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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 9:36 a.m.

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

Item No. 1397 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

| <b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>   |  | <b>Disposition:</b>   |
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| <b>1382</b> Request of Dave Regan to address Council to request that the City cooperate with Multnomah County to reestablish poor farms (Communication) |  | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b> |
| <b>1383</b> Request of Leo Rhodes to address Council regarding homelessness, shelters and tent cities (Communication)                                   |  | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b> |
| <b>1384</b> Request of Linda McDowell to address Council regarding encouraging micro business development in Portland (Communication)                   |  | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b> |
| <b>1385</b> Request of Jane Bicquette to address Council regarding horse drawn carriages (Communication)  |  | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b> |
| <b>1386</b> Request of Dave Spitzer to address Council regarding meter rates (Communication)  |  | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b> |
| <b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>  |  |                       |
| <b>1387 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Proclaim October 10, 2009 to be Judy O’Conner Day in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Adams)              |  | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b> |

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| <p><b>1388</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM</b> – Assess benefited properties for street and other improvements in the Portland Mall Revitalization Project Local Improvement District (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Adams; C-10011)</p> <p><b>Motion to accept two of the objections and grant their exemptions as qualified low income housing properties; add exhibit L, City Engineer’s written report on project completion:</b> Moved by Mayor Adams and seconded by Commissioner Fish. (Y-5)</p> | <p align="center"><b>PASSED TO<br/>SECOND READING<br/>AS AMENDED<br/>OCTOBER 14, 2009<br/>AT 9:30 AM</b></p> |  |
| <p align="center"><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Mayor Sam Adams</b></p> <p><b>1389</b> Appoint Julie Vigeland and Linda Robinson to the Portland Parks Board to fill unexpired terms ending on August 31, 2010 (Report)<br/>(Y-5)</p>   |  | <p align="center"><b>CONFIRMED</b></p> |
| <p align="center"><b>Bureau of Planning &amp; Sustainability</b></p> <p><b>*1390</b> Authorize a two-year Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to restock Recycle at Work distribution centers (Ordinance)<br/>(Y-5)</p>   |  | <p align="center"><b>183220</b></p>    |
| <p><b>1391</b> Authorize a \$70,000 Intergovernmental Agreement from Metro for the administration of the Master Recycler Program (Ordinance)</p>   | <p align="center"><b>PASSED TO<br/>SECOND READING<br/>OCTOBER 14, 2009<br/>AT 9:30 AM</b></p>                |  |
| <p align="center"><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p> <p><b>1392</b> Set a hearing date, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 28, 2009, to vacate a portion of SW Stark St at SW 13th Ave (Report; VAC-10063)<br/>(Y-5)</p>  |  | <p align="center"><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>  |
| <p><b>1393</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 (Second Reading Agenda 1356)<br/>(Y-5)</p>   | <p align="center"><b>183221</b></p>  |  |
| <p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Internal Business Services</b></p> <p><b>*1394</b> Pay claim of Siobhan Doyle (Ordinance)<br/>(Y-5)</p>  |  | <p align="center"><b>183222</b></p>    |
| <p><b>*1395</b> Pay claim of Jacque White (Ordinance)<br/>(Y-5)</p>  | <p align="center"><b>183223</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>1396</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with The State of Oregon for placement of the New City Archives on Portland State University campus (Second Reading Agenda 1358; amend Contract No. 37444)<br/>(Y-5)</p>  | <p align="center"><b>183224</b></p>  |  |

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**Commissioner Randy Leonard**  
**Position No. 4**

**Bureau of Water**

- \*1397 Authorize a contract with CH2M HILL for design services for Powell Butte Reservoir No. 2, Phase 2 (Ordinance)  
(Y-5)

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**Commissioner Dan Saltzman**  
**Position No. 3**

**Bureau of Environmental Services**

- 1398 Amend contract with Dunn Construction Inc. for additional work and compensation for the Ash Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E08446 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 38393)

**PASSED TO  
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- 1399 Authorize three year grant agreement with SOLV to involve community volunteers in watershed restoration, maintenance and monitoring activities (Second Reading Agenda 1362)  
(Y-5)

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- 1400 Authorize a contract and provide payment for decommissioning the Thomas and Woods Pump Stations Project No. E08735 (Second Reading Agenda 1363)  
(Y-5)

**183226**

- 1401 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 (Second Reading Agenda 1364)  
(Y-5)

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Mayor Sam Adams**

- 1402 Reappoint Pat Mobley, Robin Boyce, Jim McConnell and Rey España to the Housing and Community Development Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2010 (Report)

**Motion to accept report:** Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Fish.

(Y-5)

**CONFIRMED**

**Office of Emergency Management**

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| <p><b>*1403</b> Authorize application to U.S. Department of Energy for a \$300,000 grant for Recovery Act Local Energy Assurance Planning Initiative to coordinate and consolidate local, regional and state energy emergency management efforts (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>  | <p><b>183229</b></p>                            |
| <p><b>Office of Management and Finance – Internal Business Services</b></p> <p><b>1404</b> Accept bid of Moore Excavation, Inc. for the Westside Header Relocation Phase 1 Project for \$1,963,045 (Purchasing Report - Bid No. 110899)</p> <p><b>Motion to accept report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Fish.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p> | <p><b>ACCEPTED<br/>PREPARE<br/>CONTRACT</b></p> |
| <p><b>*1405</b> Pay claim of Angela Kolski (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>  | <p><b>183230</b></p>                            |
| <p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman<br/>Position No. 3</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p> <p><b>*1406</b> Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute agreements with the Port of Portland as part of the Portsmouth Force Main Project No. E06902 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>                                  | <p><b>183231</b></p>                            |
| <p><b>1407</b> 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 (Second Reading Agenda 1376; amend Ordinance No. 182400)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>     | <p><b>183232</b></p>                            |

At 11:25 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **7TH 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 2:04 p.m.  
Mayor Adams was excused to leave at 3:15 p.m.

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

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| <b>1408</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Accept the report on Rescue Boat Needs Assessment (Report introduced by Commissioner Leonard)<br><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Leonard.<br>(Y-4; N-1, Saltzman) | <b>Disposition:</b><br><br><b>ACCEPTED</b>              |
| <b>1409</b> Authorize one time funding for the purchase of a Willamette River Rescue Boat for Portland Fire & Rescue (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Leonard)<br>(Y-4; N-1, Saltzman)   | <b>36739</b>  |
| <b>1410</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM</b> – Portland Parks and Recreation Youth Conservation Crew – A Natural Success (Presentation introduced by Commissioner Fish)  | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b>                                   |
| <b>REGULAR AGENDA</b><br><br><b>Mayor Sam Adams</b><br><br><b>Bureau of Transportation</b>   |   |
| <b>1411</b> Amend Portland Transportation System Plan and Comprehensive Plan to update the Gateway Master Street Plan and Chapter 11, Master Street Plans (Second Reading Agenda 1379)   | <b>CONTINUED TO<br/>OCTOBER 14, 2009<br/>AT 9:30 AM</b> |

At 3:37 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 Portland city council chambers will gather here in a minute. If you're a lobbyist, you need to declare that prior to your testimony. And if you seek to testify, you only need to give us your first and last name. You do not have to give us your address. We do not want to know where you live. Portland city council comes to order, wednesday, october 7th, 2009. This is our 9:30 morning session. Good morning, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Good morning.

**Adams:** Can you please call the roll.

[roll call]

**Adams:** Before we dive into our agenda, i'd like to recognize commissioner nick Fish for a special presentation.

**Fish:** Thank you, mayor. Will kimberly howard from the Oregon cultural trust please come forward? We're celebrating a week of culture this week and the mayor has issued a proclamation that will designate thursday, that's tomorrow, as Oregon's day of culture. And kimberly, will you tell us what it is and why it's important.

**Kimberly Howard:** It's celebrating the birthday of the Oregon cultural trust and a very generous tax credit given to you Oregonians for making contributions to culture. And that you support your favorite local organizations. Cultural organizations. For instance, you might be a member of opb or of the Portland art museum or the Oregon historical society. Those memberships count as donations to those organizations and the second step is to make a matching gift to the Oregon cultural trust and your -- the tax credit is 100%. It's one of the sources of support that we have in this state for arts, heritage and humanities and it's an important one and we thank everyone who has supported the Oregon cultural trust.

**Fish:** If I could, there seems to be a triple bottom line for people in Portland.

**Howard:** Yes, there is.

**Fish:** Continue to support whatever arts, cultural organization you love. It could be the symphony or pear, continue to make your contribution. Did I december of every year, make a matching contribution to the Oregon cultural trust. You can do that going online.

**Fish:** That comes back to you dollar for dollar as a tax credit.

**Howard:** That's how it works.

**Fish:** It ends up costing you nothing. That money gets added to the endowment, roughly \$10 million, and during the course of the year, that money throws back to our community as grants and -

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

**Fish:** And over the life of the trust. Almost \$2 million in grants has come back to Portland-based arts organizations that get funding to do their good work. That's a good leverage.

**Howard:** It is a very good leverage. I encourage people to use this opportunity of the day of culture that we're about to talk about, as a way to participate and going out and getting involved and then finally to take advantage of this generous tax credit by giving. Giving double. Rewarding those organizations like artist repertory theater that you love and it comes right back to you.

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**Fish:** If people want more information where you can get a taste of arts, heritage and culture, where should they go.

**Howard:** Oregondayofculture.org and there are links to almost 400 events happening statewide. Many started on October 1st. You have today and tomorrow -- on October 1st, today and tomorrow until midnight to celebrate culture.

**Fish:** One of the options we have, thanks to the mayor's leadership is something called work for art, where we can have money taken out of our paychecks every two weeks and it goes directly to support arts. Does that qualify for a matching contribution?

**Howard:** It does. In fact, Katherine Jackson and I have a slogan. Step one, donate to work for arts, and step two, make your matching gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust, and step three, watch your money come home.

**Fish:** Mayor's given me the honor to read his proclamation, which declares tomorrow as Oregon day of culture. Whereas, the month of October has been recognized as national arts and humanities month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations and communities and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades and where -- October 8th marks the Oregon tax credit and whereas, arts and humanities embody the intellect and imagination of human kind and enhance and enrich the lives of every American, and whereas, heritage arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families and communities and country, and whereas, the nonprofit cultural industry also strengthens the U.S. economy by generating \$166 billion in total economic activity annually and supporting the equivalent of 5.7 million full-time jobs and whereas, events celebrating all of these positive attributes will take place October 1 through October 8th, 2009, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Nick Fish on behalf of Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Roses, do hereby proclaim October 8th, 2009, as Oregon Day of Culture and call on our residents to give to culture in our community and take action for heritage, arts and humanities in our towns and cities. Congratulations. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you, Mayor.

**Adams:** And thank you, Commissioner Fish for your advocacy at the state level for arts and culture funding. Karla, please read the title for council communications item no. 1382.

**Item 1382.**

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

**Dave Regan:** There are 20,000 people and children in the metro --

**Adams:** I need you to sit down and speak into the mic.

**Regan:** This is a hard act to follow because I want everybody to enjoy the arts and I'm glad for the appointment of a new director to the labor council and glad for a lot of food downstairs, but there are about 20,000 people in the metro area without shelter in morning and the rainy seasons is upon us and we've not yet gotten guidelines to make exceptions in a reasonable time, place, manner, do no harm manner to the anticamping ordinance. The average homeless person of the day is no longer the chronic homeless person, a drug addict or alcoholic or mental ill, they're a working class person who was up until recently working and can no longer find work. One paycheck away from the streets and -- boom -- they're there. And it's still against the law to camp. The last few months, I had the privilege of attending meetings under Nick Fish's bureau of housing and community development but a lot of good idea where's left on the table and not looked at. This is a perennial thing. Are we ashamed of poverty here. Do the homeless have to stay hidden? I know there's a lot of high brow cocktail parties where the word is if we allow camping, more will come. I'm sure many will leave because of the delay and this is because of the office of Amanda Fritz for the delay. For the suspension of the anticamping ordinance but there will be thousands who will stay and suffer needlessly because of the delay and this is a delay happening for years and at the last minute, oh, well, we've dell grate gaited it to agencies who say we haven't done enough surveys yet. Come on, it's a needless delay. Because we have had a huge shift in the kind of homelessness that's out

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there, it's working class, they don't want expensive programs and case management. They want jobs and there's no taskforce and we've been asking for a taskforce for six months that would specifically work on something of the order of setting up -- allowing them to garden on idle public lands, allowing them to have work programs, like the old wpa. The federal government is not going to come through for you. Right now, they're giddy because they've got this federal money and this is not going to continue. You've got to come up with a local safety net. The coordinating committee to end homelessness, need to include the working class homelessness or an inner bureau and intergovernmental new agency needs to be set up to look at work programs.

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

**Fish:** And for council's understanding --

**Adams:** You can return to your seat.

**Fish:** -- this council has funded three winter warming centers will be will be online as the weather gets worse and we've thank you for the funding and leadership you've given. By 30% above the base budget in this fiscal year and I think your -- I thank you for your help and leadership on that --

**Adams:** There's no comments from the gallery.

**Fish:** At my direction for the last three or four months, there's been a taskforce looking at the camping issues. Sally erickson has come up with 10 recommendations and we'll be coming to council over the next months for some suggestions for that list. There's focus and momentum behind our efforts.

**Adams:** Thank you, commissioner Fish. Karla, please read the title for council communications item no. 1383.

**Item 1383.**

**Adams:** Good morning, mr. Rhodes, welcome back. Glad you're here.

**Leo Rhodes:** Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak with you. As you know, I have I love tent city and I love nicholsville and these are encampments up in seattle. I went up there a couple of saturdays ago, unannounced. I went to tent city four, where homeless people there were thanking you -- they didn't know who I was until somebody had told them that I was a founder. They thanked me and shook my hand and said thanks for having this kind of situation. Getting me off the streets and giving me a chance to be a productive citizen. Which is really great. Gratifying to know that homeless people can and will try to get off the streets if they have that opportunity. Also, I met some allies, friends, and supporters of tent city four. Who were willing to come down and talk to the council here about the support and what they had gone through. There's several different techniques they went through that they had to change laws in order for this encampment to happen. There's one with the city of tent think three, the city of seattle and tent city three, which was a consent decree, an agreement they can have this encampment with a code of conduct. The tent city four, they have an encampment ordinance that spread all over in different municipalities on the east side of seattle. And then there's -- another one, I can't think of it right now. But anyway, the I love nicholsville, nicholsville, they had their one-year anniversary a couple weekends ago and that's why I went down there. I was also a founder of that. And where, again, individuals thanked me for that, having that encampment there. Now, there are supporters out there, like I said, from -- for these encampment, now, they are embraced by the neighborhoods and supported by the neighborhoods. Yes, we did have battles at the beginning which people thought there was going to be rape, pillage and burn, but hey, the cities are still there. It wasn't as bad as what they thought. Once we got in there and proved there's homeless that just want a safe place to sleep at night and they will watch over themselves and make sure that they don't have very much problems in the neighborhood. You think about it, I mean, if you have a safe, secure place, the last thing you want to do is mess it on up, and that's these homeless people are like that. Also, there were serve areas I had seen where we had camped out on



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the streets. Under bridges and walkways. For support of more tent cities and shelter spaces. So this -- I would encourage the -- this council to actually go down there and talk to them. I can give you a tour of the place and also information of contact people, too. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you, mr. Rhodes, appreciate your testimony. Karla, please read the title for council communications item no. 1384.

**Item 1384.**

**Adams:** Ms. Mcdowell?

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**Adams:** Ok, can you please read the title for council communications item no. 1385.

