



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

OFFICIAL
 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 9:43 a.m.

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

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

Council recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
<p>241 Request of Michael Krupp to address Council regarding who is to be the responsible adult and can be trusted to do the best thing for our city (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>242 Request of Moses Wrosen to address Council regarding the fundamental human right of safe and warm sleep (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>243 Request of Shedrick J. Wilkins to address Council regarding the Star Needle – Oregon's Space Needle for CBC Bridge (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>244 Request of Joel Seim to address Council regarding illegal fireworks being set off in residential neighborhoods within the City of Portland (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN	
<p>245 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Accept report on The Latino Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile (Report introduced by Mayor Adams) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Fritz.</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	ACCEPTED

<p>246 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Tentatively uphold appeal of King Neighborhood Association and overturn Hearings Officer's decision to approve with conditions the application of Portland Playhouse for a conditional use for community service uses at 602 NE Prescott Street (Findings; Previous Agenda 207; LU 11-187799 CU)</p> <p>Motion to adopt the Findings: Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Fritz.</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>FINDINGS ADOPTED</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>Mayor Sam Adams</p>	
<p>247 Appoint Rob Humphrey, Dan Gilkison and Maryhelen Kincaid to the Development Review Advisory Committee for terms to expire March 19, 2015 (Report)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>CONFIRMED</p>
<p>Bureau of Police</p>	
<p>*248 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for the use of U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2011 Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement Program Grant funds to reimburse the County for a Deputy District Attorney (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>185192</p>
<p>*249 Authorize application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for a grant in the amount of \$211,532 for the FY 2012 Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement Program (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>185193</p>
<p>*250 Extend Intergovernmental Agreement with the Multnomah County District Attorney Office for community outreach for youth violence prevention (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30001038)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>185194</p>
<p>Bureau of Transportation</p>	
<p>251 Transmit summary of sponsorships and donations received by the Bureau of Transportation in calendar year 2011, as required by Ordinances 179806 and 182573 (Report)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>*252 Amend Code for Transportation System Development Charges regarding vehicle trip exemptions (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 17.15)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>185195</p>
<p>*253 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet to renew the City Employee Trip Reduction Incentive Program option to provide monthly TriMet passes to city employees via payroll deduction (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>185196</p>

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<p>254 Designate a parcel of City-owned property located along North Interstate Ave in the Rose Quarter area as public right-of-way and assign to the Bureau of Transportation (Second Reading Agenda 224) (Y-4)</p>	<p>185197</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>	
<p>255 Accept bid of The Natt McDougall Company for the Guilds Lake Pump Station Improvements Project for \$1,799,548 (Procurement Report – Bid No. 113855) (Y-4)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>*256 Delegate authority to the Chief Technology Officer to execute Intergovernmental Agreements for participation in the Integrated Regional Network Enterprise (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>185198</p>
<p>Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2</p> <p>Portland Parks & Recreation</p>	
<p>257 Authorize a Developer Agreement with Tri-Met, Oregon Health Sciences University and ZRZ Realty Company for the South Waterfront Transition Trails connecting the Light Rail Bridge and Future Greenway (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 21, 2012 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>*258 Extend Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for work on a portion of the Columbia Slough Trail (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 53046) (Y-4)</p>	<p>185199</p>
<p>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</p> <p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>	
<p>259 Amend contract with Otak, Inc. for professional project management and engineering services for the design of the East Lents Floodplain Restoration Project - Phase 2 Project No. E08464 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 38100)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 21, 2012 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>260 Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain easements and other real property interests necessary for construction of the SE 62nd & Morrison Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E09049 through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Second Reading Agenda 230) (Y-4)</p>	<p>185200</p>

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**Commissioner Randy Leonard
Position No. 4**

Portland Fire & Rescue

***261** Accept a grant in the amount of \$16,400 from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management - Military Department FY 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program for a Regional Urban Search and Rescue Exercise (Ordinance)
(Y-4) **185201**

***262** Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$64,000 from Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management for the implementation of state and local homeland security strategies (Ordinance)
(Y-4) **185202**

***263** Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$177,778 from the Port Security Grant Program FY 2010 and authorize a cooperative agreement between Merchants Exchange of Portland, Oregon as Port Security Grant Program Fiduciary Agent and Direct Grantee and Portland Fire and Rescue as Sub-Grantee for marine thermal imaging equipment (Ordinance)
(Y-4) **185203**

Public Safety System Revitalization Program

264 Authorize a contract with ClarusTec, Inc. for a .NET Technical Consultant for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$149,400 for replatforming of the Fire Information System (Ordinance) **PASSED TO
SECOND READING
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AT 9:30 AM**

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Sam Adams

Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

***265** Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to enter into a grant agreement with Tangerine Power Corporation for a total of \$100,000 for the development of community-supported solar electric systems in Portland with grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (Ordinance)
(Y-4) **185206**

Bureau of Police

266 Support the establishment of a Training Advisory Council and the reaffirmation of the mission of the Portland Police Bureau (Previous Agenda 214)
(Y-4) **36912**

Bureau of Transportation

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267	Adopt the National Association for City Transportation Officials Urban Bikeway Design Guide as an official City of Portland bikeway design guide (Resolution) 15 minutes requested (Y-4)	36913
*268	Authorize a competitive solicitation for a bikeshare vendor and operator (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185207
269	Amend the Transportation System Plan, part of the Portland Comprehensive Plan, to include updated street segment classifications, project list descriptions and project alignments on transportation system improvement maps to implement the Land Use Final Order for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project (Second Reading Agenda 237) (Y-4)	185208
Office of Management and Finance		
270	Authorize acquisition of property at 14912 NE Airport Way from D. Ross Enterprises LLC by the Bureau of Internal Business Services for a Training Center Complex for Portland Police Bureau (Second Reading Agenda 213) (Y-4)	185204
271	Authorize revenue bonds for police training facility (Second Reading Agenda 215) (Y-4)	185205
Commissioner Randy Leonard Position No. 4		
*272	Authorize a grant agreement with Portland Rose Festival Foundation to support placement of temporary restrooms, additional seating and related activities along the parade route (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-4)	185209

At 12:03 p.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland



By **Karla Moore-Love**
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, MARCH 14, 2012

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

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Adams: This is a group of folks from our sister city, sapporo japan, from the Hokkaido institute of technology. With professor sakabe. They are up there. Hi. You can clap and welcome them in here. Glad you are here. Welcome. We've been sister cities with the pearl for 52 years. One of our oldest relationships and this is the fourth year that students from the institute of technology have visited us. I understand that you will be here for a three-week long esl program through the international specialist program in the office of international affairs at Portland state university. So we are really glad that you are here, and we have got some other --

Fish: Can I just note one thing?

