



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

OFFICIAL
 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 9:52 a.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Parsons, Acting Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney; and Keith Moore (training) and Steve Peterson, Sergeants at Arms.

Motion to hold an evening hearing instead of an afternoon hearing on Wednesday, August 31, for the purpose of hearing the Equity Office ordinance: Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Fish. (Y-5)

Motion to reschedule the continued hearing on Recology from 2:00 p.m. Time Certain Wednesday, August 31, to 6:00 p.m. Time Certain, August 31: Moved by Commissioner Fritz. (No vote taken; Discussion continued to August 10, 2011)

Motion to move the afternoon Council session from Thursday, October 27th to 6:00 + p.m. for the Spirit of Portland awards to be held at the East Portland Community Center: Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Mayor Adams. (Y-5)

On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
795 Request of David Foster to address Council to propose a change in the way Local Improvement Districts are administered (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
796 Request of John Boblett to address Council regarding the Private For Hire Regulations in the City Code (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
797 Request of Barbara Boose to address Council regarding root barrier design (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
798 Request of Angela Moos to address Council regarding the Kenton Action Plan to act as the fiscal sponsorship for the new Kenton Community Garden construction grant award (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE

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TIMES CERTAIN	
<p>799 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Transmit report on Cable Franchise Public Benefits: A Decade of Community Investment (Report introduced by Commissioner Saltzman) 20 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Fritz.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	ACCEPTED
<p>800 TIME CERTAIN: 9:50 AM – Accept proposed improvements to Public Works Development Review and Permitting Services (Report introduced by Mayor Adams and Commissioners Leonard and Saltzman) 20 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Fritz.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	ACCEPTED
<p>801 TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM – Welcome Mr. Hideki Kato, President of the Tokyo Foundation, and recognize the Foundation’s 8-year partnership with Portland State University to provide professional training for Japanese municipal government managers (Presentation introduced by Mayor Adams) 20 minutes requested</p>	PLACED ON FILE
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION	
Mayor Sam Adams	
<p>802 Reappoint Benjamin Kaiser to the Design Commission for a 4-year term to expire August 14, 2015 (Report)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	CONFIRMED
<p>803 Appoint Katie Breene, Suzanne Van Brocklin and Mauricio Villarreal and reappoint Mary Anne Cassin, Bob Sallinger and Tricia Tillman to the Portland Parks Board for terms to expire August 31, 2014 (Report)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	CONFIRMED
<p>804 Authorize a grant agreement with CASH Oregon for \$75,000 to provide financial education and counseling and free tax preparation services to low-income families and individuals in Portland (Ordinance)</p>	PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability	
<p>*805 Authorize a contract with Fregonese Associates for Barbur Corridor Concept planning for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$137,000 (Ordinance; Contract No. 30002202)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	184778
Bureau of Transportation	

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<p>806 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to define the roles and responsibilities for real property to be obtained and used as part of right-of-way for road, street or construction of public improvements for the Foster-Woodstock Streetscape Project (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Office of Emergency Management</p>	
<p>*807 Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with Port of Portland for the distribution of equipment, supplies and services procured as a result of Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant awards (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000150) (Y-5)</p>	<p>184779</p>
<p>*808 Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet for the distribution of equipment, supplies and services procured as a result of Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant awards (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 53129) (Y-5)</p>	<p>184780</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>	
<p>809 Accept bid of Dirt & Aggregate Interchange, Inc. for The 80's Avenue Neighborhood Greenway for \$563,848 (Procurement Report–Bid No. 113064) (Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>*810 Authorize limited tax revenue refunding bonds (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p>184781</p>
<p>*811 Authorize contract with Carleton Hart Architecture, PC in the amount of \$100,295 to provide architectural and engineering services for Roof Replacement at Two Police Facilities (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p>184782</p>
<p>812 Create a new Nonrepresented classification of Planning and Sustainability Policy, Research and Operations Manager, which is exempt from the classified service and establish a compensation rate (Second Reading Agenda 784) (Y-5)</p>	<p>184783</p>
<p>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</p>	
<p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>	
<p>813 Authorize a contract and provide for payment for the construction of the Washington Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10103 (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management</p>	
<p>814 Extend term of OnFiber Communications, Inc. franchise to use designated City streets to provide telecommunications services (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 175793)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>

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<p>815 Extend term of a franchise granted to NewPath Networks, LLC to build and operate wireless facilities within City streets (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 180376)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p>816 Extend term of a franchise granted to NextG Networks of California, Inc. to build and operate wireless facilities within City streets (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 180377)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Randy Leonard Position No. 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Water</p> <p>817 Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Department of Community Justice to hire at-risk youth for maintenance of Water Bureau grounds (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 37038)</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>818 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockwood Water People's Utility District for meter reading within its boundaries (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Portland Fire & Rescue</p> <p>*819 Extend contract with Daniel Rossos by eight months and increase by \$32,155 for additional National Fire Protection Association representative services (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000760) (Y-5)</p>	<p>184784</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Portland Housing Bureau</p> <p>*820 Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Department of County Human Services for continued support of outreach and permanent housing placement activities for people experiencing homelessness in East County (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30001793) (Y-5)</p>		<p>184785</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Sam Adams Office of Management and Finance</p>		

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<p>821 Accept the Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business Program Plan of SSC Construction, Inc. for the Powell Butte Reservoir No. 2 Phase 2 Project as part of the Phase 1 Limited Notice to Proceed (Procurement Report–Bid No. 112503) 10 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Fish.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>	
<p>822 Authorize revenue bonds to replenish the Portland Parks & Recreation system development charge fund (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Randy Leonard Position No. 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Water</p> <p>823 Revise ordinance to update engineer estimate and construct the Carolina Pump Main Extension Project (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 183466) 15 minutes requested</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Portland Housing Bureau</p> <p>*824 Authorize subrecipient contracts totaling \$12,568,147 to provide services to further the goals of the Portland Housing Bureau through its strategic plan and the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and to provide for payment (Ordinance) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		<p>184786</p>

At 12:35 p.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Susan Parsons
Acting Clerk of the Council

For a discussion of agenda items, please consult the following Closed Caption File.

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WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, AUGUST 3, 2011

**DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA
THERE WAS NO MEETING**

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Closed Caption File of Portland City Council Meeting

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

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Adams: We wanted to -- on twitter, wanted to meet the mayor and she was very nice to draw me this very beautiful picture. Isn't that nice? Yeah. [applause] you're doing very well. And she's going to bang the gavel that will call the city council into session and then you have to go back to school, right? Oh, it's summer. Ok. Here, take this and you just -- it's like whacking that. [gavel pounded] yeah: [applause] thank you. I want a pair of shoes like yours. I guess I have to do it legally. [gavel pounded] hello, sue, how are you? Call the. [roll call] roll.

Adams: A quorum is present, we'll proceed beginning with a proclamation. Yes. And we have special guests. Let's do the special guests first. We have six graduating students with us from Portland state university hatfield school of government Oregon fellow summer program. They are doing a job shadow day hosted by the office of management and finance. So, boy, does this nation need some good finance people. [laughter] 10-week internship with public agencies throughout the Portland area. Looking at professional fields from financial analysis, management, program management, project management, we're glad you're here and study hard. [applause] and then i'm pleased to read the following proclamation. Whereas, we -- how we make the transition to a independent renewal energy future will define us -- [inaudible] thank you. In the world. That has abundant ocean energy and the public private partnership funded by the Oregon business department to the Oregon innovation department is working to develop this new industry and its economic potential and the city of Portland supports policies that help demand -- drive the demand for renewable energy and proclaim july 31st through august 7th to be wave week. Congratulations, wavers. [applause] now we'll go to the first communications. Can you please read the item for number 795.

Item 795.

Adams: Mr. Foster. Welcome. You have three minutes, the clock will help you count it down. Your first and last name.

David Foster: David foster. Good morning, mayor Adams and council members. Change the way those affected directly by an lid before council. Those of us not in favor have not been given fair and equal representation. Our concerns were dismissed as someone waving away a nuisance fly. Andrew stated a project of this size can easily be double that, apparently \$600 a month is not an issue for andrew. It is for my family. Instead of being concerned if I can afford it when asked what happens if we can't pay, he state that the city would put a lien on the property. My neighbor, john, who in a wheelchair, is also opposed to this lid. I informed him of andrew's comment at the last council meeting that john would be exempt under a special program. I asked him if he didn't have to pay, would he still be against the lid. He asked me if our portion would be increased and I told him no. He asked me how much our portion was to be and I told him \$800 a month for 20 years. He said not if you can't afford it. That's a neighbor. I'm not sure what you call this current way of doing business with lids is. The property owners to the west of us were exempts. They had all previously voted no to an lid. Two. These property owners will be subject to restrictions on their property because of this lid. Yet they have no representation. Andrew stated there would be no acquisition of property in this lid. Yet this proposal intends to take their right-of-way. Further, their vote of no will not be counted to balance the scale. The two largest property who is gave a yes vote had much to gain and don't adequately represent the neighborhood. One is a corporation now guaranteed no loss of land. 16 feet into the right-of-way for almost the entire length of their

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property. The other is a developer who will allow his neighbors to help him save money through required improvements like sidewalks, streets and sewers. And my concerns for safety, no representation. Andrew states the lid will solve my concerns, yet there will be an increased bike and pedestrian traffic at increased speeds and he can only say sign the petition and we'll work out the details. I had made a statement that my liability will be increased. He denied this and said once paid, it would be the city's problem. Again, my position is not being represented because if I hit someone, the responsibility pay falls on me. Those in favor of the lid, had Andrew the administrator with all the time he needed and a power point picture show. We got three minutes. And Andrew got additional time to explain why our concerns were not valid or worthy of note. This is not representation. This is a stacked deck. This needs to change. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you. Appreciate you taking the time to come to council. Please read communications item number 796.

Item 796.

Adams: Mr. Boblett. Hi, welcome.

John Boblett: My name is John Boblett and I am the owner of the Portland pedal lounge, a pedal-powered vehicle. It doesn't have an engine or electric motor. Completely human powered, reserved for tours of Portland and I'm based in the Mississippi district and on the short list of things to do here in the city. I've been working for a long time to get my business permit but now in an impasse over the additional insured certificate. It must contain specific language but my carrier says that Portland is demanding all liability for any reason occurring on my tours is mine to bear. My insurer doesn't believe it's in their interest to be held liable for by a defect in Portland's infrastructure. While on a tour, we hit a pothole and a guest falls from the bike and is injured. Portland says I should have avoided that pothole. The insurer says they'll not be held liable for the city not maintaining its streets. And during a tour, a fire hydrant cracks open. Portland -- passes that liability to me and my bike and guests are pedaling through an intersection when the traffic lights fail and an incident occurred. And it's a failure of the city's signal equipment and still the city is absolved of liability. So it's clear why my insurer has problems with the language. It's only one insurer in the U.S. That provides insurance at a -- and found inferior coverage at wildly inflated prices. 18 similar businesses operate across the U.S. And insured with the same carrier and all have resolved insurance issues with the exception of Portland. I feel my -- bicycle, creating jobs and entrepreneurship and enjoyment of craft beer, stimulating urban areas, a liaison between cyclists and automobile drivers and outdoors and on and on. Last week, five visitors from Memphis asked to go for a ride and I had to tell them no but I know that Nashville has a similar bike. But he said we're not in Nashville, we're in Portland and want to see Portland from your bike. It would be a shame and mystery if Portland, Oregon cycle city, is absent from that group. It's my hope that the city attorney will work with my insurer to allow the pedal lounge to be in business. Thank you.

Adams: Mr. Boblett, I had a briefing from staff on this issue. I have seen this out on the street.

Boblett: Yes.

Adams: Are you running it without a permit?

Boblett: I'm running it without a profit. The revenue bureau allows me to do tours for no compensation. No tips, no back rub. I'm asking the guests to make a donation to the charity of their choice.

Adams: If I can spend a few seconds.

Boblett: Sure.

Adams: I want to be helpful here.

Boblett: Sure.

Adams: The other cities, has the city been indemnified at all?

Boblett: Yes, the city is included but there's a limitation to making the vehicle responsible, the owner and vehicle responsible for what happens on the vehicle. And not anything outside of the vehicle.

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Adams: That's helpful. And are you -- are you seeking to have drinking while pedaling?

Boblett: That would be charming, but not yet. I'm just -- i'm interested in just getting the vehicle out on the streets and doing pub crawls.

Adams: Ok. I'll give you my card in just a second and if you could email me the insurer and if you have examples of the other city agreements that would help us a lot.

Boblett: Thank you very much.

Adams: You bet. Thanks. Sue, please read the title for communications item number 797.

Item 797.

Adams: Hi, welcome to city council.

Barbara Boose: Thank you. It's an honor to be here.

Adams: Go ahead and begin. She'll pass out as soon as you start talking. She has to push a button.

