

**Item 1319.**

**Adams:** Sir.

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**Scott Gibson, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Scott gibson representing the bureau of environmental services again, and we recently completed a procurement of design services for the next phase of rehabilitation at the ankeny pump station on waterfront park, and brown and caldwell was selected for that work, and, and the estimate cost is 1.18 million, and, and there were three subconsulting firms hired for 38% of the contract amount, and all three of the firms were either emerging, were emerging small business, or let's see, the firms were emerging small businesses or minority firms, and two of the three were minority funds.

**Adams:** Questions from council? Comments?

**Fritz:** Just wanted to thank you, scott, for your continued assistance to my staff and answering all our questions on these multiple sewer projects, which were very well done.

**Gibson:** Thank you.

**Adams:** Anyone wish to testify on item non emergency ordinance 1319? All right, this moves to a second reading next week. We stand recessed until 6:00 p.m.

At 10:37 a.m., Council recessed.

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**Adams:** Could you please read the title for the time certain, council calendar item 1320.

**Adams:** Reese, would you please come forward? It is indeed my honor to present for council consideration a report for their acceptance that details the public-private multijurisdictional approach to providing summer programs that give the youth of Multnomah county, Portland and Multnomah county, access to summer school, academic remediation, also workplace and college visitation experience, and jobs. And we were able to leverage a lot of private sector investments because of a very collaborative effort among a lot of jurisdictions, public jurisdictions that you're going to hear about today. I want to up front acknowledge my cochair in this effort, the cochair of the education cabinet, Multnomah county chair ted wheeler, who has been key, where -- come on up. And I also want to acknowledge the school district and all of which the superintendents and their staff have been incredibly important obviously and also a lot of nongovernmental organizations as well. So, maybe mr. Chair, if you Wouldn't mind, sort of starting off with your impressions of the work underway.

**Chair Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County:** I'll be brief, because we're here today to hear the presentations of our partners who have done a tremendous amount of work. But first I want to acknowledge year leadership on this effort. I think we had a tremendous summer. When we started some of these efforts last spring, we were assured on time we had an ambitious agenda included engaging kids making that transition from 8th to 9th grade, which is a critical transition period. And in a short period of time we were able to engage not only the different jurisdictions, but as well the school districts, private sector partners, community organizations, faith-based organizations, other people who are very interested in the success of our youth in this community. We were appointedly acknowledging key statistics around school retention. And your leadership is what made that a possibility, the county was very proud to be a partner in this effort, and we're very pleased with the community response to school retention, which is not a city issue or a county issue, or a school district issue, it is a community issue. And the creation of the cabinet acknowledges that we really have to address these issues together and over the course of the summer, having a thousand kids engaged in the 9th great accounts program, 500 kids Engaged in the summer youth corps program to get direct experience with post-secondary education and job opportunities was tremendous. Most important feedback of course is the feedback we got from the kids themselves. And it's been universally positive and successful. That's why our partners are ready to continue to work hard on this. There were more -- why we at Multnomah town can I wish to continue to work very closely and collaboratively with the city of Portland or your leadership to make this program a success. So for my part it's been a uniquely positive experience and a strong partnership. I want to thank you, mayor.

**Adams:** I want to thank you, chair. I don't think the general public or even necessarily the city council realizes the tens of of millions of dollars that the county invests and among other things, sun

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schools program, and that has been a fantastic foundation in which to build these other efforts. And you've been at that longer than I've been mayor, so thank you for your efforts as well.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, sir.

**Adams:** Reese, do you want to give us a quick overview?

**Reese Lord, Mayor's Office:** I will. Mayor, commissioners, for the record, Reese Lord, part of the mayor's education team. As the mayor and the chair emphasized, this is a community effort being led by the education cabinet, in addition to chair Wheeler I'd like to recognize Martin Gonzalez and Doug Wells, who are here tonight as part of the cabinet.

\*\*\*\*\*: There's Doug Wells. Where is Martin? School board member. Thank you.

**Lord:** This work comes out of the research by connected by 25 that allows us to identify by name students who are most likely to disconnect from school and when. And what we do know is we lose a lot of kids during the summer transition, especially from eighth, ninth grade. So this strategy focuses resources during the summer months while aligning with ongoing reforms during the school year. Again, it's a community effort. There are over 76 organizations that hosted visits this summer, including teen and the Multnomah bar association. It's both a city and county government effort, and I think I'd be remiss if we didn't recognize the significant support from individual bureaus both as coaches, career site hosts, and placement opportunities for the interns. I want to start out with just to give you an overview, so I put together this sheet here for the commissioners. An overview of the youth corps sequence. This is the four-year series of interventions targeted at high school students during the crucial summer months. The first step in the sequence is the career and college explorations, where students are participating in college and career site visits. The second step is the Internship pilot that we -- program that we piloted this summer, and it works into the 11th grade level and beyond, the youth summer works program being led by work systems. So in terms of the agenda, we'll hear from all three programs. We'll hear both from adults who -- individuals and organizations who have partnered in this work as well as the youth who participate. And so with that, I'd like to introduce Nate from the schools foundation, as well as Todd, to talk to you about the career and college exploration program.

**Adams:** good evening, Nate P. Good evening, Todd. Now, council, when we did the contribution to Portland schools foundation, this might be a slight repeat for them, but for others in the audience, we'll give a quick overview of and career and college exploration.

**Nate Waas Shull, Portland Schools Foundation:** I'm Nate, with the Portland schools foundation. Thanks for having us here today and thank you for the support you've added to the community this year. As I presented to you recently, ninth grade counts aims to create a bridge for students who are off track in middle school to help them enter high school closer to being on track so they're ready to succeed. Why? Because we know any student who in 9th grade fails one of their core classes is four times more likely than their peers to drop out. To not graduate. So as Reese said, we were able to work with districts to identify who are kids likely to fail a class in 9th grade, and how do we help create that bridge? This summer we built a network of 22 community-based organizations and school districts who said we want to help. And we want to bring our resources to the table along with others to address this problem. We're going to hear today about the 13 of those 22 programs who were able to access an additional resource. The core of all these programs were that they committed to deliver academic readiness and high school support skills with students who were come nothing ninth grade, including note taking, organizational skills, as well as basic literacy and numerous support. In addition to that, through the ninth grade network, we were able to offer them staff support in the form of 36 full-time Americorps members who went out and delivered more than 14½ thousand hours of direct support to students, as well as, and this is the unique piece this, is the piece you're going to hear about today, as well as providing an opportunity for those students to actually start building a vision for what's next. And that happened by buses showing up for these students, taking them to businesses like King and others and also taking them to college sites. You'll

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have an opportunity to hear what that -- like neighborhood house and others in A minute, but I just want to say on behalf of the network that represents 22 programs, school districts across the county, thank you for the investment you've made in helping these students build a vision for what's on the other side of ninth grade, 10th grade, 11th, and 12th grade, what's waiting for me in terms of a career and in terms of college.

