



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Fish arrived at 9:48 a.m.
 Commissioner Leonard arrived at 9:49 a.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
308 Request of Richard Ellmyer to address Council regarding the Mayor's responsibility to hold the Housing Authority of Portland accountable under ORS 456.110 (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
309 Request of Colin O'Neill to address Council regarding the need for planning and policy to better manage wireless sites/cell towers in residential neighborhoods (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
310 Request of Eric Winston to address Council regarding cell towers and community policies (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
311 Request of Ulisher Hardiman to address Council regarding respect for the City Charter, Oregon and U.S. Constitutions (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
312 Request of Caitlin Johnson to address Council regarding cell towers, health and public policy (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN	
313 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Support the reinstatement of the Amtrak Pioneer Line (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Adams) 15 minutes requested (Y-4; Leonard absent)	36767

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<p>314 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Accept report from Urban Forestry Commission (Report introduced by Commissioner Fish) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Fritz.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p align="center">ACCEPTED</p>
<p align="center">CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p align="center">Mayor Sam Adams</p>	
<p>315 Reappoint David Sweet to the Noise Review Board for a 3-year term to expire February 28, 2013 (Report)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">CONFIRMED</p>
<p>316 Appoint Chris Smith and Dr. Rahman Shafiqur to the Community Budget Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2012 (Report)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">CONFIRMED</p>
<p>317 Appoint Harry Ray Jordan and reappoint Doug Henne and Joe Markunas to the Business License Appeals Board (Report)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">CONFIRMED</p>
<p align="center">Bureau of Planning & Sustainability</p>	
<p>318 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to collect Portland data for the Oregon 2009/2010 Waste Composition Study (Second Reading Agenda 273)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">183583</p>
<p align="center">Bureau of Transportation</p>	
<p>*319 Revise ordinance for revocable permit granted to Jake's Restaurant to correct insurance information (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 183545)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">183584</p>
<p>*320 Revise ordinance for revocable permit granted to Paddy's Bar and Grill to correct insurance information (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 183546)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">183585</p>
<p>*321 Authorize a Ground Lease Agreement with the Portland Development Commission for a construction staging area related to the Portland Streetcar Loop Project (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">183586</p>
<p align="center">Office of Emergency Management</p>	
<p>*322 Amend the Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to extend the time period for the distribution of equipment, supplies and services procured as a result of Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant FY 2009 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 52304)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">183587</p>

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<p>323 Authorize application to the FY 2010 Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$180,862 to administer an integrated all hazard emergency management program for the City (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 17, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Business Operations</p>		
<p>*324 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Portland related to retention of international air service to the Portland International Airport (Ordinance) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">183588</p>	
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Financial Services</p>		
<p>*325 Authorize limited tax revenue refunding bonds to finance various City projects (Ordinance) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">183589</p>	
<p align="center">Office of Management and Finance – Internal Business Services</p>		
<p>*326 Pay claim of ADS Investment, LLC (Ordinance) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p align="center">183590</p>	
<p align="center">Commissioner Amanda Fritz Position No. 1</p> <p align="center">Bureau of Emergency Communications</p> <p>327 Authorize contract with Online Business Systems for Program Management services to the Portland Dispatch Communications Consortium at \$215,000 (Second Reading Agenda 285) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>		<p align="center">183591</p>
<p align="center">Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2</p> <p align="center">Portland Parks & Recreation</p> <p>*328 Authorize acquisition of real property from Tran Huyen Lam and Thu Thuy Thi adjacent to Gates Park for park purposes (Ordinance) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>		<p align="center">183592</p>
<p>329 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Public Schools, School District #1 to provide janitorial services for the locker room at Wilson Pool (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center">PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 17, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p align="center">Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</p>		

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<p>*330 Accept a grant agreement in the amount of \$25,000 from the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission Cable Access Grant Programs for The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services (Ordinance) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p>183593</p>
<p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>	
<p>*331 Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to amend legal descriptions for permanent and temporary easements and to acquire said easements for the construction of the Fanno Pump Station Pressure Line–Garden Home Section Replacement Project through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 183126) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p>183594</p>
<p>*332 Amend the Intergovernmental Agreement template used by the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Portland Development Commission to provide professional, technical and construction services for environmental and stormwater improvements (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 181373) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p>183595</p>
<p>*333 Authorize agreement for conveyance of the Timothy Nalum property located in the Johnson Creek floodplain project area to the Bureau of Environmental Services (Ordinance) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p>183596</p>
<p>334 Authorize a contract and provide payment for construction of the East Lents Floodplain Restoration Project No. E07384 (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 17, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Commissioner Randy Leonard Position No. 4</p>	
<p>Bureau of Development Services</p>	
<p>335 Revise regulations of Floating Structures to improve safety and the permitting process (Second Reading Agenda 288; amend Code Title 28) (Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p>183597</p>
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p>Mayor Sam Adams</p> <p>336 Direct the Bureau of Environmental Services to incorporate into its Capital Improvement Plan Green Street Projects on prioritized boulevards as identified in the Council-adopted Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030 (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested Motion to amend to delete emergency clause and amend directive c regarding funding: Moved by Mayor Adams and seconded by Commissioner Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	

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Bureau of Planning & Sustainability		
337	<p>Improve land use regulations through the Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Package 5 (Second Reading Agenda 306; amend Title 33 and Official Zoning Map)</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p>183598 AS AMENDED</p>
Bureau of Transportation		
338	<p>Vacate a portion of SW 19th Ave and SW Seymour St subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10035)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 17, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</p>
*339	<p>Amend contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for construction of rail maintenance facility improvements related to the Portland Streetcar Loop Project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000609) 10 minutes requested</p> <p>(Y-4; Leonard absent)</p>	<p>183599</p>
Office of Management and Finance – Internal Business Services		
340	<p>Accept bid of Ground Hawg Environmental, Inc. for construction of the Springwater Trail Union Pacific Railroad Bridge-East City Border Section for \$936,075 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 111300)</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Fritz.</p> <p>(Y-4; Commissioner Leonard absent)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
341	<p>Accept bid of Mowat Construction Company for the N Vancouver - Columbia Slough Bridge for \$4,114,831 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 111343)</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
342	<p>Accept bid of Emery and Sons Construction, Inc. for the Umatilla Pump Station Upgrade for \$871,000 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 111385)</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Fish.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
Portland Development Commission		
343	<p>Approve the Tenth Amendment to the Airport Way Urban Renewal Plan to reduce plan area by approximately 870 acres (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 17, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Commissioner Amanda Fritz Position No. 1</p> <p>Office of Neighborhood Involvement</p>		

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<p>344 Authorize a \$3,000 grant agreement and Memorandum of Agreement with Portland Community Media as part of their Smart Access partnership with Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Central NE Neighbors and SW Neighborhoods, Inc. for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 (Second Reading Agenda 298)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p>183600</p>
<p>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</p>	
<p>345 Declare that it is the policy of the City of Portland to defend the 2006 voter-approved reforms to the Fire and Police Disability, Retirement, and Death Benefit Plan (Resolution) 15 minutes requested</p>	<p>CONTINUED TO MARCH 17, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>	
<p>*346 Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire six properties as a component of the Grey to Green Initiative (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p>183601</p>
<p>Commissioner Randy Leonard Position No. 4</p>	
<p>Bureau of Development Services</p>	
<p>347 Authorize a temporary operating loan from the Bancroft Bond Interest and Sinking Fund to the Bureau of Development Services Operating Fund to provide interim funding (Resolution) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p>36768</p>

At 12:37 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
OREGON WAS HELD THIS **10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010** AT 2:00 P.M.

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

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 2:32 p.m.

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

<p>*348 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Authorize application to the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program for a grant in the amount of \$7,598,462 for public computing centers and training (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to amend to increase grant amount and correct emergency clause language: Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman. (Y-3; Leonard absent)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>Disposition:</p> <p>183602 AS AMENDED</p>
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At 2:43 p.m., Council recessed.

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<u>THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, MARCH 11, 2010</u>	
349 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Accept Report and Recommendations of the Rose Quarter Development Project stakeholder Advisory Committee regarding the Memorial Coliseum (Report introduced by Mayor Adams) 1 hour requested for items 350-351	Disposition: REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
350 Accept the recommendation of the Rose Quarter Development Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee regarding the Memorial coliseum, and request that the Portland Development Commission act as the City’s agent and issue a Request for Proposals (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Adams: For those who are here to testify and are new, you'll need to be signed in. And our great council clerk, Karla, has the sign-in sheet. You'll be given three minutes and you just need to give us your first and last name. No addresses. No addresses. First and last name, and there's a clock on the front of that imposing piece of lumber that will count down from three. If we could have -- we've got a special presentation before I gavel things in. For our special guests, we have jewels prince, she's a member of the Portland commission on disabilities. We have Hanna, a member of the Portland commission on disabilities and Lisa, who is the director of the national multiple sclerosis chapter and I'm pleased today to proclaim today to be multiple sclerosis awareness week and I'd like to read the proclamation. Whereas, it interrupts the flow of between the brain and body and stops people from moving. Often a disabling disease of the central nervous system and more than 400,000 people in the united states live with multiple sclerosis and every hour of every day, someone is newly diagnosed and last year, in Oregon, nearly \$2 million was raised to find the cure for m.s. And develop effective treatments and programs to improve the lives of individuals living with m.s. In our state and paying off in significant advances such new medications which can reduce or delay future disability for people with m.s. And we're committed to ensuring that people living with m.s. Have the information and quality care to live healthy, productive and independent lives and we're pursuing prevention and treatment and cure, now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, mayor of the city of Portland proclaim march 8th through march 14th, 2010 as multiple sclerosis week in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this week. Congratulations. [applause] who would like to go first?

Channah Pastorius: I would.

Adams: Ok.

Pastorius: I will go first. Am I close up u enough?

Adams: We can hear you.

Pastorius: My name is Hanna and with the commission on disabilities and also with the m.s. Society. I am really happy that you're acknowledging m.s. Awareness week. That there are more than 7,000 individuals in Oregon and southwest Washington who suffer with m.s. That we know about. A lot of people are suffering with the disease that are having problems and are being misdiagnosed. That's usually the course of the disease where things are going wrong and they're telling you you're fine, you're good. It's stress. It's this, it's that. And a lot of times it takes a long time before people get the correct diagnosis. This part of the country is a hot spot for m.s. There seems to be greater numbers of people with the disease here than in other parts of the country. The further away you get from the equator, the more incidents of m.s. You see. They're looking at the possibility of vitamin d coming from the sun and because there's less vitamin d as you go further north, you're seeing more cases of m.s. Being diagnosed. It's a disease of the central service system where if you're sick -- central nervous system. Your immune system goes after whatever bad stuff it's supposed to but that's not enough. It goes after your brain matter, it goes after your spinal cord and it eats way on the myelin on your nerves and that causes damage and whenever you have the repairs of the nerves of the brain of the spinal column, you have plaques, hard plaque around that area and that's what they call the sclerosis, and because you have so many damaged areas in your

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body, that's why they call it multiple sclerosis. So some people look fine. Others are severely disabled. Some go downhill quickly, others slowly. It's such a bizarre disease. Not any one person with m.s. has the same symptoms as the next person. Sometimes my speech can really be bad, it's really hard to understand me. Sometimes my vision's bad. Sometimes you'll see me in a scooter whenever I'm going to be out for long periods, other times you'll see me walking in a grocery store.

It affects me differently, whether it's a scooter day, a walker day or a cane day. Fatigue is a really big problem. It's one of the unseen symptoms that you see and it's one of the biggest problems and the hardest to diagnose. The one that's least expected. Whenever someone is having a hard time going to work and having social security accept that as a disease. Jules can tell you a little bit more.

And what things you can see with it -- or not see.

Adams: Thank you very much for your testimony.

Jewls Krentz: And it stops movement. That's our slogan. It stops movement physically, mentally and emotionally. Physically, some of us don't move as well. Or we get tremors. Fatigue, as was mentioned. We get -- sometimes there's cognitive issues that come into play. Not a lack of intelligence, or a decline, but more a slowing down of processing is something that can be pretty common at most stages of the disease. Not everybody gets it. Just like not everybody uses a scooter or has trouble with their vision. It's variable. The time in our lives when m.s. Hits, most often is between the ages of 25 and 40. The mean diagnosis age is 34. That's the year that we're having our kids, we're at our most productive work time. We're at our most visible in society, and yet with this illness, we're often invisible because of the symptoms that we don't see because of the difficulty -- and it's -- and it's not as largely known as some other illnesses and I think certainly deserving of attention. When I was diagnosed, I was 34. I was a single mom of an 11 and an 8-year-old and a full time student and working full time. This is not unusual for people when they're diagnosed. A lot of times we're thriving and going and going and going. M.s. stops that in a lot of cases. Some people it doesn't. In mine, I did. My life did a 180 but I'm happy where I am. But a lot of that has to do with national organizations like the m.s. Society and support and visibility of the disease and advances they're making in research. We've got two main research areas here. OHSU and providence. They're doing amazing things and this is what we're here to talk about. Hey, this is important. And we can do something about this. We don't have a cure but we can make things easier.

Adams: Fantastic. Hi.

Lisa Roth: Thank you for the recognition of m.s. Awareness week. I'm Lisa Ross and represent the local chapter and someone living with the disease for six years. All three of us are living testimonies of the disease and also active in the community to find a cure to provide services and support those who need it when they need it. Through programs, services, education, and really m.s. Awareness week is all about getting the word out. Letting people know that this disease hit this is community five times more than anywhere else in our nation. We need to do something about it. The way you can do something about it, by being active in their community. Volunteering and participating in one of our walk events on April 10th or 17th in 10 communities throughout the state. By participating in our bike event. Spreading the word about the services that we provide our -- our organization provides to those who need it. There's 7,000, but when you take into effect, family and friends and caregivers and colleagues, the number is much greater. Again, we thank you so much for the acknowledgment of this week and we've brought orange bracelets.

Adams: Good.

Roth: And just to appreciate your recognition and acknowledgment.

Adams: Thanks for your advocacy and work and it's inspiring. Thanks for being here. Give them a round of applause, folks. [applause] [gavel pounded]

Adams: Today is Wednesday, march 10th, 2010. It's 9:30, the Portland city council is in morning session. Good morning, Karla, how are you.

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Moore-Love: Good morning, I'm fine.

Adams: Please call the roll.

[roll call]

Adams: Quorum is present. We'll begin with communications. Can you please read the title for item 308.

Item 308.

Adams: Mr. Ellmyer, welcome back.

Richard Ellmyer: My name is Richard Ellmyer. A candidate for the north Portland house seat. Candidate for city commissioner, Sam Adams, acknowledged you can't make good public policy without good data. He supported equitable distribution of public housing. Voted against the hap nominee who opposed revealing hap's statistical data and as mayor-elect, instructed commissioner Fish to provide him with hap's public housing statistical data. In every case, Sam Adams failed to provide the data and failed to follow up on these efforts demonstrates his disingenuous commitment to equity public housing. Mayor Adams has the authority to nominate people to the hap board and never vetted a nominee with the most important public issue. Do they support equitable distribution? Mayor Adams has instructed his staff not to instruct Richard Ellmyer lest he challenge the unvetted nominee. Through the power to dismiss board members to the mayor of Portland. This power requires the mayor, Sam Adams, monitor and hold accountable the hap board for every policy decision and the annual spending of their \$80 million budget. In this job requirement, mayor Adams has miserably failed. 33,000 public housing clients that are defined as passing a means test, getting a government subsidy and signing a rental agreement, mayor Adams denies that public housing exists in Portland. This has consequences in north Portland where the public housing is a major issue. Elections are about making choices. In the north Portland house race for the primary, the choices are dramatic. Richard Ellmyer demands public housing statistics -- Tina Kotek supports mayor Adams of the unlimited neighborhood concentration of public housing and declines, like Adams to press for any public housing statistical data and engage with voters on the matter. Mayor Adams' betrayal of the oath of office and north Portland is profound and dangerous. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you very much.

Fish: We cherish the -- cherish the first amendment but I fundamentally disagree with everything that Mr. Ellmyer just stated.

Adams: This is three minutes where anyone can sign up and say anything they want. And it's a platform, broadcast on TV. Can you please read the title for item 309.

Item 309.

Adams: Hi. Welcome to city council.

Colin O'Neill: Thank you, good morning, everybody.

Adams: Good morning.

O'Neill: My name is Colin O'Neill, I live in the Beaumont neighborhood of Portland. I want to talk to everybody about what's happening in our neighborhood and what's happening in communities around the city, with the issue of wireless sites coming into our area. On a residential street and our community is really being galvanized by this plan and come together and organized and stated as clearly as possible, to all the means -- through all the means we have at our disposal, we don't believe this is an acceptable location. Our neighborhood association held a meeting on this issue and we passed a resolution that formally opposed this proposed facility and recently unanimously endorsed by the coalition of northeast neighbors. That's included in the copy of the documents we've provided. As we come together, we're moms and dads and not activists or organizers, just a bunch of people who had this forced upon us and we need to fight this in our community, but also need to welcome it on a broader level. This is really an issue that is citywide. We set up a website and quickly people started contacting us, a group of moms and dads with full time jobs and other things to do. What's the process? And how can we get involved? And

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we've been dealing with this for three months and it's a rollercoaster but it's a complex issue, evolving and a lot of unsettled law and challenges and detail that are very, very difficult for the communities themselves to understand and manage. The guidelines that commissioner Fritz, I believe has made some improvements but I think it's an administrative process for something that is much more complex that can be handled through this process. It allows the companies to set the agenda as far as they want these things to do and forces the city and residents to react to the companies' plans and it's too complex and important to our communities. We need to be proactive and have them adapt to our priorities, not the other way around. There's a lot of positions we -- issues we can take a stronger position on. We can really use zone the right-of-way and indicate cares that are acceptable and not. And also treat personal wireless services different than telecommunications services and that's indicated in the bill we've submitted today. And they're targeting our streets and homes. These are the homes we have block parties and children play. These don't have to be opened up to anybody to site their antennas here and we believe it's time for a citywide master plan to address that issue. Thank you very much.

Adams: Thank you, sir, very much, appreciate your testimony. [applause] can you please read the title for council calendar 310.

Item 310.

Adams: Mr. Winston, please come forward. Welcome. Glad you're here.

