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 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Commissioner Leonard, Presiding; Commissioners Fish and Saltzman, 3.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Parsons, Acting Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Steve Peterson, Ron Jefferson, Paul Wickersham and Gary Crane, Sergeant at Arms.

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS EMERGENCY ORDINANCES WERE NOT CONSIDERED AND ITEMS WERE NOT HEARD UNDER A CONSENT AGENDA	Disposition:
COMMUNICATIONS	
1382 Request of Shedrick Jay Wilkins to address Council regarding Memorial Coliseum should not be torn down (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
REGULAR AGENDA	
1383 Monitor on a pilot basis small-scale overnight sleeping options to occur on the site of religious institutions or community services uses operated by a non-profit agency and charge the Director of the Bureau of Development Services to not enforce code violations associated with these activities operated under the pilot program guidelines (Resolution introduced by Commissioners Fish, Leonard and Saltzman) 20 minutes requested (Y-3)	36891
Mayor Sam Adams	
1384 Extend the terms of 2011 Charter Commission members to March 3, 2012 (Report) (Y-3)	CONFIRMED
1385 Appoint Eli Ettinger, Lavaun Heaster and Suzanne Stahl to the Portland Commission on Disability for terms to expire January 1, 2015 (Report) (Y-3)	CONFIRMED
Bureau of Transportation	

<p>1386 Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to define the roles and responsibilities for maintenance of stormwater management facilities constructed by the St Johns Pedestrian/Freight Project (Second Reading Agenda 1356; amend Contract No. 30000332)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p>185079</p>
<p>S-1387 Declare intent to terminate local improvement district formation proceedings to construct street, multiuse path and stormwater improvements in the SE 33rd Ave and Pardee St Local Improvement District (Previous Agenda 1295; C-10042)</p> <p>Motion to accept substitute resolution and exhibits: Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman. (Y-3)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p>SUBSTITUTE 36892</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>	
<p>1388 Create two new represented classifications of Collection System Video Inspector and Collection System Investigator and establish interim compensation rates for those classifications (Second Reading Agenda 1363)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p>185080</p>
<p>Commissioner Randy Leonard Position No. 4</p>	
<p>Water Bureau</p>	
<p>1389 Amend contract with Black & Veatch Corporation to increase compensation and scope of work for Bull Run Dam No. 2 Tower Improvements (Second Reading 1372; amend Contract No. 37587)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p>185081</p>
<p>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</p>	
<p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>	
<p>1390 Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain easements and other real property interests necessary for construction of the Luther Road Habitat Restoration Project No. E06947 through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Second Reading Agenda 1367)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p>185082</p>

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At 11:22 a.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Susan Parsons
Acting Clerk of the Council

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WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, DECEMBER 21, 2011

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

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Leonard: Sue, please call the roll. [roll call]

Leonard: Please read item 1382 under communications.

Item 1382.

Leonard: Good morning, mr. Wilkins, go ahead and pull up a chair.

Shedrick Jay Wilkins: Good morning.

Leonard: And you have three minutes.

Wilkins: I'm shedrick jay wilkins and i'm trying to be a metaphysical santa claus for the homeless. I've never had a beard in my life. This thing itches. I'm going to shave it off. I like the mood of the country, and I think that Oregon is head of the nation in this healthy kids thing, one of five states. I like the new nasa, that young people are inspired we can go back to the moon and I like the idea that the memorial coliseum used as a film studio and maybe some center for the homeless. In july, i'm homeless, and in july, I went to the downtown connections. That's a place that there should be a lot of connecting things to the homeless. It was done in the summertime when it's nice and warm. I got a dental hygiene checkup for free. I don't like to talk -- the city of Portland -- homeless people do things in the winter where people get rained on, right? And stand in line. The memorial coliseum should not be torn down, it should be kept. Used for like a place for homeless people to outreach. It's built, I think on veterans' property. The korean war thing, whatever it is. I'm a veteran and I like to see it used as a film studio. It has a large interior space. A music and science fiction movies there. Nbc is filming a tv series there. And I want to say when people start talking, they're going to talk negatively. I'm mentioning positive things about Portland. That Portland can do for the homeless. Downtown connections was excellent. In july. Righted after the fourth of july. When you have people standing in line in the winter time catching pneumonia for free healthcare, this is not a good idea. Thank you.

Leonard: Thank you very much.

Wilkins: Ok.

Leonard: Sue read 1383 under the regular agenda.

Item 1383.

Leonard: Commissioner nick Fish.

Fish: Thank you, mr. President. I have brief opening remarks but i'd like to welcome forward traci manning, the director of the Portland housing bureau, david leslie, marc jolin of join and commissioner deborah kafoury from our friends across the river in Multnomah county. The city of Portland, Multnomah county, and faith community leaders are committed to long-term, cost effective solutions to ending homelessness in our community. But also looking for options to address the needs for safe emergency solutions. Eugene and seattle are looking at -- at the request of ecumenical ministries, my office and the Portland housing bureau helped to convene several faith leaders and commissioner Saltzman's office, Multnomah county and the bureau of development services to explore opportunities for similar options here in Portland. From these conversation, we're bringing forward this resolution which outlines general guidelines for a one-year pilot of small-scale overnight sleeping options and instructs the bureau of development services not to enforce code violations associated with these activities. The guidelines look like this. Up to four vehicles or r.v.s allowed in the parking lot of a faith community partner or not for profit service

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provider. Hosts will be required to make sure there's access to water, sanitary facilities and trash disposal. Hosts and guests will be charged with proactively addressing potential negative impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. We've had conversations with the Portland police bureau and before the program officially rolls out, we'll continue to work with the bureau too ensure we're on the same page as far as protocols for managing the project. The Multnomah county commission is expected to pass a related proclamation at its meeting tomorrow at which I have been invited to testify. At a time when the need for services far exceeds our existing shelter, housing and service resources, this resolution will create policy space for the faith community to develop relationships with homeless service providers, provide emergency help for people experiencing homelessness. It's in my view, a common sense and pragmatic response to the crisis we find ourselves in. But let no one think this is a substitute for the hard work of building and preserving affordable housing for all in our community. With that, i'd like to turn it over to traci manning, welcome.

Traci Manning, Director, Portland Housing Bureau: Thank you, commissioner, and thank you, commissioner Leonard and commissioner Saltzman and as well as commissioner Fish for sponsoring this resolution. A couple of things to frame the resolution before we get quickly to our honored guests. So we know that homelessness continues to be a critical issue both in Portland and nationally. We were able to count in our last one night street count, 1700 people living on the street. We've seen a 35% increase in family homelessness, locally over the last couple years, but also notice we're part of a national trend. We've recently received calls from other major cities across the nation who are seeing the same trend in an increase in family homelessness and wanting to know how we're responding. Our Multnomah county family shelters are inundated. What are we doing big picture? Portland and Multnomah county are halfway through our 10-year plan to end homelessness and that really addresses permanent solutions. Just last year, 2,000 people were placed in permanent housing through the efforts of our partners. This resolution responds to requests from ecumenical ministries which i'll let david leslie outline to allow them to host small-scale overnight sleeping options within the city. The resolution was outlined by commissioner Fish and we'll be monitoring the progress throughout the course of the year. Measuring its effectiveness and report back to city council in about 12 months. Without further ado, the success of the pilot depends on our partners in the faith community, the nonprofit community and Multnomah county. I want to quickly thank Portland housing bureau staff. We would have not have gotten this far without the expertise of ryan Deibert and sally Erickson as well as the bds staff and the Portland police advising us how to draw this up correctly and the staff at the commissioners' offices and without further ado, david leslie.

