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

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

Commissioner Leonard was excused to leave at 11:28 a.m.

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

Item No. 1369 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

	<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	
<b>1350</b> Request of Nan Stark to address Council regarding method of funding public services (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1351</b> Request of Jason Renaud to address Council regarding the third anniversary of the death of James Chasse (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1352</b> Request of Sophie Liu to address Council regarding persecution in China (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1353</b> Request of Raphael Goodblatt to address Council regarding small business and the recent layoffs at the Bureau of Development Services (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1354</b> Request of Kim Carlson to address Council regarding Write Around Portland (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>	
<b>1355 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Urge Congress to enact the United States National Health Care Act sponsored by Representative John Conyers (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams and Commissioners Fritz and Leonard)  (Y-4)	<b>36734</b>

<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Sam Adams</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>		
<p><b>1356</b> Accept a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the State of Oregon, Department of Transportation for construction of the East Burnside Couch Couplet Project (Ordinance)</p>		<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 7, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>		
<p><b>*1357</b> Merge the Bureau of Purchases with the Facilities Services, CityFleet, Printing and Distribution and Risk Management Divisions of Office of Management and Finance Business Operations to establish a new City Bureau known as the Bureau of Internal Business Services, and direct implementation of appropriate Code changes (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p><b>183206</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</b></p>		
<p><b>1358</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with The State of Oregon for placement of the New City Archives on Portland State University campus (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 37444)</p>		<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 7, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1359</b> Authorize contract with MCA Architects, PC for \$121,910 to provide consultant services for Fire Station 18 Seismic Upgrade &amp; Facility Remodel (Second Reading Agenda 1331)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p><b>183207</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources</b></p>		
<p><b>*1360</b> Authorize contract with Providence Occupational Health not to exceed \$500,000 for post offer medical examination and physical capacity testing services (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p><b>183208</b></p>
<p><b>*1361</b> Create a new Nonrepresented classification of Chief Procurement Officer, which is exempt from classified service (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p><b>183209</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b> <b>Position No. 3</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>		
<p><b>1362</b> Authorize three year grant agreement with SOLV to involve community volunteers in watershed restoration, maintenance and monitoring activities (Ordinance)</p>		<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 7, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

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<p><b>1363</b> Authorize a contract and provide payment for decommissioning the Thomas and Woods Pump Stations Project No. E08735 (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 7, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1364</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to determine the performance and compatibility of photovoltaic panels and ecoroofs used together as a combined system, up to \$20,000 over 3 years (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 7, 2009 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Police</b></p>	
<p><b>*1365</b> Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hillsboro and Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon to provide transit police services (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 53092)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183210</b></p>
<p><b>*1366</b> Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Portland and Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon to provide transit police services (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 53115)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183211</b></p>
<p><b>*1367</b> Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Forest Grove and Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon to provide transit police services (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000643)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183212</b></p>
<p><b>*1368</b> Apply for a \$75,000 grant from the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police for a Three Flags Campaign/Safety Belt enforcement program grant for officer overtime (Ordinance)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183213</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Randy Leonard Position No. 4</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Development Services</b></p>	
<p><b>*1369</b> Authorize an agreement with Portland Downtown Services, Inc. to provide commercial inspection services in the Downtown Business Improvement District (Ordinance)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183218</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Water</b></p>	
<p><b>*1370</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Health Department for participation on a LT2 pathogen model peer review panel (Ordinance)  (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183214</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2</b></p>	

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**Portland Parks & Recreation**

- \*1371** Authorize acquisition of real property near Knott Park for park purposes from the Estate of Alfred N. Bayer (Ordinance)  
(Y-4)

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**City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade**

- \*1372** Amend contract with LNS Court Reporting and Captioning for closed captioning services for City Council sessions (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 35532)  
(Y-4)

**183216**

- 1373** Establish guidelines for handling confidential information shared with Audit Services Division (Second Reading Agenda 1339; add Code Section 3.05.045)  
(Y-4)

**183217**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Mayor Sam Adams**

- 1374** Mobilize and expand the regional technology community of software, hardware and service professionals by promoting open and transparent government, open data and partnership opportunities between the public, private and non-profit sectors, academia and labor (Resolution)  
(Y-3; Leonard absent)

**36735**

**Office of Management and Finance**

- 1375** Support retention of international air service to Portland International Airport and allocate funds to assist the Port of Portland and State of Oregon in this retention initiative (Resolution)  
(Y-4)

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**Continued to September 30, 2009 at 2:00 pm.**

**Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Position No. 3**

**Bureau of Environmental Services**

- 1376** Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to amend a legal description for a temporary construction easement and to acquire said easement for the Balch Consolidation Conduit Project No. E05510 through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 182400)

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**Commissioner Nick Fish  
Position No. 2**

**Portland Parks & Recreation**

**1377** Approve "Teachers Fountain" as the name for the fountain located in Director Park (Second Reading Agenda 1347)

(Y-3; Leonard absent)

**183219**

At 12:00 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009** AT 2:00 P.M.

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

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

<p><b>1378 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Endorse the Community Workforce Agreement on Standards and Community Benefits in the Clean Energy Works Portland Pilot Program (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams)</p> <p><b>Motion to accept substitute exhibit A:</b> Moved by Mayor Adams and seconded by Commissioner Fritz. (Y-3; Leonard absent)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p><b>Disposition:</b></p> <p><b>36737</b> AS AMENDED</p>
<p><b>1379 TIME CERTAIN: 2:45 PM</b> – Amend Portland Transportation System Plan and Comprehensive Plan to update the Gateway Master Street Plan and Chapter 11, Master Street Plans (Previous Agenda 1267; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Adams)</p> <p><b>Motion to amend exhibit A, Map 11.11.3:</b> Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Fish. (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED OCTOBER 7, 2009 AT 2:00 PM</b></p>

At 4:02 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,  
OREGON WAS HELD THIS **1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009** AT 2:00 P.M.

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

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 2:02 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Jim Van  
Dyke, Chief Deputy City Attorney and Shane Abma, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and  
Ron Willis, Sergeant at Arms.

<p><b>1380 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Recognize the distinguished career of Fred Stickel and his contributions to the City of Portland and the State of Oregon (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams and Commissioners Fish, Fritz and Saltzman)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>Disposition:</b>  <b>36738</b></p>
<p><b>1381 TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM</b> – Proclaim October 2009 as Archives Month in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Adams)</p>	<p><b>PLACED ON FILE</b></p>

At 2:45 p.m., Council adjourned.

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

By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

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**Adams:** ... The council in session work. How many of you are here to plan on testifying? How many of you have testified before? Ok. For those of you that have not, it's really easy. We'll -- Karla, our great council clerk will call the names as folks have signed up and all you have to do is come to the -- the table here. You only need to give us your first and last name. We don't want your address. Just your first and last name and then there's a clock on the front of that big hunk of wood that will count down from three minutes. And that's all you have to do. You'll hear the buzzer. One beep will indicate 30 seconds left and then three beeps means you're over three minutes and if you go over four, that seat becomes electrified. [laughter] not really. Not really. So as soon as we get a quorum, we'll get started here. We're glad you're here today.

**Adams:** All right. We're all here. [gavel pounded] whoops. Good morning, today is Wednesday, september 30th, 2009. It's 9:30 in the morning. The morning session of the Portland city council will come to order. Karla, please call the roll.

[roll call]

**Adams:** We take communications first. We have five people signed up. Karla, can you please read the title for communications item no. 1350.

**Item 1350.**

**Adams:** Ms. Stark, please come forward. Welcome to the city council. Welcome back.

**Nan Stark, Bureau of Development Services:** Thank you. Good morning, mayor Adams, members of the council. I'm nan stark, a city planner with the bureau of development services. When two colleagues came last month to talk about the bds financial situation, you encouraged us to continue to advocate for our bureau and i'm here do that. One thing that the situation has made clear is that council needs to address the city's budget holistically. Bds should not have to face this alone. This is a crisis, not simply a budget issue. It's a major crisis that's occurred because services provided by bds cannot be sustained in a downward economy on fees alone and many of the services we provide are not fee-based. This is a crisis because what's happening to bds now is likely going to be happening to most, if not all, city bureaus over the next months and years. I'm here today to ask you to consider some solutions to the current problem and to address the budget crisis that will soon face other bureaus. First, use city reserves to restate some positions at bds to bring it back to a reasonable and sustainable level of service. Second, revive the bds budget to accurately reflect the amount of non-fee base services that the bureau provides. Like a 40-to-60 split of fees to general funds and require every non-essential city employee to take furlough time by the end of the year. Polling shows that most employees are willing to work reduced hours or take furloughs to save jobs and preserve service levels. And fourth, institute a strategic plan by the auditor's office and bureau of human involves to address the massive numbers affected. The bds situation needs to be seen as a glimpse of things to come. I'm not being dramatic in painting this picture as upheaval. We had 300 employees. Tomorrow, there's 148. I want to emphasize bds provides services that affect and help every member of the community. We work with the development community on a daily basis in ensuring construction projects can continue. We work with the design community, nonprofits and neighborhood associations and hearing and addressing their concerns and work with individual citizens and their neighbors to ensure safety and liveability



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of all Portlanders. It's a holistic system and I ask you to look at the bds crisis as a crisis that affects you. It affects every commissioner who have projects related to neighborhoods, parks, housing, commercial and schools and more and projects that need water, and transportation and that include neighborhood involvement, sustainability, police and fire services and other emergency service. In other words, what we do crosses all bureau lines. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

**Leonard:** Thank you, nan, appreciate your remarks.

**Adams:** Thank you for your thoughtful testimony. Can you read the title for communication item 1351.

**Item 1351.**

**Adams:** Mr. Renaud, welcome to the city council. Glad you're here.

**Renaud:** Good morning. Thank you for having me.

**Adams:** [inaudible] there we go.

**Renaud:** My name is Jason Renaud. I'm a volunteer board secretary for the mental health association of Portland. Our mission is to help persons with a mental illness speak up and speak out and this is a community of persons. We ask you to rebuild the respect and trust damaged between the Portland police bureau and persons with mental illness and I'd like to talk this morning about impunity. This is when a person or an institution has been exempted from punishment. Impunity is corrosive to public administration and hard for persons to distinguish from righteousness or understand the damage it causes. It occurs when there's a wide variance between what's found to be just and understood to be true. The action which enables impunity to flourish is when persons of authority claim due process is equal to justice. Or somehow justice always prevails. Our organization and thousands of people in Portland believe an injustice has prevailed. That a fair hearing on what happened to James Chasse has not occurred. The final opportunity for intervention was an external review of the officers' actions and the decision whether those actions were within police and policy. After three years, the bureau distributed a press release citing reasons their review was late, a minor technicality was found so a minor punishment will occur. What has occurred is impunity. The message delivered is a brutal beating and death of a person with a mental illness. One with friends and family and home and a clean record is acceptable by -- and within the Portland police bureau. This should not be acceptable to you. Impunity undermines and dissolves the most important tool police officers need to do their work -- trust and respect. I've given you seven actions we believe can help rebuild this trust and respect you can act on I think quickly. Number one, release of the full investigation by the Portland police bureau of what happened to James Chasse. Number two, move the three officers off patrol duty. Number three, make a goal of reducing taser use by 50% over the next five years. Four, reopen the chief's forum. Five, form an effort with local governments and police departments and mental health advocates to go to Salem to get the money we need to provide the appropriate mental health services and open a meeting between people with mental illness and the police bureau. Number four, release the crisis team curriculum and encounter data. It's time for you to act. It's your turn. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you for your thoughtful testimony. Really appreciate it.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much and thank you for sending in your testimony ahead of time. That was very helpful. Commissioner Saltzman has the scheduled docket today. He's in charge of the police bureau but I did have a conversation with him yesterday and I will be working with the office of human relations which is in my charge with the police and human relations commissioner to continue working on this. Thank you.

**Renaud:** Thank you.

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

**Adams:** Karla, please read the title for council communication item no. 1352.

**Item 1352.**

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

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**Sophie Liu:** Thank you.

**Adams:** Please have a seat.

**Liu:** Good morning. My name is --

**Adams:** Can you move the microphone --

**Liu:** My name is sophie liu on behalf of -- english is limited. I'm a practitioner, escaped from the concentration camp in beijing three years ago. Since 1999, the chinese communist party kidnapped me four times and forced into a iron cage and not allowed even to go to the bathroom. My pants were soaked with urine and blood. Mainly -- a policeman tied my hands and feet together until I lost consciousness. I now have a permanent scar on my forehead. They forced me to work with a slave day and night. And injected with a drug that caused memory loss. They even tested my blood several times and if it matched to those who needed organs, I would have been murdered. I was so lucky to escape to this land of freedom. On september 15, I attended a [inaudible] of Oregon. The crafted speeches, mr. Wu delivers to american audiences are serious. Not only presenting skewed information but simultaneously being used by communist parties to fulfill their agenda. I was surprised to find out, while I was at the meeting upstairs, one of mr. Wu's accomplices demanded my friends waiting in the lobby reveal my name to him. This was one of the many examples of how the communist party is expanding to the usa. The response to the "the Oregonian" reporter's question, was picked up by a communist website, with snippets of article were displayed under the revised title. People regard [inaudible] millions of falun gong partitioners. He organized and sponsored many conferences and exhibits with the aim of hatred to falun gong and founders. But what is falun gong? As established from the u.s. Congress resolution passed unanimously by 420 congressmen, falun gong is a peaceful and non-violent practice and belief of millions. All falun gong partitions [inaudible] democracy in china and then keep it for the whole and the 21st century. I'm worried that Portland authorities give a green light to communist leaders like mr. Wu for whatever reasons they might have. [inaudible] to help to sell another boeing. But history will judge us if we choose to look the other way when faced with indescribable human suffering on this scale.

**Adams:** Thank you for your thoughtful testimony. Thank you. Karla, please read the title for council communication item no. 1353.

**Item 1353.**

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

**Raphael Goodblatt, Bureau of Development Services:** Thank you. My name is raphael goodblatt. I'm an architect with bds. Today is my last day. I worked for the city of Portland for six years and loved my design. Prior to working here, I owned a design business for eight years. I see a business model that's impossible to maintain. As you know, bds is an enterprise bureau. That means we must succeed with the funds we take in. Unfortunately, every person who interacts with bds, thinks it's funded with taxes. That causes problems. People who work at the city, are expect -- stein structural and mechanical systems and all for free. What is left? Tomorrow, bds will be down to 148 employees from a total of 350. Our manager-to-employee ratio, one-to-six. The average for a well-un company is 1-to-21. This creates fear in the managers and fear throughout the bureau. Managers can be fired at a moment's notice. Managers cost more than union employees. And this fear is felt outside. They're afraid that bds cannot meet the citywide violation inspections. How do we erase the fear? If you want to have an enterprise bureau do not use the bureau's money to fund projects that do not bring in revenue. The funniest and sad way was the infomercial. I wonder what it cost? The next is to return to a business healthy level and advertise to all applicants that bds is revenue based and not tax based and bds cannot help applicants until they complete more work with the help of professionals and these professionals can help them with the permit process. And if they -- many small offices would have a great deal of work. Here is one way bds can connect people to professionals they need. Portland maps can list them. I spoke with i.t. and this is possible. New

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applicants need -- who need professional help can see who is doing the work to get permits. Currently, bds employees are afraid to give out names for fear of reprisal from managers and liability. I never had any complaint from an applicant who I helped to -- the only time is when they had crappy drawings and they felt I was not being helpful enough. I wish you would listen to the people who do the work every day instead of the top down management system that's broken. At least return some business practice and show respect to the community of Portland and the employees of bds. And right on time.

**Adams:** Thank you very much for your testimony.

**Goodblatt:** You're welcome.

**Adams:** Appreciate it. [applause]

**Adams:** Karla, can you please read the title for council communications item no. 1354.

**Item 1354.**

**Adams:** Ms. Carlson. Hi, welcome to city council chambers. Glad you're here. I understand your going to say a few words and then i'm supposed to say a few words and then you're going to wrap up. Is that right?

**Kim Carlson:** I'm going to say a few words and then i'll be done and you can do whatever you want.

**Leonard:** You got that straight, mayor Adams?

**Adams:** I do. [laughter]

**Carlson:** Good morning, mayor Adams and city commissioners. My name is kim carlson and i'm the chair of write around Portland. I'm honored to accept the mayor's proclamation honoring write around Portland 10th and verse write and tell you about this inspiring venture. Provides 10-week writing workshops to people who because of social or financial barriers may not otherwise find their way to such a workshop. Then we publish the work in a beautiful anthology and host a public reading where they can share their work with a broader community these readings are singular events that make me feel both incredibly proud and humble. I'll try to paint a picture of one. Imagine a spacious room at the first united methodist church in southwest Portland. 7:00 p.m. and 300 people have come to listen to readers from the most recent series of workshops. This is one the most diverse audiences in Portland. Happily, there's no animosity and everyone is here it listen with respect to what others have written. These readings bring out the best in people. Along with the writers who have participated in a write around Portland and now sharing work with the larger community. There are family members and friends, many of whom are moved to tears and cheers. But these are public readings and it's important to say that many in the audience are community members because they appreciate the range of voices they'll hear over the course of the evening. Let me tell you who might be at the podium. A 15-year-old boy from the alternative high school who's been involved in a gang. A 20-year-old woman with cerebral palsy and required a volunteer transcriptionist to write her story. Seniors in outer northeast Portland. A woman with stage four metastatic cancer who wants to write something to leave behind for her family. The parent of a soldier serving his third tour in iraq. A young man with autism whose participation in our workshop is his only social outlet. A man who found the ability to overcome his meth addiction. A woman who was incarcerated and participating in our workshop at the state prison. A teenage girl who shares her story of being a parent. A woman in the audience told one of our board members for years she's attended every single reading and for her they are sacred experiences. I have that same sentiment and I have to say something about our foreperson staff and as well as the participants we've had over the years and the 900 volunteers. The staff is stellar, hardworking and kind and thrifty people who manage to reach a lot of Portlanders working on a tight budget. Write around Portland is quintessentially Portland. There's nothing -- quintessentially Portland. Write around Portland reflects Portland's community and contributes to what makes Portland such an iconic place. Thank you for recognizing our 10th anniversary year.

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**Adams:** I'm pleased to read a proclamation. Whereas, more than 2500 adults and youth, many of which are the most isolated and financially insecure citizens of Portland have participated in write around Portland's acclaimed writing workshops. Whereas, write around Portland has inspired participants to complete their g.e.d., stick with treatment programs and break cycles of abuse and find value in their stories and themselves and whereas, write around Portland writing workshops has included diverse audiences in Portland, now on your 10th and verse write. Congratulations -- anniversary. I do proclaim 2009 as write around Portland 10th anniversary and commend the observance to all citizens. Congratulations. [applause]

**Carlson:** Thank you.

**Fish:** I want to thank the mayor for the proclamation and recognition and I want to give you an additional chance to let people how they can support your good work and in addition I want to put in a plug for the Oregon cultural trust which thinks highly of your work. If someone wants to contribute, how would they do so?

**Carlson:** One of the easiest is go to our website. Which is [www.writearound.org](http://www.writearound.org). There's a donate button and we appreciate that. I also wanted to mention -- thank you for the opportunity to mention that this Saturday night at design within reach in the Pearl district, there will be a yearly celebration fundraiser for write around Portland called x, y and z. I want to put in a plug. Go to your website and give you \$100.

**Carlson:** Exactly.

**Fish:** But you're highly regarded by the state of Oregon through the Oregon cultural trust. If they give a matching contribution to the Oregon cultural trust --

**Carlson:** Absolutely.

**Fish:** -- two benefits. One, the cultural trust will continue to give you grants for doing good work and in addition, the \$100 comes back to the Oregon taxpayer as a 100% credit. So the additional \$100 costs nothing.

**Carlson:** Absolutely. Thank you for the --

**Adams:** Good work. Karla, I think we're going to the consent agenda, is that right? Anyone wish to pull any item from the consent agenda? Hearing none.

**Leonard:** I do.

**Adams:** Oh, ok.

**Leonard:** 1369.

**Adams:** 1369 is pulled from the consent agenda. Anything else? All right. Karla, would you please call the roll on the consent agenda?

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

**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] consent agenda is approved.

**Leonard:** If we could go right to that?

**Adams:** Sure. Please read the title for the consent agenda pulled. Emergency item 1369.

**Item 1369.**

**Adams:** Commissioner Leonard.

**Leonard:** Some of the employees at the bureau of development services are rightfully upset about losing their jobs. Why don't you guys come forward. But I want to put in a better context the reaction that's occurred as a result of this horrible dynamic. First, to make clear, that for those who are in a position where they're not going to lose their job, I hope you can appreciate psychologically what it's like to have the means by which you make your house payment, send your kids to school, you put food on the table and you do the things you take for granted every day in life get destroyed when you lose your job. There's nothing more fundamental than the right of a person to have a job and provide for themselves, and I fought for that my entire adult life to actually have to be in the position where I'm actually meeting with people -- and I have -- they're losing their job -- is the darkest day in my political career. It's not something I ever envisioned being able to do. But in

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reaction to that, I want to put in context that when I found out how bad the economy was going to be, specifically, as we've heard here today from the testifiers from bds, the lack of building permits that would cause what has happened to happen, which is accurately portrayed by those who have testified, I directed all of the managers and included myself to take a two-week unpaid furlough. None of the rest of the council did that. Some took a pay freeze of about 2.9%. This unpaid furlough amounts to a 4% wage cut and I also directed that money go back to the bureau. Not to the general fund, including my money, to keep represented people and employees of the bureau working. There's a man that answers the phone at my front desk that would have been a laid off employee. I asked others to take in employees that they'd be qualified to fill. This is another example of a strategy that ends up keeping one position. One of our inspectors at the bureau of development services is assigned to inspect the most dangerous and uninhabitable occupancies in the position. We discovered that the grove hotel, a flee-bag hotel where the most vulnerable in our community, mentally ill, addicted to drugs and alcohol, were being extorted to pay \$550 a month for a room you wouldn't let your dogs live there. I went into the rooms. I was a firefighter for years and I had never been in such appalling conditions and people were living in there. You know what they did when the sink backed up? They took the sink out. The toilet backed up? They closed the toilet. This position was part of three people that went in and changed that and if you go there today, you'll find places that people live where you would be comfortable having your aging parents live in. That's the difference. So I went to the business community and sat them down. And I said, we are in a crisis mode at the bureau of development services and that's not an over-exaggeration of the term. As you heard here today, on July 1st, 2008, we had 351 people working at the bureau of development services. Tomorrow we'll have 148 people working at the bureau of development services. You cannot deliver the same level of services with that number of people without radically thinking how you're going to re-change doing your job and I'll not get into that other than to say, as radical as people think I am, I have stretched those boundaries. This position we could not afford to lose but couldn't afford to keep and I went to the business community and said could you fund this position for one year? And why would a person pay for a person who potentially goes down to businesses that pays dues? Because you don't want those people as your members that provide inhabitable places for people to live. Safe drug haven as and places that if catch on fire they will trap people and they'll die and this team, addresses those problems for the first time in Portland's history and they have a success rate that's unparalleled and the people who see them come through the door, know that the rules have changed. The games they've played up to them. The exploitation they've done, they know is going to come to an end. Their reputation precedes them. The business community discussed and agreed to fund that position. For which I'm extremely grateful. So I pulled this off the consent agenda, given the context of the discussions here earlier and the context of what has happened at the bureau of development services to make the point that not only do I hear what these folks are saying, I'm doing everything I know how to keep as many people working as is creatively possible. And I don't know if you three have anything to add to that.