**Item 1385.**

**Adams:** Good morning, ms. Bicquette. Welcome to city council.

**Jane Bicquette:** Thank you. My name is jane bicquette. I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak to each. You today. I'm submitting today a list of incidents and the documentary blinders showing that horse carriage use in city traffic is unsafe. And I submit that you cannot regulate this enough to make it safe. You cannot regulate the instincts and nature of a horse. Horse are flight animals with highly sensitive natures. They're not atvs, they're living, breathing beings. People have inaccurate understandings about horses mostly due to the way horses are portrayed in movies. Depicted are romantic wedding drives, in reality, they're not push button being, skate board, siren, construction activity and so forth. They are flight animals and even the most well-trained horse can spook. Any person near the horse's perceived escape route can be trampled and furthermore, cities are inhospitable environments for horses not only do to the concrete, noise and people, but there are no safe places for them to engage in natural behaviors and even no water troughs for them. Horses require gallons of water each day and even more when they're working. I urge the city council to watch the dvd submitted and research the safety issues for horses and people alike regarding horse carriage use in cities. One argument i've heard for regulations is we can't go from no regulations at all to an all-out ban, but why not? When safety is of concern, why not? And another argument i've heard is that there have been no incidents in Portland prior to the death this past august but no one can be sure of that. There's no way for citizens to report concerns or for the city to record such reports. Therefore, I submit, if regulations are final decision -- is the final decision of those involved, I strongly advocate for a highly visible license plate on each and every carriage used in Portland, thus requires a license and a highly visible phone number for reporting concerns. This phone number should be directed answered, records taken and responses activated as needed. I submit to you that these carriages in our city is unsafe for horses and people and a urge you as a public safety concern. Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you very much for your testimony. Really appreciate it. Karla, can you please read the title for council communications item no. 1386.

**Item 1386.**

**Adams:** Good morning, mr. Spitzer. Welcome to city council.

**Dave Spitzer:** Thank you, my name is dave spitzer. I'm a local architect and also building owner. It's come to my attention that the meter rates for fire, are the same as commercial meters. Let me explain. For a fire meter, fire sprinkler system, which the building code is requiring in more and more buildings, my little buildings are 3,000 with three studios and requires a sprinkler system. And the old code, it does not. The code has changed and spring letter systems are put in almost all buildings these days. The charge for the meter, whether it's used or not used, being a water meter, used every day by a commercial tenant and a sprinkler system which may only get used once every 50 or 60 years, that daily base charge -- and this is not my complete understanding of the situation, but the daily base charge for four inch is \$2.50 a day, so if you use your meter and put a real charge on the system, you're charged \$2.50 a day for the privilege of that meter, plus obviously usage and if you have a fire meter only you use that after 50 years time, you're still charged \$2.50 a day. And

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seems if the city is trying to encourage people to put in sprinkler systems, that the fee structure should be such that the people that are actually using the meters should be paying most of that fee and right now it's distributed across the board between fire meters and water meters as equal base fees for those. I know the northwest natural charges their fee upfront to install the system. Pacific power actually doesn't charge anything to install their system. They charge it as a monthly base once you get going and the water bureau charges upfront and also a daily system. Some utilities charge once, the water bureau twice. I guess the main point here is if we want buildings to be sprinkled that the water bureau should work to make that less painful and not charge people a daily -- or per monthly fee to have those meters as an impact on the system from a fire meter is very minimal. Thank you.

**Leonard:** Your point is compelling. If you would not mind writing me an email. I read my own emails, just reiterating the salient points you made today. I will look into it and get back to you.

**Spitzer:** Great, thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you, mr. Spitzer for your testimony. Now we have some special guest that would like to say a few words. If commissioners wilhoite would come forward: Apparently year how are to be let out of your --

**Charles Wilhoite:** When you said special guest, I knew it wasn't us. But i'm surprised to be here now.

**Adams:** Welcome.

**Wilhoite:** Good morning, mayor Adams, commissioners. This is an unusual appearance in that we're not here to promote any agenda item. Commissioner mohlis and I thought it important to come into here today and thank you for reappointment. We're often asked how many we get paid to be commissioners and, of course, we chuckle and I always tell people that ask me, it depends on how you define paid or compensation. We have the privilege and honor of working for a city we love to live and work in. And our pay is that we get to play a direct role in developing the physical of the city and economic outlook and that's quite a honor. I have thoroughly working on the commission, working with each of you. I've sat in scary budget hearings were commissioner Leonard and with mayor Adams and commissioner Saltzman.

**Leonard:** You thought mine were scary. [laughter]

**Wilhoite:** Sat on a recent search committee with commissioner Fritz and worked in transitioning the housing function with commissioner Fish and I can sit here and say, when people ask if our council is working for the city, without a document. And while not everybody agrees with every step you take, I tell people look at the passion and the commitment. We know we're working toward the most livable economically advanced city in the country and i'm fortunate to live and serve the city here and I want to thank you and look forward working with you going forward.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**John Mohlis:** Good morning, mayor Adams and commissioners. I know you have a busy agenda this morning. I would like to make a few brief comments and thank you as well for being reappointed last june, especially on a consent agenda. Especially on a consent agenda. It's truly a honor to serve the city and charles spoke eloquently to the efforts that we bring forward with the pdc in trying to work with you folks to make Portland -- which is even a -- already a great city, even better. It's a honor to serve. I hope my next remarks are taken in the context for which it's intended. And that's true respect. I'm sure you appreciate the efforts that charles wilhoite brought forward with the pdc but I don't know if you fully appreciate the efforts he put in during that year. Difficult year, global financial collapses are collapse. The river district lawsuit, and many other items too numerous to mention and I can't speak highly enough of the honesty and dedication that he feels for all of the city and all of the citizens and all of its neighborhoods. One last remark. I've been really pleased to have been a small part of some of the pdc efforts over the last three years, I feel very positive about. And i'd like to mention just one briefly, and that's the collaborative relationship

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between the mayor and the city council and the pdc's board of commissioners. Especially in these very difficult times all of the citizens truly deserve our best collective and collaborative efforts. So thank you very much. It's a honor and privilege to serve.

**Wilhoite:** I didn't know commissioner mohlis was going to say all of that about me.

**Mohlis:** So -- but I call them like I see them.

**Wilhoite:** Before we leave, we've heard people talk about homeless and unfortunately it's an issue we've been living with for years and years, but it's important for people no know that this council sitting in front of me pushes pdc every step with regard to the investing of dollars to address homelessness and we're looking at creating jobs, economic advancement but there's a human element and that's part of the equation in every decision we make. And the resource access center, thanks to you is moving forward and people need to be aware of things like that and our budget for the next fiscal year is roughly 50% or more committed toward housing, much of that being section 8 housing in the south park district. So those issues are in front of us. People need to be aware that we have limited resources but each of you is making it clear to me and the rest of the commission what your goals and desires are and we hope we're moving in the right direction and I think we have. And you have the support of the commission. We have a new chairman, we're looking at creation of jobs but housing and issues affecting human lives always on the agenda and also in our decision making and I wanted to say that out loud.

**Adams:** Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** I'd like to thank both of you for your service and acknowledge in december, the mayor and I made your job twice as hard, when we shared with you the vision of creating a new bureau and I think there's a reason why city council doesn't regularly create new bureaus. It's mind numbingly challenging and difficult. But we could not have a better partner in this enterprise and we're on task and we'll be cutting the ribbon on the new space in november and we would not be where we are today without your full participation and cooperation and help and I want to thank you and the ultimate winners in this reorganization, will be the citizens of Portland, when this new bureau is up and running. And delivering on the promise that we have made, so thank you for that. Thank you for your steadfast support for the resource access center. If there's the equivalent of the perils of pauline in -- it would be this. There have been so many obstacles and legal complications we'll be breaking ground in october because of your focus and dedication to this project and finally, I want to acknowledge on top of your public service work, john, you're a pretty good softball player and I had the pleasure of playing against john and the new chair out at lents park, and I came away, thinking we need ream enforcements.

**Leonard:** You want to put a new ball center there. [laughter]

**Fish:** We're not taking defeat lightly.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Going on and on and on.

**Leonard:** I feel compelled to express the state of my relationship with pdc at this point. But I want to do it in historical perspective as only commissioner Saltzman would appreciate being the only member of the council that was here when I arrived in 2002. My very first act on the count was to pull from consent agenda a tax abatement proposed by pdc for an apartment building that had been built in the pearl and I challenged the wisdom of subsidizing apartments at taxpayer expense and i'm sure dan doesn't remember this but after my exchange with the pdc staff in december of 2002 on that subject, we walked out and dan looked at me and said, "you have arrived." do you remember that?

**Saltzman:** I don't.

**Leonard:** And I suppose I have. And frankly from that point for the next few years on, my relationship with the pdc deteriorated to the point of me filing a resolution in 2004 subpoenaing documents from the pdc which fortunately did not have to be followed through with. That being the low point. From then until now i'm happy to sit here and say that -- that the relationship that I

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believe not just i, but the council enjoys and the public enjoys with the pdc couldn't be more -- couldn't be more dramatically different and it's true, a lot, charles, to you and your leadership. And certainly john coming and bringing a perspective that I have long felt needed to be part of the decision making processes have been help. But charles, I can't underestimate the cultural change that occurred when you became chair. I dealt with people there that treated me as the enemy when I was doing nothing more than trying to protect who I think it is that pays all of our salaries -- the taxpayers of the city. And I was unrelenting, as you know, about that. And I have no apologies for that. But I do think that -- that in fairness, it needs to be said and I didn't know you would be here this morning and I did not know we would have the opportunity to have this exchange, but I could not be more pleased with the current state of my relationship, and thus, the taxpayers' relationship with the Portland development commission, your partnership with us, your -- your openness to discuss with us issues and I check in ways you may not be aware. I talk with our city attorney, linda mang, as you know, I have hell bent on having our attorney being your attorney for a while, agree to cooperate and find a middle ground and she reports the relationship could not be better between the pdc's attorney and ours. I will continue checking as ronald regan said, "trust but verify." and I do that, but I know it's a testament to not only both of your memberships, but now we have scott on the pdc as well who brings with him, another fresh perspective, but also reflects the current culture that -- that both of you have brought, but particularly, charles, you, and I know that and a appreciate it and I realize --

**Fish:** Is there a three-minute time limit for commissioner Leonard?

**Leonard:** Of all the people in the world, you're the last person, you have no credibility on the subject.

**Adams:** All right. Gentlemen: Your points of summary, commissioner Leonard? [applause]

**Leonard:** Very good.

**Adams:** Got veronica to clap. Very good. Anything you want to add in closing?

**Leonard:** Thank you again for your hard work. I probably know more than most what it is you've done.

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

**Adams:** Give them a round of applause. [applause]

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Wilhoite:** Very humbling, but not why I came here today. I came here to thank you and I appreciate those comments. It means a lot.

**Leonard:** Thank you.

**Wilhoite:** We have a great staff and commission and work together very well.

**Adams:** Thank you for continuing service. That gets us to the time certain at 9:30. Karla, please read the title for the time certain?

**Moore-Love:** Did you want to do the consent agenda first?

**Adams:** No. Go ahead and do the consent agenda first. Anybody want to pull any items off the agenda.

**Fritz:** 1397.

**Adams:** Anything else. Please call the votes for the consent agenda.

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

**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] consent agenda's approved. Now may we read the title for time certain item no. 1387.

**Item 1387.**

**Adams:** Because of a change in pension rules, the individual that we're going to be honoring next proceeded to retirement in a far too rapid fashion for us to honor her before she actually had retired. But better late than never and if judy o'conner would please come forward. I worked with a lot of folks in my -- I don't know -- 20-some years of public service, i've had the privilege to work with a

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lot of folks from all facets of society. And the person before us today has -- stands out as someone of great passion, a really big brain, very smart, and a sense of humor that allows her to -- the combination of which those three allows her to be incredibly effective for working people in this region and those struggling to get family-wage work. And so I want to read the proclamation that is supported by every member of council. In honoring judy o'conner, who is the first woman to be elected secretary-treasurer, and for those of you watching, that's like the top dog to the northwest Oregon labor council.

**Leonard:** In a male-dominated world.

**Adams:** And she was elected secretary-treasurer in 1998 and reelected -- again, the first woman reelected to that post for three additional tenure. Judy o'conner advanced and promoted the presence of labor in the city of Portland as secretary-treasurer of the northwest Oregon labor council. Judy o'conner conveyed a clear voice of labor as the union representative on numerous boards, committees, taskforces in the city of Portland. And if we were to calculate your salary based on the number of hours you put into the job, it's an incredibly small salary indeed. Whereas, judy o'conner is leaving the northwest Oregon labor council to the sweet serenity of retirement. Therefore, i, sam Adams, mayor of the city of Portland, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim today to be judy o'conner in Portland and encourage all residents to observe it day. Congratulations. [applause] [applause]

**Adams:** Would you like to say a few words? And then there's people who would like to come up and say a few words as well.

**Judy O'Conner:** Ok. Wow, those of you who know me know i'm normally not at a loss for words and that i'm not about me and so today -- it was hard to drive here today, because I like to honor other people. I'm very humbled. Thank you for the kind words. But, you know, i've had a 27-plus ride of being a member of organized labor and if I hadn't been a member of organized labor, I wouldn't be retiring now. And it's because of my labor family, and I want to thank so many of them that are here today. I love all of them. I have worked so well with each one of you and you have been such good support of the northwest Oregon labor council. Our meetings we've started over five years ago, where we kind of invite you to attend. We don't you. We just say this is when we want to meet, be there. If you don't show up, we talk about you. [laughter] and if you're fortunate enough when your rotation schedule, you come again, we tell you what we said. I have no hidden agenda. I don't have a problem telling you what we said about you if you couldn't be there. Putting that aside, I have great respect for each one of you. You each play such an important role in Portland. Not only just in the politics, because you're each a politician, but in affecting the lives of everyone who lives in the city of Portland. And by what you do in the -- and the examples that you set, that helps the state of Oregon and it also helps other states. And you know, as I retire, and as I move out of the state of Oregon into the state of montana, I am going to be like randy said, he likes to check in. Well, i'm going to check in too. And I have my ways of checking in. [laughter] and I want each one of you to continue to make me so proud of what you each do now and that you continue to do what you do. Because i'm going to follow your paths. And if you do something that i'm -- I don't like, i'm going to haunt you. [laughter] in several ways. So I just want to say thank you and i'm -- thank you.

**Adams:** You're welcome. [applause] if you want to --

**Leonard:** Before she leaves --

**Adams:** We have testimony.

**Leonard:** Was that no?

**Adams:** I think we've had a lot of chance to talk up here. So if you can return to your seat. And those of you who would like to testify this matter, if you would come forward now.

**Leonard:** You let nick talks whenever he wants.

**Adams:** I know.

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**Leonard:** And he goes on and on.

**Adams:** Do we have --

**Leonard:** Say one nice little thing about judy --

**Adams:** If we can have folks in the back row to come up and say a few words.

**Leonard:** They're afraid to now.

**Adams:** Come on up.

\*\*\*\*\*: Not signed up.

**Adams:** That's ok. You don't have to be signed up.

**Leonard:** You're joe esmond, you get to do what you want.

**Joe Esmond:** Pot calling the kettle black. My name is joe, I reside in Portland and a business rep representing 4,000 members in the Portland metropolitan area. She's great. She's been -- you've said it, other people have said it, i'm going to say it again. She's been a rock solid person for our union. I'll speak for my union and our men and women of our union. Like you said, sam, mr. Adams, mayor, how many hours she has spent, probably be like a buck a hour, over the years. If we needed something done at the ibew, we couldn't handle ourselves, hey, judy, can you be here? Can you make a call for us? I want it say briefly how much we're going to miss her. She has a great successor, but he's got some big shoes or high heels to fill. [laughter] and thank you for doing this, for ms. O'conner from organized labor.

**Adams:** You're welcome. Anyone else wish to testify and say nice words about judy? Come on up, sir.

**Bob Tacket:** Thank you. My name is bob tacket. I get to try and fill those shoes and I want to say what a honor it is to -- and it's going to be tough to go forward to try and improve on what she's accomplished but it's a great honor and I do truly appreciate everything that judy has done for labor and me personally. Thank you for the opportunity.

**Adams:** Look forward to working with you. All right. Now we -- good, we have got one coming up.

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

**Adams:** That's ok.

**Tery Lansing:** My name is tery lansing, the secretary-treasurer [inaudible] union. Our members of the people who make the good bread you buy every day and decorate the cakes you buy for your parties. I wasn't prepared to say anything but I wouldn't want to miss the opportunity to say thanks to judy on behalf of our members. Judy has been a -- judy has been an outstanding leader in standing up for justice and that's her key, inner thing. She stands for justice. And I would not want to miss the opportunity to say thank you to judy for all of that. And for working hard to get the right people elected and I appreciate what you guys do. And I appreciate how you serve the people of Portland. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Anyone else? Come on up. We can have three come up at a time. Come on up. Three at a too many. We'll take three at a time. Anybody else? This will be our last round. John? Come on up. Good morning and welcome to city council. Glad you're here.