Boose: I have to push a button.

Adams: No, no, sue has to push a button.

Boose: I'm not going to read, i'm going to talk. Because I haven't had time to prepare.

Adams: Ok, we like that better.

Boose: And my name is barbara boose, and I had the honor after seven years to have mr. Charles myrik, come over as a city inspector and look at my property situation in regard to the nuisance from next door. And in -- and he met with my contractors, and my contractor is -- is -- west coast gardens. And his estimate for the barrier design is on the back. And we have a situation here where charles decided that because of the -- the condition of my next door neighbor's property it would be good to remove all the trees and the bushes five feet from my fence line. And I don't know what the exception is. Another neighbor told me this is an exception to an ordinance. And that my contractor, he -- we looked at the structure of my garage and looked at the structure of my house, and the roots growing up to it and how my garage is collapsing and there was a flood in my basement last -- december. 16-gallons of water. And I tried to email the -- these pictures over. Mr. Myrec, a dedicated and overworked person, asked for the arborist's report and I aged it in agreement with what was stated and somehow there's a misunderstanding under nick Fish's -- you overlooked the urban forester and I -- he came over and he didn't really -- I mean, I asked for another appointment, that's what I did. And so i'm looking for an extension and there's -- something --

Fish: Mayor, we have the urban forester here and I would suggest -- thank you for your packet.

The Urban forester is here and he's going to raise his hand and talk to you for a couple of minutes now and we'll see what we can do and then we'll follow up.

Boose: There's -- thank you. You're invited to my home and to see why charles made that decision. The exception to the rule. And --

Fish: All five of us come, we have a quorum and get into trouble. Two of us will come and do a dinner, breakfast, lunch thing.

Boose: Mr. Saltzman, those are your bureaus and you can see exactly what the root barrier design. I need a copy of that post for a grant application because the city of Portland -- i'm low-income doesn't have -- doesn't have that over at city planning.

Fish: Mayor, my office will get engaged, the urban forester is here, you can talk to dave.

Adams: Did you see who dave was.

Boose: I'm dizzy, I have a problem with inner ear.

Adams: He's right there. He will introduce himself.

Dave McAllister, Urban Forester: I'm dave, and we'll talk as soon as [inaudible]

Boose: Ok, well, thank you. I'm shy, this was not easy.

Adams: You did a fantastic job. Thank you.

Boose: You are doing a great job too.

Adams: Thank you very much, I appreciate that. And you can have more time, please. [laughter]

Boose: Ok.

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Adams: I'd like to -- sue, please read the title for communications item number 798.

Item 798.

Adams: This is for the rest of Portland, this is my president, the president of my neighborhood association. In kenton. President moos, how are you.

Angela Moos: I'm angela moos, serve as the chair of the Kenton neighborhood association and i'm here to thank you for what I believe is a inspiring example of how city government really did excel to work with the kenton neighborhood association to reach our desire to develop the kenton community garden project. Members of our neighborhood association have worked with Portland parks & rec community garden program to find a suitable garden site and obtain funding resources.

This was a long drawn-out process and made contacts and researched sites and by the end of this past february, left disappointed when our site considered at Portland public schools peninsula, k-8 was not available. We did maintain a positive attitude and checked back to see if there was a site that could materialize within the neighborhood boundary prior to an opportunity to -- community liveability grant due by may 10th and lo and behold, a large open space owned by the bureau of environmental services became a potential site at the time that commissioner Saltzman was reaching out to kenton to ask what was happening in the neighborhood and we were able to ask for a personal request for his support, that the staff work with commissioner Fish and the park's staff to secure the site and the documentation for the permit agreement for the kenton community gardens, and this is to occur by the time the grant deadline, less than three weeks, at this time. Amazingly, the permit agreement was received and reading through it brought tears to my eyes to realize how close we were to realizing our goal for the community garden and hoping that the grant would provide a considerable amount of money so we could have parks construct and manage the garden.

A call in late july we had been select it had receive the full amount, \$36,700 and to have the garden construction begin sometime this fall and I want to thank you in advance for the approval of the consent ordinance next wednesday that will support the process of allowing nonprofits such as the kenton action plan to act as the fiscal agent to manage it between the pdc and parks. I want to say how much we appreciate the efforts of parks and staff work and the fact they moved the process forward for us, both commissioner Fish and commissioner Saltzman's support was enormous. And we want to thank the pdc and fits the urban renewal area and finally, looking forward to inviting all of you for a future ground breaking and later grand opening celebrations for the new kenton garden.

Adams: Given this is my neighborhood, I don't have anything to do with the decision-making on this particular issue. And I don't really attend neighborhood association meetings so it doesn't look like i'm favoring my own neighborhood association. So as she will tell you. [laughter] is there any consideration to pull any items from the consent agenda? All right. Sue, please call the vote on the consent agenda.

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

Adams: Aye. [gavel pounded] consent agenda's approved. We'll move to a 9:30 time certain. It's a report. Please read the title for 799.

Item 799.

Adams: Commissioner dan Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you, mayor. As the city council may know, the current comcast cable franchises are expiring at the end of this calendar year and we're in negotiations with them to extend the franchise for another 10 years. I asked the office of cable communications and franchise management to bring this report to council, summarizing the public benefits provided to the community under these franchises for the past 10 years. These benefits have enabled the investment of substantial dedicated capitol funds for community technology. Primary from the 3% public education grant, or peg, capital c, on your cable bill, on the top of the 5% franchise fee. It's the 3% broken out on the comcast bill. This has provided critical support for many years, enabling us to meet the capital needs of Portland community media, the cable capital grant program and the

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capital needs supporting the city's irne system. These have had a high impact and relatively low profile over the years, but remain overseen by staff and disbursed by the mount hood regulatory cable commission as authorized by the public process and i've seen and appreciated the good work of the capital grant program and the i-net in many ways over the year, including state-of-the-art telephones in classrooms. When you think of a classroom, you think of an old phone on the wall. But thanks to the capital grants program and i-net, we have in many schools and we'll here more about that, state of the art phones that take message so that a teacher is well equipped in the classroom. And also through capital grants, we're able to provide essential services at gateway center for domestic violence for capital grants through the mount hood regulatory commission, we were able to establish technology at 102nd and east burnside for survivors to obtain restraining orders remotely. So the judge is sitting in a courtroom over here, but the application for the restraining order can be done 102nd and east burnside and they can see and talk to each other and have translators and all of that, and makes it easier for the survivors and many don't want to come downtown or be in the courthouse. It's easier to do that with the support of the gateway service staff. So in the fall of 2010, a cable grant -- well, I think I mentioned that. Since the -- so we expect a renewed comcast cable franchise and it will be presented later this year and I thought it was important to hear more about the details of the investments we've made with the 3% peg fee w. That, i'll turn it over to david olson and cable program manner julie omelchuck to bring the presentation.

David Olson, Director, Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management: Thanks, commissioner. Again, for the record, i'm david olson. We appreciate this opportunity to report on the significant community technology dollars that the cable franchises have been able us to reinvest back into the community over the past 10 years. As mentioned, I should stress any listing of cable franchise public benefits needs to begin with cable franchise fees. As the council note, comcast and all cable operators pay the city 5% of gross revenues as franchise fees. This is similar to compensation paid by non-cable providers such as utilities in exchange for the valuable privilege of using public streets in order to provide private for-profit services to customers and franchise fees are accounted for as unrestricted general fund dollars available for critical city services and budgeted by council. It's worth noting that they've provided a continuous source of revenue totaling around \$44 million for the city alone in the last 10 years. But as commissioner Saltzman stressed, we're here today primarily not to report on cable franchise fees but give you a summary of 10 years of investment by and for this community. Transparently broken out every month on cable bills, arising from of 3% peg capital fund and in turn, reinforced by a number of other commitments inside of the franchise agreements. As said, these investments by and for the community made possible by the 3% fee don't in a normal course receive a lot of special visibility apart from the focus provided by the annual public budgeting process of the mount hood regulatory commission and this council and our jurisdictional partners in the mount hood commission. They're a critical part of our overall program. As current cable franchises are set to expire calendar year end. It's time to review what's been accomplished with the 3% peg funds and associated commitments. The main part of our presentation will be made by julie omelchuck, however, I want to introduce robb cowie from Portland public schools and sherry swackhamer, from Multnomah county. They'll share thoughts as part of julie's presentation. With that said, i'll turn things over to julie.

Julie Omelchuck, Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management: I'm julie omelchuck, for the record. Thank you for inviting us here today to talk about the impact of the public benefits in our community. Even though the franchises are between the city and the cable commission, they don't just serve city government. The franchise resources are pushed deep in you're community. Libraries, nonprofits and local governments and all of their clients have relied on franchise resources to support their various missions and services. The collective impact of these benefits is broad and represents a local investment over the last 10 years throughout Multnomah county. I'd like to show you what that significant investment has meant here. Comcast,

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along with other cable franchisees pays 3% of gross revenues to a capital fund for government use of the cable system. These funds are restricted in the sense that the franchise and federal law dedicate these dollars for certain purposes. The peg capital fund represents an investment within the city of about \$33 million over the past decade. The capital fund provides resources in three areas: Portland community media, the community access capital grant program, and the i-net or institutional network. I know most of you are familiar with Portland community media's mission and some of its programming. Although no one can be familiar with all of the programming. This past year, year, supported production. Over 2700 new community television programs. But what I want to focus on today are the partnerships that pcm develops to push media tools and resources into the community. Of course, the partnerships are too numerous to list today, but i'd like to highlight a couple. Sisters of the road and pcm collaborated to provide trainings and equipment on-site at sisters of the road café. Participants produced short films about homeless issues and experiences and screened at cinema 21 as part of the street stories film festival. Pcm partnered with one economy and brought federal stimulus dollars to Portland for a project focused on young people, 14-21. Pcm provided youth with a digital connectors' curriculum, leadership development and life still management with digital education and production. And pcm collaborated with wisdom of the elders to produce a regular series that showcases native american oral history and traditions and use the studios, special trainings and public workshops to become proficient in multimedia production. I mentioned the elders because it's a good example of a nonprofit getting new skills from their pcm partnership to go out on their own. Eight such nonprofits have been awarded multimedia grants through the grants program based on experience was pcm. I call this going from good to great. Good that pcm has these resources and great that the resources are re-purposed in the community and help nonprofits get literate in the digital age. The community access capital grant provides funding directly to nonprofits and educators and local governments so they can use community technology to address constituency's needs. And assisted 50 local organizations and agencies and funded over 100 programs -- projects, many of these organizations are represented in the room today. Obviously, I don't have time to describe all of our wonderful grants but i'll highlight some and about the program. Over \$12 million in grant funds have been invested throughout the county over the decade. Grantees add the more than \$26 million in matching fund resources to their projects. Most grants have gone to educational institutions and nonprofit groups and about 10% to local government agencies. Grantees identify the public benefit under four categories funded by the program. About 50% of the grants given were for improving service delivery. Another third for reducing disparities to the underserved and the remaining for increasing community involvement and reducing costs of public services and the program focuses on what constituency is going to benefit from the grant program. As you can see, 50% of the grants have helped organizations address underserved and marginalized communities. These are included on your screen. For example, grants have supported the closed captioning at city hall for city council meetings and funded several projects at high schools with high and free and reduced lunch populations and students of color, roosevelt, benson, jefferson and parkrose. And funded the global Portland voices project at the center for intercultural organizing. This project provides immigrant and refugee, the media tools to frame and provide voice to issues impacting their communities. Another way to slice and dice what the grant funds support are projects focused on workforce development. 36% of the grants awarded address workforce development programs. These grants supported distance learning, online access to job applications, and training in areas such as software certification, creative industries, construction, engineering and architecture. Now, i'd like to introduce robb cowie, the executive director of community involvement and public affairs at Portland public schools. Talking about what it's meant to the students and families and staff at pps.