Eric Winston: My name is Eric Winston and live in the Beaumont neighborhood and live there with my wife and three-year-old daughter and live next door to where the proposed towers are slated to go into which is a non-conforming mini mart with a bunch of half a million dollar houses. It stick us on the like a sore thumb. I graduated from Oregon state and a cfo of a foot ware company. And background in radio and navigation and communication system repair. The tower has immediate effects. When I look outside my bedroom window, I'll see it from my second story window. There's a noisy equipment box. A pp&l power pole. Like 50th and Burnside. And it will be along our fence line, mine and neighbors and other neighbors where it's a noisy equipment box as you know, on 50th and Burnside, there's a lot of noise problems with that box. It's going to dramatically affect our quality of life when -- I have a neighbor who lives in their -- basically lives in their backyard and the tower will be radiating close to my house and the other issue is also that's a non-conforming use for a residential zoning and so someone, when that mini mart is gone and we go to build condos or houses, that box will still be there affecting someone's property value. And we have letter from a Portland real estate agent and a study out of new zealand that our property values are going down because of that pole. I don't know what we're going to do that, but we're going to do something to reclaim that value if pole goes in. I have a three-year-old daughter and I'm well aware that we're not supposed to impede telecommunications based on health factors but there's unknown health consequences that need to be researched and I understand the city's policies on that and very good policies and call to action, number one, deny clear wire's application for the equipment box due to the non-conforming zoning and the 25 year length of the contract because when that market goes away, that box will still be there. Also, I agree with Colin in respect to pdx.org, that we need a more clear plan and it's understood if we want to fight that telecommunication act it's going to cost about \$2 million in lawyer time to fight it through the court system and up through the appeals system and we want the city to work with grassroots groups like respectpdx.org because there's the kind community that needs it.

Adams: Thanks for your testimony. I appreciate it. [applause] Karla, please read the title for item number -- sorry -- item no. 311.

Item 311.

Adams: Mr. Hardiman? All right. Read the title for item 312.

Item 312.

Adams: Hi.

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Caitlin Johnson: Good morning.

Adams: Welcome, who is this?

Johnson: Callie.

Adams: Hi, callie.

Johnson: It's her first experience here as well as mine.

Adams: She's doing great.

Johnson: Good morning. My name is caitlin johnson. This is my daughter, cally, she turned two yesterday and I have another daughter, she's in preschool this morning. We live at northeast 40th down the street from the proposed wimax site. And I understand the piece about expressing health concerns but I feel like I need to do this and that it's very important.

Adams: We'll give you a little bit extra time.

Johnson: Ok, I'll talk fast. Thank you. I'm a school psychologist and tan a leave to raise our two girls for the past few years. As a psychologist, I work with children with neurological and behavioral disorders and we know that there's things that impact the development of these in children. This is one the reasons why -- there are others too -- that I'm intentional about the environment I have great in my home and the decisions I make about how I want it raise our girls. We eat mostly organic food as many Portlanders do and we live in a home that's free of toxic chemicals inside and out and these are the choices that me and my husband made based on what we feel is bet for our family. I'm a researcher both in professional and personal life. Whenever we're faced with decisions, the first thing I've done is go to the research and read the research and make a decision based on the facts and what's available to us. And this is exactly what I did when I heard of clear's plans to install an antenna down the street from us. This is about our right to decide what kind of environment we want it raise our children in. Despite the fact we've created the healthiest environment we can for our children. We could have nonionizing radiation pulsing through our homes 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In total, there are 11 children under the age of eight and five teenagers on our block alone that would also be affected. There are studies don't on the radio frequency exposure and health effect. A few that I found disturbing are, one study that showed that schoolchildren living near a radio location station emitting non-ionizing radiation suffered reduced memory and attention spans and a three fold instance in malignant tumors. Living 400-meters from a phone mass. Increase in cancer for people living near a cell to you are. This is upsetting and disturbing. And this is the point where skeptics say the results are mixed. They say they can show studies that show no ill effects. Skies researchers found 33% of the studies showed no negative effects but 82 funded by public agencies reported there were. The findings of publicly funded studies strongly suggest a need for caution. I don't know how much more time I have, but it's clear to me that it's not worth the risk, for me and our children and the rest of the group that has come together.

Leonard: I'm curious what else you had to say. If you wouldn't mind telling me.

Johnson: It's our understanding based on clear wire, wi max installations, if it rolls out here in Portland, an antenna will be placed every 1500 feet. So my questions are, what is the plan for this rollout? What distance is safe for the antennas to be near churches and schools and residents. How does it different from other cell antennas. How many will be located on any given street. When we put these questions to the representatives, we were told that it was proprietary information. Do you have the answers for? And last, I would like to ask for everybody to attend the full signal showing on Monday march 15th at 7:30 at the pacific northwest college of art, 12th and Johnson. And I think it's a very eye-opening film. Thank you for your time.

Fritz: If I might comment and ask you a question. Have you sent -- I thought your testimony was compelling. Could you send a copy to our congressional delegation because this council unanimously passed a resolution asking the federal government to determine if there are health impacts and wu in particular said he would help us on this. To please contact every one of our

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congressional delegation to let them know that the citizens of Portland support the resolution and want the congress to do something about this. Second, if you could stop by my office. We have questions from the Beaumont which will sure folks but I'm not sure we have -- I have your information. We worked with the community to make the regulations as stringent as we thought legally defensible and looking at how they're working out and dedicated to do that, working with the community, because we share many of your concerns.

Johnson: Thank you very much.

Adams: Commissioner Fritz, as a trained medical professional, has taken up this cause and I want to underscore, she has help lead this city council to be one of the most --

Fritz: We were the first in the nation to do the resolution.

Adams: -- most assertive council on establishing health impacts for these issues and that's an important step in order to be able to take is further. Some of you asked for a master plan or other regulatory tools, we agree. We have to establish a reason for that and there's a lot of preemptive federal law around this. You're absolutely on the right track. Thanks for being mere. All right. Commissioner Saltzman has an announcement.

Saltzman: Karla, I don't know if you have to read residence 345 but I'm asking to have that set over for one week. I know there's people in the audience and I wanted to get that out of the way early.

Moore-Love: We should read the title.

Item 345.

Adams: Unless there are objections -- did you want to say more?

Saltzman: Set it over for one week.

Adams: Unless there's objections, it's set over for one week. The 17th. [gavel pounded] so done. Consent agenda, does anyone have any items to pull from the consent agenda? All right. Karla, please call the vote on the consent agenda.

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

Adams: Aye. [gavel pounded] consent agenda's approved. We have two time certain. The first one is 9:30, so we're running late. We'll try to be expeditious in making up time. Please read the title for item 313.

Item 313.

Adams: Could we have our guests please come up this morning. To speak to this issue. All right. We don't have any guests? I thought we did. Hang on just a second.

Saltzman: That's hard to believe.

Adams: That's you, yes. I apologize. I don't have all the names the Portland city council is enthusiastic, thank you, to be able to support the efforts toward the reinstatement of the Portland pioneer line. This marks our third council item regarding Amtrak service. Appreciate your advocacy on this. We absolutely support additional rail connections, passenger rail connections to the communities, to our neighbors to the east and want to thank Scott wells and ken skatchmills with pioneer restoration. For your diligent grassroots effort. And I'll read the, therefore, be it resolved. Therefore, be it resolved that the Portland city council supporting efforts to restore the Amtrak pioneer service between the pacific northwest and the central Rockies in Chicago and that this resolution be brought to the attention of Portland's representatives in congress who are respectfully to act so as to give effect to this resolution. Thank you. Would you like to say a few words.

*******:** We weren't expecting to speak today.

Adams: That's one the great things about coming here, isn't it?

*******:** We came in November and appreciate the work you've done. I think the wording you made in the resolution is very good and effective and we're very pleased that the city of Portland supports the restoration of this rail passenger service.

Adams: Great.

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Leonard: Any intervening developments with respect to funding Amtrak?

*******:** Nothing definitely positive. There still needs to be work getting congress to fund it and Amtrak to run it.

*******:** Thank you very much for having us here and thank you for the resolution.

Adams: You're very welcome. Thank you. Unless there's additional folks who like to testify on item 313 --

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Adams: -- please call the vote.

Fritz: I'm a strong supporter of rail. Especially this passenger rail that's historic and glad to support the resolution. Aye.

Fish: Set a record for a 15-minute time certain. Thanks to those who testified and thank you, mayor, for your leadership. Aye.

Saltzman: Pleased to support this. Let's hope Amtrak keeps the pioneer running. Aye.

Adams: Aye. [gavel pounded] so approved. Can you please read the title for item 314.

Item 314.

Adams: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Thank you, Brian, could you come forward. I have a brief opening statement. Mayor and commissioners, the urban forestry commission is presenting its 2009 annual report and it should take about 10 minutes and will include power point slides. The report will refer to the just-released draft the citywide tree project and the attempt to manage the tree canopy and currently public and private rules and ordinances are, to put it politely, a bureaucratic vestige --

Fritz: What? [laughter]

*******:** Who wrote these comments?

Fish: There's no motion to strike, so I'll continue -- as a council, we find ourselves discussing our great infrastructure. Roads, sewer pipes and bridges. Today we'll hear about our green infrastructure. Portland's forest is increasing in canopy while other cities have shown a dramatic decrease. The success is the activism of the Portland forestry commission. Bringing our urban forest in focus and underscoring our current plans to maintain and enhance this valuable asset. I want to recognize the city's urban forester, Dave. Will you please stand? And presenting will be Brian, the chair of the urban forestry commission and a professor at Portland state university -- excuse me, I gave you a -- he's just a chairman. And Joe, who is a professor at Portland state university. Welcome, general agenda gentlemen.

Brian Krieg: Thank you, mayor Adams, members of the commission -- the council, Brian creig, chairman of the urban forestry commission. The commission thanks for this opportunity. It might be an understatement to say that Portlanders are passionate about their trees. They're one of the tree things that define this city and its livability. In 2009, our citizens put in over 67,000 hours of volunteer work, planting and pruning and maintaining trees throughout our parks and rights-of-way. That work had a value of nearly \$1 million in volunteer time and that passion for trees is why the urban forestry commission was created at the urging of bill naito 38 years ago. It consists of volunteers who contributed 1500 hours for the benefit of Portland an street canopy and works closely with the urban forestry division of Portland parks and recreation and we advise the city forester, Dave, on a variety of issues from budgetary details to program implementation to adjudicating disputes between citizens and the forestry division over tree removal and we work with other bureaus and administer the heritage free program and know that's one that's a favorite of the council. And the annual bill naito award. We meet once a month, but the committees meet as often as four times a month. Today, the urban forestry report provided to you has two sections. Exhibit a is the forestry commission's annual report for 2009. This is prepared by the commission and focused primarily on our activities. Exhibit b is the implementation update on the city's urban forest action plan, prepared by city staff. The action plan was adopted in 2007 and has 63 action items.

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We're pleased to note that either half of them are completed or in progress. Both parts of the report note significant contributions by non-profits agencies and citizens in achieving an ambitious set of goals. The reports have a great amount of information, ranging from the establishment of -- ranging -- today we'll focus on the key activities from last year and ones in front of our commission. 2009, our no. 1 issue was the code rewrite. Spent working with staff on various bureaus on the citywide tree project and once in 25 years type of effort will have an immense impact. The forestry commission reviewed a tremendous amount of information. If nothing else, this entire process shows 00 integral trees are. We would like to commend the staff for their hard work and dedication and ongoing work on a complex project. Our second key issue was the budget and I've been a member of the parks and recreation budget committee for two years. I and the entire commission are aware of the revenue shortfalls and budget challenges, nevertheless, we're concerned about the potential cuts to urban forestry, trees are living things and need care. However, the expense of maintaining and expanding the urban pales in comparison for what they do for us. We work for us 365 days a year and deserve support. We know that each of you are aware of the health, livability and economic benefits the urban forest provides for Portland and oversees at least one bureau or office that has a key role in the management of the urban forest and we encourage your consideration of the urban forest as a whole when making budget decisions this year.

Joe Poracsky: Public education and grassroots activism are hallmarks of urban forestry. A training program designed for a cadre and they serve as a cast list for tree-related activities in our neighborhood. More than 170 people have complete this had program. Urban forestry staff and education committee of the forestry committee worked closely to update the tree steward program and its curriculum and instructed provided by urban forestry staff and volunteers, including private arborists and tree-knowledgeable citizens, and urban forestry commission members. 2009, we graduated 23 new tree students representing 16 neighborhoods. Feedback from the participants continues to be overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to a 12th year of training this fall.

Krieg: Moving ton key activities this year. Our number one activity is the completion of the citywide tree project. It's imperative to finish -- imperative to finish this project this year. And there's momentum and the need to bring it to a successful conclusion. The draft report, as commissioner Fish mentioned, is out now. The project is moving into a legislative phase with open houses for the public and briefings of stakeholders and the urban forestry commission will hold a joint public hearing on the project and draft proposals. It's an unprecedented move and indicative of the cooperative and significant nature --

Fritz: Would you say that again and what time and where?

Krieg: The hearing is on march 23rd at the planning offices on 19th -- in the 1900 building. I believe at 6:00.

Fritz: Thank you.

Krieg: Seeing this project through will be the forestry commission's top priority for 2010. We're excited and you'll be hearing from us later in the year when the proposals come out to our specific recommendation.

Poracsky: Another key issue are to the coming year involves the neighborhood tree steward program. As human populations have moved from the countryside to urban areas we've lost our understanding of trees and how they function as organisms and their health needs. Trees are recognized as an important part of the sustainability equation and we view the educational function to be an essential element of the urban forestry tree program. In 2010, we plan to expand further and the tree steward program, such as working with the office of neighborhood involvement. One example of this expanded educational effort is topic workshops and are proving to be popular.

Krieg: Turning to long-term issues and looking beyond 2010, our number one issue is the capitalization of trees. There's a growing recognition that trees can be as important as the gray infrastructure. These include the climate action plan with Multnomah county, Portland watershed

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management plan at Portland plan under development. All of these plans rely on trees for success. In the long run, they'll need to be more funds allocated to maintaining and enhancing our urban forest. The commission believes a shift to recognizing trees as -- their full value is crucial to maintaining and enhancing the urban forest and achieves the city's goals. This will be a paradigm shift but one whose time is at hand.

Poracsky: In the period 1972-2002, Portland's urban forest canopy grew by an estimated 1.2%. Note that it took 30 years to add that 1.2%. Also notice the increasing rate in the second half of this 30-year period. The time frame in which Friends of Trees has been operating in the city of Portland. A target of 33% canopy cover -- canopy has been set. And that has important -- implication. It will take to 2138 to reach the 33% canopy target. If we're serious and keeping the -- reaping the associated benefits this schedule needs to change. Perhaps to the rate of the second half of the 30-year period, or greater. Programs such as Grey to Green, Friends of Trees and the Neighborhood Tree Stewards are essential to this effort our goal is to continue promoting canopy expansion and increasing the rate of expansion as well. Another issue involves the large growing trees and native species in our urban forests. The benefits can be measured in dollars added to the property values and the carbon sequestered, the amount of oxygen produced and other quantifiable measures. In each case, the value received is proportionate to the size of the tree. The larger the tree, the greater the return. Giving the planting -- people are planting fewer shade trees and planting more smaller or ornamental trees. Portland is heading in the direction of being a city of small trees and thereby reducing the benefits we receive. The major challenge will be to promote the growing of large growing tree, evergreens where appropriate, thus, working to reverse this trend. The planting the native species, again, where appropriate, helps to reduce maintenance, since they're adapted to the native conditions and can survive better than the exotic species we often plant.

Krieg: In conclusion, in the past two decades people worldwide have come to understand the role that trees play in the urban environment. Additionally, people in organizations, such as the Nobel Committee, have come to -- the Nobel Commission, has importance well beyond putting a tree in the ground. Urban forestry is a level response to a set of global issues. The city of Portland made significant progress in meeting urban forestry goals in 2009 and we give thanks for those achievements. The urban forestry staff and nonprofits like Friends of Trees and government agencies like BES and others and most importantly, our citizens. That concludes our report. Thank you.

Adams: Discussion from council?

Saltzman: I missed your point and I thought it was a significant one with respect to what's happening with respect to smaller trees, ornamental trees at the expense of larger trees? Am I capturing your point?

Poracsky: What we're planting, as we put trees where there maybe hadn't been there for a while, we're planting small trees. Little dogwood and small species that don't get very big and don't create much canopy and all the measures relate to the amount of canopies. And another aspect is the small trees don't do as much as the spreading trees.

Saltzman: I assume this is being looked at as part of the citywide tree policy discussions that you're raising.

Krieg: The issue is being raised -- the citywide tree policy is going to cover certain issues in a lot of codes we have now and organizing them. This is the type of issue that points to the future that we need to grapple with. We're looking at new development, whether it's a public building, private building, when we're taking trees down or putting in a new property, to design areas in the city where we can put large trees in. We can put in the evergreens that work at full capacity all year long. We're trying to find a way to do this, look at satellite shots going back 10 years ago, you look in the winter time at Portland's tree canopy and how it looks now is going to look different. I'm here as a member of the commission because I got tired of seeing infill developments wiping out fir trees through the west slopes and. The dogwood replacing three magnificent fir trees. The air

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quality I watched from my house on the hillside over a 12-year period has gotten worse and trees are the -- part of the answer for that. But we need new policies to put them in place. Our trees, along the streets, the area that we have the -- in the right-of-way, is usually not appropriate for a really large tree so we need to look at other ways to get them into the city property. I know the parks and recreation staff tries to put them in, but we need other creative solutions.

Saltzman: Two quick final questions. How is our heritage tree program coming along? I haven't seen many trees nominated lately. One of my favorite activities.

Krieg: Yes, we know that you do like the heritage tree program. It's in very good shape. They're getting ready to go out on tours to look at newly nominated trees. They have a number in the hopper and coming to you later in the year with new trees to add to the collection we have out there. And I think -- well, I don't want to say too much about it, but I believe that opb is actually doing filming of this issue out there and is interested in the heritage tree program.

Saltzman: It is alive and well --

Krieg: Alive and well.

Saltzman: We'll see nominations soon?

Krieg: Very soon.