David Leslie: Good morning, david leslie, executive director of ecumenical ministries ecumenical ministries of Oregon. We're a state-wide association of Christian congregations and cooperative organizations working to improve the lives of all Oregonians, religious dialogue, program development and advocacy and community ministry and services. Most of the our programs are in the greater Portland area and focused on addressing root causes of poverty and the impact of poverty on individuals in our larger community. A particular concern today to our members is the growing number of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless throughout the state, including here in the Portland metro area. While there's much need, we're also fortunate to live in a region where numerous religious congregations and faith-based social ministries on their doors daily and nightly to those who are homeless. The services include hospitality, spiritual support, meals, cash assistance, shelter, reference and other outreach efforts that help to address immediate needs and move people from hopelessness into new life possibility. Many faith communities collaborate with public agencies and community-based nonprofits organizations ensuring a greater impact by serving together and making that impact greater than if they worked alone. Many religious leaders in our community are engaged in multisector -- to meet the growing needs in the region. So it's in this vain this morning, we're pleased to add our support

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to the resolution before you that would allow and monitor on a pilot project basis overnight sleeping options hosted on a voluntary basis by congregations or nonprofits on their property for people indeed homeless, including increasing numbers of families with children, living in their vehicles and campers or rv's or trailers. There are similar projects that have been successfully implemented in numerous communities including most closely Eugene, Oregon, which was also supported by emo. The resolution before you will allow the support the faith communities in the city of Portland to utilize their property, including parking lots and buildings in new and expanded ways to positively address the needs of those who are homeless. By offering a safe and secure site for overnight sleeping, complete with access to restrooms and temporary storage facilities and showers and other service, those who discover the congregation's hospitality will be in a better position to begin to move from being homeless into permanent housing. Additionally, congregations who develop these important relations with people who are homeless, they will, therefore, enhance their understanding of the complex aspects of homelessness and poverty. Long-term, our hope is through these types of relations and encounters, more faith communities will support the development of more permanent housing and be active partners in providing additional resources that will reduce the level of homelessness in our community. Toward these ends, emo and other partners are ready and willing to cosponsor training and education forums to ensure successful implementation of the pilot project and also to enhance faith-based participation of programs and initiatives in our community to serve those who are homeless and seeking long-term affordable housing. During the season of thanksgiving and the anticipation of possibilities for the new year, I wanted to particularly thank commissioner Fish for his leadership on issues related to homelessness and housing and his commitment to this resolution. Also, want to thank the entire Portland city council for your support in the ongoing development of collaborative partnership with all sectors in our community to improve the liveability for all of our residences, especially those who live on the economic and social margins. Also, I want to add my thanks to the bureau and the departments that have helped put this important initiative resolution together. It's in this spirit that ecumenical ministries of Oregon supports this resolution and thanks you for putting it on our docket this morning.

Fish: Thank you, David. Thank you for your leadership. Marc.

Marc Jolin: Good morning, my name is Marc Jolin, the executive director of Join, we're a close partner with the city in the effort to end homelessness in this community. Our work is to -- outreach to people sleeping outside and helping them get back into permanent housing. Join was part of a group of providers and advocates that came together under the umbrella of the 10-year plan to end homelessness to ensure a good night's sleep and minimum of security and predictability for those living outside. The idea of a Eugene-style initiative that allowed small numbers of people to sleep in churches or parking lots, while not a solution to homelessness, we recognize if someone had a place to get a good night's sleep and knew their belongings and vehicle would be safe -- the idea appeals to join even then we were starting to see a growing number of people sleeping in their cars and this year in particular, an unprecedented number of families with children staying in their vehicles. They're taking their chances and live with the constant fear they'll be told to move on, ticketed or towed. We worked with a veteran who was living in his r.v. In a rotating series of big box stores. One day he left his vehicle and he returned and his r.v. had been towed. He didn't have the money to pay the tow and storage fee. Sew lost the vehicle, but worse, because of the way the lien laws work, he was not able to get back any of his personal possessions. The losses with a very significant emotional set back and a set back to our efforts to help him get into an apartment. For someone like this, having a place with a church that allows us to offer a temporary secure place for their belongings will be incredibly valuable and help them live more safely while they're still on the streets and allow them to work with us to get off the streets. I want to thank the faith community and ecumenical ministries of Oregon for advocacy of this idea. We're here in large part because of their initiative. They play an important role in our response to homelessness. I also want

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to thank commissioner Fish for his leadership on this issue and the staff at the Portland housing bureau and the bureau of development services, both of which worked hard to make this initiative possible. This is an important effort and gives us one more option for people sleeping on our streets and it's low cost and flexible so that this complements rather than take away from our focus on helping end homelessness. Thank you for your support of this resolution.

Fish: Thank you, marc. It's our pleasure to introduce commissioner Deborah Kafoury. Who is our partner in our work to end homelessness. Welcome.

Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Commissioner: Thank you very much for having us. Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah county commissioner. Partnering with the faith community to end homelessness is nothing new. I want to make sure that everyone understands of the homeless family shelters, 100% of those shelters are as a result of the partnership with the faith community. Hopefully you've read the editorial in "the Oregonian" to have the winter warming center -- about two weeks ago, it hit home for me the level of crisis we have in our community. You see it when you're walking downtown and feel it and hear it. But I received a phone call from our friends, human solutions who run the -- a shelter in the winter months and told us they had the prior night 90 individuals, over half of whom were children. That's 150% increase from the highest night we had last year. In addition, on that same day, I spoke with Lisa Went, who runs 2-1-1 information, the referral line that we use to access social services and she told me on Monday of that week, they had received more phone calls for assistance than they had ever received and her staff, their morale was at a low-time low because they had to turn away people and tell them there was nothing they could do to help them. It's in that vein that I come in strong support of this resolution and, in fact, tomorrow, Multnomah county, as commissioner Fish said, will be introducing a similar resolution supporting yours and proclaiming that Multnomah county will do the same in our areas that -- we have a much smaller jurisdiction, that's not enveloped in the city, so it's merely the unincorporated areas of Multnomah county but we'll be doing the same measure and we have the full support of our board and our sheriff's office as well for that. In addition, tomorrow, the Multnomah county commission will be taking up a resolution for a one-time only request for over \$750,000 to assist these families to get out of shelter and get into permanent housing. The bulk of the money will go into our collaborative effort we have which is short-term rent assistance. By far, the most cost effective way to end homelessness. By keeping them in their home and helping with eviction so they don't face these issues that we're facing today. I can't thank David Leslie enough and all three of you here cosponsoring it. Thank you very much.

Leonard: Thank you.

Fish: That concludes, I believe, our formal presentation, Mr. President.

Leonard: Great. Sign-up sheet, Sue.

Parsons: We do. We have 21 people signed up.

Leonard: Two minutes apiece. Thank you for coming.

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

Leonard: Good morning. Welcome to each. You this morning. You'll each have two minutes. Need to give your name and there's a clock in front. You. So why don't we start. Hold on. Start right here.

Jen Davis: Ok. Thank you for allowing when to speak. My name is Jennifer Davis. I'm a mom and two kids. I live in southeast Portland, not homeless but got involved with this issue because in my early 20s, I was homeless briefly and I know how difficult and scary it can be, particularly for a woman to be homeless. So I wrote a letter. Commissioners, as you have heard, the most recent figures released, homelessness has increased dramatically over the past year and all of our city services and resources are tapped to the very limit. There's a special need for women's housing for which the need is dramatically increasing with very limited housing available. The right to -- I invite you to check out the right 2 dream camp. I went down and checked it out because I was

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interested in the issue and it's very clean, it's a safe place, somewhat warm. A couple of tarps over their tent. Drug and alcohol and violence free, temporary option for a group of desperate human beings whose only crime is not to have the money for a safe place to stay. A number of the people living there are working but just don't have quite new money to put a full-time roof over their head. And i'm very appalled as a citizen of Portland, which I dearly love, that -- appalled, the city could contemplate finding or dismantling this critical haven for desperate human beings. As you may know, most temporary shelter in Portland is on a first come, first served basis. There's hundreds denied or just don't have access for health reasons, people wait for hours daily to get into a place to lay a sleeping bag on a crowded dormitory floor. Unhygienic, no -- unhygienic and no privacy and must sleep under overpasses and vulnerable to the cold and illness.

Leonard: Three minutes is up. Sir?

Melvin Street: My name is melvin street, i'm a citizen here in Portland, Oregon. And i'd like to speak about the right 2 dream too. It's a very safe environment where homeless can get off the street. To safe and secure, and myself, i'm homeless. I'm -- I was not able to afford my own home. I work five days a week, but at this time, I can't be able to afford that. For me to be able to be not only a supporter but a person who actually does live, i'm in a secured resting area at right 2 dream. To be able to look into and review more of what the success at -- the people that are there are doing to assist those that are in the community. They're doing a great job and be able to keep it safe and secure, and not only that, to keep the crime level rate off from the areas. And also, the drug and alcohol is zero at that part of the community. The people that -- also the other voters and people running the right 2 dream too are assisting on a communication level, to be able to direct different resources to help those that are living down there. Also, there's tents that are having tarps that are on the secure -- secured from the rain, extra blankets being donated. Also help. And sleeping bags and food. They do have ways of -- use the restroom, instead of having to go running around in the middle of the night to try and use one or trying to find somewhere. So that's all I have. Thank you.