**Paul Scarlett, Director, Bureau of Development Services:** Paul Scarlett, bureau of development services director. I can echo what commissioner Leonard has said and in addition, we have explored turned over every rock in terms of cost-saving measures and we're the only bureau that's approved and utilized extended leave -- excuse me.

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

\*\*\*\*\*: Not furlough.

**Adams:** E time.

**Scarlett:** It's one that allows people to be off without pay and it's something we're proud of and we'll continue to explore cost savings, but efficiency measures and this is one of those measures that does repay the community in dividends in terms of safety and health. And we will continue to work

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with our industry partners, our business partners, to try and weather this storm. It is a crisis and we're hearing all of the testimonies and responding and doing as much as we can.

**Adams:** Thank you, paul. Unless the two others have anything to say, appreciate your testimony. Thank you very much. Anyone who would like to testify on emergency ordinance 1369? Karla, please call the roll.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I very much support this project and appreciate commissioner Leonard's work and the business community's to finance this position and I proposed the merit pay freeze at the end of june to look at other things we need to do to fund services for citizens citywide. Council chose to defer that discussion until october, but i'm still looking forward to having that. And I want everybody to know this council is dedicated, both to looking after employees and providing services to citizens [inaudible] aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Adams:** Also want to thank commissioner Leonard for his creativity on this one position and also for the extra efforts he and his team are making to place folks laid off due to economic condition as and other positions around the city. Our work there will continue. Aye. [gavel pounded] approved. Can you please read the title for time certain resolution, item 135. Item no. 1355.

**Item 1355.**

**Leonard:** Thank you. It's great it see the folks out here in support of our action today. But particularly, my friend tom leaden, he's one of my heros in the lain movement and one of the active team sisters in the united states, including running for president three times? Three times. And he'll make it some day. And if not there, he belongs on the national stage. He is a progressive labor leader and i'm proud to count him as a friend. America's health system faces a deepening crisis. Three dimensions. First, the lack of universality and the excessive cost rising faster than general inflation and poor health outcomes compared to other nations. The u.s. spends 16% of its annual gross domestic product. More than twice the average of the highly developed organization for economic development nations and that translates to \$7,200.90 per person and two and a half times the developed nations' average and yet the u.s. failed to provide universal healthcare and the u.s. gets worse health outcomes despite the highest level of spending. A national tax, funded social insurance system like that proposed in house resolution 676 is the only healthcare reform that can address all three dimensions of the current healthcare crisis. First, the lack of universal healthcare. Corresponding to the congressional budget office, 50 million people in the united states lack health insurance. 50 million people also is one in four of those not covered in medicare, medicaid, the veterans health system or the military health system. 25% who are not working poor lack health insurance. All other countries cover everyone at a lower cost than does the u.s. At a much lower cost than the u.s. Let's talk about cost. The united states pays the highest proportion of our gross domestic product and the highest cost per person of any country in the world for administration and delivery of healthcare. Yet, we fail to include everyone and we get worst results. Private health insurance premiums are increasing at least twice as fast as the rate of inflation, making health insurance less and less affordable every year. If the present rates of growth continue, the average cost of health insurance will equal 100% of the average income of american workers by 2025. Every cent of your check would have to go to health insurance if the rate of increases continues until 2025. In the private insurance sector, including private plans contracted for public employees by governments, between 20% and 30% of the cost do not deliver healthcare. Those costs go to inefficient private bureaucracies and profits. Of insurance companies. By contrast, administrative overhead and medicare, medicaid and veterans' administration are from 4% to 8%. Of all united states bankruptcies, 62% are due to medical expenses and of all medical bankruptcies more than 75% happen it people who already have health insurance. The proportion of medically related bankruptcies is rising because of rising deductibles and co-pays and lowered maximum benefits

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used to keep premiums from rising faster than they already are. 2007, nearly two-thirds of u.s. Adults or estimated 116 million people struggled to pay medical bills in the united states. They went without needed care, were uninsured for a time or underinsured. Meaning are they were insured but not adequately protected from high medical expenses. In a survey of persons chronically ill in six developed countries, 51% of the americans skipped needed care or drugs because of cost. Australia was the next highest with 36%. Netherlands 3% and united kingdom 13%. We were 51%. Poor health outcomes and the quality of care issue is another subject. The united states ranked 37 in the last global survey of the overall effectiveness of the health systems conducted by the world health organization. Of the quality of the outcome, for the amount of money spent, 72nd in the world. Here's what john conyers' house resolution 676 would do. Entitled "the expanded and improved medicare for all" act. Doctors would remain private and bills paid for out of tax dollars. Unlike medicare, there would be no additional premiums. With this single system, people could see any doctor they wanted for any care they needed with no co-pays. No deductible and no life -- deductible and lifetime caps. If a person changed jobs or laid off or too sick to work, he or she would keep the same healthcare. A benefit that there are a number of people in this audience, right now feel the impact of not having. House resolution 676 would serve the universality problem by making everyone living in the united states eligible for medicare. And solve the cost problem of including all the uninsured and realizing savings from cutting the hugely wasteful private insurance bureaucracy and profits. Premiums and out of pocket expenses would be replaced by taxes, a fixed known rate. Health benefits would be converted to wages and salaries. Over time, the bill would shift emphasis and care to health promotion, prevention, primary care and early stage detection and disease management, thereby, reducing costs. Likewise, compensation systems would be based on health effective results. Not on the number or cost of services ordered. Existing medicare would be stabilized by taking the high-risk, high-cost pool of elders and pooling them into a population risk pool, spreading everyone's costs and risks across the entire population, young and old, healthy or not. This is the last frontier in the fight for rights for all in this country. The right to be given the same medical care whether you're young, or old, poor, or rich, man or woman, healthy, or not. Is a right that is inherent in our existence. In the name of all that's right, on behalf of those too weak and powerless to speak for themselves here today, I urge this council to support this urgent message of support to congress in support of h.r. 676 and our universally supportive president, barack obama. [applause]

**Adams:** Invited testimony?

**Leonard:** I do. Tom, you're on. Good morning. You're running the hearing from this point on.

**Tom Leedum:** Thank you. Good morning, mayor Adams, commissioner Leonard, commissioner Fritz, commissioner Fish. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor of this important resolution, my name is tom leaden. The officer of teamsters 206 and for 23 years, been the chairman of our healthcare fund. The taft-hartley fund has provided health benefits for more than 50 years and here in Portland, i'm a member of the jobs with justice healthcare committee. It's a coalition of more than 80 organizations represented labor, faith and community groups. My years of work in healthcare administration have led me to the conclusion a single payer system as embodied in h.r. 676 is the only way to provide healthcare to all americans without spending more than is currently spent. Unlike many reformed proposals, support for single payer is coming from the bottom up. Structures closer to people. Unions, churches, community organizations, and significantly state, county and city governments. Single payer has been endorsed by the u.s. conference of mayors and specifically by a large number of city, including baltimore, indianapolis and -- in my role, I look at the issue from a cost perspective. Simply put, in collective bargaining, the more money spent to maintain a schedule of benefits, the less available for wages, pensions or other economics. There are many examples of single payer systems in the united states. Medicare and veterans system are obvious. Yet elements of single payer also exist with taft-hartley trust and

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these are not foreign or radical but make economic sense. Union trusts have found ways to limit cost increases and much of this cost containment has been accomplished by self-funding or self insurance to the extent possible depending on the size of the trust and risk pool. In concept of eliminating profit, is not limited to union trusts. Large corporations have hired third party administrators or insurance companies themselves to pay claims based on the schedule of benefits. My experience has been that the larger the risk pool, the lower the per capita cost. Large groups under a much improved position to negotiate better rates with providers of all health services including prescription drugs. Our are less than the insured plans, we're not immune to inflation. In collective bargaining whether private or public sector, healthcare and who pays dominates the negotiations. Costs shifting to employees through increased deductibles and higher co-paying has escalated to the point where workers are tapped out. For working family, the system is unsustainable. The journal, the american family physician in 2005 predicted skyrocketing private healthcare cost the are on track to consume all of our household income by 2025. Justs around the edges will not solve the problem. I've followed this since the early '90s and remember the clinton proposals of 1994. Interestingly enough, we weren't the only society studying reform. At that time, taiwan, a free market capitalist society was also involved in healthcare reform. In 1995, they successfully implemented their new healthcare program. Today, that system is taiwan's most p.o. Popular government program. Polls show almost a 70% approval rating and more than 98% of the taiwan population now has quality healthcare. Total healthcare spending in taiwan is 6% gdp, versus what approaches 7% gdp in the united states. They're not so arrogant to think they can't learn from others. According to the taiwan national healthcare program, they modeled their program after our medicare program. They solved their healthcare issues by adopting an uniquely american solution. Had we taken similar action in 1994, not only would we not be here today discussing this issue, our businesses would be more competitive and working people would be secure in the knowledge that regardless of the emergency, or their job status, their health would be protected. In our union, by adopting the principle that we're all in this together, we've been able to control costs while covering everyone. It's time we as a nation view healthcare the same way because we really are in it together.

**Leonard:** Thank you, tom. Well said.

**Adams:** Doctor, or who would like to go next?

**Tom Dwyer:** Thank you. My name is tom dwyer and I wanted to thank commissioner Leonard and the other commissioners for allowing me to speak. An important topic and forgive me for the redundancy I may have between your important statements you have made and mine. I own a small business in the sellwood area that i've had for 28 years and employ 17 people and like all small businesses healthcare is a big issue for us. On a personal level, I had a recent health issue. And found out how medical bills can grow and I was injured in an instant and thankfully rescued by our single payer fire department. [laughter] Delivered into the hands of not the single payer healthcare system and taken to the hospital and given the best care possible. I was lucky. I had insurance. My insurance was good and I could have been another statistic because that level of cost was amazing. And basically the outrageous cost of the current for-cost medical care and is killing our economy and it's a moral issue and economic issue and we've all heard reasons and bear with me, i'll repeat some of ones I have. We pay more than any other nation and receive less. Over 65% of the bankruptcies are due to medical bills. Tens of thousands die unnecessarily for lack of care. 30% is skimmed off the top by profiteers who add no value. And well over 30% of the services needed by patients are denied by the insurance companies and we're not going to be able to compete on the world market with the cost of healthcare placed on our goods. That's another burden and even people reporting satisfaction with the current insurance don't realize it's not sustainable. That they may not be able to continue the escalating premiums and it's -- the system is broken right now. There are people frankly hurting right now and for individual families and small businesses, it's



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critical. We can't wait. The nonprofit research group, kaiser family foundation reported the healthcare premiums rose 74% for small businesses from 2001 to 2008 and 10% of small businesses are considering eliminating coverage over the next year up from 3% since 2005. Three times more businesses looking to cancel their insurance. Many small businesses operate on a small margin and with the healthcare costs increasing, owners have few choices but as indicated by tom, to shift the costs to employees, cut benefits or eliminate the benefits altogether. There again, this is not a fault of small business. It's a flawed system and basically the way that we finance healthcare isn't working. A single payer system is outlined in h.r. 676 financed by a fair tax system would remove this burden and focus on growing businesses and supporting our communities and just the short time i've been privileged to speak, 33 people have lost their health coverage and 6 declared bankruptcy and one person has died while i'm speaking. At least one. This is not a problem we can wait to deal with. How much longer can we wait? How much longer can we talk? I think we know the real cause for our failure to respond to the healthcare crisis. It's a matter of corporate greed and control of our representative form of democracy. We need it make a strong statement and I appreciate you being here to make that statement for the city of Portland. Help support h.r. 676 and make healthcare work for us.

**Leonard:** Tom, you identified yourself as the owner of a small business. You're going to require me to have to explain what that is. That's tom dwyer automotive. Off southeast tacoma. It's the only -- tacoma. It is the only place I allow anyone to touch my vehicle. The person testifying today has that philosophy with his employees. And they're outstanding and I would heartily anyone looking to go to tom.

**Dwyer:** Not necessary. I'm here really for my employees and I see so much of their income go to healthcare. It's mind boggling.

**Leonard:** More business, you make more money.

**Dwyer:** The ratio is still the same. We need to see some change.

**Leonard:** Thanks, tom.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony, doctor.

**Herman Frankel:** My name is doctor herman frankel. Mayor Adams, commissioner Leonard, commissioner Fritz -- i'm sorry. Commissioner Fritz, commissioner Fish. I started practicing pediatrics in Portland in 1965. I'm here today to thank you for this resolution in which in one voice you invite us to join with you in urging our elected president and representatives and senators in Washington d.c. To enact this unique american solution to an unique american problem. You know what doctors want to do? Doctors like other caring health professionals, want to take care of people. We want to work with people to protect and maintain their health. We want to work with people to prevent them from becoming ill or injured. And when people do become ill or injured, we want to make sure that everyone -- everyone -- has equal access to the highest quality medical care. That's what we want to do. We don't want to be spending time and energy and healthcare dollars begging or fighting for permission from medical care insurance companies to provide needed care. So how does it come about that we have this unique problem? Unique in the world, which we pay a bigger proportion of our gross national product for medical care. Bigger proportion than any other country. And the result -- we have poorer access to medical care and poorer health outcomes than other developed countries. Why has this happened? It happens because the medical care system is not controlled by caring health professionals who are committed to promoting and protecting people's health. Who are committed to working with people to prevent the development of illness or injury, and who are committed to providing the very best medical care possible to everyone without exception. The problem is that our medical care system, unlike the medical care systems of all other countries, is controlled by medical care insurance companies that stand between doctors and patients for the purpose of preventing access to medical care. How do we know this is true? What i'm saying is documented in the written materials that i've shared with you, part of the public

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record. In the medical care insurance industry, payments that a medical care insurance corporation makes for medical care are considered losses. Got that? The corporation considers that a loss. When it pays for medical care. The industry uses the term "medical loss ratio" to identify the fraction of revenue from a plan's premiums that is paid out for medical care services. So when the medical loss ratio gets reduced -- in other words, when a company succeeds in reducing the amount of money it pays for medical care, by denying or delaying or rejecting claims, bonuses to employees of that corporation go up. Salaries to executives of that corporation go up. Even if the reduction is a fraction of a percentage point and in the case of for-profit corporations the value of shares of stock goes up. The returns to investors go up. Each time a medical care insurance corporation succeeds in reducing its payment for needed medical services. That's what's going on. The system works very well for the medical care insurance industry. An industry whose cynicism and greed are almost beyond belief. While selling the illusion of access to medical care, as a marketplace commodity, it rewards its employees for denying access. It uses part of each medical care dollar for deceptive marketing practices, for advertising, public relations, generous gifts to elected politicians in Washington d.c. generous executive salaries and bonuses. Legal fees for settling cases of criminal fraud. And in addition, the existence of the medical care industry as part of the medical -- i'm sorry, the existence of the medical care insurance industry as part of the medical care system requires that every physician's office, every nursing home, every hospital spend medical care dollars to pay for the filing and refiling and refiling of claims for payment for medical care services. This helps to explain why a majority of americans and a majority of american physicians in clinical practice favors phasing out private medical insurance companies and replacing with a national expanded medicare for all system. A single national program that pays physicians and other health professionals for caring for patients. Paying for caring for patients. Not paying for insurance contracts. This is the program specifically endorsed by the afl-cio of Oregon and more than 30 other union organizations in Oregon, by such other occupational groups as Oregon nurses' association and the Oregon academy of family practice. The Oregon federation of nurses and health professionals and Oregon education association the federation of teachers, the national conference the mayors. The national afl-cio unanimously at this year's national conference of doctor and [inaudible] Oregon and 47 other cities and counties and states. The time has come to speak the truth. The time has come to provide all americans with equal access to quality medical care in a uniquely american way. By using public funding to pay directly for service of high quality available equally to everyone as we do so successfully in such well established and varied american institutions as community colleges. County extension services. The coast guard. Public libraries, and fire departments. Thank you, mayor Adams, and commissioners Leonard, Fritz and Fish, for calling upon our elected president, senators and congressional representatives to enact united states national healthcare act sponsored by representative john conyers and thank you for calling upon us to make them do it.

**Adams:** Well said. Thank you all very much. [applause] thank you for your very eloquent testimony. Karla. How many people are signed up?

**Moore-Love:** We have 13 people signed up.

**Adams:** Ok.

**Moore-Love:** First three come on up.

**Adams:** Welcome back to all three of you to the city council. Glad you're here. Ms. Butler.

**Margaret Butler:** Thank you very much, mayor and commissioners, for having us come and testify and do this. I'm Margaret Butler. The director of Portland jobs with justice and speak in favor of the resolution and I wanted to give you a little bit of the history of the work on healthcare. We started with the j with j chapter 18 years ago and the first action we did was around healthcare reform. As part of a national day of action in 1991. And in the early 1990s, we collected ballots on single payer healthcare and had an emergency ambulance drive across the country. Randy probably

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remembers it. We made the case over and over again that other countries paid less and got a lot more out of their healthcare systems. The probably has only gotten worse in the last 18 years. After that national reform effort fell apart, we focused more on supporting union bargaining campaigns around healthcare and healthcare worker organizing. But we got tired of every time there was a bargaining issue, it was around healthcare. Because the costs kept rising so quickly. So in 2004, national jobs with justice had a day of action where we had hundreds of thousands of workers across the country wear a sticker that said healthcare for all. And tied the bargaining issues to the fact that we needed to change the broken system. And the momentum has been building. The conversation around reform here started to get more serious and in '06 and '07, we did a couple of forums for the labor movement where we talked about the various proposals and really tried to analyze what would work and what might get us to a system that worked. Single payer was the obvious and sensible choice and jobs with justice made an organizational decision to endorse h.r. 676 and work for it and keep track with what was going on in other reform efforts to see if we could move in the right direction but everything we saw, said, no, the incremental reforms tried don't work. The evidence of every state that's tried incremental reforms is that after a few years, there are fewer people covered and the reform hasn't worked. I used to be a person who believed that there were incremental ways to get there and I don't anymore. Anything that leaves the insurance companies between patients and doctors means that 30% of our money is being wasted and we don't have it. So that's why we keep fighting. I just wanted to say we're down here supporting our afscme and others. And facing would not be as great. It's an important step to having an economy that works for workers and not just the top 1%. Thanks.

**Adams:** Well said. Thank you very much. [applause] sir?

**Chris Lowe:** Thanks. To all of you for hearing my testimony. My name is chris lowe. I live in southeast Portland. I'm -- I work with the jobs with justice healthcare committee and also the state coordinator for progressive democrats of america. I'm also a graduate student at public health at ohsu but today I want to testify as a Portland public school parent. My daughter attends the lewis elementary school in the woodstock neighborhood. About 300 students and has an excellent principal, and good parent participation. But lewis has come up repeatedly as a candidate for closure. While it's been avoided other cut backs have not. This year, my daughter tells me p.e. Hours have been cut. What does all of this got to do with national health insurance? Just this: Like other employer, the public schools face costs rising much faster than regular inflation and over time, teachers and other employees have trade less in wages and salaries for more in ways of benefits thus rapid rise in healthcare costs hits the schools hard and makes contract negotiations especially trust. I value public workers and their work. Without them, the quality of our lives would be poorer. My daughter's good education depends on the commitment of other teachers and the support staff at her school. Right now, labor negotiations are lose, lose, lose. What will be cut? Employee benefits. Employee and instructional hours? Or entire teacher and staff jobs. Effect is dispiriting. A national healthcare system would be a win-win. Teachers and others would secure benefits at predictable costs. The schools convert high -- to regular wages and salaries. Crowding out of jobs, hours, or programs or even entire schools by health benefits would end. Similar situations apply across all public budgets and employees. Therefore, I urge you to pass this resolution. I'd also like to briefly address another sort of issue that sometimes comes up with this sort of thing, which is the idea that somehow because it's a national issue, it's not up to city council to address it. I think in this case, there are two arguments against that. One is that it comes straight down to your own budgets. And so, in fact, it is a city matter and affects all of the citizens of Portland. The other thing i'd like to say, I think it's an appropriate role for a body like yourselves to speak for the people of the city in matters of national concern, especially when there are few other ways to -- to have that kind of voice. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. Really appreciate it. Mr. Ellmyer, welcome.