**Shannon Walker:** My name is shannon walker and I wasn't prepared to say anything but I did want to come up and say thank you to judy. I actually entered the labor movement in Portland about nine years ago and one of my first contacts was judy o'conner. She was so grateful to teach me about the union movement, how to get involved with the labor movement. I'm not president of the clark skamania on the other side of the river and I wouldn't be here without judy, I never had a sister but I love judy dearly and she's definitely my sister. Thank you, judy.

**Robert Betroff:** Good morning, i'm robert petroff director of the northwest Oregon labor council and of the machinists' union. I've been president for 10 years now and want to say thank you to you, mayor, and commissioners for proclaiming this day as a honor to judy and it will be memorialized in history. Thank you for that.

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**Adams:** Thank you for your service.

**John Mohlis:** There's already many individuals that have spoke very highly of judy and the hard work and dedication she's brought to the table for so many years. But on behalf of all the members of the building trades council, I want to thank judy. She's been an ally of the building trades and I can only wish her and her husband a long and happy and healthy retirement and I would like to thank you for honoring her today.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much. We're going to take a quick picture. Judy, come on up and council, come around the dais.

**Leonard:** Do I get -- [laughter]

**Adams:** Thank you. Congratulations. [applause] I just want to thank commissioner Leonard for waiving his request to comment. That's nice.

**Leonard:** Well, commissioner Fish will steal my time.

**Adams:** Ok. Go ahead.

**Leonard:** Well, i've known judy so long that joe esmonde and david shaff had a full head of hair. I don't want to go there. But I was the -- in the mid '80, the youngest president that the Portland firefighters association had ever elected and, of course, my first stop was to the northwest Oregon labor council where judy was not the president. But she worked in the front office. But I can't even tell you who the president was then. Because my contact was judy o'conner. And judy has more -- I think it's appropriate for me to say, i've had nobody that has supported me as consistently, including the firefighters' union as judy o'conner has throughout my political career and I know that and i've always appreciated that and that's where I show up at those ungodly hours in the morning when you ask me to be there. Sorry, I now have an out. [laughter] i'm sure you're going to be great, but it's only judy that gets me there that early. I'm so happy for you and so blessed to have had you as a part of my life. I can't say enough good about you and what you've done for labor and me personally. Thank you, judy.

**Fish:** May I piggy back?

**Adams:** Yes. Based on a shared experience we've had, you were a labor leader for many years and I had the privilege of representing some labor unions. And what you commented to me was that the secret of success of a labor leader is the ability to build relationships with people. And what we have -- what i've learned in my first year here, there are some people who only come to council when they want something. When there are bad times, they're nowhere to be seen. The secret is to be there in good and bad times. Build the relationship and be there. Each of us has a judy o'conner around that. Around the relationships she built. The fact she was with us during good and bad times and that's why each. Us go out of our way to be responsive when judy calls or says she has an issue of concern. And I think that's a model of how to engage with government generally and this council and all I want to add to what's been said is we love you very much and we will miss you.

**Fritz:** I would like to add my accolades to working with judy o'conner over the many years. I think the breakfast you started, the mandatory breakfast, I didn't understand -- [laughter] -- I didn't understand until today, if we don't show up -- fortunately, I have a perfect attendance record. I didn't understand if we didn't show up, we get talked about and filled in later. That will ensure my attendance record remains at 100%. But judy been a true leader and friend over the years and i've appreciated her advice and energy and her commitment to organized labor. And it's -- it's definitely, you know, exudes from judy her passion for organized labor and workers rights and i'm honored to have had a time to work with you and I look forward to you keeping in touch with us, in whatever manner that's going to be -- haunting us. It'll be good to hear from you, even if it's not in the best way. I hope you have a great time in montana and we'll miss you very much. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you, judy for all of your work in the community and labor movement. And the northwest Oregon labor council members pictured with me for 56 days at the strike at ohsu and the nurses there and helped us understand how the labor movement sticks together and I think your

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comment about you have a pension because you've been in the union for many years bears repeating. We helped set the standards and in states where we have a good labor movement, all benefits for workers are better, whether you're in an union or not. And that's part of what you have helped do in our community is set standards and set expectations. And I think the only surprise when I had my staff research your past for this event, was to find out that you're eligible for retirement. That doesn't seem possible and I wish you a happy one. My father tells me he's way busier now than he was when working and I hope you stay engaged and I wish you the best.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. [applause] you're welcome to stay and witness more democracy happen, or we'll not be offended if you need to get on with your work day. Thank you for being here and thank you, judy. Please read the title for the 10:00 time certain. It's a regular -- it's the first hearing of a regular ordinance, 1388.

**Item 1388.**

**Adams:** If teresa boyle from the bureau of transportation, chair scott andrews and doug obletz come forward as well. I was pleased to help nog inaugurate the new green line on september 12th, 2009. It was delivered on time and on budget, thanks to collaborative effort between a lot of agencies but primarily tri-met, our great bureau of transportation, who lead on this project has been teresa boyle, thank you a, and the private sector through Portland mall management. The public side resources for this project were matched by approximately \$1.5 billion in private investments in the core of downtown over the past five years. And although not well known, one reason I was pleased we have this on the agenda is to bring more attention to the fact that part of the funding package included \$22 million from area property owners. Today, we have we seek to finish, finalizing the lid. Local improvement district. And we have an amendment offered on behalf of myself and commissioner Fish, and who would like to begin?

**Teresa Boyle, Bureau of Transportation:** I'm teresa boyle with the city of Portland bureau of transportation and the city's light rail project manager. We do not have a formal presentation to make, but i'm here to answer questions you may have about the lid. Thank you.

**Adams:** If it's ok with council, maybe we can dispense with the amendment. And the amendment takes out of the lid some non-profits. And do you want to speak to the amendment?

**Boyle:** Certainly. The local improvement district assessment excludes qualified low-income housing and exempts them from assessment. We had a process by which low-income housing providers would apply for that exemption. Two didn't apply within the time frame and when they received their final assessment, they requested that they be granted the exemption. And so the amendment to the ordinance that's before you today acknowledges and -- and accepts those requests and directs us to make the changes to zero out those assessments.

**Fish:** Mayor, i'm prepared to second the amendment and speak briefly to it.

**Adams:** Please go ahead.

**Fish:** This would exempt the jeffrey apartments and fifth avenue commons from the assessment. The two properties combined offer 150 units of affordable housing in downtown. And in terms of the impact since the mayor and I were interested on what's the impact on other property owners in you exempt affordable housing, the other property owners' assessment will increase by less than one half of 1% of real market value. That mean it's a minimum impact and these two properties would have been eligible had they met the deadline. So I second the mayor's amendment.

**Adams:** Moved and seconded is there any additional discussion on the proposed amendment? Anyone wish to testify on the proposed amendment? Karla, please call the vote on the proposed amendment.

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

**Fish:** Since these changes are substantial and otherwise eligible for the exemption, I vote aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.



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**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] thanks to commissioner Fish for his advocacy in this issue. Would you like to speak to the matter before us?

**Scott Andrews:** I'm Scott Andrews and I'm wearing my Portland Mall president hat today although it was fun to see the pats on the back from the PDC side. I also enjoy the opportunity to chair that and work with you trying to get some projects going in Portland. Anyway, I'm going to talk briefly about the business community's participation in the refurbishment of the mall and light rail and the leverage we've seen the public and private partnership return. The downtown business community was supportive of this project from the very beginning, especially because it included revitalizing the mall. Because the mall itself had become tired and needed repair. It was no longer the asset that everybody wanted it to be and the asset it was when it was built over 20 years ago. Together, the project partners and the business community fulfilled the promise of the renaissance of the heart of our city. As the mayor said, there's been over \$1.5 billion worth of projects completed downtown in the last five years and I believe there's a direct relationship between the green line and mall renovation and these projects. The block by block program alone produced 38 projects on the mall, with over \$8.8 million invested and \$5 to \$13 for every public dollar spent. We also taxed ourselves as part of this process additional \$3 million and in collaboration with the city and Tri-Met, ensured that the mall finishes met everybody's expectations and I would remind you that the PDC folks, we led that effort and when it came before you to tax ourselves an additional \$3 million, there was not one person who testified against it. Tri-Met, the city and the business community have also come to understand that ongoing stewardship is necessary to make the most of this investment. And that's why Portland Mall Management Inc. was formed to bring management to ensure that the mall continues to be what it can be for downtown and the Portland region. I think you've seen already a major change in terms of the cross mall. We became responsible as of the first of July of this year for cleaning and maintenance, and frankly, it was pretty tired. The catching up on years of neglect, but it's looking better. And given that Tri-Met got some stimulus dollars to fix the intersections there, the cross mall is really looking much better. So I just want to thank all of you for your support of this very important and successful project and I know it's going to do good things for downtown and the region.

**Adams:** I want to underscore the fact that when more money was needed, you and this private sector effort went back to business owners to ask them to pay for, to see that the project really -- the vision for the project was fully completed and that's worth reiterating and thanking you personally and the group you led for doing that. Really amazing. Thank you.

**Doug Oblatz:** Good morning, Mr. Mayor and commissioners. Doug Oblatz, serving at the Portland Mall project manager for Tri-Met and the city. My task has been to serve as the bridge between the construction team and the downtown business and property owners and to ensure that the project was designed and constructed in keeping with the overarching goals for the project and with the agreements between the city and Tri-Met and the property owners that contributed \$22 million toward this \$220 million project. In two actions by the council in 2004 and 2006, downtown property owners agreed to shoulder a significant portion of the project cost. They did this with the understanding that the project would be extended by about one-third. There would be a number of substantial changes made to the original mall. And that the revitalization effort would be premised on investments in the infamous three-legged stool of infrastructure, development and proactive management. Success has been achieved on all three. With regard to the infrastructure the mall has been extended up to PSU. Reconstructed from top to bottom with the continuous auto lane from PSU to Union Station. And has new traffic signals, streetlights and signage and all as originally promised. On the development front, Scott alluded to the block-by-block program but other things through PDC and Tri-Met have brought new projects to the mall, including the renovated Macy's store and the Nines Hotel and the new Embassy Hotel at Sixth and Oak, which are three examples. What's gratifying today is to see scaffolding up where property owners on their own are

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beginning to make improvements to their building in response to the upgrade of the street. On the management front, the council approved contracts with tri-met and the business community for \$3.5 million stewardship program led by scott and Portland mall management inc. That will ensure that the mall doesn't fall into the same state of disrepair as the original one. The linchpin that assured a great project. The contribution from property owners, which was matched by additional funds by the city of Portland and tri-met, almost \$15 million in project upgrade where's added to the base project. And these upgrades were things that the business community felt were essential to make a truly great project and I want it list those improvements quickly for you. These are things that were not in the original project. They included 35 new brick intersections from burnside to market street. New brick sidewalks on three additional blocks of fifth and sixth between madison and market. A closed circuit television system for the bus stops and light rail stations. New transit tracker screens which provide real time transit rival information for bus and transit patrons and almost \$2 million in sidewalk renovation for existing sidewalks along the mall. Improved streetlighting, artwork. Full pavement overlay in the south mall. The special paving treatment in front of pioneer courthouse square that connects those two buildings together and additional tree grades and trimming and enhanced bicycle facilities including five new bicycle oasis and replacement of the trash receptacles. and resulted from the leadership and the pocketbooks of the property owners throughout downtown. For someone that has worked on a project for so long, the completion last month was somewhat anti-climatic. But it's wonderful to see people coexisting successfully and see how property owners are exhibiting newfound pride in their buildings. And i've received numerous emails and calls from property owners saying how much they like the new artwork and intersections and the great accessibility that light rail is providing along spine of downtown. In the end, however, there never would have been a Portland mall revitalization without the financial commitment of over 1100 property owners downtown.

**Adams:** And you have fortified your well deserved reputation for superior property management. There were so many moving parts and the coordination that you provided and teresa, I want to thank you for. Questions from council? Comment from comment? It will move to vote next week.

**Fritz:** I wanted to thank you for your work on this project, and particularly teresa boyle. The ordinance was outstanding in setting out of details of what happened when --

**Adams:** High praise indeed.

**Fritz:** And mayor Adams and the director were helpful to my staff to make sure we get the information ahead of time. Thank you. I wanted to pull out from the information given, 75% of the assessments are less than what was estimated in 2006. And that primarily because of the nearly \$1 billion in new development in the district by takes an increased portion of the cost due to real market value. This is evidence that the redevelopment strategy is doing what it's supposed to do and finally, I wanted to commend the tri-met drivers who i'm absolutely overwhelmed with, about how good the bus drivers and train drivers are doing a very good job and to urge the citizens to make sure we understand which lanes we can use and which we can't. And you'll get a ticket if you drive in the [inaudible] lane and bicyclists need to make sure they understand the rules. It's a complicated system and we need to be very much aware that when we choose to drive downtown, which hopefully most don't, we have to be especially careful. Thank you for your work on this.

**Adams:** Before you leave, I just noticed that robber in regard, who used to work for the bureau of transportation -- i'm not bitter -- and neal mcfarland, who oversaw this for trimet are in the room as well. And thank you for your help as well. On time and on budget. Thanks. Moves to a second reading.

**Moore-Love:** We have testimony.

**Adams:** We have testimony sorry to keep you waiting.

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**Phil A. Kalberer:** Mayor, commissioners, i'm phil, president of a family business that has owned property and had a business in downtown Portland for over 65 years and chair of the of the citizens advisory committee for the downtown light rail project. It's been a long and arduous process. Business leaders were talking about the revitalization of the mall in the '80s and were hoping that the south-north light rail would take care of the problem. Obviously, it did not. The citizens' advisory committee has been in existence for over six and a half years and what we have now, after all of the frustration and time spend, we really have a true, not only transportation process, but also a revitalized downtown Portland and we can be proud of that. Scott talked about the private investment, the business investment, and it's all very true, but i'd also like to accentuate -- neighborhood associations, the disabled community, bicycle community, pedestrian community, businesses, retail and the like. And I want you to know that all of them are very proud of what has happened downtown Portland. We worked hard to the design of the weave to the placement and design of the shelters and everybody, I believe is happy with the output. Over five years ago, I spoke to you in favor of the lid. Again, i'm asking you to pass the lid. And be very proud of what has happened and the next step is on to milwaukie.

**Adams:** Thank you nor your service in heading up the citizens' advisory committee, really appreciate it. Thank you. We will the city's auditor's office will reflect the change in exemptions and adding one more exhibit, which is some housekeeping related info. We'll be back next week. Appreciate it. All right. This moves to -- now, I think we can move this to second reading and a vote next week. [gavel pounded] can you read the title for the consent agenda item pulled. Emergency ordinance 1397.

**Item 1397.**

**Adams:** Commissioner Leonard.

**Leonard:** I did not pull it.

**Adams:** Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** I pulled it because I was impressed with the answers I got from commissioner Leonard's office and I wanted citizens to understand that it's a good thing and get the information out. Many of us have received emails about concerns about the reservoirs and storage tanks and I thought it would be helpful to have information for us and the public.