Adams: Absolutely.

Fish: For those of who you love the japanese garden, the world famous japanese garden here in Portland you, it was, actually, craftspeople from sapporo that designed and built the garden. That illustrates the connection that we have with the people.

Adams: Must visit the garden. Thank you, commissioner. Our second special recognition is for our great americorps vista workers. And if they could all stand up. Our other guests. Great. Glad you are here. [applause]

Adams: And if you would come forward while I read this proclamation. Whereas service to others is a hallmark of the american character and throughout our history, citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities, and whereas the americorps national service program has proven to be highly effective way to engage americans in national and community needs and meeting national and community needs, and whereas americorps provides opportunities for more than 80,000 citizens across the nation. Including approximately 156 members in Portland. To give back in an intensive way to the communities. Our state. And our country. And through americorps vista national civilian community core and the state and national programs and whereas more than 706,000 men and women, including more than 13,000 members from Oregon have taken the americorps pledge to, "get things done for america since 1994 and whereas americorps of Oregon volunteers have served more than 15 million hours helping to improve the lives of the state's most vulnerable citizens, respond to disaster, strengthen education, expand economic opportunity, provide health care, protect the environment and support veterans and military families. Whereas americorps recruited and supervised more than 2.6 million community volunteers for the organization they served, and leveraged more than \$480 million in additional resources and whereas the residents Oregon have, have earned more than \$35 million in the siegel americorps education awards to help pay for college, or back student loans, and whereas americorps members after the terms of service in remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants and non profit leaders and disproportionately high levels. Therefore, i, sam Adams, mayor of the city of Portland, do hereby proclaim march 10-17, 2012, to be americorps week in Portland, encourage all residents to observe this week. Thank you for your service. [applause]

Lauren Norlund: Thank you, mayor Adams. I am lauren and I am an americorps vista serve on behalf of the mayor's office. Future connect initiative in partnership with Portland parks and recreation. I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on the work our team has accomplished in the last few months. We have promoted post-secondary information and career opportunities to 18

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community-based organizations. Five Portland parks and recreation community centers, and ten schools across five districts. The connect challenge engaged over 10,600 high school students, faculty, exposing them to events, activities, and experiences that promote post-secondary education access. And we have recruited volunteers to serve as mentors and teachers for at-risk youth. So as you could see, the partnership between the city of Portland and americorps is incredibly valuable. Together, we have made the path to post-secondary education, stronger, impacting youth, their families and our community at large. We would like to thank commissioner Fish for supporting the future connect initiative. Our work wouldn't be possible without the help of Portland parks and recreation team programming. And we would like to thank you. We would like to thank you, mayor Adams, for your leadership and improving educational opportunities and access. The future connect initiative is critical to helping students find success at the next level, and a key strategy to grow the greater Portland economy. We look forward to starting our second year of service in the coming months. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you, and thank you all for your great service. The scholarship program is exceeding all expectations and in large part, because of your great work. So thank you.

Norlund: Thank you. [applause]

Fritz: Can you other two introduce yourself?

Tabitha Boschetti: I am tabitha and I am also with the future connect project at mt. Scott community center in their teen program.

Marie Manuel: And I am marie manuel, the future connect strategy coordinator in east Portland. Happy americorps week.

Adams: Thank you very much for your great work. All right. Karla, can you call the roll?

Fritz: Here.

Fish: Here.

Adams: Here. A quorum is present, and we shall proceed with the 9:30 time certain. What's that? Oh, sorry. We have four items on communications, and we need to do those before we do the time certain. Can you please read the title for item no. 241.

Item 241.

Michael Krupp: As we transcend now, we may reflect on the past and therefore, clearly see our future. As a body, this council has not been any worse than others elsewhere. Maybe better. None of you favor the path that we have been confronted by. Slow municipal death by financial asphyxiation. I am certain that you are thankful to be somewhat insulated from the sound of the second shoe dropping, but you will certainly hear it. I know that you will welcome the coming change. Commissioner, Fritz has served our city for many years and is, by far, the most humane of you. She has suffered the most to accomplish what she has been allowed to. Recognizing the forces upon us, she has selflessly chosen to step aside her incumbents in favor of the people's peace party. This worthy soul will enter this hall with grace and the overwhelming support of the 99%. We, the people, will then occupy 3/5 of this council. That would be a majority and therefore, we could govern by, by mayoral initiatives. For her act of ultimate service to our community, she will be forever loved and remembered as the first of the last women to be drag down by the vile machinations of men in power. For his efforts as fire commissioner, mr. Leonard has given us the department that is the beacon hope and life for Portland and all of us. He, as well, will be greatly esteemed as the flower that gave birth to the heart of an eternal city of peace. In the trappings of a bully and living a life at odds to himself and all others. He has personally succeeded in delivering the goods. Two empty seats and a gleaming fire department, shining government, for our children. For this single act, you will remain a living martyr. Who threw his amp political life into the fire. That the phoenix of a future may rise from the fire bureau. Erik, prince of darkness, as you are unable to engage me in a fair fight and I won't give you a blackhawk and a squat of drunken

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homicidal merry-makers to win fair and square. I challenge you to a staring contest. If you may speak for your own eyeballs. Thanks.

Adams: Can you please read the title for communications item no. 242.

Item 242.

Moses Wrosen: I only have three minutes so I figured I would prepare some handouts. I am here this morning to talk about the, the fundamental human right to sleep. It's unfortunate that I even have to be here to talk about this. Here are the facts. Mr. Adams. All of us need a fair amount of sleep every day to live healthy. We spend third of our lives sleeping. Another fact is, that we are seven years into our ten-year plan to end homelessness. We spent 47 million and we have more homeless people now than we did when we started. Another fact is, that the laws and ordinances of this city make safe and warm sleep illegal. So right now, the laws and ordinances of this city, inhumanly, illegalize a fundamental human need to survive. You are making existence illegal by the ordinances. Another fact is, that on december 1, I started an occupation of the plaza out here to bring focus and pressure to the city to, to do the morally right thing and address this issue within the ordinances that makes existence illegal. There has been somebody in occupation of the plaza, for the last four months, at least one person, to bring pressure to the city on this issue. On march 2, at 3:00 in the morning, I was woken by police officers, who handcuffed me, booked me, fingerprinted me and detained me for nine hours for sleeping on the sidewalk. Subsequently, the district attorney dropped the charges so that I am denied a jury trial and right to criminal lawyer. Meanwhile, or, or the right to a court appointed lawyer, excuse me. Meanwhile, my mug shot is on the web and I can clear that mug shot off the web for the low, low price of \$100. Oh, man, I don't ever time, india's supreme court just declared sleep a legal right and in 2009, a cia report said that sleep deprivation is torture, noting that it's a primary method of torture because it's effective at breaking people. The supreme court of british columbia ruled that it was unconstitutional for the city of victoria to --

Adams: Your time is up. I need you to wrap up.