Saltzman: Odot is doing a major restructure on i-5 south, near barbur boulevard and I noticed a lot of trees being cut on that slope. Is that something we have any input in as to their --

Krieg: Mayor Adams, commissioner Saltzman, those -- the property there is state property and our capacity to influence that is somewhat limited. I had the discussion yesterday with the urban forester on that. We're going to be talking with them more. There's been discussions with staff about that. The trees will be replanted up there, from what I understand on that. It is a significant loss of tree canopy, though, when you look at the sheer numbers there. And it does have concern for the commission, the forestry commission and others. I think that further discussion with the forester and odot probably would be productive.

Saltzman: If you need us to elevate -- the discussions, I'm sure that commissioner Fish is in charge of the urban forester, be willing to have those conversations and I would join him.

Krieg: We appreciate that offer and take you up on it.

Adams: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you very much for your volunteer service. Your presentation and report are both impressive and I know you get support from staff, but it's impressive that volunteers are putting together expert advice and report on this -- the depth and breadth. Thank you very much. The performance measures in the report and I'm interesting see that the friends of trees volunteer hours have decreased and the tree liaison program went into hibernation for a little bit and I'm pleased to see that you're revitalizing that and that -- revitalizing. That although we've increased the funding, we need to increase the number of volunteers. My question is on the next page in terms of challenges, about the funding for the bureau of development services tracking development applications and did we fix this by having some of those functions moved into the bureau of environmental services or is this something that we need to address? I know that the environmental services is taking some of the responsibilities for development services. Is tree inspection part of that or not?

Saltzman: I believe it is. That's part of the discussions we've been having with bureau of development services, yes.

Fritz: We share your concern on that and make sure that we do track that. And again, I want to mention that hearing on march 23rd, it's very important for citizens to give them input on that and I appreciate the fact that you, urban forestry commission and the planning commission will be at the hearing. That's helpful.

Adams: Thank you very much for your service. Really appreciate it. Thank you, gentlemen. Anyone signed up to testify?

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Moore-Love: Two people signed up. Please come on up. David and veronica.

Adams: David odom is actually a member of the urban forestry commission and a neighborhood tree specialist and a friends of tree. And he's a municipal specialist and arborist. Did I get it all?

David Odom: You got it all. In the capacity as friends of trees, I'm here this morning. Good morning, as I've been introduced, thank you for that. David odom representing friends of trees. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment. During the annual report presentation by the urban forestry commission, as a urban forestry commission myself I think it's important that the commissioners are apprised of our work. This season, we have -- we will have planted approximately 4,000 trees in 07 neighborhoods. Neighbors planting alongside neighbors, building community within the city of Portland is a fantastic component of our city, of friends of trees, of a nonprofit to be a part of over 10,000 trees and shrubs have been used to restore native landscapes in the wider metro area through green space initiative. Through our partnerships with Portland general electric, metro, the backyard bird shop and verde. We're expanding our programs and those without access it a tree -- it's important to be able to look at trees and play under trees and have trees as their experience. Through a growing partnership with the Oregon department of transportation, I emphasize this, for the first time in state history, this project along interstate 205 has capitalized the installation of trees but factors in their future value as well. Trees are being considered as a municipal asset, part of the infrastructure. We know how many stop signs we have and pipe and fire trucks, but how many trees and what is their value. It's one of -- the one municipal asset that gains value over time. Tree planting is vital. The bureau of environmental services, grey to green initiative is expanding the green infrastructure. That end, friends of trees planting programs directly benefit the health of watersheds and riparian habitats and we work with the bes staff and through that we have assisted in developing the neighborhood canvassers who go door to door signing up neighbors to plant and receive trees in their planting strips or yards. In closing, I would like to thank the city commission for their time in recollecting the value of the urban forest and achieving goals of canopy cover and the vital role that trees play in our society. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you for your service, David.

Fritz: Can I ask you, if someone wants to get involved on a Saturday morning.

Odom: Go to friendsoftrees.org. And we plant from late October to early April. In the summer, we have opportunities for summer inspectors to go look at trees that have been recently planted. But the website has a ton of information.

Fritz: And it's every Saturday morning.

Odom: Yes.

Fritz: Do you have to sign up in advance?

Odom: You can just show up.

Adams: Thank you very much.

Veronica Bernier: Good morning, council members and mayor Adams, you're looking well today, mayor Adams.

Adams: Thank you. Thanks for the cup of coffee. That was good timing.

Bernier: You're welcome. The mayor always notices his constituents and we've been supportive of mayor Adams, about the riparian greenness and goodness in the city. I'm reminded of the past, former mayor Vera Katz, who had a hand in plants over 65,000 trees for our city. Mayor Vera Katz was short in stature, but big on ideas.

Adams: Mm-hmm.

Bernier: She was a stalwart tree supporter and short people can do big things and thanks to her, we have 65,000 trees here in a vast riparian tree canopy around the city of Portland. We support that generally, and I would like to share that our lady friend from heritage trees, Diane, a friend of mine near the -- of the Westover group. They're the people on Westover road. They had a hand in bringing up quite a few trees that Vera Katz planted. I with like to share that the girl scouts are

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taking hikes in the woods, periodically, after the April-may rainy season subsides and the ground warms up and they share in that vast riparian tree canopy and the trails are made shady by the addition of trees. There's one point I would like to bring up. Along the ridge, we need to reinforce that ridge with more trees and my friend -- garrity -- you can tell he's Irish -- and I wanted to support him and his tree work because whenever they put in a tree, it stays for years and up on the ridge is where we need that. It's a wind break. In a vast interesting relationship, the trees do give off oxygen while we absorb that and carbon dioxide in a symbiotic, biological relationship. That supports mankind. Cities that have a lot of trees do well. Thanks a lot.

Adams: Thank you both for your testimony. It's interesting that san antonio has many more trees per square foot than we do. And so as good as we are, especially for pacific northwest cities, we've got room to improve and I like that that this report shows that it should inspire us for doing even more. Thank you for being part of that.

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

Adams: I'll entertain a motion --

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Adams: Moved and seconded. Karla, please call the vote.

Fritz: Thank you to everyone on the urban forestry commission for your great work on this and throughout the year. And thank you to the Portland parks and recreation, metro area and the tree program, lots of good work being done. And thanks to the volunteers who work in the neighborhoods. I do encourage folks to get involved in the friends of trees planting. It's fresh air and community building. The picture of the big bald root tree they were putting in the hole. You can't do that by yourself. We're not talking about planting little saplings. We're talking about big trees that go into neighborhoods and create canopy quickly. I encourage folks to get involved in that. Thanks to carey on my staff who has become as enamored the tree planting as I. Aye.

Fish: To underscore the importance the trees, my wife and I bought a house in north Portland in part because of the silver maple. And there was a storm and it damaged our house and Vera Katz sent me a bill for \$800. [laughter]

Adams: You're lucky, I would have sent you one for \$1,800.

Fish: That was the cost of removing the obstruction to the sidewalk caused by the silver maple falling on my house. So -- [laughter]

Leonard: Are you voting yes or no? I can't figure it out. [laughter]

Adams: Glad you're not bitter.

Leonard: Voting against this --

Fish: Brian and Joe, thank you for an excellent presentation and Amanda mentioned earlier about citizen volunteers, but 11 members of the urban forestry commission appointed by the mayor and voted on by the council are truly an extraordinary lineup. Brian is the president and of focus point communication and Joe is a professor of geography at Portland state -- and it's a stellar lineup and they do great work and thanks to the leadership and the commission members. Since dean harriet is here, I want to -- dean marriott is here, I want to acknowledge the canopy and budget at parks and specifically thank dan Saltzman and dean as to how we can partner to maintain trees not on park land and this is an example of how the bureau of environmental services and parks work effectively together to get the job done. We'll have more to say about that at budget time. I'm extremely pleased to vote aye.

Saltzman: At the -- bureau of environmental services we're doing a lot of creative thing. The tree program is very effective and a recognition that trees are a capital resource and should be considered as such and I want it say that the citywide tree policy is my top priority for this year. Not only getting a good policy in place that does justice both to homeowners and it trees, but to make sure that we have enforcement of our regulations and rules about cutting down trees, which

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all too often we've had abuses of that so I'm looking for a more seamless enforcement of our tree policies and making sure we have adequate funding to make it work, is my top priority. Good work, and I'm pleased to vote aye? No with standing commissioner Fish's vitriolic attack on the trees that have we've reached the end of their life cycle, I vote yes.

Adams: Well, aging trees? [laughter] I too am a fan of aging trees. [laughter] I want that on the record. You can't take all the limelight. Aye, good work. [gavel pounded] so approved. That give gets us to the regular agenda. Karla, please read the item number -- number 336.

Item 336.

Adams: In 2007, as sewer commissioner with the support of this city council and very talented staff, recognized for their innovation and green infrastructure, green infrastructure that saves money, this city council approved the green streets plan for the city of Portland. And in 2008, we funded, again funding that plan, with the resources that we had available. I think we all, at the time, both at initial passage and subsequent funding felt it was underfunded and a modest amount to get that plan jump-started, but it was what we could do with the resources that we had on hand. Green streets -- and the reason we passed that plan is that green streets have shown themselves from previous years of piloting under the leadership of commissioner Dan Saltzman and others that green streets have shown themselves to be an incredibly cost-effective way to deal with two things -- pipes that are undersized and that when people are using the sewer pipes and it's raining very hard, combined sewer pipes, under those conditions will back up into businesses and people's basements.

We have a part of town -- called the Brooklyn creek basin, which is from mount tabor to the Willamette river, that experiences flooding because the pipes are undersized and it's backup when it rains and there's usage of those pipes. Green streets have proven to be very cost effective because it takes the 37-inches of water we receive on average a year in this community and prevents them from going into the streets stormwater drains and prevents in a cost-effective way the sewer backups that occur under certain conditions and it also happens to be, known as bubble curbing, curb extensions, happen it be a similar product, a similar in-the-street facility, necessary for calming traffic. Necessary for prioritizing on certain treats in the city -- certain streets in the city, the passage of bikes -- and pedestrians over the passage of vehicles. These quiet streets we prioritize next to the busiest streets that was spoken to in the Portland bicycle plan. And drivers that never plan to get on the bike and bike riders and potential bike riders both support this approach. Car riders want to eliminate the conflict between bikes and cars and more people will get on their bike if they have a choice, a safe choice of taking a bike corridor or a quiet street and they, too, want to eliminate conflict between themselves and cars. These two policies have come forward that in-the-street, used if done well, a similar approach for the benefit of pedestrians and bikes and the benefit of sewer ratepayers and the finer point on the green streets as it relates to sewer rates. It is much cheaper to get the stormwater out of the sewer system by preventing it from going into those pipes in the first place than digging up the street and having to put in a much more expensive bigger pipe.

And that's why this makes sense for sewer ratepayers, it's why the city council passed it unanimously, and I'd like to think it's why the city council passed unanimously three weeks ago asking that we do these projects more together, boulevards and green streets. You still have to have the money to save by doing both of these kinds of projects together. And that's where there have been few silver linings from this horrible recession that Portland families and we're all living through. Very few silver linings, but if there is one, it is in the fact that this city and construction and development in general, are receiving sometimes 40% bids -- 40% below initial city engineer estimates. So last year and this year, the contract variance, and that might include contingencies no longer needed because contracts came in lower, the bids that came in lower. Rough and draft analysis by omf shows \$49 million in contract variance. So when I proposed the amendment with the support of the city council last time, I specifically said we would target moving forward underfunded green streets and target moving forward in a kick-start way, the bicycle plan for 2030

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but taking a portion of those savings and devoted them to green streets. Swales are part of the city's secure system. Today you have in front of you the ordinance that moves that forward and also an attachment that's been distributed to council that show, roughly, \$49 million in contract variances. And by doing these together, we can move both projects forward much quicker than either was contemplated before and a way that doesn't have the city going through doing -- doing bike boulevards and wasting money and doing green street treatment. We save money by doing them together when you have the resources to do it now. With that, I'll be happy to answer questions that council might have. Do we have a presentation from staff? I'm sorry, coming up. We have Greg -- mark lear and Greg jones from the bureau of planning and transportation. Who wants to go first?

Fish: I have a couple of questions, mayor. To clarify. The \$20 million over three years as I understand it has no short term rate impacts.

Adams: It does not require us to go out for any additional debt than planned and does not require us to -- based on council approved budgets for the last two years, it does not require us to forestall any projects. In fact, the 30-some million dollars left on the table get devoted to move further down the gray pipe cip list.

Fish: Thank you. As to the impacts on, quote, other capital project expenditures, is it our intention to address that through the budget process?

Adams: Absolutely, and again, there's only more money left on the table than council approved for the current budget. Because although the bureau had -- the bureau had -- had recognized those savings and immediately sought to reprogram -- they have their wishes how to reprogram them, this council action today would give clarity to their initial wish list.

Fish: Thank you.

Adams: Mr. Jones.

Greg Jones, Bureau of Transportation: So I think you very clearly summarized the objectives of the green street program. In your remarks. But I wanted to note that community benefits from the green street are absolutely broader than the savings for the stormwater system. They create better neighborhoods, they leverage our environment and transportation investment. They create safer streets and that's what is really the objective here. To try to get a good match between the investment by bes and the investment by pdot on the bike boulevards and green streets. Green streets have become very popular throughout the city. The president of the -- of smile, the league has given testimony on the benefits of the recent improvements of 13th and Spokane. In addition to the improvements there, we have had very strong interest in green street improvements on the division project we're doing in combination with bes. The -- if you have driven down sandy, you've seen some of our work along sandy to improve that street as well. The bike boulevard objectives are really to clarify or to create a low-stress network citywide that connects our schools, parks and business districts together to provide a way for the bicycling community to access those. I won't go into that in great detail. You've heard that as part of the bike plan. But basically streets that are low-volume. Under a thousand cars a day. Streets where we're prioritizing crossings at arterials and putting in medians, signals and devices to allow easy crossing of bicyclists across the arterials where they match up with the bike boulevard and we'll reduce the speed on traffic calming devices like speed bumps and providing signing and way-finding for users on the bike boulevard system. What we intend to do with the jump-start funds is to provide green features that provide traffic calming on these bike boulevards. Curb extensions, intersection realignment and the example in the photo is one of the curb extensions that was done on sandy at glisan. What we're not using the funds for are the non-eligible costs. The signals, bike lane, striping, speed bumps, non-green traffic calming features. So we're trying to balance between eligible costs and non-eligible costs to make sure we're not crossing -- to make sure we're not crossing the line with the intended use of the green street funds. Mark, do you want to go into examples?

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Mark Lear, Bureau of Transportation: Mark Lear, traffic manager for the department of transportation. I wanted to highlight the green street type projects that we found the most useful on our bike boulevard and these have been projects that we partnered with BES to deliver. The semi-diverter on S.E. 13th and Spokane. This type of improvement is a tool that helps us with the volume concerns. What it does is allows cars to turn off -- onto the busy street. In this case, Spokane onto 13th. But doesn't allow the cars on 13th to take the cut-through route on Spokane. It allows bikes to cross at this location -- to make it a nice fast convenient route for cyclists we have to deal with the higher volumes. That's one way. The next feature is an example from S.E. 12th and Clay. A curb extension. They provide additional visibility to the bicyclist and can reduce speeds for the turning vehicle. The green curb extension is one of the tools we use. This is an example of an intersection realignment project at S.E. 55th and Belmont. The slide shows a before-and-after picture before we did the improvement and after we partnered with BES. The short story, we had heard from the church on the corner that people couldn't access the church. Pedestrians had difficulties crossing the street. By reducing the asphalt and putting in the green facility, we meet the stormwater objective but a safer area for pedestrians and motorists and cyclists. This is similar to what we're proposing at 33rd and proposes a cyclist to stay in a protected area and not have a pedestrian stuck on a busier street. And this incorporates the semi-diverter. Here's an example of I think how things have changed in Portland. In the 1990, we did a semi-diverter at 39th and Lincoln. This is a much lower product than we had -- a performing product than we had now. You can see the plantings we included. The water, didn't drain on the feature, we had to do more sewer work to make it work. But planted plantings that don't work from a traffic safety perspective. They're blocking visibility and if you look at 13th and Spokane, we're managing the stormwater on-site and putting in native plants that deal with the pollution running into the -- into the swale. As well as planting native plants that will be easier to maintain and still maintain visibility. This last slide I wanted to show was a green street bike boulevard opportunity map. Clearly, the ordinance make it is clear as Greg will about, of a rose to make sure we're meeting the objectives and our recommendation is that we start with the highest priority boulevard projects that give us a good geographic equity across Portland both for the need to have bike boulevards in every neighborhood but some level of green in every neighborhood as well and work with BES to ensure that the projects meets both transportation and BES objectives.

Jones: The next step is for BDC and PDOT to work to define what those boulevards will be that match up the priorities of PDOT's bike plan and BES's green street plan. We've been meeting a great deal for the past two weeks to reach some conclusions how to move forward. I think the first season, the optimum way it move forward is to address those existing bike boulevards where green street enhancement -- enhancements would occur and in the CSO area and inner east and northeast Portland where we have existing bike lanes that can use some upgrades. We will then report back to council through the budget process on what our plan is for the subsequent years on how to move forward with both bike projects and the green street projects combined. So phase one list, look for those community-supported projects that are absolutely a good mutual match. We will then need to, over the next few weeks, figure out what our project delivery method is and how we're going to design and build these projects between the two bureaus. We will look at staffing to get this work completed. This is a lot of work. That's very intensive. Hands-on work with both -- both for design and community involvement. So we'll be coming back as part of our budgets to present staffing requirements. And finally, we will then come back to you with phase two for the second and third construction seasons on the rest of the plan for the improvements.

Adams: Got questions from -- oh, first off, I want to move some amendments. One, strike section -- I move to strike section two, so we'll vote on this next week. And that in paragraph C, under the "now, therefore" that it be amended to reflect the following: "including the use of contract savings and guided by the attached financial summary," so we will also have two exhibits, Exhibit A and

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the bike boulevard -- green street opportunity map PowerPoint that you just saw as attachment B. The Bureau of Environmental Services will work with the Bureau of Transportation to identify \$20 million over three years.

Fish: Why are you striking number two, just out of curiosity?

Adams: Section two?

Fish: Yeah.

Adams: Commissioner Fritz wants to vote on it next week.

Fish: Oh, okay.

Adams: So it's not an emergency, that's just the section --

Fish: Oh, I'm sorry. That sec-- I was looking at a different section.

Fritz: Thank you, Mayor, very much. I appreciate the extra time. So just to clarify on the amendments to section C of the "now, therefore", that was something that I did have a question about. So it's 20 million from the current contract savings, essentially, it's not an additional 22 million a year.