**David Shaff, Director, Portland Water Bureau:** Good morning, i'm david shaff, the director of the Portland water bureau. Commissioner Fritz had a number of questions which our staff provided answers to her before -- or last night. And i'll go through them. Back in 1895, mount tabor was the hub of the Portland water bureau distribution center. That changed when powell butte became the hub, with the building of the 50 million-gallon reservoir. Today is moving down to the second of the two 50 million-gallon reservoirs in our system. The first question we were asked to respond to was how was the rfp proposal processed. The formal rfp was utilized in this contract in accordance with the city council rules and codes on professional services. Rfp was posted and advertised on our e-website from april to june. It was advertised in the daily journal of commerce in may of 2009, we held a meeting where 42 consultants were in attendance. And proposals were received in june of 2009. There were two bidders on the solicitation. Ch2m hill and tetra tech. And 211 firm that viewed it. 14 were wbes and 179 were non-certified firms. How the a. The contract was calculated was the next question. Our total project budget is \$138 million. The revised phase one, which is where we are today, starting to actually dig theology that the reservoir is going to be in is \$10 million. Phase two, where we are, the design and construction of the actual reservoir is \$128 million. The phase two construction budget is approximately \$115 million and this design pde contract is 7% of that. Typically, around 10-15%. That tells us we're getting a good deal. Partly because of the economy and the fact that we have well qualified consultant team. The original estimate for design services for this was \$7.5 million. Ch2m hill provided a proposal of \$5.4 million. After final negotiations and some additional scope of work that we added, the final

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negotiated amount of the contract is \$8.4 million. Why the difference here? How did we go from 5.4 to 7.5 and then 7.5? Identified a proposed scope of services. The proposer puts together a team and their interpretation of the scope and fees based on that interpretation. Once they're selected through the contract negotiations, the water bureau compares their scope of work to the proposer's scope of work as they understood it and adjust the fees based on the understanding of what's involved in that scope. We then changed or increased the estimate from \$7.5 million to \$8.5 million to resolve a problem, a shutdown problem related to the construction of the conduits near Powell Butte. The shutdown is required during construction when we're ready to connect the reservoir to the new -- to the public water system. So this additional scope includes additional piping and an intertie and that's where we connect all three conduits together coming from Bull Run. The additional piping ensures that we are able to maintain our service level to not only our wholesale customers but those customers who live at that 530-foot elevation level at the distribution level. That's where Powell Butte is. The 530 elevation. This area is where our retail customers living on the east side of town in higher elevations are fed directly from Powell Butte. For instance, the homes along Powell Butte, those along Clatsop Butte and the customers served from the conduits east of Powell Butte. When we looked at the shutdown we were going to need to do near 162nd for the reservoir, we discovered the existing configuration had problems for those living in the higher elevations. Their water level would drop below the minimum we're required to provide and in some cases they'll have no water at all and no water for protection. These connections could potentially take several weeks to resolve. So one solution and the reason we've changed the scope is to add an intertie between the pipelines included in the proposed project. This isn't just our retail customers. This has a huge impact on our wholesale customers, primarily Rockwood and Fresh and any future ones. The current shutdown results in a 40psi drop in pressure. We've done this before and we've caused significant problems for Gresham and Rockwood in providing water for their customers. So the whole scope of the project has changed a little bit, increased a little bit, caused the cost of the project to go up by a significant amount. And that's how we've come to a negotiated scope in price. Our confidence in being able to deliver the design package for this price is rated high. Our confidence level for the overall project which hasn't been designed yet is still at the moderate level based on the criteria that the council passed in Russ 36430 which requires us to assign a level of confidence rating to the project cost estimates when we come to you with contracts. During the contract negotiations, the successful proposer agreed with our scope and committed to completing the scope for the negotiated price. Why was this contractor awarded the contract? That's the next question we were asked. We put together an evaluation committee to evaluate the two proposals we received. The committee consists of seven members. They were -- included one community member, that was Tamera Dickinson, we anticipate that she'll be very involved for the next several years until this project is completed and included a parks bureau employee. George, a landscape architect with the parks bureau and their capital projects group and five water bureau employees from engineering and operations. For the purpose of scoring the proposal, each member evaluated them in accordance with the criteria and point factors listed in the R.F.P. The proposer with the highest point total is considered the successful proposer. Project team and proposer's capability. Understanding, diversity in employment and contracting and proposed cost. And the qualifications and team understanding were the most critical. The committee compared each response to the evaluation criteria. Based on the criteria, the committee deemed CH2M Hill was the most responsive. There were a total of 700 points possible. She had a final of 618 and the other 547 --

**Fritz:** How many points total?

**Shaff:** 700. 616 and at the time are a 546. Total contract is \$8.4 million. CH is using 11 subconsultants. Nine state certified. Estimated to receive \$1.4 million in work, 17% of the total contract. Finally, Commissioner Fritz noticed there's a land use review scheduled for March 2010 which will be an opportunity for citizens to weigh in and comment. There will be more than that

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opportunity, we're currently going through project advisory committee process on how the facility will look and feel and the park improvements and had our first meeting last night and we have six more of these working meetings planned. The public is invited to all of these meeting, of course, and there will be an open house in november to discuss some of the alternatives we'll be looking at.

In addition, we'll continue to meet with neighborhood associations, homeowners and special interest group throughout the design and construction of the project. We'll be taking one of the state representatives out for a tour of powell butte and we'll probably go inside the existing reservoir the end of the month so they know what it is we're building. They're special projects and the hub of our system and heart of our system. If you have any other questions, I have the chief engineer of the water bureau and our project manager to answer anymore questions.

**Fritz:** Thank you. I don't have any other more questions and I will add that I as an elected official expect to work as many hours as I can during the day and last night I was working at 10:30 at night and teresa responded to one of my emails and thank you so much for your diligence.

**Shaff:** She's a star.

**Adams:** Unless there's additional council discussion, i'll ask if there's anyone who wishes to testify on this item. If not, it's an emergency item. Karla, please call the vote.

**Leonard:** I ran for -- when I ran for my first re-election after first being elected in 2004 to council, I attracted 13 opponents who are not so fond of my approach to governing. At that same point, mayor katz, who I had the privilege of serving with when first elected decided not to run which caused there to be candidates who would otherwise have not have run to run amongst a man by the name of tom potter. During tom potter's campaign, I was surprised to pick up a local newspaper and see that he had endorsed six of the 13 people that were running against me. When asked why, he said that's all that asked. So I thought, well, this will be interesting, if he gets elected and, of course, he was. He decided upon entering office in january of 2009, to do something that in my memory, no other mayor had done, which was to keep all the bureaus within the city, which, of course, is any mayor's right, including this one, within his portfolio for six months. At the end of that six months, july of 2005, he called each of us in, dan, myself, then commissioner s at the n and commissioner Adams and asked us what assignments we would like. To this day, I don't know what my colleagues said. I do know what I said. I said you can assign a number of bureaus to me. But if you want to prove that you still harbor some grudge against me, assign me the water bureau. [laughter] david knows that. I don't know that michael knows that and i'm certain teresa may not know that. And the reason I said that was not because I had ill will toward the Portland water bureau. I'm a politician, I have to run for election and I have to have people like me and think i'm doing good things. Which means the bureaus I have have to be doing well and I will tell new july 2005, the Portland water bureau was not doing well. Can you say, "computerized billing system" anyone. I didn't know anybody at the water bureau. Had no experience other than working at fires for 25 year when somebody from the water bureau would show up to do something to the mains to increase our water pressure at big fires. That knew. And when I turned my water on, I always got a nice clean glass of water. So tom potter called me and I was out of town, I was sitting by the phone waiting for the phone call. At the appointed hour, he didn't call me and anyone that knows me, knows I have a compulsive obsessive part of me. At 10:01, the phone didn't ring, I started pacing at 10:03, I started doing jobs and starting doing push-ups and about 10:10, the phone rang. I picked up the phone and he said, "randy, i've assigned you to the Portland water bureau." ok, tom. Appreciate it. Thanks. Talk to you later. And I thought, well, if i'm going to get this assignment, then i'm going to fix what's wrong. As a result, I appointed the person that I had the most confidence in. That I believed could lead the Portland water bureau from where it was to where I knew it needed to be. And he's sitting, still, right in front of me. And then I started to do what I do. Talking to the management staff, the employees, and then made a decision that I didn't want to hand to david the awful task of making the changes that needed to be made so I personally sat down

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with the top management team that made decisions that caused michael to be then the new chief engineer of the water bureau. Amongst other changes. And what you saw before you here today is a result of david's focused and hard work, michael stir's focused and hard work, that presentation would not have happened in july of 20005. It might have been humiliating for whoever the commissioner in charge was at that point. I have absolute and complete confidence in the men and women of the water bureau because of the changes that david has led. I've absolute and complete confidence that at the drop of the hat, you can ask any questions and they'll equip themselves in their charge to protect the public to provide the best drinking water in the world at any moment. I'm not surprised, but grateful that teresa answered her email at 10:00 at night. I'm not surprised but grateful at the presentation I heard today, and I hadn't heard it before. But I didn't have to ask because what you heard here today is what they do every day and i'm humbled to have the water bureau. I would say the same to sam in the reverse I said to tom. You want to prove that you harbor a grudge, sam, take the Portland water bureau from me. [laughter] because we've built the best water system in the united states and I would say new orleans and katrina as examples. So thank you for each of your work. You do outstanding work day in and day out that often doesn't get heralded because people as perceptive at commissioner Fritz doesn't make give you the forum. So they called me and said, do you mind if we explain in detail what we do. And we didn't ask for it. It was asked of us. Thank you very much. Go forth and continue good work.

**Shaff:** As a reminder, teresa is one of the people who responded hurricane katrina.

**Leonard:** Thank you, I knew that.

**Adams:** We're going to vote.

**Leonard:** Aye. Thank you for reminding me. [laughter]

**Fritz:** Well thank you commissioner Leonard and David Shaff. This is an opportunity to explain to citizens the good work that you're doing. And I want to highlight particularly it's an \$8 million contract and there's 73% minority, women's businesses in the subcontracting. And sometimes we get contracts here that have a similarly high proportion of subcontracting work, you find out that there actually wasn't that much subcontracting work but as David said, there's 17% here so it's an example of when the city is able to push for those firms to get their fare share we're able to do that. So I really appreciate and particularly commend you for that. And again, thank you for your work on this. Aye.

**Fish:** Thank you for an outstanding presentation as always. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. Moves to second reading. Right? Oh. It's an emergency. Just passed it. Please read council item 1402.

**Item 1402.**

**Fish:** Mayor, this was intended to be filed as a consent item. It showed up on the regular agenda. I sent out an e-mail to all my colleagues yesterday, I think, notifying them of this and asking if they had any questions or concerns. I received no comments back. This is for outstanding citizens who serve on our commission whose terms will be extended if the council wishes through june 30th of 2010. On a parallel track, the new housing bureau director, margaret vanvleet is assessing what role.

**Adams:** I'll entertain a motion to accept.

**Leonard:** So moved.

**Fish:** Seconded.

**Adams:** Is there anyone that wishes to testify on this matter?

**Fish:** Is here to answer any questions, but again this is pro forma.

**Adams:** Veronica? Good morning. Welcome back to the city council chambers.

**Veronica Bernier:** We're on a friendly basis as long as she keeps putting out food. [laughter] just a joke. [laughter] your turn. I'll just say something seriously to put this thing down here. You all

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know veronica -- that's me -- from Portland state community health, community health. I've volunteered since 1988, which is a long time. I like the well the housing problem is tracked. From homeless coming to Portland, I can see a really direct change there in the amount of input and data collection and fabrication of new housing that they have done over the years to include minority groups, to include people who are transvest tights, to include gay men that had been abused, to include people coming in from other countries to this country without any money really. Always inclusive. It's like the ellis island of Portland really in a way. When they say give me your tired, your poor, your hungry, they've come to Portland, and this agency has always made a place for them. There's such a nice lady here. Don't you love red-headed people?

**Fish:** We're very fond of that. [laughter]

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. Appreciate it. Karla, can you please call the roll on the motion to accept this report?

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I'm actually glad this was on the regular agenda because it gives us the opportunity, as veronica just did, of the good work the commission does and also to thank these volunteers who put in a lot of good time. There were two folks who were appointed to the parks board on the concept agenda, so I want to highlight that we do appreciate all of the good service and the way that staff and citizens work together. Aye.

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

**Adams:** Aye. 1402 is approved. Please read the title for emergency ordinance council calendar item 1403.

**Item 1403.**

**Adams:** This authorizes me to apply for federal funding on -- to do planning that will allow is to respond to emergencies in a manner that prioritizes the restoration of energy sites. And it is an effort between the city and regional emergency planning jurisdictions. So any questions? Anyone here wish to testify on item number 1403?

**Leonard:** Do you have anything you'd like to add, patty?

**Patty Rueter, Office of Emergency Management:** Patty reuter. I just wanted to clarify that we are asking for \$260,341 instead of \$300,000. We've refined our budget. And also that this project will further unite public utilities and industry with -- and urban environmental planning with the emergency management.

**Adams:** So does that mean I need to amend this? Well, it authorizes only \$300,000.

**Rueter:** 260.

**Adams:** Does it say up to 260? I don't think it says up to 300. It says in the amount of \$300,000. Do we need to amend it?

**Ben Walters, Sr. Deputy City Attorney:** If you would like to, you could amend it or take that the intent is a grant application up to.

**Adams:** Unless there are objections from the council, I take that the amount is as described. All right. Anyone wish to testify on emergency ordinance 1403? Karla, would you please call the vote?

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor Adams, patty reuter, and carmen merlo of the Portland office of emergency management. I want to emphasize that the 2007 critical infrastructure protection plan identified that energy is most important resource infrastructure because everything else depends on it, so it's very important we're doing this, and again thanks to you and mayor Adams for going after more stimulus money from the federal government. Aye.

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

**Adams:** Aye. Please read the title for purchasing report item number 1404.

**Item 1404.**

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**Adams:** Good morning, ms. Moody. Welcome back.

**Christine Moody, Bureau of Purchases:** Thank you. This is a purchasing agent report recommending the low bidder in the amount of \$1,963,045 to more excavation -- moore excavation. They have a 73% participation.

**Adams:** Questions from council?

**Saltzman:** Pretty impressive.

**Adams:** So the total project amount is around 6% mbe, which is pretty decent. Any additional discussion on this from council? Do I have a motion to accept the purchasing report?

**Fritz:** Moved.

**Fish:** Seconded.

**Adams:** Unless someone would like to testify -- seeing none, please call the vote.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Congratulations on being appointed the permanent purchasing agent. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** I also would not congratulate you on becoming chief procurement officer is the official title.

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

**Saltzman:** It sounds pretty highfalutin' to me. Aye.

**Adams:** Well, you need to get your sash from jeff baer.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I'll steal that from him when I see him this afternoon.

**Adams:** It's in a drawer somewhere. Congratulations. Aye. Please read item number 1405.

**Item 1405.**

**Randy Stenquist, Office of Management and Finance:** Randy stenquist. Approval of the ordinance before you will authorize a \$27,500 settlement of a claim against the city from angela kolski who became involved in a sexual relationship with a police officer in 2007. The events surrounding this matter have been detailed in our confidential memo we sent last month. As soon as the police bureau became aware of the allegations of the officer's involvement command and staff investigated to determine whether the officer's actions were unlawful, inappropriate or in violation of police bureau policies. As a result, the officer was initially placed on administrative leave to prevent any further contact with the public and then, approximately eight weeks later, he was indicted on multiple criminal accounts by a grand jury. At his criminal trial in january, 2008, officer jason faulk pled guilty to one count of official misconduct, resigned from the police bureau, and gave up his law enforcement certification. As part of this plea deal, faulk agreed to undergo a debriefing by a Portland area psychologist, by which the bureau hoped to learn more about the underpinnings of his aberrant behavior. The bureau hopes to use this process for pre-employment screening, also performing similar evaluations of officers later in their careers. Officer faulk's actions while in uniform were a clear violation of bureau policy and state law. Risk management worked aggressively with ms. Kolski's attorney to craft the settlement agreement to remove the city from any potential litigation that may arise from these events and limit costs. We're hoping the settlement will provide some degree of closure, and we wish ms. Kolski the best.

**Adams:** Comments from council?

**Saltzman:** On behalf of the police bureau and I think the entire city, we are very sorry for the reprehensible acts of mr. Faulk, and we do extend our sincere appreciation of ms. Kolski our apologies for what happened.