Wrosen: All right. I really will. Right now, the city is fining r2d2. The city should be funding r2d2. What they are providing is a sustainable sleep model.

Adams: Thank you. Your time is up.

Wrosen: Thank you.

Adams: I gave you a little more time. Can you read the title for 243.

Wrosen: I'd appreciate if you would look at the handouts.

Item 243.

Adams: Hi, welcome back. You need to state your name and have a seat, and that clock in front of you will give you your three minutes.

Shedrick J. Wilkins: I am shedrick wilkins, and recently my daughter wanted to go to the space needle and I would like to create something in Portland, Oregon, like the space needle, so I used my imagination to come up with a star needle. Recently, Oregon was able to make solar cells at solar world and have a plan called solar power in northwest Portland, and my idea is to make a cross shaped train-like structure, attracts the sun and promotes solar cell technology. The electricity would be stored in the bottom and there would be a telescope at the top. And this is, this is -- a lot of people have solar cells on the roof but you really don't see them. They are kind of hidden. And, um, I like this to coincide with the construction the cbc bridge. If anyone laughs at my idea, laugh at, at astoria because they have the astoria column. Ok. But one thing about the space needle, it is a rotating restaurant made for the world's face in 1962 and doesn't serve any purpose at all. My idea is to make something we're people could ride up at the top and it generates electricity. So I would like to promote a solar cell technology, and please, sapporo japan, if you like my idea, steal my idea so we'll make one. That's all I have to say and I will promote this idea because I think it's really neat and originally, when I thought about the cbc bridge. Thought about making a giant wind mill. And, I mean, this thing is, has evolved and I read the papers and even barack obama said in his

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speech that we need to promote solar cells and batteries. And, and Oregon and Portland in general, have no main attraction like the space needle or the eiffel tower. So, the star needle is something, it's a play on the word, space needle, and it's a functional art and science exhibit and I would like to see it, if people could see it from any direction, if it's near the bridge, on the Oregon side, to promote Oregon. Ok. That's enough. I will push my idea, until maybe if it doesn't work, I will ship it to dallas, texas or something, and let them do it or send it to japan.

Adams: Thank you. Carla, can you please read the title for 244.

Item 244.

Joel Seim: Good morning, I am joel seim. I live in the south crater view edition area south of mt. Tabor in southeast Portland. I, I had a situation in my neighborhood that's been escalating, of the ignition of illegal fireworks and I had a mother that was terminally ill, and dying and was bedridden, and trying to, to, to contact the, the police through the 9-1-1 and a non emergency number, I did not receive any response. And I was very concerned about the safety issue about my house and my neighbor's house. Being set on fire by, by other neighbors setting off the illegal fireworks. My concern is, is there is stuff being done, but it seems like the, the proliferation of illegal fireworks, almost keeps me hostage, in people we're we have to stay at home and watch our house, but the city ordinances are not being enforced, concerning this issue. And it only comes up once year. And, and I finally did get the police to show up at my house. And during our frank discussion, about, about how I got them there, my neighbors continued to, to light off illegal fireworks in view of the city police and they were more concerned about, about my situation or how i, I got them there, versus the illegal fireworks that was we're the neighbors were setting off.

Adams: How did they get them there?

Seim: I dialed 9-1-1 and hung up the phone.

Adams: You should not do that.

Seim: I know, but I had a bedridden mother that couldn't get out of the house.

Adams: When did this happen?

Seim: July 4, they went over to, to -- I found out later, they filed a report. They went over to the neighbors, talked to them. There was no arrest made. And --

Adams: It's happened again? I don't know. I have got to wait for july 4.

Adams: So this happens just on july 4?

Seim: Yes. I am concerned about the whole -- it's not just me. It's the whole area in general that I risk probably being thrown in jail for my actions, but I felt that, that the overlying situation my mother couldn't get out of the house, that she died about two weeks later. That I was going to risk arrest versus --

Adams: I am sorry for your loss.

Seim: She was 92 years old, but I just --

Adams: And you have, obviously, talked to your neighbors and asked them not to do that?

Seim: Yes, I talked to one of the neighbors who introduced me to, to some of the people that lives in this house. And whether they continue to do this remains to be seen.

Adams: I would like to offer you another resource, and that is downstairs in that corner, is the office of neighborhood involvement. And they provide the services of neighborhood mediation, and so in preparation for the next july 4, they might be able to help you with communication and make sure that this doesn't happen again.

Seim: Well, I also got an email from, it is erin janssens. I don't know if I am pronouncing that right. He's the, of the chief --

Fritz: Erin Janssens, she.

Seim: She. She sent me an email the next day after I signed up to come before the city council. And i've been in the process putting in new computer in my house so I'm getting back up to speed

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but I want to contact her about this, and maybe we can be more proactive in the situation because something is going to happen.

Leonard: She's the new fire chief and is dedicated to preventing illegal fireworks.

Seim: That's all I have to say.

Adams: Ok, so we'll wait for you to contact erin and if you need assistance after that call, the office of neighborhood involvement, we'll have a mediation.

Seim: Thank you.

Adams: Thank you. Unless there are objection, I would like to take a point of personal privilege after we do the consent and hear the three items related to the police training center since they are all second reading. But before we do that, any items to pull from the consent agenda?

Leonard: Kind of like having them here until we get through everything. [laughter]

Adams: But I think that they have better work to do.

Fish: Is that an objection, commissioner Leonard? [laughter]

Adams: Any items from the consent agenda you would like to pull? All right, please call the vote on the consent agenda. It is reassuring.

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

Adams: Aye. The consent agenda is approved. Let's do all three and save comments until the last one if that's all right. Can you please read the title, call the vote for item 266.