Leonard: Thank you. Mr. Wilkins.

Shedrick J. Wilkins: I think that churches should be used, church property should be used for the homeless. For the last 10 months, i've been homeless. My job at target was saved by the ministries on southeast grand avenue. They have a big christian cross when you come in there. Luckily, by the face of god, my job was not at night. So I was able to get up in the morning, at 6:00, go to my job and go back there. So i'd come up with the same conclusion these people come up with. That churches need to be used for the homeless -- the churches need to be used for the homeless. The biggest and best is the unitarian church, on 13th and salmon. They -- it's a warming center for homeless people. A year ago, they agreed with commissioner Fish that they had to take the worst case scenario, that homelessness will increase. Which it has and that's why everybody is here. So - - or that the economy may not recover. This was a year ago. I keep reminding people, last christmas, two people died in downtown Portland from hypothermia and there's places where people can stay, church parking lots, and my job was saved by a church, or a church group.

Leonard: Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

Lisa Fay: I'm lisa. As a strong believer of the need for a safe place to sleep and housing as a human right, someone who has experienced houselessness, I thank you for the opportunity to address you today. The concept of allowing people to sleep in vehicles on church property is good providing you have a vehicle to sleep in. , however, it does not address the issue that many houseless people cannot afford to obtain or maintain a vehicle. A right to -- at right 2 dream too, we've created a safe community where women, people with pets and couples and individuals can come and get a safe place to sleep. Obtain resource information, have energy to make life choices, function in their ability to mach wise choices for their future -- make wise choices for their futures, such as keeping right 2 dream too free from outside conflict, look for and keep jobs and make and keep up appointments. And show the community that the unhoused can still be responsible

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contributors to the community as a whole. Right 2 dream too was created and is ran on a shoestring budget without cost to the city. Without cost to the city. Right 2 dream too is a model that's just one avenue, along with providing vehicles in churches. In the efforts to provide a solution to our city's growing problem.

Leonard: Thank you. Sue, please call the next four.

Leonard: Good morning, you each have two minutes.

Tillium Shannon: Ok. I'm trillium shannon, a member of right to survive, a grassroots organization led by unhoused and formerly unhoused community members in Portland. I support the ordinance to allow people to camp in their vehicles on church parking lots, however the ordinance fails to address the state of emergency faced by people surviving without shelter in the rose city. We need multiple solutions for people who don't have a safe place to sleep. Conservative numbers of 1700. This is a gross underestimate. Meanwhile, at right 2 dream too, dedicated to assuring members a safe and undisturbed place to sleep, the bureau of development services is preparing to fine the successful peer support group out of existence. Displacing them back on hard sidewalks and cold rain. I believe you as commissioners have the power to step in and work with pleasures of right 2 dream too, that they may continue to support one another at the site at fourth and burnside and learn from the people who know best what immediate solutions are available to help people get back on their feet and contribute their skills and talents. Working side by side with unhoused community members, i've learned we need not one, but a multitude of solutions. Right 2 dream too should be replicated and destroyed. When the most vulnerable pull together to improve their lives, they should be applauded. You have the ability to suspend code violations for right 2 dream too. That would be a start. We need more than one small-scale camping in parking lots and need to stop criminalizing people. Will you sit at the table with unhoused community members to craft solutions?

Leonard: Thank you. Are you going to testify?

*****: Yes.

Leonard: Please take a seat.

Tonya Watson: I'm tonya watson, a part of right 2 dream too. I'm here to show support of any positive changes to our rights as a houseless community. I about a 10 year solution and if we're halfway through the 10-year solution and only housed 2,000 people in permanent housing, does that mean that there's only another 2,000 people that need help? I don't believe so. I heard that 1700, but I do think a lot of people do get overlooked. Some aren't counted and we do turn away people daily. So thank you for letting me speak.

Leonard: Thank you. Good morning.

Katie Kelly: Katie kelly. Part of right 2 dream too as well. I'm eight months pregnant and working on getting all of my stuff taken care of so I can get off the street. I'm very grateful for the right 2 dream too. I think it's helped a lot of people. I think, crime has gone down and I think it's helped people get jobs, that didn't have jobs before. We got the cleanest sidewalks. Because, you know -- that's not just the rest area, but also in the community, you know? Even though we're homeless, living in tent, we've gone out and given coffee to people under the bridge and stuff that aren't as fortunate as us to have a tent, you know, that's a little bit warmer to sleep in. So I just want to say that i'm grateful for that. And --

Leonard: Thank you. Sir?

Arlo Stone: Uh, i'm arlo stone. First of all, thank you for being here. And addressing this issue in a timely manner, we appreciate that. We're homeless. What you're being passed out is a summation what I believe are the logistical -- two logistical aspects of the plan. The two issues that need addressing immediately are the electricity issue. You're encouraging the burning of gas engines and generators in old cars inhabited by homeless people, with catalytic converters and I love the fact that you built a coalition here with advocates from community and faith-based groups but anyone

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with hands on experience would agree that encouraging people in old beat up cars to idle them for long periods is a train wreck and your bill specifically prohibits permanent access to electricity and if we have guests who are willing, there's no reason we can't access a power grid and help with the safety of what you're trying to implement and the second key point, large vehicles only.

Accountability, small tents, small tiny enclosed spaces is a haven for communities who have logistical addiction and alcohol problems appearance these people with at-risk conditions are going to seek out haven ins in a storm. Demand big cars, tents and let us stack them with trained providers and give us a chance to successful and address the safety concerns before you pass it.

Leonard: Thank you. Sue, next four.

Leonard: Good morning, good morning. Hold on one second. Hold on one second. Good morning. To each. You. You'll each have two minutes. There's a clock in front of you, mr. Mubarak. Go ahead.

Ibrahim Mubarak: When did it change to two minutes? It's always been three minutes.

Leonard: It's two today.

Mubarak: Well, you give everybody else -- gave him three minutes.

Leonard: Got two minutes.

Mubarak: I'll take my minutes, my three minute. I'm in support and solidarity with the cars in the parking lot of the churches. But however, that don't cover the whole homeless people. You have people that can't afford car, can't afford insurance or even license plates and what you're doing is create separatism in the homeless community, saying they're privileged to stay in the safe place, in the church parking lot, but the rest who have been criminalized, sleeping on the sidewalk, so when we get a campsite or a rest area, or a village where people can stay safe, you all don't support that and I want to appeal to the conscious of your humanitarian spirit that you allow places like right 2 dream too to exist. Places where people can get off the street and women can stay until and in the meantime, they find housing. That's all I have to say.

Leonard: Thank you, mr. Mubarak. Go ahead.

Leo Rhodes: Good morning, thank you for letting me speak to you today. I'm a homeless -- or a former homeless person. I'm inside now. I've done a lot of things outside camping on the streets, and in tents. And in cars. One of the things I like to say, with marc jolin, I was also on the committee will we did have all of these opportunities to speak about at least 15 different ways of helping the homeless people. This was one of them. Tent city was another one. What we have to do in this case of where we're at now in the 10-year plan, I believe in the eighth year, extended, because they know it's a bigger broader problem than what they anticipated, so that we have to be creative like this. This is really great. Being creative. That's what we need to do. The scare tactics like the gentleman who spoke before about the carbon -- the carbon monoxide, people who have lived in cars actually know it stuff already and they try to prevent those kind of things. Homeless people that have been on the streets know the dangers and they prevent these things. Right to dream ii actually outlasted occupy Portland. Why? Because of the stability of the homelessness of people. And they had little to no end reactions with the police department. Those are homeless individuals letting the homeless encampment, by itself, now, we don't need no kind of inter-reactions with other people because homeless people know what's going on. And we know what's going on out there. We now how to handle these things. Use us also when you implement these kind of things going on. We know these things and will help on outreach if you guys are willing to talk with us.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Sir?