**Adams:** Thank you, commissioner. Anybody signed up to testify?

**Moore-Love:** No one signed up.

**Adams:** Anyone wishes to testify? Good morning, mr. Handelman. Welcome back.

**Dan Handelman:** Good morning. My name is dan handelman. I'm with Portland copwatch. I'm going to read to you a memo that we sent around to all of you and to chief sizer several months ago,



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first just saying that a story broke last week about an officer who had to resign from the force for allegedly having inappropriate contact with prostitutes and other women while on duty and after work. That officer's name is murdock, and he resigned just a few days ago. So that this settlement coming so short on the heels of that announcement brings to light that this is the fifth officer in three years who has left the force because of sexual misconduct. This memo we sent in june said, chief sizer, in light of the recently arrestment of officer wilde for misconduct, we wanted to see where the bureau stands on these issues. Since this is at least the fourth officer after wood, conte, and faulk, the bureau should be looking at gender issues as well as racial profiling. Then we added, number 2, the police who get fired or charged with lying, cheating, sexual misconduct but never excessive force, while millions have been put out since 1993 -- and I list a number of payouts -- no officer has been held accountable for a shooting. The officers who shot two individuals were rehired as well as the shooting of candy james. Please notify of us of any progress on the gender issues and deadly force cases. We have not heard back from the chief about this at all. We did meet with commissioner Saltzman last week and raised question about gender power dynamics, which we think is just as important as the crisis intervention training and racial profiling training and other measures that the chief has taken forward. And we think these gender issues should be addressed through training. The commissioner told us he thought that screening out bad apples, as it were, before they get on the force was the best way to go. But since there's 850 or so men on the police force -- and even women probably could tend to learn something from this kind of training -- we hope this council will consider directing some kind of gender bias training for the police. I would just add, on this particular case, the amount of money seems awfully low for what reads like a rape of a woman who had diminished mental capacity by an on-duty officer, but we understand that she didn't want to have to go through the trauma of going to trial. Thank you for your time.

**Leonard:** Dan, I just have to say -- you recall you and I had discussions a little over a year ago about the contemplation of mayor Adams puts me in charge as the commissioner of police. One thing I was criticized for was giving you the benefit of the doubt. I've never told you before. I thought you came off as balanced and rational and reasonable. I'm really disappointed in what you said here today. It strikes me as you have characterized the police bureau in away where they can never win with you, and I did not think that would be your approach. The result of the misconduct which we are dealing with here, which is what is at issue -- not shootings, not beatings but this issue -- was the man was fired. You, in your own testimony, recognized others had been fired, which tells me that though, as you well know, I don't agree with the police bureau or the chief on a number of issues, they handled these issues appropriately. I'm very disappointed that you sought to cast a wider net, to cast a pall over the bureau and, by reference, commissioner Saltzman. It disappoints me. I'm often moved to vote a way I didn't think I was going to move when you testify. And this didn't help our relationship.

**Handelman:** Commissioner Leonard, i'm not saying that every male officer on the police bureau has sexual misconduct brewing under the surface or that they're somehow misogynistic. I'm saying in a culture where we're steeped in racism, steeped in misogyny and negative portrayal --

**Leonard:** Then you should have said that. Because you did the police bureau a deep injustice with your original testimony.

**Handelman:** I apologize for the misunderstanding. That's what I meant by it, and I hope you'll understand it and I hope you'll agree that there should be some kind of training around that.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony, mr. Handelman. Anybody else wish to testify on this matter? If not --

\*\*\*\*\*: This is kind of a loaded question, but I do have some police experience.

\*\*\*\*\*: Veronica, your first and last name.

**Bernier:** Veronica bernier, I think this is a real hot one. That's what I p.r. Is all about, independent police review. Dr. Mike hessler is a buddy of mine from public health going back 20 years, and we

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saw a lot of stuff with other cities developing over this. Before anybody makes any judgment, of course these things go to review, and it is a real, real big question. Blanket statements are hard once uttered. The words come out and they come back different. But I wanted to say, generally speaking, the Portland police bureau does respond on time. They're good men, all chosen for their qualities. Current police chief roseanne sizer has my full support. She's been a support of battered women in rose haven. All her remarks were appropriate, and I don't believe half of what they say about her out in the field. I think to be the police chief after big city, you have to endure that, and I just take umbrage with everything you hear going back and forth. You can believe 2% of the rumors really that you hear. And even that 2%, about half percent. We always support the officers in blue. That's the first line of defense for the city. So that's my point.

**Adams:** Thank you. Appreciate it. Karla, please call the roll.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I remember that chief sizer wanted to call the racial profiling report to include gender issues as well as racial profiling. I commend her and for commissioner Saltzman taking this issue very seriously. Aye.

**Fish:** I want to say, as someone who used to make -- whose career prior to public service was in bringing sexual harassment claims in civil court, the facts in this case are chilling, and I am -- a comment was made about the size of the settlement, which gives me some satisfaction that justice will be done here. The subject is represented by a good firm, so there's no question in my mind that the plaintiff has adequate council. What I know from my work, though, is no amount of money can actually provide recompense for claims of this sort, but I am encouraged, and I want to just associate myself with commissioner Leonard's remarks with the diligence in which the police bureau directed their attention. There is no place in our police bureau for officers like this. While in uniform, police officers cannot engage in activity sexual or otherwise and should not be in our bureau if they do not comply with that. While I think we all wish that we were not having to vote on a claim of this sort and this had never happened, it did happen. This seems like a reasonable settlement. I vote aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Adams:** I want to thank commissioner Saltzman for his work on this painful issue and add my apology with his to this matter. And I vote aye. 1405 is approved. Please read the title for emergency ordinance 1406.

**Item 1406.**

**Adams:** Commissioner Dan Saltzman?

**Saltzman:** This agreement authorizes the portsmouth force main part of our fine sewage overflow control project to cross property owned by the port of Portland, so this is simply a right-of-way agreement.

**Adams:** Questions from the city council? Anyone wish to testify on emergency ordinance item number 1406? Karla, please call the vote.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I thank patty nelson for her assistance, answering questions in advance for my staff. Aye.

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

**Adams:** Aye. 1406 is approved. Unless there are council objections, I would like to continue, just a heads up for our calendar, 1411 to the following week's agenda of the matter relating to the gateway master street plan.

**Leonard:** Which item?

**Saltzman:** 1411.

**Fish:** That would be the afternoon session.

**Adams:** So you can plan your calendars accordingly.

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**Leonard:** I stayed up late last night reading that, and I am deeply disappointed if I don't have an opportunity to --

**Adams:** Well, ok. The last thing I want --

**Leonard:** If you want to postpone it --

**Adams:** I will get a panel together.

**Fish:** Hearing no objection, it is set over, mayor.

**Leonard:** Once again, i'll defer to your request.

**Adams:** Please read item 1407.

**Item 1407.**

**Adams:** It's a miracle it's only 11:30. Please call the vote.

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

**Adams:** Well, a few things I would not say before I vote. [laughter] and I would say aye. We are adjourned until 2:00 p.m. I'm sorry, recessed until 2:00 p.m.

At 11:25 a.m., Council recessed.

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**Adams:** How was your lunch, Karla? Ok. Please call the roll.

[roll call]

**Adams:** I want to acknowledge Karla and let you know, we shouldn't just -- very nice. Please read the title for the council calendar item for which its sponsor is not yet in the room.

**Items 1408 and 1409.**

**Adams:** I think this relates to, doesn't it chief, to item number 1409 as well. We'll pause for a moment until the sponsor is in the room.

**Leonard:** If I could just have a moment, we have some very special guests here from oldenberg, germany, and it just happens to be a town very close to where my great grandfather immigrated from here in 1881. So i'd like to introduce -- we have three members of the city council, and I'm going to completely mangle their names. My great grandfather will roll over in his grave. We have karl march 10 johnson -- marten, and gerd, and anna lease and wilford, welcome. And christine. And ibw local 48 has sponsored them, and we're fortunate to have them here with us, and I have promised i'm going to return the courtesies to visit them. So welcome. They came all the way to Portland, Oregon, to -- commissioner Saltzman is actually the person you should most meet with. They came to view our sustainability practices, our green building and what Portland is known for, sustainable living. And so commissioner Saltzman is actually the expert on the city council, followed closely by mayor Adams, but commissioner Saltzman has been really the person who has -

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**Fritz:** Did you explain in --

**Fish:** Did you explain while we serve as a functioning legislature, in the hierarchy of things, joes monday is above us and we answer to joe? Did you make that clear?

**Leonard:** That's not in any of the manuals, but I did tell them that george Washington would roll over in his grave if he knew the form of government that we had here that mixed the executive, legislative, and judiciary. So welcome here, and we're happy to host you. If there's anything you need, i'm certain the mayor will clear the path.

**Adams:** And i'll begin right now because of your association with joe and to a much wirelesser degree commissioner Leonard, during your stay in Portland, just tell him the mayor said you don't have to pay a sales tax. Keep it to yourselves, will you? Commissioner Leonard.

**Leonard:** Thank you. It's kind of an unfortunate segue, but it's one i'm charged to make nonetheless. May 22nd, 2009, is a date i'll never forget. And may 22nd, 2009, was the date commissioner Fish and I threw the switch to turn on the new neon rose over what will be the new headquarters for the rose festival association. And I have to tell you it remains one of my most poignant evenings of my life, to actually stand in one spot with the mayor and commissioner Fish, and -- dan, were you -- it was amanda's anniversary, so she was out of town. With the mayor and commissioner Fish and I unveiling this renovated building with the brand-new beautiful rose symbolizing from here forth our wonderful rose festival association, only to be topped, only to be topped by my favorite musical performer, curtis salgado, who gave a performance that night that

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many said was a virtuoso performance. The reason that date will never leave me from that day on is an innocent that the fire chief and I will never forget that occurred shortly after midnight.

Approximately 1:15 am, for a reason known only to the mother and god, this woman pulled into the middle of the Sellwood bridge, some 100 feet plus above the water, and brought her two young children out and threw them over the side of the bridge. They fell into the water and residents immediately began calling 9-1-1 on both sides of the river. Having heard screams from the top of the bridge from children, and then hearing screams in the water, moving, at night. They couldn't figure out, were they cries from a child on the banks of the river, or could it even be there was some kind of boating accident in the river? The reason I know that, I listen to the 9-1-1 tapes, as has chief Columbia. -- Clum. And chief Clum and I entered the fire service almost the identical date. And I don't know about him, but in my career at the Portland fire bureau, I saw some pretty horrific things. I've never seen or heard anything that chilled me so much as those tapes. Of the little girl screaming in the background, "mommy, please don't, mommy, please don't." and we could hear that on the tapes. She was in this cold, dark river in the middle of the night, screaming for help, 8 years old, holding her little brother up, trying to keep him alive at the same time -- for, 30 minutes, John?

**John Klum, Fire Bureau:** Yes.

**Leonard:** 30 minutes as the fire boat was dispatched from front avenue, the David Campbell, a beautiful fire boat, but it is a fire boat, and it was designed to put out great volumes of water for great fires that are on the waterfront, not to respond quickly. It took the David Campbell over 40 minutes to arrive on the scene. And after this incident was over, John and I had very, very similar reactions. And sat down and had discussions that were very similar from very similar places. We never want to have circumstances exist again that could allow such a horrific thing to happen. But I want to assure the council this isn't just a reaction to an incident. This is a reaction to a number of incidents, most of which we don't read about or hear about, or get the kind of publicity that this incident did. We have incidents of cars going into the river, with people in the cars. We have incidents of people falling in, being shoved in. Or jumping into the river that require prolonged too long responses by our excellent men and women at the fire bureau who are as frustrated as John and I are about the location of the existing fire boat and the slowness of it. So we sat and talked about what could we do, in the middle of a recession, when resources are tighter than they've ever been, what could we do in the middle of a recession when we had a need we need to fill, and we had little money to pay for it? So John developed a plan, and the plan is basically this. We will use the existing resources within the fire bureau to reopen what had heretofore been a closed fire station on the east side of the Hawthorne bridge that interestingly used to have a fire boat located at it until the '90s, when it closed. We'll commit to the ongoing resources required to staff that station from existing resources. If the council will help us by purchasing a rescue boat. A specific rescue boat that was -- that is designed not as a fire boat, which has to be heavy, which has to be by definition a piece of apparatus that is capable of discharging thousands of gallons of water a minute, which requires that it be very stable and thus slow and lumbering. But rather a rescue boat that is designed to carry as much equipment as one needs in a rescue, for instance, land-based four-wheel-drive units to get to Ross Island as a potential use, large enough to carry the four-person crew and the dive team and police officers large enough to carry all of them and rescue whatever victims there are in the river and get them on the craft safely. So this boat has been designed to accomplish all of those needs. Of course the trick is to pay for it. So I'm coming to the council, asking the council consider providing protections for our citizens 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, that's my commitment. That's John's commitment. From now on if you'll help us in the purchase of this rescue craft that will bring to Portland finally a piece of equipment that we've needed for a long time. And only because of the tragedy of the incident in the early morning hours of May 23rd did it become prominent enough for the chief and I to sit down and decide we never got to revisit this

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issue again. So chief Klum has a presentation to make, specific to this request, and the show is yours, chief.

**Klum:** Thank you, commissioner. Mayor, commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to be before you today. As commissioner said, as a result of the Sellwood bridge incident that we conducted internal rescue boat needs assessment, as a result of that, basically looking at what we have learned from this particular incident and what was very apparent to me early on is that differences between our marine program, primarily our fire boat response and their capabilities and functionality, and also what the functionality and capabilities are of a rescue boat. And first I'd like to start out with a little bit, when police called for marine response early on May 23rd, that initiated response for Portland fire and rescue through dispatch of a land-based company, which was station 20 situated on 22nd and Southeast Bybee, and fire boat six, which is station the at Northwest Front Avenue, which is approximately a mile downstream from the Fremont bridge. At that particular time, both companies rolled, the land-based company was on scene in the Oaks Park area within five minutes. But as commissioner Leonard said, it took 42 minutes and actually required a request for a bridge opening on the steel bridge because of the high floats at that particular day in May that even further delayed that response. Subsequently we did time trials from the decommissioned station at the east end of the Hawthorne bridge, and with rescue boat 17, which we have on the Columbia River side to basically address the need for the boat, fire boat bus, which is a large 40-foot-plus class heavyweight boat, primarily stationed on the Portland harbor side because that's where the majority of the floating properties for the fire suppression that we need, and because of the slow wake, no wake speed to prevent damage to the infrastructure along the waterfront. It was excessive response times out into the Columbia proper. That kind of dovetailed into our response plan for -- to assist support in case we have an airplane that lands in the river and so forth for rescue needs. So we ran time trials with rescue boat 17, which is the same class of rescue boat that will get in a little further detail on the specifications. And in contrast to the 42 minutes it took the fire boat to get to the Sellwood bridge area, they were able to make it up there in five minutes and 37 seconds. And that is a simulated response from inside the engine house down the walkway, getting the boat underway, and actually getting into that area. If they were on the river itself, that response time would be further reduced by another minute. So it's -- it was pretty obvious to us about what the capabilities of having a fast boat that we don't have to worry about damaging wakes would do. So I'd like to, again, kind of show you the difference about what we all learned through these processes. If the fire boats have a -- our ability to protect our waterfront. We have approximately 54 miles of waterfront when you combine the Willamette, Columbia, and Multnomah channel. That the fire boat t. Two primary in-selves fire boats protect. We have fire boat bus, which is on Hayden Island, and fire boat Williams, which is located at station six along with the reserve boat David Campbell. They are very large boats, they are capable of producing large volumes of water. The David Campbell can pump 14,000 gallons per minute and actually is built into our response plan for emergency water supplies in the event we have a significant earthquake to provide water for fire suppression into the downtown lower central east side. But with that comes 87 feet and about 80 tons worth of mass that can only go top speed of 12 miles per hour. And at 12 miles per hour puts out a damaging wake to where it would actually destroy moorages and houseboats, causing significant damage. But the fire boats are also different. They basically can do everything a rescue boat does, but they do it a lot slower. They respond to the fires, vehicles in the river, but it's more for a more prolonged type of operation, because usually it's after the fact when we have people in distress, people falling into the river, boating accidents, and so forth. Marine emergencies are especially trained for those also. There's a picture of the fire boat Williams, you can see in scale about the size and the type of particular fire boat. And our protocol is that they have to slow down to the 5 mile-an-hour no-wake speed because of the potential claims -- the history of claims we've actually seen as a result. There's certain instances to where we allow them to go faster, but a rescue boat really makes a lot more