Items 266.

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

Adams: Aye. [gavel pounded]

Adams: Approved, can you please read the title and calling the vote for item 270.

Item 270.

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

Leonard: At the risk of being redundant, I will repeat couple of things that I said last week because I think that this is worth calling out. This, this training center has quite a history behind it beginning five years ago. Some at the police bureau proposed a training facility that would have cost anywhere from, from 120 to 150 million, would have been located in scappoose, and would have been located, hopefully, on land that, hopefully on land that continues to be farmland. Some of us objected to that and it has been since the, the arrival of chief reese and mayor Adams as commissioner in charge of the bureau, that an earnest attempt was made to find a facility in Portland within a reasonable budget and one that provides all the needs of the police bureau. Higher praise cannot be given to chief reese for identifying this property. Acquiring it for the use of the police bureau, and as he said last week, other agencies, the fire bureau, the bureau of water and transportation and other entities, that need a driving facility, so this is, at \$15 million, probably about 10% of what was proposed to be spent and I will tell you that, that was only on the hope that, that the zone would have changed from farming in scappoose, Oregon, from farming allowing this construction so this is, a huge achievement for the police bureau, but particularly, for chief reese and mayor Adams and I think that it's important to, to note that at this time. Thank you for your brave work. Aye.

Adams: Am I voting last on this one?

Adams: Aye. [gavel pounded] call the vote for 271.

Item 271.

Fritz: I concur with commissioner Leonard's statement and thank mayor Adams and chief reese for the way that the package has been put together. I am also grateful for chief reese for agreeing that we will have members from the community and police relations committee from the human rights' commission on the, the advisory council and the advisory committee for this training facility. One of the officers was one of the human rights commissioners and one of the citizens at large. And I appreciate that understanding. I also need to clarify that the response to commissioner Saltzman's

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question regarding the funding of these bonds, and so I got a statement from the office of management and finance that I think it would be helpful to read into the record so we are clear about where the money is coming from. So the budget note was included in the financial year 11-12 budget directing management to increase this, the 2012-2013 appropriation level, the target for the police bureau by 1.785 million for ten years in order to pay for the \$15 million bond. So we decided that in the budget last year and set it aside the \$1.785 million in annual costs was included in the five-year forecast in december of 2011. So the money is coming from the general fund. There is no impact on water or sewer rates and i'm supporting it even though it is an impact on the general fund, which can also be used for housing and other important community safety and livability matters because we have heard over and over again, that the police believe that the training facility is necessary to coordinate the training and provide better training so that we have better outcomes in the community. I will certainly be watching to be sure that that happens. But I do agree that this is a prudent purchase to do this at this time at this cost. Aye.

Fish: I echo what's been said. This council last year supported a budget note that dedicated general fund money over ten-year period. And that is a, a significant commitment and in a time when we are looking at a \$17 million hole in our general fund and as little as \$11 million of one-time funding. It is -- we have to be very careful when outside the budget process we allocate funds no matter how important the need. And after extensive time, with chief reese and his team, i'm convinced that this is the right approach. And I really appreciate the time that he has spent with council getting us to this point. I also want to, in light of commissioner Leonard providing some background and history, mayor Adams I want to acknowledge the work of the park bureau that once upon a time was at the table working with your office and chief reese on another location at pir. We thought that was a great marriage since it would allow us to use some of the property at Portland international raceway, particularly, the paved areas, and get a two-fer. That did not work out because of some environmental issues and code issues, but I appreciate all the time that the parks team spent at the table working out that particular option. I'm convince this is the right way to go. Mayor Adams made this one of his commitments for his term and today, we honor that and finally, it's not always that when we deal with something involving the police bureau and an initiative that people on all sides of the issue come together. And I think that it's worth noting that people who are sort of critics of our bureau have observed that having a train facility and the opportunity to make sure that we have the best trained police force in the country is vitally important to meet our mission and to provide good public safety and community policing. And that's the investment that we're magnitude and I think that it comes first, so I am pleased to support this, aye.

Leonard: Aye.

Adams: Well, first, thanks to the men and women of the Portland police bureau that worked so hard to keep us safe and to follow-up when crime happens. You have a very difficult job and I want you to know how much as police commissioner I appreciate your great work that you do and the efforts above and beyond what we strictly pay you to do. That you do every day. And to chief reese and mike and the entire command staff and everyone at the police bureau, thank you for your great work on this. We looked at number of sites that commissioner Fish noted. It was a little bit -- let's just say that the city is treated to the same, in the same way that every other potential development is treated in the city. Really well. Except when the underlying zoning you find out is not legal. So, we learned and we, I think, as a result of, of the good work and the attention of everyone on council, commissioner Leonard, from the very beginning, he talks about the original proposal, but at the same time, that he was rightfully raising questions about it. He was also always underlining the need for this facility, so thank you and commissioner Fritz's support, as well. To bob kieta, someone you don't know, but might not know, but is key -- oh, there he is. Now you will know him. Bob, who does our facility work across the city. He's just absolutely fantastic. Thank you, bob to brian parman and darrell who represent our workforce and organized labor, you've been

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incredibly supportive to the crime commission and finally, warren jimenez, who this is his last city council session as my chief of staff. Commissioner nick Fish stole him as the assistant director parks, and that was a very good steal, I might add. So, warren, you have worked on this tirelessly, and I want to thank you for your work. So with that, when I bang the gavel, even the police can clap for this one, ok. When I bang the gavel so with that, I vote aye. Congratulations. [applause]

Adams: And it is not rude to get up and leave at this point. We understand you might not want to sit here for the rest of the day watching us do important work. So with that. Can you please read the title for an equally important presentation. Time certain item no. 245.

Item 245.

Adams: Please come forward. Pleased to help present along with commissioner Fritz. The next report on equity in the city of Portland. Commissioner Fritz, would you like --

Fritz: This is going to be an unsettling hearing because of the, of the challenges we're faced by and I appreciate the hard work that you have done to bring this to light. I appreciate the communities of color presenting these as six separate reports and I believe this is our fourth presentation to council showing that for communities color, in Portland, things are not going well and if we are not all doing well, others are not and we appreciate you being here to outline that for us and for the public at large watching and continue our commitment to addressing these issues.

Adams: Welcome.