**Todd Diskin, Office of the Mayor:** My name is todd, I work in the office of the mayor and the education team. And this summer I had the privilege to be the youth corps coordinator. I was brought in with some experience in working with -- as a sun school coordinator, so I have some operational background. This is one of the most amazing intervention i've had a chance to be a part of. I'd like to share with you some data, a little stories and the impact the youth corps career and college explorations had on the 440 youth in the city of Portland and Multnomah county i'd like to begin with what the program looked like. Our goal was to work primarily with youth who are transitioning from eighth grade into ninth grade, and provide them with the necessary supports and helping them as they navigate into the high school. So on any given wednesday or friday, you might see hundreds of youth who would load on to yellow school buses and make their way out to career and college sites where they would see, hear, and experience employment and educational opportunities available to them Locally. All the students in youth corps experienced high growth and high demand occupational pathway jobs which include industrial engineering jobs, health, arts, communications, business, human services, and natural resources. Through these experiences and the stories shared by those who engaged in the work or learning, a picture began to form in the mind of the students of opportunities and possibilities available to them. In the end, we had 58 businesses and community organizations along with 18 college and post-secondary institutions to combine to provide 135 site visits. So not only did these organizations and institutions provide their space t. Their time, and their staff, but in many cases they also provided lunch and other mementos to their groups. And tonight you're going to hear from josh ross, from stoll berne and chris and lowe from keen footwear who will share more about what their organization's experience was with youth corps. I'd like to express my gratitude to campus compact, who was amazing help in helping correct us to the colleges and the colleges experience and the post-secondary opportunities. I'm proud to say in a very short period of time we were able to accomplish very amazing things. Youth corps helped to build capacity for existing programs to do what they do best. With greater resources and supports. In a few minutes you'll hear from oscar from the native American youth and family center about his organization's youth corps experience this summer. In order to deepen the connections between the youth and site host, volunteer coaches wren listed. They came from many parts of the city, including the faith community and our city bureaus. One day a week adult volunteers committed to make what students were learning relevant. 72 volunteers went through our coaches' training and 54 coaches were assigned to different programs around the county. Our volunteer coaches were the heart and the soul of the program. As through these caring relationships the program was able to help the students feel more comfortable in what they were experiencing in addition to supporting the program staff and their goals. Communities volunteers made commitments to stay in touch with the programs and the youth that they built relationships with over the summer. Holly is here tonight to share with you her experience as a coach. Finally it was the commitment of the youth and the program that made the difference. 440 youth mead made the decision to get upper day during their summer break, make their education and their ninth grade year count. Students received bus passes to get them to the program every day, and upon completion of the prams program, they received \$100 incentive card. As our students representatives from sei will tell you, those Incentives might help you get in the door, but it's not what's going to keep you coming back. It's going to be the relationships of the program staff, the coaches, the site hosts and the students that they made friends with that made the youth corps experience memorable to them. So we learned a lot in a short period of time. We've heard a lot of

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stories of the successes of youth corps had on the summer and the stories that you'll hear soon. We'll also know more about how the effect of youth corps when we get our evaluations back in november. Having compiled the student surveys and spent time with coaches, site hosts and program staff, it's come to my attention much of the early success is in the collaborations that were developed and the supports to our community partners. We have also learned many things time prove upon next year as we begin to plan for the summer of 2010. We'll be able to more fully develop and implement our transportation plan, increase the quantity and quality of our communications between all the entities involved, and provide even more structure and support to our site hosts. So I'd like to turn it over to our panel of adults to their share youth corps experiences with you. We're going to start with Josh Ross of Stoll Berne, and Chris Enlow of Keen Footwear.

**Adams:** Good evening, welcome to the city council. Glad you're here. You just need to give us your first and last name for the record.

**Josh Ross:** Mr. Mayor and members of the council, Josh Ross, I'm an attorney at the Stoll Berne firm in Portland and a member of the Multnomah bar association's young lawyers section. And I serve on that section's future committee. I'm honored to be here today to share with you our experience this summer with the youth corps. The future committee is one of many YLS committees that engages in a variety of public interest projects, and is charged as its name applies, with addressing futures issues, specifically professional satisfaction issues in the bar. When our committee learned about the youth corps program, it made perfect sense for us to participate. First, and as we've heard today and I'm sure we'll hear more about it, it's a terrific program that benefits our community in a big way. And it just made sense for the legal community to be part of that effort. That's the obvious easy reason. Second reason comes perhaps from more selfish interests. Young lawyers in this state have substantial concerns about the bar's lack of diversity, and my committee believes one effective way to promote diversity is to reach out to young people here in our own community and encourage them to seriously look at legal profession and begin planning early to reach that goal. So last summer we planned a Legal Professions Day for the youth corps participants. During the first part of the day, which was generously hosted by the Davis Wright Tremaine firm, about 20 Reynolds High School ninth graders met with lawyers, paralegals, legal secretaries, legal specialists, legal recruiting staff and law librarians to hear the in and outs of those professions. The students had the opportunity to make a connection with a person in a legal field and hear about their professional lives. The students also toured the Davis Wright offices and saw in person how different aspects of a law firm works, from the partner's corner office, to the photo copy center, to the mail room, the lunch room, and the billing department. Second half of the day was spent at Multnomah County Courthouse, having lunch with Judge Nelson and Michael Reese, who is a lawyer at the public defender's office. There the students heard about life in the courtroom. And Judge Nelson, who I understand is the only African-American woman judge in the state, graciously shared with the students her remarkable story and encouraged them to work hard. And I know Judge Nelson's message really inspired the students, and as "The Oregonian" reported last month, that part of the visit really had a particularly strong impact on them. From our committee's perspective, the legal professions day was a success, because we were able to give the students the chance to hear about different types of legal professions and how each of those professions has different demands and challenges and is rewarding in its own way. We hope that the visit had an impact on the students. Certainly in the broad sense that we had the opportunity to see in action another industry. But also that by personally connecting with the students and showing them firsthand what the legal profession offers, that some of the students really will sit down and think about their future as a legal professional. I really think the youth corps program was a success. Hats off to your staff who did a tremendous job coordinating everything, and on behalf of the futures committee we look forward to participating in the program in future years. Thank you.



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**Adams:** Thank you, josh, very much.

**Chris Enlow:** Thanks for the opportunity. My name is chris, I work for a company called keen footwear, we make shoes, bags, and socks. And I oversee corporate social responsibility.