Kevin Nolan: My name is kevin nolan, a proud supporter of right 2 dream too. In 2005, the city of Portland embarked on the 10-year mission to end homelessness. We're now in the seventh year. It's only prudent to ask how are we doing? "the Oregonian" reports that homelessness has only gone up since that year. Clearly, current measures have been and are inadequate. At the same time, two

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grassroots solutions have been and are successful. Dignity village currently in its 11th year has provided shelter for thousands. Of those thousands, many have been on waiting lists for permanent housing for years. In early October, another grassroots initiative began on the corner of Fourth and Burnside. Right 2 Dream Too now provides over 25% of the emergency beds available in the old town district. Right 2 Dream Too is self-supporting, self-managing and self-sustaining. Right 2 Dream Too costs the city absolutely nothing. Zero police contact. Zero expensive sidewalk cleanup. And zero impact on local businesses. At the same time, Right 2 Dream Too has received nothing but praise from the local media. Given this early track record of success one could only ask: What has been the city's response? The city of Portland has cited Right 2 Dream Too with two code violations which threaten its very survival. If the city enforces those violations, it will force over 60 people back out onto the streets inviting police contact, expensive sidewalk cleanup and the dismay of local businesses.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Sir?

Derrick Shelton: I'm [inaudible] and live at Right 2 Dream Too with my wife and I was going to read this. But -- it's a safe place to live. We have little or no police contact. If I wasn't there, I'd be on the sidewalk. We know how you guys appreciate us being on the sidewalk or underneath a bridge. You guys really love us do that. You know? Or, I would be somewhere I'm not allowed to be any way. Right now, I'm in a safe environment, I feel safe and I can leave and go to work and my wife is there safe and that's what I'm looking for. You guys to support. You guys want to put us become on the street and then when you go back on the street, you're going to violate us for being on the streets. It makes no sense to me. I don't have much to say, but I guarantee, I'm going to take my whole two minutes because -- [laughter] I -- right? [applause] I want you hear what we've got to say. We have no police contact. Our neighbors like us. We clean the sidewalks and pick up poop and make sure that our area is clean and we -- hey, what are you doing? And try to minimize any kind of drug contact we have. We have drug dealers -- zero tolerance and we'll kick you out and you'll leave for having drugs on you or anything. But we always give you a second chance, you understand? That's what we need, a second chance in this place we live in. I support Right 2 Dream Too with all of my heart. You know? And I would -- now I'm here and love to do volunteer work and love being here, because I'm safe here. You know? And I have a chance to go to work and save money to get my own place. You know? Join and other place, but when does join come to talk to us? We need help too. That's all I got.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Sue, next four.

Leonard: Good morning. You each have two minutes. Why don't you go ahead.

Jessie Sponberg: First of all, forgive the fact I didn't wear a suit this time. I slept on the sidewalk last night even though I have a wonderful house and a left my kid and dog there by themselves to show solidarity with these people. And I'd never slept on a sidewalk before yesterday. It was horrible. Absolutely horrible and for you guys to sit up here and act like you have some solution by putting it on the faith-based -- the faith-based ministry is as close to idiocy as -- oh, let me sleep in my car. Lots of homeless have cars. You're going to postpone this for 12 months, let's check occupant the pilot program. Then what's going object your recommendation? To build more churches? Is that going object your answer. [applause] we were able with the help of Ouch Portland, to feed and house hundreds and hundreds every night and you know why it didn't work? Because you guys didn't work with us, you worked against us and sent the cops after us and if all you can do is model, take what we did at Occupy Portland and take what they're doing at Right 2 Dream and take what you're doing and actually do something, not to really -- I mean, like a -- I'm mind blown sitting listening to you guys trying to recommend that having poor people sleep in their cars is the solution to homelessness. I don't even need my two minutes. I've said new.

Leonard: Thank you. [applause] sir?

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Chuck Harris: Yeah, i'm chuck harris, a member -- proud member of right 2 dream too. When I first got to Portland, I didn't have a place to stay. Sleeping on the sidewalk. I was woke up one night by young men standing by me wondering if they could get away with stealing my cane. I thought what am I going to do? Is there any safe place. I tried the mission, everybody was full. I got turn add way. I went to right 2 dream too and welcomed and I now have resources that are -- i'll get my own place, but i'm a life member of right 2 dream too. I've never experienced homelessness like this before in my life and I don't have any magic solutions. I don't have a big church parking lot or vehicle, I don't have anything, except right 2 dream too right now. I'll have my own place soon, but I -- it is -- like -- it's idiocy to think that church parking lots or unless you're going to donate cars to the homeless people and give them the money to insure and license them, and everything else, any solution -- any amount that will create to solve a problem will be very minimal at best. And right 2 dream too is -- it's an amazing place. If you can spend any time watching how it's conducted. I've seen people ejected because of drunkenness or terrible behavior, going against our code of conduct and i'm glad that it's there and I know a lot of other people are too. Thank you.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Sir.

Alan Lynn Haly, Jr.: I'm alan, and I would like to say I know it's not your fault, or even mr. Fish's fault that we're homeless. I understand your anger. I know that cincinnati has a lot of programs unlike Portland, cincinnati, i'm pretty sure cincinnati is well funded in this for a good reason. There's a lot more homeless people there than here. They have like six shelters and even -- you know. The I don't want to blame anybody for my issue. I've come to terms with it. It's not my choice to be homeless. You know? I mean, if you have no other choice, it's your only choice. I want to thank you all for take can the time and listening to us. I'm only an overnigher and the two nights i've been there, i've been treated very well. Last night, I slept very well. It's not perfect. But there -- you know, people can stir things up without saying words. You know? And that's kind of what happened and a few people have been -- yesterday they were ejected out for specific things. Such as one was drug use, I heard. So -- with that, the building -- the building the churches and all of that, I mean, there's plenty of churches and what i'm saying is -- churches. What i'm saying is I understand your anger.

*****: Can't do anything about it.

*****: That was uncalled for.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Sir?

Erick Heroux: Good morning, my name is eric. I'm with occupy Portland. I was the principle author of a letter to you guys sent to the mayor, back in october. Probably forgotten now, but it was in support of right 2 dream too and called upon you to end criminalization of the homeless. I'm here to congratulate you on taking a step in that direction, thank you. This is a tentative step. It's a rather timid step and I can sympathize with your -- your position, you're caught between a rock and hard place, between the Portland business alliance and all of the people you're hearing today. But i'm here to sort of hold your feet to the fire. Also one of the dozens of organizers that shut down the west coast ports so i'm here to say, we're appealing to you, as commissioner Fish said, your common sense, but we're also here promising more support for right 2 dream too. And i'd like to repeat what this first gentleman said. That the step you've taken is in the right direction, but it's the contradiction you've just created is yet another class divide. You're addressing people who have cars and many unhoused people have no car. So you've just created yet another divide. You have the people with homes and all of the people on the commission and now the people who have a car and maybe can have some compromise. And then again, those who are completely without. So -- we're calling upon you to address that also. Can you include everyone? Thank you.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Sue, next four.

Leonard: Good morning, you'll each have two minutes and start with you.

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Anne Trudeau: My name is ann lafleure trudeau, a mother, a writer, a community organizer and supporter of right to survive and right 2 dream too. Thanks to the ecumenical ministries and the city for the small but important step toward addressing the homelessness in our city. Housing is a human right. We have a housing emergency that that worsens daily as many people have testified. Poor people, including people without houses are part of this city. And should not be ignored, criminalized, or fined out of existence. Here are some actions that I suggest take place immediately in addition to this resolution. Lift the camping ban and stop the criminalization of homelessness. This Oregon weighs enforcements of code violations associated with overnight camping and should extend to existing and future camping sites that provide emergency housing within our city, specifically direct the bds to waive the ordinances they're saying the right 2 dream too is violating and allow right 2 dream too to remain. Mandate every commercial dollar spent in this city, two dollars are spent on affordable housing. The city of Portland needs to audit the pdc thoroughly. And if you don't, we are. Especially the use of tax dollars that are supposed to be spent for affordable housing. This article as you know is about headwaters and i'm going to quote a couple things. Though the city lacks enough housing for poorest residents shall leaders spent \$14.7 million in public money to build 100 unit headwaters for middle income workforce residents. The complex does not indicator mostly or exclusively to residents making less than 80% of the area as median income despite tapping money for that service. Headwaters was not designed for the needy, but used affordable housing money. Which opened in 2007 would generate profits to be invested. Today they can't point to a single dollar. To me, instead of focusing on the violations that this lovely community is being made at right 2 dream too, focus on these violations first, and then we'll focus on right 2 dream too.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Sir? [applause]

Glenn Silbersdorff: My name is glen. Thank you, commissioners and in particular, commissioner Fish for introducing this resolution. I do like this step. It obviously doesn't do everything but it's a step in the right direction. I'm personally concerned with exhibit a, guidelines associated with overnight sleeping activities, specific 3 subsection d. To not allow temporary hookups of a hose to refill the tanks of a r.v. Seems highly unnecessary and initiates this -- and diminishes this program. Beyond the environment impacts it states in guideline 5, subsection d. These may not be available at all host properties and with all vehicles, leaving people to freeze in their cars, it's not good enough. Especially with review so far out. Let's let the churches -- and remove the subsection from the resolution and pass it quickly.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Ma'am?