Adams: It's the -- attached you have the financial summary that shows 15.4 from contract savings and the remainder is coming from existing green street accounts. But they'll be coordinated with the bike plan.

Fritz: But your amendment that we're currently voting on strikes the bit about the 2 million per year guar--

Adams: Correct. It's identify \$20 million over three years using that attached Exhibit A.

Fritz: Thank you.

Leonard: Mayor Adams, does removing the emergency clause postpone when we can start constructing these bike boulevards?

Adams: It does, but... we will -- we're working on the pre-work for bike boulevards, so I don't think we'll have any on-the-ground impacts for the next construction season. The curb work, since we had the emergency on, we've come to understand can be done in a variety of weather conditions and doesn't have to be in the warm-weather construction season. Since most of this is curb work, it shouldn't have much of an impact.

Fritz: Thank you, Mayor. I know you always want things done yesterday, and I appreciate your graciousness.

Adams: You bet.

Fritz: Can you give me a little bit more information about the staffing piece that you just mentioned? Where is it envisioned that more staff are going to be needed?

Adams: Well, in PBOT, we don't envision more staff for this. BES might request more staff, and through the budget process we'll decide whether we agree with that.

Fritz: And do we have further presentations, or is that all?

Adams: Now the time is for questions and comments.

Fritz: I'm wondering, what with the -- what would be the impact in rates if we chose to use the savings to decrease the rates rather than do these projects, percentage-wise, does anybody have an answer for that?

Adams: 15.4 million dollars impact on rates one time. So it's a one-time impact. Andrew, do you know? We'll have to get back to you on that.

Fritz: Yeah, that'd be great.

Adams: How big is BES's annual budget including capital, Dean?

Dean: The annual budget is about \$300 million...

Adams: And that includes capital? Okay. \$300 million.

Fritz: Thank you. And so again, I could have the question answered later, how much is the total maintenance backlog at BES of unfunded -- I know in Transportation, the mayor's done a lot of work and we know we have a lot of backlog in Transportation, but I'm

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wondering what the total backlog is of sewer projects in Environmental Services.

Adams: I think we also need to get the safety log that shows how many people are being killed and injured by a lack of on street safety improvements as well, which there's a backlog on that as well.

Fritz: Right, I agree. Because I think what we're being asked to vote on here, and I'm in support of voting on it, I think this is a good discussion to have, are we've got a city policy adopted for the greater green streets, and we want to get that funded. We've got a city policy newly adopted on bicycles, and so the question is, we've got these contract savings because of the recession: what's the best allocation of them. And I think you made a persuasive argument that this is the best allocation for it. Having that other information will help clarify that.

Adams: Great.

Fritz: Thank you.

Adams: Any other discussion from council? All right, how many people have signed up?

Moore-Love: We have five people signed up.

Adams: Okay.

Moore-Love: The first three please coming up are Terry Parker, Chris Smith, and Mike Houck.

Adams: Hi, welcome to the City Council. We're glad you're here. Terry, why don't you begin.

Terry Parker: Okay, Terry Parker, I'm -- I guess you could call me a Portland native, since I was born and raised in Portland, lived here all my life. Water and sewer rates that affect the cost of living in Portland must be kept affordable for all users. Rating utility taxpayer dollars -- ratepayer dollars -- to fund a selfish special interest and pet projects, like bicycle infrastructure, is a classic form of embezzlement. The people who I've spoken with within the local financial industry, including some who are avid bicyclists, concur with this assessment. In the private sector, such a scam would likely be called cooking the books. Commissioner Fritz, I seem to remember one of your campaign issues when you were running for city commissioner was the concept that voters should have a say on major financial undertakings by the city. Whatever happened to that lost model? The concept of labeling this raid on utility ratepayer dollars an emergency and ramming it through is an obvious deceptive tactic to sidestep public opinion. Moreover, even though this rip-off may have the consent of the city's highly vetted, one-sided, and stacked-deck budget committee, a committee that earlier in this meeting was tilted even more towards a social engineering mindset, nowhere in the materials handed out at last week's public budget forums was this misappropriation of funds even noted or mentioned so the general public could weigh in with an opinion. Mayor Adams, you want to increase the graduation rates in Portland schools. Is that to say that students should follow this con-job example of taking and cheat on tests to obtain their diplomas? Should the public follow the same corrupt example when dealing with the city in managing finances in their daily lives? At the Portland Utility Review Board hearing last week, 100% of the testifiers were against increasing water and sewer rates. Not only are water and sewer rates paid for by the users, but things like public golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts, et cetera, are also funded with user fees. Currently, arrogant freeloading bicycle-- well, activists want all the frills of specialized and often exclusive bicycle infrastructures as long as somebody else pays for it. One more trip made on a bicycle compared to by car is one less trip that helps pay for transport infrastructure. The bottom line is that equity requires the now pedal-pushing deadbeat bicyclists accept the financial responsibility themselves in a manner that any local funding for bicycle infrastructure comes from license, registration, and other user

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fees directly assessed on bicyclists only, not from an unethical and fraudulent rate on utility ratepayer dollars that are needed elsewhere. If the council has any integrity at all, this ordinance will be defeated. Now, I have a question: who -- there was a separation of funds up there -- who is paying for the signals, the striping, the signing, et cetera? This ought to come directly from the bicyclists, not anybody else. Thank you.

Adams: I appreciate your consistency on this issue, Terry. Commissioner.

Chris Smith: Good morning. I'm Chris Smith, I am a deadbeat cyclist who contributed this morning to our air quality reduction of congestion and need for less auto parking by bicycling to this meeting this morning. I'm firmly in support of this measure. I believe that in an era of scarce public resources, we have to find every two-fer and even three-fer opportunity that we can, and I would say that even if we did not have some immediate contract savings, we should be programming future work for water quality to achieve these double benefits. I think this is absolutely a good idea. I applaud the mayor and the council for moving in this direction. I do want to sound one note of caution, and that is in reprioritizing BES's project list, which is essentially what we're doing, whether that's an established, approved list or even just a wish list, we are changing the benefits and burdens that will come out of that process, and I think that we need to be careful and sensitive as we move forward with this that we look at that redistribution of benefits, burdens, and effectiveness and make sure we're keeping the intent of those programs as whole as possible. I believe that in the end, the combined benefits to water quality and to the bicycle network will be a clear win for the city, but I just want to caution that we are sensitive to those environmental and other benefits.

Adams: And just to underscore, because we -- I think everyone up here shares that -- this is additional funding of \$15.4 million to green streets, which will be done in a way, as you say, with a two-fer or three-fer benefit for saving people's lives and providing more people safe and convenient ways to get around town, more trips by bike and pedestrian. Mr. Houck.

Mike Houck: Mayor Adams, commissioners, my name is Mike Houck. I'm here representing the Urban Greenspaces Institute, and I'm here to support cycling, parks, trails, and healthy watersheds, and green streets. I sat on Metro's Green Street Technical Advisory Committee. I think it took us three years to finally come up with a document, and it's a pleasure to see some of these projects being implemented. BES until relatively recently -- and I've been working with folks in BES for 30-plus years -- was in fact a sewer bureau. I was surprised to hear you refer to yourself as the sewer commissioner when in fact I think you're the healthy watersheds commissioner -- or were. And of course Commissioner Saltzman is now. I was -- I was actually pleased to sit on the review committee that hired Dean Marriott, and I'll say that with Dean's tenure, that's when the green infrastructure concept and the movement not entirely away from gray of course, because we need the pipes as well, but the movement acceleration, increasing green infrastructure projects in the bureau, which have mul-- two-fers, three-fers, four-fers -- has occurred under Dean's leadership and his staff. He has a fabulous watershed staff. And as I mentioned at an earlier hearing, contrary to 30 years ago, we have folks who really understand ecosystem health. So thanks to Mayor Adams' leadership via the Gray to Green Initiative, Dean's continued leadership and his staff, Dan's support of those efforts, BES has in fact, I think, become a more comprehensive bureau akin to the Park Bureau, really. Olmstead's -- I always have to get Olmstead in -- 1903 Park plan called for a comprehensive park system, including natural areas and active recreation facilities, and BES is now moving -- has moved and I hope will continue to move -- in increased spending on green infrastructure to become a more comprehensive watershed agency,

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blending the gray and the green. We need more green, in my opinion, to make the appropriate balance. So I just want to say that we're pleased. I -- I will say my initial reaction was to be a little hesitant, a little skeptical, concerned about perhaps funding going away from the green stuff in the bureau, and thanks to Bob Salinger, your staff, Mayor Adams, BES staff, I sort of think of this almost as a Rubik's Cube, trying to figure out how in fact what PBOT staff describe as meeting both BES and PBOT's objectives and doing the two-fers and three-fers and so forth was not easy to comprehend initially. So I'm pleased that with the watershed investment fund we'll continue to upgrade. I'm pleased to hear that we'll probably actually increase green infrastructure spending, and of course implementing green streets. So thank you very much.

Adams: Thank you all very much. The next two. And then, sorry, then I need to add at the end Leslie Carlson and Carl Larson, because I forgot to mention them at the beginning.

Moore-Love: Bob Salinger and Carl Larson.

Adams: And, Leslie, why don't you come up as well. I'm sorry to keep you waiting. Welcome back to the city council, glad you're here. Mr. Salinger.

Bob Salinger: Good morning. My name's Bob Salinger, I'm the conservation director for the Audubon Society of Portland. I'm also here as -- not representing, but as a member of the BES Budget Committee, which I've served on for six years now. And I'm here to support the proposal before you today. The Audubon supports it. But I also want to sound a little bit of a cautionary note. First off, I want to congratulate Mayor Adams for his leadership on sustainability, particularly on bikes and green infrastructure. You're creating an unparalleled legacy of sustainability. I don't think we've really seen this before in a North American city, and it's an amazing thing. You're also making difficult decisions, because we're talking about system change here, we're not talking about minor tweaks. We're talking about changing the foundation of how we do things. And we're implementing the vision of the Portland Watershed Plan, which developed in 2005, which talked about integrating green strategies into every single city project. And I went to BES this morning because I didn't have my copy with me and asked them for a copy so I could wave it around, but all they would give me was the disc. I wanted to present you with an impressive document, but apparently BES has absorbed the sustainability thing and they won't give me paper anymore, so I'm going to wave the disc around. But it did call for every single project to be looking for green strategies, the one-fers, two-fers, three-fers that you've mentioned, and this does that. At the same time, I want to express my appreciation to Dean Marriott and BES and echo some of Mike's comments. I give Dean a tremendous amount of credit for moving BES from a sewer agency to an environmental services agency. I think we need to stop and recognize that he's done this during the most difficult period that an agency could possibly face, the most expensive project in the history of the city of Portland, the big pipe, is coming in on time and under budget. So that's why we're here today to talk about the savings. And that's a phenomenal accomplishment. If you look at other cities -- I came from Boston, where they're still paying off their big tunnel. As a member of the budget committee, I'm acutely aware of how difficult it is to balance these different competing things and make sure we do the gray and the green. If one doesn't work, the other doesn't work either. We know that we need to have both. So my cautionary note: I do worry -- these are savings, I recognize that. At the same time, I also know from the budget process that there's a lot of things that are still unfunded that we're worried about. And we have some very, very difficult decisions to face. We know, for example, that the trees that we heard about earlier, the new tree code, is going to be expensive to implement and the money hasn't been found yet. We know that the river plan is coming before you in a month. It's going to be very expensive to implement and the city

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has a real role to step up; we're asking industry to do the same. That money hasn't been found yet. Even something like the Invasive Species Coordinator position, a real flagship project for the city two or three years ago, the program director for that program is vacant right now, we're holding it vacant because there isn't funding available for it. So we need to be thinking, as was already discussed by Chris, about what falls off the other end and make sure that we're really looking carefully at that, that we're holding BES harmless over the long haul for critical projects. We need to be looking to expand the size of the pie. That's the biggest thing I would convey to you this morning. We need to be looking at having industry internalize costs for environmental impacts, something we're talking about in the river plan. We need to be talking about all the bureaus looking for green strategies all the time; that's something we should've been doing since 2005. These streets should be green streets automatically. And lastly, we need to be looking toward things like the Intertwine Alliance, which is seeking out new sources of funding, state and federal, to add to the pie. The Intertwine just applied for \$104,000 Tiger Grant for sustainable transportation. So those kind of strategies so we're not necessarily competing, we're just enlarging. So thank you very much.

Adams: Thank you. Sir.

Carl Larson: Mayor and commissioners, thank you for your time today. My name's Carl Larson, representing the Bicycle Transportation Alliance. I'm here because the BTA's advocacy team is currently in Washington, DC, at the National Bike Summit, and they're there representing this city and this state on a national stage and working to create new sources of federal active transportation funding to match what cities like Portland are beginning to invest at a local level. They're also being fawned over by lobbyists from all over the country who look to Portland for inspiration and leadership. They get jetlag and a videotaped welcome from Lance Armstrong and I get to talk to you, who are really the people who I should thank for our current status, this city's status, not just as the talk of the National Bike Summit, but as a leader in eco-friendly design and all-around livability. Your leadership has made this city a model for bicyclists and bio-soil fanatics alike, and I actually just got a nasty e-mail from a friend of mine who's a landscape architect in New York because I failed to send her the 2010 Portland Stormwater Management calendar. I'll have to get that sent out soon. So Portland is a leader, and you are Portland's leaders, and I thank you for your leadership. And thanks especially to you, Commissioner Saltzman. Your proactive efforts to ensure that the Portland bicycle plan for 2030 gets not just adopted but funded and built brought us to where we are today. Today, in the form of the Green Streets proposal, we have a commitment from Mayor Adams to kick-start that plan and stormwater management plans with an impressive \$20 million. I think Portland's at its best when we're making the most of its limited tax moneys, and this proposal sets an example for all city government by dedicating contract savings towards future savings. I'm from Boston, too, and contract savings are something new to me. So we're pleased to have been assured by Mayor Adams' staff that this proposal does not come at the expense of vital watershed investments, and the fact that you've made a way to make the most of our existing funds and existing streets to make our citizens and our ecosystems healthier and better connected is really phenomenal. Smart and creative funding like this will produce a return on investment that typical road projects never will. Green streets investments keep citizens out of harm's way and pollutants out of our rivers, so the BTA thanks you, Mayor Adams, for proposing the Green Streets Initiative, and we urge city council to see this proposal not just as curbs and sewers but as a key to maintaining Portland's national reputation as a city committed to the health of its residents and its natural environment. Thank you.

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Adams: Thank you, sir. Hi.

Leslie Carlson: Good morning. My name is Leslie Carlson. I'm a deadbeat cyclist as well and also a co-chair of the Sustainable Development Commission, and I'm here testifying in support today. The Sustainable Development Commission actually spent a lot of time a couple years ago thinking about infrastructure investments and how to make the best use of our dollars and get social, environmental, and economic benefits out of that infrastructure. And we came up with this little working document we call Greeninfrastructure, and I just want to read you one of our principles, because I think it's relevant today. "Today's infrastructure investment can and must solve multiple problems rather than just one. These include climate change, obesity and health, environmental health, air and water quality, habitat loss, and economic recession." So we really see the sort of systems approach here of using infrastructure dollars and doing projects that achieve multiple objectives as a good thing. The second thing I wanted to point out to you in one of our principles is we really want to encourage cross-bureau integration. We think if we're going to solve big problems -- social, economic, and environmental problems -- it's going to require tearing down walls between disciplines and bureaus and working together. And having PBOT and BES do this together is going to be a good thing. And I think last, one of the benefits of doing this kind of cutting-edge work in Portland is that it builds expertise in our market that we can sell to other regions and to the rest of the world. We can really show the rest of the world how to solve these really tough problems, and then we can potentially use it as a way to build an economic development strategy. Thank you.

Adams: Well, I'd -- before you go, I mean, the great folks at BTA, Audubon, Mike Houck's folks have -- they get a little more airtime than you and your group does, and so I want to take this opportunity to thank you and everyone on the sustainability commission. Your work on the Green-fer -- two-fer, three-fer, four-fers -- many years ago inspired a lot of other policy and decision-making and strategy-making. So --

Leslie Carlson: Thank you.

Adams: That doesn't get enough recognition, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you.

Leslie Carlson: Thank you.

Adams: All right, unless there's additional testimony --

Leonard: I would just like to say that I'm happy, Mayor Adams, that you've asked for an addition to the information Commissioner Fritz has asked for, which is important as well, but that you've asked for the statistic on fatalities that occurred in Portland due to bicycle deaths. I use bike boulevards, and the reason I use them is because it is a terrifying experience -- and we haven't heard testimony to this, and I think it's important for us sometimes to not lose sight of the forest for the trees -- it is a terrifying experience to be on a main street even in inner Portland, where people are bike-friendly, and have absolutely no room between you and a passing car. The further east you get, the more you get hostility towards bikers, and I live about as far east as you can live and still be in Portland. I've been spit at, yelled at, had people pretend like they were going to hit me -- maybe they recognized me, it could be that, too --

Adams: That was just Nick.

Leonard: That was just Commissioner Fish, yeah. And so I think that this is a public safety measure, and for people who commute regularly on bicycles, it is a haven to be able to go to a side street that has been demarcated for bicycle uses in order not just that it improve the ecology of the city but it's safe. And so I appreciate, Mayor Adams, you bringing out that point as well, because that's what resonates with me more than anything, that this is really a bicycle safety measure more than anything else. Thank you.

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Adams: We will now vote on the amendment, and it would be useful -- it's just a request, you're not required to do it as you vote -- if you're willing to give some indication of the underlying non-emergency ordinance as well, but you'll be officially voting on the amendment. Can you please call the roll?

Moore-Love: Fritz.

Fritz: I greatly appreciate, Mayor Adams, your willingness to allow a little more time to get the questions answered, and more importantly, I think, is to explain to the citizens what exactly we're doing here and why. And I found much of the testimony very persuasive. We have city policies which we're trying to align. I especially appreciate Commissioner Carlson's comments as a systems approach and the importance of integrating different bureaus' work and getting away from the silos and figuring out indeed if we support the policy of the -- the Greater Green policy that was adopted in 2007 and we support the bike policy which we just adopted. It makes sense to look at which streets are on both plans and how can we achieve multiple objectives using ratepayers' money in this case and taxpayers' money in other cases. So I, again, appreciate the willingness to take a little bit of additional time and also to make sure that the ordinance specifies exactly what money we're spending and when. Aye.