**Adams:** And you're a Portland-based company.

**Enlow:** Portland-based company, thank you very much. Portland-based company, and we have two sunshine said ries, we do distribute globally, but the vast majority of our business is in the united states. Three things to highlight. Why do we get involved? And really simply put, our company is part of that new genre of businesses, it's a part of our ethos, being engaged in Our local community. This program in particular is just a simple way for us to actually lock hand in hand and meet folks out there specifically youth, and for our company we look at responsibility in our community from community, environment, growth, growth doing a great job. We're growing year over year. We're doing very well. Environment we're taking a considered look at what we do in terms of sourcing our materials, shipping our goods to how we sell our products at the rei store. And then in community, we do good work locally, we give back, we work with the forest park, but also important is this concept of being inclusive and engaged in this program, that allowed us to open our doors and work with local youth. For us the kids are the future. They will be working at our company 10 years from now, 1626. It's going to happen. So wham do we do -- what do we do? Hopefully we had fun. That was our fundamental goal. Our president spent the first hour with them, told them about what we do, then brought in the different personalities of what twe -- then they went to shoe school and designed their own schools, and two of the top designs made their -- had their shoes made for them. Then we -- then we did speed dating. We took 14 folks from our starch, people that younger, maybe dropped out of school, similar kind of similar issues That I think some of these kids might be feeling today. And did the one-on-one with some preset questions and spent three minutes and just went around the room and each student got to know, and I think that made a good impact. And ended with pizza, hot lips, which is probably the best part of the day. And the third thing, why should more businesses get involved? First, there's two parts to this why businesses should get involved. For the kids it gives them an opportunity to, so when they make the decision, am I going to go on to school, go do this, do that? They can weigh the experience. I remember back when I was at keen and I talked to the students, they were struggling - - it helps them have a more informed opinion about why they might or might not go to school in the future. Based on these experiences. And then for me personally, what really shed light on, there's always a wall in between you do your school work, study, graduate, and then you get the job. This is -- this process is going to help bridge that gap. Often times you're like, why am I learning this algebra? Case in point, last week hi to do algebra questions around retail math. To be able to talk with retailers with product, which is basic algebra. And I struggled. So thank you.

**Adams:** You needed youth corps.

I did. [laughter]

**Lord:** I'd like to call forward oscar as well as holly to share their perspective.

**Adams:** Welcome to the city council. We're glad you're here.

**Oscar Arona:** Good evening commissioners, mayor Adams. My name is oscar, I manage youth programs for the native american youth and family center, also known as naya. One of the programs I led was our summer leaders program, which focus order serving eighth grade students transitioning into high school. Naya has been organizing youth programs for many years, but one of the reasons this summer's programming was so successful was due to all the partners that were involved. The support and resource we received from partners like the Portland Multnomah youth corps and Portland schools foundation enabled us to provide more services to youth and serve more students. Through our partnership we were able to provide tri-met bus passes to each student and offer them \$100 stipend to all those who completed the program. These two incentives helped us recruit and retain students as most of them use public transportation and travel from places like st.

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Johns and outer southeast Portland to our center in northeast Portland. We were also able to recruit two americorps vista volunteers. Both were young role models from the native community. One is still in college and the other a recent college graduate Who was once a nay youth. It was extremely positive for the students to see these volunteers working with them simply because they cared about making a positivism pact in their lives. Youth corps did an excellent job coordinating career exploration and college visits for students. The college visits made students start thinking about college and other -- as a future possibility. Students began asking questions like, how much does college cost? And how can I pay for college? And what classes I do need to take to go to college? These visits planted a seed early on in the students' lives, which can potentially grow and become a reality. We are now working to ensure our students receive high school credit for participating in our program. This is extremely important as most of our students are at risk of not graduating on time or at all. By participating in our program, we were able to give students a head start, which could later become a big difference in their lives. This tangible outcome that proves students accomplished something this summer is what truly ensures the program's mission of increasing the graduation rate. While program details need to be adjusted as we move forward, it is crucial that we continue providing these opportunities for youth. Nay gladly hosted the debrief session for all the ninth grade Counts and youth corps partners whir we discussed challenges and improvement and successes of the program. It is good to know everyone involved welcomes feedback to further improve our services. And i'll share one anecdote to wrap things up. One of the college visits we did was to the northwest collect of construction. I received a telephone call from a parent who was extremely happy that her child came home and told her about every detail of his day that day. He told her now he wanted a career in construction, and that parent said to 93 was the first time her son had spoken positively about his future. So thank you for helping make my job worthwhile and enjoyable, and for your commitment and effort in decreasing the high school dropout rate.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Holly Hendricks:** Good evening mayor Adams and commissioners. My name is holly hendricks, I had the privilege this summer of participating as a volunteer coach in the summer youth corps ninth grade counts program. I spent four fridays this summer with ahmed, brittany, dallas, eduardo, jessica, jordan m., jordan s., alicia, robert, rosie, sam, sasha, sheamus, salina, and steven. They all attend wilson high school, and they're all very good kids. We had the chance to visit some local college campuses in the Portland metro area. We took tours of mount hood community college, western states chiropractic college, and My alma mater, Portland state. We also had site visits with several Portland area employers like ohsu's family clinic and the richmond neighborhood, we toured the Portland international airport and spent the morning at a very cool advertising agency in old town called coats cody castagna. These employers deserve a big thank you for giving so much to these kids. I first heard about the ninth grade counts program in early june while sitting in church at trinity episcopal cathedral. A staff person from the mayor's office made an announcement that they were looking for volunteers who would be willing to act as mentors to incoming ninth grade students. I was immediately interested. I had been suffering from the empty nest syndrome since my only child left for college three years ago. I missed the energy and enthusiasm present with young people in the house. I was impressed with what I heard of the youth corps program. They did a great job of training us prior to the start. I didn't have any grand expectations, but I thought it could turn out to be quite valuable. I think these kids learned this summer that people who continue their education have more control over their lives and have more choices in life. If they determine they want to go to college, they learn that their high school record will have an impact on where they go to college. Many of these kids didn't know what a grade point average was, and now they do. Because of ninth grade counts, the kids in my group now have the extra knowledge of insight and experience they essentially have insider information and now have an advantage that didn't exist prior to the beginning of the summer. They know that they're a community college that can

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provide them with a quality affordable place to start a college career. They also know that it's not enough to simply dream or fantasize about how to have an exceptional life. There are things they have to do to cause it to happen, or at least to hedge their bets. What I would like you all to know is that this was a terrific opportunity for me, and I appreciated being involved. More importantly, I think this was a terrific opportunity for the kids. If there's only one person out of the 15 who decides to continue their education or training after high school, as a result of Portland youth corps, would I call the program a success. My belief is that it positively impacted every one of those kids. I'll be very curious to hear how they continue through their high school years. I want to acknowledge neighborhood house and Francisco Hernandez for the good work they're doing at Robert Gray Middle School and at Wilson High School. I was really impressed with Francisco. He did an excellent job. I will most likely volunteer again next year if not sooner at Neighborhood House. This program is an investment in a community resource that will reap dividends in the future. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you both for your great work. Commissioner commits.

**Fritz:** Are you able to keep in touch with your students by email?

**Hendricks:** No. That wasn't -- I certainly could contact Francisco, and I'm sure he would forward my message to the kids.

**Fritz:** I would recommend that you do that. That's one of my regrets from tutoring in public schools, that I didn't keep in touch with some of the students, so you don't sometimes get to find out what they're doing. And they don't have your contact information either. The relationship that you establish in a program like this, I'm sure they appreciated your mentoring as much as you appreciated their energy. Thank you very much for your service.

**Hendricks:** You're welcome. Thank you.

**Lord:** I'd like to call forward Whitney Alexander.

**Adams:** Welcome to the city council. We're glad you're here.

**Whitney Alexander:** I am Whitney Alexander, a freshman at Benson High School. During the summer program I participated in ninth grade counts program. Ninth grade counts program exposed students to different colleges and careers as a result from visiting different colleges and businesses. I was exposed to different things and what people are doing in the community and how they're helping others. I think this program helps students think about what they want to do later on in life and what colleges they want to attend. I attended ninth grade counts, it helped me choose different careers and different -- in different colleges, and going to the right path and the right place in life.