Claudine Long: Good morning to you councilmembers. Thank you for allowing me to speak to you. My name is claudine long. I've been chronically homeless for 10 years off and on. I'm an individual who has no income except for food stamps. I'm also disabled and not able to work. I'm a member of right 2 dream too and I think that allowing homeless -- homeless individuals to stay in their vehicles on church property is an awesome idea but it's not enough for individuals like myself who have no vehicle. Right 2 dream too is a temporary place and working for individuals like myself. If it wasn't for right 2 dream too, i'd probably be on the sidewalk somewhere. Right 2 dream too has worked and still is working and also there's not enough shelters for women and couples who are homeless downtown. Wouldn't it be safe to say these individuals need a place to be? I sit before you today to speak not only for myself, but for -- not only myself, but for me, a homeless human being, I have a right to dream, too.

Leonard: Thank you.

Christopher Ellingson: I'm currently staying at right 2 dream too. I do support the sleeping overnight in cars and church parking lots, but you have set up guidelines to limit it to certain churches, and haven't come close to doing anything for the homeless in the state of Oregon. And if you're true Oregonians like myself, you've read my name and seen my face in the papers. I started

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in 1976. And 1985, one of my dogs was shot in the line of duty. After that, 1985, joined as a volunteer fire department, my face has been in the paper for outshining work with them. And 1997, I was -- returning home from a call of a near drowning, we were in a horrendous crash and almost lost myself and three of my fellow firefighters returned home. And you guys ain't hardly doing anything for the homeless in Portland. I've been living on the streets for the last 10 months, I hear everyone tell me to go to the new bud clark commons. It has zero emergency shelters at all in that brand new building. You guys are forgetting if you go in there, you guys are bringing in new faces every day and kicking out 250 people every month, and recycling them back out on to the street, constantly, i've seen everyone go out on the street within a week. You guys are only helping out the veterans, you guys are getting them in housing or motels but not doing anything for the civilians that are just temporarily homeless at this time. Thank you.

Leonard: Thank you. Thank you for your service.

Leonard: Good morning. You'll each have two minutes. We'll begin with you, sir.

Bao Juong: My name is bao. I'm here to speak as a citizen. I didn't sleep very well last night because I was preparing a short two-minute speech on what I would say to appeal to you. In the process of doing that, I find myself flabbergasted why I even have to do that. Because i'm here to speak about the -- a human rights issue, and housing is a human right. Everyone has the right to basic needs. Food, water and shelter. And I learned something from a little girl who was 13 years old, reminded me of -- who reminded me that if you can't fix something, or don't know the solution to something, you shouldn't try and fix it. And you'll only make it worse. And i'm here to speak as a human being for other people on the streets. Why is it that we have to appeal to you for the right to sleep, for the right to be able to have a place to stay. Shelter from the water. Who is being forced out of their home. In florida, people -- three people got arrested for being involved with the orlando food not bombs. And they're being arrested because they're feeding the homeless. Why is it that we live in a society where this is regulated? Feeding the homeless is a crime? Finding housing for people to sleep is a crime? Being able to sleep on the street is a crime? I've -- I personally have witnessed police officers harass people on the street. Because they couldn't sleep at the doorstep. So i'm here to speak. My point is that just let these people have a place to stay, sleep. In the mean time, why don't you found a solution and prove ourselves to be the pioneering city we claim to be so we can show the world what we can do. Thank you.

Leonard: Thank you very much.

*****: Thank you, val.

Cameron Whitten: My name is cameron. I want to remind you that the sit-lie ordinance was deemed unconstitutional to remove people from sidewalks they're not obstructing and a lot of Portlanders in the community have been able to use the ruling of that ordinance to exercise their right to survival and live on the streets. And I know that we're dealing with zoning changes so the constitution doesn't have the same amount of power it should be. But i'm curious how vehicles have become such a fundamental focal point in the project especially when it's the complicated and resource extensive part of this voluntary program and I would like a response to that right now. And i'm curious how this voluntary program is so restrictive on allowing these organizations that are participating to have the ability to volunteer what type, what amount of participation they have with the pilot program. I know we're seven years into this, you know, solution to homelessness issue and i'm hoping you guys continue on with the pilot program, but next year is coming up and we need to do more creative ways to find results how to find solutions. Thank you.

Leonard: Thank you very much. Michael.

Michael O'Callaghan: Hi. Thank you. I'm in favor of this -- helping one half of one percent of the people truly homeless. It's a step. And i'm in favor because I like to use my new word. Humanados. Thanks for helping them. We're throw-away people. I've discussed this with you before, a lot of times. But i'm glad, commissioner Fish, you and Saltzman can work together to get

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the building department to be a little relaxed in their enforcement and hope you can work together to get bidding department to get a little more relaxed with right 2 dream too. And you've heard about that from the people. I'm glad you're emulating eugene and new york. A judge declared about five years ago that the shelters will never be full in new york. Ok? If a shelter is full, another one is open and another one is open and another one. Last year they reduced their homelessness by 31% by opening shelters of 20 or fewer. There are solutions out there. There's no political will here. We have a solution. It works. Ok? The -- leave us alone. Ok? One thing that this bill does is it helps none of the 5,000 to 7,000 shelterless people sleeping outside every night. Ok? Solving homelessness? My goodness: We've solved the shelterlessness in a very secure way. Ok? Try sleeping outside sometime when you're not safe. Ok? All of these people have emphasized safety. Ok? When we walk out of r2d2, we're not safe. When we come in there, we're safe. And I can't emphasize that new but thank you for the opportunity to address you once again.

Leonard: Thank you. [applause] anyone else who didn't sign up who would like to testify --

Fish: Can we invite traci manning back for a moment, mr. President.

*****: [inaudible]

Leonard: If you want to talk, you come up here, otherwise -- give your name and you have two minutes.

Occupier [no name given]: I have a alias, it's nightmare zero. Part of occupy. I think that occupy was a good thing. It got a lot of people off the streets and then the next thing I know, I watched one of my best friends, i've known my whole life, get ripped up out of our tent by his hair. What did he do to deserve that kind of police brutality? What did we do wrong, other than protest something we thought was wrong? We fight what is evil and a good man once said, all it takes to -- for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. If you consider yourselves good men, fight evil. Don't encourage it. That's all I have to say.

Leonard: Thank you. [applause] sir?

Keith Axton: I'm keith axton, I just wanted to -- I don't know what this is about. I just wanted to say, i'm coming to visit Portland and i've been here for just maybe a week and a half and right 2 dream too has been an awesome place where I didn't know anybody here and I could just walk in and have a place to sleep. It was a safe place. It was a place where there were good people there and I would hate to see it go away. And I come from ashland understanding southern Oregon, and a lot of times we look to Portland as an example for our programs. I'm working on homeless as an issue there as well. And our city council looks to the programs that you guys set up here. And i'm going to tell them about right 2 dream too, it's a good program and I hope ashland start something similar to it. I would hate to see it go. It's a great wonderful place and thank you.

Leonard: Thank you. Ma'am?

Mona Hud: I'm mona hud, a member of right to survive. I've been homeless since I was 14 years old. I had three children that are not able to live with me because i'm not able to afford housing right now. I know that people need to look at the -- at different solutions how to help familys with children. You know, i'm a single mother. At the time, I had to give up my kids because I didn't have the a job or a place to live. And living on the streets is hard. I got married, I was living out there by myself, getting harassed by the cops and whoever. And women for me -- it's scary to live on the streets and I think more shelters should come open. More resources. Right 2 dream has totally changed my life. It's gotten me to where I think of myself higher and give myself more respect and people, you make plans for all -- we're all family, all community and we go out and help other homeless people. That's what it's about. About helping each other and that's all I got.

Leonard: Thank you. Sir?