Moore-Love: Fish.

Fish: Most of our best work is the product of collaboration between bureaus, and I'm very pleased that PBOT and BES have come up with this proposal, and in particular, the mayor and Commissioner Saltzman have worked together to come up with a real funding source to kick-start the plan that we've adopted and we support. And I want to just -- I want to just invoke something Mike Houck said earlier when he mentioned Olmstead. And Mike often mentions Olmstead because he wants to remind us that the foundation for the system we currently enjoy was set out over a hundred years ago. And that's another way of reminding us that our actions today need to stand the test of time. We need to be thinking forward more than a week, an election, a cycle. We need to think about the next hundred years and what the city's going to look like. And I think we're on the right track, and I think this innovative funding plan and this collaborative approach is likely to bear fruit. I'm very pleased with the testimony we got today, which I think was very informative. So I'm -- I believe we're on the right track, and I intend to vote yes on both matters. Aye.

Moore-Love: Saltzman.

Saltzman: Well, I vote yes on the amendment, and I just want to thank Mayor Adams and Dean Marriott and Sue Keil for, I think, working out what is a smart investment strategy. My whole support for this approach was premised on the condition there'd be no impact on sewer rates as proposed for this year, and those rates are 6.9% -- 6.99%. And I wouldn't support this package if it was going to increase rates, and it won't. It does mean some things will be deferred. Capital projects will be deferred, but this is an opportunity for a smart investment strategy, taking advantage of the fact that BES is investing heavily in green streets and matching up those opportunities with the opportunities to establish bike boulevards and other investments that make it safer for bicyclists and pedestrians, I would add, to move around the city. And I think that's what we all want is a balanced transportation system. And we want it done in a smart manner and in a way that will not increase rates this year. And that's the basis of my support for this package next week. Aye.

Adams: You voted aye on the amendment?

Saltzman: Yeah, I did.

Adams: Okay.

Moore-Love: Leonard.

Leonard: Aye.

Moore-Love: Adams

Adams: Well, just to thank you, colleagues -- my colleagues for their input and assistance in crafting this. I want to thank the bureaus for your work, both bureaus. I want to thank my own

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office staff for their work on this. A couple of -- just in closing, any time you -- any time anyone proposes a new approach in -- it takes effort to explain it and get -- to explain it well and to get people to understand it, and this sort of two-fer or three-fer approach I think falls into that category, as was noted by Mike Houck. I want to just clarify a few things, given what I've read in the press. No, you can't use sewer dollars for mental health services. You cannot use sewer capital dollars for mental health services. There is no alchemy anywhere that can make that kind of translation. You can use capital dollars in a variety of different ways as long as it's capital dollars and it is adherent to the bond covenants and the rules in which those fees or taxes are collected. You -- you can just as easily frame the issues as taking green street projects off the deferral list by this \$15.4 million as you can say anything in the gray pipe project list is being deferred. So there are a variety of ways that you can describe this, depending on your point of view. I like this approach because it is balanced. \$25 million for gray pipe and the savings we never intend-- you know, we never forecasted, and just over \$15 million to take projects off the deferral list for green streets. The taxpayers win, public safety wins, human safety wins, and we get to move forward both policies. I appreciate Commissioner Saltzman for working -- and his staff -- for working with us on this, and I think we've come to a great conclusion. Aye. It is amended. Which one are we on now?

Item 337.

Adams: Can you please read the title for 337?

Moore-Love: Yes. Improve land use regulations through the regulatory improvement code amendment package 5.

Adams: All right. We are... Second reading, so please call the vote.

Moore-Love: Fritz.

Fritz: First of all, thank you very much to the staff and to Mayor Adams for diligent work on this. Sandra Wood, Jessica Richman, and Eric Hicks in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability have worked long and hard with me and my staff on this amendment and also on the planning commission package, and I want to recognize especially Mayor Adams for being willing to share this project and allow me to participate with you in refining it and now in wholeheartedly supporting it. A lot of these regulations go unnoticed and seem rather dull to most people but have significant impacts on neighbors, builders, developers, renters, and property owners. Planners have toiled to make them more readable, more useful for all stakeholders, and the planning commission did sterling work. And with this action, council recognizes their importance and their expertise by sending some items back to the planning commission for further review and discussion. There have been many items that have been improved through this process. The code has been updated to incorporate more standards that address sustainable development, such as wind turbines, water cisterns, eco roofs, bicycle storage, and solar panels. The courtyard standards and open space requirements have become more transparent, with the requirements being in the code rather than in the administrative rules, and thanks to the folks in east Portland who pointed that out. We have updated and clarified when lot remnants are buildable. We have acted quickly to address significant problems with retaining wall size and placement in front yards, and we'll have the further discussed by the planning commission. And I have to note that both in that case and with the folks from east Portland coming in about courtyard gardens, that citizens showing up at city council at the last hearing -- well, it turned out not to be the last hearing, because we had a few more, but certainly turned up at city council after a two-year process -- individual citizens made a difference and got changes in this package. So if you ever doubt that showing up at city council can make a difference, this package is living proof that there isn't -- that there is no doubt. I didn't say that very well at all.

Adams: I think we knew what you meant.

Fritz: You knew what I meant.

Adams: Testimony has impact.

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Fritz: Thank you, mayor. Yet again you're helping me out. We took a closer look at developments of corner lots in the R5 zoning area and how to provide true affordability with design that is compatible with the neighborhood. And some of these regulations here need to be monitored for effectiveness, particularly the loading regulations, which may not be quite what we want, but that's the joy of planning, that we do the best we can in the time allowed with the input we get and then we figure out whether it's working or not and we continue to monitor. So it's one of the reasons that I'm very pleased that I'm able to participate on the council in planning issues. I greatly appreciate the work of all the citizens and the staff and, again, Mayor Adams, for welcoming me as a valued partner in his project. And I thank Tom Bizeau on my staff, who has been absolutely wonderful in helping figure out the code amendments with the staff. Aye.

Moore-Love: Fish.

Fish: I'll simply associate myself with Commissioner Fritz's comment and add that, thanks to Betsy Ames, my chief of staff, who helped me understand some of the mind-numbingly complicated portions of this; to Commissioner Fritz and her staff. Amanda's a recovering member of the planning commission, and her role here in this process was extremely helpful, and particularly the time she spent with me. And also to the staff of Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, who I think did an excellent job both in these public forums and privately meeting with commissioners to help them understand the various components of this. So thanks to everyone and to Mayor Adams for bringing this forward and leading this effort. Hi.

Moore-Love: Saltzman.

Saltzman: Well, I want to thank Mayor Adams and Commissioner Fritz and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, particularly Commissioner Fritz, I think, for infusing some excitement into what otherwise seemed to be pretty mundane stuff. But when you listen to her, the stuff she's talking about is really important.

Fritz: Thank you.

Saltzman: I am one of these people that somehow these types of issues I tend to glaze over a little bit. But there are some important things in here about wind turbines, cisterns, and other things that make this very important, so I'm glad to have somebody with Commissioner Fritz's expertise who can make this lively and exciting for me. And it's good work, and it took us a while to get here, but good work. Hi.

Moore-Love: Adams.

Adams: Well, I too want to thank Commissioner Fritz for helping us get this to fruition, where it is today. I really appreciate it. And your years of service on the planning commission and having that perspective, which is a unique perspective, is really important. So thank you. I appreciate it. I want to thank the great team at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, the Bureau of Development Services, and all the other bureaus that have been part of this. I remember when we first started the recap process that was -- there was low enthusiasm for it from staff, Planning Commission, and the City Council.

Fritz: And the citizens.

Adams: And the citizens. There was nobody that was, like, championing it. But it is the maybe unsexy tough work, but as Commissioner Saltzman just alluded to, the important work of always seeking to improve our city. So thank you very much. It means a lot. Aye. So approved. Please read the title for hearing non-emergency ordinance street vacation 338.

Item 338.

Moore-Love: Vacate a portion of Southwest 19th Avenue and Southwest Seymour Street, subject to certain conditions and reservations.

Lance Lindahl, Bureau of Transportation: Hi. Good day, Mayor, City Council. I'm Lance Lindahl, Portland Bureau of Transportation, Right of Acquisition Section. I'm here to present a

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street vacation of Southwest 19th Avenue and Seymour Street, and joining me here is Mr. Gray Haertig. And if there's questions, let him know.

Adams: Questions?

Saltzman: So there's several conditions attached to this about making sure sewer utility right-of-ways remain. This is on a hillside. Is it a forested, vacated right-of-way? So I guess my question is, what about the trees?

Lindahl: Yeah, I have aeriels here I can share with you.

Saltzman: Well, I mean, does the right-of-way we're vacating have a tree canopy? And if so . . . ?

Lindahl: It really does not. It is -- the streets in this area are currently unimproved. The streetways are gravel, and where the street is doesn't really match up with where the right-of-way lines are. And a good percentage of this area is mowed and maintained grass and shrubbery.

Saltzman: So there's not a tree canopy at the right-of-way?

Lindahl: Small ornamental trees, yeah. Correct.

Saltzman: Thank you.

Fritz: And is there a sewer to this property? Is there ever likely to be a sewer to this property?

Lindahl: Currently, this property and a number of properties around it have septic systems and leach fields, and there currently are no major sewer mains in the street right-of-way in this area. And I'm not sure what the future plans are.

Fritz: I think my understanding is that there's not likely to be in the future, which is one of the reasons I'm willing to support this.

Lindahl: Okay.

Adams: Additional Council discussion. Anyone signed up or wishes to testify on item number 338?

Moore-Love: I think one person signed up.

Adams: Oh, you -- okay. I'm sorry, I thought you were with the Bureau.

Gray Haertig: Not yet. I'm the proponent. And I'm not going to blivate long on this, I'm just here to answer any questions you might have.

Adams: I think you're ahead.

Fritz: Tell us your name for the record, please.

Haertig: Excuse me. My name is Gray Haertig.

Adams: Thank you, Mr. Haertig. All right, that moves to a second reading next week. Can you please read the title for emergency ordinance regarding a contract, item number 339?

Item 339.

Moore-Love: Amend contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for construction of all rail maintenance facility improvements related to the Portland Streetcar Loop Project.

Adams: Welcome back.

Vicky Diede, Bureau of Transportation: Good afternoon, or morning still.

Adams: How's our project going? I see the rails going in.

Diede: It is going well. We're about a third of the way through the water work, a little less on sewer. And the rail's starting to go in right after these activities, so it's started to look like a real project.

Adams: Great. What have we got here?

Diede: What we have -- first of all, for the record, I'm Vicky Diede with the Bureau of Transportation, and I'm the city's project manager for Portland Streetcar. What we have in front of you today is amendment five, which provides about \$3.2 million for the expansion and the improvements at the maintenance facility. It's the last of the construction packages for the loop project. So I just wanted to take a couple minutes and, one, recap the status of that pro-- or that construction contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. First of all, amendment five for the maintenance facility provides for 47 percent participation by disadvantaged business enterprise firms. When you

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add up -- put all of the construction contract packages together and the all the DBE participation, where we end up is that the total of the construction contract with Stacy Witbeck is about \$103 million. And overall, there's a 16 percent participation by disadvantaged business enterprises. If you us ODOT's -- the Oregon Department of Transportation's statistics for jobs, they assume 14 jobs per \$1 million in construction contracts or construction costs, so this would equal for the total project almost 1,500 jobs, which is what we kind of tried to remind people of when they don't like the traffic patterns going on. And then I just wanted to take one more opportunity to thank our funding partners at the Federal Transit Administration, at the Portland Development Commission, and at the property owners within the local improvement district. So I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Adams: Because we're getting state and federal funding, that's why Council has seen and the public has seen the nomenclature "disadvantaged business enterprise" as opposed to MWESB.

Diede: Yes.

Adams: We can only use DB.

Diede: Yes, that's true.

Adams: The overall project right now, on time, on budget?

Diede: On time, on budget. And as we -- I mean, this is -- there's a couple more intergovernmental agreements that will be coming back to Council for approval, but on the construction contract side, you won't see me for a while, but we will definitely take opportunities between now and the end of the project to come to Council and give briefings on progress.

Adams: So with the additional cars and the additional traffic, we need to expand the ability to maintain that, and that's what this contract provides.

Diede: Exactly.

Adams: Discussion from Council? Anyone wish to testify on emergency ordinance item number 339?

Moore-Love: No one's signed up.

Adams: Karla, would you please call the vote? And I assume it's an emergency --

Diede: It is.

Adams: So we can get moving.

Diede: Keep moving, yes.

Adams: Then we will pause on voting on this, a suspension of the rules. Unless there is disagreement, we will pause on voting on this and move on in our agenda.

Diede: Thank you.

Adams: Thank you. Can you please read the title for procurement report item number 340?

Item 340.

Moore-Love: Accept bid of Ground Hawg Environmental, Inc. for construction of the Springwater Trail Union Pacific Railroad Bridge, East City Border Section, for \$936,075.

Adams: Hi, Ms. Moody. How are you today?

Christine Moody, Procurement Services: Good morning, mayor, commissioners. Christine Moody, Procurement Services. In front of you is a procurement report recommending a contract award to the low bidder in the amount of \$936,074 for the Springwater Trail Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Project. The Bureau of Transportation entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to provide funding for this project as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The City's Good Faith Efforts Program does not apply to this project, as ODOT requires to comply with the federal DBE program. The DBE goal for this project was 2 percent, and Ground Hawg Environmental has DBE subcontracting participation at 4.5 percent. I'll turn this back over to Council if you have questions.

Adams: Discussion from Council?

Fritz: I'm assuming this is a bridge over the railroad on the trail? Is that what this is?

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Adams: Correct. It is not bridging the railroad over the trail. I know that. That would cost a lot more money. All right, it's not a bridge over the train.

Fritz: What is it?

Man: I believe this is repaving a large section of the Springwater, and the bridge references, I think, are primarily location.

Adams: Oh.

Fritz: Ah, thank you.

Man: This is a paving contract, primarily.

Adams: Great. All right, do I hear a motion to accept the procurement report?

Saltzman: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Adams: So moved and seconded. Karla, can you please call the vote on the procurement report, item number 340?

Moore-Love: Fritz.

Fritz: Well, this is another example of our excellent procurement staff getting things in a little under budget and also of us implementing promised plans, in this case pedestrian plan with the paving, and I'm pleased to vote aye.

Moore-Love: Fish.

Fish: Aye.

Moore-Love: Saltzman.

Saltzman: Aye.

Moore-Love: Adams.

Adams: Aye. Can you please call the vote for item 339?

Item 339.

Moore-Love: 339. Fritz.

Fritz: This is the previous item, and I heard from a nearby business owner how impressed they were with the speed of installation and how the impacts were significant for a short time but quickly done, and so I applaud Mayor Adams and his staff for recognizing the impact on businesses. I'm taking about, of course, the new streetcar line, which is a little different from what this is, but I wanted to take the opportunity to recognize that we do recognize that there are short-term impacts on businesses from the installation but that our construction workers are doing the work as expeditiously as possible, and it's certainly nice to see construction workers out in the street, investing some stimulus dollars and also some federal dollars and state money to get this done, and then to think about how the streetcar is going to encourage development in needed areas of town. So I'm very pleased to support this, which also supports that. Aye.

Moore-Love: Fish.

Fish: Aye.

Moore-Love: Saltzman.

Saltzman: Aye.

Moore-Love: Adams.

Adams: Vicki, Greg, your team and the Stacy Witbeck team, continue the great work. Aye. All right, can you please read the title for procurement report item number 341?

Item 341.

Moore-Love: Accept bid of Mowat Construction Company for the North Vancouver Columbia Slough Bridge for \$4,114,831.

Moody: Christine Moody of Procurement Services. In front of you is the procurement report recommending a contract award to the low bidder, Mowat Construction Company. The City identified 22 divisions of work for potential minority women and emerging small business subcontracting opportunities. Participation on this project is at 35.3 percent, and work is being

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performed in 13 different areas of work. I will turn this back over to Council if there's any questions, and Paul Gornet from Transportation is here to answer technical questions.

Adams: So we've got almost 7 percent minority business enterprise, less than 1 percent women-owned business enterprise, and then 2.6 for new businesses. So.

Moody: A total of \$392,000.

Adams: Okay. Any additional discussion or questions from Council? Anyone wish to testify on item number 341? Entertain a motion to accept the procurement report.

Fritz: So moved.

Saltzman: Second.

Adams: Moved and seconded. Karla, can you please call the roll on consideration of item 341?

Fritz: Well, I note that the engineer's estimate was \$6.7 million and it's coming in at \$4.1 million, so again, we're getting good value for the taxpayers' money. I also want to note that the East Columbia Neighborhood Association asks about this particular project every time I visit them, so I'm very happy to hear that it's getting done, and appreciate all the good work. Aye.

Moore-Love: Fish.

Fish: Aye.

Moore-Love: Saltzman.

Saltzman: Aye.

Moore-Love: Leonard.

Leonard: Aye.

Moore-Love: Adams.

Adams: Aye. 341 is approved. Can you please read the title for procurement report item number 342?

Item 342.

Moore-Love: Accept bid of Emery and Sons Construction, Inc. for the Umatilla Pump Station Upgrade for \$871,000.

Moody: Christine Moody, Procurement Services. You have before you the procurement report recommending a contract award to the low bidder in the amount of \$871,000. The City identified 14 divisions of work for potential minority women and emerging small business subcontracting opportunities. Participation on this project is at 13.9 percent, and work is being performed in the areas of painting, fencing, metal fabrication, and partial storm drain work. I'll turn this back over to Council if you have questions, and Dan Hebert from BES is here to answer technical questions.

Adams: It's got a relatively low MWBE amount, and it seems like the kind of work that should be - or the divisions of work that should be pretty accessible. Is there a r-- did we not get bids?

Moody: I also have the contractor here as well to help answer the questions. The paperwork that was submitted into Council said -- there was a clerical error on that; that 3.9 percent, it's actually 13.9 percent.

Adams: Oh, that's a big difference.

Moody: And then I've just talked to the contractor, and they've added additional WBE contractor on there for fencing as well.

Adams: So can you restate then, the MWBE is what, 13-point . . . ?

Moody: 13.9 percent.

Adams: Okay. And the second one, the MWBE was . . . ?