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**Richard Ellmyer:** I'm richard ellmyer. Support for a single payer solution is a declaration of war against the medical industrial complex. It is a call to arms to those who would fight to eliminate the despised failed for-profit private health insurance industry. It is a line in the sand separating those who see healthcare as a right, not a privilege. It is a war between those who want elected officials, public employees and taxpayers to have equal access to the same level of healthcare and those who want a perpetuation of our current class system. It is a war against ignorant and stupid hooligans that do not know that medicare and medicaid are single payer government run systems and the veterans healthcare system is, in fact, socialized medicine. It is a war against those who would deny public funding for abortion. Which are legal in Oregon and america. It is a war against those who would deny public funding for the end of life counseling and death with dignity procedures which are legal and moral medical procedures in our beloved state of Oregon. It's a declaration of war against the monstrous complex illegitimately derived billion dollar healthcare initiative recently passed with the inherent pledge to work for its repeal. In order to win at both the state and federal levels we must persuade Oregon's congressional delegation, all 90 members and our governor to vote for a single payer solution or we must vote all of them out of office. There is no other way. I'm seriously considering running for a house seat against tina kotek -- denies her constituents the right to debate in the assembly and public forums across Oregon and voted for the complex healthcare legislation that increased the cost of every health insurance policy of her constituents and Oregonians and intends to vote for additional fees and taxes to pay for the bulk of the remaining health insurance friendly bill she championed. I support the members of the Portland city council and Multnomah and lane city councils and every -- oea to support single payer candidates throughout Oregon running in the may 2010 primary and participate in Oregon single payer sick-out day. Single payer. Medicare for all. [applause]

**Adams:** Thank you, sir. Karla, the next three.

**Adams:** Welcome to city council. Glad you're here.

**Terry Rogers:** Thank you, mayor Adams. Commissioners, i'm terry rogers, a volunteer with the jobs with justice healthcare committee and in may, we did a [inaudible] up in north Portland and I want to tell you the stories of a number of people who weren't able to be here today. Because knowing real names and stories I think is really, really important. Pauline carlson runs a childcare business and wants to cover her employees but can't afford. Her employees make too much to qualify for the Oregon health plan but not enough to buy their own coverage. She and her husband have a \$30,000 hospital bill for her husband who was a teamster at a bakery. And enough said. A teamster at a bakery. And brenda has no insurance and goes to the good news clinic and has a lump on her throat and needs a biopsy but has not been able to receive it because she cannot afford the lab fees. Molly moore is disabled and her husband is on medicare and she was working and lost her job just prior to a scheduled knee replacement surgery which she has not been able to obtain. And like so many other young people, john is self-employed and he's a contractor and he an artist. Although healthy now, they have no insurance and cannot afford insurance and really live in fear of getting sick. These are just a few stories of real people in Portland. And they wish to be here today but for many reasons could not be. And like i, they also support this resolution and hopefully we can influence congress to go to a single payer.

**Adams:** Thank you very much.

**Victor Veneill:** My name is victor. In the past 15 years -- and I don't have any records to go back further, there's other medical expenses I could bring up, but these are the ones I can tell you about. The past 15 years, out of pocket for medical coverage for my family, i've paid over \$71,000. That's not including a 10 year period of time where I was employed by other companies that my employers paid out. Through no fault of our own, through several injuries and accidents and shoulder surgeries for children and orthodontia. The highest bill was 38 -- \$3,800. In that period of 15 years, we had a total of \$125,000 of medical bills that were not covered by insurance. That is now

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on our mortgage. We've refinanced twice. Each time, it cost us six and eight thousand dollars just for the refinancing. That's not part of the 125. At this point, we are sustaining it. If we have to, we can sell our house and get out from almost all of the debt. We certainly won't have to file for bankruptcy. But in 15 years, we've paid approximately \$200,000 out of pocket. In any other system in the world, that would have bought us either twice as much care or the same amount of care for approximately half the cost. The single payer system really is the best way to go. I don't care if you tax me, give me a line item thing on my 1040 because i'm a private contractor so i'm self-employed. No matter how you do it. Tax me, bill me, I don't care. But half of what i've already spent for the same amount is a good deal. The -- business wise, what company would say give me the \$200,000 and give me less care? Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. Really appreciate it. Sir?

**Cliff Lehman:** My name is cliff lehman and a work for jobs with justice healthcare committee and I do so because -- well, for one thing, i'm a writer and know a lot of professional writers, illustrators and -- illustrators and designers and actors and the numbers of stories from that community of lack of healthcare, bankruptcy, you know, inability to do their work because of the current broken system of healthcare are monumental. But since I started working with jobs -- the healthcare committee, i've been leafletting and talking to people and you can't talk to five people without getting five stories. And their -- they have an impact. They have an impact on me every time. And I think it drags us all down. It's a moral and morale issue and I think we need to address it and i'm really, really happy that you all are stepping forward to do that, to put pressure on our representatives who seem to be afraid to do what their constituents want. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much. Appreciate your testimony. [applause]

**Adams:** Karla.

**Adams:** Welcome to the city council. Glad you're here. Mr. Scott.

**Jim Scott:** I'm dr. Jim scott. I'm a Portland native. And a fifth generation physician. And i've spent my entire professional career focused on patient-centered care and care that works for those that are providing it. And my first 20 years as a primary care provider in the last 15 years, a variety of executive positions trying to move the health system forward. And we have this kind of alice in wonderland system that people get caught in the web of confusing insurance company bureaucracy, as well as the healthcare bureaucracy. And results in the kinds of stories we've been hearing here in morning. Commissioner Leonard did a great job of providing an overview of the situation from a global perspective. But what those of us in the system see is the pain every day from our patients, and from our providers. Those that are trying to work in the system, trying to do a great job, but foiled by the incredible bureaucracy and people's insurance denials and switches from one plan to another. The -- and the issues that -- between one part of the system and another. So I strongly encourage to you support this resolution. Single payer is clearly, the simplest system. It's the most cost-effective system and as others have pointed out, demonstrated that single payer works in this country, with medicare, with medicaid, with the v.a. system and all the others that people have mentioned. So don't be swayed by the \$1.4 million a day that's being spent by in lobbying this year by our opponents. And I strongly support this resolution. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you, doctor, really appreciate it. Hi.

**Dana Welty:** Hi, good morning. My name is dana, and i'm a 23-year nurse, member of Oregon nurses' association and co-chair with Portland jobs with justice healthcare committee and thanks for doing in this morning. I'm happy to be speaking to you about this issue that's near and dear to my heart. I works a nurse and realize i'm biased but I believe the current crisis in healthcare is the largest injustice we face in this country. 50 million or more are uninsured and more are underinsured. The healthcare reform fights these past few months dominate the news. As city council, you're painfully aware of how expensive it is to provide insurance for city workers and how many programs suffer as a result of as a nurse, my perspective is a little different. Nurses believe

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and many of you believe that healthcare is a basic human right. The American Nurses Association believe that a single payer is the best method of financing a reformed healthcare system and I'm proud to say that the Oregon Nurses' Association endorsed single payer last April. Nurses are stepping forward because we see what's happening in the lives of our patients as this crisis deepens. One statistic not brought forward, a study in the American Journal of Public Health in September puts the number of people who die every year in this country because they don't have access, don't have health insurance, at 45,000. That's a horrifying number. And for nurses, it represents real people with names and faces and children and parents and grandparents. That come in for care too sick and sometimes too late and then suffer and die in front of us. Every nurse I talk to has many stories of patients they care for that come into the system suffering and in more pain, sicker than they need to be because they didn't have access. Yesterday, a friend told me about a handful of patients she's seen who had undiagnosed diabetes, ulcers and infections and etc., one of these women who does not have health insurance and three children may lose her foot and all of this is unnecessary. In my case, I work in the neonatal ICU and pregnant women enter the system too late to prevent premature delivery of their babies and then they have to deal with a seriously ill baby and the spectre of financial devastation. I know all of you know one person who is one illness away from financial ruin. To advocate for measures that will assist them to heal and regain optimal functioning. So that's our job as nurses and that's why we have to advocate as far as the healthcare system goes for a solution that we believe will solve the problem. We don't want to waste our time with ineffectual treatments that don't get the results of optimal functions and healing of the system. That's why I'm here. To urge you to support this resolution. And I want to thank you for your attention. And in anticipation of your support, I want to say I look forward to working with all of you as we try to move this forward in this community and in the nation. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. [applause]

**Nita Brueggeman:** Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Nita. And I work with jobs with justice but I'm here to tell you that I can support everything Commissioner Leonard has said because I self-pay my healthcare premiums. I had no choice. But I'm in that position and I have seen my premiums double. From 2004 to this year. Which means next year, I'm paying around \$11,800. Next year, closer to \$13,000 for healthcare. I have a group rate. And I have co-pays that run at least \$1,500 a year. What I'm telling you is we're very close to making a decision because not Medicare eligible yet, whether or not to keep our home or keep our healthcare and we have no choice but to keep our healthcare. We both have preexisting conditions. I've got grandchildren with no healthcare. Their parents earn \$400 a year above the children's health program income levels. I have friends and family who have died recently because they had no healthcare that could -- they could get no healthcare. I would gladly pay taxes, the \$12,000 I pay in premium, if those taxes could cover my grandchildren and my family and my friends. I thank you for your support on the resolution. I urge unanimous vote on this particular piece of healthcare legislation. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you. [applause]

**Fritz:** I want to take this opportunity to mention that the Oregon Health Plan is covering more children and Kaiser Permanente and if you have children who might be eligible. You can go to [www.Portlandonline.com](http://www.Portlandonline.com) and in Oregon, we have, even in this economic crisis, taken a huge step to covering every child in Oregon. So get your children signed up and thank you to Kaiser Permanente for covering some children who aren't covered under that healthcare plan.

**Adams:** Good morning. Welcome to the City Council. We're glad you're here. Ms. Albury, you're first.

**Natasha Albury:** Thank you. My name is Natasha Albury and I'm a Masters of Public Health student at Portland State University. As a student of public health, I'm very familiar with all of the statistics and numbers and projections for future cost in human life and in financial GDP cost for the

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country. But I came here today to share a personal story to add to the momentum of our request for your support of hr 676. I am a united states ex patriot, I lived over seas for eight years. And I enjoyed the wonderful Taiwanese healthcare that tom spoke of as well as the japanese health insurance for several years, which is very similar. Under that health insurance system, I paid about 7% of my income into the national health insurance system, half of which wasn't paid by my employer. I would gladly go back to that system for very strong reasons. Before I was to move back to the united states, I had an unfortunate accident, and I needed a lot of medical treatment. At that time, there were two months left on my visa in the country. That visa was not renewable. When I went to the orthopedic surgeon to have my accident, my medical condition diagnosed, I was told that I would need surgery and, about a month out from the accident and then a month of hospitalization followed by several months of very intense outpatient physical therapy, the surgeon strongly recommended that I return to the united states for my medical treatment. Because I had been living abroad and paid into my health insurance there, I did not keep any health insurance in the states. I was working as a teacher and felt that was sufficient. The timing of it all was very unfortunate. At that time, several friends, family members, other acquaintances, came to my assistance. Thankfully they did a lot of research and footwork on my behalf in the u.s. And japan and, in conclusion, they advised me to speak with the japanese immigration officials about an extension of medical treatment rather than return to the united states in which I would most likely be denied for the surgery and medical treatment that I was needing because it would be deemed a preexisting health condition. In that sense, I became an american healthcare refugee. Thankfully the japanese immigration officials decided that they would let me stay and have my medical treatment. I was allowed to stay five months in total and receive my healthcare there. And keep in mind I was a foreign resident, not a citizen of that country. Japan's g.d.p. for healthcare is 8%. There are co-pays, but they are extremely low and affordable. If you look at the cost of medicine and healthcare over there, it is a fraction of what we pay for the same medicine and healthcare. The surgery, the mri's, everything I had done, I compared the cost. It is literally a small percent of what we pay here. As a public health student, I do strongly promote prevention.

**Adams:** I let you go a minute over. Thank you for your very compelling testimony. I really appreciate it.

**Paul Gorman:** I'm an Oregon physician. I want to thank you for having this hearing and for putting this on the table to support single payer. I'm honored to be here among the jobs with justice folks and other whose have testified so compellingly on this issue. I'm here to support a single payer national health program. I'm here because, this year, 558 of our fellow Oregonians will die because they don't have insurance. They won't die because we can't diagnose them or because we don't have treatment or doctors or nurses or hospitals to care for them. They'll die because they have no insurance. I've worked here in the state for 25 years. I've been a secret service physician, an h.m.o. Physician, i've worked in community hospitals and academic medical centers. In all of those places, we're faced with the same set of problems. We have the best nurses in the world. We have doctors that are second to none. Our hospitals are palaces to modern technology. And yet we are held back by a for-profit insurance industry that keeps us from taking care of people who come to us for care. Physicians, many of them, are burned out and demoralized. If they don't get burned out and demoremorized, it's just routine. In our cline new york, a woman came in because of chest pains. She needed to be hospitalized but refused. She had previously been hospitalized and had some interventions done. It was very expensive, and she told us, in tears, as we tried to persuade her to enter the hospital. She almost lost her house and her husband last time. She knew the certainty of the bills and co-pays that she'd be burdened with if she was hospitalized. That's not a unique story. Any doctor, any nurse can tell you stories like that every day. Either we get demoralized or we get none. We send people home without insulin who are diabetics. We figure out what's wrong with people but send them home without a referral for surgery. We manage

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patients with chronic conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, and hypertension but without care. Simply because we have a for-profit insurance agency, it prevents us from giving them care. Portland is a sieve lifted city. That's why we provide fire and police protection. And healthcare should not be part of a free market for insurance companies. Healthcare is something a civilization does for its citizens, like protecting us from fire and the other dangers of this world. Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. [applause]

**Martha Perez:** Hi. I'm martha perez, a general political activist, healthcare researcher. I receive the Oregon health plan, and i'm a former employee of a health insurance corporation. I just want to reconfirm what dr. Frankel says and just share my experience with what i've learned so far. I'm also a former and future candidate for an elected office to continue the struggle for health care reform and insurance reform. So I urge and thank each one of you -- and dan, who's not here -- your unanimous support for this resolution. Working in the health insurance industry with lobbyists, i've learned that there are anywhere between 4000 to 5000 professional full-time paid lobbyists representing our corporations, our industry, in Washington, d.c., and in salem. That definitely unfairly outnumbers but does not outwith it the grassroots movement for some alternative to -- in addition to health insurance. When h bill 2009 was passed earlier this year with mitch greenloop, which i'm one of his constituents, the concern that the insurance industry expressed was you're going to add 2000 people to the ohp, but where are you going to put them? We just don't have enough doctors. Some people would disagree with that ideal, but the issue is that what i've learned as a healthcare researcher is that the investments we make in health and the subsidies we give to the health insurance industry are at the esks at the expense would-be students in the field of healthcare. Do we invest in nurses and doctors or invest in health insurance? There's a difference between healthcare and healthcare insurance, and there's also a lot of issues that -- you know -- companies within our industry have to deal with. Technical glitches, backlogs, claims. Some people don't even realize they have health insurance until it's too late. They said, oh, I didn't know I had insurance. People don't even know how to use the system. Some people are happy with what they have until they lose their job and can no longer have it. Cobra doesn't kick in for a lot of people unfortunately. To conclude, we have a long ways to go. Even if you pass this resolution, that will not change human behavior, eating junk food, obesity. That will not change the shortage of providers. We definitely continue to work together on these issues and try to find the best solutions that will help every american, including immigrants and native-americans.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. [applause] good morning, ms. Bernier.

**Veronica Bernier:** I almost says gutentalk because there are so many germans in the audience. There are a few people who are definitely from the sunset district in san francisco. Good morning, mayor, sam Adams. It's a nice, pleasant morning. It's a beautiful day out there. It's just a little shy of 11:14, 11:15 on the 30th day of the month of september. It's always good to notice the weather. It's really nice out there, cool, a nice day, and good prospects for the future. About the healthcare -- good morning, nick Fish. You're looking well. Actually, a little bit pale.

**Fish:** I turn 51 today. I'm -- [laughter]

\*\*\*\*\*: 51. Yay.

**Fish:** I'm facing my own mortality.

**Leonard:** Are you implying people over 50 of pale?

**Fish:** I think i'll be getting my midlife crisis. My 5-year-old son keeps me humble, grounded, and young.

**Bernier:** There you go. Children keep you young. And good morning, randy Leonard. Randy, you're looking well this morning.

**Leonard:** And i'm 57.

**Bernier:** And you don't look a day over 40.



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**Leonard:** Veronica, would you like to have coffee after this? [laughter]

**Bernier:** I'll give you a rain check on that. Commissioner amanda Fritz, you're looking well, dear. That's a good color on you for sure.

**Leonard:** How about sam, veronica. You left out sam.

**Bernier:** Oh. Mayor, sam Adams. Good. The reason i'm here is that I was in a former life an intensive care nurse in many units. Emergency room, very little of actually. I'm not good at that kind of jump and push the green routine. But I am good after they've been through the front doors. A little story from the past, we had a patient who came through the doors, one of these rapid-fire things. We didn't know what to do either. But he was a man who was big and kind of imposing, and he had definitely status cardio vascular intensive care direction on him. Ccu probably. Real person. I'm not going to mention his name. But definitely he needed care. Well, I was given him as a patient. I put the leads on, did everything according to the books. I turned him away from a heart attack. The power of space in medicine is not to be discounted, although I do support the plan. I think that that first look is important from triaging all the way down the system. And now just a little comic relief. As regards dan Saltzman, I know he's away, but he's doing something important for the police commission. Have a nice birthday, there.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Unless there is additional discussion by council, Karla, would you please call the roll?

**Leonard:** Well, if the creed of the united states is as it has been so eloquently written on the statute of liberty give me your poor and your weak, that has been made into a series of court and legislative and civil rights actions that has leveled the playing field for all, whether you're poor or rich or of color or of a different religion or old or young or gay or bisexual to have access to housing, jobs, tuned a quality of life. It all means nothing if you're sick. It all means nothing if you're mentally ill. It all means nothing if the technology exists that you can't access because you're not rich. It means nothing, the struggle. So this is not a health care issue. This is a civil rights issue. It is a last, last -- [applause]. It is the last effort to create a level playing field for all, and it needs to be characterized as such. I, more than most people in this room, understand the difficulty in balancing strong lobbying efforts, strong arguments against doing what you ultimately know is the right thing to do for people who don't have the means by which to either come up in person and lobby for themselves or to hire a lobbyist or are too sick to articulate their concerns. I've always believed, since i've been in public life, that's why i'm here and that's who I speak for. And so does the united states congress and senate, and so does the president. I'm pretty sure the president shares that philosophy with me. I'm not so sure about the congress. But this is their chance to make a point to stop unwanted profits and exploitation of people who can't defend themselves but rather see this as an opportunity to level all that needs to be done to create this country that was founded on the principle of equal rights for all. So we're going to pass this, but it is so much paper on the desk of the united states congress, I hope our particular representatives, ron wyden, jeff americaally, americaally, jeff merkley, earl blumenthal will read it and realize we demand it. Aye. [applause]

**Fritz:** Well, first, thank thank you, commissioner Leonard, for your leadership on this so important matter. I am delighted to co-sponsor the resolution and thrilled to be here on your city council. Thank you, all of you, for coming today, taking time out of your day. Thank you. Just looking at everyone in this audience -- and it's not an audience. It's a participatory democracy. Everybody who came here today to participate knows how important this is. We are sending a message to congress that we want change. We want the single-payer system. We want people taken care of. The single-payer model can work, keep down escalation of private health insurance. Here in Oregon we have the Oregon health plan. We did that at another time when it was difficult to do it, but we did it any way. We're doing what we can in Oregon before taking action at the national level because we can and because we must, and we did. We can't fix Oregon unless the united states system is fixed and until we have a system in the u.s. we don't really have a system when so many

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people in the nation can't get insurance. Martha perez mentioned about wellness, and we need to, each of us, do our own part both for our own healthcare, exercises, eating right, and some of the things we know we're doing and we're not. We each need to do our own part in helping president obama, senator merkley and the others we helped elect specifically to do this job. We need to encourage them and support them in getting whatever it is that they can. And I think that, by passing this single-payer resolution today, we are pushing from all of our might and direction we want it to go. I want every one of you to go home and e-mail all your congress folks and tell them that Portland city council has passed this resolution, that people of Portland want this change. As my colleague, commissioner Leonard said, this is a piece of paper on their desks unless you do the work of reinforcing over and over and over. And we all need to keep pushing. I have become a great believer in karma and that together, by wishing hard enough -- it's kind of a tinkerbelle type of principle. If we're all working together, we can work harder to help support president obama in what he's doing. Aye. [applause]

**Fish:** First I want to say to my friend, randy, in the 14 months or so that i've served on council, I think your opening speech today was the finest speech you've given as a member of this body, and I think -- [applause] you know, you sometimes refer to your revolutionary forbearers known as great fighters and orators, but I think they were no match for you. With your permission, i'm going to post your whole station on my website today along with my comments. For all of us, we approach this discussion from the perspective of the personal. And I was very touched by many of the testimonials we heard this morning from people who put this debate in very personal terms. Amanda and I have something in common, which is she's a nurse, and my mother was a nurse. And I lost my mother when I was young, but she steadfastly refused to allow a doctor to remove my tonsils, and i'm proud to say, at age 51, I still have my tonsils, and I think i'm doing ok. My mother -- and I don't want to date myself, but my mother, when I was young and sick, used to pick up the phone and the country doctor would drive 30 miles to come and provide care in our home. What a different system we have today. I grew up in a household that had great regard for people who heal and provide service. But whatever lessons I learned from my mother, I would just share with you that the experience of having a 5-year-old son has taught me much about this debate and issue. Tapin has had two major surgeries in his first five years, the kinds of surgeries no young child has had to go through. I can't imagine what my wife and I would have gone through if she had not been a public employee and we had not had healthcare cover raj -- coverage which paid for most of his surgeries. For americans who don't have health insurance, the people in our community who are literally losing their homes to foreclosure because they can't make a mortgage payment and they can't pay for healthcare. I think the homeless people in our community, we recently did a vulnerability index survey, and we interviewed about half the folks living on the streets. And 40% of the homeless in our community have three or more terminal illnesses. We call them medically vulnerable in the language of social sciences. The largest group within that group are veterans of the three most life-threatening illnesses. People are losing their jobs, their homes, their dignity, and they're dying because of our broken system. As a number of you said this morning, that is morally unacceptable. I think the question that has been raised in this debate is whose voices are the biggest, whose voices will guide this debate. Yesterday the senate finance committee turned down legislation. Ron wyden said the legislation before us currently does not offer enough real competition to keep americans from continuing to be abused by health insurers and to be held captive by large employers. It's clear our congressional delegation needs our help. We have no fewer than six public options currently available to americans. I'll just review them. Medicaid insures 45 million elderly. Medicare covers 34 million low-income households. The veterans administration provides healthcare to our veterans. Tri care insures members of our armed forces. We have coverage of federal employees. Tom hartley funds provide care for those fortunately organized on a private side. One way of looking at this debate today is what's good for our veterans

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and the elderly and low income, for our federal employees, our members of congress, our military and others should be good enough and available to all americans. So I think its time that we made sure that everyone had access to universal coverage, proper cost containment, high quality, transpreensy, and portability. I support single payer because I think we have to send a message that we will not tolerate incremental change at this historic moment. Whether we end up with a public option which is robust or a single payer that finally completes the work, it is essential that all americans enjoy healthcare. So i'm pleased to join with mayors across the country, county commissions, and city councils, Oregon afl-cio, labor unions coast to coast and my distinguished colleagues in voting aye. [applause]

**Adams:** Well, I want to thank commissioner Leonard for his leadership in bringing this to our council meeting today, also want to thank tom leadham for the contact and for jobs for justice and everyone who testified today. I'll just end very quickly, since we've got a number of folks on council who have to leave by sharing my personal story on this issue. In the late 1980s, supporting a family of two on an erratic paycheck and being given a stipend by my employer to find healthcare which I pocketed to pay the bills, I faced an uninsured appendicitis attack. As a result of that, it was a major contribution to my own personal bankruptcy in the late '80s. So I know firsthand what it's like to face large uninsured healthcare bills, and I know the creditors that come knocking to make sure you pay it. It is humiliating, and it absolutely makes you think twice about paying anything if you're uninsured for even preventative care. As a result, a lot of americans are far less healthy than they should be because of this very dysfunction analysis stem that we have. So i'm very pleased to vote aye. Thank you. [applause]

**Leonard:** Mayor Adams, I have an 11:30 appointment with county commissioner zuhdi judy ship rack that I cannot miss. I'm going to ask that the item relating to the Portland international airport be set over to our 2:00 meeting when I will be back.