Robb Cowie, Portland Public Schools: Thank you for the opportunity to be here. I'm robb cowie. Here on the part of carroll smith. She asked me to come and tell you about the transformative

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impact that mount hood regulatory commission grants have had for the students and families and the teachers and staff and community members of Portland public schools. The grants provide needed technology upgrades across the community which have improved student learning and improved communication between parents and school staff and made our schools safer. You're aware of the funding constraints our schools face. State funding for k-12 is down over 20% in real dollars since 1991 and Portland is the only area school district that lacks a school construction bond. Due to these versus constraints it can be -- resource constraints, it can be difficult. Over the past decade, 32 grants have been awarded to Portland public schools. \$3.6 million. And made it possible to upgrade computer labs and phone systems and provide hands-on training, at elementary, k-8, middle schools and high schools across Portland public schools. I'd like to share specific ways that the grants have made a difference in our schools. Let me describe the transformative impact that a grant will have at roosevelt high school in the coming years. After years of struggle, roosevelt high school is seeing significant gains in student achievement. This year, gains in reading, math and graduation rates through renewed focus on effective teaching, expanded access to challenging and relevant classes and greater parental involvement. Supporting the turn around and establishing a foundation for the future by updating technology and removing barriers that have impeded academic progress and instructional innovation. Not only in school but outside of school. Only 42 of roosevelt high school families have internet access, for example. They were awarded a \$347,000 grant to provide 850 roosevelt high school students with mobile computing devices and seven day a week, 24 hour a day, cloud based access to the internet. This program will give students access to e-books, digital curriculum and other tools keeping them engaged in school and helping them gain the information and skills they need to compete. And give parents access to grades and attendance and school-related information. Teachers will receive mobile devices, beginning next year so they can integrate technology into their lesson plans and we intend it make them available in the fall of 2012. This innovative school technology project is the first of its kind in Portland, the region and even possibly nationwide and demonstrates how technology -- and aligns with our school district's efforts to promote equity and access to educational opportunities and successful outcomes for students. We're grateful for the support for this exciting initiative. Another grant has brought changes to every one of our schools. As commissioner Saltzman has noted. Support has enabled voice over internet phones at every school in every classroom. For decades, they've lacked phones due to prohibitive installation costs relative to the budgets. And made it difficult for teachers to communicate and for schools to respond in an emergency. And allowed us to place a phone in all of our classrooms which we completed last school year. Now parents can call the classrooms directly or leave a message for a teacher. That promotes stronger connection between school and home which we know is a key factor in improved student achievement. Classroom-based phones are essential to school security. To give vital communication flute the building. A major improvement over the bell system schools relied on in the past. There was a police incident in the immediate neighborhood of bethel school and police were searching for a suspect reported to be in the vicinity of the school. The technology enabled all teachers to lock their doors and take security precautions through a automated message to each classroom. And the principal was able to keep the teaches updated. And provided centralized language support for non-english speakers. If a non-english speaking parent called the school, and you schools had to pull a teacher or educational assistant out the classroom to interpret. If as a result, many families weren't able to communicate basic information to their schools, about whether a child was out sick, being picked up by an aunt or other information. Today, every school offers automated call transfer, where you can talk directly with speakers in their native language and pass information back to the parents. We appreciate our partnership with mhcr and the technology support, improving learning environments throughout pps and benefiting nearly all of our 47,000 students.

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Omelchuck: Thank you. Robb. It makes my heart warm to know i've been a part of that. [laughter] the last public benefit, and they sound complicated but it's had a profound impact on the ability of our public institutions to provide high-level services and contain costs. This is the institutional network, or i-net. I-net is a separate fiber network contained within comcast and connects nearly 300 public institutions within Multnomah county. And interconnects at boac and the Portland building to the city's irne network. The pie chart shows who currently uses it. The majority of schools reaching all seven school districts in the county and the second largest is Multnomah county and the libraries. This network has only been made possible through -- for the past 10 years through a successful partnership among comcast, Portland's bureau of technology service, the mount hood cable regulatory commission and the public entities. Comcast own, built and maintains the i-net. The peg capital fund is managed by the mhrc. And the agencies pay monthly service fees to fund operations and services on the i-net. So why is the i-net critical is it as recently as last week, with the Portland broadband strategic plan, how the bandwidths are growing exponentially and availability is important to the health of all in the community. Almost every school and library and local government function touches the i-net in some way. It supports the phone service in every classroom, as robb mentioned. Connections for local and state courts. Public internet access at libraries and access by the public to local government information. Since we started this partnership in 2002, bandwidth needs have only increased. The for example, the metropolitan educational receives district tells us the bandwidth needs for its 75 school sites doubles approximately every 18 months. Multnomah county library reported that its public internet computers are in use over 85% of the time, serving nearly 95,000 people just last year. The i-net partnership enabled a unique network that's affordable to cash-strapped institutions and scalable to meet needs. Over \$11 million from the peg capital fund funded the -- paid for the i-net infrastructure, including the fiber connections to all sites. This is a significant public investment in the network. When the i-net was lit up 10 years ago, public institutions went from using t1 lines to 100 megabit connections. This was a 400% increase in bandwidth. Now the connections are at 400 megabits and a couple at a gigabit. But all can be increased to a gigabit. You don't have to be a technical expert to understand that this network has been able to meet the growing needed of our local organization. Another bottom line benefit of this i-net partnership, we've been able to keep the network affordable. In fact, when public agencies transition to the i-net in 2002, users reported either no cost increase for the 400% increase in bandwidth and many with were able to reduce costs by up to 30%. Since then, i-net rates have continued to remain stable for the increased bandwidth. I want to provide present day context for the affordability. We asked what they would have to pay commercially for network services. You can see that the schools and libraries and governments would be paying two to three times more for the services they currently receive through i-net partnership another way we've been able to keep this affordable, public agencies share the costs at 25 sites. For example, the Multnomah county health clinic, the Portland parks & rec after school program as school district all share costs when located at a single site. Obviously, much more affordable than paying for a separate connection. As a wrap-up, to my presentation, I would like to ask sherry to talk about what the county has been able do because of the i-net. Sherry is the director of the department of county assets and chief information officer for Multnomah county. Sherry?

Sherry Swackhamer, Multnomah County: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. I'm happy to be here today representing Multnomah county to talk to you about our perspective on the i-net partnership. I believe that we're the second largest partner. We have 119 data circuits overall and about 62 or 74 of them are provided by i-net. This allows us to provide equitable services to our citizens in places like our 20 libraries, school-based health clinics, elections offices and the invernness jail and the gateway children's center that's already been discussed. I-net provides a cost effective way to provide the services. And access to high-speed reliable services through i-net and the bandwidth is very important to the services we provide and the need for higher speeds and bandwidths is only increasing every day. It allows us in libraries to provide wireless services for

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citizens who have their own computers and allows us to provide computers with high-speed access to people who don't have computers. And because of i-net, we're able to utilize our dollars to provide more direct services, rather than provide infrastructure. So as a partner, we very much rely on these services and appreciate your support.

Omelchuck: Thank you, sherry.

Olson: Thank you, commissioners. I want to again thank robb and sherry for joining us and julie and rebecca of the staff for helping to frame the presentation important you. And I want to thank comcast, the dedicated volunteer members of the mount hood regulatory commission, the board and staff the Portland community media and the staff of the bureau of technology services, although the director is out of town, i'm happy that irne members and other staff are in the chamber today. We acknowledge and appreciate their excellent work. Finally, to wrap up, I want to thank this city council, which includes not one, but three of our current and former commissioners in charge for the strong support and commitment you've always shown for these very important programs over these many years. As commissioner Saltzman mentioned, these dedicated benefits and the investment by and for the community made possible by these cable franchise commitments, even though they're broken out on cable bills every month and publicly discussed and disclosed every year in the budgeting process, sometimes seem to usual we've not had occasion over the past 10 years to separately present them to you and review the results. So these programs may fly under the radar and not make separate headlines every day, I hope you agree they're of extreme and ongoing importance to so many in this community. Including critical and often fragile populations of students, youth and adults from all walks of life. All served by our school, libraries, and local governments and nonprofit organizations. Thank you again, thanks for the council for allowing us time after 10 years to share this information with you and that concludes the bureau and staff portion of our presentation.

Saltzman: Thank you very much. Especially robb and sherry. This is our invited testimony. So there might be public testimony.

Adams: Thank you very much. I appreciate it. How many people signed up?

Parsons: We have 16 people signed up.

Adams: All right. How much you are in favor of the mount hood community regulatory commission? How many of you opposed to it? We love it too. Normally, we give three minutes for everyone. So i'm going to cut that down to one. Because we have found what you can say well in three minutes, you can say even more effectively in one. Because this is -- so we look forward to hearing what you have to say. Sue, call the first three.

Adams: Hi. Three come on up. We have three, come on up all at once. We call three at once, four at once in this case. So who is -- yeah, mr. Lewis, hi, please begin.

Craig Rusch: Hi, i'm craig rush, representing albertina kerr centers. We were a recipient four years ago of a grant and allowed us to implement us to do distance learning and the goals were to, one, provide more consistent higher quality trainings than we were doing and two, better administer the trainings we were providing and three, and most importantly, save money and pass those savings on to our programs. After four years, we're happy to say we are saving about \$100,000 a year. Through our training costs and those have all been re-- those funds refocused into our programs. And we've been working with our sister agency, cascadia behavioral healthcare. They've adopted the same platform and now we're sharing a resource and moving it out into the community as well. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you.

Nili Yosha: I work for outside in. Which has been helping homeless youth become self-sufficient for the last 40 years. And that means confronting stigma in addition to battling inner demons. It gives homeless individuals an opportunity to gain employable skills. You can't get anywhere without using a computer and it's more fun. And it's an opportunity to share stories and people love to share stories as you can see here every day and it's awe opportunity to share positive messages

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and resources with their community and peers. You can say a lot of things about homeless youth, they're very resource 6 and firms give them an opportunity to share that knowledge. Most importantly with each other. They don't really listen to us, they listen to each other and it gives them a way to reach a wider audience. Access it technology and self expression is as important as shelter and food.

Eric Harrison: Thank you. I'm a supervisor of network services on the -- the third big user of the i-net and my one minute will be on one of the things that's unique about the i-net versus commercial service, it's more or less a shared resource. If we're using commercial services we're paying for a connection for every site. With the i-net, it allows us to interconnect in ways not possible under commercial circumstances and allows us to design the networks based on need, not price and we're using that to leverage resources and partnerships that otherwise would not be possible without the i-net.

Adams: Thank you, sir. Mr. Lewis.

Charles Lewis: I'm Charles Lewis from Ethos Music Center. Received two grants -- one in 2005 and one in 2009 and used that support to videotape our student recitals and videotape things like the waterfront blues festival and it's -- we've increased the visibility of our organization dramatically and become the largest music school in Oregon and helping us reach under-served kids every year and we've created jobs with our video project and with the increased demand for teaching and importantly, highlights the outstanding students and musicians in the community. So I'd urge your continued as for the program.

Adams: Thank you and thanks for your work for the city. Next four.

Adams: Hi, welcome. Begin.

Vailey Oehlke: Director of the Multnomah County Libraries. Good morning, Mayor, Councilmembers. I'll use my one minute to tell you a story, since I'm a librarian. The i-net is the backbone of our public service access to public libraries at -- public computers at the library. Stories about a young man from Guatemala who came to our community with a sixth grade education and no computer skills and attended a bilingual computer class and wrote a résumé and searched for a found two jobs and qualified for a used computer and came back to the library and practiced his English skills and find information about his home country and his story is not unique, he's an example of how life can change for the better when we provide people with the resources they need to better themselves and i-net is a large part how we do that at the library.

Adams: Thank you. Mr. Handelman.

Dan Handelman: I prepared two minutes, may I have two minutes?

Adams: For you, yes.

Handelman: I'm Dan Handelman, we founded a group in 1991 and producing video on Portland community media since then and the community grants have made it possible for the community to produce video and to anybody with a voice that doesn't have access to any other media to get on TV and make their own programming and it's been a terrific resource for everybody in the community, I think. Specifically, we've been able to spend the last three years, thanks to a community access grant from MHCRC, archiving 92% of the programs we produced on an obsolete format on -- moved it on to digital tape and that will allow us to continue to bring information and analysis to people from local, international and labor unions and working people, homeless people and historical records such as peace marches around -- attacks on Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, Somalia and Haiti and other nations and the hearing about the joint terrorism taskforce that happened in these chambers in 2000. In anticipation of the expiring contract with Comcast, I want to say that Comcast should be promoting the local city channel, including CityNet 30, which everyone is watching this on. To highlight how they're difficult from satellite. In contrast, the satellite TV channels should be clamoring to get access channels on their network so that people can have unfiltered programs made in Portland and we've been able to do this for 20 years because of community access and we understand that the peg monies member used for capital equipment purposes but having a world

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class facility and nobody to run it doesn't keep Portland at the forefront of democracy. It had to shut doors once a week and laid off knowledgeable and tenured staff and we're hoping that you'll see your way to make sure they have enough funds.

Adams: Thank you very much.

PC Peri: PC Peri, from flying focus, i'll take a minute. I'm going to highlight what we've done at flying focus. It's a nonprofit organization and a video collective and we cover speakers and events and voicing the voiceless. I was looking on opb last night or so, and realizing that the challenge of broadband, lack of access, as being felt in nigeria, is something we've experienced just a few weeks ago and just last week, maybe, in trying to understand what importance access to broadband is. We, with 700 programs in our past, did not get into this thinking we were going to be archivists but the information needs to be available for future citizens. We find that the broadband access has to be in many ways, as we've started, from using junk cameras to the most sophisticated. Now we have to continue on and you may think this outfit looks silly, but it demonstrates that it's one of the ways we use media. These tools are our tools.