**Adams:** Thank you very much for your excellent testimony. We appreciate it very much.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Lord:** That was the career and college exploration, the first step in the sequence. I'd like to call forward Jarricks Stephanie, and Sun from Irko to briefly give an overview of the internship program and then we'll hear from adults and students in that program as well.

**Adams:** Good evening, welcome back to the city council.

**Jane Ames, Office of the Mayor:** I'm Jane Ames from the mayor's office, the education team. I was the mayor's office project manager for the credit -- the youth core credit recovery and internship program. The students who enter 10th grade behind on the number of credits that will get them to graduation in four years are four times more likely to drop out of school. So students who are connected to supportive and engaged adults who experience success in jobs and activities, and who understand the world of work because they have worked during the summers, or at jobs after school, are much more likely to complete high school and move into the world of work and further education or training. The youth corps interventions all of them actually, were designed very intentionally to help fill the gaps in existing programs and services to help our youth succeed. The availability for youth to complete credit recovery during the summers is very uneven

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throughout its districts in Multnomah county, and is often prohibitively expensive. Students have trouble finding summer jobs and especially jobs that provide a real glimpse into the opportunities that are available if they pursue further education or training. So our efforts were designed to help fill these gaps, and our -- they are directed to -- they were specifically directed to youth we understood to be at higher risk. So I want to say two more things and then I want to introduce Tiffany and Sun. We have a plan to grow this program next year, to include not just 25 from this pilot project, but grow it up to 500 by building on the involvement that you have seen is very willing out there and our business community to sponsor our youth in these opportunities. The other is, this was a great opportunity and I think of the word synergy and all of these efforts, we're looking at all of us together have been able to provide what none of us alone could do. And it's been a real honor to be involved with this. Real honor. So I would like to introduce Tiffany, who is the program coordinator for the internships within our bureaus. Or should I do Sun -- should we go with Sun first?

\*\*\*\*\*: No, I want to --

\*\*\*\*\*: All right. [laughter]

**Adams:** Never shy.

**Tiffani Penson, Mayor's Office:** Actually I'm feeling quite shy right now. Hi, hi Mayor Adams, commissioners. Good evening, my name is Tiffani, on behalf of the Mayor's office, I recently had the pleasure of working as the bureau support manager for the Youth Corps pilot program. I worked under the leadership of Mayor's Apples Education Strategies Coordinator Jane Ames. With that leadership, we designed and established a program to target and prove and cut the dropout rate of at-risk youth in half by 2013. In addition, the program was designed to connect the at-risk youth to school, work, and our communities. 25 regular students and 10 alternate students were chosen to participate in the Benson Summer Hours program. Each student completed 25 hours of job readiness training. Upon completion of the training, 25 youth advanced to a six-week paid internship with the city of Portland. At the end of the program a survey was conducted and the Youth agreed that the caring adult, the bureau support manager, the Irko program coordinator and the city of Portland coaches provided them with a great experience. The staff provided support, constructive feedback, appreciation for the youth contribution to their bureau, which resulted in a valuable work experience for both youth and staff. In addition, the youth developed skills to help motivate them to perform better academically, successfully graduate high school, and begin thinking about college and possible future career options. I felt it was important to expose the youth to other opportunities crucial to achieving future successes. For example, opening a bank account. We partnered with United Credit Union who provided the youth with their first \$5 to open their savings account and gave us an understanding your credit seminar which was an excellent introduction to the importance of establishing and maintaining good credit. And useful to both the children and the adults. [laughter] Other exciting opportunities we added to the program was visiting OMSI. The crime scene investigation exhibit. The Portland aerial tram tour. Grand Central bowling celebration party and food hosted by the owner of Grand Central, and in addition, we also celebrated birthdays with soccer tickets, memorabilia from The Portland Trail Blazers, and lunch at Ringside Steakhouse. The Youth Corps program was very inclusive, addressing additional issues that at-risk youth face. For example, having appropriate clothing attire for work. Provided bus passes to transportation to summer school and work, if needed, Sunshine Division vouchers for food and clothing were provided by Officer Aubrey Robinson. And in conclusion to the program, a survey including feedback from the youth stated that all the youth found the program valuable would recommend the program to a friend, and are interested in participating in future Youth Corps summer internship program. The city of Portland coordinator and coaches agreed that Youth Corps program was a positive way to gauge youth and involve staff. So with that being said, the goal moving forward to expanding the program should be to keep what works, make room for process improvements identified by youth

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and staff, and look forward to the success of a much larger program that will serve a much larger number of youth. Some key message would I like to leave with you about the program are academic credit recovery provides youth with the following. An opportunity to turn a negative into a positive, and enter into the new school year feeling confident and free of worry about previously failed classes. Gives the youth confidence that they can achieve any goal they Set their mind to radar will of their start. This lets them know your start does not determine how strong you finish. And lastly, steer youth away from wanting to drop out of school because they are behind in credits providing summer school as a solution not far from their reach. On app personal note, for those of you that have never worked with youth, it is the most rewarding work that I have personally been involved in. The youth are so vibrant and exciting to be around in the workplace. Engaging youth can only better our organization by bringing in diversity, contribute to the city's future planning and building the future of our city. Thank you mayor Adams, commissioners, youth, staff, and business partners for your participation and hard work toward making this a successful pilot program. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you for your great work. And thanks to commissioner Leonard for letting us recruit you away from his bureau.

**Ames:** Thank you very much. I would also like to introduce sun, a career counselor from irco. Irco coordinated the program overall from the youth side doing all the hiring of -- and tatiana was the project coordinator at irco. She is right now in russia visiting family. So she couldn't make it back for this evening.

**Sun Sayturn:** My name is sun, thank you so Much for this opportunity. I'll be honest, i'm really tired, it's wednesday and feels like friday. I commend you for your efforts and your hard work and your support and care working with the youth and providing the great opportunities. Thank you so much. I'll be honest, i'm going to try to speak from the heart. I don't have any fancy notes because that is where these kids touch me this summer. As jane said, I was career counselor for irco this summer. I was in charge of job readiness training, in which the students, the participants, 35 of them, 35 participated in Portland Multnomah youth corps this summer. 25 main participants and 10 alternates just in case something happened. In order for the students to participate in the internship, they had to pass summer school over at benson high school. Greg is a summer scholars principal and he did an amazing job. Prior to internships the students all participated in 25 hours of what we call jrt, job readiness training. Our hope was that we could equip them with the proper tools and knowledge to succeed at the workplace, most students were 15, a couple were freerntion we had one that was 16 and one that was 17. The average was about 15. Most have never worked before. So our goal was to prepare them as best we could by spending a few days a work communication, and professionalism, woe taught Them how to write resumes, how to prepare for job interviews. One date representatives from the bureaus all came in and we had a mini-job fair. That was one of my favorite days of jrt, a great day for both the students and the supervisor to get to know each other and interact. Jrt was very beneficial for the students. As jane referred to earlier this, was a pilot project. I really had no idea what I was getting into. But what I -- as I said before, this program has really exceeded my expectations and has surpassed everything I thought it could be. Thanks to you guys. And thanks to the students, I really commend the students. There are a few of them here, and that's what it's really all about, the students. The students were able to receive credit and alma jeremy otten of them even received additional work experience credit through the various districts, en10al, Portland public schools, gresham bar loarks david douglas, and parkrose, the five participating districts. And the supervisors, they were very patient. It is an amazing job communicating with us, with jane, tiffany, if there were any issues, there weren't too many issues because as jane described, the first day she met them they were shy and timid, but mid week during training they said they were completely transformed. So I commend everybody, I commend you

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guys, the supervisors, and once again, it just goes back to the students, and that's why we're doing this. Thank you.