Carmen Rubio: Thank you. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. It's really good to be back at city hall today. I would like to introduce myself, i'm carmen rubio, the executive director of latino network. We are a non profit that provides education, leadership and family engagement programs for latinos in Multnomah county. On behalf of my colleagues and many other community members that are here today, we're very excited to present the latino report for the coalition of communities of color. Our presentation agenda this morning includes key findings by ann curry-stevens, our researcher and recommends a call to action from victor merced and pietro ferrari. We have other leaders to speak about the arts and culture and economic development and other statewide efforts that are under, underway here at the city and in the state of Oregon. And that includes dr. Carlos crespo from the Oregon Latino agenda for action and jose gonzales from miracle theater and gale castillo from the hispanic chamber. The presenters and researchers are part of the coalition of communities of color, and we work to address the socioeconomic disparities and institutional racism and inequity of services experienced by our family and children and community. My colleagues and I are members, along with more than other 40 culturally specific organizations. And as a sponsor of the research we want to say thank you for your leadership and your support for the development of this very important work. And because of your support, people now will be able to use the data to create more effective policies and make a deeper impact with the limited resource that is we have today. So, this, this research, it tells the story of latinos in Multnomah county, how we're faring and we're our work is cut out for us. And so, on a good note, it's exciting to hear that we're growing. The latino community has grown threefold since 1990. And we comprise 12% of the total county population. But this news is tempered with the reality that our public institutions are not yet really equipped or have the resources to adapt and serve the growing community, both culturally and linguistic. And with each generation of latino children entering the school, we know it's critical to invest in the banks, and that includes education, safety, civic engagement, jobs, accessible parks and affordable housing and the development of a growing and increasingly bilingual future workforce. I want to also acknowledge and appreciate this council's step to move in this direction and specifically, some of the work in arts and culture, planning, housing and neighborhood involvement. These are important moves that really take us step closer to true inclusive Portland community and I would like to call out some folks that are gems in the city and points of resources for us. Danielle, in housing and warren jimenez, exiting the mayor's office and soon to be in parks again. And also, amalia of oni, so these are great, amazing, incredible

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people that are important leaders and also important points of access for our community, and we hope that those numbers grow. We look forward to deeper partnership with the city to address several of the issues raised today, that still go unaddressed. And we hope to do this rooted in our community values of strength-based and family entered approaches in community development. So, in closing I want to say, we're so glad to be presenting to you today and we consider you our friends with whom we know each of you shares a very global belief in equity and social justice. Our hope is that this research will continue to be a tool for everyone and for you, to expand to the work to other bureaus, and to work to plan for the future and to make better investments in we're they are needed. Ones that will bring our community from out of the shadows and into the light of opportunity. I will turn it over to ann now.

Ann Curry-Stevens: Thank you very much. Ann Curry-Stevens from the faculty of work at Portland State University. The community, sorry, the Latino community is growing very rapid. We have, as Carmen mentioned already, a three-fold increase over the last three decades. Of the community is primarily of Mexican decent, but also more than a quarter flowing from other regions of the, of the continent. And as you could see, in the age distribution, we now have a situation with especially slightly over 40% of the, the Latino community being under the age of 18. If you remember from, from our profiles and earlier reports, the preponderance of students at school age who are students of color. The Latino community is the fastest growing segment of communities of color, and it is a very rapidly growing population and in Carmen's words, she also spoke for, powerfully for the need for, for a bilingual workforce and also, stronger bilingual programming in our school system to address these needs. The poverty levels of the community are very pronounced. We're looking at poverty rates, we're looking at poverty rates compared to whites that are just shy of double that of the white community. Regardless the age level. Regardless of the family configuration, poverty rates are approximately a quarter of the population. Incomes are worse than half, meaning that the communities do not have the affluence in order to pay for housing that is affordable, to pay for food and to support families to, to address crisis that might come through issues homelessness or unemployment. Or even to take risks in going back to school for example. The community is deeply impoverished economically. This is a situation that has been worsening steadily over the last 20 years. We have households earning below the mean skyrocketing from 56 to 65% of the population. While that of the white community has held constant. When we compare how the Latino community is doing, here, compared to national averages, to the left-hand side of the chart, you see the economic hits, the economic cost being associated with living in this region we're individuals, families, retirees, single parents are unable to process meet the levels of income that on average they are elsewhere in the nation. And to add insult to injury, there is an economic perk for whites in living in this region, we're, we're the, the finances of white families, white individuals, is higher than the national average which adds to this duality of racism and institutional challenges face by communities of color, couple with the relative perks that come associated in being white. So the white community is -- receives a perk in living here so the finances, the annual earnings are higher than their national averages. That's associated - that's coupled with an experience for communities of color and for the Latino community of suffering worse economic prospects here at the same time that whites experience the perks. We look at occupations and you could imagine that, that occupational challenges are simultaneously tied to incomes and poverty rates. What we see on the left-hand side of the chart, the presence in the best of jobs and our management and professional jobs, are Latino communities unable to access those better paying jobs. They are highly overrepresented in service industry, and we also, even in Multnomah county, but more pronounced across Oregon, as a whole, are highly overrepresented in fish, farming and forestry. And so, there is a preponderance of occupational segregation, we're the Latino community is unable to access better jobs and is overrepresented in worse jobs. Particularly troubling is what the economy has done to the Latino community by way of unemployment.

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Unemployment rates were already at 7.2%. Almost double that of the white community back in 2007. By 2009, the unemployment rate has doubled for the latino community up to, over 14%. Whereas it was also troubling for whites with an increase, but the disproportionality has skyrocketed in these measures. If you can imagine, what does it take in terms of sustaining the latino community in solid jobs, the community really needs support in order to get a better toehold, a better stance in terms of the more reliable, more durable, better protected, better economically protected industries. I'm going to turn to bit of a look at how the service systems are meeting the needs of the latino community. And what we begin with is the public housing access. And while these results are better than the 2009 data we looked at in our first report, there is still significant underrepresentation of the latino community in terms of the access to public housing and access to housing vouchers. The work of Daniel Iledzma and her leadership has been pronounced in terms of the bringing an equity lens to these issues, and we're anticipating stronger results in the years to come.

Fish: If I could ask for clarification and Daniel does a wonderful job, so I have to get that out. The participants, you are referring to the section 8 program, which is the largest housing program in the state of Oregon. Here in Multnomah county, it's about 8,000 vouchers, and its value to our community is about \$50 million. That's administered by Home Forward. When you say public housing residents, are you referring to, to residents of Home Forward properties, or are you using public housing to describe the haciendas of the world, the community-based groups that provide affordable housing, along with Catholic charities, along with Home Forward? Sometimes we can inflate the two but we see them also as separate and distinct.