Adams: Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Sir?

Bill Olson: Hi, i'm bill olson, a volunteer video producer at Portland community media. About six years and done about 2,000 hours of various programming. Not all mine, of course, but it's -- i'm here to talk about the increasing isolation of people as shown by various studies. You can keep track of the bowel movements of 800 electronic friends with your \$100 iphone.

Adams: That must be an app I don't have. [laughter] and I thought I had most of them.

Olson: 30 of my friends are going to the toilet at the same time. You can go to Portland community media and learn how to use this media. They teach it and you don't have to waste your hundreds of dollars. With the economy and other factors, adding to this isolation, cable access fills a gap, the small groups of pastors and imans and whatever that can't get -- am I done?

Adams: I'll let you finish.

Olson: Ok. Well, I have here -- you know, a entire list of the type of programming that gets helped by Portland community media. And the important thing is that we're drawn together, we have a feeling of belonging when we look at the tv and see ourselves on tv or see our friends and you don't -- I mean, this sounds minor, but we have to get a -- a way to draw people together that are normally not associated with each other and that happens bug time at Portland community media. We need to put a lot of emphasis on that.

Adams: If you wouldn't mind turn that into sue so we have --

Olson: Oh, my notes?

Adams: Yeah, that would be great.

Olson: Pretty incoherent.

Adams: That's all right. Thank you very much.

Olson: We're only 20 years, but still learning.

Adams: 20 years and 700 programs, that's amazing.

Olson: Thank you.

Adams: Go ahead.

Adams: Good morning, mr. White, do you want to start.

Doug Whyte: Yeah, i'd like to sit next to izzy here.

*****: Hello.

Whyte: Thanks, mayor Adams, and the council, i'm doug whyte, the executive director of the hollywood theater in northeast Portland and we've got multiple grants from mhrc over the years. In addition to being a art house movie theater and improving an historic building, we run educational programs for youth and support local filmmakers. There's about 12 kids at the theater making documentaries over four weeks and we premiere them at the theater and they get out in the community and learn about issues that affect them. What we've been able to do through mhrc, is get the equipment necessary. They're using hd cameras and we developed the pdx team collective.

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A way to stay engaged. And it's a workforce type of thing and we had a partnership with providence.

Izzy Berlin: I've been working with hollywood theater for about five years, I was a student for two years and interned there for three years, and in that time, i've been able to see kids from all walks of life create films about issues they care about and gain pride from exhibiting the films and I began the program when I was 12 and i'm 18 now and i'm interning with field recordings in east Portland and hoping to continue working in film in the future.

Adams: Congratulations.

Kayse Jarma: Good morning, council, good morning, mayor Adams, my name is kayse jarma, i'm the executive director of the center for cultural organizing. Three years ago, we were able to get a grant from the mount hood regulatory commission and as a small grassroots organization, we recognized using the media tools will [inaudible] or mission and as well as socially collusion. We launched a program called global Portland voices. This project has intended to train immigrant community members how to use media tools and through trainings and also through -- align -- local cable television. This grant actually will -- is able to help us only -- not tonight provide these tools but also to partner with other partners such as Portland community media and also finally, before I guess i'm out, I want to recognize a couple of people. I think truly -- being here today, the administrator to us, building a [inaudible] is important to our community. They've been dedicated staff member who is support us not only through the grants but help us carry out our mission. And a want to recognize josh, a media director. Josh came aboard and helped us for two years, in his own free time. And those two years, after he finished, he decided to continue to work with us and provide the support and training for the members. Without him, we would not have accomplished our task. He's a true hero of Portland.

Adams: Thank you. Thanks for all you do. Hi.

Tricia Snell: I'm trisha, the executive director of caldera, a Portland nonprofit that mentors Portland's kids through the arts from age 11 through early adulthood. Cameras and computers and a variety of film equipment in the hands of our students who are the most disadvantaged youth in Portland and these projects, kids find their voices and discover ideas for careers and our work is designed to break the cycle of poverty our kids are cough within and I think maybe too close -- the most effective way of using my time. Idk, we have nicknames at caldera. Both staff and students. Idk said a couple of months ago at a meeting that artists are cool weird. And that provided her an alternative to the dangerous weird of the gangs that many of her cousins and her friends were involved in and the drugs, the violence, the early pregnancies she was seeing in many of her friends. So I think arts education through film which is may be the coolest of all cool for kids in terms of the media literacy of our kids is an alternative that provides a path and the commission has supported our work with three major grants and we would not have our film program without them. One other quote from cdub. He loves the expression of feeling through digital filmmaking and photography and music. These are part of my soulful being. So the commission plays a important role in the souls of these kids who need our support.

Adams: Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you all, I appreciate it.

Adams: Welcome back. Glad you're here. Would you like to begin?

Cece Hughley Noel: Certainly. I only have one minute, i'll try my best. I'm executive director of Portland community media. And I would like to thank the council, mayor Adams, for really entertaining us and letting us share our stories and we appreciate having the opportunity to do so. You've heard a lot about the statistics that -- and what Portland community media does in support the of the community to get their stories out. And we're proud to be partnering with the recipients of the grants awarded over the years and provide the means to distribute their content and do a lot of training and worked closely with a number of groups and I won't go into detail with the list since that's included in the report to the mount hood regulatory commission available to the public. But would I like to tell a couple of stories. When we talk about impact, we're talking about how does

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what window changed lives of the people we touch? And since I have only a few seconds, please indulge me. A story about a group of moroccan journalists who came to us and they did a tour of our services and spoke with our staff and saw representative programming we do and the one question they had to ask: What happens when someone who uses your services says something that the government doesn't like? Do they take the programming off the air? No. They give us money to keep doing it. [laughter] that was my impact story. The near impact story which touched my heart recently, we were lucky to receive funding through the funding to promote the digital connector program. 15 underserved youth went through the program during the school year and doing a little summary testimony about the impact of the program in their lives and I was in one of my program directors' offices looking at the program and a young man named alex who couldn't be here because he got a job. Good for him, had been participating in the program and also in the media club every week. He's in the studios every single week and he was saying in his video testimony, I don't have a testimony. I don't have a family. I don't have a job. He does now. I don't have school. I don't have anything. But youth media club and I feel important here. And that just is the reason why we're here. Is to provide that hope, that power, that skill and that capacity to be real members of our society and to have hope. So I appreciate it very much, I appreciate all of your support. I appreciate the commission's support and I specially appreciate the subscribers to the cable system in Portland who help to fund the programs.

Adams: Thanks for your great leadership.

Sue Quast: I'm sue from Portland community college and we're here to support the continuation, we've received a number of grants from mhrc through the years and we've cable 27 feed. And it has allowed us to keep up with technology, allowed us to serve the various learning styles of our students, whether it's distance learning or production, and so we just are here to say please continue.

Adams: Thank you very much. Sir?

Jeff Gilbert: Mayor and commissioner, i'm jeff, the proud principal of the reynolds high school, way out -- reynolds high school. I'd invite the commissioners to take a look. And the most diverse. 47 languages and exceptionally impoverished. 70% free and reduced lunch. The difficult ever difference that the grants that we have are making a difference in the children's lives is remarkable. We've done a tremendous amount of turnaround in the past years, but these are the programs that help us. And one of the reasons why we wanted to pursue is because of media giving students a voice. A lot of times we find children disconnected and disenfranchised from the voice they have. Many don't come from this country and very impoverished and the parents don't have the opportunities or skill sets to provide in a way their voice can matter in the world. And if your voice doesn't matter in the world, you don't feel you have a say. Thank you very much. We appreciate it. And you've made a tremendous difference and I invite you to come out and take a look at the program because the decisions you're making is makes a difference in the future of those children's lives.

John Dixon: I'm also from reynolds high school. Assistant principal. We're in the process of building our own tv media system. I had the opportunity to sit down and -- our own science fair program and the science fair program has been great for the high schools and we are going to use the money that the cable regulatory commission has given us to videotape the science fairs and put them online and stream them and share them with the districts and it's making a difference in the kids doing real skills that will help them in the future but sharing the wonderful things that our students are doing in east Multnomah county with each other and relying on each other for successes.

Adams: Thank you for words on the report. But I also want to take the opportunity to thank the principals and your team for doing such a great job at reynolds high school -- reynolds high school. I think you've got the most enthusiastic and energetic student body around.

Gilbert: Go raiders: Thank you, sir.

Adams: Do you want to vote?

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Saltzman: It's a vote. Move the report.

Fritz: Second.

Adams: Moved and seconded to accept the report. Sue, call the vote to accept the report.

Saltzman: Well, I want to thank julia omelchuck and david olson and the rest of the staff for their hard work. And like to thank the presenters who were here today and the enthusiastic testimony we received from many of the beneficiaries of the cable technology grants. And I do want to thank the mount hood cable regulatory commission, Portland community media and our bureau of technology services and finally express appreciation to comcast for their partnership and we look forward to carrying this partnership through into our renewed cable franchise agreement later this year.

Thanks to everyone involved. Aye.

Leonard: Aye.

Fritz: I was privileged to be the commissioner in charge of the office of cable communications and franchise management for over two years and I greatly appreciated working with david and mary-beth and your team and cece noel and the media team and this is an opportunity to learn about the community benefits. To show how the money is used wisely to provide community benefit appearance we get a major contribution by comcast which we greatly appreciate and hope to continue. This is a win-win for private public enterprises showing how much the fees leverage the good in the community, particularly for underserved and those who otherwise would not have access to the broadband and other services and cable access on television today. It's amazing how when i'm in the community how many people say they watch council proceedings on channel 30 and it's a way for citizens to keep an eye on their government. We appreciate that. Aye.

Fish: Aye.

Adams: Commissioner Saltzman, david and mary-beth, the whole team, great work. Great presentation. Thanks, aye. [gavel pounded] so approved. We're going to move to item number 801.

Fish: A housekeeping matter. I think we're going to be an hour away from picking up with 820. So I -- I see people here for emergency ordinance 824 and i'm going to be conservative and guess that won't come before noon, of course, you're here on 824, which has to do with the funding on homelessness, you people are free to go to my office and use a phone and we'll bring that back later.

Adams: Watch tv, because I have intend to beat commissioner Fish's expectations on timing. All right, sue, please read the title for presentation -- short presentation, time certain item 801.

Item 801.

Adams: President kato, mr. Keisling, honored guests, we want to welcome you to the city council.

We're grateful for the connection that the foundation has with our Portland state university. The best urban university in the united states and especially the center for public service. Would you like to begin?

Phil Kiesling: Briefly, mayor Adams, commissioners Leonard, Fritz, Saltzman and Fish. Thanks for the chance to take a few minutes to honor this very strong and continuing to grow partnership that we have. At Portland state with tokyo foundation. I'm the director of public service which is in the hatfield school of government and it's my honor to introduce president kato, who is presented of the tokyo foundation.

Adams: Welcome.

Hideki Kato: Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak to you. In the middle of the council meeting. I thank you, mayor Adams, and all the commissioners, for this opportunity.

And let me introduce myself. My name is hideki kato, the president of the tokyo foundation, a think tank that's been organizing partners with Portland state university. The training program which he mentioned for the municipal officers. And I thank you all, and to the city of Portland, to provide very many good materials for that informative and rewarding programs. Particularly, I thank dan vizzini who has made a lot of effort to make the program fruitful. And the city of Portland, needless to say, is famous for its long tradition to integrate the citizens, the policy making

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procedures. From my experience, of working in the government role, and in the field of policy making, I think our current democracy system is in the turning point. I -- I haven't got enough time to talk more about that, but if I just -- just one example. In the government started -- in Japanese it's called [speaking Japanese] one by one. The open -- entirely open public, which has been done many municipal governments, over 100, it's very widespread. So from these in mind, I think we can and should learn a lot from the Portland way. And I believe that key words of the 21st century -- face-to-face. I think the -- in particular, the national logo, the democracy system, including Japan and many countries to -- too big, too complicated and too far from the ordinary citizens. Finally, let me express my deep and sincere gratitude to the -- all citizens of the city of Portland to the great and generous support for the victims of -- of the tsunami that hit the northern Japanese, northern Japan. I really feel we're neighbors, across the Pacific and I feel very happy to say that -- we're neighbors across the Pacific and I feel happy to say and feel proud that -- of the friendships between us. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you, Mr. President. Anyone else like to add anything? Really, we too, want to express our continuing concern for the victims and those that have survived the earthquake and tsunami. We feel -- we are and feel very connected to Japan. It is one of the oldest relationships that this city has with Sapporo, and we're grateful for it. And we also, to the great work of Portland State University, look forward to learning from you. I'm especially interested in what you described in terms of going through line item by line item. And so I'll follow up with Mr. Kiesling.