**Ames:** Thank you. And I also want to add the -- just the respect and appreciation that I feel for all the people throughout the bureaus who really -- when people say what the beauty of the word teacher is, I think that a lot of people who work for us in the city really hold the sense of the spirit of what a real public servant is. And the people that work with our youth this summer so demonstrated that. They did their own work and reached out to the youth as well. It was fabulous.

**Lord:** And with that i'd like to call forward georges taryn, and kendall to share their experience.

**Adams:** Good evening, welcome to council chambers. We're glad you're here. I work at the front desk in the water bureau -- .

**Kendall Gustafson, Water Bureau:** I work at the front desk in the water bureau operations department. Now I have to breathe. The day I met our new intern in room c, second floor of Portland building, he walked with me to the car to be -- this is hard. I could get no eye contact. He walked slowly, his chin was on his chest, his attitude was, what I have done to my summer vacation? It was his -- it was as if he were thinking, my parents are bosses, my teachers are bosses, Now I have a job with more bosses and I hate authority. He looked as if he were drooping and withered. Attempts at conversation were at first awkward. I would ask question, get a short clipped answer and a long uncomfortable silence. Then as we were driving towards interstate I asked him, what is your favorite subject in school? And he said math. One word. Silence. So I deliberately tossed him what I figured was a dumb question, to ask a 14 -year-old. Saying, are you into calculus? He said no, algebra and geometry. The conversation improved and I asked, what other seasons in school do you find interesting? Nate said, I like chemistry. In fact, I read -- I like to read chemistry books like other people read paperback novels. But it doesn't matter, nobody cares. And he said, I know almost the whole periodic chart from memory. And I do know the six noble gasses from memory for sure. The water bureau operations water quality and regulatory compliance departments are a brainy bunch with chemist and biologists on staff. As I introduced nate around the office I would say, this is nate. Our new intern. Nate please tell cathy the six noble gasses. Nate would recite the noble gasses with his chin and shoulders up, and cathy would say, nate, you're going to fit Right in. As nate and I worked together on projects we talked about his concept of what work was supposed to be like and his concept was, you gotta have a hard boss and drudgery. And I explained, I feel life is short and you have to make up your mind to have a good time while you work. I told him the best thing to bring to work was a good attitude. And it was just as important to bring attributes of honesty, reliability, and being on time. As we discussed practical things like -- and then we discussed practical things like nothing is perfect, and it would be good and bad days. Mike sheets, our water quality manager, designed a schedule that provided our intern with opportunities to participate in a vierlt of jobs that could be possibilities in his future. For his age, nate learned many complicated things. Amazingly well. And accepted responsibility when needed. While his office and social skills were useful, nate responded well to constructive feedback. Our department's participation as mentors and teachers for an intern in the youth corps was amazingly positive and productive for our own staff. Often illuminating practices we were taking for granted at work while we were teaching and explaining this to someone else. It was a tremendous blessing to us. The administrative skills and guidance from the mayor's office And irko were positively commendable. Remember when I told you nate and I first walked to the car he seemed to be drooping? He was like a plant that needed water. Nate ace participation in the youth corps was like watering the leaves of his soul. And the leaves of spisht. And the leaves of the hope of his future. As when you're at the end of the youth corps program I have -- it's remarkable progress, skills, and abilities and a frightening concept came to mind -- what if nate had not been in the program this summer? What if instead he fell in with some criminal element and began training

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and using his considerable skills and intelligence to generate criminal profit? In this instance I believe the youth corps program has taken nate, an average kid and moved him firmly away from the possibilities of crime and toward the possibility of being a productive member of our community. There's no doubt in my mind of the value of the youth corps to our city's future. In a word, I would describe this program as noble. Thank you for the incredible adventure.

**Adams:** Thank you very much for your testimony. Very well said. [applause]

**Fritz:** I'm going to interject, unfortunately I have to leave, I -- I think this is a fantastic program, I was also a nurse at ohsu for 22 years. If any of you are thinking of going to nursing, good choice. I was previously committed to go to an event for mental illness. So I wanted, before I leave, say thank you to everybody for this program. Thank you to mayor Adams for starting it. Thank you to tiffany, to sun, work systems inc., james aims, benson high school, the bureaus and the offices who have taken the time to do this great work, most of all Portland's youth. You are still our future and we are so proud of you, the things you have chosen to do in this program and throughout your lives, you face challenges that I never faced in my teenage years, and you're doing a good job. Keep it up. I want to close with words of franklin rose felt who said, we cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. And this is what this program has done. I thank you for participating, and i'm sorry you have to leave.

**Adams:** Thank you, commissioner.

**Karen Meyer, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Good evening, mayor Adams and commissioners. My name is karen meier, I work for the bureau of environmental services in the pollution prevention group. The program I work is called the coordinated site analysis program. And clark henry from the brownsville program and myself had two students, we definitely were not 100% prepared for the situation. We had the irko students the Previous year and in the beginning we're not sure what to expect. We're housed down at the pioneer tours, so our office is very lawyers, financial folks, so difficult for a 14-year-old to fit into on a daily basis. After get can into the program I thought -- understanding what it was all about, I realized how incredible it was and what a great opportunity for students in their situation. We definitely have a few people in my group who struggled through high school and on to getting that college education. I was on the 20-year program myself-to, it took me a long time to get my geology degree.

**Adams:** 16 years for me.

**Meyer:** See? So we had a lot of stories to tell. Issues with our own childhood and how we overcame it and some of the words of wisdom that we heard that put us on the right path, or the right person that we were somehow introduced to and became friends with that was the one person that changed our path. So we really believe that the program was important for ray lynn harris and for ryan landry. They both come from incredibly struggling backgrounds. Ray lynn skipping school was her big issue, and ryan had issues with fighting. And so the experience, working with them was awesome at times, and they definitely got a great experience. Our program you think is a perfect program, the brownfield program, because we do a lot of workout in the field that we do A lot of work on stream restorations, brownfield programs that showed the students how valuable it is to clean up a site that helps the community. We also had them do some boring office work, but they still managed to get the work done and were a benefit to us, especially they arranged our files which are humongous in a matter of I think it was a day and a half, which I thought was going to take them at least a couple weeks. So it was a good experience. We definitely had some struggles. These kids were -- for example, some of the street kids outside are building were somehow related to one of our students, so that was an issue. They would come over and talk to us as we moved from the pioneer towers up to the Portland building. So we had some days where there was some crying over issues from home. Sun really helped us in coaching and helping to work through some of the struggles they were having with their parents or issues. So that was so awesome, because we definitely didn't have the education to deal with those programs. -- problems. So we had a lot of

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career exposure that I think really showed up in the presentation, I don't know how many people there were, but both of our students presented what they had learned through a power point, and we were all extremely surprised on how well they did, including Diagrams of the whole wastewater treatment plant, to showing the oaks bottom, the frogs, everything they -- they did an awesome job, and I think people were very impressed. And I would really like to participate in this program again. I think it's really important. I think that any word, any advice that can be given to these students may get them to the next grade or out of high school or maybe even on to college.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. [applause] george.