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sense. Portland fire and rescue's marine program also has two rescue crafts. These rescue crafts were donated by agencies and citizens of Portland. Our first rescue craft came as a result of an incident we had on Morrison bridge where a lady drove her car off the bridge. It was a successful rescue from the personnel. At the time all they had was a rescue swimmer that physically went out and saved the lady. As a result of that and community support, we were able to get our first rescue craft. Just last year we got our second rescue craft donated to us. These crafts have been in service approximately three years, and we have 30 documented saves to our -- the person would have perished if the rescue crafts weren't there. But with that said, they're a valuable tool, they allow for operator and rescue swimmer, but they also have significant limitations. Primarily that is that they're not a 24/7 type of piece of equipment. On optimal conditions with low river levels, slow current, lack of debris, and good daylight, whether it's during the day or moon lit night, the rescue crafts are capable of doing great things. But times during high flows, high debris flow, it's extremely dangerous for the crews because they have limited lighting, they're relatively small, if they hit a log in the river they jeopardize the crew. So they do not provide the 24/7 response. So it leads us to the difference in what a rescue boat is. Picture before you is rescue boat 17. What we're proposing is a similar bought, it's approximately in the 30-foot class. They're relatively stable invests, they have a top speed of 40 miles an hour, and the unique thing is they're able to achieve that 40 miles an hour in relatively short time with a minimal wake. Rescue boat 17 at full claim kicks off about a four-inch wake. So they're able to get up to top speed fast and make some time up there. They're the ideal craft for people that are in distress or drowning in the river. The majority of our drownings are in the downtown Portland area. I would say from the Sellwood bridge down to the Fremont bridge. The majority of the people in distress for calls occur. Also a rescue boat would provide for that 24/7, 365-day response because of its stability, its ability to handle heavy water, and debris, and also with the navigational tools that you can incorporate it on, and they'll get a little more detail here in a second. Portland fire and rescue is still in communication with the Multnomah county sheriff's office. We feel there's an opportunity for enhanced partnerships, cooperation, we discussed possibilities of cost sharing, possibly borrowing a boat from them during the interim it takes to manufacture a rescue boat if we're successful with securing the funding. -- funding. But there's also opportunities where they're -- they have their personnel do an education enforcement in the same stretch of river. So we're still pursuing opportunities with that. The staffing component as commissioner Leonard stated earlier is that currently we have two of the three companies from station one located at this particular site during the general obligation months -- they upgraded their facilities at Ash, that is just nearing completion with tentative move date for the administrative component mid November and in the station itself, probably the middle of December. So at that particular time the engine and truck company will go back and provide direct service delivery to their normal fire management area and squad one, which is the heavy rescue and part of the technical rescue team, would be the four-person crew that would be staffing the rescue boat on a 24-hour basis. All 12 members of the station one will be trained to the department of public safety standards and training rescue boat certification to where we get that flexibility and that redundancy and personnel to where we don't get staffing challenges and also it's good for the members to rotate, to familiarize, it gives us more depth as far as having people certified and qualified and trained for the boats. The captain of station is yet to be named. We're going to call it -- a number yet to be determined. They also will be charged with developing and establishing and managing the rescue boat program for -- right from the ground up. The cost estimates for a new rescue craft, this is based upon the manufacturer who built rescue boat 17, so it's 265,000 for the basic hull you see there in front of you, the motor plants are motors, the equipment would be 60,000, electronic navigational equipment 20,000, and the unique piece of equipment is forward-looking father's day - - infrared radar. The demonstrations will show that in the dark night, zero visibility, 100% fog, can't see inches in front of you, it will pick up a duck swimming on the river 20 feet in front of the

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boat. Anything that emits heat, especially a nighttime operation, will be a tremendous tool for us to be able to find the person in the water and extricate them rapidly. And 4,000 for the anticorrosion. So the total estimate is \$365,000 for the boat, with the projected delivery of eight months if we go through an rfp process, which would be four months and then four months for the actual manufacturing of the boat. The other component before you today is obtain an accurate cost estimate in regards to doing a site specific geotech survey and seismic analysis of fire station on the east end of the bridge. Since it was a decommissioned station, it wasn't included in the fire bond project, which is nearing an end. We have station one, station 31, which is our partner station with Gresham, and Portland, and station 18 in southwest left and the bond is actually closed out. So we need to find out what we need to do for the seismic upgrades of that facility, in order to do so, am site visit to analyze the structure, look at the previous geo tech information, do gravity and lateral load analysis, and come up with a recommendation for the seismic upgrades and the scope of work to where we can base hard cost analysis of that. Based upon history of the other bond projects, it would be -- it would be a guess of what it would take to bring that facility up. So this particular part of the funding request would allow us to shore up and have a high level of confidence in those numbers going forward. So that we could craft language for grant submittals and so forth for funding options. A breakdown of those, the geo tech estimate is estimated 20,000, architectural for -- cost estimate is 5,000 with a total of 35,000. And we could get that completed within 45 to 60 days. So today I'm asking for your consideration in support of the resolution that's coming before you today, and what we're requesting is allowing \$200,000 in the fall bump with another additional 200,000 considered next year's budget to finish funding the purchase of the rescue boat and finish up the seismic assessment. And in closing, I think this has been -- in the 32 years I've been in Portland fire and rescue, I think that as commissioner Leonard said, I could think about four or five significant events that have occurred in the course of that career, and those are situations and incidents that never go away. And as a result, if there's anything positive that comes out of an extremely negative experience would be the enhancement of our capabilities to protect the citizens with a rescue boat with this station on the east side of the Hawthorne bridge. And I'm available to answer any questions.

**Leonard:** Thank you.

**Saltzman:** How many rescues versus recoveries have there been since May 23rd south of the Hawthorne bridge by fire?

**Klum:** I would have to look.

**Leonard:** There's been a number, because I asked the question, and I'm thinking six.

**Klum:** I would just be --

**Saltzman:** Fewer than 10 it sounds like.

**Leonard:** Fewer than 10.

**Saltzman:** I guess the other thing I wanted to ask, it seems to me -- I appreciate the passion behind this request, but I also know our general fund is strapped, and every dollar that we're putting into the fire boat is a dollar we can't put into the youth conservation corps or some other general fund program. So voters approved a bond measure in 1998 for fire safety, seismic upgrades, under measure 50 boats are considered capital facilities eligible for bond expenditures, and we presently have about \$9.8 million of balance in the bond fund which according to my estimates, generates 150,000 a year in interest. Given the strapped general fund, given almost 10 million dollars in the bond fund, why not pay for this out of the bond fund?

**Klum:** My last briefing on the bond fund was -- the information I received was far tighter than that. We had just recently requested throughout assistance of firefighter grant to help offset the cost of station 31, which we found out we're unsuccessful. With the latest numbers that -- we have approximately 3 million in the bond left for station 31 with 2 million for station 18. The apparatus that were purchased for the new fire stations, they were actually earmarked and allocated at the time



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that the bond was put together to where we could purchase fire engines for station 12, station 16, and station 27 f the line item in the bond budget for the apparatus has been spent.

**Saltzman:** The commitment made to voters in 1998 when they passed this was this money would be spent in 10 years. We're now at that 10th year. 1999, 2009, I think you're talking about long-term things, and like I said, we're generating interest on 9.8 million that 142,000 a year, at least. It's probably been better when the interest rates are higher. So I guess I return to my fundamental philosophical question, this seems like an expenditure that's an easier hit on the city to be made out of the bond proceeds at this point in time than it is to be made out of the general fund. And so I guess that's ultimately where I would go with this. I can't support this coming out of contingency. I don't think this is a high-priority emergency request. I think this is an important issue, I understand the emotion behind it, but I don't see -- I guess I was expecting some sort of data to sort of better bolster the need for this, and I guess it was a traumatic event on may 23rd, but sounds like since that time there's been fewer than 10 rescue as opposed to recovery operations. So for \$400,000, if you want to get me to support it, it's got to come out of the bond proceeds. If you get down the road in budget time when we're weighing all the other general fund requests and you come back to us and say, it won't work out of the bond proceeds, then let us consider it as a full council, weighing all the other considerations for general fund dollars at that budget process. I guess that's where I see things should fall. The best way to pay for this if we're going to do it.

**Leonard:** Let me restate what the chief's response was, including his presentation. He documented that there had been over 30 rescues by the small craft that we do not allow to go at night. We do not allow to go in certain river conditions. So the conditions under which the current rescue craft which have been documented to save over 30 lives are not allowed to go out. Thus there are people stranded in the river that are not available to be rescued currently stranded or struggling to stay alive that don't live because they don't respond under certain conditions. Two, I think the number is six since may 23rd the newport of rescues that have happened in the area that you've identified. Maybe 10 is the magical number for you where you think it might be worth spending general fund money to make this kind of expenditure. To me, one is too many. This is not an emotional request. Every fire code that you will find in title 31 or the uniform fire code, or the building code is only written after a tragedy. So one could argue that fire sprinklers are the result of an emotional reaction to people being caught in a building. One could argue that panic hard ware on doors that allows people to hit a door and have it open out rather than open in as a result of emotion -- as a result of people being trapped in a building on fire. We're illustrating for transparency sake what brought this to our attention. What brought this -- i'm not done. I'm not done. I listened to you. I'm not done. We brought what we -- we had an instance that allowed us to sit down and accumulate a number of pieces of data, all of which was presented here today. All of which was presented here today as to the need. Second piece is to the bond data. What the chief just said, those dollars are committed to retrofitting existing fire stations and as I understand the numbers, he's not sure if he has enough money to do what it was he promised to do in the first place when we went to the voters. And i'll let him speak for himself, but in my briefings that's what i've been told. I've gone to omf, asked if -- is there a possible way to provide this funding that doesn't unduly hit the general fund, I was told yes. This comes out of the reserves. The mayor asked this of me early on. You got it, look at me and tell me you're not going to commit any ongoing -- new ongoing resources to this. We cannot do that. I made that promise to the mayor. The part i'm not talking about is the discussion i've had with the personnel at squad one, discussions the fire chief has had with the personnel there, the union, discussions i've had with the bolt pilots, the chiefs had with the boat pilots, about compensation, upset to be split from the main station, all of which we have carefully worked through in detail to present you a package that is merely a request for what I think is an insignificant amount of money for the benefit that the citizens of Portland will get 24 hours a

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day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For that money, what you get is a brand-new level of service that cannot be compared to. Otherwise I wouldn't have brought it here.

**Saltzman:** I think bond proceeds can be used for this, this point in time, I think bond proceeds are more important -- more available than general fund dollars. And I think that's how the council should make this cam. I guess I would ask also, what is the manner and form of a guarantee this won't cost more ongoing resources? Is there premium pay involved? How do we know in a future budget we're not going to be asked to hire more people for this? What's the form of the guarantee that we won't see additional ongoing requests? Is it your commitment to the mayor?

**Leonard:** You're asking and answering your own questions. If you want to ask me a question, ask me a question.

**Saltzman:** Is that the form of the guarantee?

**Leonard:** What I have proposed before the council is what I think is a balanced, thoughtful approach to address a critical safety need that includes taking existing resources and reassigning them in a way that maintains the same level of service that is currently provided, just taking a squad that is in one place and put can it in another place that we already own, that will cross staff, the rescue boat at no additional expense. We're not going to pay pilot's pay, we may have to pay premium pay. That I don't know. But I can't promise you that. The union has asked for pilot's pay, which is 15%. We have not just said no, we've given a rational reason for no. There's a tonnage -- minimum tonnage that pilots are required by the coast guard to have a license to navigate. This does not fall on that definition, so we're comfortable no means no. We may on our own volition decide because of the response, we may end up in negotiations agreeing to bring in negotiations. But it will be a minimal amount of money if we agree to that, compared to the investment which is an investment of \$400,000 to purchase this boat and provide a level of service with existing staffing. Are you asking i'm going to promise i'll never ask for another fire engine? No, i'm not going to promise that. Are you going to promise you're not going to ask another cop to work in the city?

**Saltzman:** I think you said you'd operate this within existing resources --

**Leonard:** That's what you're voting on. You're voting today on a proposal with my promise to staff it with existing resources. You're not going to get me to promise not to ask for new firefighters in the future.

**Adams:** Commissioner Fish?

**Fish:** Thank you for an excellent presentation, chief. I think I understand everything you said. There's just one piece I guess I would ask you for some clarification. Currently the hawtsz station, as I recall, it's actually there's some folks there now who were redeployed from station one. Is that correct?

**Klum:** Correct.

**Fish:** And they're waiting the station one completion, and they'll be retasked.

**Klum:** Yes.

**Fish:** So the information about the cost estimates for the seismic upgrade and all this stuff, to operate that particular station you have to do all the seismic work, is that right?

**Klum:** We're currently in there when it hasn't been seismically upgraded. It wasn't in the scope of the bond from 1998. It's separate. The intent of trying to get all our facilities up to essential facilities -- .

**Fish:** The ask before us is the 400,000 and two installments to purchase the vessel, correct?

**Klum:** The vessel and the site-specific geo tech assessment.

**Fish:** Once you get an accurate cost assessment on what it would require to bring the station up, how would we tend to pay for that?

**Fish:** -- through the state is offering seismic grant opportunities of 1.5 million. So we're going to write a grant associated with -- is it your current intention not to ask the council to cover that cost?

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**Klum:** Correct.

**Fish:** So what's before us is that two installments on the boat.

**Klum:** Yes.

**Fish:** I get that. Thank you very much.

**Saltzman:** What happens if you don't get the grant?

**Adams:** Commissioner Fritz first.

**Fritz:** I think commissioner Leonard you laid out very clearly the need for this boat. And we should be prioritizing public safety with our general fund dollars. And I think that commissioner Saltzman made an interesting question about the bond money, and it would be helpful to me to get more information on the amount that was -- what was promised, what was spent, what's left. I know in my neighborhood station 18, originally was going to be a whole new station, and now it's going to be just seismic upgrades. So I don't know what the cost differential is, the land that was purchased for the new station, what is happening with that. I think -- i'd like more information on whether there's any capacity in the bond to pay for this needed service. The other question I have is that in the budget we did this year, we considered closing a fire station, right? And then this one would actually be opening an additional fire station?

**Leonard:** With existing resources.

**Fritz:** With the four firefighters stationed at the hawthorne, would they be four left then at station one?

**Leonard:** Yes. It would come from station one.

**Fritz:** So station one would have fewer people physically there. How would that affect operations of station one?

**Leonard:** It does not. The squad is a unique piece of apparatus in that it has its response area is the entire city versus engines and trucks, which is a fire management zone designation. The squad is a special piece of equipment that respond to all airport emergencies, that respond to all hospital alarms, all hospital alarms in the city, it respond automatically to all second alarms, the only apparatus that does that. There's probably the least site specific piece of apparatus, it is the least site specific piece of apparatus that the Portland fire bureau has in that it's so specialized, it does high-angle rescues on rocky butte or anywhere the wild things are anybody is trapped. It has this special mission that lends itself to being at another location. Albeit it needs to be closer to downtown because they respond to all first alarm assignments downtown. On the east end of the hawthorne bridge, it allows it to do that.

**Fritz:** So there's a particular -- you know this backwards and front. There's a particular piece of land-based equipment that is staffed by four people that can just as easily sit at the hawthorne bridge as station one --

**Leonard:** More so than a truck or engine, which have to be in a certain geographic area in order to meet minimum response times, because the engine has the water and the trucks have the ladders and they have to be in a certain place or close to that in order to meet -- the squad sun like any other piece of apparatus in the fire bureau in that it doesn't do necessarily what engines and trucks do, it does those things plus a lot of others.

**Adams:** It's the only one of its kind in the city?

**Leonard:** The only one of its kind in the city.

**Fritz:** How many officers per shift in station one?

**Leonard:** We call them firefighters, not officers. And then the officers are actually the supervisors of them. So there are currently 12 per shift. There would be with this proposal, eight left at station one because four of them would move to this station.

**Fritz:** And under the current operation, are they all 12 at hawthorne --

**Leonard:** Eight are at hawthorne, and because the hawthorne bridge only allows for an engine and truck, the squad is at southeast 13th and powell.

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**Fritz:** Is there ever a time all 12 need to go to the same location?

**Leonard:** They do all the time. But they can be out at the store. They get a response I have a the radio and they all head to the same address. It doesn't make any difference in terms of you if you call for the Portland fire bureau, where they came from, as long as they're there. When you call.