Curry-Stevens: I would need to go back to the original report to, to recall that.

Fish: Ok, we'll take a look at that. And the reason I ask, in part, is that the city, Home Forward has a separate board and a separate charter. The city invests in affordable housing. So as we think about remedies going forward, it's important to know who actually has the authority and how do we influence policy.

Curry-Stevens: Homeownership, then, is similarly challenged for the latino community. We're looking at we're incomes are the same. We're looking at access levels that are about half for the latino community compared to whites. This is a really important feature of asset development, of an ability to save for the future. Of an ability to stabilize and have control over one's housing and regardless of the income levels, the latino community is unable to access levels of homeownership, which are important to the community and for family wellbeing. Turning to the education system, the latino community has very, very high levels of those who have not graduated high school. We had been very hopeful that this was a pattern that was changing rapidly and you will see in the next few slides, that, that the sense of hopefulness that this rate will change any time soon, is very, very small. I also draw your attention to the figures over at the right-hand side of the chart. Which shows that access to higher education is very compromised amongst the community and you will see in a later slide, it has been shrinking in recent years.

Fritz: Presumably that slide, for people 18 and over?

Curry-Stevens: 25 and over, so it's the biggest, broadest scope around the population. We have the data for what's happening currently in the education system.

Fritz: Thank you.

Curry-Stevens: So, this is the data that says how are our high school graduates doing today. And we can see overall in Multnomah county, that we're looking at more than half of the students, faculty, not graduating high school on-time, who are latino and it is not great figure for the, for the white students, faculty, either, but is significantly improved compared with the latino community.

Fish: May I ask, there was a story in the paper about challenges that we have tracking students who leave the district and may graduate somewhere else on-time or not. Does this data have that challenge in terms of tracking students who move between districts?

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Curry-Stevens: As best as the school boards understood, this factored in, but that came from betsey hammond's article that decipher the 2011 data, which showed significant improvements over this 2010 data, was primarily the result of finding some additional students who moved and factoring them back in. So, this is, this is undercount what is we don't know is how those differences affect communities of color compared to white communities. That sort of differential having lost some of them. So, this is a good profile around the approximate scenario. Suspension and expulsion rates are pronounced and have widened. That's, that's an important pattern to notice that the disparities today are worse than they were five years ago and although, there was some, some significant improvements from 2007, 2008, to 2008-2009 and there is still much wide -- they are much wider. This is expansion or expulsion over the course of the school year.

Adams: What's interesting is that it's consistent -- it's, it's sadly and amazingly consistent across schools.

Curry-Stevens: Yes.

Adams: Even if it's majority white or plurality, latino the same, disparate and suspension.

Curry-Stevens: Absolutely. And here we have a breakdown by school boards and showing the latino community is most deeply challenged by differential suspension and expulsion practices in gresham-barlow and followed by parkrose and david douglas, both at more than 20%. Sorry.

David douglas, is slightly less than 20%. For students who are, who have limited english proficiency, the graduation rate drops precipitously to a point that more than 60% of latino students are not graduating today, who have limited english. And those numbers vary by school boards.

None them being a hopeful prospect. College access, we mentioned that there is some deteriorating situations, what we have here is, is a shrinking level of the latino community accessing higher education over the last five years.

Fritz: Why don't we have any later numbers than 2005?

Curry-Stevens: The numbers have not been developed. This was done by a survey data and they are aiming to replace this with a constant tracking system that moves into higher education and those results have not been available yet. What we did look at was graduation rates that, were up in higher education, and over the last ten years, we have, we have moved from 3.2% to 4.2% going to the latino community, but given over this time period the numbers of the community jumped considerably, we, actually, have a worse proportional situation today. As of 2008 compared to a decade earlier. Health insurance is an important ability to one, for one to survive. And both health and illness, but also to, to return to the workforce, after illness. And we have levels three times higher for the latino community in terms of those living without health insurance. Turning to the juvenile justice system, this was a shining beacon from Multnomah county, especially in the area of detention rates. About a decade ago we eliminated disparities in the, in the race and ethnicity of, of youth. We were place it go into detention. And today that's, that disparity is pronounced, has grown considerably and is no longer a sense of, of, the sense of hopefulness around equality and treatment through the justice system, as diminished considerably. So everything from police charging rates to being brought to detention to being detained, are, they are considerable disparities facing the latino community. The community also has less access to diversion programs that would funnel that side of the system. The seattle justice system, disparities are growing. There is a widening gap. A stable level of whites in terms of being incarcerated across the state and a deteriorating level. More latinos are being incarcerated. This is the profile, this is the last data slide that we have for you to show we're changes have been made over the last three years. It's a dense chart. The full report has an easier to read version of it. We're we have green arrows, we have an improving and, and, an improving situation. This is not to say that the disparities don't exist because they are very pronounced in all of these features. But, the, the gap is narrowing. And so the places we're the gap is narrowing is in education and some in poverty levels and occupational trends. What we do have is, is mixed picture in terms of the income, deterioration in terms of the

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health, unemployment, criminal justice system. And housing. Some of those features are places we're we can be more proactive and we are aiming for that kind of partnership across all levels of government to improve outcomes here. The last role I will have is to highlight the areas in which positive results are being seen, and we're the latino community notice to emphasize the, the positive action taken by this level of government. Oni's diversity and civic leadership program and the Portland plan with the bureau of planning and sustainability has seen significant investments in the development of the latino community. The heightened role of the community in the east Portland action plan is similarly affirmed and -- is similarly affirmed and as are in arts funding through the regional arts and culture and the efforts under commissioner Fritz's leadership in terms of census, work, oh, i'm sorry, commissioner.

Fish: I thought it was only the mayor.

Adams: Those names are hard.

Fish: There are some ways that I could share with you to distinguish us.

Adams: He has glasses.

Curry-Stevens: I apologize. The improvement involvement of the community groups, and are efforts during -- through the count committee for census 2010 and the efforts to improve the homelessness count are certainly recognized and affirmed by the latino community and mentioned earlier, the housing bureau's efforts to bring an equity lens forward in terms of setting targets and reducing disparities and set priorities around, that it's very much valued. With that I pass the lead to pietro.