**George Weatheroy, Bureau of Police:** Hello mayor Adams and commissioners. My name is george weatheroy, and i'm a sergeant with the Portland police bureau. One thing when you come toward the end, a lot of the things that you may have wanted to say have been said. I'd like to echo a lot of the sentiments that have been said. Being kind of old school, a few things come -- old school, a few things come to mind when I think of the youth corps program. First of all, being grateful and thankful is one of my mantras. And i'm very grateful that this youth corps program selected the young people that they selected. And the staff that was chosen. And then as I looked around the room, a thought came to mind about how it takes a whole village to raise a child. And I see we have quite a village here. Another thing that comes to mind is a cliché about a lot of times young people don't care about how much you know until they Know how much you care. And I think we can hear by a lot of the testimonies that we have a lot of caring people in this room. And that also helped to make the youth corps program successful. I'm a person that believes in win-win situations. And we've heard a lot of the positive statistics, we've heard a lot of tangible results. But I just want to briefly touch on the intangible results that aren't quantifiable or measurable. And that's one huge piece of the youth corps program that I hope we carry forward. And when I say that, I think it's so important to build self-esteem, positive self-esteem. And I think through this program that was one of the things that the folks in mind -- in my bureau had an opportunity to share their wisdom with the youth. And at one of our youth who came in the program and her head was kind of down at first, and knew something was going o. But didn't -- I couldn't quite put my thumb on it. As the six weeks rolled along, I could see her head raise, and after a while she walked around like she owned the place. And I really do believe that learning about the importance of integrity and hard work ethic, being on time, and dressing appropriately, and goal-setting, and -- a lot of the things that aren't always immediately measurable. And I think the youth corps program, by the selection of the staff, tiffany p. Tatiana, sun, They really cared and went above and beyond for the youth. And so I would like to thank them for that hard work and going above and beyond 24 hours a day. And I know that even to this day that they are still staying in contact with several members in the youth corps program. And so I would like to close by saying that another corny phrase, but we definitely have to continue to try to keep hope alive for the youth, and I think the youth corps program is just one of those tools on the tool belt that can help keep hope alive for the young people, because there's no hope, there's despair, and where there's despair, there's drug use, alcohol abuse, and all the negative things we know in society. So thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much. Really appreciate it. [applause]

**Lord:** I'd like to call forward three of the youth that participate in the internships. Veronica, jared, and cameron.

**Adams:** Welcome. Glad you're here.

**Veronica Rivera:** Hello, my name is veronica, I participated in the Portland Multnomah youth corps because I needed academic credit recovery, and I also needed to gain work experience, and I needed to make money. [laughter] i've learned a lot of things throughout my participation in the program. I learned I always needed to be responsible to get to my job on time, and had to do what needed To be done to successfully complete my duties in a professional and timely manner. I learned to be patient. I realized that some days there wasn't going to be a lot of work, so instead of



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me spacing out I learned to seek additional work that needed to be done and to do the little things that needed to be done, and even fit wasn't asked for me to do them. This program has really influenced me to think about what I want to do with my future. If it wasn't for this program, i'd probably don't know what I would have done this summer. I probably wouldn't have done things that would have been good. But thanks to this program I have actually been involved in something that not only benefited me, but also benefits Portland. I'm currently attending my sophomore year at an alternative school. It is very helpful with assisting me in my learning process and making good choices. I believe that the alternative school sometimes receives a bad reputation and people think that they are only for bad students, but that's not true. Alternative schools are designed to help people who struggle with school. And I am one of those persons who has struggled in school. It has -- my alternative school has supported me and helped me with my individual needs and thanks to them I also came to support the program. Portland Multnomah youth corps has definitely opened my eyes to Different and exciting new job careers, but my goal still remains to be a social worker. This program is a very valuable resource to teach youth the early stages of job skills. Training and to provide workplace experience. I was able to experience firsthand of the responsibility and reliability of it all. I have really gained confidence to tree harder to achieve my long-term goals. It has truly changed my life. In conclusion, I just wanted to thank all the people that made this program possible. This has been an amazing and great experience, and I would be thrilled if this would happen again for next year and the years following. I would love to participate again. Thank you all.

**Adams:** Good job. [applause]

**Jared:** I'm jared, I was an intern at Portland fire and rescue training station. I want to talk about how I got into Portland youth corps. Before I was referred by my principal, I was on the verge of dropping out pretty much. And I just didn't have any reason to be in school. It just wasn't my thing, I guess. I didn't have any goals, I was hanging out with the wrong people, which a lot of people -- a lot of the youth today, you see that quite a lot, I don't know. But I was just getting into trouble. And I remember I took an interview for youth corps, I Wasn't too sure exactly if I would fall through on that, but it turned out I did follow through. So I started summer school about mid june, and then we started jrt after that, and I don't -- I was an alternate for the program. I wasn't guaranteed a job, so I had the same school -- stay in school and be there on time more than other people. And it's kind after competition, which I wasn't too sure about, since my previous track record. But it turned out actually pretty good. I did all my work, showed up to school on time, and ended up getting a job in the end game.

**Adams:** How was the fire bureau?

**Leonard:** You beat me to the punch. What did you do at the training center?

**Jared:** Did a bunch of stuff. The first day I was at the waterfront, the one they're rebuilding, the firehouse down there.

**Leonard:** The main station.

**Jared:** I was down there with one of the studio guys. I was a photographer for the day. So if you see any pictures, it was me.

**Leonard:** Bob?

**Jared:** Yeah, bob. The other guy was out.

**Leonard:** Kent?

**Jared:** Kent.

**Fish:** The commissioner in charge of the fire bureau.

**Leonard:** I also worked with him. When I was wearing a uniform you were still in grade school. I left when I came here seven years ago.

**Fish:** Most people tell us he's better looking in person. [laughter]

**Leonard:** And nicer in person. Did you get to go on any runs?

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**Jared:** I didn't. They said I would, but I just didn't get to it. But I helped out a burn of the drills.

**Leonard:** Oh, good. Is it something you might be interested in doing?

**Jared:** It's a lot of work. [laughter] possibly. I'd have to go --

**Leonard:** I don't want to put you on the spot.

**Jared:** I kind of am.

**Leonard:** You are on the spot. You can do it. You did it this summer.

**Jared:** They actually taught me more about how it runs, and how I could be a fireman. And actually there --

**Leonard:** Firefighter.

**Jared:** Sorry. There's actually people that came to the station asking how they could get a job, and after a while they had me telling people that.