Moody: The total overall subcontracting was 13.9 percent, and I did not add in the \$6,800 that he just told me about.

Adams: Okay. Well, to the contractor, thank you. Good work. Those are -- wherever you're at, those are big changes. Thank you. I appreciate that. We were -- you're helping to meet our goals and our targets. All right, anyone that wishes to testify on item number 342? Entertain a motion.

Fritz: So moved.

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Fish: Second.

Adams: It's been moved and seconded. Karla, can you please call the vote on procurement report item number 341?

Moore-Love: Fritz.

Fritz: Well, thank you to the contractor for coming in to see the vote and to give us that good news about the increased percentage, or allocation of work to minority women and emerging small businesses. We really appreciate it. Aye.

Moore-Love: Fish.

Fish: Aye.

Moore-Love: Saltzman.

Saltzman: Aye.

Moore-Love: Leonard.

Leonard: Aye.

Moore-Love: Adams.

Adams: Again, thanks. Aye. So approved. Can you please read the title for non-emergency ordinance item number 343?

Item 343.

Moore-Love: Approve the Tenth Amendment to the Airport Way Urban Renewal Plan to reduce plan area by approximately 870 acres.

Adams: Executive Director Warner.

Bruce Warner, Portland Development Commission: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of the commission. Pleasure to be here. As you said, I'm Bruce Warner, the Executive Director of the Portland Development Commission. What you have before you is a fairly simple ordinance, but it does have great opportunities for the city of Portland by taking this action. What you're dealing with is the Airport Way urban renewal area. Just a little bit of history, it was initially created by the City Council in 1982. It's reached its maximum indebtedness a number of years ago, so no additional bonds are sold. And really, the work we're doing there is dealing with sales of property, and again, repayment of loans that deal primarily with the creation of jobs in the area. This urban renewal area has been a real success, I think, in terms of creation of jobs in the eastside. And what we're here to talk to you about is amending the boundaries of this particular district to eliminate area from the Airport Way Urban Renewal Area that will allow the city to address other areas of the city that may be blighted. And to remind you why that's important, state law permits us to only have up to 15 percent of the land area within the urban renewal area of the city, 15 percent of an urban renewal area within a city at any one time. It also limits the assessed value to 15 percent of the total city's assessed value within an urban renewal area at any one time. So what this does, we know that we have about 707 acres that we could put into a new or expanded urban renewal area at this time. This will provide an additional 870 acres of land that could be placed in a new or amended urban renewal area, which allows us to look at areas downtown that we're currently looking at, look at areas in the future on the eastside, and not bump up against that cap. So this is very important. I want you to know that we sat down with the property owners and people in the Airport Way area and the urban renewal advisory groups around the city to remove property that really is not going to need to be redeveloped in the future. And we've also, as noted in the ordinance, worked very closely with the Office of Management and Finance and a debt manager to assure that this reduction does not in any way violate or impact the repayment of the bonds for this particular district. It's a very simple ordinance, but it does give us a lot of flexibility now and in the future to look at creation of urban renewal areas in other parts of the city. Again, just to put into perspective the success of this, about \$2.5 million a year comes to the city and PDC for urban renewal activities, but almost \$19 million of new growth has been released on an annual basis to taxing districts in the city of Portland that are part of this urban renewal area. So it has been a very big success. Again, Keith's here if you

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need -- want to get into some of the particulars of this. But again, this is a good ordinance, and I'd recommend that you move forward and endorse it.

Fish: Thank you. Council, questions?

Fritz: I have a question.

Fish: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Just to clarify, you just stated that we've already reached the maximum indebtedness of this district, so we can't -- there's no other projects that can be identified and done in this district, is that correct?

Warner: There are projects that are identified, but mainly what we have in the future, if you look at our project, which we will be talking to you about on March 29th, is really to help new businesses and industries go in to create jobs in that particular area. And the funding comes from either sale of properties that we own, or again, the repayment of loans we've made to other businesses in that area. So there is no ability to sell bonds, as you pointed out, and there's no other major projects planned in this district, nor could they be done without amending and changing the maximum indebtedness limits.

Fritz: And I -- there's part of this that I find fascinating, so I'm just going to state it again, and you can verify that this is accurate, that it's grown -- the Airport Way Urban Renewal District has grown in value from \$1.17 to \$1.7 -- \$1.17 billion of assessed value, but already \$920 million are coming back to the taxing jurisdictions. So by taking this land out, which I understand is about \$3.5 million a year, we're not actually adding any more money back, because it's already most of the money from this jurisdiction going back -- from this district, already most of the money is coming back to our general fund, Tri-Met, the county, school districts, is that correct?

Warner: That is correct.

Fritz: That's very interesting. Thank you. And it's really evidence of the success of urban renewal in general and in this particular district, showing how successful it's been.

Fish: Other questions? Commissioner Saltzman?

Saltzman: Well, I just wanted to build on that point that Commissioner Fritz was making. This is a success story, the Airport Urban Renewal Area. It has created over 17,000 jobs. Is that correct?

Warner: Mm-hmm. That is the number, I believe. That's correct.

Saltzman: So it's been a phenomenal success. And I realize there are some concerns that we're probably going to hear from the East Portland Action Plan, but I just wanted to clarify, no decision has been made yet about where the surplus acreage might end up within that urban renewal area, eastside or westside.

Warner: That is correct, councilor. Just to put it into perspective, though, if you look at what we're talking about in downtown or in potentially amendments to the North and Northeast Interstate, for example, urban renewal area, there's well over 1,000 acres available to deal with, other areas outside of the city, should we elect to move forward with those. If you don't, then as this points out, you've got almost 1,800, I believe the number is, acres that are available then city-wide.

Fritz: This ordinance doesn't commit us to putting those into any urban renewal district. We could just say we're done with urban renewal and we're going to have all the money go to the general fund and other jurisdictions.

Warner: That is correct.

Fish: Thank you. Other questions? Karla, do we have any people who have signed up?

Moore-Love: Yes, we have two people who have signed up.

Fish: Gentlemen, if you could stick around in case we have follow-up questions. If you could call up the witnesses.

Moore-Love: Veronica Bernier and Marie Daniels.

Fish: Welcome to City Council. You have three minutes. If you'd just state your name, and we're glad you're here.

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Marie Daniels, East Portland Action Plan: Thank you. My name is Marie Daniels. Good morning, Mayor Adams, who's not here, and the commissioners. My name is Marie Daniels, like I said. I'm a member of the East Portland Action Plan Advisory Subcommittee. I am a member of their Economic Development Subcommittee, a chair of the Youth Subcommittee, a business owner, and chair of the Women in Business Roundtable Advisory Committee in East County, so I have a lot of interest in East Portland and East County. I'm here today to discuss the East Portland Action Plan's proposition on the proposed removal of acreage from the Airport Way Urban Renewal Area. As noted in the letter prepared for the Council, we support the removal of acreage from the existing URA but are concerned about where that acreage may ultimately be reassigned, if it is to be reassigned. Our position is that any acreage removed from that URA remain in East Portland, either through expansion of an existing area or the creation of a new URA. Given the mayor's public commitment to increasing equity and fair distribution of resources in East Portland and our mission of supporting growth and prosperity in that area of the city, we propose the following. One: to slower extend the process of reassignment to encourage public participation. This step may include leaving the 870 acres in question assigned to the Airport Way URA until an equitable agreement has been reached. Number two: actively engage the East Portland Action Plan Advisory Committee in addition to other community, neighborhood and business organizations in the reassignment decision-making process. As you will note in the letter, we include several options for retaining the Airport Way acreage in East Portland. These options include expanding the Gateway or Lents URAs, the potential for creating a new URA in the Glenfair and Centennial neighborhood area, and the potential creation of a URA that abuts Gresham's Rockwood area. We believe that all these proposals bear a careful consideration, and we are committed to bringing all of our resources to the table during the consideration process. In closing, I would like to reiterate that we do support the proposed amendment to remove the acreage from the Airport Way URA in addition to a thoughtful and considered reassignment plan. We are looking to the city to demonstrate its commitment to equity and include us in the decision-making process that results in a fair and balanced allocation of resources. Thank you.

Fish: Thank you for your testimony. We have your letter. And just to clarify, Commissioner Fritz previously had an exchange. Are you satisfied from what you've heard that no decisions have been made by this resolution or yet as to how those acres will be applied?

Daniels: As satisfied as I can be at this point.

Fish: Thank you. Veronica, welcome back.

Veronica Bernier: Oh, hi. For the second time -- second time's a charm -- good morning. I see our mayor is off interviewing with some media types. Good. I'm glad to hear that. Everybody's still looking quite well and involved. I wanted to speak to the Portland Development Commission on the Tenth Amendment to the Airport Way Urban Renewal Plan to reduce plan area by approximately 870 acres ordinance that -- there, I got it right. I wanted to specifically reiterate what that land is. And I can tell you from having been a very small child flying into that airport myself at the age of about 1 with Lufthansa Airlines -- this goes way back to 1947, and in an incredible airlift of World War II kids coming over from Europe; we all came in on a big flight -- that area is essentially almost the same in development. In certain areas, it is population developed, but only to the account of about 250 people living there now. But about density, currently there are now -- the Airport Commission is an active one in this city. We encourage a lot of tourism. Former Mayor Vera Katz has always bended in the direction of supporting tourism and safe airways and safe airport areas. The density part is key here. That land is actually kind of a convergent area where you have the confluence of the rivers, you have a lot of marshland there around the airport land commission, and parts of that area are not very, very, very well -- let's see, a good way to put it would be like ground level-reinforced with hard rock. It is -- will not support a lot of density in terms of planning and/or buildings. The main occupation of people there out near the airport has been to support the airport

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in a commerce way with restaurants, hotels. You have the Quality Inn there. That's about 200 people that they can support there, if that, and the staff that supports it. They have a really nice restaurant there, by the way, the 72nd Travelodge, I believe it's called. It might be renamed by now; has about 79 to about 82 people, directly in from the airport, and it's very safe housing. I would like to say in the last 30 seconds that we want the airport to stay essentially the same, with the addition of maybe just a few low-level buildings, not too much mass development, because the area is not graded for a large, huge population density. You can liken it to what happened in San Jose International Airport and also San Francisco International Airport. Directly near the airport, there aren't areas that are too densely populated, for an obvious reason: for the jet traffic. So we want a safe, sane development of that area with those ideas in mind. Thank you.

Fish: Thank you, Veronica. As always, the depth of your knowledge of city affairs is breathtaking. Thank you for your testimony.

Bernier: Oh, thanks a lot.

Fish: Other questions for the PDC panel?

Fritz: I just have one.

Fish: Could you please come back up?

Fritz: And this is in response to the East Portland Action Plan folks' questions. What is the process for deciding where any new acreage might be assigned?

Warner: We have been systematically going through all of our renewable areas to look for what we need to do on existing areas. Like we looked at the Central Eastside a little while ago. As you remember, we allowed the Downtown Waterfront and South Park blocks to expire and made amendments to the River District, which was long and torturous, but we made those. We're now looking at, as part of our work program that you folks approved, looking at a new Central City Urban Renewal Area, as well as some changes in the North-Northeast. The next on our work program is to look at the Gateway Urban Renewal Area. I know there's a great deal of interest from a number of folks about some of the areas there. And beyond that, we have no commitments for further analysis, but I think the -- well, I can't remember the lady's name who came from the East Portland Action Plan -- made a very good suggestion, and what we should do is we should engage that community and that group in terms of opportunities and what can -- what urban renewal can and cannot do, and see if there's some areas we should explore out there, and then make that part of probably a further discussion with my board and you in terms of our budget and our priorities. And so we'll see if we can get to some further answers by the time we maybe talk with you on the 29th of what we might be able to do to start moving forward and address some of those concerns, because they are very valid.

Fritz: I would like that. And I wonder, what's the timeline for the Gateway, the look at Gateway with re-- so that we know before we look at the Central City one, how much -- well, at the same time, how our few scarce acres, even after we approve this, where they would go.

Keith Witcosky, Portland Development Commission: So I think that what we've got right now with the North-Northeast and the look at the Central City one, those will wrap up kind of summer, early fall. And we know roughly what it's going to mean in terms of acreage and additions to those things, and we know that there's going to probably be up to 1,000 acres that are going to be available for that look when our board and council talk about what to do with Gateway. And I think being able to fit that into the work plan and starting it in the fall makes a lot of sense. And our board chair, Scotty Andrews, has communicated with East Portland and talked to them about it and said that we are interested in doing it and it's a good idea, and it's something you've suggested, the mayor's suggested it, other people have talked about it, and it can easily be done.

Fritz: Great. Thank you.

Leonard: We ultimately vote on the creation of an urban renewal area, the council does.

Witcosky: Yes, exactly.

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Adams: And the debt and all the details. And the funding buckets.

Witcosky: And our budget.

Adams: And your budget. Sorry.

Saltzman: Did we leave out anything?

Fritz: Otherwise known as funding buckets.

Adams: East High. No, it looks good today, Keith. Anything else? All right, this moves to a second -- unless there's someone here to testify.

Fritz: We did that.

Adams: Oh, we did that? Moves to a second reading. Can you please read the title for second reading item 344?

Item 344.

Moore-Love: Authorize a \$3,000 grant agreement and Memorandum of Agreement with Portland Community Media as part of their Smart Access partnership with Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Central NE Neighbors and SW Neighborhoods, Inc. for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Adams: Please call the vote.

Fritz: Thank you to Portland Community Media for opening up this opportunity and to all the Portland Community Media supporters out there. Yes, indeed, the Office of Cable Communication and Franchise Management is working with the Mt. Hood Regulatory Commission to make sure that Portland's funding for Portland Community Media remains stable. And thanks to Brian Hoop in the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and all of our Office of Neighborhood Involvement partners and contractors who are participating in this program. It will be an invaluable tool in helping to conduct outreach and engagement with underserved populations and capture the stories of the wonderful things that people in Portland are doing. Aye.

Moore-Love: Fish.

Fish: Aye.

Moore-Love: Saltzman.

Saltzman: Aye.

Moore-Love: Leonard.

Leonard: Aye.

Moore-Love: Adams.

Adams: Aye. So approved. Can you please read the title for emergency ordinance item number 346?

Item 346.

Moore-Love: Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire six properties as a component of the Grey to Green Initiative.

Adams: Commissioner Saltzman?

Saltzman: Hold on a second here. I have something to say about this.

Adams: Why, yes, you do.

Saltzman: Oh, I do. Well, thank you, mayor. The City Council, under the leadership of then-Commissioner Adams, authorized the Grey to Green Initiative in 2007 to accelerate the city investment in green stormwater management projects, fish and wildlife habitat protection, and natural area enhancement. The Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Parks, and Metro are working together to identify and purchase land with high natural resource value in Portland. This ordinance authorizes the city to purchase six properties as part of the city's Grey to Green initiatives. The properties include a white oak woodland in the Baltimore Woods area near Cathedral Park. We will also be adding property in the East Buttes of the Johnson Creek Watershed, and property at the Ridgetown Slough in the Columbia Slough Watershed, and another property in the East

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Buttes area that contains more than 500 feet of the Johnson Creek mainstem and buffers for the Brookside natural area. The total purchase price for these six properties on eight tax lots is \$604,000. Of this total, Portland Parks is contributing \$207,000, Metro's contributing \$151,000, and \$112,000 is coming through BES. So I would urge approval of this great thing.

Adams: Does anyone have any very difficult technical questions for Commissioner Saltzman to answer?

Saltzman: Uh-oh, Commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: Stalling for time.

Adams: Does anyone wish to testify on this matter?

Fritz: Everyone wants to find out what's going on outside. It's noisy out there.

Saltzman: Randy Leonard.

Fritz: We do not know why we're being yelled out.

Saltzman: They want Randy to come out and talk to them, I think.

Leonard: I already did. They want you to come out.

Fritz: What is it?

Adams: It's a freedom of expression demonstration regarding the status for which we've taken no position on regarding Tibet.

Fritz: Oh, right.

Adams: All right, so anyone wish to testify on emergency ordinance 346? Karla, would you please call the vote on item 346?

Moore-Love: Fritz.

Fritz: Well, one of the reasons I'm sitting here today is because in 1995, the Bureau of Environmental Services and Metro worked together to purchase a forest near my house. And I'm really happy to see this one, particularly the Baltimore Woods, which has been contentious at this council, and I'm very appreciate of Environmental Services for working on the purchase. I also note the purchase near Brookeside. Ivy Francis was one of the city staff who first encouraged me to participate and helped me learn the ropes, and she was very instrumental in the Brookeside development. So it's very satisfying to be sitting here on the City Council and see other good projects, which I know other neighbors and other staff have worked on for many years being purchased to preserve and protect Portland's natural areas, because once they're gone, they don't come back. Thank you very much, Commissioner Saltzman. Aye.

Moore-Love: Fish.

Fish: Aye.

Moore-Love: Saltzman.

Saltzman: Well, good works to Parks, Metro, and Bureau of Environmental Services. Appreciate it. Aye.

Moore-Love: Leonard.

Leonard: Aye.

Moore-Love: Adams.

Adams: Good job, Commissioner Saltzman and Commissioner Fish. Aye. Can you please read the title for resolution item number 347?

Item 347.

Moore-Love: Authorize a temporary operating loan from the Bancroft Bond Interest and Sinking Fund to the Bureau of Development Services Operating Fund to provide interim funding.

Adams: Andrew, are you -- [sneezes] -- in case there are any questions. Hi, welcome back. Thanks for waiting. Mr. Scarlett.