Pietro Ferrari: I am pietro ferrari. I am here as an executive director of catholic charities, which also encompasses el programa hispano one of the largest latino-focused programs in our city. And also, it's a third generation immigrant, active member of the latino community. This morning I would like to acknowledge the spiritual presence of one of the friends that we lost, Gloria wiggins. I am sure you know her and you have known her work. Her tireless work and service to our communities, not only in east county but here in Portland. And she left an enduring legacy for us to honor and follow. And we have that legacy to continue. My colleagues and I prepared some recommendations following this study, but we want to really listen and invite to you listen and reflect on, on this study because while the statistics are startling, it is not surprising to us since we live with this, with the statistics day-to-day. There is an old saying in spanish that says. [speaking in spanish.] For great challenges, great remedies. We acknowledge the city of Portland has been a key ally to the latino community with a proven track record of support in early childhood, school age children, education, community and safety, civic engagement, affordable housing and others. And we thank you for those. From this baseline of support we have a unique opportunity to seize our moment in history here together. With the established leaders and incredible organizations that are represented here and beyond. And I would like to build up from mayor Adams vision to call Portland for the people. And this is a quote -- values we share, prosperous, healthy, educated and equitable. And the recommendations that we prepared for you, are not limited to this list, they will give you some sense of we're we want to start our dialogue. Most importantly, we want to continue to expand support for culturally specific programs like education, income and health. Prioritizing the use community verified data so that investments in the community reflect the desire to reverse the negative trending and close the gaps that were called in the study. There are some success stories that you have heard from and I would like to highlight the important investments that the city makes in the sun community schools that have a large latino population. David douglas, 20% latino and park rose, 21% latinos, centennial 23% latino and lane middle school, 29% latinos. The initiative called, called ninth grade count is working, so is the future connect and the c3 college and career connections. Those are key initiatives that, that are working, and I would like to highlight them and would like to encourage continued support on them. Another victory so to speak, is youth violence prevention program. If you can invest and continue the, the basic infrastructure that we

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have, I would highlight our working prevention and latino networks, doing a lot on this. They go together, so your leadership will help us keep our youth out of trouble. And we would like also to encourage you to create and foster opportunities for civic engagement for latinos in policy and in budgets, and in planning and in evaluation. I think that that's an idea I would like to put forward before you. We would like to encourage the city to set mandates to increase latinos and other communities of color in the management, policy and decisions. The hiring a record of the city of Portland is falling behind of the representative of the city populations, say 9%, only 3%, of the employees of the city are latinos, so are other minorities, so I think that there is room for improvement there. And, and we would like you to set -- employment participation rates. We would like you to prioritize the publicly funded project in high census tracks that reduces the negative trends and creates an economic opportunity for all, for everyone. And the other point that I would like to highlight is the, the expansion of the diverse civic leadership initiative, investment in the sun school system. And gang prevention. My colleagues will elaborate more on this point, but I think what you have here, are partners willing to work with you, and I think that we have what it takes. Leadership, organizations, data, the resources. Although limited, they are here. The question, is do we have the goodwill to make a difference and live a legacy for a better and more integrated, inclusive city for our children. Our moment is now, and let's seize it. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you very much. Welcome.

Victor Merced: Mayor Adams and members of the council, for the record, victor merced, director of hacienda cdc. Let me first all just preface my comments briefly that reading this report and going through these statistics and in fact, are quite unsettling and they anger me a bit. Because I see how far our community has to struggle in order to achieve equity. And on the other hand, I see hope. And part of that hope is, is to continue the dialogue and that's part of the action plan that we have listed, we want to continue the dialogue that we have with you, with members from your departments and we want the, the city to, to continue to make commitment, to discuss with the latino leadership and an ongoing commitment to address the racial equity issues that we highlighted and all of our city departments. We would like for the discussion to include issues around culturally appropriate data and research practices that account for the uniqueness of the community.

And the allocation of resources for cultural programs that acknowledge where the disparity is the greatest. The other point to move forward in creating this hope that we seek is the creation of an equity lens language and policy through the departments and our hats off to commissioner Fish, for moving his, his department of housing department, in that direction and I know how difficult that is.

I ran the former state agency under governor kulongoski. And I know how difficult it is to, to implement policies at a high level. But the leadership must come from the top. And once that is established, everything will flow, and as pietro mentioned, the action plan to address the disparity in partnership with latino communities, leaders and organizations, I invite you to work with and visit our latino non profit, neighborhood centers, businesses, to better understand the challenges that the community faces. And this is, I think, no. 5 is, perhaps, the biggest take away, and that is we approach community solutions to address the disparities from a strength-based perspective. And that would be part of any equity lens that's applied to city policies, and what I mean by that is, you know, again, you look at the statistics and there is the love of family. There is the issue of becoming economically independent and our community is very entrepreneurial, and we want to determine our future so I think that these are the strengths that could be applied across the board when we start thinking if a variety of solutions. There are examples in our community already happening to, to address that. For example, at hacienda, we realize that there is a great entrepreneurial spirit and we established a business program that would train folks on how to run and operate their own small entities, and that's taking advantage of the cultural aspects they bring, including not only the love of cooking, but also, their love of wanting to be self determinative of their future. And lastly, let me just say that, that you utilize the information in this report as a useful

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tool and enhancing the livability of our great city and I think these tools that we presented, the recommendations are very useful for you and the folks that come after you and as city council members, to use their vision for the city of Portland. So, with that, i'm going to turn it over to carmen and respond to any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you. Do you have any questions for us? Before we pull up our invited guests?

Adams: Not yet. We had we had the good fortune, commissioner Fish announced the strategy so I did the opportunity to hear it before and I want to thank you for your efforts. It's both devastating, but also shows a path forward. A way forward. So who is next?

Rubio: Dr. Carlos crespo, gale castillo and jose gonzales.

Adams: Please come forward. Welcome. Who would like to begin? Please begin.