**Leonard:** It's excellent.

**Jared:** Some people would ask what an emt was, and fire signs, they were lost, but I was just -- they taught me a bunch of that kind of stuff. Other than working with firefighters, I was actually doing some hard labor, which I actually liked. It kind of got me out of the -- it drnt get me out of the position I was in. I mean, from not going to school. And just hanging out with the wrong people. Parkrose, the school I went to, it was a 78% dropout rate or something like that, and I had no confidence, my teachers didn't -- they wouldn't help me out that much. It turns out thanks to the help of jane and tiffany, who had -- I am going to benson.

**Adams:** Good job. Great testimony, good job. Thank you very much. Thank you. So now i'd like to transition to the final aspect of youth corps.

**Lord:** 11th grade and beyond towards post secondary training family wage, living wage job. I'd like to call forward andrew from executive director of work systems to talk about the summer works program, and introduce you to a couple of panels of adult and students that worked together this summer.

**Andrew McGough:** Good evening mr. Mayor, commissioners. Thanks for having me tonight are you spared the power point. I want to be cognizant of the time.

**McGough:** You're not going to be spared the statistics, but I do want to go through this quickly because we had a couple people that did the work. As was mentioned, we're sort of the tail end of this stuff, of the youth corps effort. We pick up kids from 16 to 25, and what's a work force guy doing here. We like to connect kids to work and we think it's a critical component of the city's efforts to keep kids in school and to help them succeed in school. So this year we got 3.4 million Dollars of arra, for those of how don't know, that's stimulus money, american recovery and reinvestment act. And we invested that in the summer youth program. Serving kids 16-24 in the city, Multnomah, and Washington counties, we serve 1250 kids this summer. And we infused \$3.27 million into the local economy as a result. So if you're looking for a stimulating effect, I think you found it in a summer job. The question for us is, why is summer jobs important? And they're important for a number of reasons. But not the least of which is that the participation rate by kids between the ages of 16-19 has fallen from 45.2% in year 2000 to 29.8% this year. That's the lowest rate it's ever been since world war ii. Since they started recording this stuff. So if you dig deeper into those numbers, you'll find that low-income kids, and particularly low-income african-american males, are hardest hit with only 12% of low-income african-american males working today. Three times lower than their milled class white counterparts. The fact is employment during the teen years really matters. Especially for low-income and minority kids. It increases graduation rates, awareness of the links between what you know and what you earn, and improves the transition from school to work, meaning higher employment rates, higher wages, and higher lifetime earnings. It's proven facts. In terms of outcomes, 1250 kids crossed the two-county region, 297 different work sites participated, including a multitude of city bureaus. We had 119 kids participating just in city bureaus. Again, thank you for your participation and leadership at the

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city level. It's unbelievable what your staff are doing in this regard. It's great. So I want to toquero really quickly specifically about Portland and then bring up joe and victoria, a couple of the providers who actually did the work.

**Adams:** Why don't you come on up. There were 7 hundred --

**McGough:** There were 727 kids from the city served in this program. 100% of those kids were low-income. Meaning that if they lived in a family of four, their household income was less than \$26,000 a year. 64% of those kids were kids of color. 54% were receiving public assistance, and 72% were school dropouts or at-risk of dropping out. And I guess the biggest point here is despite all of these challenges, when these kids got an opportunity, they delivered. And that I think is the message here. If we can figure out how to continue to do this, you give these kids a shot, they take advantage of it, and they do it well. So with that i'll turn it over to my friends here, victoria and Joe.

**Victoria Liba:** Good evening mayor and commissioners. It's a pleasure and honor to be here and especially talking about the summer works. The remarkable program that we ran this year. I am an employment services manager at irko, my name is victoria, and i've been in business of helping immigrants and refugees with getting into work source -- work force, developing professionals, vocational skills, and building careers in this country for the last 18 years. And with the full confidence I can say that what I had a privilege of running this summer was a wonderful program that I would beg to run for the rest of my employment at irko. And let me tell you why. First of all, with the -- irko was one of the major providers, and we got more than 450 applications for 225 slots that we were allotted. It was hard choice to select youth, but we did. We are working of course the name says it, mostly with immigrants and refugees, and it was amazing to see young people age 16-24 lining up for am variety of -- for a variety of work experience opportunities. Many of them being in this country for just few months. Many of them came from refugee camps with their parents. They came from families where the education is a known word. Where getting a solid employment is something that people literally don't understand. And being able to assist the youth and measure their Interests, skills, opportunities, language abilities with work site was very, very important. We had 138 work sites, and I am counting city bureau separately, because they are located in different places, they have different supervisors, but we had 78 kids. I shouldn't say kids. Young people. They are 16-25, they -- whey 79 of them working for the city of Portland. We had many of them working for Multnomah county, different departments, we had many of them working for private businesses. And we were also happy to open up our doors to native american youth. We work closely with nay and we had 20 of them participating in the program. Each of them on average made \$1600 for the average of 880 hours of work. And we spoke with you, what were they doing with the money? The plans were open an account. Saving money for colleges. Buying books and supplies for upcoming year. And also in many cases, their paycheck was the only paycheck that that family would get. Or they were the first people in america to bring the first paycheck to that family. And it was such -- I hate signing checks. I was ready with my pen to sign those checks every two weeks when they were getting paid. Because that was such a pride we v one thing I want to mention or kind of bring our attention to is, you know, there are actually three different entities Involved in all the projects. The youth, and we talk about them here before -- today a lot, the employers. And us providers. And I don't think there's anybody here who wasn't deeply touched. One of the employers was water bureau, and we had 17 youth who were supposed to work every day being at work at 7:30, and working full-time. And we were very nervous about, what they be able to perform, not only all of them did, but they did a remarkable job. A couple of them are sitting here behind me. [applause] and expwr and the remarkable things I think affected the staff at the water bureau was that they were all together, 17 of them from 12 countries. They were a great team that worked together really well, and that's a piece of diversity that irko always brings. And the last thing I want to say about us providers, as I said at the beginning, I would beg

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to do the yearly, because -- first of all, we had a meeting today and I asked my staff, what did it do to us? And it said, we can do that. And we are fully confident that with the support of this fund and other funds, we can help our youth to get into careers. We can help them to establish themselves in this country. Go to colleges, gain skills, gain confidence, and be very successful. And 20 seconds more, I want to mention something. We talk a lot about it, younger youth, that would learn that There is a career, that they should go to college, they should have greenwood good greats ---- grades. The conversation I overheard from one of the youth who was working for sun school youth camp with elementary school kids, and our participant who is a senior in high school, goes like, "you know, you gotta study well at school, because if you did what I did when I was in middle school, you are going to be in trouble. You need to get the good grades." and I think this is a wonderful opportunity for all the youth to become role models and mentors, and that is something we look -- should look closely into. Thank you very much for the opportunity. And later on you will listen to one of our participants and we also have a staff who is going to read a letter from a supervisor who would make -- who couldn't make it here.