**Adams:** Could we take testimony while you're gone and then have the vote in the afternoon?

**Leonard:** That's fine.

**Adams:** Since we have people here who have been waiting.

**Leonard:** With no objection, i'd like to have that held over for the vote.

**Adams:** We will take testimony this morning but hold the vote over until this afternoon. Thank you, commissioner Leonard. Please read the title for resolution, council calendar item number 1374.

**Item 1374.**

**Adams:** Well, it's my absolute privilege today to show off a little bit of our great software genius, local software genius, at an open source bridge conference early this year I pledged to help Portland gain greater recognition as a center for open-source software and open-source data. This resolution is the first step towards fulfilling that pledge. The value of the web is not a few people making large contributions but also many people making small contributions. It's a collaborative spirit that the city of Portland is seeking to promote in terms of open standards and open data. Open source is not only a way to develop software but it is an ideology, an approach consistent with the values of sharing and cooperation that we seek to be as the Portland city government. With this resolution, we are announcing that the city of Portland will take a serious set of actions for open-source software and open data not only in the way that we offer it to the public but also in the way that we make purchasing decisions for the city. By adopting open data and open standards, we are making local government more democratic, increasing transparency, and we are promoting greater efficiency on how our local government shares data. I'm pleased to introduce some folks today, starting with skip newberry from my office on the economic develop it is and jobs the -- economic development and jobs development.

**Skip Newberry, Mayor Adams' Office:** This deals with open data and open standards. Other cities across north america, as well as the federal government, are working on their own initiatives.

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Unlike these cities, Portland is really focusing on what is a regional effort. We're partnering with open source labs at osu, psu, pdc, trimet, metro, the county, as well as other jurisdictions outside of Portland including troutdale, gresham for public safety data. This regional approach will enable us to offer a more comprehensive type of information to the public approximately all will be available in a single website in standardized form for the public. We'll be announcing a contest that will follow on the heels of this open data initiative. The contest will be open to software officials to design applications, web-based and local. Rick Nixon from the bureau of technology services will be spending some more time talking about that contest. The benefits of the open source component of this resolution combined with the open data and the apps contest really produced three benefits. The increase in efficiency in local government, we can share data with other bureaus. And they also deck mom carat ties the 1610 sieves for the public themselves. The public can hold government more accountable. The third benefit of this proposed resolution is that it will foster innovation among Portland's world-class software community. The Portland region is really home to a number of leading software vendors, open source foundations, and software professionals. With this resolution, we are announcing that the city of Portland is interested in raising the visibility of this community and showcasing its talent in a joint effort to improve local government.

**Mark Greinke, Bureau of Technology Services:** My name is mark greinke, the city's chief technology officer. I am pleased to be here today to publicly confirm the city's commitment to foster greater collaboration with and support of our talented and innovative open source community and to really usher in a new era of Portland government transparency to produce an option the more open data. Portland has a proud culture of openness and inclusion. By ensuring open source solutions as viable alternatives to commercial software in our purchasing and contracting decisions, the city is demonstrating greater fiscal responsibility in our technology decisions. We allow our citizens to make informed decisions. With me today is rick nixon, the program manager for bts and lead on the technology initiative. He'll talk briefly again about the partnerships the city has already formed in support of this important resolution as well as more detail on our contest.

**Adams:** Before we do that, I want to thank you, mark, not just your willingness but enthusiasm to really help the way the city of Portland federal government does its business to be the first adopter, the first supporter, the place for I know know vision for open source and open data. You're relatively new to the job, and I just really appreciate your very different approach than some of your predecessors to this issue.

**Rick Nixon, Bureau of Technology Services:** Thank you, mayor. Good morning. As noted, planning for the apps design contest began a couple months ago. When the city began meeting with regional data owners and stakeholders to discuss their coordination and cooperation to release their high-value data sets to the public domain. The concept is to make various sets of public data freely available in electronic form to allow the community to develop innovative open-source applications to showcase this data in interesting and informative ways. As skip had mentioned, in addition to city data, we're seeking partnerships with other regional entities, Multnomah county, trimet, Portland public schools, others. The overall strategy is for the city of Portland to play the position of an initiator of platforms for anybody to use. This remains close and under the purview of successful servers for easy access. Ongoing maintenance and continued population of even more data sets over time will rest with the prospective data owners, probably driven by public demand over time. We will continue to work with our business partners from both the private sector and academia. At or near the time that we go live with the data portal, we will commence with the contest whereby we hope to entice the local software and creative development committees to participate in creating application that's mix or match or match up unique open source application that's have broad appeal in addressing civil needs of the community. The type of match-ups we expect from the contest will vary by platform and visualization methods, googles, iphones, enter

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congratulations with "facebook" or twitter, each providing access and use. All results apps for the contest will allow the right to modify or extend the apps capability. The council resolution allows us to associate and pledge support for these goals together, open data, open standards, open source, software, and the apps design contest in support of the open data. The council resolution also presented further opportunity for us to reach out and begin collaborating with a number of community leaders, developers, and other representatives from the software community informing not only the resolution itself but also the continued planning and execution surrounding the application design contest, which we expect to kick off later this year. Lastly, i'd like to thank and acknowledge the following members of the community and city staff that have been involved in reviewing and/or providing input to the resolution and/other of of/or input. This includes many people which i'll now list. The following city staff were also heavily involved, joel donaldson of bureau of technology services, phillip holmstrand, warren jimenez from the mayor's office, mark cheb, tomlin, and mark greinke from bts as well. With that --

**Adams:** Why don't you give council some examples of, let's say, apps that other cities have created time proof customer service or just life in a city?

**Nixon:** Some of the more impressive apps are typically the mobile apps. Iphone apps that they're using, typically the city's 311 api whereby citizens geo locate citizens with the application for the city to respond to.

**Adams:** Let me try to translate that. You can take a picture of a pothole and e-mail it to a city site, and the geographic location of which is built into many chart phones --

\*\*\*\*\*: Correct.

**Adams:** -- would automatically tell us where the pothole is. And you would get back to the individual to let them know when it was filled. Right now trimet has an app that tells you when the next transit bus, light rail, streetcar arrives at the station.

**Greinke:** We envision an example application. Say you want to know where the closest park is with certain amenities. Well, at the same point, where is the closest bus stop? By the way, when is that bus going to be here? So lots of ways you can use this data from all of these government sources and allow really the citizens to do that innovation.

**Adams:** Thank you, gentlemen. Do we have some folks invited to testify?

**Moore-Love:** We have signed up four people.

**Adams:** Thanks for waiting. Anyone else wish to testify? Come on up. Glad you're here.

**Jason Matusow:** I'm jason matusow 15-year Portland resident but also a microsoft employee. Also I ran our global strategies for about five years. Thank you to the council for having this discussion and also for having me here. In general, when I hear this stuff about this, I think it's terrific. The idea of going after openness, collaboration --

**Adams:** You're going to tweeted.

**Matusow:** Cool. That's awesome. I'll tweet back. So the idea of providing openness and collaboration is very, very positive. In fact, I know our local office here is very involved in some of the efforts to do some work on an online dashboard using the data that's being put forward in making some very interesting technologies available for citizens. I do encourage the council to look carefully at this, because a number of the pieces of the language do have a tendency toward the mandates. One issue i've been involved this is procurement mandates. There tends to be a challenge that comes forward when we think about openness and then as it relates to technology to then classify any weapon con technology as only, other technologies as open, whether that would mandate a system of procurement. Within that context, organizations such as city of Portland could potentially preclude the choice of software if you were to mandate openness or not. I don't mean this just in context of my own company. I'm here as a person who lives here and has been watching this for a long time. Most technology providers use a hybrid approach. They use open technologies, things they develop on their own as proprietary. Saying something must be one way

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or another, it tends to then preclude a choice or potentially, even in some scenarios, you have an existing set of pathologies with a mandate on it, and you can't make that move to the future just because there's a mandate for an existing model or component in the past. It's a question of balance and looking in toward the future that, as you talk about openness, you also think more broadly about the implications on procurement. In closing, the openness of the data, the approach to collaboration, working carefully with the community is terrific. It creates opportunity and promotes Portland in excellence. Just be careful when it comes to procurement mandates.

**Mike Sax:** My name is mike sax, and i'm a software entrepreneur. I've been doing this in Oregon for about 15 years, and i've been involved in wellness software and communications components, and recently iphone apps. I want to say how happy I am that we're creating this software community and have your support, because it really make as big difference. Having this brand of software, it creates talent, community, and it really is very helpful, so thank you for that. The software that i've been involved in mostly includes both on source and commercial software, and that's how people these days build projects. It's not just big companies like ibm and google and oracle and microsoft and apple that combine open source and commercial software, everybody is doing it. A lot of companies in the area actually build commercial software but also use open source. I think it's important to recognize there is a very vibrant and important commercial software industry here in the Portland area and that thousands of people support their family building commercial software and sometimes also using open source. We can't just ignore that. This resolution is a lot about openness and inclusion, so excluding commercial software from this positive momentum we're building I think would be a big mistake. The second comment that I would like to share is that the parts in the resolution that encourage or create a little bit of a bias towards purchasing open source solutions for the city might have a few consequences in the way we think about that in a time budget crunch. It's easy to go for you know the cheap, easy solution or maybe, better even, free because it doesn't affect the budget of this year. But we also have to look at the long-term cost. If an it person believes the commercial send sendoffs are the right thing, they shouldn't worry about the focus. Thank you very much for creating this positive momentum and tending to this beautiful software garden and ecosystem we've built, but please pay attention to both sides of the garden, the open source and commercial software part of that. It would be very tragic if we neglect the commercial, that part of the garden, and let it die out.

**Adams:** The vast majority of software that runs the city is proprietary rather than open source.

**Joel Donaldson:** My name is joel donaldson. Thank you for presenting this resolution.

**Fish:** Could you get a little closer to the mic, sir?

**Donaldson:** Commissioner Fritz, I would not just say i, too, believe in karma and this resolution in the whole open government concept is about holding hands, working together, great things we can do. I'd like to briefly just say that I have 12 years experience working in government technology starting in the united states senate, and i'm glad to work now with mark renke, and I want to second your appreciation that he has brought a transforming force to technology in the city. Related to this resolution, I wholeheartedly support openness and inclusion, not excluding anyone, as a technology official. I can attest we look for the best solution, but increasingly there is a new philosophy of doing things, which is gaining ground and presenting a whole new universe, a garden of possibilities. I want to briefly just reiterate that these -- there's a linus law which states that, given enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow. This is opposed to the traditional development process called the brook's law, too many cooks spoil the broth. I think this captures a whole new approach to solutions, not just in software but in public policy debates and general problem solving. We're in an informational age, now the currency of power. And those who have the information have less power. I think the more information we give through open data to our citizens, the more power they have in their iphone, for example, walking down the street and able to see what options are

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available for them as consumers and as citizens, that environment strengthens our community. I want to support unanimous passage of this resolution. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much.

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

**Adams:** Anyone else who wishes to testify? Please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Thank you for that excellent testimony and thank you, mayor Adams, for bringing this forward. I want to highlight two directives in the resolution. One is to enter into agreements with our regional partners to public and maintain data sets open and freely available while respecting privacy and security concerns as identified by the city attorney. So we are aware of the personal responsibility, and that may take some time to do that. That may allay some concerns. The second part is that the purchasing agent is notified to distribute all formal technology relating to purchasing and contract opportunities for publication and distribute because by the software association of Oregon, Oregon entrepreneurs' network and the Oregon source community in addition to those public notice requirements required under the Portland city code. It's just saying we need to offer and invite other open source products into our purchasing decisions as well as the commercial. I think that does address some of the concerns that I heard today. I had to smile a little bit at the example that was given about looking for the nearest park and then the next bus. In some parts of town, the answers are quite depressing. I want to acknowledge that mayor Adams has taken the lead on data gathering by neighborhood, that we should not be afraid to find out that more neighborhoods have more amenities and services than others, and then we can have a plan in addressing them. This is another tool in being able to do that. Aye.

**Fish:** Thank you for a terrific presentation and for the testimony. While I am probably the most tech noel noel lodge gee impaired in this council, my daughter is not, and she's urging me to get an iphone even down the road. Aye.

**Adams:** I would not thank the team for putting this toll. We've consulted with a lot of folks and appreciate their input as well. Aye. Resolution is approved. Please read the title for resolution number 1375.

**Item 1375.**

**Adams:** Earlier in this calendar year we discussed this. We have some special guests that will provide more detail. I simply want to say that \$300,000 does not solve the global airline crisis, but as airlines decide where to keep and cut services, these kinds of partnerships on the local level make an impact. And \$300,000 can be added, will be add fed approved by council, to a fund that includes private sector commitments and port of Portland commitments to continue the international connections that we have with delta to tokyo and to amsterdam. Those connections are valued to our local economy of \$150 million with 2000 jobs directly tied to them. As i'm sure mr. Wyatt will talk about, he and I have been on this issue in various positions over a number of years, whether it's him in the governor's office, me as chief of staff to the mayor, that keeping airline connections is a lot more effective, efforts to keep airline connection as lot more effective and oftentimes much cheaper than it is to win them back after they've been canceled. Mr. Wyatt, if you'd please come forward? Thank you for for your patience.

**Wendell Wyatt, Port of Portland:** I know you're going to set this at a time certain to vote on it. If you would prefer, I was going to be here anyway, so i'd be happy to, just kind of looking at the clock here, and I don't hear any grumbling stomachs, but i'd be happy to do that. Just in the spirit of other witnesses, let me say you all look fabulous. [laughter]

**Adams:** Thank you. We'll have you back carat back at 2:00. Anyone else that would like to testify that cannot come back at 2:00? Sir, please come forward. Good morning.

**Joe Bach:** Joel bach, Portland zoning commission. I've had the opportunity to have served on the international air service committee when it was first put together when delta pulled out of this market several years ago. Twoby cases I would love you to consider as you come to vote later on

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this afternoon. When Lufthansa announced their direct connection, bill leberfinger relocated. Just recently, in august, we had a project called problem project charger. A german subsidiary chose to not choose Portland as a location. They've chosen denver because of that air service connection between denver and frankfurter, germany. The \$300,000 doesn't solve everything. It is important to execute the straitsy of 10,000 jobs in a very short period of five years. When we're thinking international and things that happened, transportation is the key for that situation. With that, I will leave you, but I wanted to have you have that as part of the testimony as you come back and consider it this afternoon. Ed a sad unless there are objections, item number 1375 is set over until 2:00 p.m. Can you please read the title for nonemergency ordinance council calendar item 1376?

**Item 1376.**

**Adams:** There is any controversy involving this?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Not that I know, mr. Mayor.

**Adams:** Any reason we shouldn't support it?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Not that I know of.

**Adams:** Anyone in the room that would seek to testify?

**Fish:** I move to call the question.

**Item 1377.**

**Adams:** Please call the vote on the next calendar item.

**Fritz:** I'm delighted to vote for this ordinance. Thank you, commissioner Fish, for working on this and thanks to all of our teachers everywhere. Aye.

**Fish:** This fountain tan and this naming opportunity is the direct result of the generous donation of jordan schnitzer who, with other private donors, contributed 60% of the cost to one of the newest crown jewels of our park system. I will vote yes today both in honor of my wife, who's a teacher, as well as to all the teachers who made a long-lasting impression and difference in my 51 years. Aye.

**Adams:** Thank you, commissioner Fish, for your very effective fundraising to make sure the full vision of this block has been realized. Really appreciate it. I know it's been hard. Thank you. Aye. 1377 is approved. We are about to adjourn. So I want to recognize minister rodney hyde and gang counselor jen nateria. You're from new zealand? Is that right? As part of an international study to observe local government. So welcome. We're glad you're here. And this will be a quick observation as we gavel to a recess and we come back at 2:00 p.m. So thank you. We stand recessed.

At 12:00 p.m., Council recessed.



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**Adams:** Please read the title for resolution item number 1375.

**Item 1375.**

**Adams:** For those of you that missed my speech this morning, it was amazing. [laughter]

\*\*\*\*\*: It seems like you've been with us all day, bill.

**Adams:** I think the -- half the room stood.

**Leonard:** I have to give a simple explanation. I want to get to three.

**Bill Wyatt, Port of Portland:** Mr. Mayor, thank you very much. Just to recap the comments you made this morning, it helps place this matter in context. About a decade ago I -- at the time I was chief of staff to our state's governor, and you were chief of staff to then mayor katz, and we and our community were watching the wind-down of what was then one of the largest gateways, aviation gateways to asia in the united states, operated then by delta airlines from here to tokyo. And actually to multiple destinations. At one time I think eight wide-body aircraft would fly out every day from Portland to various destinations in asia. For a variety of reasons. That service really began to dwindle and decline, having to do with changes in technology and international air service agreements, and so forth. But I remember very well the Day, the headline appeared in the paper announcing the discontinuation of all service from Portland to asia, and it was not a happy occasion for any of us. And particularly for those businesses in our community who depend on the services for passenger services and air cargo as well. And at that time mayor katz joined with mayor pollard of vancouver, created the international air service committee supported by the port of Portland, but clearly making the statement that these services were important to the region at large, and not just to the port of Portland or to the airport. And we began the diligent process of recruiting international air service. And frankly all things considered have had a pretty good run. I can tell you as the executive director of the port it's an expensive run. Recruiting is expensive. Because usual asking people to make multimillion dollar business investment decisions essentially without much of a track record to demonstrate the potential for success. Beginning with lufthansa and then with mexicana, northwest airlines, which now as -- has morphed into delta airlines, and as a result primarily because of the recession we are in a position where we have one airline providing service to continental europe and one airline providing to continental asia, delta. And there are advantages in that, certainly some synergies. They use the same aircraft type, same mileage programs and so forth, but just to put this in context, the precariousness of this, I think pdx is the 34th largest airport in the united states, but we're one of only 12 discuss with nonstop service to europe and nonstop service to asia. Since we made our initial investment here a couple of months ago in delta's tokyo service, useful to note that they have dropped nonstop service from salt lake city which was a major delta hub, and they've eliminate all of their international service from cincinnati. And I think if we had not been as aggressive as we were at the time that would have been us, and we would have been left without service at all. So this long and winding road brings us here today in addition to the specific agreement that we have with delta on their tokyo service. We have initiated a program to essentially forgo landing fees for any carrier providing international service. We are not in a position to discriminate among carriers providing international service, so it applies to any of them.

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The faa tightly regulates airport operators and there are basic rules about the airport. If you make money at the airport the money stays at the airport. And if you take money from airlines, you don't use it to benefit one line over another. And so we've created this landing fee waiver program, and that is the genesis for the resolution that you have before you today to participate in that, along with the state, and the port. This will generate, all told, about a \$900,000 program, which will allow us to offer essentially free landing to delta and also to air china cargo, which is a little-known but very important service that we have which takes exports from here to beijing, shanghai, and to various other points. It's an important service, but also because of the economy really suffering. These carriers are losing billions of dollars, so I feel fortunate we have the service we do and I think we have a reasonable prospect of retaining them. If I didn't we wouldn't be making these initiatives. These are services that have been successful in the past, the question is, can we see them through to a time when the economy generates more activity. And that's really the calculation here. So i'm -- my sense of that is we can. And if we can or if we think we can, it is really worth the effort to do that as opposed to having to start all over again. Because I can tell you from personal experience, the first question you have to answer if you're out recruiting is, why did they leave? And it's not a great way to start a recruiting conversation. And so our hope is to sustain this for our community, and for those businesses in our community, and they are many, who either depend upon or are heavily dependent upon the existence of these non-stop services. So I appreciate your leadership in this. We go back a long ways on this topic, and really almost from the beginning and it's been a long and winding and I would say largely successful road. This is a unique moment in time that hopefully allows us to get through a difficult period this winter, and hopefully by spring we'll see a better climate. I would be happy to answer any questions.

**Fish:** Thanks for hanging around today. Two questions. How many jobs do you estimate are impacted directly or indirectly by virtue of retaining this service here in the Portland metro area?

**Wyatt:** You know, the direct jobs are, you know -- this is a little bit of a thumb in the air, but I think it's probably over a thousand jobs. That are directly affected one way or the other by the existence of the service. But indirectly many more, actually. There are, just to give you a little thumbnail, there are 10,000 people who get upper day and go to work at the airport. Specifically on the site. Direct jobs, 1 thousand 1190, induced 543, and indirect jobs, 758. So it's a considerable number.

**Fish:** And that speaks -- my assumption is, most of those jobs are the good family wage jobs we're trying to capture. Many of them are union jobs.

**Wyatt:** Correct.

**Fish:** What would it mean, I know you've been through this in the past, what would it mean if we got back to a point where it said Portland airport, not Portland international airport? What does that mean for our profile, for what you're trying to do for our region?

**Wyatt:** When I was selected for this position, Portland international airport was international by virtue after twice-daily flight to vancouver, canada. Which many americans probably don't consider it to qualify. But I have -- and the reason why our organization, and we've put so much energy into this, is because when I began I did a tour around to regional businesses. Think freightliner, a very good and recent example, nike, adidas, intel, tech, and so on and so forth. Many of the service companies, cgf, which has a huge international portfolio. And all of them said, you know, before anything else was discussed, they wanted international air service. Very, very important to them. And the importants really -- the importance has to do with people who take one of these flights, once, twice, sometimes three times a month, if you can imagine that. The wear and tear, the additional time, huge. For companies looking at locating in a place like Portland, for example, and for whom an international portfolio is a part of their business, having these nonstop flights makes choices like this very easy. You heard a pretty interesting example of the -- this morning from the billfinger firm, which is over in vancouver. And I hear these kinds of things all the time. I saw the

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president of freightliner on the last day of lufthansa's service. He coincidentally was a passenger on the plane and said, "this is really disappointing, but we'll find a way to make it work through delta on amsterdam." I think this a bit of a ramble, but without these services and without much hope for these kinds of services, it really takes a big slice out of this community and this region's as inspiration to be connected to the world, and to be part of this larger global economy. And I think were we to rooz these services, the prospect for replacing them is grim. It's going to be difficult. Not impossible, but certainly very, very difficult.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Adams:** Other discussion?