Fritz: Commissioner Fish and I have the opportunity to speak with the delegation yesterday and I feel -- sharing the challenges of trust with our citizen and including our citizens in making decisions and it's wonderful that you brought them here to share their knowledge with us as well as asking our advice and we appreciate that very much.

Kato: Thank you.

Adams: All right. Sue, can you please read the --

*****: Can we do a -- a picture?

Adams: Absolutely.

Adams: Thank you, very much. We appreciate it. All right. Sue, please read the title for report, item number 800.

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Adams: So I turn it -- you? Commissioner Dan Saltzman.

Saltzman: And I'll turn it back to you guys. Thank you, Mayor, Bureau of Development Services, Paul Scarlett and --

Adams: Wait, wait. Is it -- is it -- wild shirt Wednesday?

Paul Scarlett, Director, Bureau of Development Services: It's the Bureau of Development Services, we're having a ice cream social in the afternoon and there's a Hawaiian shirt contest.

Adams: Where is yours?

Saltzman: I figured since I'm Council --

Adams: Go ahead.

Saltzman: I'm pleased to introduce this -- for a while, at least a couple of years now, the Bureau of Development Services, has been co-located in the 1900 building and we'll make a short presentation and hopefully Council will hear from some of the citizen members who have been part of the effort to provide better services in our public works processing. It was April 2009, City Council under the leadership of both Commissioner Leonard and Mayor Adams, did this collocation and to implement a comprehensive set of improvements to the development review and permitting services. We've had updates and taking Council act multiple times as they've continued to refine and develop this process and I would love to offer Commissioner Leonard or Mayor Adams the opportunity to make any opening remarks. No? Ok.

Adams: I'll make closing remarks.

Saltzman: Ok. We'll turn it over to the Bureau of Development Services Director, Paul Scarlett.

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Scarlett: Good morning, thank you, commissioner Saltzman, good morning, mayor Adams and commissioner Leonard and commissioner Saltzman, very happy and proud to be back to report on the public works report. And it's -- its improvements over the past couple years and recommendations. I think just by order of presentation, an overview. Andy will report on recommendations. We'll have the directors from transportation, tom miller, bes dean was here and had to leave. Lana will represent bes. Water, david shaff is here. I think sue kiel was going to try to make it. After that we'll have comments and remarks from user groups. Dave humber is a member of that group. And public works appeals panel, citywide land use committee simone goldfeder and drac member don geddes are here and will make some remarks.

A lot of energy and time has gone into improving the public works processes and improvements. It goes without saying that this has been a very in-depth, expensive, collaborative process. The work has paid off. And since 2009, april, there has been progress. Progress has been made. The work related to improving the predictability, certainly related to review time lines, appeals processes, and permit fees and sdc charges tied to the public works, I would say, has been evident in its improvements. I do want to thank you, mayor Adams, for listing this as one of the initiatives when you first took office as mayor in january of 2009. Commissioner Leonard was also assigned to this. Through his leadership and support and of course strong commitments and resolve, we will find a way to get this done. I'm happy that we're reporting back to you with a positive result. As commissioner Saltzman indicated before, I was charged to come back to council with a recommendation of whether we should continue as co-location or consolidation. Consolidation was initially one of the aspects of improving public works with regular review. Commissioner Leonard and mayor Adams can recall this came with a lot of objection, challenges, and we stood together and pursued co-location. Given the downfall in the economy a very small amount of projects had come in for these improvements, so we asked for a the another year to further monitor and study how these improvements and changes could be tested and to see if the results were consistent with what we wanted. And so it is, by way of the analysis, though the economy hasn't picked up to full strength, just for example, three, four years ago, we used to have or there used to be about 80 public works projects annually. The last couple years, it's only been about 72. The small number doesn't dismiss what we have concluded. There has been enough improvements, enough changes in the review processes, the permit fees. Without hesitation -- and this comes with a lot of analysis and assessment -- I am proud to conclude that co-location should remain the way of co-locating staff and public works with bds staff in the 1900 building. And not to pursue consolidation as was one of the options that was entertained before. The conclusion reached is that the public works zone for review and permitting staff, including permit review, timing, fees, intercoordination are evident and provide the basis for this recommendation. I know the time will come, but I say now I do humbly ask that council accepts this submitted report with its recommendation as complete and allow for the public works bureaus to pursue the work outline as the next steps and report back to council on continuing to work plant efforts and accomplishments, effectively resulting in bds being removed as the lead in facilitating, monitoring public works improvements from here forward. This is something I support and have no objections to. Andy peterson is the lead manager and, from the beginning, has done a marvelous job in facilitating, coordinating, working with the other bureaus and staff and the public in reaching some of these improvements and recommendations. A lot of people worked on this initiative, and we had outside and inside staff and customers, and it was very collaborative, something i'm very proud of. I do want to recognize some key individuals who were very instrumental in this initiative as well. Christine leon from pbot, lana danaher and dan vizzini, cindy deitz from water. Fire was part of this process initially, but due to the sworn officer concerns, however, part of the review process. Parks has also played a smaller role, but parks has sbc charges, and that's part of this initiative, so they're also to be recognized as well. The respective directors of those bureaus, I do want to thank them for their support and cooperation in this project. Kim talent, who I understand has been ill the last few days, was nice enough to make it here to be

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part of this project. She worked diligently over the years in generating quarterly reports for directors, and I believe the council can see the progress and also in process mapping the improvements of the public works initiative. Andy will go through a slide show that will cover some milestones of the public works initiative. After an did i, the directors from the public works bureaus will come up and then our customers that are part of the appeals and public works group will make some remarks. I'm more than happy to answer questions now or after the presentation. Thank you.

Fritz: Thank you, everyone, for your good work.

Andy Peterson, Bureau of Development Services: Andy Peterson, bureau of development services. The initial directives, as has been touched on, were developed in April of 2009, but the primary focus was on the co-location of programs and personnel from the infrastructure bureaus necessary for the review and issuance of all development-related permits. The focus was on getting those programs and people in a common location with the adjacent piece to enhance the work that was being performed and improve the time lines that the customer service delivery and time lines of those reviews. Standard time lines creating and setting out time lines that were agreeable to the customers as well as the staff in allowing those time lines to help drive the review process. For both the services provided by those. Creating a public works process within our system has occurred and was a part of this effort. Work on that continues. We did establish a predictable -- one of the directives was for a predictable fee schedule for permits and associated services by the infrastructure bureaus as well as developing a formal appeals process again for those interagency partners. On the private development side, the charge was to develop a standardized sdc program that would provide a uniform approach, sdc waivers, deferrals, and financing terms which had been developed independently among the bureaus as of April, 2009, we were given those directives to move forward on we have been back a number of times to get support from council as we moved forward through the program improvements. We created uniform sdc terms and deferrals. All of the necessary interagency partners at that time had moved and co-located to the 1900 building, a total of 29 new staff moving there adjoining 10 staff that had already been in the 1900 building for a total of 39 to roughly 40 folks that moved up to the 1900 building. In January, 2010, we did implement the new permitting process. It happened to coincide with a fairly dramatic downturn in the economy but did give us time to do a soft roll-out and move our customers into the new process. In June of 2010, we did implement the new process. June of this year, we did, after a period of use of that appeals process, we did go back and make some improvements to the code that was there that had been implemented, changing the timeframe in which appeals could be submitted from what had been a relatively short 15-day window to now up to a year within the process. Today we're back to provide this brief update on the directives and the responses to those, highlight some of the tasks to accomplish over the next year and have again the director make his recommendation on the consolidation co-location decision, determination or recommendation. Back to the directives on co-location, co-location has proved to have worked. We have staff in the 1900 building from the interagency partners. The change has resulted in increased efficiencies just through that adjacency of staff and their proximity to one another as well as greater communication that stems from there as problem-solving issues are being started earlier. They're responsive. There's not any lag between development, review, and getting the permit reviewed and communicated about. There is some transparency or more transparency and predictability in the process as well as defining the requirements associated with the public works improvements. Establishing the time lines and the process improve for the public works permits has been successful and completed. Time lines are being met by the review works of those public works agencies at a very high rate, nearing 90 to 95% of all permits that are being submitted. This is probably one of the significant improvements of the program. Previously there weren't time lines associated with those reviews, staff, and our applicants have become aware of the need for those. They've developed these time lines and are meeting them with the workflow that's coming in with the high percentage of completion on those

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permits, the staff has really come to the forefront and done a great job of making these things work. The customers are quite pleased in the responsiveness of staff to these time lines as well. There's predictability to that that they appreciate. Roughly the timeframe from these permits being in for review for city time has dropped from 20 weeks down to 11 weeks overall, a time within the city, which is a huge improvement. As everybody knows, time is money, and continued momentum of these projects has been moved through the process. We are still refining the process for some smaller types of project to see if we can reduce time lines and costs associated with those. It's a continuous improvement type of effort that's going on and looking for new and innovative ways to make these permits go through the system more cleanly, smoothly, faster depending on the type of project that it is. The integration with our regular permitting system, tracks, has -- we are looking at a new permitting system. There's been some kind of a restart on that program at this point. We are looking and working diligently to make sure that the permitting system from both private development and public works development will be integrated into this new system, operating well and providing the monitoring and reporting needs for both public works and private development permits. As time goes on into the next year, the work plan will be to develop those permit process mapping tools so that we can make sure and get those integrated into the new system. The public works appeal process has been implemented. The goals of having a single contact point and a coordinated review by the public works agencies as well as a timeline in which those public works appeals are heard has been met. What we have found -- and it was a rather innovative move into the interagency group -- is to include public members in the level of the appeals process. There's some frustration with how do we make the best use of that skill set that's there. That process is being worked on, will continue to be worked on over the course of the next year, part of the work plan for all the interagency partners, and they are committed to make sure that the public participation in that appeals process continues and is fostered. We just have to find the right way to make it work within the codes of what we're developing in the right-of-way which eventually does become owned and maintained by the city, the citizens of Portland. We want to make sure that works right. But we're exploring new options and other alternatives on how to do that. On the systems development charge side, creation of uniform policies for exemption deferral and financing of the sdc's has been accomplished, implemented. It's being used by the development community. We are again continuing to develop outreach tools so we get the word out to all users and it's available for them to see and it's a seamless process for them to use. As we change these process cease and move forward with the improvement, the goal was also to involve our customers in the process and make sure we get the word out to the balance of our customer group so that there is kind of an uptick in the use of these tools that are available to everyone. Work plan for 2011 and 2011 over the next fiscal year, again continue to develop the correct balance for cost and time as well as an easy entry point for the public works permit customer, the improve also we've seen in the public works process driven by early and often communication with our customers on their public works process, meeting them and getting the standards and requirements set out early, meeting and discussing with them often what they need to do to get that public works permit through the process, meeting at 90 and 95% development so that, when it comes in for final permit review and approval, we've got everybody on the same page as how we're going to get this project through and out the door and meet city standards and requirements. Again, develop on the public works appeals process, we're going to continue to work on the appeals process and incorporate the public members in that, continue to develop that program. It works for entry process and timeframe. The decisions that are being made based on the code that's in effect is working. It just doesn't allow to us look at alternatives or exceptions to what's being proposed via the code and how to best get a feedback loop in there through alternative analysis or exception analysis and be able to get that to the right decision makers or the right code writers to be able to make those improvements or a way to improve those improvements through the regular process. We continue to have shortfall permits coming in. Those that have moved all the way through the process, roughly 19 or 20 of them, have

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moved all the way through the process of the 72 that have been submitted. It's a small inventory of projects. We continue to work with the customers on what information they need at the stages of their development program. This is again an area where more work will be done over the next year to refine those fees in the fee-estimating process. Public outreach again is a major function of what we're trying to do and keep the public, as well as our customers, informed. There's been website improvements made so you can continue to see public works permits in our online tracking system. It's getting more and more of that information out to the public that's involved with the improvements in the right-of-way near to their home, business or routes that they travel. And again reporting trends and analysis, getting integrated into the computer system helping speed that flow of information, but we do have staff working collecting data, analyzing it, and measuring what improvements can be made or at least explored, what trends we're seeing. Perhaps there's a new market or a new developments that's being proposed over and over again that we can streamline, whether it's improvements for storm water swales, improvements for different types of pavement or different types of public improvements for in-fill properties, we can look at perhaps ways of making those flow through the system more easily or more on a standard path. Over the course of the next year, we would recommend -- and I think in the work plan it contains again quarterly reporting out to some of our public groups, including the user group as well as reports coming to council, semi-annual meetings with our directors to bring them into the fold to see what work is going on and an outline of where the program has gone. I would second Paul's thanks to council for their support as we've worked through this as well as Christine, Lana, and Cindy. Dan was beneficial. He lent a lot of history and skills to this whole group as well as Kim Talent has filled that role for us from Bids, providing a guiding light in some of the instances as we've had conversations regarding some of these improvements. With that, I'd open it up for questions.