**Fritz:** In terms of staffing, I defer to your experience and it sounds like you've already figured all that out.

**Fish:** May I ask one question that relates to your question? Randy, we've heard in a different context which is emergency management the challenges of what would happen if we had a serious, let's say an earthquake or something, and the bridges were down. And we could not move equipment. I'm just -- it's prompted by what amanda was asking, may or may not be relevant, but is there, independent of the reason we're taking this up, is there a benefit to having this squad on the other side of the river closer to our population, etc., than on the west side? Is there independently a benefit from having this squad located on the other side of the river?

**Leonard:** I think it's 6-1 and half a dozen of the other. We have high-rises in downtown Portland that depend on the staffing of the squad to provide the minimum number of people you need to get into a building to deal with high-rise fires. We do vn airport on the east side and denser areas on the east side that require -- which is why they automatically respond to certain dsht only company in the city that respond automatically to certain alarms all over the city. It's really a floating pool of staff that goes to the most critical needed areas of the city for the most unique kinds of things.

**Adams:** They already go to the scene in their own equipment.

**Leonard:** That's right.

**Adams:** They're not on a fire truck?

**Leonard:** They're on a squad that has a unique piece of equipment.

**Fish:** I remember the chief showed me that equipment. The heavy rig. The other question I want to pose is if you are staffing the hawthorne station with a smaller compliment of firefighters, in this case four, does that mean you need the entire space? And/or is there an opportunity to use any portion of the space for some other purpose, or at least have that as something we can discuss at some future date?

**Adams:** We talked about part of what the review will include as the potential for a cotenancy of a private or nonprofit cotenancy in the area that will help to activate that node on the east side esplanade, which has been part of our vision all along.

**Fish:** Before the fire bureau was stolen from me by commissioner Leonard, I remember, chief, we had conversations about activating that site, possibly having a restaurant, or something else that created a -- some activity there. So I think the extent to which there's still that option with the surplus space is attractive and the might help us cross subsidize some of the -- .

**Fritz:** You have answered my questions in terms of staffing and ongoing costs. You've obviously thought it through, I can see why it wouldn't cost any more in staffing. So the ongoing cost would be keeping the station open once it's been retrofitted, question think we can get the money for retrofitting.

**Leonard:** The fire bureau actually staffs it anyway. So it wouldn't be any extra cost.

**Fritz:** That takes care of that part of my concern. Returning to how to pay for it. We started in july with 2.25 million dollars in reserve. And we've already committed over a million dollars, and we're only a little bit into october. So we've spent almost half of what we have in reserve for this year and we have another nine months to go. So if there's a possibility to defer action to get more information about the bond measure to see if there's any possibility of taking even a part of it out of there, if we're down to \$200,000 in this year, is there anything in that bond measure that could be used for this capital expense?

**Leonard:** I'm happy to get that you information. What i'm trying to relay to you is the briefings the chief has had and what he's saying very politely, that i'm maybe a little less polite in saying, is that

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the money that they have left in the bond, the reason station 18 isn't being replaced, they did not have enough money left to replace it. So they had to settle to remodel it. The reason they're not doing some of what they wanted to do, some of the other capital projects, they don't have enough money. So I will just to address commissioner Saltzman's concerns directly, and your question, there's not enough money to do the things we want to do. We cannot take any of the money out to do anything else.

**Fish:** And you have --

**Fritz:** You have gone through every line item --

**Leonard:** I v I looked at that first. That's the obvious place we would look, how could I avoid having this conversation because I knew this was coming, and I looked for every possible way other than this conversation.

**Fritz:** It would be helpful for me to have that information.

**Leonard:** We can get that to you, but we need to pass this, because I need to set the direction to have this boat start to be constructed, and i've done my due diligence, and i'm comfortable that we're doing what we need to do on the time frame we're doing it. I'm happy to get you that information, but I can't defer this vote today.

**Fritz:** Not even for a week?

**Leonard:** No.

**Adams:** Additional discussion?

**Fritz:** You're asking me to vote on something where I don't feel I have all the information.

**Leonard:** It's been on the calendar for -- since friday, and as you know, we're happy to supply you with answers to any questions you have. I'm committing to you that I will get you whatever information you want if you will defer to our judgment that we've asked and had those questions answered. I'm happy to follow that up with you. But this is a need that we have identified, and we're trying to proceed cautiously, but focused on getting this craft in service as soon as possible. And I have moved heaven and earth to be quite frank, to get the firefighters on board with this restaffing configuration. They are not -- they're not rejoicing certainly the squad is not rejoicing at the prospect of this plan, but they understand what it is the chief and I are trying to accomplish, and further delays are not in the best interest of the city.

**Adams:** Additional discussion from council?

**Saltzman:** You mentioned grants as a source of renovating this fire station. The total grant amount available is a million and a half dollars statewide?

**Klum:** That's the state of Oregon, a \$1.5 million cap per award. And -- then I heard yesterday that around -- this is firefighter grants for station construction and renovation, is underway through the stimulus package. So there's some grant opportunities to become available that we would look at first. And i'd like --

**Fish:** Why --

**Saltzman:** Why wouldn't we pursue the same grant opportunities for station 18, station one --

**Klum:** We did. We weren't successful. The only department in Oregon was the city of newberg that was granted \$765,000 out of this last \$212 million of the firefighter grant for fire station construction. That just happened last week.

**Saltzman:** It seems to me at least the 35,000 or so for the seismic-related professional services is certainly bond eligible. The bond measure in part was a large part about the seismic issues.

**Klum:** It was, but again, since that was a decommissioned statement, it wasn't in the original language of the bond for the seismic upgrades. So it was separate from the bond because we didn't have any intentions at that time to reactivate that station. And i'd like to just kind of follow up just a statement that you mentioned that there's nine plus million left in the bond. That may be true, but it also may be 4 million might be for the closeout of fire station one, which is yet to be completed.

And I know for a fact that when we -- we went through --

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**Saltzman:** You mean the remodeling?

**Klum:** Yeah. So i'm relatively confident that working with omf facilities and the individuals and the project managers where we look -- and aaron beck from omf if financial person that we rely heavily on, and the information that we've relayed to the general bond oversight committee is that part of that assessment of closeout of the bond and the decision not to relocate station 18 with the need to replace station 31, i'm confident that their numbers 5 million left on the bond are accurate. Which is going to be as commissioner Leonard said, it's going to be tight. I think the only thing going in our favor now is the downturn of the economy where we're getting more favorable bids.

**Saltzman:** Going back to the commitment the city made in 1998, that this money would be spent in 10 years, it doesn't sound like this money -- this 9.8 is going to be spent within 10 years. This is an expenditure we could make right now from the bond fund that would go towards fulfilling that commitment the city made to voters.

**Klum:** Again, the 10 years, the information that I received from omf is that there's no requirement to close out the bond in that 10 years, that that was a goal. But the amount of money in the bond was established in finite, and the key was not to issue the bonds too early that were in queue for the actual construction project.

**Adams:** I'd like to share my thoughts. I'm supporting this and i'm supporting the vote today for a couple reasons. One, we have the ability over the next 12 to 18 months to manage this issue in comparison and evaluating it against all other issues as the -- we gear up for the next fiscal year's budget. And we still have the option to manage this appropriately when we have -- when it is the time of our overall annual management of the budget for that to occur. I think that this definitely counts as eligible for the fund from which it is proposed to come. And I agree with commissioner Leonard in that this particular incident point out the fact that we have tens of thousands of people in the proximity of the river downtown that are newly approximate to the river downtown, thanks to the opening of the east side esplanade, the widening of the sidewalks, and bridge walks on -- going on one on the morrison right now, the hawthorne is being completed, we are successfully getting Portlanders to spend more time on and near the river. That was not the case when this station was decommissioned. Just the opposite had been happening. I think as commissioner Fritz talked about, public safety is our most sacred responsibility as a city council. And that given the change in conditions, moving quickly to address this now, and get the construction of the boat started and the procurement of the boat started, is paramount in terms of my concerns. I trust that we will figure out the ultimate financing and fiscal issues on the facility, which I can guess will be challenging, and we even have options ahead of us on how we pay for the second installment of the two installments on this boat. The fact that commissioner Leonard and the police bureau have figured out how to do this without significant increases in operating costs is a rare accomplishment in our overall efforts to manage the city. And I think their creativity and the willingness to be inventive should be rewarded.

**Fish:** Would I call the question.

**Adams:** Is there any discussion that hasn't been made thus far? Is there anyone who wishes to testify on items 1408 or 1409? Karla, please call the vote.

**Moore-Love:** 1408.

**Leonard:** I feel compelled to say a couple things in response to --

**Fish:** Are we accepting the report and then -- 08 is accepting the report --

**Adams:** I apologize. I mis-- I would accept a motion to accept the report.

**Fish:** Motion.

**Leonard:** Second.

**Adams:** It's been moved and seconded to accept the report. Please call the roll.

**Leonard:** So I want to speak to this one item and then just vote on the other one. I feel compelled to make sure that I am not misunderstood in how I framed the issue. I didn't react well when I heard

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the words we were emotionally responding to an incident by building this boat. There is no fire code in the united states of america or in europe that isn't in writing as a result of a tragedy that occurred that points out the potential for more people to be lost if it isn't addressed. This incident, while horrific, did not justify me coming to the fire chief working with the firefighters, coming to the mayor, and ultimately asking for expenditure. That would be an emotional decision. But it did cause for us to sit down and rationally assess the number of rescue incidents that occur on the river, and what we discovered was from the mouths of the firefighters that work on the river, they find it exceedingly frustrating. I didn't get into the emotional reaction these responding firefighters had on the early morning hours of may 22nd, may 23rd, which I will tell you was devastating. They were devastated, knowing what they had to get to, and how slow they were getting there. And what they reported to me personally is their frustration in having more and more incidents occur such as the one they responded to and less and less charge fires, yet they're in an industrial part of the city with their fire boat having to respond consistently to the core of the downtown area on a fire boat they know is not fast enough to get there to make a difference. Very frustrating. People that work in our fire stations, colleagues, are people who are by and large type a personalities. You might have guessed by now in working with me. They like to get things done. They do not like to sit and wait or they do not like to go slow when they know somebody is in distress. They want to get there and help. And the frustration that I feel here today is if this is being characterized as some emotional reaction to an incident, that's false. Or at least misleading. This point out a hole in the system that we can repair. I got the mayor's instructions when he said to me, do not bring a solution that has ongoing costs. What we brought was a exclusion consistent with the mayor's direction, with what I think the council has said is its highest priority, and that is protecting the public first. This does that, and in a creative way. I want to thank the fire chief for his outstanding work in bringing this proposal today. I pushed him a lot. And he brought a lot of different things. We had hard conversations. I pushed the firefighters a lot, and we had a lot much conversations that we had really tough discussions around, including me going there one night for three hours and getting barraged, and I had -- and I wanted them to do it. And we talked it out. And I think they're at the place where they understand why we're doing this. I'm asking for your support, not for me, not for the fire bureau, but let these folks do their job. Given the -- give them the equipment they need to do their job. I appreciate more than I can say the service of the men and women that make up the Portland fire bureau. Way more than I used to when I worked there. From a far I appreciate it more than I ever did as a member. So thank you, chief, for your work. Thank of course all the men and women that have helped bring this together. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioner Leonard, for your lead on this. Am I correct in thinking that the rescue boat 17 is the shirley anne?

**Leonard:** That's a separate boat. It's a smaller craft. Rescue boat.

**Fritz:** Ok. I apologize by asking a question in the middle of my vote. It's another rescue craft --

**Adams:** Outrageous.

**Fritz:** Stop it.

**Adams:** Next time --

**Fritz:** As I was saying, that the shirley anne is a rescue craft which was funded by the community after a tragedy, and it's important when we do find things we can do better to do them better. I do appreciate commissioner Saltzman's questions about how to pay for this. And I would like the additional information from the bond measure, I know you know it, but I don't have that information, and i'd like to have that, and of course if there's any concerns i'd bring them directly to you. But I think this is a high priority. There are more people on the river as the mayor was saying, and we do need to make sure that we take care of people wherever they are, and however they need to be taken care of. I appreciate the discussion because it's helped me understand why there

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wouldn't be increased manpower and womanpower costs ongoing, and how you're proposing to fund the upgrades to the station. This has been very, very helpful. Thank you. Aye.

**Fish:** So what I've learned in my 15 months is on some issues you have to have some basic protocols you follow to help make decisions. Not every issue has the same weight, and not every issue do I feel qualified to second guess the judgment of others who we've asked to make the recommendations. So we have to have some framework. So I have two guiding principles in this area. One is that I am grateful for the commissioners in charge, my colleagues who have taken responsibility for public safety bureaus, and they are not a little the easiest bureaus to lead. And I am generally inclined to defer to them on recommendations involving public safety, particularly where they have consulted with the chief or the -- whoever is at the head of the organization, in this case chief Klum, and that person being a public safety professional with a lifetime of work backing them up. So if there's an area where I am inclined to give deference, it is where a colleague who is in charge of a public safety bureau makes a reasonable recommendation, it's backed up by the support much the chief of the organization, who after all is a public safety professional chosen to lead the organization, and I'm very reluctant to step in and second guess those judgments because I don't have the life experience or the background or the training to do so. Now, there's all kinds of questions I can ask, and if it doesn't pass my smell test I'm not afraid to state my objection. But that's my basic framework for an issue like this. The second principle is as commissioner Fritz and as commissioner Saltzman have said, public safety is our highest priority. There's nothing more important than maintaining the health and safety of our citizens. Chief Klum and I were at a gathering of lifeguards not long ago and we gave special commendation to four lifeguards stationed in north Portland pool this summer and saved the life of a 9-year-old. And I remember the anguish we felt when we first heard about the incident, and the near death that occurred. And the concern that everyone in the organization had for a couple of weeks as the kid went to the hospital, and the follow-through, it's inconceivable to me that we could have lost a child in one of our pools. It is inconceivable to me. I can't think of anything that in any preventive measure that I would not bring it to council if I thought it could save a life in one of our pools. I think we all have a similar feeling, which is one death is too many. One precious life, one child is too many. So those are the two ways, two kind of principles that I bring to bear as I look at this issue, and my own experience was that the near drowning in one much of our pools. This is a request for \$400,000 to fund a vessel which I actually even before this debate occurred, knew was something at some pointway westbound -- we would be discussing, because when I toured the fire boat station on jantzen beach, I got the briefing from the firefighters there about all the restrictions they were operating under. They couldn't go more than 5 miles an hour because of the impact on houseboats and other vessels. They had other kinds of challenges p all of which inhibited their ability to meet their mission. And so it's -- to me it's not surprising that we're having this discussion today about having a more nimble craft, centrally located to deal with these problems. I appreciate that there are some questions that are still out there that we can continue to discuss. But this is not an exact science. This is doing the best we can with the information we have. And I am satisfied based on your presentation chief and the briefing that I got that this will strengthen our public safety. This will help prevent future tragedies as occurred at sellwood and give the very wonderful men and women of your bureau another tool to save a life. And that I think goes to the head of the list. Particularly where we're talking about saving the life of a child. Which I think all of us feel wouldn't highest priority. Thank you for the work you've done to address this issue, I think your commitment to eat the cost, absorb the cost of -- and find other ways to fund the renovation of the station and the ongoing cost is honorable. I as one commissioner do not feel that if you're unable toll meet that goal I would be inflexible in considering other supplemental requests. I don't think that's fair to you. But I take you at your word you'll make best efforts to do so. Commissioner Leonard, thank you for your leadership on this. This is an emotional issue, because you and I have children and couldn't imagine



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what would happen if one of our children fell off the bridge and was stuck in the river screaming and dying. It's emotional in that sense, but I don't believe this issue is being addressed emotionally. I think you've presented a cogent, well reasoned argument as to why we should make this investment, and I think the public will be better for it. I'm pleased to vote aye.