**Fish:** Can I raise one other matter? It's not directly related --

**Leonard:** You're getting two looks.

**Adams:** Three looks, actually.

**Wyat:** Since you got me here --

**Fish:** Since i'm going to support this, in any event, can I just put a marker down on something that's not related to this and ask for your help? This friday the mayor and I are kicking off an Oregon solutions project to find a way to expand our capacity of community gardens. We're bringing 35 different stakeholders together. It's something that's a priority for the city, priority for the county, and it just so happens that according to the diggable cities report, the port actually has some very attractive surplus property that could potentially be used for community gardens --

**Leonard:** Before you commit your vote -- [laughter]

**Fish:** All I want to ask is if you would be willing to partner with us --

**Wyatt:** We'll definitely participate. The land we're probably talking about is by the airport, so it's going to be important that it be whatever occur be consistent with the port's wildlife management policy, because it's an airport and we have to be sensitive to anything that occurs out there, which can attract wildlife and birds, which interact in unfortunate ways with airplanes. But we would be happy to participate in that.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Adams:** I appreciate your ongoing leadership in keeping the state, port of Portland, very, very competitive.

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

**Adams:** Unless there's anyone who wishes to testify on this matter -- yes, please come forward.

**Leonard:** Bill kendrix, a retired Portland fire lieutenant.

**Adams:** Welcome. Glad you're here. Thank you for your perseverance and for waiting.

**Bill Kendrix:** My name is bill kendrix, and I live at 9215 northeast levy road near the airport. But the reason why I wanted to speak on this subject, i'm a small business owner here in the city of Portland, and I support this resolution but i'd like to see something in there to encourage large businesses to work more with small businesses in the community. This is -- we're in some tough economic times, and small businesses are really hit hard so from what mr. Wyatt is saying, I understand that, but from a small business standpoint, I think the council needs to be more innovative, encouraging these large companies to work with small businesses, because we provide jobs, we help provide economic growth within the community. So I think on an international level, it's important that the council be creative in the way they do business with making decisions when it comes to this resolution. So I hope that you would attach something in this resolution to encourage this company to work more with local small businesses.

**Adams:** I really appreciate your point of view, and I know it's shared by everyone on council. If you would, on -- pop up to the mayor's office and ask to talk to kimberly schneider, we have a whole area of endeavor to do exactly what you're saying. And I know that it's the -- as is the expectation terror any business that gets a benefit from the city of Portland that is no more true for the port of Portland. So if you could pop up and talk to kimberly schneider and we'll get you

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plugged in to our efforts in promoting buy local. This council three months ago recently update our procurement process to provide as many incentives on the city's procurement to buy local that we are legally allowed. Part of the problem we have is federal and state law prevents us from -- we've done everything we can, our attorneys say, under state and federal law, to require local purchasing agreements. But kimberly can plug you into other advocacy efforts that are underway.

**Kendrix:** Thank you very kindly.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Leonard:** Kendrix.

**Adams:** Kendrix. And say hello to your spouse. Unless anyone else wants to testify, Karla, please call the roll.

**Leonard:** This is a very appropriate thing for the city to do that is only happening because of the leadership of bill wyatt and his team, and the leadership of the mayor and his team that connect the dots between how you create business. And we can't do it by our self, and the port can't do it by itself, and the county, and the state, and the region can't could it by ourselves. We do it by acting as partners. I'm very thrilled that everybody that is in the leadership position that they are at the city and the port recognize the importance of this as an investment. It's not a cost, it's an investment that provides jobs, opportunities, and exposures for our not just city, but if you think about it, between san francisco and seattle, this is the other international stop that people make for the region. So this is a very significant thing that we're doing. I appreciate it very much. Aye.

**Fritz:** I especially appreciate commissioner Fish's question about jobs and to me this is all about jobs. Both local jobs and attracting international business jobs. My son used to, when he was going through college, worked unloading cargo at pdx and the cleaning out the lufthansa planes that came in from germany, and of course now those are no longer coming in, and that impacted jobs right here in Portland. I think it's important to recognize that this is \$300,000 of money that was already allocated to help support the port of Portland and pdx, that it wasn't needed for local flights from coos bay, and so although it could go back into the general fund, it's needed at the port for a different reason, and so it makes sense to allocate it to that. Also that it's a combined subsidy that the state is kicking in over a million dollars and the report has \$3.5 million. So this is actually the city of Portland stepping up to say, yes, we appreciate the support of the rest of the state, and the port is doing, and we're going to put in some of our money to back up what we're -- what we support. And on a personal level, I spoke this morning about personal responsibility and what each of us needs to do to support health care reform in the suns, and -- in the united states, and I in the past when I fly home to to england have flown to seattle and then to london, because this country which I love, and the other country, and I don't have to go to other countries. When I fly back in february for my mom's 80th birthday i'm going to be taking Portland to amsterdam, because it's important to support with our dollars the values that we believe in. And similarly I have family who come here and so I understand how it is for europeans to think about having to change planes in newark or in minneapolis, or in seattle, and then have to get on to another plane to come to pored. It's another factor which might make people not want to come here for business or for recreational travel. So this is important for multiple reasons, and I really appreciate the work of the port in bringing this resolution and the mayor in leading it. Aye.

**Fish:** Well, extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures, and I thought bill's testimony was very compelling. There's a temptation during tough times to think short-term, not long-term. And this is an toeing think long-term, our economic future depends on these relationships. As the global economy becomes so important. So this to me looks like a smart bet. It will produce jobs and keep Good-paying jobs, and I think it's an example of the state, the port, and the city council working together on something which benefits Oregon, and I don't actually think we get enough credit for the extent to which we work collaboratively with our regional partners and with state government, so this makes a lot of sense to me. And I for one would hate to see the international dropped from

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our airport. And so i'm enthusiastically in favor of this, and I join with commissioner Leonard in complimenting the mayor for his leadership on this point. Aye.

**Adams:** I thank you for the kind words, and I again recognize lise and bill and the management team at the port, but want to make it clear, this city council, since the middle of last year has aggressively made investment and changes in our operations, we've cut expenditures in some areas to put more into housing and homelessness, to put more money on the streets to help small business.

This city council has been assertive and aggressive in doing everything we can to limit the impact on Portlanders and folks in this region to limit the impact of this global recession, and i'm really proud to serve with my colleagues on the city council as we seek to do our very best. Thank you.

Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the title for resolution number 1378.

**Item 1378.**

**Adams:** In july the city council approved a resolution that created the clean energy works program.

And it is a public-private nonprofit effort of shore bank enterprise cascadia, northwest natural, pge, pacific power, work systems inc., and Multnomah county. And just this morning i'm very pleased to announce that the various -- very esteemed group -- has as a founding partner of our effort, and we're going to hear from some folks, julian from green for all, welcome. But when we established the clean energy works program, which is a pilot project of 500 homes that we provide low-cost financing for, we also talked about the need to develop a community agreement about as we create this new industry as we for the identify this industry of clean technology retrofits initially with homes, hopefully moving to commercial and industry after that. That we would do so in a way that was in keeping with our values. And I think that in the intervening time the fact that the urban league report came out on the state of black Oregon that showed over the past 17 years there's been absolutely no progress for black Oregonians economically is a reminder at how important these community work force agreements are. It is a collaboration between organized labor, community huff based organizations, members of the faith comiewrngthsd our work force investment board, contractors, the energy trust, and many more. There's a long list of people, many of which I see in the room, that have been our partners in putting this together. Especially want to thank city staff jerry williams, judith from oni, legislator receipta young and gene jackson from the bureau of purchases, and one of the key partnerships on the council has been with commissioner Fish and his staff as we put together the fair contracting and work force oversight committee. So before we end i'll read through the list of thank yous. It's a long list, but worth mentioning for the record. But for now I would ask that susan anderson and derek smith give us an overview of what's in the community partnership work force agreement.

**Susan Anderson, Director, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Thank you. Susan anderson, director of the bureau of planning and sustainability. We will be brief, because there are a lot of partners here. That's what this is all about. This is a first step in what really is a huge job strategy. A lot of people think that weatherization is an environmental program that is about greenhouse gas reduction, and it is, but in this case we're focusing on how many jobs can be created because of the project. The project is a 500-home pilot. We started it a few months ago. Participants pay nothing up front and pay back the loan on their utility bill. Pge, pacific power, northwest natural, they've been great partners, and we signed up and came to council about two months Ago to talk about that partnership. Shore bank enterprise, cascadia is our financial institution. They are keeping the money flowing. And we have literally a couple dozen other partners who some of whom are here today. So the community work force agreement is a new piece in terms of the kind of work we're doing, the energy trust here in Oregon, the state department of energy, and similar agencies throughout the united states have been doing this work a long time, and spent a lot of time looking at how, what we understand in Portland really well -- that you can't have a healthy environment without a healthy economy, and those things go together. But we rarely add in that third piece. And that piece is social equity, making sure that we create those jobs, and

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that we create opportunity for all workers. So what we've done today is tried to take this theme of sustainability, make it real, make it beyond just an environmental movement, and looking at opportunity for all people here in Portland. Derek Smith has been the engine behind this project. None of this really would have happened if I hadn't had coffee with him about a year ago and said, hey, do you want to work on a project for two or three months, I have a little bit of funding. Who knew then we'd be able to attract the millions of dollars we have to this project. And hopefully we'll be back in a few months with another announcement where we've been able to attract -- I've probably ruined it -- attract more money to the effort. Derek will provide a little bit of detail on the agreement and then several partners are here to provide their perspectives.

**Derek Smith, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Derek Smith, bureau of planning and sustainability. Thank you for your support and leadership throughout this process, mayor. Before we get started, before I get started, I'll announce that we do have a substitute attachment. Which the only change being that it reflects the complete list of expected signatories.

**Adams:** I move approval of the attachment.

**Fritz:** Second.

**Adams:** Any discussion? Please call the vote on the substitution.

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

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

**Smith:** Thank you. I'd like to take a quick moment to describe who all was involved in this process and how we got to this agreement. And I'll let those providing testimony after me describe some of the content and what it means for their organization and our community. For five meetings held throughout the summer we brought together 50 stakeholders representing labor unions, contractors, and others to discuss this public investment opportunity, clean energy works Portland. And what standards and community benefits should be featured in this project. We had an incredible team that included Jerry Williams, Judy Mowery from the office of neighborhood involvement, John Gardner from cause and work systems, Debbie from the energy trust, Barbara from Oregon AFL/CIO, and Jeremy Hayes with whom we're also announcing today a partnership about taking this effort to scale as was mentioned by the mayor. I also want to -- I want to thank all of them, they just -- we couldn't have done this without them. And I also want to deeply thank all the stakeholders involved, many of whom you'll hear from today. We had an incredible mix of talent and passion, and consistent tone of civility that led to a breakthrough approach to this unique contractor -- contracting scenario. We have a structure with the committee that will be appointed by the mayor to begin work, ideally next week to help the city and the energy trust act upon the goals outlined in this agreement. And then make recommendations about how we take this idea in this pilot to scale. Most importantly we have a renewed and shared commitment to build bridges among historically distant actors to truly create this inclusive clean energy economy that we all want. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you. And I'd like to call up -- we have three panels of invited testimony. Thanks for your great work on this energy trust. You've been that for a very long time, and we stand on your shoulders in many ways. Why don't you begin?

**Julian Mocine-McQueen:** Thank you so much. My name is Julian, and I work at Green for All. I work on a project called Green the Block. It's a national education and awareness campaign. I'm here today to read a statement on behalf of our CEO, and she sends her regrets and regards.

**Adams:** She also sends us signed mous.

**Mocine-McQueen:** Before I read that I want to say personally, in my position I have the opportunity to travel around the country and talk to different communities and people about not only the issues we face environmentally, but if we address those issues, the opportunity that's presented there. And at Green for All we talk about an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. The reaction is one example, how can I help, let's do it. And then the first

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question is always, cool, so what does that look like? How is that done? And I think today you all here in Portland, the community of Portland is presented with such a wonderful opportunity to answer that question in a really smart and bold way, and I think that's exciting for Portland, it's really exciting for me because now i'll have such a good answer to take with me on my travels. Forgive me when your phones start ringing off the hook from err where around the country. Now i'd like to read a statement from fayedra. I'd like to thank you for allowing me to deliver this statement and redpret I could not make 90 person. I am grateful i'm able to participate in this exciting day. I'd like to thank the city, mayor Adams and all the stakeholder groups for their leadership and spirit of collaboration. It is your hard work and clear vision which has created this vision. The vote that the Portland city council takes today is important not just to the city of Portland, but to the entire country. Portland is on the verge of establishing one of the nation's leading models for how to put americans to work doing the work that most needs to be done. The work of transitions from the dirty pollution-based economy of the last century to the clean and green economy of the new one. This will also be one of the nation's leading models for how to use recovery act fund. Not just to stimulate short-term economic activity, but to lay the foundation for long-term economic environmental and community health. This vote is yet another pioneering step for Portland. Which is already developed an innovative approach to energy efficiency retrofits that includes financing and the potential to scale up to Improved tens of thousands of homes. Now again, Portland is on the verge of something special. This community work force agreement will cut energy bills while creating green jobs, will reduce pollution while expanding business opportunities, will ensure the recovery act investments reach those who most need an economic recovery. Those hardest hit by this recession. Green for all is incredibly hard to be involved this project. This agreement is good for Portland residents, starting with the 500 homes in the pilot phase and scaling to 100,000 homes. Portland will make its homes more energy efficient, which means lower energy bills for residents. This agreement will save families money in these hard economic times, and into the future. This agreement is good for Portland businesses, it supports training programs and business development so that smaller local firms can establish themselves in this brand-new market. It creates immediate and long-term opportunities for Portland entrepreneurs. This agreement is good for Portland workers. Investing in energy efficiency retrofits creates jobs for workers. The community work force agreement ensures those jobs are quality family supporting jobs. Just as importantly it ensures these jobs are accessible to low-income communities, communities of color, women, and other populations who are looking for good jobs in jux and building trades. This agreement is good for the greater Portland community one of the most exciting things about this community work force agreement is the story behind it. The city brought together so much of the community to help craft this agreement, from community groups to labor unions, to contractors, to civil rights organizations, to training providers, to city and state agencies. Everyone work together to identify the project's goals, and the specific ways they would continue to work together to meet those goals. And of course this agreement is good for the planet as it reduces the amount of energy we need to live our daily lives. Less energy means less pollution, less global warming, less danger for us all. Portland is showing the entire country how to move forward with the new model for economic growth that is good for families, workers, business, and the environment. We are excited to be a part of this project, and are competent other cities across the country will be just as excited to endeavor similar projects. The ability of the groups involved to work together to meet each others' needs is a testament to the best we can be for communities. Green for all has been honored to work with Portland to establish this agreement and we look forward to working with you after today's vote to make this project a national model. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. And thanks for helping source for us and identify for us all the lessons learned around the country that's helped us perfect what we're doing here. So thank you.

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**Margie Harris:** Good afternoon, mayor Adams and members of the city council. I'm Margie Harris with the Energy Trust of Oregon. I'm very pleased to be included in the city of Portland's clean energy work pilot program. And the community work force agreement that supports it. We embrace this afternoon to build a robust and a very inclusive and diverse green economy here in our city and beyond. We share the vision that they -- you just heard. Regarding a clean energy work force that reflects the diverse mix of our citizens. It's a much-needed and welcome dimension of the kind of work that many of us have been committed to on energy efficiency for quite some time. We believe the agreement will lead to a larger and a well-trained and fully capable work force who will install energy efficiency measures and deliver greater benefits to city residents and beyond. I'm particularly pleased several of our trade allies, the people rely on to deliver and install the services are part of the team that contributed to the community work force agreement, it includes Ecotech, Sustainable Solutions, and Neil Kelly. They've been here in these chambers prior to now. It's wonderful to see the industry itself welcome and embrace these new initiatives to developing the work force that we all need to meet the clean energy work long-term goals. We applaud all the community organizations along with Mayor Adams and the council and the other clean energy works Portland for their vision and leadership, and all of that has contributed to this very day. And we look forward to working with you to accomplish very great work together for the benefit of us all. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Reverend Moe.

**Reverend Terry Allen Moe:** Good afternoon, Mayor Adams, city commissioners, guests, Terry Moe, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Northeast Portland. And the leader with Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good, and apply -- an alliance of labor, religion institutions, and community-based organizations working for the common good. We've been privileged to be at the table from the very beginning and are excited to be here this day to congratulate you and our community partners for all the good work that's gone to this stage so this community work force agreement can move us forward to the eventual scale-up with the same equity goals for jobs. Most of you know that we're a member organization and we consult and listen to our members very carefully, and as we listened we heard three concerns around the environment, certainly, to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, but also energy costs that were rising for some of our middle class and poorer members. And certainly the need for high-quality living-wage jobs and career paths. And we believe these are beginning to be addressed in the community work force agreement. At least the jobs part. And certainly the energy efficiency part as we work towards that goal of 40% reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Take a breath. That is a lofty goal, and I understand that Seattle also has a similar goal. Our sister organizations in Washington are working aggressively now to do about 4,000 pilot projects in several counties, and we're looking forward to including that data with the city of Portland's 500-member pilot program as we move forward. So we can learn from each other. So again, congratulations and we are delighted to be here for this ceremony and to sign the agreement document. Along with our newly formed regional nonprofit works, and we're able to continue this work through the pilot and into the scale-up. So thank you very much.

**Adams:** I just want to thank Mack G, you and Mack G and the leadership and staff of Mack G, you have been here at the very beginning, even before the beginning of our efforts on clean energy work. So thank you. Appreciate it very much.

**Moe:** Thank you.

**Adams:** The next three will be John Stephens from the Carpenters' Union, Maurice from Namco, and Roberta Hunt from Oregon Trades Woman. Good morning, welcome back to the city council.

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

**Adams:** Glad you're here. John, do you want to start?



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**John A. Steffens:** Thank you, mr. Mayor. I'm john, the dwrr for the pacific northwest carpenters' institute. As a program, I believe that this has tremendous opportunity for accomplishing the needs of our community. Energy efficiency, work force development, diversity in the workplace, and training. But also a pathway for careers that will have good-paying jobs and health care benefits. Our organization applauds all that we're involved, and we're very proud to be part of that. Part of that inclusive and progressive committee, we agree that what Portland is doing will be a model and will rise up and the rest of the country will take notice of Portland. Thank you.

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

**Maurice Rahming:** I'm maurice, president of 88 mack and i'd like to thank you for inviting us here. One of the things I like to say about the program is that we have the opportunity here to have a more diverse construction base. Construction historically has been underutilized for minorities and women. I believe this opportunity right now, we can allow more family-wage jobs, insurance, and the ability for minority and women to enter into the construction field and everyone knows that construction workers make a decent living, and so we can allow them to have that living here. So I applaud everyone that's worked on this, and I hope that we can move forward and get more participation for Portlanders both Portlanders, minority, and women.

**Adams:** Thank you very much.

**Robert Hunt:** Thank you very much for having me. My name is roberta hunt, i'm with Oregon trades woman. We have a seven-week preapprenticeship program that prepares women for construction careers. I am incredibly excited and proud of my city for this effort and for the people that have worked so hard on it. For us, this is a great opportunity for the women that we train to have interest into green careers. And so we hope for this to continue, and onward and upward.

**Adams:** Thank you. Thank you all very much. Really appreciate it. Next three will be john gardner from cause and wsi, bernice lopez dorsey from help, and mano fray from the laborers. Welcome to the city council. We're glad you're here. Why don't you start.

**John Gardner:** John gardner, cause is currently being staffed by work systems inc., the operator for the regional work force investment system. We're here today because cause's mission is to increase the participation of women and people of color in the construction trades. And we see our partnership with the clean energy works project and the community work force agreement as a pathway forward in that goal. Like the south waterfront project and the pla or the port of Portland headquarters project, the goals, the clean energy works Portland project and the diverse -- cause and its members, and work systems inc., and i'm join the by andrew, director of work systems, and we're both in full support of this initiative, are proud to have been part of the planning of this community work force agreement, and are very excited to be part of the implementation that goes forward. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you. And thank you for your work.

**Berenice Lopez-Dorsey:** My name is bernice lopez dorsey, I am the owner and president of home energy life performance group. A home performance crk contractor. So i've been doing weatherization in the city of Portland and other counties for over a year now. This community work force agreement is very exciting for me as a small owner. For the opportunity to have my business growth, higher -- hire more people into the green jobs and best of all, to improve our community. Thank you.

**Adams:** Get ready to open up your seattle and san francisco locations. We want you to take over the nation from your base here in Portland.