Fritz: Did I hear that Bids is not in the lead anymore?

Peterson: That's correct. Collectively all of the public works bureau would be.

Fritz: It will be a team thing. What a great concept.

Scarlett: That's why I'm happy to be presenting it.

Fritz: Wonderful. Thank you.

Tom Miller, Director, Bureau of Transportation: For the record, Tom Miller, director of the bureau of transportation, city of Portland. At its core, this process is about collaboration. It's about not what's right for bureau X or bureau Y. It's about what's right for the applicant, for the customer, if you will. That's what Commissioner Leonard and the rest of you charged us to do, and again you've heard. You saw the overview, heard the overview of the work that's been done. I thought I would complement that with a real weather example of the improvement this has brought to the city. The Broadway Recovery Center is a project at the northwest corner of Southwest Broadway and Burnside at the Central City Concern project. Our process providing every applicant permit cost back to the applicant particularly for a project like the Central City Concern project. We feel really proud that we were able to bring money back into the project itself, back into an entity like Central City Concern. That approach that guaranteed not to exceed permit ceiling, full, applies across the board, multibureau. It's complicated to work out, but it's our commitment, and again that's a real-world example of our ability to do that. We were able to return \$3000 or 17% back to the project. The project midstream, through the design process, got a grant which changed the project scope a little bit. The timeline can change and the project changes. Again we were able to stick to the original timeline, notwithstanding the scope change the developer was able to, in partnership with the applicant, secure a grant, a 1% for green grant which is going to bring sustainable storm water practice to the project, and we were able to ensure the timeline on the project did not slip at all. Dave Humber is here. My team at the bureau of transportation, I want to give a shout out to. This is an ongoing process. We'll be back next year. I hope to cite an even better example of the work that we're doing collaboratively to make the permit process as friendly as possible, to ensure it's as good as it can be.

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David Shaff, Director, Bureau of Water: I'm david shaff, the director of the water bureau. I'd like to echo tom's comments. As paul and andy said, this has been a lot of work that's gone into the project. We've made a lot of changes. We have seen improvements. There is still work to be done. For the last over two years, we've been working very closely with our colleagues sitting in front of you today and all of our staff to improve the public works development review process as well as the permitting process. I think the co-location idea was brilliant, and we were not particularly happy about it at the beginning.

Adams: I remember. That's putting it nicely.

Shaff: I thought I should acknowledge that.

Adams: Very big of you.

Shaff: I think it's been a very good idea. We've worked hard on getting fixed costs, predictable costs. We still have work to do on the appeals process. I just want to say that, on behalf of the water bureau, we're very excited, and we think a lot of work has been done. We still have work to go.

Lana Danaher, Bureau of Environmental Services: Lana danaher, bureau of environmental services. I'm channeling dean today. I think that the last two years has been a remarkable -- in my long career in the city, I haven't seen many examples of successful collaboration between the bureaus the way that i've seen this. We've made remarkable improvements. I think we, in this last year, have cemented a working relationship between the three bureaus especially that work on a daily basis. That's been pretty astonishing. We have a lot more to do, and I hope everyone will understand that this work is not done. This is a fluid thing. We've established a way of being nimble to work collaboratively with our customers in the design phase of the project, and I think that that is an innovative approach that bears more work.

Adams: Thank you all very much. Anyone else signed up? Oh. We have two more.

David Humber: I'm dave humber with mgh associates, representing the pwp user group. You just put me onto the drac committee whether you know it or not. I've been working with lana and christine leon and the various bureau groups for probably a year and a half, maybe two years now. I would say definitely as a user of the new pwp process things have improved. I think the key word really is predictability. As an engineer serving developers in the community, unpredictability is a risk management issue for developers, and it's difficult for them to get things to work and difficult for us, as consultants, to establish fee proposals and adequately get these guys to a permit. Predictability I think is the big win over the last 2 years and knowing what the fees are now by you guys setting them up-front at 30%. Predictability in the timeline is a huge win from what we've seen in the past. I would also say that I think there is still more work to be done, and I definitely look forward to working with the bureaus during the 2012 year plan on the items that still need to be worked on. Lastly, i'll say make sure I get the memo next time about the hawaiian shirt day, because I didn't get it. Thank you for your support and placing me on the draft committee. I look forward to serving on that.

Simone Goldfeder: Good morning. My name is simone goldfeder, and I am the public representative on the committee. I kind of wear some different hats at times depending on kind of what's before us. So i'm also with the neighborhood association on the board as well as the representative for swirl on sweeney, the neighborhood coalitions board. In addition, i'm an architect and a small business owner here in the city, and I work a lot with various neighborhood groups as an advocate and in helping better inform them about the kind of land use process as well specifically. So they have, I think, a clear voice or a more directed and kind of precise voice in the process. I want to thank you for the opportunity, I guess, to work as a volunteer on this committee over the past year. It's kind of the first experience for me. I really haven't done this before. So some of my observations you might have heard before. You might have not. I've also written up a lot of comments for the staff. And a lot of those have been integrated as well. It's become a steeper code as far as understanding policies in place as well as the aspirations of council of the

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declarations and how they're actually implemented on the ground. We've looked at a lot of various cases. It's constantly looking at the macro and micro scale to determine the multiple complexities involved as you work in various bureaus in the public stage and public realm and then also start to consider alternatives or innovations or different ways of doing things. I very much have appreciated working a lot of the staff who have been involved in this process. It's been nice to have the very frank discussions, very open, very transparent. A lot of patience, especially with coming up with feedback, a lot of willingness to be flexible in the process and conversations and explaining kind of potentially the implications of certain cases whether through precedent or just in terms of what has been kind of the policy -- the understood policy if not documented in the past. And then I will also say that I think that there is this constant balance of kind of context versus standards, so it's not an easy process. I did not know this coming in, but in terms of working with staff and the various bureaus, there's really never going to be a fully -- you're not going to ever have the predictability that's in the ideal world. We don't live in a desert. You're always going to have flat land versus topography, context versus standards. You're going to have performance approaches versus prescriptive approaches. And I think that the city in some ways in this process really makes you take a hard look at that especially from the context and that you have to always think and you have to always consider what the context is as you move forward in terms of some of these cases. And then finally I will just say that I think it's important -- two more things. Sorry. I think it's very important that the city consistently looks at alternative approaches and considers flexibility and innovation as we move forward and that there has to be different ways of looking at that discussion. You have to really look at how that impacts public right-of-way versus public property versus sidewalk and so forth, maybe an alternative way of looking at street designs. That's not going to always be the easiest approach, because again that takes consideration and thought, but I think it's going to be the best approach and best outcome for our city in terms of the public space. We are talking about public works, but ultimately we're talking about the public realm and those of us who use it, live in it, share in it. What is the outcome we want and the type of environment we want to live in, not necessarily what is the policy we have to follow. I think that would be it for now. Thank you.

Adams: Has the work in the past two years in your estimation been successful, unsuccessful?

Goldfeder: What do I compare that to?

Adams: Your own internal standards.

Goldfeder: Well, I have very, very high standards. I didn't really know what to expect, to be honest, and i've really only been involved in the last year. For me, it's been very educational and very informative. I do ask -- the question becomes, as I go out into the community and talk to various coalitions citywide about the work we've been doing, i'm going to be getting and anticipating questions about, well, how has the process changed from the community side and the perception side? So that's something i'm still thinking through. A lot has changed 'cause i've never done it before, but also that's not necessarily persuasive from the public side.

Adams: Appreciate it. Sir?

Humber: I've been working as an engineer in the metro area now for 20 years. Successful or not, i'd say it's been usually successful from what i've seen over the 20 years. Again, it's the timeline predictability that is I think really the big thing in my mind that stands out as a success.

Adams: And more work to do.

*******:** More work to do.

Fritz: I received a letter from bonnie mcknight saying that they feel it has been successful.

Don Geddes: I'm don geddes. I would echo that it's been successful, but I think it's a mixed bag still, to be honest with you. Very successful on new construction, bigger straightforward projects. Again, it's the role that we play in how do you deal with the gray? Very easy in subdivisions. And the rules we have for standards in the city, for instance, call out new sidewalks, that every project will have sidewalks. That's very simple to do on broadway clinic. We know we have to put new

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sidewalks in, match city standards. Pretty straightforward. What do you do if you're in utter northeast or outer southeast, you're on an unpaved road or you're a church that's putting in a 500 square foot addition to the community center? And no place within two miles has sidewalks. Much more difficult situation. As part of the appeals committee, those were the tough decisions. When we tried to make decisions, we were basically advised that we were only reviewing the decision of the bureaus. And the interesting thing is, in Andy's report, one of the goals was to resolve conflicts between the bureaus. The co-location, that's been pretty much taken care of. They have done an incredible job with that. We don't have to resolve discrepancies, because they're in agreement. If the policy says you put a new sidewalk in, you put a new sidewalk in. If we're looking at conflict, there is none. We have no way to overturn that decision. They've followed the policy. The question is should you agree with that at that point, though? And that's where the conflict has come with the public part of the appeals panel is how do you decide that one? And we've been told we can't decide that. So that's someplace that we've looked at. That panel has to be worked on over the next few years. That's where changes have to come in. I see the panel being better served, if that's all we're trying to do. My time would be better served to look at is there an issue there that needs to be looked at policy-wise, because you're looking at these decisions.

Adams: It is a very contentious issue. There are lots of competing citizens, neighborhoods, business district views on this matter, so it's not limited to discussion with them, and there's disagreement among neighborhoods. There's disagreement on business. So it is something we'll look at now that we've got this sort of stability of a certain amount of reform and reinforced the culture of continuous improvement and we've got bureaus working together, which was our task number 1. I look forward to being able to talk about some of these policy choices.

Geddes: That's really what we see as the long-term thing to look at. South waterfront is pretty easy. It's all new. A subdivision, as I said, pretty easy. It's all new. Miracles club, when we did it, we're on mlk. Pretty easy, put it in. But it's in the neighborhoods that you will have issues.

Fritz: I wanted to suggest that, in the annual report, you forward those policy questions to council so we can deal with them.

Adams: This one is at an administrative level. We've got folks out there, my staff will tell you, who do not want us to do anything other than sidewalks, and we've got folks out there that believe that 20 feet of sidewalks on a street without it does not make sense, and the bureau is in the process right now of going through a sort of -- again, we did this six and half years ago and then worked on safety of the busiest streets, but now we've got a whole lot of neighborhood streets to look at, in fill, requirements only sidewalks. Some parts of town don't want sidewalks. There are plenty of streets in southwest that don't have sidewalks and don't want sidewalks. We'll hopefully get down to the level of actual streets and conversations with people along streets and what do they want in the long-term.

Goldfeder: I think also the value of the panel process has been the documentation.

Adams: Good point.

Goldfeder: People understand why decisions are being made, and so there's a conceptual -- there are questions I've had from certain neighborhood groups saying they just don't know why certain decisions were made. I think through this process where there's letters written saying this is what the applicant is required to do is very valuable as well as starting to identify some of these other policy issues that keep coming up or some of these questions that keep coming up as you can start to track that. I mean, I could come up with 10, but I won't do it right now.

Adams: The notion that again now we have a certain amount of rigor and stability and we have a new sort of co-location, with a certain amount of reform under way, we have hopefully built for ourselves the opportunity to have those discussions and moving forward in the Portland plan as well for every part of town given the limited amount of infrastructure coming from taxes or developer fees or whatever. What does every part of town want to do with that as it relates to public works? I look forward to that. We wouldn't get to this point of being able to have that discussion without

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your work, so thank you. Anyone else wish to testify on this matter? Let's see. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Seconded.

Adams: So moved and seconded. Please call the vote on the motion.

Saltzman: Well, thank you for this presentation. I want to thank mayor Adams and commissioner Leonard for their pioneering work in the whole concept of co-location and making our public works permitting process better. We will continue to strive to make it better, we being not only the bureau of developing services but also the infrastructure bureaus who you've heard from today. I do think that i'll follow up with paul about this idea of who's going to be responsible for making sort of the next year and the midyear presentation. Maybe we should rotate it among infrastructure bureaus. I want to make sure there is some sort of a line of accountability there, that somebody's got to carry forward the effort to update us and do that.

Fish: Thank you for taking the lead on that.

Saltzman: I want to thank you for all your hard work. Pleased to vote aye.