Justin: My name is justin. I wanted to thank you, commissioner Leonard, briefly. The last couple of weeks that members of occupy Portland came to speak to the council, mayor Adams has

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constantly interrupted us and told us we were not allowed to clap or react. And I think the way you handled this meeting was much more friendly. [applause]

Leonard: Thank you.

Pablo Abacado: My name is pablo. I didn't have a planned speech when I came up here. I would like to paint a brief picture what -- when I came up here. I would like to paint a brief picture. Sleeping outside which i've done for a couple months now. Dirty, hard, cold and dangerous. A lot of things can happen. Of the public sight where we're usually forced to go. Under the bridges, danger, dark doorways, usually not in public sight, where it's not safe. But what I fear the most when i'm sleeping outside and i've got my sleeping bag set up, trying to be warm for the night. I fear the police, who have come time and time again, sometimes multiple times in the same night, to move me from one spot to another. And that's all I would like to say.

Leonard: Thank you. Traci, could you come -- traci, could you come on up?

Fish: Traci, a couple of questions. This is a resolution, and we have exhibit a, some guidelines and I want to create a record. First of all, my understanding is that these guidelines will evolve over time based on our experience, correct?

Manning: Correct.

Fish: We've had a couple of people testify that we should revisit paragraph 3d. And 5d. Which has to do with electrical, water and sanitary waste hookups and I think they made interesting points. Would you have specifically, as we move to implementation, would you be willing to take up those issues and report back to council?

Manning: Absolutely.

Leonard: I want to point out I really appreciate you making that observation. It's one of the things I picked up in the testimony as well.

Fish: Yeah, I mean, I think there's -- the two people made the point that there might can an inherent tension between regulating one activity and the other thing, idling, which is regulated in this the guidelines, and I appreciate the testimony on that point. And I also received -- and make as apartment of the record, a letter from the Portland business alliance offering -- business alliance, offering qualified support for this propose am. In fairness, we should make a record on this. Propose that there should be a sunset date on this particular resolution and my understanding is what we've committed to do is come back to council in a year and report what our experience has been and the council at that point can decide whether to continue the pilot or not; is that correct?

Manning: It is.

Fish: They've asked for a definition of a community service provider so there's some clarity and as I read the matter and look at our code, that's actually defined in other city code.

Manning: It is, and our resolution is actually slightly more restrictive than the definition, but it's available for anyone to see.

Fish: And the third issue, having clear guidelines about behavior, in terms of the host and people that will be sleeping. And I -- my understanding is that the guidelines in exhibit a we hammered out with our committee, our attempt to -- are an attempt to come up with rules and they'll evolve over time.

Manning: Absolutely, we'll have a committee that looks at these issues in an ongoing way.

Fish: Thank you.

Leonard: Thank you, traci. Further discussion. If not, sue, call the roll.

Fish: Look, let me begin with thank yous. To commissioner dan Saltzman, who is the commissioner in charge of the bureau of development services, who early on embraced this concept and commit the both personally and his staff time to working out the details. We would not be here today if commissioner Saltzman had not made this a priority. So dan, thank you. And thanks also to all of my colleague, including commissioner Leonard, for the historic commitment they've made to ending homelessness in our community. I want to thank both of bureau of development services

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and their staff, the police bureau and the Portland housing bureau for the work they've put in and in particular, call out the extraordinary work of the director traci manning and sally erikson and ryan deibert. Sally and ryan are part of our ending homelessness team and pioneered things as innovative new storage facility in downtown for people experiencing homelessness and expansion of our winter warming centers and many other initiatives and i'm proud to be able to work with them and their team. To david leslie, and ecumenical ministries, I think it's important we note that churches and synagogues and -- churches and mosques and people of faith in our community are already doing a lot to help. Providing soup kitchens and feeding the hungry and providing shelter in the basements or the various public spaces of their churches and donating money and volunteering time. It's a full partner with us in ending homelessness. This is above and beyond. This is -- this is the faith community asking us for another tool where they can provide another benefit. And I thank all of the partners in ecumenical ministries and david leslie in particular for stepping forward. And I want to thank our friends at the county, particularly deborah kafoury who is a champion for ending homelessness. Under our system, the -- I would say in recent memory we've never been more aligned in terms of our approach to this challenge and I want to credit commissioner kafoury for her leadership. An issue that came up for people who think we're doing too much, or I should say, too little, has to do with what is our approach to ending homelessness and it's a fair criticism and I appreciate the testimony of those who say we're not doing enough. I agree. We're not doing enough. But because I also believe we have to celebrate the things we're doing that represent progress, i'm going to take a brief moment to acknowledge things we're doing with our community partners that are making a difference. We're a little more than halfway our 10-year plan to end homelessness and in that time, 7,000 people have moved from the streets to housing. That's an extraordinary record. But the question that comes up is if we're making that progress, why are people still homeless? I want to say something that I think most will agree with, maybe some won't. But it has to be stated. No matter what we do as a community to address homelessness, we do not control the feeders. We do not control the supply. And -- and let's for a moment acknowledge what are the factors that lead to people being homeless.

*****: Lack of affordable housing:

Fish: We have a presidential primary going on where the majority of republicans running for president have called for eliminating the housing and -- hud, our federal housing agency. That's a debate we're having as a country right now, whether the federal government should provide housing services. Portland -- Portland did not send our men and women to wars.

*****: Democratic sovereignty:

Fish: Please, people have had their chance. Let me have mine. We did not have the power to declare war, but we have 130,000 veterans in the country who are homeless and not provided services. That's a national disgrace. That's not Portland's unique problem. Portland is not responsible for the breakdown in our healthcare system. The 50 million uninsured was not hatched in Portland. The break down in mental health services, I could go on and on. The worst economic decline and recession of my lifetime. These are national problems. They call for a national solution. And right now, we're having a national debate whether we continue to invest in housing and for everyone who came and said we're not doing enough, I urge you to engage the national debate and make sure we continue to get funding for our priorities. Without adequate support from the federal government, we have as a community stepped up to fill the gap. We opened the bud clark commons in the half the two years, spent over \$100 million in our urban renewal district and \$1.8 million into our short term rental assistance --

*****: [inaudible]

Fish: I think it's appropriate that we all be heard, but I think we have to be respectful. We've opened and expanded our winter warming centers. This council am indicated a million supplemental to deal with street homelessness downtown and reaffirmed a 30% set-aside for

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affordable housing and yet during a time of rising need, we have inadequate resources to the task. At another time in our history, a great president said that the occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. That was Lincoln speaking about a time of civil war, but I would argue during a time of economic crisis, his words are just as resonant. This occasion is peopled high with difficulties, but we, all of us must rise with the occasion.

*****: [inaudible]

Fish: So going forward, what can we as a community do? During the budget time, I asked you -- I ask you during the budget time to stand with us, to defend the funding in our one-time to fund the safety net. I urge you to be involved in the federal debate so that the federal role in housing is strengthened, not weakened. I urge you to work with our partners in the faith community and nonprofit community to reach out to people in need. There's a lot we can do. And that, let me be very clear. This resolution does not solve the problem. The limitations of this resolution that people have testified to are apparent as day. But I say that at a time of crisis when people of good will and faith come to us and say, "we have an idea and we want to try it" I think we have to be receptive.

*****: [inaudible]

Leonard: I'm going to ask people to listen and be respectful. Thank you.

Fish: What this resolution does is addresses one small part of the problem. And it addresses people that already have access to a car and r.v. And allows them to be in a safer place. It's not going to solve the problem and not intended to be comprehensive in scope. But it will make a difference to the people that are the beneficiaries of this relaxation in rules and for them, it will be a safer night's sleep and a loving and protective community. For them, it will represent progress. For the cause of ending homelessness, no one has claimed at any time in this debate that this will end homelessness.

So what I ask -- what I ask you to do is help us make this pilot successful. Help us experiment with other new ideas.

*****: [inaudible]

Leonard: Please, ma'am, I've asked you to please not interrupt.