**Mano Frey:** Mr. Mayor, commissioners, my name is mano frye, and i'm a vice-president in the northwest regional manager for the laborers international union in north america. And I just can't tell you how pleased and proud I am to be here today with you. I have never been involved and never seen a more collaborative effort involving more groups in any community. I want to share with you, and it may be what susan was talking about in her initial remarks this afternoon, last

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friday I was in denver. And I was with gill specialtion who is the head of the weatherization programs and grants for the u.s. Department of energy. And he was enacquiring of those of us that were meeting with him about some of the innovative things that may be possible with some of these initial monies coming from the federal government, but more importantly, there are going to be large grants. This initial weatherization project for 500 homes is vitally important as a demonstration project. To show what we can do. You're going to be able to point with pride, not just to this day, but on into the future, because the laborers are going to be providing world class training for the weatherization work. We're going to be recruiting using the community groups that you have -- are hearing from today and that are part of this collaborative effort. And so you're going to be able to point with pride about the decision you made and what it's going to mean for the city of Portland in jobs, in money savings for those that are going to have their homes weatherized and eventually it's going to go certainly into the commercial buildings and businesses in this community, but gill specialing explained to us -- sperling that they're -- explained to us they're going to be making available that could mean anywhere from 80 to \$100 million from the federal government, and their hope is that the communities are going to be able to leverage that up to four times or more. For Portland, that could mean \$400 million. In weatherization programs. And so I said, are you talking about -- are you familiar with what the city of Portland is doing with utility companies and that effort? He said, "that's exactly it." I said, "well, we're going to make Portland a showcase for you, mr. Sperling, and for the country." and so it's an opportunity -- this 500 homes is an opportunity to showcase Portland what we can do together in a collaborative effort and move forward looking at a much bigger prize at the end of the day. Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Well said. Thank you. [applause]

**Gardner:** If I could add one more thing, it's been said this is quite a collaboration, and it's true. The amount of folks we gathered and brought together and developed a document that you can actually see and pass today is very remarkable. But i'd like to give a special thank you to derek smith, who led sort of the team throughout this process and got to us a point where we had a agreement that reflected the will of so many different people from so many different places. So thank you very much. [applause]

**Frey:** If I might just share one anecdote i've been with the labors' union since I was 22 years old, and i'm --

**Adams:** Five years ago.

**Frey:** I'm well beyond that now. And last friday I actually had dinner with someone that I had to look around and see if lightning was going to strike me if the lord was going to point me -- point at me and pick -- poke at my chest. I actually sat and had a wonderful time during dinner with someone from the sierra club. Part of the family now. And everything was fine. [applause]

**Adams:** We'll now turn to the sign-up list.

**Moore-Love:** We have four people left.

**Adams:** Welcome back to the city council for some of you. Do you want to get us started?

**Marcus Mundy:** Sure. Thank you. On behalf of the urban league of Portland, and my work force development officer, i'm excited about the prospect of this clean Energy works project as well. A collaboration of this many and varied partners as well -- both a testimony as to how innovative thinking is beginning to evolve and a stark recognition of the need to address the changing landscape of Oregon's work force and Oregon's population. This agreement demands collaboration, communication, and vigilance to attain the previously stated goals of equity, the lofty goals we state frequently in this process, and it's going to do something to address what was revealed as you mentioned earlier, in our state of black Oregon. The lack of movement there. But I think the truest test of success of this project will be outcomes that reveal Portland's most downtrodden citizens, disadvantaged, low-income citizens, least educated will be afforded the opportunities to earn a living wage, to -- for their families, to start careers and not jobs, and then they will learn skills that

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will help position Oregon as a leader, as a world leader in these emerging technologies. So thank you for the opportunity, and thanks for your leadership in putting this program together.

**Adams:** Thank you for your partnership. We appreciate it.

**Dianne Riley:** I'm Diane Riley, I'm the equity agenda coordinator with coalition for a livable future. And our coalition is a broad spectrum of organizations that represent both environmental organizations and advocates, and social justice organization. So this particular piece of work is really kind of the crystallization of a lot of our coalition's hopes and dreams. We'd like to see a green economy that is inclusive and reflects social justice values. I'm excited about this agreement as a beginning. As a beginning that we need to -- as many of our partners recognize needs to be followed through on. And I want to just mark the place here that that's what the coalition intends to do, is mark this as a beginning and make sure that we are able to follow through and bring the promise that is so profound here in this agreement. So thanks to our partners in all the city offices as well as -- and the members -- the members of the coalition, and beyond the coalition, and the people of Portland and Oregon who are looking for work and hoping to actually benefit from this work. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Ms. Jackson.

**Jennice Jackson:** Mayor, Council legislators, I'm happy to be here, and I would like to put a face on those individuals that will be having the opportunity for some of these jobs that are going to be let. I'm with urban covenant preapprenticeship training program. A number of our students that are hoping to find opportunities in the green jobs are single moms, single dads, husbands, wives, in our particular program, you're looking at people of color, that includes African-American, Native American, Hispanic, and also you're looking at a number of low-income individuals that will benefit from this. So I'd like to thank the whole group that was involved, and for once I can say that we were at the table at the beginning, and not at the end. So thank you very much. And also that was involved in this whole process.

**Adams:** Thank you, Ms. Jackson. Appreciate it. Thank you all for your testimony. Itch less there's additional discussion or testimony, please call the vote.

**Leonard:** This is a very exciting thing to be able to be in the position to vote for. I appreciated the collaboration, the joining together of labor and environmental groups, a dynamic of which I have been familiar with in the past that always hasn't been as healthy as we've seen demonstrated here today. So I appreciate, that maybe more than some. It provides jobs to the community that needs -- Johns Hopkins for energy savings for those that could use it most, and it's a real great piece of work. Aye.

**Fritz:** Several months ago we passed a resolution to do things like this, and I thought, that's nice. And then we passed the funding mechanism for this, and I thought, that's nice. And here it's September 30th, and we're actually doing it. And I am overwhelmed. This is wonderful. And it's September 30th. It's nine months into this administration, and here we are all of us smiling and people saying that they were at the table at the beginning instead of at the end. And the Sierra Club and the laborers sitting down together that. Was a nice illustration. I first want to commend Eric Smith when it was said how well had you to let this process, my staff and Oni and Jerry Williams are nodding in the back, and if the office of neighborhood involvement facilitators say this was a good process, I'm confident it was, and I am pleased to thank you for all of your work. Barbara Bird, who was one who was telling me after the first two resolutions, we're going to do this, I'm look, gooksd let's see it. Saturday I Barbara was briefing me, and it strikes me that whether you're paid for doing what you're doing today, whether you're a volunteer, you can't tell. Because we've got people here who are so passionality about what they're doing, you're talking about it at a salsa party. And the director Susan Anderson, your leadership of this, and you're being able to put it together with Mayor Adams and all of the components, shining through. So thank you for your passion and leadership with not only the green energy part, but the jobs piece and the equity piece. Thank the coalition for

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a Livable future and mayor Adams for putting part of the resolution as a whereas about the regional equity act atlas, which is a volunteer and a board member of the coalition for livable future. So it's satisfying to hear it quoted not just -- not just in the campaigns, but ongoing. And you're using the database approach, and the math, and showing visually what it is that we need to do, and then coming up with a strategy on how to do it. So this is extremely exciting. It's been a lot of work. And I don't imagine that it was completely smooth sailing, even though it's been done so quickly. But what if precedent setting and what an example for the rest of the nation to look at Portland, Oregon, and see how we do things. And yes, we can. Aye.

**Fish:** I want to be able to bottle this and use it for other challenging issues we have down the road. I think it's one part stimulus money, one part climate action plan, one part equity atlas, one part partnerships with labor faith environmental, and other good partners of the city. The city's mweb policies, which the mayor and I are leading an effort to update, we'll have some data next year, and then you throw it together, you bring some talented city staff together, and you manage it, you get around a table and talk, and work out your difference and come up with a community work force agreement. It sounds like this is the model.

**Leonard:** I'm wu.

**Fish:** We have a few other issues to address. I'm very excited, i'm very pleased to see all of our friends speaking in favor of this. It starts with the mayor's commitment to get this thing done and to promote these green jobs. So i'm pleased to support this. Aye.

**Adams:** Thank you for the kind works. I want to underscore that this agreement requires local hire of at least 80% to pay a living wage, which is defined as at least 180% of the state minimum wage to provide access to health insurance and allocate resources for continuing education and training. It is a high bar and so incredibly appropriate to do so. I want to thank the long list of partners that have made this possible. The city council has taken risks to get people back to work. And to grow the economy of the future which has to look at the social equity issues. So i'm very proud to serve with everybody. I want to thank lisa libby, who is on my sustainable and planning team for the mayor's office. Michael armstrong, susan anderson, but especially the very great derek smith. Thank you for your great work. You deserve a round of applause. [applause] now before I vote, which means everything breaks up, are we Doing signing or something? Right here or outside? So

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**Leonard:** I have to leave at 4:00. You might want to hurry up and decide.

**Adams:** On your way out, if you would sign that -- that's our marker to memorialize today. The commitments we're making to realize the vision and the goals we set for ourselves as a community.

So i'm very pleased to vote aye. [gavel pounded] so approved. Congratulations. [applause]

**Fish:** Before the signing, could you check with commissioner Leonard to get his calendar for the next month? We certainly want to be able to accommodate his schedule as much as possible on these meetings.

**Leonard:** I appreciate that very much. I'll shorten them up quite a bit if you do that.

**Adams:** We're going to persevere through this. We're going to persevere while people mingle.

**Leonard:** Like we do every council session?

**Adams:** Can you please read the title for council calendar item 1379. And lisa, can you please move that out in the hall? Right now? Thanks. Please read the title.

**Item 1379.**

**Leonard:** Skip all that. Let's vote.

**Adams:** I agree. But I think there are people to testify. Unfortunately democracy has to Continue, so if you could please exit, please --

**Leonard:** Take it outside.

**Adams:** Please take these happy thoughts outside. We have to deal with a land use issue.

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**Fish:** Commissioner Leonard has a 3:15 meeting with commissioner Wheeler. I suggest we move this to the next week to accommodate -- [laughter]

**Adams:** If you're not here to testify on the gateway master street plan land use issue, please --

**Leonard:** You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here.

**Adams:** Karla, just for the record, can you reread council calendar item 1379 and feel free to cut off commissioner Leonard's mike. Who is -- why don't you please come up and begin the explanation of what we're looking at.

**Courtney Duke, Bureau of Transportation:** I'm Courtney, with the office of transportation. And I'm here with Justin Douglas. Justin? He got caught in the midst of all the people outside. We're doing an amendment to the central gateway master street plan, a comprehensive plan and transportation system plan amendment. We developed -- it's part of the gate -- central gateway is the only part which is map 1111.3, and we're adding text to chapter 11 of the tsp. We developed this new master street plan with a stakeholder committee that included property owners, developers, and staff from a variety of bureaus over the last two years. Again, p bought has been working with pdc as well as consultant is here from parametrics. The purpose of the amendment, the tsp and the comprehensive plan is to provide flexibility in connection while maintaining larger parcels for redevelopment. We tried to recognize existing parcel line and buildings wherever possible. We wanted to try to provide additional connectivity on a local street network without altering the district or neighborhood collectors in the area. Part of the reason for this change is to help foster redevelopment in the city's only regional center. And also to help with implementation. We wanted to provide flexibility to respond to development needs, but also provide bike and pedestrian accessways to be developed as full streets as appropriate. A little background on the gateway area. There has been based over nine years of planning, when master street plan in 2000 that we knew was going to be an -- 2002 that we knew would be a trism plan, and pdc started working on their opportunity gateway concept and redevelopment strategy, which was adopted by council in February of 2002. -- excuse me, of 2000. And then they started working on the central gateway redevelopment strategy in 2007, and one of the outcomes of that strategy was one of the strategies was a vision for Ken Central gateway, to help resolve the street plan with the goal of increasing connectivity in the central gateway area. So from the summer of 2007 to 2008, pdc and pbot worked with our stakeholder committee to create this amendment. We had a planning commission hearing on July 14th, where the amendment was approved 5-0. We did have some testimony in favor from some of our stakeholder committee members, and there were a few folks with concerns about lines through their property. So we are here to present the planning commission recommendation, which I believe you have in front of you. We had a September 9th letter addressing that. And I'm here, Justin from pdc if there's questions, and I believe there will be some additional testimony.

**Adams:** If it's ok with council if we could get the testimony completed and have discussion after that. All right. Thank you. Car larks please read off the first three. Good afternoon. Welcome to the city council. If you've not been here before, you only need to give us your first and last name. We do not want your address.

**Jackie Putnam:** Good afternoon, my name is Jackie Putnam, I'm the cochair of the gateway urban renewal program advisory committee. The pack is long recognized and supported the development of the street grid for the central gateway area for many years. The street definition has been a high priority in our vision and our goals and objectives. As cochairs of the advisory committee Bob and I have pursued outreach to many of the property owners. The objective has been to heighten awareness about the area and the street connectivity and propose grid and always encourage participation of the public meetings concerning the plan. The grid is supported by the pack members.

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**Bob Ernest:** Good afternoon. My name is bob earnest, the cochair, the other cochair -- cochair of the gateway program advisory committee. I've been involved in this since approximately 1996. I've been chair, cochair, served in several of the subcommittees, including design and development, the education committee, and have been -- i've enjoyed this a lot and I can show you where I live on the map. My back yard actually adjoins the eastern most boundary of the urban renewal project. So this literally is in my back yard, so I have a keen interest in what's going on. As the cochair, I wanted to draw your attention to the last two budget cycles that we have been involved in beginning in january 2008. We had three priorities that we were emphasizing. Number one was local streets and infrastructure, number two is park site selection, and number three, economic development and property acquisition. This was in 2008. Under local streets, which was our number one priority, the gateway ura is the most pressing current need is infrastructure especially local streets. Park selection was number two, and we have a good outcome on that. We actually got our pocket park, thank you very much. Former bingo site, we're waiting now for development. That's coming. Economic development and property acquisition, that's an ongoing type situation. In february 2009, our current budget cycle t. Our number one priority is economic development, our number two priority local streets and infrastructure, and number three, park site development. Now that we have it, let's get it developed. So there's a trend going on. The lack of infrastructure in our area is a huge problem for people, and we want to see that addressed, and we believe that the street plan as submitted will help address that. I also was digging through my archive material, and I found the gateway regional center project summary from 1987. And at that time they produced -- it's big, it's a map. And one thing that it pointed out was, we have no streets. We have -- we don't have connectivity north and south, and some blocks we don't have it east and west in other blocks. So this whole central gateway area was the area of focus for most people. So this is not a new subject, and we urge your approval.

**Gordon Jones:** Gordon jones, i've been developing out in the gateway area for a little over a dozen years now. Developed a number of multifamily projects in the gateway area, and come before the commission several times to discuss those. I've also served on the central gateway redevelopment strategy citizens advisory committee that took a long hard look at the street grid plan that was adopted by the city as a place holder. Some years ago. And then also after that committee was through with this work, we formed all street plan stakeholder advisory committee, and i've served on that and continue to do so. What I think the -- one of the main things you'll hear testimony about today is the old street plan that was the -- what we considered kind of a stakeholders compared to the new street plan, which we've spent the last several years revisiting and trying to figure out how do we -- the old street grid plan was very rigid, it didn't take into consideration reality on the ground, where there were large existing developments such as the kaiser dental clinic and other large parcels that needed to be addressed and not divided in half by a street, for example. The new street plan also has gone from just one rigid street width to a variety of streets that allow us to even put a pedestrian connection in lieu of a street in some cases, where an actual street isn't needed, but a connection is for pedestrian And bicycles. So the new street plan we really feel is much more flexible, it allows ped connections, it allows for -- we now will be having our first pilot green street project out there. On 97th. And that's a whole other great gateway green street plan. So we think that this new street plan is a vast improvement over the old grid, which was very inflexible and very rigid, and pdot has really helped with this as well. So we advise ---- it's been very helpful to me personally. Just in the old street grid divide one large development site I had in half and just would have left recommended properties where the street went. So by having a little more flexibility, we've been able to work with pdot and others and come up with a development plan now that makes a lot more sense. And still provides connection through. So I would recommend that we adopt the street plan as proposed.

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**Adams:** Thank you all for your years of work on this task and for getting us here today. Really appreciate it. Next three? Welcome to the city council.

**Michael Pliska:** My name is michael pliska, as my family owns some property for a number of years for -- actually much longer than the time period, they've discussed earlier here. I pretty much grew up working around there. I find it interesting that this plan is disrupting existing and planned commercial development in that area, parcels of land that are part of a plan there. And it's in a mature area of the city. So in some -- a lot of cases there's existing structures that are going to be disrupted by these streets going through. As well as planned development. The -- and all it's doing is gaining in some case as quarter mile, or less than a quarter mile of connectivity when alternatives exist less than 500 feet away. I find it interesting in a health conscious city where we pride ourselves on being bicyclists and pedestrians, and being a lifelong bicyclist myself, it is really necessary to have connectivity every 500 feet? In other words, walking or bicycling an extra 500 feet doesn't seem like that big of a deal. As an engineer, that studied transportation issues for part of my career, I find it interesting that we would want to have cross streets either passing through or abutting the light rail line. We would increase considerably the number of crossings or abutments there. And I would be concerned over the safety issues that raises. Unlike my father and brother, who are lifelong residents of the city, I moved out for quite a period of time and lived out -- i'm back in the area now, but i've lived in different areas of the country and of the world, and one of the other things I noted, it's got some creative redrawing of streets, for instance, the bike pedestrian path, is just really to benefit one person's property who happens to be on that stakeholder committee. As was another one of the streets that takes an interesting curve. That kind of creative redrawing that only benefits the members of the committee region of back door politics and good old boy networks. The kind of thing I saw in the south of the united states and in italy. I'd hoped that Portland are not deteriorated to that level. But looking at the evidence here, it seems like it has. I hope you prove that sentiment wrong with how you decide on this today.

**Adams:** What specifically do you object to? What areas do you object to?

**Pliska:** The specific areas I mentioned were the -- where 101st takes the interesting jog near pacific. And then the bike path t. Bike and pedestrian path off of 97th and what appears to be everett.

**Adams:** And then what is ---- our properties are getting cut apart, where it goes between burnside street and stark street, this proposed 101st street that does not currently exist. Is that -- for those looking at the map, is that the second street to the west of the yellow? We don't have the numbered streets identified.

**Fish:** What meetings that have Been held on this matter that you believe you have been prevented from attending and participating in?

**Pliska:** I learned of a recent meeting, which I was out of town, wasn't able to attend, but you were able to in june. But prior to that we had not had any notification at all. My brother and father can talk more directly to that.

**Adams:** Do you want to provide your testimony?

**Ken Pliska:** I'm just going to read it. Good afternoon, i'm here today not only to express my opposition to the amendments of this plan, but to call into question the way in which the original plan was created, voted on the and implemented. Without proper notification to and input from the major property owners negatively affected by this plan, it is important that I point out that these are certainly negative im, pacts to our properties not positive. I'd like to point out several areas of concern. Number one, would it appear the laws created under measure 56 in the late '90s were ignored when this plan was originally brought before the city council. From exphal medium parcel owners to the largest property owner in the district, which is mall 205 this, is the first any of us have heard of any of these street plans. Number two, the planning commission's condition to send this to city council for today's vote was that the senior project manager justin douglas was to meet with and

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address the concerns of both pp&l and the Pliska family. Those concerns have yet to be addressed. I find it hard to believe an email triggering -- stating the trigger mechanism for street dedication was what they had in mind when they spelled out with and address concerns. Pp&l has -- in front of their secure building. It appears they were not informed of the master plan until this revision came about this year. We are very concerned as one of the proposed streets will render our southern parcel completely useless. Number three, the gateway stakeholder committee has made up of 11 individuals we find it very odd that eight of those individuals are city employees, with two of the other three individuals being develop there's will greatly benefit from the revised plan before you. A quick look at the revisions of streets that were to go through ted -- streets are now missing and reworked in this amendment. As my brother stated this, screams of back door deals and good ole boy payoffs we like to belief is not the way the city does business. Pdot's bob haley attended the open house in the gateway plan. He claimed in no small way he was in charge of where the streets would go and he won't even let a carport be built on any property within the plan district without street dedications by the property owner. We see fred meyer was granted many improvements unjust this Month and no street dedication were mentioned in the summer. M dot's own admission was it would be 30-40 years before this area was developed. Number four, the proposed streets also go through bob and rose schultz' parcels between south ankeny and southeast pine, deq has deemed these parcels permanent brownfield after hundreds of thousands of dollars were used to try to clean the contamination on the parcels. When we questioned numbers of the gateway plan committee, none of them were aware of these facts. Deq has asked us to develop our southern parcel so they can be sure none of the contaminants are leaking on on-- onto our parcels that. Is now impossible. This is my city, I was born here 43 years ago and I plan to die here when i'm old and gray. Would I hate to see another piece of council business get tangled up in court and settlements when some simple communication and well thought out postponement of this vote would make it work for all of us. Thank you.

**Adams:** Can you show us the -- your southern parcel, if you wouldn't mind coming around, just so we see -- and the nature of why you -- the reason ys you say it's not developable?

**Ken Pliska:** Yes told at the open house meetings with the pdot guy bob that we needed to get in first and try and develop first. And get together with other property owners. That was of course before they realized, and i'm not sure if many of them still don't realize that this is a brownfield that is right next to it. This is all deq brownfield. Deq spoke with us in march and april and said it's always going to be a brownfield. [inaudible]

**Adams:** Thanks. Sir?

**Branard Brauer:** Brain erred browr, i've been borne in Oregon city, lived here all my life, I care about the region. I have an engineering background, but about 1995 first purchased commercial property in Portland and have a droablght interest in what happens, and i'd like to see some positive things occur. I've been involved in this gateway plan with pdc for at least 10 years, almost from the beginning. I've been aware of the property, i'm actually the one who was largely responsible for getting some of the deq work underway through some brownfield money and the city. And connecting some people and trying to see that move forward with the possibility of developing that property. My interest is, has been, continues to be in developing this area, I think it has a great potential. The street plan is something i've asked about many times. Certainly since the early 2000s. There's always guidelines on how streets should be built, in the box thinking about how to do it, and it's actually I have to admit, encouraging that there's a little out of the box thinking going on here. An attempt to realize that this is unbelievably difficult, this area. And i've looked at aerial maps and how this all works, and just try to think myself how one could do something, and there's a lot of existing properties and buildings and this definitely takes some out of the box thinking and some creative approaches. They seem to be beginning here, but unfortunately I don't know all the history, i've always stayed in the loop with getting notifications on what's going on, and maybe I



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missed something, but I didn't get any notification on this proposal. And I otherwise think I would have. So it's come as a surprise to me. But along the line of seeing some encouraging at least steps out of the box thinking, that's positive. But I would encourage the council to delay this vote and take a look, maybe more individually on the complexities and I know it takes a lot of effort, and I don't know who should do it, pdc has invested so many years into this whole gateway renewal, and some areas, north have been some progress has been made. This has been a roadblock from the early days looked through my file, it's a big file. I don't own any property in the gateway area. I own in other parts of Portland.

**Adams:** There's no vote today. This is the first reading. Thank you for your testimony. Karla, anybody else? Welcome to the city council. Thanks for waiting. Mr. Pilska.