Leonard: Commissioner Saltzman has just identified an issue I do have a concern with. I do think, from my background and my experience, you need to have a person or an entity that is ultimately responsible, and so I see that as a we can link in the report today. Paul, you shouldn't be shy in the next year if you think the solution for accountability is such that it starts to affect the goals of the whole project in the first place. Setting that aside, this was by far one of the most challenging projects I have been assigned major Adams was very clear when he took office, and I met with him initially and knew this was an effort he didn't want me to just work on but successfully work on. It was quite a challenge. It should not go without note that, while I was assigned to the bureau of developing services, I was also assigned to the water bureau at the same time, and there was a very contentious debate in the water bureau that i'm sure just reflects exactly what was happening in the other bureaus, whether we should have any co-location at all, notwithstanding the impact it had on the using public. Some people had to go as many as seven places to get a permit, which is something that the city had assumed was standard operating procedure, but many scratched their heads and were very frustrated by that. To go from that model to a model wherein people go from one location to get all the permits they need is an understatement, a huge challenge in a bureaucracy as large as Portland is. To go from 20 weeks to 11 weeks in the review time is phenomenal. That's really outstanding. And some people weighed in on this debate early on. When I say early on, back in 2002 and '3 and '4 and '5 as we were beginning to change how permitting occurred in the city, they reviewed the debate between rich developers and neighborhoods, not understanding that there were many people who game in to get a permit to add an addition to their house or to build their own house in the city who walked away frustrated. I will tell you that we saw another great example of what I think the nuances are of what need to be focused on in improving the permit process and what needs probably not to be changed, and that's this discussion we had on sidewalks. I don't see that as a gray area. I mean, I hear often from communities outside of the core traditional boundaries of Portland that were originally unincorporated parts of Portland that don't have sidewalks. When are you going to get us sidewalks? To somehow make a decision as a city that we won't make sidewalks just because other houses on that street don't have sidewalks, I think would be a step backwards. Having said that, you correctly pointed out that wasn't a problem against bureaucracy but rather the larger policy, a question that the council may want to debate. I feel pretty strongly about that, though.

Adams: So does the rest of the city.

Leonard: I feel strongly they should be built and to back off that would be a mistake in my view. I appreciate you acknowledged bureaucracy was doing what the rules say, and they are. But it would be also a mistake not to point out the great leadership of paul scarlett who I hugely miss working with on a day-to-day basis, just a great guy, but also his ability to delegate important tasks such as

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this to people that are very well qualified. Andy Peterson is one. This change is underestimated in the community. It started with the mayor saying this needs to be done and Andy doing it. I can't say how much I respect the work that you all did and the commitment you made to make Portland a better place for everybody. Aye.

Fritz: Thank you, Director Scarlett, for this report. I need to say that, as long as I am on the council, every July and August, I will be looking for this report -- this annual report -- and I'm confident the staff and the infrastructure bureaus will work together to provide that to council, as you have done with this particular report. Co-location has improved efficiency and helped the bureaus work together. In my first two and a half years in office, we did a lot of good work those first six months. This is one of those achievements that doesn't grab headlines, bureaus working together, but is absolutely what needed to happen. The mechanism of doing so has worked out very, very well. I think that the transition shows that you can get the work done, and I appreciate that. Simone brought up the public realm. It's the public at large, the citizens, the neighbors, and I very much appreciate how all of the staff recognized that, that the customers include the public and the greater benefit of the public right-of-way. I especially appreciate Christine Leone. The whole staff has worked together, but I have to single out Christine because she was responsive to a concern from the David Douglas School Board and residents of East on how you get sidewalks on 122nd. We might disagree on whether you need sidewalks on the lids that the gentleman spoke about in an alley with nearby sidewalks. There should be no disagreement that we need sidewalks on 122nd, and we need sidewalks on every major arterial, every major transit street, and every designated city walkway. And I am hoping that the Bureau of Transportation, Office of Management and Finance, will let us know what that cost. There may be some places where that development is not going to happen in my lifetime. I would like to think that we would have sidewalks on the streets with busy traffic and people trying to catch the bus at some time in the future. I was at multiple neighborhood night out parties last night, and one of them was in southwest Portland, an annexed area that didn't have city services when it was brought in from the county. A woman there said I don't believe we'll ever have a sidewalk on Southwest Huber, which connects to the Barbur Transit Center where there's a person with a wheelchair who is using the street because there's no shoulder, no sidewalk, and they have to be in the travel lane in order to be able to skip to the transit center. That's not a 21st century city, and we need to have a plan for that. The fact that the bureaus are working together on the public works permitting, that it's become more efficient for the applicants as well as for the citizens I think is a great achievement, and I very much appreciate all of the work that all of the staff have done on this and indeed the cooperation between the council members assigned to the bureaus and the bureau directors. It's an example of something we've done well. Thank you. Aye.

Fish: I thank Commissioner Leonard and Paul Scarlett and his team for all the work you did. This was incredibly complicated. I think back two and a half years ago when I believe, Mayor Adams, you announced five reform efforts. They were all complicated. I had the pleasure of being most involved in two of them. One was the creation of a new housing bureau and bringing the talent and treasure of the two entities together. That, too, was mind-numbingly difficult. The forecast was that we'd unleash the best of both entities if we consolidated housing, and I think the verdict is in, and I think it's been an enormous success, PDC focuses on economic development and jobs and the new Portland Housing Bureau focuses on housing within a structure of a strategic plan. This was also enormously complicated, and I remember the debate at council, and it was pretty lively and there were very strong views. I thought it was actually the best of the council decision making, 'cause we kind of came to a consensus it was probably different than some people forecast and then unanimously the council asked you to go forward with this. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank Hannah Coon who was at the table working with all these talented people coming up with ultimately the ordinance we adopted. I'm delighted to hear this has been a success, 'cause it was all of our intent for this to be successful just as I'm really proud that the new Portland Housing Bureau has delivered

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on its promise. Mayor Adams, none of this would have happened if you had not established five priorities. Five was probably an ambitious number but, when you set the marker, then it gave the political impetus for all of these things to happen, so thank you for that and your leadership. To my colleagues and to staff who have brought us to this day, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Aye.

Adams: Commissioner Saltzman and your great office team, thank you for showing in the report to council your enthusiasm -- obvious enthusiasm -- for the work ahead. The opportunity of investments with bringing the work of these bureaus into the modern age of technology and all the serious improvements that will come with that and the accountability that will come with that and the access and the tools and guidance for the city to come with that, I really -- it shows, and I appreciate that. I want to thank christine and director miller and their teams, my friend, lana, and great folks at bds, director scarlett, for your work, but I want to leave the last to commissioner Leonard who on occasion I would join to work on this, but he underplays the difficulty of the work of doing this. Because it is sort of back office, so to speak, operations, because there's so much good intention in individual silos but not necessarily sort of that team approach to the effort, because of the massive and nearly impossible process storefront to the public. The bureau has made huge improvements in the last six years, but on the other hand how can you say that when my permit is stuck? And that's because there are eight, nine, depending on the permit, other reviews that have to happen. So my thanks to you, commissioner Leonard. This was incredibly difficult. The city is better for us. Time is money, and so when I saw a really good project, project that we all think are green and sustainable and well designed and supported by the neighborhood and supported by local businesses and they still get stuck in the process unnecessarily, that was a call to action. After we had done how many hundreds of changes to the code over the past six years and improving the code -- and that work will continue -- and still had troubles in the process, this was thankless work but very important work. It's been done in a way where the work for improvement will continue a 55% increase in turnaround times. That's pretty amazing in two years. Aye. Please read the title for emergency ordinance item number 820.

Fish: 821.

Adams: 821. Sorry.

Item 821.

Christine Moody, Procurement Services: Christine moody, procurement services. In december, an ordinance was passed that authorized procurement services for the water bureau to use a modified good faith process in which the awarded contractor would be required to create a minority, women and emerging small women business program plan similar to what we use when the city use as construction manager general contractor solicitation process. In may, city council authorized the award of a contract to ssc construction and asked that we return back to council to report on the mwsb plan that will be used on the project. You have before you a procurement report recommending authorization of ssc's plan, a goal of 35% mwsb participation on this project. Ssc plans to sub out \$34 million -- \$34,979,688. Of sub contract amount, 12.2 million is charged to mwsb subcontractors. I'll turn this back over to council if there's any questions, and a representative from ssc construction is here if you have questions of him.

Adams: Questions of council? Anyone signed up to testify?

Parsons: No one signed up.

Adams: I'll accept a motion to accept the procurement report.

Leonard: Moved.

Adams: It's been moved. There is a second?

Fish: Seconded.

Adams: Please call the vote on the motion to accept the procurement report.

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

Adams: Aye. 821 is approved. Please read the title for nonemergency ordinance item number 822.

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Item 822.

Fish: This is related to the action we took last week when we authorized alternative financing for the Oregon rail heritage foundation's proposal that the council unanimously adopted. This is the next piece in implementing what the council authorized, and I guess there's a very brief presentation.

Jonas Biery, Financial Services: Good morning. My name is jonas biery, the city's debt manager.

As commissioner Fish said, the nonemergency ordinance authorizes issuance of a revenue bond that will replenish approximately \$1 million into the park's sdc fund. This is related to actions that were taken on july 27th related to the heritage foundation. The park's sdc fund has loaned approximately a million dollars to orv for construction of the facility that will house city-owned locomotives. This replenishes that fund balance and allows parks to continue with their fiscal 2011/12 programs, capital improvements, secured by sdc rev news, no legal claim on the general fund or any other city revenues. The bonds mature over no more than five years with debt service estimated at \$350,000. One note is the ordinance authorizes a borrowing amount of 1.08 million sized to accommodate issuance cost and debt service reserve. It does appear that a reserve will not be required as we don't expect the borrowing to exceed \$1 million, but one can leave that in there in case things change. Fiscal 2011, parks sdc's were around \$3.9 million compared to 350,000. That's coverage of about 10 times. Additionally and importantly, revenues that the city receives from repayment of the existing orf loan will match or exceed that service payment on this loan. So what that means is assuming orf loan payments continue to be paid as dictated and scheduled and expected under the existing loan agreement, those revenues will fully cover the cost of these bonds if for any reason those revenues fall short. Parks sdc's will be obligated to full that shortfall. Upon expiration of the 30-day remonstrance period, we expect to execute a financing agreement a week from september 12th. Be happy to answer questions.

Adams: Any discussion from council? Does anyone wish to testify nonemergency ordinance item number 822? All right. Moves to a second reading next week. Please read the title for nonemergency ordinance and amendment of an earlier ordinance, item number 823. Director schaff?

Item 823.

David Shaff, Director, Portland Water Bureau: I'm david shaff, the director of Portland water bureau. I know you're running late today, so i'll keep my remarks as short as I can. This is a project that you authorized, a larger project, back in january of 2010. We put it on hold back in october because of budget constraints. We have some savings in our west side header project that we have achieved, and we would like to move forward on part of or a downscoped portion of our carolina project. We're going to be upsizing the focal pump main for a smaller section. We're going to be repairing a leak on that main as well and doing some upgrades at the burlingame tanks. Then, as we get funding, we will do the rest of the project, which is to connect the fulton with the carolina pump main so that we provide redundancy of what's called the burlingame service area. That's the grand scheme. This is a small portion of that.

Adams: Discussion from council of director shaff? Does anyone wish to testify on item number 823? All right. Moves to a second reading next week. Can you please read the title for emergency ordinance item number 824?

Item 824.

Fish: Given the time, we'll try to expedite this presentation. I'm pleased to welcome to the dais Portland housing bureau director, margaret van vliet and sally erickson. Later we will hear from michael kaplan of the cascades aids project, rey espana, marc jolin of join, and shannon singleton, executive director of safe women's shelter. Last month we released the 2011 count of homelessness that showed that, despite the prolonged recession and double digit unemployment, the number of people experiencing homelessness in Multnomah county increased only slightly between 2009 and 2011 from approximately 2900 people to only 2700 people, a pretty strong validation of the success

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of our programs particularly because our peer cities are seeing enormous spikes in street homelessness. In Los Angeles, a federal judge not long ago ruled there were 50,000 unsheltered people just in that city. So we're making progress even though we're going into a headwind. The public investments we've made in our 10-year plan and the effective work of our community partners demonstrates that we are putting money in the right places to end homelessness, enabling us to hold the line against even greater increases in homelessness. Yet our work is not done. We must continue to maintain and increase current level of funding for these programs and finish the job. I would not thank Mayor Adams and my colleagues for their support. One of our best success stories in our community is our rent assistance program. The city and its partners have worked together to secure resources and coordinate the rent assistance fund, the creation of what we call the short-term rent assistance program or straw. Home Forward manages the program. Last year straw funds prevented homelessness for over 1000 households. They were at risk of homelessness but, because of the short-term rent assistance, were able to maintain their housing. Mayor Adams budgeted the initially 1.3 million and then, in his final proposed budget, increased that by 500,000 to fully fund the straw program which is one of the great success stories in our tool kit. With those monies, we will target funds for families with children and communities of color through our schools and housing stabilization fund and special allocation for culturally specific agencies. In 2010, I was also proud to be part of a council that designated a \$1 million special appropriation designated by Mayor Adams to address homelessness in downtown Portland, recognizing that we have a strong network of existing services and housing in our community, these funds were directed not to create that programs and new ongoing costs but to free up bottlenecks in our system that allows us to use our existing resources more efficiently. The outcomes of that investment are astonishing. In the first six months, 150 households moved from the streets into homes. 723 youth received outreach services, and 67 people obtained employment or benefit support. We've demonstrated that, given the resources, we have the tools to house anyone who is homeless, families, young adults, individuals with mental illness or other disabilities and people who are unemployed. The programs the housing bureau will fund in FY 11 and 12 incorporate the successful elements from this initiative to enhance the nonprofit and community partners in our overall system of services. Our team will make a brief presentation, and then we'll take your questions.