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Paul Scarlett, Bureau of Development Services: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I'm Paul Scarlett from the Bureau of Development Services, Director. We're in front of you today to ask for a temporary operating loan. Essentially, our challenges continues in the form of financial and operational challenges at the Bureau of Development Services due to the economic crisis that we're experiencing. We are closely monitoring our finances on a daily basis; however, it's become pretty apparent some of the actions we took which were very progressive in reducing costs, we're still at the point where operating on a monthly basis at cost recovery is very challenging. And we have some accounting obligations, as advised by Andrew in OMF, where we can't dip below zero in our cash flow or below zero in our reserve fund. And additionally, we are maintaining and trying to provide the best level of service as we possibly can. We are at the point where our reserve fund is almost at zero, and we are asking for this loan to be a security to meet those financial or accounting obligations. And we do have projections that show, and historically, construction activities do pick up in the spring and summer. We're hopeful that that will materialize and we would be in a position to start to build up our reserve and be able to operate at at least 100 percent cost recovery. The loan is temporary in that we have to pay it back by the end of next fiscal year, June of 2011. Workload continues to come in at a pace where it's difficult to keep up, because we took the action of reducing our bureau by nearly half its staff. About approximately 150 staff were laid off. The workload is still at about 22 percent compared to the same period of time last year. This is measured from June to February of 2009-10 compared to 2008-09. So that's one piece of it. However, the valuation is what's really hurting us. It's down to about 50 percent. And so smaller projects, less expenssive, less revenues. That's the situation we find ourselves in. We are -- I continue, and I know my very dedicated and committed coworker, Denise Kleim, our resolve remains strong. We do, based on our operation and hopefully the economy, this will turn around. We have to ride it out. We're doing all the things we feel we need to do, and we've gotten great support from our commissioner, Randy Leonard, and great assistance from OMF and others who are involved. It is a difficult time, but some of these financial actions that we're taking have helped us. Certainly asking for a loan is something we've been in discussions for almost a year. We depleted our reserve, utilized all other means before we got to this point. Same with laying off our staff. We utilized our reserve; we were able to put in place a number of good cost-saving measures. We have introduced some efficiencies. And so many of these actions are very humbling and such a big change. I can share with you when I first started the job when Commissioner Randy appointed me five years ago, we couldn't hire people fast enough. There was so much work coming in, as you all may recall. And so to be in a 180 situation, it's such a strange dynamic. But we're not special. It's not isolated to BDS; it's happening in the country, in the world. And so we feel that in terms of our projections that we will be in a position to repay. We're comfortable that we can repay this loan based on increased projections and activities and associated revenues over the next year. I can go on a little bit. Denise, I'd like to turn to Denise to add a little context as to even some more why we find ourselves in the dwindling situation financially.

Denise Kleim, Bureau of Development Services: Thank you, Paul. Denise Kleim, Administrative Services Manager with the Bureau of Development Services. So Paul talked about the reductions that we had in our staffing, and I think it's -- I know you've heard some of this before, but it's pretty dramatic in terms of the reductions that we took. Our payroll a year ago, July 2009, over a year ago, was about \$2.4 million. And now our payroll is about \$1.3, \$1.4 million. That's a month. So we've cut our payroll costs by a million dollars per month. That's pretty, pretty extraordinary. Part of what we see

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happening is that part of the issue we're facing is a cash flow issue where we're monitoring our cash flow. Our finance manager, Edshad Hajiyev, is actually using SAP -- thankfully we have it online -- and is able to monitor our cash flow. He checks in about three times a day to check in and see what our cash flow is. And it has hovered very close to zero a couple of times, which is, if it goes below that, that is not good financial policy. So that's part of the reason for the loan is really a cash flow issue. Especially when payroll hits our accounts, then it really makes a huge difference. By the next day, then our cash fund balance is up a little bit. So we're just monitoring that very carefully, and I can say good things about SAP that it's allowing us to do that. The other issue is that our fund balance should not fall below zero, and that's an issue that is more of an end-of-the-month issue, that we look at that very carefully at the end of each accounting period. It does take a while for everything to get posted, but we watch on a daily basis as those postings come in. And have worked with OMF on some of that, and they've been very, very helpful. We also are monitoring our accounts receivable where we send out billings, and we've done a tremendous job in terms of our staff being able to talk to vendors or talk to our customers that have maybe been a little bit slow in paying in the past, and those accounts are pretty well up to date, much better than they were a few years ago. So that's working really well. The other part of the issue that we're seeing is that there are a couple of programs that have negative balances in their reserve. We have a reserve for the whole bureau, the whole fund that we monitor, but then each and every program has its own reserve. And the reserve for the Housing Nuisance Program is in itself below zero, and also Land Use Services. So those two that are supported in part by the general fund, there's major issues there, which is partly why we came to talk to you on February 9th and talked about the need for additional funding, and also in our budget request there's requests for additional funding for those two programs. The work that we're doing right now is working on, in addition to doing all this monitoring, we're working on our fee increases for July 1. And we've been working with our Development Review Advisory Committee. Our first proposal to them they had concerns about, so we went back to the drawing board and have -- are now working on a revision to that. So we'll be working on proposals and then also going out and meeting with the industry. But our fee increases are very, very important to our revenues for next fiscal year. Without the fee increases, we would have to make changes to our service levels. So just wanted to let you know that, that in addition to the loan helping us through, the fee increases are going to be pivotal, just as they always are to our budget, but this year especially pivotal in terms of our revenues. I think that's really all I have.

Fritz: You just gave us a lot of numbers, so I want to see if I grasp some of them. Paul, you said that the level of work is 22 percent of this time last year or 22 percent down from this time last year?

Scarlett: Down from this time last year.

Fritz: It's 22 percent less.

Scarlett: Lower now than last year.

Fritz: I see. That's helpful.

Scarlett: I'm sorry. That's -- I should clarify, that's in one area of work, issued permits -- building permits, site development permits -- not all functions. Land use activities are down even more, for example. I have -- actually, I think I have -- I can give you a little bit more context.

Fritz: Maybe if you could get back to me after this. I mean, obviously I'm going to support this resolution, because you need to have the fiscal soundness, but I would like to get those numbers. Denise, you mentioned the Land Use Service division in particular, and I'm

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wondering if the \$500,000 that we reallocated in the winter budget monitoring process, does that resolve that problem or is it still a problem?

Kleim: No, it does not resolve the problem. The fund as of the 31st of January was negative \$2.3 million.

Fritz: Wow. And there's no reserve in that subreserve fund either, right?

Kleim: Right.

Fritz: And then we discussed at the work session having an independent look at your projections. Is that process happening?

Scarlett: Denise has been in contact with OMF.

Kleim: Yeah, I can address that, and maybe Andrew can also. We did talk with the city economist and also our budget analyst. They asked for some data and information, kind of a test run to do a check of our revenue projections. And we did do that, submitted that information. The test verified the revenue projections for the current fiscal year, which they asked to do, but I believe that the budget office may still be interested in an outside consultant taking a look at our work.

Fritz: I think that would be helpful, because I want to be sure that our projections for when you're going to reco-- I don't want to be -- again, I'm going to support this loan, but the payback schedule and whether -- getting some outside expert advice on when construction might be rebounding would be helpful to figure out if this -- if you might need more help in the future, and if so, how much more.

Leonard: So I want to react to that. I'm happy to agree to that as long as they don't pay for it. Because in the final analysis, what the forecasts are that we use currently are based on state numbers that the entire state bases its projections on. And the numbers end up being what the numbers are. And what we're actually talking about here is trying to figure out, can we speculate what the revenue is going to be? And that's good to know, but in the final analysis, it doesn't determine what we actually take in. So for me, this is not an important exercise enough to pay the money. If OMF wants to pay the money or some other bureau wants to pay the money, I'm happy to have that done, but we cannot afford to pay for a consultant to do something that really doesn't get us any closer to generating more revenue.

Andrew Scott, Office of Management and Finance: And my recommendation was going to be that we take it out of general fund contingency in the spring bump.

Leonard: Great.

Adams: And we're talking how much money?

Scott: It's about \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Fritz: And that was my understanding too.

Leonard: That's fine.

Fritz: Thank you for clarifying.

Fish: I have a couple questions, mayor. First to Andrew, the notion of borrowing to cover operating costs. I mean, I understand the sort of general rule on that. Why does this particular transaction not give you heartburn?

Scott: Well, I wouldn't actually say it doesn't give us heartburn. I think it is something, we've been in discussion for months with BDS about this and the possibility that we may need to do this this fiscal year, and it was finally this month that they decided it was time to sort of pull the trigger. You know, there are a couple different competing principles here. You know, one, from an accounting perspective, you don't want your fund to be negative. It's a bad financial practice. And if their fund did go negative on either a cash basis or at the end of the month, it might trigger an audit finding when we audit the books at the end of the year. And so just as a general financial practice, we want to avoid that. You're right

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that, in general, borrowing for operating costs is something that needs to be scrutinized very carefully. I think the most important thing is to make sure that the -- if you're running a chronic deficit, we need to make sure that the organization is right-sized. I think from BDS's perspective, they've done a lot of right-sizing, you know, to reduce costs. And the projections that we currently have are showing that they would be able to pay this loan back by the end of next fiscal year. And I also want to stress that we have an internal city policy that sort of, again, talks about borrowing for operating costs. The state budget law does allow for borrowing for operating costs, and there's a specific state statute, and that's what we're using here, and it requires payment to be made by the end of the following fiscal year, which again is why the repayment terms here are at the end of fiscal year '10-'11.

Fish: And my follow-up question on that piece is if through no fault of BDS they are not in a better position a year from now to repay the loan, what are the series of options?

Scott: And I think the ordinance addresses that, although not in specifics. It notes that if BDS were unable to repay it, then OMF would be looking at other interim financing mechanisms. I think one of the places we would go would be the general fund, either for an extended borrowing or to make up the difference. So, yeah, so I want to be clear that this loan does have a potential general fund risk to it, but again, at least in terms of the numbers we've seen at this point, we think BDS will be able to pay it back. And the other thing from BDS's perspective we've talked to them a lot about is it does -- and I know they were reluctant to go down this road, because it means that if revenues do pick up, the first obligation they have is to repay their loan, which they have a lot of other needs that I know they also need to be putting money towards.

Scarlett: I might add that it's more of a secure amount. We're not hoping to use all of it, based on projections.

Fish: Well, on the question of fees, I want to just express solidarity with you, because you're looking at raising fees during a recession. Last year, parks raised some fees. We did so partly because our fees are below the cost recovery model, a goal set by the council. And also because we thought it would not negatively impact on people. But the -- and we were actually reasonably successful in recouping and recovering the additional monies we needed to mitigate some of the budget cuts. But we also have an ongoing challenge of people asking us to waive their fees. And for those of us who rely in part in our budget to get our budget to balance by using fees, that's very challenging. And it's tempting, but I'll just acknowledge, it's very challenging to do that. The final question I want to ask is to Paul, and that is I appreciate the exchanges we've had and the collegial relations over the neighborhood inspection team, but I will still confess that I don't know enough to either be comfortable or not about where we're going. And since we're about to go into budget presentations where this could be an issue, are we still planning to pull together a meeting that we talked about at the last work session of the various stakeholders to talk about that issue in particular?

Scarlett: Yes, the Office of Management and Finance, Financial Planning Division, has recommended that a task force be formed between BDS, Housing Bureau, and ONI. And so there's plans to organize a meeting and discuss some of the enforcement and processes that exist amongst the three groups relative to property maintenance and neighborhood livability.

Fish: Thank you. There were some external stakeholders who came last time, Metro Multifamily, Community Alliance of Tenants and others, which I'd like to involve in that because they made some constructive suggestions and they were involved in the Quality Rental Housing Workgroup work. What I would urge, though, is that we have -- I know you

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have a lot on your plate, but I would urge that we have an initial meeting before your budget submission so that we can use that process to better educate us about what your numbers are and your needs are going forward.

Scarlett: Okay.

Fish: Thank you.

Scarlett: You're welcome. Yeah, that's March 31st we come back. I'm gone in a week, so we've got to schedule something pretty quick.

Fish: Or with your designee.

Leonard: I wanted to point out a dynamic that might not be clear to everybody here. The same set of circumstances, which is the complete collapse, the near collapse of the commercial construction industry, that has brought the bureau of development services literally to its knees has benefited the city in other areas to the tune of tens of millions if not more dollars just today, I saved over \$2 million on a capital construction project due to the lack of work in the construction industry and the need by that industry to get any contract they can. We have benefited in untolds of millions of dollars. That benefit has been the exact reason that bds has lost all of the revenue that it normally gets. The valuation is down, which is how we benefit in one respect. And then some people just aren't doing the work so they are not getting permits at all. In some ways I would actually like to figure out how this could have been a grant for the city and not a loan because I think we benefited in many ways. But I think finding the middle ground and have it be a loan and the payback and outyears that we have identified is reasonable. But I do think it's important for the council to realize that from a 30,000-foot level, overall, we have I think, because of the economic conditions, seen a lot of monetary relief as a city due to the competitiveness of the construction industry right now. But it has been to bds's detriment.

Scarlett: I would concur.

Adams: Just add again for those listening, this is not unique to Portland. Development services permitting departments across the united states have, are having to endure this. So it's, doesn't make it any easier but it's nothing unique about our management, or our city. Everybody is having to face it. Is there anyone who wishes to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one has signed up.

Adams: All right. Please call the vote on this resolution.

Fritz: There are a lot of outside economic factors that have help order not hemmed to put is in this position. The department and the office of financial services to find a solution to this which we hope is a temporary problem. I also appreciated commissioner Leonard working with financial planning to do that, not the audit, the independent study to look at projections to figure out as mayor Adams noted, what are our jurisdictions duce, what are we looking at in the local area, in terms of -- thank you for your work. Aye.

Fish: I want to echo that and appreciate paul, the challenging position that you and your leadership team and the employees of the bureau have been placed in. And we can't allow moments like this to, molts like this we need to acknowledge that there's a lot of people who have been hurt as a result of this down turn that work for the city and your bureau because of the way it's funded is a -- [cell phone ringing] because of the way it's funded is particularly sensitive to that. We can have our disagreements about specific policy matters and we can have, we can express our concerns about how things are funded and how transparent the budget is. But we can, that doesn't in any way change the fact that we all share tremendous concern for the human toll that this recession has taken on your bureau and the very difficult position it's placed and you your leadership team. I appreciated your presentation today. Aye.

Saltzman: Well, this has been a very sobering discussion. And I also want to add my appreciation to the leadership and to the workers at bds who are struggling under very difficult circumstances.

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And certainly mourning for those who have lost their employment with the city. But I think we are trying to do the best we can here. Aye.

Leonard: I appreciate what commissioner Fritz and Saltzman have said in this ongoing support of the mayor. And I have been with Paul and Denise through this entire dynamic of the hiring people so quickly we couldn't question them fast enough, to actually not paying enough to attract people to come and having to adjust our pay schedules to get people to the whole dynamic of each of us having met with the 150 people who have lost their jobs. And you are right, Paul, it's very humbling. But you guys have handled this with grace and aplomb and have been subject to a lot of emotion in people. So I appreciate the way we've been handling and have work from Andrew Scott to help us through all of this. Appreciate it. Aye.

Adams: Well, I wanted to, as well, thank the folks at BDC for your perseverance, especially the leadership, especially Commissioner in Charge Randy Leonard. We must and will persevere. And I think the step we are taking today helps us keep talent that we would otherwise have to cut out. And if we are risking anything, I think it's a wise risk to take. And the upside is, we keep talent, we are able to process workload, but otherwise we wouldn't be able to keep and process if we were to simply cut all the way down past the bone. So thanks. Aye. [gavel pounded] we are adjourned until 2:00.

At 12:37 p.m., Council recessed.

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Adams: The Portland city council will come to order it is 2:00 p.m. On wednesday, march 10, 2010, can you call the roll.

[roll call]

Adams: Can you read the time certain emergency ordinance, item 348.

Item 348.

Adams: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: I'm very excited board of directors project called "connect Portland." I would like to move the amendment in tuesday's packet to increase the grant amount because we have increased matching funds commitment from our partners.

Saltzman: Seconded.

Adams: Moved and seconded to approve the amendment. Any wish to testify on the amendment? Any further council discussion.

Fritz: But I think that we have to wait for commissioner Leonard? Not for the amendment?

Adams: It's an amendment to an emergency. And please call the roll. Please call the vote, sorry.

Fritz: Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Adams: Aye. Approved. Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: This is an emergency ordinance because we need to apply for grant by next weekend. Thank you for being here today. And this project is called "connect Portland." it is an opportunity program, which is a public computing center at grant application. This is a collaborative effort of 18 established community educational and government partners focused on securing federal stimulus funding under the american recovery and reinvestment act for bank technology opportunities program. Connect Portland will address the critical need for broadband access by Portland's most vulnerable residents, more than a quarter of whom do not have computers in their home. And the reasons cited for not having computers are affordable and relevance. This grant addresses both issues head-on. And I know the mayor has talked about this over and over during the meetings, and we're all very excited that we're doing a huge step to address these problems. The grant proposal is funded, creates potential [inaudible] and could form a basis for extensions and partnership if google selects Portland as a trial for the high speed fiber network. And the authorization for the city to respond to the google request proposal will be before the council next week. As that response deadline is march 26. And my staff and I are excited to be working with the mayor's office and commissioner Saltzman's office on the google application. Right now, mary beth henry of the office of cable Communications and franchise management will present additional information on connect Portland and introduce representative of our partner organizations in this effort. Welcome.

Mary Beth Henry, Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management: Thank you, commissioner Fritz, council members, as commissioner Fritz said, connect Portland will address the critical need for broadband access, by Portland, Oregon's and indeed greater Multnomah counties most vulnerable popping, including low income, unemployed, elderly, children, minorities, and immigrants. Support by a 35% funding match from our 18 partners, connect Portland will

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dramatically expand public computers and broadband access, especially in low income neighborhoods, with 787 new computer work stations and laptops, at 16 accessible locations, including libraries, community organizations, and community colleges. The project will also deliver targeted computer courses and job search assistants in seven languages to more than 200,000 users annually. The project will include a robust curriculum of computer and job related courses taught by paid and volunteer trainers and tailored to the specific identified needs of the vulnerable populations that the centers will serve. Curriculum will run the gamut from basic computer skills to advanced job readiness training. Particular emphasis will be given to job skills and job search and resume preparation, english as a second language, computer literacy, and effective Online searching, for public benefits or housing, and research skills. The mount hood cable regulatory commissions recently completed needs assessment found that the number one communications need in Multnomah county was affordable internet access. The assessment also found that relevancy is an issue. And many in our community simply don't understand the relevancy of broadband internet to their lives. Connect Portland will address both access to the internet and relevancy. There is a nexus between one's quality of life and the quality of information that they receive. Broadband must have a purpose. It must be relevance and meaningful. Content is the indispensable element of relevancy. Broadband can provide opportunities for people to find what they need to strengthen themselves and their families. And they can use it to find a job, housing or tools to manage finances in difficult economic times. This is the role of public purpose media, content that is created to be engaging and informative while facilitating action. And connect Portland creates this type of relevant content and provides the tools to access the internet to help these populations improve their lives. In conclusion, we ask for your support to apply for the public computing center grant application and we have many of our partners here today who have signed up to testify. We're happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

Adams: I can see absolutely no downside to this. Can you?