**Saltzman:** I'm not going to be able to support this for the reasons i've alluded to. I think -- despite the protestations it is not an emotional decision, it is. The first paragraph of the report is all about the may 23rd tragedy. There's really no analysis given of statistics supporting this. You didn't even seem to know that yourself, how many rescue incidents there have been. And when we're talking about a general fund budget that goes to keep city employees paid, goes to support programs like youth employment, and we have a bond program that is eligible to pay for this, I think we go to the bond proceeds first. And we just shouldn't be back dooring ourselves into budgetary commitments through this approach. And so that's why i'm opposed to it. I think it's an emotional decision, driven by passion, it's committing city general fund dollars at a time when we cannot be committing them. And there's another source to pay for it, which hasn't been investigated and brought back to our attention or even looked at thoroughly by us. So for those reasons, I do oppose, I certainly commend the efforts of commissioner Leonard and his passion on this issue, certainly as police commissioner I was just as affected the by the incidents of may 23rd, but this is not right way to budget general fund dollars, especially when another source exists, and i'm not on real firm ground about no subsequent general fund commitments or the that a grant is going to pay for seismic renovations of a fire station. Those are kind of very ephemeral things I think for me to be sort of buying into at this point. So I respectfully vote no.

**Adams:** We have too many new river users downtown and too many river adjacent -- new river adjacent users downtown, and equipment that is waterborne emergency responsive equipment that is too far away or not compatible with the tasks. And I believe the tragic incident in may definitely showed -- shined a light on -- that with have not changed our staffing and changed the way we equip our staff to respond to the new reality of an active river and riverbank downtown. And I do believe that this qualifies and i'm supporting the 200,000 coming from the bump. We will have an opportunity in the next budget process to look at every item in every budget across the city, and I do appreciate that our contingency money is very precious, and that we still have many months to go, and I keep that in mind as I vote yes for this particular item. Aye. [gavel pounded] can you please call the vote on council calendar item 1409.

**Leonard:** I know I said I wasn't going to talk on this one, but i'm a politician. I'm changing my mind. Amanda, commissioner Fritz brought up the shirley anne, which was a good point. Shirley anne was a young girl, I believe seven years -- 7 years old n 1954 she was brought into fire station 22 in st. Johns, choking on a grape. And her distraught parents brought her there not knowing what else to do, and in 1954 firefighters weren't trained to the level that firefighters are trained today. That young girl died in the kitchen at station 22 in 1954. The council and the community was so emotionally moved by that incident, that it caused them to raise the money needed to buy what was then known as the shirley anne rescue, which was a station wagon. And the attendant equipment. And I suppose in 1954 the council and the community could have been accused of making an emotional decision. But from 1954 to today, shirley anne's name has gone on each rescue as its been upgraded, it's gone on now on a rescue boat that's out there that has saved hundreds if not thousands of lives. Over and over and over again. So again, I resent the implication that this is an emotional reaction to an incident. It is not. To discount the firefighter that jumped off the seawall to save the woman in a car that was going under water to discount the sick at least six rescues that have happened since may 23rd that I have articulated here this morning and I think that's the correct number, and somehow characterize it as us somehow reacting to an incident is really unfair to the countless people who will be saved by the action of this council takes today. Aye.

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

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**Saltzman:** No.

**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] resolution is approved. I apologize, I have a conflict so i'm going to turn the gavel over to the president of the council, amanda Fritz, and I would just say before I leave the room, I had an opportunity to read ahead of the great work led by commissioner Fish and the bureau team, and thank you for your great work. So I apologize that I have to go.

**Item 1410.**

**Fish:** We're going to make a brief presentation this afternoon on the youth conservation corps, and we call it a natural success. This is a program that was funded through stimulus dollars to the funding from the bureau of environmental sciences, Portland parks and rec and other sources and it really is a remarkable story in itself. And I am grateful for commissioner Saltzman's support and alina cho on this issue. We think we have a winner, and we think we can build on it, and I had the great pleasure of going to the wrap-up picnic where the young people who did such great service for our city came together with their counselors and the team leaders and celebrated the work they had done. And I was so impressed I wanted to share this story with my colleagues. I want you to know in light of the time this is a fairly brief presentation, but it's designed to highlight just some of the key features. You have a brief chance to meet some of the remarkable young people that helped us do the work. Recognizing the time i'm going to move this along and invite up greg hailey, who is the program coordinator, said tyler and astrid, who is city nature west manager, and one of the great stars in our organization parks and troak come up and make a brief presentation. Thank you all for being here. And thank you to our invited guests for your patience. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Fritz:** As you get seated, it's important that this presentation is important, and it's one of the reasons we scheduled it for the afternoon, so don't feel rushed. We're happy to hear what you have to tell us.

**Fish:** I should note that over 60 Portland area teens participated in the program this summer, helping us maintain trails, eliminate invasive species, restore natural areas and establish and preserve trees, and the youth conservation corps is one of a number of youth job programs in our region that received federal stimulus dollars, but 20% of the money that funded this program came through stimulus. So take it away.

**Astrid Dragoy:** Commissioners, good afternoon, and commissioner Fish, thank you so much for that introduction. I was here just over a month ago now giving a brief overview of this program. Today's presentation, however, is a celebration of what can happen when we work together. Not only have we completed projects, but we have reached a segment of our population which is often underserved, misunderstood, or overlooked. Today i'm not presenting, rather we have parks employee greg hawley, he is the coordinator for the youth conservation crew, and we have syd tyler, no ho is the trail crew lead. We also have the pleasure of having rob ingram here, who is a director of the youth violence prevention as well as two of the fabulous 64 teams that we worked with this summer, edwin cordero and lee quentin. I am here to answer any questions at the end if you have any. Thank you.

**Greg Hawley:** Thank you, commissioners. It's my honor and pleasure to be here today to report the success of a new Portland parks and rec program, the 2009outs conservation crew. I'm the crew program coordinator for Portland parks and recreation during the rest of the year, I am the trail coordinate nor for all of the soft surface trails around our park systems. The youth conservation crew program, or ycc program, is the culmination of the creative vision and exhaustive efforts of many dedicated and talented individuals with special recognition for commissioner Fish and commissioner Saltzman whose collaborative efforts and vision months ago initiated the beginnings of the ycc program. As you may know, Portland parks and recreation uses many different types of alternative staffing to conduct our work. We use volunteers which in addition to getting work completed, develop was our neighbors and partner organizations a sense of community and

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stewardship in our parks. Similarly the youth conservation crew program included hiring local teens at minimum wage to work in our natural areas. The city -- ycc employed 64 teens to work in our park's natural areas, and that 64 teens employed in what can be described as a dismal job market for teens, with the teen unemployment rates in August listed at over 25%. The program met several goals including those Mayor Adams set to engage the city of Portland's youth while impacting the health and sustainability of our natural areas. To achieve this impact takes an influx of cash. This program was truly a collaborative effort. Funding came from Portland Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Environmental Services, and work systems incorporated which is federal stimulus dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Teens came from all over the city from such parks programs as No Ivy League, Green Spaces Restoration and Urban Naturalist Team. We partnered with other agencies such as Southeast Works, Youth Employment Institute, and the Office of Youth Violence Prevention as sources for hiring teens. We have some preestablished goals and those are outlined here in gray. As you can see by the green bars, our goals were not only met, but surpassed. Even more impressive is we worked all over the city. And we worked all over the city to ensure service equity in that teens were provided with the opportunity to work in the communities in which they live. So that's a really brief overview of the ycc program, and how the program impacts natural areas in our community. In addition, we hope that this program is effectively impacting our youth. And to talk a bit more about that aspect of the ycc program, is my colleague Syd Tyler.

**Syd Tyler:** Thank you, Greg. So good morning commissioners, my name is Syd Tyler, and I had the pleasure of being one of the crew leaders for the ycc trails team. One of the program's goals was to provide new skills and knowledge for the youth and as well to promote diversity in the workplace. And we met these goals by educating all of our crew members in the ecology of the Northwest and exposing them to career paths and natural resources, and also to help them explore their own interests and their own career goals. So let's look at some of the skills that these kids learned this summer. Ycc teams like the No Ivy League and Natural Area Restoration teams were responsible for English Ivy in our parks' natural areas. Each crew member learned how ivy impacts our green spaces, how to identify the plants, and also the best practices to follow for its removal. You can see this is one area of ivy to be removed in Governor's Park, and if we look now this is the same area after ivy removal. Ycc teens also learned about erosion, slope, and grade for surveying and building trails. The trails team worked hard and smart, building and repairing trails that will be more sustainable for the years to come. The teen naturalist team went through an intensive science training course in order to present natural science lessons to 13 community organizations. So in effect, the members were science teachers for the summer, teaching kids about our outdoors. The tree establishment crew learned about tree identification and the care and maintenance of over 250 trees located at 10 different schools across the Portland area. So along with the new skills and information kids learned on the job, each team got to -- teens got to take field trips to expose them to careers in natural resources, and to visit more of our own parks and natural areas. Some trips included this summer were the Bull Run Reservoir, the Bonneville Dam, Tillamook Forestry Center, and the Columbia Wastewater Treatment Facility. Then Richmond gave crew members an opportunity to enjoy our own state parks and natural areas. So teens spent time in our city's own parks as well as some of our state parks. The 2009 ycc program provided our youth with new job skills and taught them teamwork and communication. Crew members also gain a greater appreciation for our parks and natural areas and learned about different career paths available to them in natural resources. Through these efforts like the ycc program we're laying the ground work for a more skilled and diversified work force in the future. There's one last thing to mention, that was getting to know the own interest of some of our crew members. And helping them to explore them in meaningful ways. So one example I'll give is one of our crew members, Tyler Brown, has an interesting criminal justice and hopes to be a detective. So Greg Haully from the ycc trails team helped Tyler learn a little bit more what it means to be someone in law enforcement by organizing a ride-

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along for tyler with a Portland city police officer at the east precinct. Ringling brothers and barnum and bailey circus [cell phone ringing] tyler loved it. This is one of the educational highlights of our trails team this summer. I hope with your support we can continue to have successful and meaningful learning opportunities for our youth. Because the more that we invest in today, the more secure we're going to be in our future. So thank you commissioners, thank you mayor Adams, right now I just want to give rob ingram a minute to speak as mentioned earlier, rob is the director of the office of youth violence prevention program, and he helped to staff many of the youth involved in our program this summer. So thank you again, and I will turn it over to rob.

**Fish:** Thank you very much. Rob, welcome.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Welcome.

**Rob Ingram:** Good afternoon, commissioners. So I was introduced to the youth conservation corps program originally by mr. Benny bogan, director of the youth employment institute. Later it became a conversation piece between commissioner Saltzman and I. We got aggressive about looking at not just jobs for young people, but specifically jobs for the at-risk youth my office deals w studies have shown that employment for young people is not so much about the money, but more about building quality relationships with caring adults, it's about helping them build self-esteem by finding things they can put their hands to to show them a sense of accomplishments, and about helping them learn valuable skills like time management responsibility and accountability. So we had the opportunity of recruiting 14 of the young people that the office youth violence prevention works with and placing them with the no ivy leave crew or trails crew. I was impressed myself by watching the kids a couple times and seeing how not only did they enjoy the work they were doing, but they amount admitted a little reluctantly they actually did learn a lot about the outdoors and why the work they were doing was so posh. So we're here tone courage the ongoing funding and support for the program, it's a great way for our city to sustain jobs not just specifically for young people, but for the young people that it's really a little more difficult for them to find gainful employment. Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you --

**Saltzman:** That's a great segue. We have two of the young people here --

**Fish:** Let's ask edwin cordero and lee quentin to come up.

**Edwin Cordero:** Our greater part of the work was constructing a split rail fencing in our natural areas. The work was hard but satisfying. This program taught me how to be more accountable and punctual. I feel more comfortable going to future jobs and I want to thank mayor Adams and commissioners Fish and Saltzman. This program is vital to our youth. Thank you. Have a nice day.

**Lee Clinton:** Good afternoon, my name is lee clinton. I believe the ycc program is important not only because it employs youth and teaches them about environmental conservation but how to take action in their community. Though I had been environmentally cautious, I had done nothing to better the environment in my own neighborhood. This program helped me to assume leadership positions, such as helping lead a carbon footprint fair. During the summer, I taught children about invasive plants, such as himalayan blackberry and how they negatively effect the ecosystem and bullfrogs and how they're rapidly decreasing. This job has been invaluable not only because it's made me a better employee, but a better human being. Thank you for your time.

**Fish:** Can I ask you each one question? Looking forward in your lives as you're contemplating your careers and whatever your passion, would you in the future be interested in working for a big city in a parks bureau doing similar kinds of things? Serving the citizens?

**Leonard:** Or fire department, say? [laughter]

**Cordero:** I wouldn't mind it. It was good to see older people help out younger. Because you don't see that. At least in my neighborhood. It was nice to see them all come together and make this

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happen. You know? Without them I wouldn't be here. So also I would love to have a job like that, environment and close to home, so why wouldn't I do it?

**Fish:** That's great. Ashley?

**Clinton:** I would say that's a very big possibility. I think. So -- but I think it's because the -- I didn't feel like I was treated like a teenager. I didn't feel I was treated beneath anyone and I was given an opportunity to prove myself.

**Fish:** I know you were each asked to present because you were two of the outstanding participants in this program and I wanted to say how proud we are of you and how grateful we are for the service you provided to the city this summer.

**Fritz:** I would like to thank parks and the bureau of environmental services for making this program a success and sounds like you're endorsing continued funding for opportunities for youth to work for us next summer and maybe -- I know commissioner Fish and I have talked about the possibility of a weekend crew that could operate in fall and winter as well. But it's been a great learning experience, not only for you, but I think for city employees. I know that many of them -- you know, have trepidations about working with youth. And I think it's been a good experience on both sides of the ledger in that regard. And I wanted to -- once again, I wanted to thank robin ingram for his help and helping to find good people like e.j.

**Fish:** If I can also add, madame president, each of us when we have presentations like this that connect to our bureau, we're in the habit of saying how proud we are of the people who work for our bureau and it's part of the joy, to recognize people who go above and beyond, and that really describes the team. This is not just a job to them, it's like a passion and the success of this program wasn't just because they figured out how to do it, it's because they threw their heart and soul into it. And the benefits to our community were remarkable. We had a certain number of at-risk kids who came in and many said it was a changing experience for them. We had adults serving as mentors and that process will continue. There's friendships and bonds forged this summer will continue. And young people got job skills and learned about hard work and showing up on time and it's just a -- as a practical issue, they'll have people they can put on a resume in the future or list as a reference which as we know is often the first barrier to getting a job. Who is going to vouch for you. To add, the opportunity to get an education on the environment. To learn about our ecosystem and nature and many of these kids to fall in love with that work and that part of their education. not incidentally, they picked up pocket money that allowed them to do some things in summer they normally wouldn't. They were paid. This was not volunteer work. For some, they have a clear sense about career pathways, for things they want to do. And in terms of the invasive species removal work, we have an enormous challenge in this city and they did the most important work that needs to be done and did it on our behalf. So i'm very proud of the partnerships that came together to make this happen, under extraordinarily tight time frame and pleased with the collaborations and the support we've gotten across bureaus and everyone who stepped up, including dan Saltzman, made it better. Everybody had an idea about how to strengthen it and make it better. And the net effect, we know is tested and works and we want build on. For my team at parks and recreation, thanks for making me proud to be your leader and the young people who participated, I wanted to thank you again for your service and each of us can jokingly tell you we'd love to see you apply to be in one of our bureaus. You can't go wrong in any of them. If being outdoors is something you want to consider, we hope down the road you'll knock on our door.

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioner Fish and commissioner Saltzman for this program. And I wanted to add my comment, it's a wonderful program. Thank you for participating and being great examples of why the entire council supported the funding for this. I want to thank everybody in the bureau of parks and mention sandra dietrich who started the no ivy league. We couldn't face it without sandy, and there are so many people in Portland who understand about working together and how pulling out that ivy by hand is the best way to do it and I think my colleagues were struck

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by the before-and-after photograph. It would be fun to do an after-after photograph, because one of the amazing things to me is the way mother earth replenishes the cleared ivy. We have to go back and keep doing the maintenance on the ivy, right?

\*\*\*\*\*: Yes. [laughter]

**Fritz:** So it's -- and I also have to say that when my kids were roped into pulling ivy, they decided their career path was never to do that again. [laughter] so if you, you know, think about a career up here, that's another part and there's many different things you can learn through the experiences you have in your life and i'm glad you participated with the city on this one and again, commend commissioner Fish and commissioner Saltzman and thank you to all the staff.

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

**Fritz:** Anybody want to testify? Seeing none, the council is adjourned. [gavel pounded]

At 3:37 p.m., Council adjourned.