**Allen Pliska:** Good evening, i'm allen pilska and you heard my two sons speak earlier and they covered topics that I overlooked but that's what happens when you age. So --

**Fritz:** The joy of having sons.

**Allen Pliska:** I'm sorry?

**Fritz:** The joy of having sons.

**Allen Pliska:** I'm sure a daughter would have been. I wasn't so endowed. Can perhaps -- the concern I have as a -- my greatest concern at this point is my son ken alluded to our having met doctor, oh, the fellow from pdot. Bob taylor, the name of that -- in which he was quite adamant about when the so-called trigger mechanism at which point, a dedication and street improvements would be required. And pretty spooky. Now, on the other hand, justin douglas has offered, he says well, come on down and we'll talk about it when you have development plans. But i'm concerned about what's in writing, justin wasn't here in 2004 when purportedly this street plan was approved. First. And he may not -- he may be off to another project. So i'm concerned about that. I trust justin. I know it's in writing that's before me right now and it's not what -- it gives an awful lot of latitude the transportation of department with respect to at what point this level of commitment kicks in. And -- but it's in writing and what justin tells me is not.

**Adams:** What did justin de say to you that's not in writing.

**Allen Pliska:** Well, he did put something in writing.

**Adams:** It sounds like you have a positive outlook on whatever justin told you.

**Allen Pliska:** But it's signed by justin and represents his --

**Adams:** What is it that he said that you thought was positive?

**Allen Pliska:** Oh, that I thought was positive? Well, i'm not good at paraphrasing, but -- this was in response to my son ken and a up here before the Portland planning commission. And -- and planning commission effectively mandated that -- sorry.

**Adams:** Go ahead.

**Allen Pliska:** Oh. They -- approved subject to justin getting -- getting in touch with and dealing with the concerns --

**Adams:** Right.

**Allen Pliska:** -- expressed by both --

**Adams:** Your son mentioned that, right.

**Allen Pliska:** Uh-huh. So at any point, the -- justin offered to and has in a letter form offered to meet with me, with us, and consider options that we -- any way he might help. And I appreciate this. But again, my reservation is will he be here?

**Adams:** So it wasn't anything specific he offered to help as requested by the planning commission and he did that by letter?

**Allen Pliska:** He did.

**Adams:** Ok. And you said you didn't meet with him. Why haven't you met with him?

**Allen Pliska:** Oh, it's -- it's -- well, his proposal -- he knows we have nothing speck planned in terms of proposals at this point.

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**Adams:** Ok.

**Allen Pliska:** But our concern, because we see this in black and white, and we've talked about bob taylor about his plans for making sure that the trigger mechanism occurs at a given level although we haven't seen this as my son ken pointed out in the case of fred meyer's alteration.

**Adams:** Ok.

**Allen Pliska:** It was a very large carport, effectively. Under construction there. But -- so I guess overall -- and I think I expressed concerns of other neighbors. Not just my observation. But I think a lot of -- there are very few property owners in the area who are not aware of what's going on and it's not easy communicating with them. Particularly those out of town. I guess my time is --

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. Appreciate it. We gave you extra time to respond to my question.

**Ted Gilbert:** Ted gilbert, mayor Adams and commissioners. I speak to you as a member of the gateway nac. Been a member for 10 years and property owner. I speak in support of this plan. I can attest to the fact that probably eight years ago or more when the original plan that this would replace was put in place. It clearly was a placeholder done without regard of facts on the ground and likely development patterns. I think my colleague's doing a job of expressing our support. What i'd like to do is some objection i've heard. One of the objections i've heard is that this plan disrupts existing businesses. I would beg to differ that it's totally development driven. We don't have the resources even if we wanted to put in roads ourselves. It's only going to be significant development driven if and when it ever happens. I heard an issue about the importance of connectivity. I have a feeling about connectivity. I'm sure you have your own thoughts. But in a regional center, if ever you need it I would think it would be there. I heard a comment of streets being adjusted based on the whims and desires of a couple of members and i'm pleased to talk specifics if anyone asks, but again, what this committee did was looked at facts on the ground. In one case, for example, it had a road going through the middle of a property that the housing authority of Portland recently purchased. It's a nice property in great shape. Putting in improvements would be a road to nowhere for conceivably a long period of time. The property in question that was referred to has a road going through it, but the road will be shared by the elks lodge and property I own rather than the housing authority of Portland. The question we've heard is there wasn't outreach, or notification. I tend to take everybody at their word, having been involved in this process for two years and knowing how much outreach was done, it seems unlikely, but again, I can't speak to that. And finally, a contention is made and the name's been used as bob taylor. It's actually bob haley in the back of the -- bob haley. It's not a minor improvement to a property that would trigger. A shed or something like that will not trigger. It's only significant improvement. Perhaps bob haley can speak for himself in that. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you, mr. Gilbert. Anyone else wish to testify? Please come forward and welcome to the city council.

**Dr. Jeffrey Brady:** Thank you very much. My name is dr. Jeffrey grady, and I own some property in the gateway new area and the new road on 101st they've proposed will cut my building in half. So the building is going to have to be torn down and it's going to cut the property in half too. There's two parcels there. And also the road on 101st which is just a few feet way from the new proposed road, the road on -- it's on 100th street, is going to have to cut through pp&l, the electric company's power station and part of their building. Those two little roads, i'm totally objecting to and also the two roads are going to cross the max train tracks. Now, it's going to create a problem with the max train tracks on there, because the train stops right there and the length of the train, I believe, is going to be maybe sticking out on that road that's going to cut my building in half on 101st. It might miss it by a few feet. I haven't measured the train but I see it every day and it's long and a think where they're going to put the road through, it's supposed to be 67 feet wide i've been told. And it's going to create a safety problem. And also, recently, they changed the zoning on

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my property to high density, like apartments and senior high-density apartments and there's two really nice developments on the corner of 102nd and burnside, right on the corner. There's two new buildings with high density and it's nice and that's what I had planned for my property in the next -- in the future. So I wanted to just say that the train's a problem. Safety wise. It's going to cut my building in half. The -- those two roads are going to cut into pp&l, electric problems. And that's what I have to say. So I object to it.

**Adams:** Thank you, doctor, very much. Appreciate your testimony. What -- if it's ok with council, what i'd like do is call staff up here. You can please step down.

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

**Adams:** Thank you. If staff could come forward and collect questions from council. If there are quick answers today, if not, staff can report back to council with more research and we'll take the time we need over the next couple weeks to get this -- get all the information that council needs. So please come up. Both of you. And bob, why don't you come up as well. And justin. So there are a variety of questions asked. How were -- so from the original street map, which was, again, not done with anything on the ground incorporated into it. How -- there's a question raised about back-door dealing, decisions made to the benefit of one or more of the stakeholders here.

**Duke:** I'll have justin respond because he was in charge of the stakeholder groups.

**Justin Douglas, Portland Development Commission:** Justin, Portland development staff. One of our criterias when looking to revise the street plan was to obviously look at connectivity and also look at where there were near and medium term opportunities and make sure we were working with property owners who had expressed interest in redeveloping their property and finding some way we could meet their need and so the street plan dedications were not entirely borne on the back of the developers. This plan has been in effect since 2004 and in the a single street built yet and we were trying to take a fresh look and find out a way if the developer had an idea and wanted to build and invest in gateway, we would find a way to make that street dedication as least onerous as possible. And that would be in the form of direct contributions into improving the streets and we've talked about forming a local improvement district so that those costs are shared among the community and not just one party. And we were trying to make it about obviously, connectivity and be responsive to facts on the ground and the realities of how difficult it is to dedicate property and bear all of those costs just by one party.

**Adams:** Is the objections -- what was your last name again? From the pliska family, is the objection what they're left with is not economically viable? I mean, that's what you're saying, right? After you take account for the road, you don't have enough land left to build anything? Was that discussed as part of this effort?

**Douglas:** Sure, we definitely discussed that. I mean, that's right by the 10 2:00 and burnside -- 102nd and burnside intersection. They recognized that there's a lot of places in gateway where we just don't have public rights-of-way and this is not an easy thing to do to build local streets but we thought it important in the future securing connections and places where people could milwaukie and cars drive close not max station would be important. I've talked with them many times in the past and have said many times whatever we can do to try to make their treatments for their property, when they do redevelopment it, to work with them so they can see their dreams realized, but again, it's a long-term plan and at a key intersection and we want to make sure there's some connection there in the future.

**Adams:** And were they invited to be part of the discussions. You wrote them a letter after the planning commission. Some testimony from the family was you didn't meet with them but the father talked about a letter was written.

**Douglas:** Mr.-- allen and had probably 20 conversations over the years. Allen and I have spoken probably every day for the past week. I don't know if it meant in person, but I explained to them what the city code was that would trigger street plan dedications and worked with bob haley to get a

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sense of that and trying to provide as much information as I could and make myself available however I could help them.

**Fritz:** Going back to the makeup of the advisory committee, it was mentioned there were 11 people and eight city employees, is that accurate?

**Douglas:** Yes.

**Fritz:** And how about the allegation that the citizens are those who are benefiting from this particular plan, that layout?

**Douglas:** Well, the -- we had a six-member citizens advisory committee on the central gateway redevelopment strategy and it was that group that really identified the need to revise the local street plan and we asked all of those individuals if they wanted to be involved in the nitty-gritty of revising the street plan and asked members of the urac who wanted to be involved and we met eight times over the course of about a year and a half. And so and courtney and I worked together to make sure we met the guidelines for mailings and notifications. And we've done whatever we can to reach out as much as possible.

**Fritz:** The reason there were only three citizens out of 11, is because that's who volunteered.

**Douglas:** Right.

**Fritz:** And did the urban renewal advisory committee comment on this proposal?

**Douglas:** Yes, we've briefed them multiple times over the past year. Those are all public meetings and mr. Pliska has been in attendance and give their blessing and support.

**Fritz:** Did they vote on it?

**Douglas:** They did.

**Fritz:** And was it unanimous?

**Douglas:** I don't recall that. I could check.

**Fritz:** How many people are on the wider advisory committee?

**Douglas:** We've got 20 members, I believe.

**Fritz:** All citizens or staff on there?

**Douglas:** All citizens.

**Fritz:** Get more details would be helpful and going back to the question of the southern parcel being only eight feet wide and going to ask for 60 feet dedication, how would that work?

**Bob Haley, Bureau of Transportation:** I think bob haley with the office of transportation. The gateway plan district specifically talks about one of the goals and ways we're going to implement this plan almost requires consolidation of properties to put together a project that's big enough to pencil out paying for the improvements. There's plenty of properties where the streets are laid out and one property owner comes in with a 50-by-150-foot lot, clearly year not going to require a street. Otherwise the city would be buying it, otherwise we'd be taking the entire property. Until such time as people can put together properties to make a project work, this street plan will in essence probably hinder a certain type of development. Gateway is probably a long ways off just simply because of the economics of that area and land values haven't been high enough and return for either leases or condo units hasn't been high enough to support it. So this really is something that's going to be probably quite a long ways out before we realize most of it.

**Fritz:** Would that preclude them developing on either of their properties. They wouldn't in and of themselves -- they couldn't redevelop the northern parcel without putting the street in.

**Haley:** It's hard without a specific proposal in front of me. If you look at the zoning code, it says that the street plan applies to all development within the gateway plan strict. If you look on the definitions of the zone code of development, it's turning a spoonful of soil. A change to a site. We try and apply the common sense, because the other nice thing about the section in the zoning code that -- where it talks about who decides, it's the city engineer that decides the extent and timing of the improvements. So we just simply work with people. If you have a building of good economic life left in it and you want to add on, we're not going to make you tear it down. For example, I think

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it was raised on the fred meyer site why we didn't require streets when they came in. It was a remodel, there was no real trigger for us to say you need to start thinking about where the streets are going to go. They weren't doing anything that were going to block future streets.

**Fritz:** If I could get more information on the specific property and the relative impact to both the northern and southern parcel for the pliska's, particularly in the adjacent site is a brown field. It doesn't seem right to take on the brown field -- we've got conflicting values. Clearly, we need connectivity in a regional center and you've done a good job of saying where it should be and we want to look after the property owners and make sure we're the not -- taking their entire value of their property. If I can get more information on that before the vote, i'd appreciate it.

**Fish:** If I could, mayor, i'm looking at the september 9th letter from president hanson of the planning commission. The transmittal letter to us. The last paragraph, it talks about three property owners expressing concerns about street location and goes on to say that the planning commission's approving the recommendation with the condition there be a continuing communication with the owners to address these concerns and anticipating that the final resolution may be required by city council prior to us taking some kind of action. So I don't know exactly what that means, but if there was -- if there are -- [inaudible] left it up to us. [laughter] what I would like to know is one, did the property owners have a full and fair opportunity to present this same concerns to the planning commission when planning commission recommended? And second, is there anything about their concerns that goes to the heart of our action in adopting this? That you either recommend we modify somehow this plan to address their concerns or whether you believe they've had a fair hearing and you respectfully disagree with the relief they're seeking.

**Duke:** I think both sue and I can answer that -- sue and I can answer that. The one of the property owners sent an email and chose not to come to the planning commission hearing and another property owner wrote a letter to justin and I that we forwarded to planning commission and then that property owner also then contacted the directors of the -- of pdc and pdot. I always forget what we're called. Office of transportation.

**Adams:** Bureau of transportation.

**Duke:** And as justin mentioned, the response we gave the three property owner was the same. A phone call and a letter that described -- addressed the concerns in a way we felt we could address them at that time. And put in information from bob haley and there was phone calls from property owners to him and others to management.

**Fish:** I understand that commissioner Leonard has to meet with a multnomah county commissioner shortly but before he leaves us, if there's a live issue that you feel has not been fully resolved at the staff level --

**Duke:** And that's what --

**Fish:** Excuse me. Before now and when which take a vote, I would appreciate --

**Adams:** Are you talking amongst each other? The family? You have joint ownership of this property? Ok. When you said -- one of you said -- if I could. One said you hadn't had any follow-up from justin and then your father gets up and reads a letter from justin, that confuses us.

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

**Adams:** Ok. All right. Other --

\*\*\*\*\*: Me?

**Adams:** Anything you want to say?

**Sue Keil, Bureau of Transportation:** Yes. I mean, this is in response to commissioner Fish probably more directly. I would recommend an amendment to the proposed plan that came to you from the planning commission that is response I to soever these concerns, and particularly, the removal of 100th avenue between burnside and ankeny. It is a fully developed site there. There are 125 jobs on that site. This is the pacific power property. It's fully built out. It's long-term utility use. It's difficult to remove and resite this. Secondly, we can in the outside chance that any

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redevelopment were to occur, we could amend, again, the street plan. Remember, that this is -- you have in front of you is a long-term conceptual plan. And when redevelopment occur, they can come in and talk again about changing that street grid or other variations that might be required. So there's -- there still is the connectivity -- I mean, the grid is still going to function. If you remove that 101st between burnside and ankeny street. Because you have 99th and 101st that go through in the portion between stark and burnside, you have 99th and 100th that go through --

**Leonard:** Can I make that motion or do you want to keep explaining?

**Keil:** No, feel free.

**Leonard:** I move to accept that.

**Fish:** Second.

**Adams:** Moved and seconded. Any further discussion from council?

**Fritz:** Do we need to vote on that today?

**Adams:** Yeah. Anyone wish to testify on this issue? Come forward.

**Brauer:** My name brainerd brower. Obviously, it would be very difficult to move this facility. But I think the fact that you see this plan in front of you and there's a proposed street that would intercept that. Goes much farther to point out that this particular part of the gateway renewal area has not been reviewed very thoroughly. That the kind of input from the various parties, that may have occurred very diligently in some of these street plans, did not occur in this particular area. And the fact that this has been overlooked till now goes to reinforce that in a very solid way. I just encourage that there be a much more in-depth look at the difficulties here, not just for this, but would also be -- property i've been focusing on.

**Adams:** The pliska's property?

**Brauer:** The schultz property.

**Adams:** But you're here on your own volition?

**Brauer:** Because i'm interested in developing.

**Fritz:** And where was the other property?

**Brauer:** The brownfield designated property now.

**Fritz:** And is that the same street south of ankeny? I'm forgetting again.

**Brauer:** It's south of ankeny. So there'd be 99th, 100th and that would be the 101st so, I think you're talking right now, it would be 100th, the intersecting utility.

**Fritz:** The amendment is take it off north of ankeny but not south, is that correct?

**Brauer:** And crossing over burnside is difficult anyway. Here you're saying, we didn't look at this area thoroughly, let's take this one off. I'm saying why not take a look more carefully at that whole difficult few block area? And look for more input in property owners.

**Leonard:** To be clear, I had this briefing two weeks ago. This is not something anybody here should have heard today, if you went through the briefings I went through.

**Adams:** Right.

**Leonard:** It was actually explained and considered and balanced.

**Adams:** Thank you.

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

**Adams:** Yes, please come forward. Speak to the motion.

**Ken Pliska:** Ken pliska once again. My concern if you take out the proposed street between burnside and ankeny that would have bisected the pp&l building that puts emphasis on you needing the street through the pliska property and the dr. Grady property.

**Adams:** It is my understanding that likely there are a variety of federal laws that would trump our plans for a street through this kind of facility.

**Ken Pliska:** Right.

**Adams:** So this is a little bit different. We don't have the kind of discretion on this that it might appear.

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**Ken Pliska:** Fully understood. But on this particular street plan, and one thing that we didn't have time in the three minutes of testimony to actually point out, but if you look at far south as between stark and Washington, you'll see the current 100th avenue and it's about halfway between 99th and 102nd and nothing was going to connect with that on either of these -- well, I take that back. On the 2004 street plan we've been reviewing, it looks like there was going to be something there. But now it's just going to be a stub there. I mean -- and with the brownfield issues and everything else -  
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**Adams:** You need to speak to the motion, only. And I think you've spoken.

**Ken Pliska:** Ok, thank you, sir.

**Adams:** You're very welcome. Well said. Anyone else who wishes to speak on the motion? Please call the roll.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I'm going to support this motion and vote aye but not -- doesn't mean i'm not going to continue to look at the piece south of that.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. I think we've had a major hearing out of the major issues. Those we have not heard a reply back from staff, we'll get one. In the intervening time, I would like the entire family to sit down with the entire staff group, between now and when we get back together, to look -- to exhaust any creative alternatives. And I -- if there's support on council for that. But having said that, we expect you to be creative as well. All right. With that, we stand recessed until tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. [gavel pounded]

At 4:02 p.m., Council recessed.

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**Item 1380.**

**Saltzman:** We bring forward this resolution, which has been sponsored by my colleagues to honor one of Portland's, and indeed Oregon's most distinguished citizens, Fred Stickel. Fred has just recently retired as publisher of over 35 years with "the Oregonian" and his contributions to our state and to our city have been substantial. And I'm going to now read the resolution, which I think outlines these substantial contributions, and why don't we invite Fred -- why don't you come up to the table and then we'll read the resolution. And then give the microphone to you, and then we have a few other people we've invited to say a few words. We recognize the distinguished career of Fred Stickel and his contributions to the city of Portland and the state of Oregon. Whereas city council recognizes Fred Stickel's 35 years of leadership as publisher of "the Oregonian" newspaper, his service represented leadership, community service, Expin Antonio Negrete ti. And whereas during his tenure as publisher, Fred Stickel oversaw staff that won five Pulitzer prizes, as well as numerous institutional and individual awards for excellence. And whereas Mr. Stickel also was a leader that believed deeply in justice and fair treatment which he displayed by appointing the paper's first African-American and female editors. And whereas Mr. Stickel stood up to those that promoted discrimination by authoring a front-page editorial in 1992 that opposed ballot measure 9, which would have restricted the rights of gay and lesbians in Oregon. And whereas Mr. Stickel should be recognized for his service to the United States as a Marine who served in the South Pacific in World War II, and whereas as a founder and chairman of the Citizens' Prime Commission, Mr. Stickel was active in leading anticrime initiatives in Portland for over 20 years. And now therefore be it resolved the city of Portland recognizes Fred Stickel for his civic contributions as publisher, citizen, and as United States Marine. [applause]

**Adams:** And now for rebuttal? [laughter] Welcome back to the Portland City Council chambers. We have other folks that want to testify in addition to our own words, but we would love to hear from you at this point.

**Fred Stickel:** Mr. Mayor, Commissioner Saltzman, and other commissioners this is truly an unbelievable occasion for me. And it's even more unbelievable honor. I am deeply touched and grateful to all the members of the city council for this recognition, and I'm grateful for all the extraordinary things that happened and will be said. If someone had told me 50 years ago that I would wind up -- wind up my last days in Portland, Oregon, would I have said "you're out of your mind." I didn't even know where Oregon was. Just that it was somewhere west of the Delaware River. Yet here I am at the end of my career, and in the twilight of my life, still trying to remember to correctly pronounce "Oregon." [laughter] I like to say you can take the boy out of Jersey but you can't take Jersey out of the boy. I can tell you that's not so. I left New Jersey 42 years ago and I am now a full-blown Portland, Oregonian. And an Oregonian I stay both in mind and in body. Portland is a growing and healthy city. It's a beautiful, clean, and economically sound community. If we want to maintain that quality of life that we enjoy and brag about, then those of us who can must be willing to work and volunteer our time, our talent, our energy, and our dollars that has been my credo since I've been in Portland. It is the belief that energizes me to make my



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contributions for the betterment of our city, however small. As I said, this has been an unbelievable occasion for me, and again, I thank you for the honor.

**Adams:** Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** We did have one invited panel, and then we'll have an open mike, so to speak. But did I want to read an email that mayor potter sent, because he is out of the country and was unable to be here. But I wanted to read this. "dear dan, thank you for the invitation to attend city council to honor fred stickel. Please convey my sincere appreciation to fred for his interests with the citizens crime commission, especially in creating new avenues for youth. I also wanted to thank fred for his newspaper's opposition to measure 9 in 1992, helping to prevent the Oregon citizens alliance from building discrimination against gays and lesbians into the Oregon constitution. -- constitution. And let him know i've always appreciated his wry sense of humor, even when it was directed at me. Best wishes for fred for a long and happy retirement. Tom potter." and then former mayor vera katz was also unable to be here, but refers to you as a "prince of a man."

**Stickel:** Thank them both.

**Saltzman:** I will. You're welcome to take a seat. We have three people I wanted to call up. Our district attorney, mike shrunk, and then the citizens crime commission chair, aaron hubert, and vice chair, jay isaac.

**Adams:** Welcome to the city council chambers. We're glad you're here. Just give us your first and last name for the record.