Henry: Absolutely not.

Adams: All right, just checking.

Henry: It's a digital uplift for our region.

Adams: Oh, I like that. That's good. I better write that down. [laughter]

Saltzman: You will be hearing that a lot more.

Fritz: Thank you, do we have any invited guests.

Henry: Yes. I do. Carla can go ahead. We have so many partners, I don't have them all memorized.

Fritz: Ok.

Adams: Good afternoon. Welcome to city council chambers. We're glad you are here. You just need to, for everyone, you need to give your first and last name and we'll have the count at three minutes, and I hope that you can stay within that. If you need to go longer, we'll let you go longer. Ok.

Jean DeMaster: My name is Jean, the executive director of solutions and 12350 southeast Powell in Portland, Oregon is our address. We have come today on behalf of human solutions to present testimony to express our strong support for connect Portland, The public computer center, the expansion project. We realized that getting the federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment from the broadband technologies improvement program would be a great investment for our community and the area of Portland that it serves. Our belief is that this will help people with critical needs. First it will expand broadband technology to unserved and underserved populations, including the homeless and low income people. And secondly, it will create a network of computer and broadband access points across the community, which will enhance broadband usage for people with limited or no access, and it will provide broadband education access, awareness, training, and support to very vulnerable populations, and it will preserve and

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create jobs, and finally, it will promote the economic recovery, especially for people that are most affected by the current recession. At human solutions we know that there is a critical need for expanded broadband access, especially for homeless and low income people. And human solutions provides social services to over 30,000 low income people every year. Many of the people we serve are homeless, many have income levels that are at the poverty level, and they have low attainment levels, and these individuals do not have access to computers. They have barriers to using computers that will be overcome By this project. Although they are homeless or although they are although income, they still have access to computers, need access to computers for searching for jobs, for searching for housing to obtain the benefits that they are entitled to, and to resolve health and medical concerns, and to identify opportunities for themselves and for their children. In many case, the children who we serve don't have computers in their homes, and yet, computers are required just to do their homework every day. Human solutions will use this to create a public center in a new center that we're developing on 181st street and couch, and on the center, it will be open to the public, and in addition, it will have 32 units of affordable housing and 15 units of housing for the homeless, and the center will be used by thousands of people every day, and the computer access center will, will facilitate their use of the computer access center. We know that the staff of the program needs to be bilingual and multi-cultural and we will be able to use the access service to provide assistance to people who don't have english as a first language. Finally, we know that, that people traditionally who are homeless and low income are left behind educationally, academically, and in their employment and in their personal success because they don't have access to computers. This project will, will correct that, and we strongly encourage your support. Thank you.

*****: Thank you very much.

Glenn Raschke, Portland Parks and Recreation: Good afternoon, I am glenn rasky, the business systems analyst for Portland parks and recreation. 1120 southeast 5th avenue, 1302. And on tuesday, the federal communications commission provided us a glimpse to the draft proposal going before congress on march 16, and this plan includes a digital [inaudible] and online skills portal to help people familiarize themselves with computers and the web. They go on to say, in order to ensure long-term american competitiveness and prosperity, we must not leave one-third of the nation behind. The national broadband plan provides for a vision for federal, state, and local leaderships and partnerships with the, with the private and non profit communities that will bridge the digital divide and transform america into a nation we're broadband expands the opportunities for all. Portland parks and recreation is about community. We provide a welcomed and safe environment for both youth and adults to exercise their bodies and their minds. In 2009, parks and recreation served 764,920 citizens at the three community centers scoped in this project. And i'll give more details on those sites in a moment. And one of the ongoing goals of parks and recreation is to ensure access to all. Through the collaborative efforts of citizens, staff, Businesses and community groups, parks 2020 vision confirmed that outreach to the asian pacific islanders were critical. The outreach programs work with the youth of our communities to connect to of the families. And by connecting with the families, we can educate and assist in providing a process to navigate the services offered by the bureau and the city at large, and we are also going to be able to provide job skill tools for securing job opportunities by resume writing in native languages. And these languages include spanish, solely, vietnamese, chinese, russian, and english, and other job still tools will include access to online social networks, and online social media for job networking, english as a second language course, and linking the public to government and private organizations through the use of the information technology and broadband communication. Details about the three centers. The first site is university park community center, which is located in the mix -- in the community in north Portland, portsmouth area. What we're looking at there is upgrading the current use of the computer lab from 15 to 30 computers and east Portland community centers will

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receive 15 reservable net books for both on-site and off-site, and southwest community center will serve -- will have 15 reservable net books for both on-site and off-site in all three cases, we will have, have, provide additional video security, improve network infrastructure, And provide video conferencing for trainings, thank you.

Robert Schmitt: I am Robert Schmidt, and I manage media services, and [inaudible] for Portland community college, and our address there is 9700 Southwest Capitol Hill Road. 97219. And for our part of this, Portland community college this falls within our service area, and the charge is to, is to provide training and education to, to the community and access to that in an affordable way, and in as many ways as we can. We, we -- the department that I manage, we support the video conferencing, along with, with, um, media services, or capture and, and video streaming, and those are all the parts of the components that we are going to supply to this grant. And what that will mean to the end user will be that they can, with a laptop or a net book or one of the computers, they will be able to video conference possibly for, for a, a job interview, they will be able to do maybe a mock interview, which we can capture that, be able to watch themselves back and be coached in how to do an interview. Help in that sort of training. Those net books will give them access to take courses at Portland community college or any other colleges that offer online courses, and as an educational component. And the components that we are, we are offering with this is, is a video conferencing bridge, which will allow the conferencing activity to take place, and then the capture Technology allows us to capture the audio, the video, and a computer presentation, and then to the end user, gives them a, a user interface that they can easily navigate around and, and see the presentation. And we will store that on the servers, and it becomes a link so that, that, that we can, we can compile a group of, of resumes, video resumes online by, by types of work. That sort of thing. So, another part of it is streaming would, we would bring in streaming servers, someone can capture and, and do some activity similar to, to, to, to -- capturing themselves on the video and watching themselves back, putting out educational programming. And, and we think that, that this is, this is relevant to people that, that are underserved, immigrant populations in the community, and we want to add that to our, add that component to this grant in that way. A part of that is sustaining this for three years after we implemented it, and at the college, we will have -- we have staff doing these things, so, so, um, that will be a part of our continuing services that we offer, and so we can continue to sustain it, and of course, we have the matching ability to, to, to ring in some matching funds to help support the grant. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you very much for your testimony. Next three. Welcome to the city council chambers and glad you are here. Who would like to begin. Go ahead.

Candace Jamison: Ok. I am Candace Jamison, and I am the economic recovery coordinator for the housing authority of Portland, that's at 135 Southwest Ash Street, Portland, Oregon, 97204. And so, thank you, Mayor Adams, and council for this opportunity to speak, and again, I come to you today on behalf of the housing authority of Portland to offer my support and partnership to expand the county's public computer centers. And as you know, low income families, seniors and persons with disabilities across the county, limited access to broadband, disproportionately affects the communities who often can't afford broadband access or who, who don't understand the value. And [inaudible] to build a culture of broadband use among the residents and our public and affordable housing properties. The expansion of public computer centers is a vital tool in doing so. And the Connect Portland program will expand our capacity and the capacity to low income households, and perhaps, we will make the resources and the trainees prepared known to our residents, and insuring the low income households are able to take full advantage of the program. And in a world that relies on broadband to communicate, those with restricted access are at a great disadvantage. The Connect Portland program would be an important tool in addressing regional economic disparities, and we know without This funding, we would not have the resources available to fund this program. Thank you.

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Sean Kelly: Good afternoon. Sean Kelly, work systems, I'm at 111 southwest 5th avenue, suite 1150, Portland, Oregon, 97204. And thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the program, and work systems operates the, the publicly funded and locally led one-stop service delivery system and the system is known as work source Portland metro. And I'm here to support this program on behalf of the community members and customers of the system who had access to this program. And in the city of Portland, we operate three work source centers where community members can access a wide array of resources, including career counseling, skill development, job training, and employment placement services. And currently, it is overwhelmed by the customer for these services. At present, we are serving 40,000 community members, customers across the region, and the majority of these are the low income and unemployed so, based on the very large number of individuals across the region, with [inaudible] and who come to us with limited computer skills, that would be required by employers, we launched a new program about four months back, to support customers who want to build their skills in these areas. In English and in basic computer literacy. And we know that, that English language ability and basic computers are fundamental to career success, and also, fundamental to, to an individual being able to access and navigate and take advantage of all the resources available in our system. And after three months of implementing this program we are already facing waiting lists across the system. And so, this grant program is, is a perfect opportunity to help us expand these services in our system by making computer technology available to community members who have made a commitment to develop their skills, both in English and in computer literacy. So, our instructors will be able to download homework onto the laptops, customers who don't have access to this technology at home will be able to check out laptops, and to practice their new skills at a time and place that's convenient for them. The laptops will be loaded with language-learning software, as well as computer tutorials, which will allow them to advance their skills and we believe that there are about 5,000 students annually who will benefit from this program so we thank you for your support and we're looking forward to this going through. Thanks.

*****: Thank you very much.

Cindy Gibbon: I'm Cindy, access services manager for Multnomah county library, and 205 northeast Russell street here in Portland, and as you all probably know, the public library has been the place in the community to go for, for internet access. We've been offering that service in our libraries in Multnomah county since 1996, actually, but I'm here to tell you that we cannot do it alone. We can't meet the needs that exist in this community alone. And of course, with the economic downturn we've been seeing more and more people coming into the libraries with greater and greater needs. And right now by the end of this year we hope to have about 687 public computers available in our libraries county-wide, that includes the new Canton library that just opened in week, and that includes the Troutdale library, which we hope will open in the early summer, and some additional laptops that we've been able to purchase through the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation. But with all that said, we still have about an 85% utilization rate across the county, and in lower income neighborhoods, the one that surrounds our Holgate library, the rate is actually over 90%. I calculated that's just about enough time for one person to stand up in the next one to sit down. And in between on those computers, and what that translates to is waits of an hour to two hours, very frequently for, for then one hour of internet use. And imagine that you are an unemployed person and you need to come in and you need to update your resume, you need to check the email to see if an employer has contacted you. You need to fill out job applications, and, and you could see that an hour barely scratched the surface. Fortunately we have a few labs where we can offer people some downtime, and the laptops we have with our wireless network are allowing people two hours. But, we are also very happy that we have recently received a 200,000 grant from the cable regulatory commission to add another 180 laptops, and that becomes part of the matching funds for in proposal.

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Adams: That's great.

Gibbon: If you add this up, what you will see is that if the grant is funded, that would just about double the capacity that we have county-wide. We are here to offer our matching funds, the support of our expertise, and the curriculum that we developed, and, um, we really hope that you will support this proposal. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you very much.

Adams: Welcome to council chambers and glad you are here.

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

*******:** Who would like to begin?

Farhia Omar: Good afternoon, I am [inaudible] and I am the programs coordinator at the somali community services located at 9123 southwest barbur boulevard in Portland. And i'm here to offer my support for the Portland connected project. The somali community has a lack of accesses to computers, and our center has about 10 computers that, that students access daily, and, and the demand for computers and, and The number of people do not correspond at all so, we usually have during the peak hours, students sitting and waiting to access computers, and sometimes, they end up going home and doing it the next day, and this project will really help us to speed up the process, and that it will help us gain 15 desktop computers and 10 laptop computers, and we'll be able to provide job readiness skills, computer literacy, esl training, and it's going to, to enable students to do their research and homework projects in that timely manner. We will also be able to provide jobs, about 50 a year factoring in retail. The somali community center usually bridges the gap between the mainstream service providers and the somali community. And this project is going to enable us to, to be able to provide the computer literacy that's needed in the committee. Usually, um, with our households, most of the households don't have computers at home, and they cannot afford one, and most of our committee members are low income, so, this project is really going to help us a lot, and I hope that you really support it. Thank you.

Fritz: Thank you.

Adams: Thank you.

Naomi Pierce: I am naomi pierce, and I am the administrator of the north Portland multi-media training center, which is a project of the [inaudible] foundation. And thank you mayor Adams and commissioners for allowing us to speak today. And we are so, so excited to be A part of this project because we think that it's a wonderful project, and it's going to help all the people that have fallen on the other side of the digital divide, at least we're going to reach as many people as we can, and we are, we have two components to the project. One is that, is that at the news group site, which has been a former site for computer education, we will install 10 desktop computers for public access use, and we will, um, have 20 laptops, notebooks, and for, for, for loans to the public. That's one portion of one component of our project. The other portion is that we are going to provide outreach for the project, and this will be through the minority business, the scanner news group, and they are going to promote all the facets of the training and the access, including the announcement of the funding when we get it, and the projects and any ongoing updates throughout the time of the project. And, and the scanning group is providing some enkind and cash for administrative support, and functions and overhead expenses, such as space of course utilities, supplies, etc. So, it is an exciting collaboration with the city and all its partners, and we're very, very interested in it. We are very supportive of it. Ok, now i'm going to channel bernie foster here for a minute. He would have been here instead of me, except he's on the board of pharmacy and they are having a meeting today so he couldn't be. He's very supportive of this project because he believes that, that people are personally responsible for the health and vitality of the community. And he does support all the non profits that are involved in the project. The project has a component we're, we're you could also enlist what they call disadvantaged businesses. He would prefer to say minority businesses or businesses that, that, you know, especially in this economic

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downturn are really hurting. We feel this project is very heavy on the non profit side, and he feels that channeling for him, and, and, you know, I guess it's just, you know, would be his, you know, in his best ideal situation, that there would have been more use of these disadvantaged businesses in these proposals. And other than that, I mean, we are still very much behind it. We're glad that we are able to use it, a disadvantaged business in our component, and we're, basically, 100% behind the proposal be and we appreciate you being behind it, too.

Adams: Thank you.

Michael Hay: Good afternoon, and thank you for hearing all of us as we testify towards this proposal here. My name is michael hay, the chief information officer at mount hood community college, and mount hood has significant mission, if you will, around transforming lives and building communities. And as such, we have some specific goals around the resource development that we're trying to activate to compliment our programs, and expand our programs. So, we would like to ask for your support of the grant here, so that we can continue to expand our programs. And we are, sportsman, targeting the areas in the maywood park area, as well as our steps on the east campus, both the satellite campuses, and to, to bring more internet access, training, and classes. Our libraries are public libraries, and the one on the gresham campus is going to be expanded into the maywood park area, so this will provide the opportunity to bring more access, and similar to the Multnomah county person that was just talking here, our libraries are heavily accessed with people demanding and needing internet access, at any given time during the day. You could see our laptops fold out, and specifically, we expect that to happen elsewhere. And so, our goal is to, is to serve both the natives and the immigrants into our world, and to provide access in a significant way, and we're partnering with our own funds, our own expertise, as well as leveraging other grants, as well, for example, we're participating in the Oregon health network, so, we're doing all that we can to take advantage of our resources and compliment those with other resources to expand access to the citizens in the Portland community. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you all very much for your testimony. Al appreciate it.

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

Adams: Does anyone else wish to testify that has not yet? All right.

Fritz: One final question, our partners have reported on the different kinds of matches that they are going to be getting. Could you comment on the 40,000 for the city of Portland and then the ongoing piece after the grant is done? Could you touch on that, please?

Henry: Certainly. And just in terms of the time frame, the federal government has to make a decision on the grant per congress's requirement by september 30 of 2010, so we'll know by that time whether we're successful. And in terms of the city of Portland's match, it's enkind match, so for example, university park community center is, is dedicating a space to the computer center that is going to be open and available to the public with, with really long hours, whatever the hours of the university of park community center is, and so that matches enkind. Overall, in the project, the match is both cash and enkind, but the city of Portland's is, is enkind. And in terms of the ongoing, when we are successful, with this grant, because we want to think very positively, it's a really powerful grant proposal, there will be an ongoing requirement for the city of Portland, and this is required as part of the grant proposal, that we have to commit that we Will make the program sustainable. And now, what we have tried to build into the project is, is some factors for example, free geek is a partner who could not be here today. And so, once this initial round of computers reaches its useful life, free geek is going to step in and if we have not been able to identify but we think that we will be able to identify additional grants for the technology, they are going to step in not only to take all of the computers that are part of this project and repurpose them, either fix them or use their parts to make more computers, so they are a great sustainable partner, but for the city of Portland, we would have to commit to, to, to ongoing funding for, for one and a half positions, and the whole of these positions, which just for the sake of the grant proposal we're calling community

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technology program manager, the role of that position and support staff would be to identify additional partnerships and additional grant funding so that the program could continue. Because we've been able to assemble in five weeks' time 18 very enthusiastic partners, and I think that that is testament to the need for broadband internet access and tools to access the internet. It's really become a utility in our lives. So, there is an ongoing commitment but you don't have to make that commitment today. That would come when you accept a grant. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you. Karla, would you please call the vote.

Fritz: As Mary Beth said this has been put together in five weeks, and the fact that you both stepped up to assist is wonderful. Thank you, and as Mary Beth said, it's a testament to the need in the community, and also wonderful work on the cable staff from the regulatory commission with our community partners, which is ongoing. And Miss Pierce mentioned about the disadvantaged businesses and minority businesses, and certainly as we move forward and when we get the grant we can look at ways to include more partners so I appreciate that. That comment. And the future commitment would be for the maximum of 200,000 to support the staff positions starting in 2013, so I'm confident that we will be able to meet that match and certainly, appreciate the fact that everybody, so many partners are stepping forward today so that we can put in this grant. Thank you very much to the cable staff for all your good work. Aye.

Saltzman: This is a great proposal, and I want to commend Commissioner Fritz and Mary Beth Henry and her office and all the partners here for stepping up. I'm hopeful that we'll earn this, or get it awarded to us. It sounds great, aye.

Leonard: Aye.

Adams: Well excellent work, Commissioner Fritz. And to our good, great team at Office of Cable and Franchise Management, and to all of our community partners. Let's go out and get this. Happy to vote aye.

Fritz: I wanted to mention that Commissioner Fish couldn't be here but I want to recognize partnership with Parks and Recreation. Thank you. [gavel pounded]

Adams: So approved. We are in recess.

At 2:43 p.m., Council recessed.