Fish: Let's work together to find creative solutions. And let's not forget that ending homelessness is about one person at a time. And I'll close with the reflection about my friend Leo Rhodes in the back of this room. For 10 years, Leo has been homeless, he's a poet laureate of street roots and a tireless advocate on the subject of homelessness and invited to speak and deliver a poem at the opening of Bud Clark Commons and stood with others at ceremonial events across the state and graced us with his poetry. Leo should not have waited 10 years for his first home. But today he has a home across the street from Jeld-Wen Stadium. Public housing made possible because of a federal and national commitment to housing. And to ending homelessness. Leo, congratulations, on coming home for the holiday. Congratulations on finally having the house you've deserved for 10 years. We'll not rest as a community until everyone, Leo and street roots vendors and the people who testified here today, have a safe and decent place to call home. Aye.

Saltzman: Well, thank you, Commissioner Fish, for your leadership on this and continued commitment to the homeless in our community. As a cosponsor of this resolution, I strongly support it. And look forward to seeing it become successful, and hopefully a permanent policy here in Portland. As the commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Development Services, I'm committing to assisting Development Services Director Paul Scarlett and his team in managing the directives expressed in this resolution and in Appendix A. This is a partnership between the city, religious and nonprofit institutions, and neighbors. Every one must be working together in order for this pilot to be successful. The hosting institution must have a strong oversight of the campers on their property. The neighbors must be confident that the guidelines as laid out in Exhibit A are being followed and the city must uphold its end of the agreement and clearly explain to concerned residents the reasons for our use of discussion in enforcing city code. And I for one, am confident

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we will make this work. The need exists in our community, and other cities have made similar programs. Eugene and Seattle in particular. I have no doubts that Portland can step up to the plate like those cities have and make this work. Aye.

Leonard: I too, want to thank commissioners Fish and Saltzman for working together and want to thank the folks who came and testified. Those who particularly came to testify about right 2 dream too. I think it's easy to misunderstand what kind of environment might exist at right 2 dream too. I heard things today that were reassuring and as a consequence, I will take up the offer to come down and visit myself if a group of you want to coordinate with me, I'd be happy to come down and look at the encampment. I appreciated in particular, the testimony that no violence, that women are safe and there's no drugs or alcohol allowed and I -- I think that's while possibly not a permanent solution, certainly, a set of ideals that I support for people who oftentimes find themselves with no place else to stay. Aye. [gavel pounded] sue, can you read 1384.

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Saltzman: Want me to handle that one?

Leonard: Yes, commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you, Mr. President. On behalf of Mayor Adams, I would like to request the council approval to extend the terms of charter commission appointees until March 3rd, 2012. The majority of these members were expected to end in January of 2012, but the charter commission has requested more time and the Mayor and I believe a short extension until March 2012 will allow them to complete their work. So I urge approval. Of this resolution.

Leonard: Thank you, any testimony? Anyone signed up, sue?

Parsons: We have two.

Leonard: Joann. Did you say Joann Whitman too?

*******:** Cameron.

Leonard: I apologize, sorry. Joann.

Joann Hardesty: Good morning, for the record, I vote good morning, Mayor, for the record, my name is Joann Hardesty. September 21st, 2011, sworn in as a member of the Portland Charter Review Commission. Anyone who knows me knows I've taken appointment to public policy seriously and pleased to join other community members who would be [inaudible] Portland's constitution. At the time, two new commissioners were sworn in with me. I found out in August, four new members were sworn in, that ended up being almost half the charter review commissioners were fairly new to the process. On November 14th, 2011, I testified in front of this body on an ordinance to set up a process for a public hearing for the work of the charter review commission. At that time, I stated that I would be remiss if I didn't object to the timeline we were currently under, since the issues were complex that the charter was -- the commission was considering and the majority of the commission members do not have deep knowledge about these issues as of yet. I was concerned we were being pushed to take a vote too soon. And that -- we had not yet effectively engaged a broader section of Portland's community. At this public hearing, Mayor Adams and Commissioner Saltzman publicly expressed appreciation for the work of the commission and promised to follow up with a meeting within a few weeks to determine how best to support the work of the charter commission. On December 7th, 2011, I met with Mayor Adams and Commissioner Saltzman, and Commissioner Saltzman -- in Commissioner Saltzman's office. Mayor Adams asked for an update of the work of the charter review commission. At that time, I, and Mark White, co-chair of the commission, stated that the human rights commission had rescinded their request to the charter review commission. That we'd -- we were planning to schedule two public hearings to address the issue of the independent utility commission in January. Even though the charter review commissioners have stated they would not vote at that time. They were merely going to take input. Mayor Adams stated he would not fund any issue that the charter review commission would take on that he didn't support at that meeting. I said, Sam, this is not about you, it's about the people in

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the community who are come together charter review commission who want these issues addressed. I actually was pretty appalled to hear the mayor say he would not support either instant run-off election or police accountability work being done through the charter review process. On november 11th, you asked me, if the city council was creating barriers to the charter review commission in completing their work. Today, I can say yes, the city council is trying to prohibit the charter review commission from doing detailed work that actually takes into account what the public wants us to do. Not what the mayor wants us to do, not what the city council wants us to do. But what the public wants us to do. And closing, I will say that section 13-301 of the charter commission states that the mayor or council may request the charter review commission review specific sections of the charter but the work and recommendation of the charter commission shall not be limited to such specific sections. I'm here to speak in opposition to the ordinance that commissioner Saltzman is putting forward. It is my recommendation as a charter -- the charter review commission, be extended until june so we can thoroughly do the work that we, the volunteer community members have taken on to do in this project. I'm appalled we're being strong-armed by the mayor and the city commissioner to not do the job we've been appointed to do. Thank you.

Leonard: You said a city commissioner?

Hardesty: A city commissioner. That would be commissioner dan Saltzman in cahoots with mayor adams.

Leonard: That's an unusual pairing.

Hardesty: Yes it is. As you know politics makes strange bedfellows. [laughter]

Cameron Whitten: So I have a clarifying question. We have 3 minutes now. It's not 2 anymore.

Leonard: That's right.

Whitten: So the conditions changed. We're not following the same process.

Leonard: Now you have 2 minutes and 55 seconds.

Whitten: All i'm asking for is a yes or a, no.

Leonard: I'm going to rule you out of order.

Whitten: I'm just asking a simple question. Can you just answer my question so I can continue with my testimony? You're not going to answer my question?

Leonard: I'm not here to answer questions.

Whitten: For my testimony, I would like to say that the general elections are coming up, and they're very soon, and I feel like it's my speculation that the people of Portland are intentionally being kept misinformed. I love the work that they are doing here with public hearings and giving recommendations that represent what the people need, and so I support an extension for a further date for this submission to happen in order for people to remain informed on what's happening on what they should be voting for in the november elections. Thank you for my three minutes.

Leonard: Thank you. Ok. I am interested in the march date. Is there a reason we shouldn't extend to june?

Saltzman: We appointed in january of 2011, this year, and some members have left already because they haven't found the time, so we are at the point where we are recommending extending the deadline until march. They have already completed their housekeeping amendments, and that will be going to the voters, I believe. The charter commission probably will, as a majority, send that. They are working on the utility commission, the human rights commission. They're still working on runoff voting. It doesn't matter where the mayor likes it or not. I do think we are looking at attrition. Many of the members have no desire to serve until june. I think it would be unfair to both the citizens and charter commission to have to appoint a new round of appointees every time member goes off. This is my opinion. I can't speak for the mayor. But I think it's time for them to wrap up work. My office is staffing the charter commission. We were originally planning to staff it until february 3rd. At the mayor's request, we've agreed to staff it an additional month. And I believe nothing focuses the mind like a deadline, and this is the deadline.

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Leonard: If we approached that march date and their work still wasn't done and there was consensus they still needed more time, would you support an extension then?

Saltzman: I'll keep an open mind, but i'm not sure, because the work keeps occurring. New subcommittees are appointed on a rolling basis, and this perpetuates the need for the charter commission to extend longer and longer, and i'm not sure the citizens we recruited to do this are willing to do that. I don't think it's fair to try to find new members, each of us responsible for appointing four members, to try to keep finding people and bringing them in short-term and not having them having the time to catch up. So I don't think extending it to june -- that's my opinion -- would make any difference. They've completed their work on the housekeeping. They're working on several other major issues. To keep a rolling agenda going of new issues I don't think serves the purpose of the citizens of the city of Portland.

Leonard: Early on, I was concerned that neither of the folks you named was making your work more difficult and telling you what you could and could not consider. To be quite clear, I think I was the only one on the council that didn't vote for that measure. I understand it passed and it's a part of the city charter, and I think we should give each of you the benefit of the doubt that you're doing the work to do. Is there a substantive reason you can't conclude the work you've been given by march?