**Erin Cuthbert:** Greetings, i'm erin hubert. Thank you for letting me be here. Shall I just go?

**Adams:** Go.

**Cuthbert:** Ok. Fred, this is weird. I'm talking about you and I love to you death and I got my back to you. Ok. I always knew of fred. I came from media, the radio, and certainly my years at the blazers we had a lovely relationship with the Oregonian, and created lots of interesting stories for ourselves during that time. And now back in the radio business. I never could think of "the Oregonian" as a competitor with fred running it, even though I suppose you could say we're competitors. My privilege of getting to know fred when I joined the board of the citizens crime commission. I remember bragging to people I was on the board with fred stickel. I thought I was pretty coocialtion being his rarified heir and everybody else on that board. And just the profound meaning of what he did in finding that board and the great work that it has done, and I recall to this day we'll be sitting in meetings and having debates and trying to figure out our points of view on different things, and fred only speaks when he truly christmas something to say. And all of a sudden fred speaks and it's an e.f. Hutton moment. It gets really quiet, and it's on point, and it breaks through and gets us to where we need to be. And I can't marriage dish hope You're still going to stay involved, fred. We've got to talk about that. I can't imagine not having him involved. I remember when fred asked me to be the vice chair. Little did I know where that might lead, and to be here in a chair position. Fred always said "i can always tell -- I can never tell girls no." and I could never tell fred no. So I took that on. One other sweet memory, at ray mathis's retirement party that I hosted in my home, the former executive director of the crime commission, he showed up early with his wife and he had a diamond stud in his ear. And he's a former marine too. "ray, you pierce your ear, dude:" assists giving him a bad time. And he was laughing and then he said pretty soon "it's a joke for fred, don't say anything, it's just stuck on my ear. It's not real." because he just wanted to see fred's reaction. Another fellow marine that ray had a pierced ear. So that was a priceless moment when fred and peggy walked in and he saw that earring. And I know peggy is smiling down today. It is -- fred, you're such an institution, as was your newspaper. What you mean in your business, what you mean in our community and what you mean in your family is such a trifecta of what all of us should aspire to. Such a prif ellen degeneres to -- privilege for me to know You. I love you. You're the cutest thing, and i'm so excited for this next chapter in your life.

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I can't manning "the Oregonian" and the media without you, but i'll keep my hooks in ya. The best to you. I don't know if I did that right, but there you go.

**Saltzman:** Perfect.

**Adams:** Very nicely done.

**Mike Shrunk:** Good afternoon. Mike shrunk, district attorney. Mr. Mayor, members of the council, thank you very much for inviting me. Boy, am I glad fred found his way across the delaware. It was a long time ago, I understand it was not in a covered wagon, but we have a real jewel, and we were very, very fortunate. First time I met fred a long time ago, being a former marine myself, I felt like in his office it was dark, I wanted to square myself before his desk and put my heels together and address him as colonel. And say "sir." I didn't, but I think we talk about the crime commission. You say, golly, that's a lock 'em up tough on crimes stuff. It wasn't. Fred got that going. And brought it along and directed it quietly. It helped with the organization of the police department, with the Multnomah county sheriffs, things we had. He brought people together. I look at fred as a silent convener, convener that could bring people to the table. When we had problems, we would Go to fred and ask, "can you get people together?" and sometimes getting people together with fred, you didn't hear what you wanted to hear. And that's -- you get respect when people don't tell you when they're straight with you. I think this is a fitting resolution that you have, commissioner Saltzman, and thank you very much. The one thing fred doesn't always take credit for all the things he did, back in the early '80s we were having the dickens of a problem with drugs. We knew looking everyone up wasn't the answer. Fred was one of the major movers in the regional drug initiative that was started. Truck testing in the workplace, controversial, but he brought it to a head. With a lot of the business communities. The major business community, not only here in the state. He's been a force for all of us in the Portland area, in the county area, the metro area. And the state. And some of the things he's done, I hear about when I travel to other district attorneys, we talk about having fred stickel in our corner trying to push something, whether it be a drug court, drug testing, whether it be working with juveniles, getting a new facility. We wouldn't have the new facility that we have out at the donald e. Long home, but for the committee that fred worked long and hard on. It's important, and I guess I really remember, fred would do the right thing for the right Reason. And that's important. He's going to be missed. His wisdom, his firm hand, and his leadership. So semper fi, fred. Glad you're with us. [applause]

**J. Isaac:** Mayor, commissioners, jay isaac, vietion chair of the crime commission and senior vice-president with the trailblazers. I don't have a lot to add to what's already been said. Except I have to disagree with erin, i'm never thought fred as cute, but -- [laughter] all the other things that have been said hadb him, I wholeheartedly agree with. And I -- we will miss you too, sir. And thank you for all that you've done for our community.

**Saltzman:** Thank you. That's it for invited testimony. If there are others in the audience that wish to speak -- now would be the time to come forward.

**Adams:** We will move to please call the roll on the vote for the resolution.

**Leonard:** Thank you commissioner Saltzman for bringing this forward. It's really a very appropriate end. Fred and I have not had a lot of personal dealings together, but the ones we have I have been told by others, you shouldn't be surprised, he's a lot like you. And I took that as a compliment. I just learned in listening to my dear friend mike shrunk, say that you had a nand replacing the donald e. Long home. I will allude to the fact I grew up in Portland and I have some familiarity with the old donald e. Long home. So I -- on behalf of those that came after me, thank you for your good work. It needed to be replaced back in the '60s. So so you have done great things for the community, you have done great things by elevating the discussion and not just Portland. But the state. We will forever be grateful for your keen sense of balance and fairness. Thank you very much. Aye.

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**Fritz:** Mr. Stickel, your work inside and outside the realm of publishing has illustrated your dedication to our community, and thank you for bettering our community. Your leadership has been marked by your loyalty to your editors and giving them the freedom to do as they felt was right. And that is the mark of a good person as well as a good publisher. And you've been a business leader, a humanitarian, and done so good works in our community, and as I was having my staff look into your background to pull together these remarks, it was amazing how much you've done. The people are not aware of. We see the newspaper, and i'm one that's very much enjoys having a paper newspaper. And that is an institution in our community and one that many of us know and trust. So thank you for that. Beyond that, you've volunteered Your time, not only with the citizens crime commission and the regionality drug initiative, but many other things in our community you've established the Oregon publishing company scholarship fund, and you recognized the value of education as it -- and consistently supported education throughout the sorry years since measure 5 passed, "the Oregonian" has support public education and helped us keep our schools going, and I thank you for that. And I have to say that having -- even having said that did you give your editors the freedoms to write what they will, I personally thank you for one of the best moments of my life, my colleagues and my friends know that I don't like to get up in the morning, and in fact usually my husband takes our coffee with the Oregonians work and reads it on his lunchtime and I read it at 6:00 in the evening. Which is still very good, and there's a lot of things you can find in the paper --

**Leonard:** If I can say for the record this is the first time i've learned she does not like to get up early in the morning.

**Fritz:** There's a lot you don't knowm about me. Tblut was a memorable moment back in the spring of last year where I was awakened by my husband saying my name and I opened my eyes and it was folded to the page where it said "fritz for city council" and it was at that moment I started to believe perhaps I could get ecollected to this body and participate in this public discourse, which "the Oregonian" helps foster. So thank you for that particular moment. And thank you for all of your service. I first came to new jersey, I don't sound like it, but that was my first home in the united states, so I think new jersey does have a lot of good things going for it, and I am also glad I chose to live here in Portland, Oregon. So thank you for making that choice. Aye.

**Fish:** Mr. Stickel, first I want to offer a personal observation. For about the last year and a half I have not been able to sleep past 5:00 in the morning. And i've been trying to figure out why that was. I thought it had something to do with my new job, and all the pressure, or the mid life crisis i'm going through or something else. And then it finally occurred to me, the same thing was happening every morning at 5:00. And I finally put two and two together. That's when the new delivery person throws the paper. It hits the front door of my house and land was a thud -- [laughter] I just have to say, I deeply appreciative of the service, but I never have to get dressed to get my paper. I just slide my hand through the broken part of the screen and it's always right at the door. So I just first as subscriber want to thank you for that. You came here from new jersey, I came here from new york. And you've had a wonderful career in publishing, and felt welcomed by this community. And I think we should compare notes sometime, because I came here 14 years ago. And have had now the great privilege of serving in public office. And I have felt the same welcome. Randy was saying that you two have a lot in common. I was wondering where he was going with that. I will say when you and I visited earlier I noticed you still had a little bit of the new jersey accent. Which you've retained over all these years. I want to thank you for something that your paper has stood forever since I moved here. And that is its steadfast commitment to making sure that there is a civil discourse in our community. One of the things that you learn when you get elected is that there are a lot of people with very sharp opinions, and we get some quite amazing emails. I went from being a citizen outside of government to being the problem the day after I got elected. And we get emails where people really just are incredibly sharp and they are

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usually anonymous, which is a testament to the courage of the author of those emails. What I have always appreciated about your paper, whether I agreed or disagreed with what was on the front page or the editorial page, was that it has always been expressed in a way That showed respect to the people who are in the public arena changing ideas. And I think all of us fear that we're beginning to lose something in this country about our ability to have that conversation and to respectfully disagree. And so for me, it is much less important whether I agree or disagree with someone, and some of my best friends are people I have complete disagreements with. It is that in a democracy, we continue to have respect for the public's fear and the ability to exchange ideas honestly and openly without personalizing our disputes, and without acrimony. And I think that's a hallmark of your paper, and I want to thank you and congratulate you for that. I would be remiss if I didn't say the four -- probably the four most stressful events of my life since I moved to Oregon were the four times I was summoned to the editorial board for an interview. And I think all my colleagues would tell you for that process we put the most time into the interview process of any paper. And we were faced with the murder us row of questioners. I'm fortunate, i'm still batting .750.

**Leonard:** They're not retiring, those guys back there, just so you remember. You might want to hold what you're going to say.

**Saltzman:** My batting average --

**Fish:** My batting average is ok. I just want to say, nothing is as stressful as that process. Finally, you were telling me earlier about how much the business has changed since when you started and now today. It's interesting, we now take for granted that a reporter like mark larabee will cover us within half an hour of an event, we'll have a story online, and that story gets modified and is in the enough the next day. An incredible change in technology has occurred. But "the Oregonian" has kept pace with that and I just want to tell you i'm a huge fan of something that you innovated called mix. Which is the magazine on food and on all things food, which we love getting. So thank you for your service to our community, mr. Stickel, and in fact thanks to the service of your whole family to our community. And it's an honor to recognize you today. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, I want to start out first by thanking you for your service in the marines, in world war ii. I want to tls acknowledge my uncle hal Saltzman and his wife ruth, hal is another marine in the audience. But as I am somewhat of a student of world war ii and other military conflicts, I think all of us realize as tom brokaw said, you're part of the greatest generation, and what did you for this country and the world in one of the darkest moments ever will never be forgotten and will never be lost on any of us. And you have my profound respect for your service during world War ii. Next I want to recognize you as being an outstanding publisher and employer in this community. Times are tough now, I know, for "the Oregonian," as they are for a lot of companies. But one of the things i've always noticed about "the Oregonian" is its commitments to its employees. You have almost tenure I think if you work there long enough. And I think that's a remarkable thing that is not found in every company in the city, in the state, in this nation. Remarkable loyalty to your employees, and I think that shows, I think it shows by the outstanding news coverage, advertising, everything that the paper does I think comes -- stems from a commitment, a firm foundation to those who help produce the paper. And to the paper itself, I too agree, I think there's always going to be a role for printed newspapers. And I think that "the Oregonian," without a doubt, even though people always tried to sometimes diminish it depending how the editorial goes out, who cares what "the Oregonian" says? But you are the opinion leader in this state, and in this city. I'm always amazed how tv cam ration, radio reporters, they don't know what's going on in city council unless there's a story that morning in "the Oregonian." depending what that story is, they'll all show up here and cover the news, even though the news was already reported first. But i'm sure that they all get their story leads from what's in "the Oregonian." and I always am amazed how people -- how it influences people's opinion. I don't read the paper until the end of the dairks like amanda. I'm always amazed how much I hear from people, I wonder where it comes from, and I get home at

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night and see. Sometimes I look really stupid because of that, but it's amazing how many people recite things or think of things, and sure enough they were in "the Oregonian" that day. So an outstanding newspaper, and then finally I just wanted to thank you on a personal basis. In 2002, 2001 when I was exploring the idea of a Portland children's levy, something that would dedicate funding to investing in proven programs that help children succeed at after-school programs, child abuse prevention, early childhood, your work on the crime commission, where they produced one of the -- sort of bell weather reports saying, we should invest in prevention, cost effective proven prevention programs, rather than investing in prisons and everything else downstream. That was a great report. That report really modeled what the children's levy was all about. I know I came and visited with you about it one time just to sort of gauge your opinion as a citizen. But what I really appreciate was when the idea was somewhat questioned about why would the city be doing this, is this Better the role of the county, can we afford to do it at this time, there's never a good time to ask people to increase their taxes. All those questions that wrurch would expect and I think "the Oregonian" editorial board did ask of me, but I really appreciated the fact that you actually sat in on that interview. I don't recall you said anything, but you just sat there. I was so delighted that we got the endorsement in 2002. It was a lot tougher the first time around than it was last year in 2008.

So I really want to personally thank you for that. So again, thank you for all you've done for this community and for your service to our country. Aye.

**Adams:** Interesting jay isaac from the blazers, hearing him speak and commissioner Fish talking about paper delivery. Reminded me that I need to thank you for giving my first -- giving me my first job as an Oregonian paper boy in newport, Oregon, a long time ago, and "the Oregonian" ran a contest on whoever got the most new subdescriptions in newport, you got a free ticket to the blazer game. So I got my first trip to Portland and my first free tickets to the blazer game. So i'm a few years late in thanking you personally, but better late than never. As leader of the most visible and arguably most powerful business in the state and Southwest Washington, i've been impressed with the way I have led that -- you have led the organization. With curiosity, passion, and respect. And you have improved upon the standing of newspaper publishers. And i'm also inspired by given your background especially, and given your position, i've been inspired by the fact that you have definitely been willing to get involved in community issues and to require those that participate with you to look at things in a holistic way. And hard to do for anybody, but you made it in many ways look easy. And that isn't my stereo type of a marine. And so I find that very inspiring. I wish you all the best in your retirement. I fear for the university club and the fact that you might not be lunching there as often. That's where you and I got to see each other most often, but I hope you will stay involved in the community. We need people with your approach to civic life now more than ever. And I wish you the best. Thank you. Aye. [gavel pounded] resolution 1380 is approved. [applause]

**Stickel:** May I have one more thank you?

**Adams:** Yes. Please come to the mike.

**Stickel:** As I listen to those comments, many things come to mind. My delivery boy also threw the paper through my window. [laughter] I don't know what happened in your case, but my case I called the dealer at 8:00 and by 10:00 the window was replaced.

**Leonard:** I'm quite certain. What took so long? [laughter]

**Stickel:** I'm sorry the accent is there. It won't go away. I can't hear it. Unless I talk into a receiver and play it back. Then I hear it and say to myself, "my god, is that how I sound?" I want to thank you. I said this was an unbelievable case. I am absolutely overwhelmed by what I have heard from all of you. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart. As we say back in jersey, I ain't going away. I'll be here. And when I can, I will continue to contribute to our city. I came here from a city that died slowly died, it took it 20 years, but it did die, and the major cause of its death was lack of civic commitment. And I sure as hell don't want to see that happen to Portland. And I will do

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whatever I can and contribute in whatever way I can to keep from doing that. Thank you all again.

**Adams:** Thank you. [applause] that moves us to council calendar item 1381. Karla, please read the title for resolution council calendar item 1381.

**Item 1381.**

**Adams:** Auditor? There she is. Why don't you go first and then i'll read the proclamation.

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade, City Auditor:** Good afternoon. With me this afternoon is diana banning, who is our city archivist and has been for 12 years. We're here today to seek your approval for a proclamation for Oregon archives month for the month of october. Archival records are essential to support society's increasing demand for accountability and transparency in government and the public and private institutions. Archival records protect the rights, the property, and the i'd tiff our citizens and american archives month is a time to focus on the importance of records of enduring value and to enhance public recognition for the people and programs that are responsible for maintaining our community's vital historical records. So just to let you in on a little background, the archives and records management division in my office was established in 1976. The archives and records center will move to its brand-new psu location after inhabiting the chimney park facility for 29 years. The current space at chimney park is woefully inadequate and is not readily accessible to the public and the brand-new space at psu will open to the public next spring. Knock on wood. The new facility represents a successful and very positive partnership with Portland state university. So we're very thrilled and excited about this new facility. I have already taken a tour, it is fabulous. It's fabulous. The archives and records center holds more than 30,000 boxes of records dating back to 1851 and is current -- as current as 2009. On average, 40,000 records are pulled for bureaus each year, and electronic documents viewed through the files for which this particular division is also responsible, diana sent a note to me this morning saying there were 166,546 from january 1st of this year through today.

**Adams:** My.

**Griffin-Valade:** Yeah. The city archives not only provide evidence of municipal business and activities, but it also documents Portland's social history. Tomorrow marks archives and records center's 10th open house and the last opportunity to tour the facility at chimney park and diana and I and all the other members of the auditor's office invite you and your staff to join us for root beer floats and a bit of history. And there will be two tours, i'm not sure what time.

**Diana Banning, Portland Archives and Records Management:** 1:30 and 2:30, I believe.

**Griffin-Valade:** So diana, but these remarks together for me and she also included a couple of quotes. Most of them historical, so I chose a couple of those, but then I saved what I consider to be the best one for last. The first one comes from Historian david mccull a he says "history is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are." from thomas jefferson, he says "it is the duty of every good citizen to use all the opportunities which occur to them for preserving documents relating to the history of our country." but one of the best quotes I heard came from diana bang our archivist and I want to pass it to you because I think it says something about many things. "just because it's old doesn't mean it doesn't have relevance."

**Adams:** That's great.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Isn't that profound?

**Leonard:** Yes. I should put that on my mirror.

**Griffin-Valade:** So remember that. Next time you seat auditor coming in your door, just because she's old --

**Adams:** Is there anything you'd like to add, ms. Banning?

**Banning:** No. I do hope you're able to make it out this year, and for our big party we'll be having next year at the new space.

**Adams:** Definitely the new space.

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\*\*\*\*\*: I toured it yesterday, and it's beautiful.

**Adams:** It is really nice? Really?

\*\*\*\*\*: Yes, and I have a deck and we plan on having picnics and barbecues up there. We'll invite you.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Leonard:** Just so you know, I had a deal with Gary Blackmer on this whole deal to put the money in to creating the archives, and the deal is this, and you're expected to uphold your end of the deal. When I leave here, I don't have to be paid, but I want to be a person that sits behind the desk that checks out books to the public.

**Griffin-Valade:** I think we can accommodate that.

**Leonard:** You have to. It's part of the deal.

**Adams:** Don't encourage him.

**Leonard:** I'll even start early.

**Adams:** Make him wear those white gloves.

**Leonard:** I can't wait. It is the job of my life.

**Fish:** The heavy lifting here about the archives occurred with an earlier council, so I want to thank my colleagues for the work they did. And it has a special resonance for me because my wife teaches history at Portland State, and she is involved in a very ambitious archival project where she will be one of the beneficiaries of this. And that is collecting the public papers of women leaders in our community. And so far Gretchen Kafoury, Vera Katz and Avel Gordly -- Amanda Fritz is sending documents over on a monthly basis. [laughter] in hopes of getting someone's attention. But those are three incredible public servants whose work will be stored at PSU, and the truth is that without this center, PSU really doesn't have the capacity to embrace all the work going forward. So this is one piece of the pie. But it is incredible that this will now be the repository. It's PSU, and its archives are repositories. It's what my life does, so on her behalf I want to thank you.

**Griffin-Valade:** Did I forget to mention that a good portion, well, probably a half to three-quarters of the 166,546 e-file records came from Commissioner Fritz. [laughter]

**Fritz:** Are you serious?

\*\*\*\*\*: I have no idea.

**Fritz:** I want to thank you for your training to me and my staff on how to use trim and how to use e-file.

**Fish:** Not fair. There is a separate wing that's been set up just for her prepared remarks. We're going to need excess capacity for the emails.

**Adams:** And you'll need another wing --

**Leonard:** Your wing for your prepared remarks.

**Adams:** -- all have to be -- all right. Unless anyone has something to add, I'm going to read the proclamation. Remember, you have to pass a way for the archives to be named for you. It can be arranged. Go ahead.

**Leonard:** Is this an annual event, the archives month? So next year we can look forward to having it at PSU.

**Griffin-Valade:** Absolutely.

**Leonard:** That's so cool. I can't wait.

**Fritz:** Before you read the proclamation, let me read my comment. Actually as a citizen I got to go out to the chimney park archive searching through stuff for West Portland Parks, which was founded in 1889. And the -- I was -- I went out not expecting to be able to find very much, and the staff there not only found the box that it was the right box and hit all the stuff in it that I needed. So as a citizen, I've appreciated the work of the staff and the function of the archives. With e-files and all the electronics it becomes easier for citizens to access it. We're still going to need the paper

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boxes and the staff to help citizens find the stuff that they need. And coming from England, where we've been keeping papers since the Magna Carta, I forget the date, 1120?

**Leonard:** I thought it was 12 --

**Fritz:** You might be right. They've probably got older documents than that. It's important to keep your old documents. That's the history. And we appreciate what you do, and we appreciate Archives Month, and across the United States there is our organization to -- it's not just a matter of keeping the boxes and keeping them categorized, it's a science, it's an art and it's a profession. So thank you for what you do.

**Adams:** I'm about to create a new testimony for the archives. By reading the following proclamation. Whereas the records of the city of Portland, State of Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, and the Nation are crucial to our understanding of the past and in planning for our common future. And whereas the State of Oregon is celebrating its 150th anniversary as the 33rd state in the nation, and whereas archival institutions have a responsibility to provide the public with access to their records, and it is a goal of these institutions to increase public awareness of the vital role they play in safeguarding knowledge of our intellectual, cultural, social, and governmental heritage and providing a forum for ensuring accountability to the citizenry, and whereas archival documents and records and activities of citizens, businesses, governments, and organizations provide context to our histories and evidence of our common and individual rights and obligations, and whereas during Archives Month we celebrate the value of the city of Portland's written record, publicizing the many ways archival records enrich our lives and recognizing those who maintain our communities' archival records, now, therefore I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as Archives Month in Portland, and encourage all residents to discover the diverse documentary resources maintained by the varied archival institutions in the city of Portland and to explore their relationship to community and cultural memory. Congratulations.

**Griffin-Valade:** Thank you. This is a presentation, so no vote is necessary. Council stands adjourned. [gavel pounded]

At 2:45 p.m., Council adjourned.