**Adams:** I love your enthusiasm and your passion. [applause]

**Jasmine Samples:** Hello commissioners, jasmine samples. I have a letter here from w. W.v. Adams company, it's one of our employers over the summer program. And it was? Regards to this lovely lady next to me here, galina. Our office decided to participate in the irko summer works program this year because we enjoy the opportunity to work with young people to develop work skills. We were lucky enough to have an Open position available for galina when this program was proposed to us, so we jumped on board. Galina was placed in the position of receptionist and was on the front line when dealing with customers and the public. She worked with our customers with a level of professionalism rarely seen in people her age. As she continued here, she gained more duties and we came to rely on her. Throughout her time with our company, yes able to watch as she became more comfortable in the office environment. Learned new tasks and skills, and grew more confident in her abilities. She was a valuable asset to our company and always willing to help anyone. Her constant positive attitude and desire to learn made her a joy to have around the office. Our office ran fairly smoothly this summer and much of that can be contributed to galina's assistance and personal demeanor. It was quite a pleasure to watch her grow and develop her skills in such a manner. All of us at wv Adams company wish her the best in the future and we are confident she will continue to excel and go far. Thank you. Ashley stone burner, wv Adams company, office manager.

**Adams:** Good job, galina. Congratulations. [applause]

**Samples:** This is a letter she can use as a letter of reference, and in addition, this company has also hired one of irka's year-round youth permanently part-time.

**Adams:** And you, because we have to end at 7:30, you have the honor of being the last person to speak tonight. How was your experience?

\*\*\*\*\*: My name is galina -- .

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

**Galena:** My name is galina, i'm a senior at franklin high school. This summer as participant in the summer works program I worked at wv Adams insurance agency. Working there is my first real job and it has been a pleasurable learning experience. I love meeting new people that had succeeded in their life and that had made me to want to do the same and be successful. I was using extra credit to raise my grade and turning in work. At this internship I have learned the value of punctuality and completing tasks on time. I realize everything I learn in school right now I will need in the future. We might think that getting by with a c grade is good enough, but that will get us in the habit of getting the minimum out of everything in our life. Just enough to get by. But what we want is to get as much as possible, go as high as possible. Try to go beyond just that c and get an a. Which in the end will probably bring us more good than just a c. This internship gave me

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an insight on the type of job I could have with an education, how much greater my pay would be, and every person is important to society, no matter how big or small their role is. Before I thought toll just get a certificate and business and accounting, something quick and get a jofnlit however, completing my internship has confirmed my career decision going into business and accounting for major, and medical office administrative assistant as a minor. I now plan to get my associate's degree in both fields, not just a certificate.

**Adams:** Yeah: [applause] joe, do you want to say anything?

**Joe McFerin:** I can say something real quick.

**Adams:** Go for it.

**McFerin:** First of all, mayor Adams, commissioner, thank you for this opportunity. I'll be very succinct. Just two things that I would like to acknowledge. First, joe, president, ceo Portland oic, home of the rosemary anderson high school. Two things i'd like to say. One, i'd like to commend andrew mcguff and the work systems team for the work that they've done with the summer works program as an organization we've partnered with work systems for 15 years, and so we've had our up and downs and I think with andrew's leadership, i'm very proud to be a partner and a contractor. That's one. The second thing i'd like to acknowledge is one of our partners, don jensen, owner, founder of bridge town coffee. Don jensen participated in the summer works program and proatd a number of opportunities. He's also partnered with our Organization since 2005 where we have worked with over 80 young people. In and out of his organization to get training. With that said, i'm really inspired about some of the things i've heard william all the programs and I want to commend you for your work and your endorsement of these various projects. And I hope that this is something that we can institute count on next year and in the years to come. Thank you.

**Adams:** Appreciate it. [applause] this is a presentation to council. So there's no vote. But commissioners are -- if you want to make a few comments before we adjourn?

**Leonard:** This was an inspired gathering tonight, and I think it speaks for itself when you see the young folks up here talking about how it's helped them and I was particularly moved by one of my water bureau folks testifying about the impact not only the program had on him, on the stiewrntion but himself as well. And the water bureau staff. So sam, I know sam pretty well. A lot of people dismiss politicians when they make promises in campaigns. I sit back and started going, oh, man that's going to be a lot of work when sam was talking about reducing the dropout rate by 50%. And this is an example of what sam does. He gets focused on an issue and he works on it until something Happens. And I know that about him and this is as I said, a demonstration of exactly the kind of work sam likes to do. When he says he's going to do, some we're on all board until it gets done. I appreciate hit leadership a lot on this. It means a lot to me personally and I know it does to sam as well personally, and i'm very happy to support all that you have done.

**Adams:** Thank you, commissioner.

**Fish:** First I want to thank everyone for coming out to council and just staying with us late into the evening. And I want to tell you how inspired I was by what the folks had to say who testified, and by your presence. Just a brief story about two meetings i've attended recently. One was I attend add farewell event for some of the kids that we hire at the parks bureau to serve as lifeguards. Has anyone here been a lifeguard? There's one. Last summer? We hire about 600 young people to sief as lifeguards. And this past summer we had an incident at peninsula pool where a 9-year-old young person almost drowned. And when you're charged with supervising pools with hundreds of people swimming from time to time these things happen. The reason this young person survived is because there were four lifeguards who did exactly what they had been trained to do. And they saved a life. They were range in age from 15-17, and they had been with parks bureau for some time. Coming back every summer to do lifeguard work. So at an awards recognition event that we scheduled, chief columbia, chief of the fire bureau -- chief clum and I had the honor of handing out certificates and thanking the four young people. And chief clum went on to say that what they had

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done was saved a life, they had been first responders, they had done the highest calling for public service, and he hoped they would all of them will consider careers in the fire bureau. At another event I went to, and I want to acknowledge how proud I am of the role the parks bureau played, we had a number of people who signed up served as mentors or participants, coaches, and we've received nothing but positive feedback from them about their experience. But we met with some at-risk kids in a barbecue at the end of the summer and these are kids that had been involved in removing invasive species throughout the city. And what I said to them was you've not only done a great service to your city by working and by contributing, but you've always gained some experience and we want to be helpful in your future and I as the parks commissioner hope that some of of you choose careers in the parks bureau. Rightly what I want to illustrate with both is that for those of you who participate in The program, it sounds like you've had a wonderful and some cases transforming life experience. And that happens when people connect. All these beautiful things happen when people connect and show support. But this program will ultimately be a success when many of you, those you here, those of you watching on tv, choose careers in public service and actually come work for the city. So I represent the parks bureau, the housing bureau, the mayors in charge of everything, commissioner Leonard has the water bureau, and the fire bureau, and the bureau of development services. And I know it would be a point of pride for all of us some day to have the folks in this room who have completed their education and continued on the career path that they're obviously on, this very positive direction, to be employees of our bureaus and colleagues in the important work we do at city hall. Congratulations to all. Jane, great job, and mayor, i'm proud of your work.

**Adams:** On that note I want to thank everyone who participated tonight. I want to thank the patience and the perseverance of my colleagues on the city council. It's been a long day. Thank you to wsi, the entire team, tiffany, my education team, irko, sun, everybody. But most of all to those of you that participated in this, and we hope that you'll come back as paid staff. So thank you. We stand adjourned.

At 7:35 p.m., Council adjourned.