Hardesty: Yes. The substantive reason is that we have a committee that will have its first meeting on january 9th around police accountability. At the last couple of city council meetings, there's been a big outpour of community members wanting us to look at police accountability. There's no way we're going to be able to actually thoroughly consider what could possibly go into the charter around police accountability by march 3rd. The other thing is that we have the instant run-off voting that the mayor has said that he doesn't like. Whether he likes it or not, there's a committee that's actually meeting to educate themselves and become more familiar with instant run-off voting, and our commissioners need time to educate ourselves. In fact the independent utility commission is a huge issue. There have been six of our commission members that have been on a subcommittee. The rest of us have not. So when we have the public hearings, the public hearings will be about educating ourselves as well as educating each other about moving forward as far as the independent utility commission. The mayor's proposal of doing all the public hearings in one fell swoop together is an inefficient way to actually get the detailed information that we need. I personally don't need something to do for the next six months, but when I took this on, I took it on because it was important for the city that we do this. And to just shut us down just as we're getting started I feel is disrespectful to the public that you've asked to volunteer their time to make this work happen. The charter review commission meets tonight in this chamber, and we're going to have that conversation about what the mayor has proposed, but I suspect that most of my committee members are going to agree with me to say that there's certainly not enough time between now and march 3rd for us to come to conclusion of our work.

Leonard: When did the charter commission originally begin meeting?

Hardesty: It began actually december of last year was when the original committee was appointed. I was appointed in august of this year. There has been attrition. There have been people that were appointed and nobody ever saw them again. There are people that resigned because they had other things, because they made a six-month commitment. But the people that are on the commission now, we've done a poll to figure out how many people would be willing to stay till june, and most of the people who are here would not turn in their resignations, said they would stay until the end, because they see how important this is.

Leonard: But you do understand commissioner Saltzman's observation that the work agenda seems to be amended and changing over the last year. As I said, i've come and testified before all of you and supported your work, but it does seem like new issues are beginning. And of course each one of those are important, and they take a lot of time, but isn't there something to the point that you

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have an agenda when you start out, you work towards conclusion of that, and then you finish your work by a certain time as opposed to adding items that, while they may be important, end up burning other people out who quit and then we appoint new people and of course they want more time and so it goes on and on?

Hardesty: I absolutely agree with that. Clearly, if I was appointed december of last year and told I was going to volunteer for six months and a year later i'm still there, i'd be wondering what's going on. A year ago, we didn't know what occupy Portland would look like. We didn't know about the interactions with the police in Portland. We did not anticipate that the charter review committee would hear so much from the public their need to come in and actually be thoughtful about how do we address the issue of police accountability. As you know, we've been dealing with this issue for a lot of years. Right? And we may or may not come up with something that we can get a majority of the charter commissioners to agree to put on the ballot, but don't you think it's worth the effort for us to take the time, have the conversation, bring in the certified smart people and come back with some recommendations? At the end of the day, if we say this is just too complex and we can't do it in this time, so be it. Right? But I want to be the one that actually says, well, let's try to figure it out now. If we can figure it out, have something that the majority of the commissioners would agree to, send it to the voters. If we can't, we'll say we don't have anything worthy to go to the voters, but don't cut us off before we have an ability to come up with recommendations.

Leonard: If you get to that march deadline and you're not going the work done, if you can sit down and persuade me there is a legitimate reason you haven't got it done, I am willing to submit a resolution extending the terms. I can only speak for myself. There's four others who have opinions on this subject. I do think today commissioner Saltzman makes a persuasive point. Having said that, i'm open to talking to you in the next couple months.

Saltzman: If I might add, to underscore some of the points i'm making, we did appoint two co-chairs in december of 2010. One has already resigned. Mark white was planning to resign in january and has agreed to stay on until march. As I pointed out, my office is staffing the commission right now. I'm not going to make a commitment that we'll continue to staff it beyond march. As I said, I know occupy Portland has basically been very involved in the independent run-off voting proposals, and I do think that -- and they've done their work on housekeeping amendments, and I do think it's time to wrap things up.

Leonard: Thank you. Anybody else signed up to testify? If not, sue, please call the -- go ahead.

Mike Dee: I've been waiting for the charter review commission to finally -- this is one of those things that only happens every five years. It's finally here. I haven't been able to focus on it, but I know that all the work isn't done. I haven't heard that the independent police review board has come in and been part of the charter. It's possible that that got written in there and all that, but I haven't heard about it, if it's going to be truly independent. This is one of the places where that should be in the charter review. If we don't do it now, it sounds like we may have to wait another five years. If it's not set up -- if a good system isn't set up now, it might not be set up for a while. If it takes a little more time to set up, then I think it would be a good call for the citizens to come together for a little longer. If some people need to leave, I think that's fine. They've done their service. We can appoint some new people in there and keep going.

Leonard: Thank you very much.

Theresa: My name is theresa. I understand office efficiency, and I understand cost-effectiveness, but I also understand how it is when you're working with volunteers who are not being paid, who have lives there are probably very stressed in this current economy and with the things that are going on in the world, and I can see that it hasn't been cost-effective to date and it hasn't worked out so well with your initial appointments, which may be a reflection on those initial appointments that really committed people were not gotten. I don't know. But it does make sense to me that, if you have invested in something that doesn't look like a losing proposition and you can get a better

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quality end product by continuing on for a few more months versus waiting years to redo it, then all your arguments against staffing for three or four more months past a march deadline to extend until june to me are not logical. And I have a consistent impression from attending city council thus far that you don't listen to the people that sit up here and talk to you, because I don't hear you voting the way they ask you to. So i'm going to keep coming back and watching this, but I have to say that I feel that you have already made up your mind on things when we come in and that you don't listen to us, and it makes me wonder if you listen to these commissions. And I think that police accountability apparently, since we are under federal investigation, is a big deal, and i'm always disappointed not to see people here. So I don't think I like the way this vote is going at all, and I don't agree with the logic behind it. Thank you.

Leonard: Any further discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Fish: I appreciate the discussion and the colloquy. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Leonard: Aye. 1385.

Item 1385.

Leonard: Anybody here to testify? If not, please call the roll.

Fish: Thank you for your service. Aye.

Saltzman: Yes. Welcome to the new members. Aye.

Leonard: Aye. 1386.

Item 1386.

Fish: Second reading.

Leonard: Please call the roll.

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

Leonard: Aye. 1387.

Item 1387.

Leonard: Mr. Aebi.

Andrew Aebi, Bureau of Transportation: Good morning, president Leonard, commissioner Saltzman, commissioner Fish. This item was first brought to council on july 20th with 67% petition support. Since that time, support for the project has decreased and not withstanding the merits of the project there's a clear consensus in the neighborhood to not move forward with the project, so i've asked sue to pass out a substitute resolution, and i'm requesting that council approve that substitute and approve it today, which would table formation proceedings for the lid. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Leonard: Is there a motion to accept the substitute?

Fish: So moved.

Saltzman: Seconded.

Leonard: The Portland bureau of transportation memo dated november 29th, any discussion? If not, sue, please call the roll.

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

Leonard: Aye. Resolution has been amended. Is there further discussion? If not, sue, please call the roll.

Fish: Aye.

Saltzman: Well, thanks, andrew for as always your good work. This one just didn't seem ready to fly, so we are terminating it. Aye.

Leonard: Aye. 1388.

Item 1388.

Leonard: Anybody signed up to testify?

Parsons: Second reading.

Leonard: Thank you. Please call the roll.

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

Leonard: Aye.

Item 1389.

Leonard: This is 1389. Second reading. Sue, please call the roll.

Fish: Aye.

Saltzman: Well, this is a major capital investment by the water bureau, and I do appreciate the thorough, comprehensive briefing that we had on this and the exciting powerpoint. It's very interesting to me, but it's very important also for our habitat conservation plan and just maintaining the bull run as the gem that it is, so i'm pleased to vote aye.

Leonard: Aye.

Item 1390.

Leonard: 1390. Second reading. Sue, please call the roll.

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

Leonard: Aye. Ok. Due to a lack of an agenda, there will not be council this afternoon or tomorrow. We will have council next wednesday.

Parsons: No. Not until january 4.

Leonard: So we are adjourned until january 4, 2012. Happy new year, happy holidays.

Fish: Happy new year.

At 11:22 am, Council adjourned.