Margaret Van Vliet, Director, Portland Housing Bureau: Good morning. I'm glad to be here today to discuss these critical contracts and the important work that they represent in our community. With me is Sally Erickson who runs ending homelessness program. Before you hear a few words from our partners, I just want to add a little bit of context set forth by Commissioner Fish. First, in establishing the contract amounts and the deliverables that they represent, I want to affirm for you that they are consistent with the strategic directions set forth in our three-year plan and with the adopted budget principles for the current year. Second I want to stress that we will pay for these services using a combination of funding sources, the largest source by far of course city general fund, but you should know that we also invest various federal resources into this work, and that detail can be found on page 2 of the fiscal impact statement. With the overall reduction in funding for this suite of perhaps, including from federal sources, we've had to trim and scale back. The straw programs have taken the biggest reduction, but we are hopeful we've retained a balanced approach. Third I want to remind you that we don't do this work alone. You'll hear from our nonprofit partners. Equally critical is our partnership with other units of local government, Multnomah County and Home Forward. We continue the hard work of aligning our programs, our expected outcomes, and our funding streams to deliver on the goals of the 10-year plan. Finally I want to assure you that, to the best of our ability, these contracts will aid a balance of beneficiaries when taken with the investments of our other partners. Homeless men and women, youth, veterans, we have to continue to keep our eye on the trends this homelessness. We cannot yet meet all the needs that exist, but our partners continue to refine their approaches to impact permanently as many lives as possible based on what's working and what's not in real time. I will stop there and turn the

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podium over to our partners, and then sally and I can return for questions.

Fish: If you could all come forward, please?

Michael Kaplan: My name is michael kaplan, executive director of the cascade aids project, the oldest and largest aids service organization in Oregon and southwest Washington. Of the funds that are being proposed here, 931,000 would come to cascade aids project. The entirety is fund flood a hud project. To give you some indication of how we use that, you will find a much higher prevalence of hiv among the homeless population. There are two reasons we want to address that. One is you can't do treatment unless you're in stable housing. Without treatment, you can't effectively reduce viral load and stop new infections. Secondly, you simply don't want people like myself living with hiv who are forced to search for couches. You want that risk contained for people in stable housing. With the funds that come to cascade aids project last year, we supported housing for 154 households. 34% of that were women in terms of the people served. There were 276 clients within those households and 50% were from communities of color. I'm proud and happy that we are partners with the bureau. Currently in Oregon we have three spins contracts that come to this state, special projects of national significance. Two of those we do in partnership with dhs. One is done with our help. We've applied and hope to hear about one that would bring another 1.3 million in stable housing for people living with hiv. The last piece i'll say that the funds that we receive, we added this last year an employment program with the idea that there are many people who have lost opportunity for stable work because of health but are ready to get back in there, and we want to get them off relying on housing programs. And so part of the funding that comes to cascade aids project employs a full-time employment counselor who has been exceeding altar gets in helping people line up new employment.

*****: That's great.

Fish: Rey espana now.

Rey Espana: It's both an honor and pleasure and blessing to be with you today, and i'll just share a few comments relative to the action here. I think I want to begin by saying we're in deep appreciation for the city's effort to look at critically changing the complexion of homelessness. The demographics are beginning to change. We're seeing at the family center just increasing numbers of folks, many with children, so we're seeing a few things. Our agency has become a fourth partner in the homeless youth system. With that respect, we're seeing homelessness represent itself outside of downtown, so I think changing numbers, the distribution, we see change afoot in some respects of the numbers of young persons that we've served, 20% parenting teens homeless. And so there's increasing concern in the communities of color perspective. We all know the need is tremendous. At nao, we promote continued support, not only deal as effectively as we can in terms of emergency situations, emergency housing, trying to do prevention all the way to coaching and counseling of home ownership, so we believe in that kind of continuum of support. I'll just close by saying that it has been an honor to continue the partnership with the city, representing many of the views of the coalition of color, their active engagement with city staff well received. We continue to look at the efficacy of strategies and how they translate out. We'll continue that kind of vigilance as we look at how dollars are used and we return the investment in creating more opportunities. With that, i'll close. Thank you very much.

Shannon Singleton: I'm shannon singleton with the safe shelter, and I want to thank the city and Portland housing bureau for continuing to fund our safe program. We're an agency that is one of the few that provides gender-responsive services to women experiencing homelessness in Portland, and we are able to provide services to address the trauma histories, the ad dictions, mental illnesses as well as housing needs of the women that we serve. 72% of the women that we serve at safe are identified at intake as having a recent violent assault. I think it's really important for us to continue having gender-specific services for women to access, and we've been able to leverage resources from the city of Portland to form partnerships with other community-based agencies to really provide some holistic services to the women that we serve, and we've also been able to leverage

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those funds to secure a recent half million dollars hud grant to house 30 households with some mental health support services. So we really appreciate having the funding and continuing the funding and hope that safe will be able to stay a primary program in our community.

Marc Jolin: My name is marc jolin. I'm the executive director of join. I also have the privilege to chair with shannon, and I want to express my appreciation, our collective appreciation for the investment that this ordinance represents and all the work people out there are doing to try to get out of homelessness back into permanent housing. With came in with a lot of successes, thousands of people who are housing today, many with serious disabilities who spent years living on the streets. We have a system-wide set of shared outcomes that focus on what's really important, which is are people actually getting off the street into their own homes and staying there? We've created a supply of permanent supportive housing. Obviously not enough yet, but that's housing there for folks who need more intensive support. We've created the short-term rent assistance so that people who need a little financial assistance and advocacy can get back into permanent housing and self eye efficiency as soon as possible. We're helping people with employment and helping them get onto long-term benefits. Year 6 was also obviously a challenge for us, continues to be a challenge in terms of the recession and cuts in other areas of the system, and so the need to find revenue -- new revenue and also to do more with the resources we have has been imperative. In that vein, I think the mayor's special appreciation that you all approved for a million dollars was a really good learning experience for all of us. As we talked about before, we set out there to test whether by attaching flexible rent assistance dollars and acquisition support to our system across the board from street outreach to shelters and additional housing to deeply subsidized permanent housing, we need to quickly move people out of higher-cost resources in the system. Right now, as commissioner Fish said, more than 150 households have moved off the streets into permanent housing with this program. Another 34 households have avoided eviction. That's beyond what any of us thought we would be able to do, and those are folks coming out of every sector of our continuum. More than half of those individuals are families, and more than half of those folks are people of color in part because the initiative also focused on helping build capacity with specific organizations to provide ending homelessness services. One story actually from shannon's shelter, a woman -- we'll call her sonia -- who was staying at the shelter. Because of phpi, we were able to refer her to central city concern's employment program. They were able to get her a job as a stylist at a local salon, and safe was able to use the flexible rent assistance money to help her into a share the housing arrangement where she is now able to pay her own rent. That phpi money makes shelter beds available for other folks in the system. For our part at join, I obviously want you thank you for the continued investment you're making. You'll see where we have a contract here for about \$1.3 million in general fund. Last year that investment allowed us to put six outreach workers out on the street to look for homeless. That's work we couldn't do on anything like this scale without the investment you're making. On behalf of join and all of us who are doing this work, thank you for your investment.

Fish: That concludes our presentation.

Adams: Thank you all very much. Is there anyone who wishes to testify on emergency ordinance 824? Sue, please call the vote on 824.

Saltzman: Well, good work, commissioner Fish, and thank you for the presentation. Aye.

Leonard: Thank you, commissioner Fish, for continuing to help the most disadvantaged people in our community. You've done really great work. Aye.

Fritz: I, too, thank commissioner Fish and the entire team for the good work on this, and I particularly appreciate our community partners who truly are partners working with the communities within the community, and that's important. I also thank commissioner Fish for giving me more information on the services available to single women and of course will continue to discuss that in the future. Aye.

Fish: Thank you for the presentation, and I just want to observe briefly that the reason this housing

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movement has had success in the last three years, despite the worst economic downturn in my lifetime has its roots in what I would call almost the Portland way, which is the way government, nonprofits, the business community, and the faith community come together to help solve the problem. This particular problem can't be solved without resources. I want to begin by thanking my colleagues. Without their leadership and without the mayor prioritizing this funding, we would be in a completely different position. If you doubt that, director van vliet observed that on page 2 of the financial impact statement it shows you where the sources of funding are. And what my colleagues may find surprising is that 75% of the money that we used to address this problem, which after all is a national problem that has Portland implications, 75 cents on the dollars we pick up locally. And that should be for the broader public a cause for concern, because homelessness did not originate in Portland. The feeders aggravating homelessness, the breakdown in healthcare, lack of adequate funding for mental health services, veterans coming back from war without proper services and on and on, these are national problems. In the most recent debt deal that congress adopted, one of the primary tools of getting to those reductions is a further pushing of these obligations to the state and a brutal cut at the federal level. Our challenge will only get more complicated. The partnerships in the community, strong leadership open the council and wonderful team at the housing bureau. So I thank everybody for your work I wish Portland was not asked to address this national problem. I wish we understood that homelessness was everyone's concern and we had adequate resources. But despite that, we're doing really pioneering work and especially the short-term rent assistance program. For too long, all we did was treat the problem downstream. With this tool, we're able to go upstream and prevent people from falling into homelessness. Once families fall into homelessness, there is a cascading effect both in terms of the human cost and public cost, and this is a really smart investment of public resources. I also want to use this forum to publicly thank daniel ledezma for all the work she's done on this and other things. Aye.

Adams: Well, former commissioners gretchen kafoury and erik sten set I think the high mark on the national bar for local officials dedicated and focused on housing access, affordable housing. Commissioner Fish, I think you have gone by that mark easy. Today is another example of that and the way and what's substantively different that I especially appreciate is the focus on not only helping people in need, wherever you find them, and be assertive in finding them, because they don't often come to us. But also skilling them up, or providing -- skilling them up and providing the linkages to have security in a more permanent way when it comes to housing and that's so critically important as you've noted, as all of the panelists noted. It's critically important to be able to address other issues in their lives and not just the issues that -- the vulnerable issues but also to see their potential as individuals, that's very exciting. So thank you for your great work. Thank you to your team and our community partners, daniel, really appreciate your work as well. Aye. [gavel pounded] so approved.

Fritz: Before we adjourn, I have three scheduling items, approved by the schedulers and also the council clerk. So I move that we hold an evening hearing instead of the afternoon hearing on wednesday, august 31st, partly for the purpose of hearing the equity office ordinance, will be there on that date.

Fish: Is that wednesday or thursday?

Fritz: It's a wednesday.

Adams: Second. Moved and seconded. Any discussion, anyone want to testify on this motion? Sue, please call the vote on the motion.

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

Adams: Aye. [gavel pounded] approved.

Fritz: Thank you. Associated with that and approved by the city attorney's office, I move that we schedule the continued hearing on recology from 2:00 p.m. that afternoon, august 31st, to 6:00 p.m. Time certain on august 31st.

Fish: Has that been discussed --

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Adams: I wasn't aware of that. Let's hold that one over until next week.

Fritz: Ok. We have to notice -- we have to get the notice out to the affected parties in order to do that. But I think we can do that next week. The third is to move the afternoon council session from thursday, october 27th, to 6:00 p.m., for the spirit of Portland awards to be held at the east Portland community center.

Adams: Second.

Adams: Please call the vote on the motion unless there's someone who wishes to testify or there's council discussion.

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

Adams: Aye. Motion approved. [gavel pounded]

Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney: [inaudible] equity one is going to be 6:00 p.m. On the 31st?

Fritz: No, my intent was for the recology one to be 6:00 p.m. Because that will be a second reading vote and do the equity office after that. It's ok if we leave it at 2:00 p.m. On -- the recology hearing, we had heard from schedulers they didn't want both the afternoon and evening hearing. The code says either/or.

Rees: We have two options, you have two options with the land use hearing. Either show up at 2:00 and say we're doing this at 6:00. [inaudible] or we can send out an new notice three weeks ahead of the hearing. We don't have to redo the notice.

Adams: I'd rather -- I need to confer with staff and we'll consider it next week. We're adjourned for the week. [gavel pounded]

At 12:35 p.m., Council adjourned