Carlos Crespo: Good morning, mayor Adams and city commissioners, for the record, I am carlos crespo, the director of the school of community health at Portland state university. I would like to thank the mayor and his staff for the support that he has provided to the Oregon, latino agenda for action. And briefly, the Oregon latino agenda for action, or olaa, is a statewide convening body that brings together diverse latino community. The intent is to give voice, promoting social, economic, wellbeing, political capacity and civic leadership through an open, non partisan, and model of original engagement. Now, it's a long mission. But, it was crafted knowing that there is a big diversity in the latino community and a greater and they are doing great things in the community. And the latino community in Multnomah county and they file reports, released together. They provide statewide and local perspective to address many of the same concerns that you just heard. The 12 recommendations are included in the Multnomah county report that you just were briefed, and I have provided a copy of the, the olaa summit report and that's the one that you have. In the report, we identified four priority areas. They were drafted around education, economic investment, immigration. And these recommendations provide a guide for us in developing policies. We have a summit last october and there was participation from all over the state. 61% of those who attended were from Multnomah county. The age, range of those who participated were from 18-80 years old. But 45% of those were between the ages of 26 to 39, which highlights a great percent of the population who are ready and able to provide and contribute to Oregon. We also found that, that it's important that we develop leadership capacity and that we also continue to promote the arts and culture, which actually unite the latino community. Both reports are from the Multnomah county and the latino agenda for action. Provide valuable data and information that can be used to provide decision-making with the opportunity to do better and move forward. I thank you for your time. And know that we are here to assist you and I will turn it over to you.

Gale Castillo: Good morning, mayor and members of the city council. For the record you, I am gale castillo. I am the president of the hispanic chamber. Briefly, the hispanic chamber served over 1,800, small businesses, primarily latino. We have helped them access over \$7 million in financial transactions. And we have awarded over \$1.2 million in scholarships to latino students statewide, which has been matched and, and we have trained over 120 individuals in a year long leadership program. So, my comments today here are to, to address areas associated with economic development. Economic development, as you know, is about quality jobs. Unfortunately, we know that, that latinos suffer from low wages, which equals low economic attainment. Portland is the city with the largest, according to the last census, with the largest number of latinos in, of any city in Oregon. With almost 55,000 latinos, in the city limits. Unfortunately, the city of Portland's workforce, according to this report, does not reflect this. Latinos are only 3% of the city employees with very, very few of the upper management levels. Yet, we are almost 10% of the city's population. Further, this report indicates, that that the, the indicators for latinos in Multnomah county are worsening in the areas of family poverty, homeownership, retirement income, health insurance coverage and our unemployment rate. Is, the question, is what can the city of Portland do? Well, first all, hire more latinos at all levels. By the way, my colleague here is from Portland

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state, a recent report you probably saw in the Oregonian, indicates that there are over 2,000 latino students at Portland state. It's a great place to begin. We should all be working hard to help transition those students not only into the city of Portland's workforce, but into other quality employers in our region. We need to support professional development programs for those few latinos that you have in the city of Portland. To increase the management skills and their leadership skills so they can continue to move up in your ranks. We need to fund latino community-based organizations. Yes, we are here. But, our resources, as you know, are very, very limited. Which stretches, we're stretched to the limit. So fund latino community organizations that want to work with you, that will help you recruit and develop your workforce. Fund latino organizations to provide the important culturally workforce development programs, to work with our youth and work with our adults. And as you know, economic development is about supporting small businesses, which is the backbone of our nation. Latinos start businesses at three times the rate of the general population, yet their income is one-tenth of the general community in terms of the revenue that they earn. Latinos represent \$4 billion in purchasing power in Portland and this is growing and yet, there is very little recognition of this important community and these important positive contributions that we make economic developmentally to our city and to our county and to our state. So, again, we ask, what can the city of Portland do? I'll just make a positive note here that the chamber has had a good working relationship with the Portland development commission. We would ask you to continue to expand the funding to support latino businesses through technical stance and coaching to increase their access to contracting and to financing. Fund organizations that have bilingual staff that can communicate effectively with our latino businesses. And increase your contracting to latino businesses not only in construction, but in services. We have a lot of professional services, individuals, as well as goods and services. By supporting businesses, you are increasing the revenue and the management skills and you are helping to create and sustain jobs and by the way, you are helping to stabilize families and children so that they can stay in school and that we all benefit from that. The hispanic chamber and my colleagues here, we look forward at our continued working relationship with the city of Portland. Unfortunately, we still have a lot of work to do. Thank you very much.

Adams: Thank you very much. Welcome back.

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

Jose Gonzalez: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is jose gonzalez and I am a founder and executive director of the miracle theater group. Also known as the miracle theater, also celebrating it's 28th season of the premiere arts and cultural organization. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to address you about important issues facing the latino community. As exemplified in the latino report. Thank you for recognizing that these issues go far beyond our community. But, it is a problem for everyone. Regardless of race or cultural origin. We, at the miracle, believe in the transformative power of art and that every one of us, every human being is born with an artistic flame. In some case that is flame burns bright. Ignited by community education and opportunity and in some cases, that flame is dim, waiting for something to ignite it. Recently, you took action, both in creating the office of equity and also, in negotiating a new contract with arts and culture council, which included a charge to address equity in the arts. Both actions were smart, farsighted, and in the interest of the greater good. Today, over 20% of students under the age of 18 in Multnomah county are latino. This report speaks of the serious inequity that the students currently face in terms of the education and the opportunities that arise from being able to read, do math and graduate and go to college. We all know that failure in these categories will have an impact on the future success as human beings, as citizens and as members of society. We also know the artistic flames must be ignited, and like reading, have not engaged at an early age, might never be. Art and culture is important to us. Not just as a past time, but as a, as an essential ingredient of our every day life. And art and culture is what makes people and society civilized.

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While challenging the equity initiative is vital to determining to what extent children from communities color are being served by the regions arts organizations and artists. What is the gap? And what needs to be done to close it? I know that these are just the beginning stages of the noble enterprise. And trust that you and future councils will build on the work started here. We know, it will not be easy. Nothing worthwhile is. But, we also know that it is for the greater good and if we are serious about promoting human beings, quality of life, in our communities' reputation for being enlighten, creative and smart, it's well worth doing. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you very much.

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

Adams: Anyone else?

Moore-Love: Seven people.

Adams: Welcome. Who will like to begin? Sir, would you like to begin? All right, can you move the mic? There you go.

Christian Barajas: Good morning, mayor Adams and commissioners. I am 15 years old and I am in tenth grade at David Douglas high school. In the summer of 2011 I participated in a program known as latino network c3. Also called Conexiones. I always thought in life someone would always do everything for you, but I was wrong. The only person that can change your life is yourself. Overcoming challenges to get you further in life. Conexiones is a recommended program for latinos who want to learn more about business and career information. It taught me what a resume is and how to apply for a job. We also learned about the latino civil rights movement. It is a fun program for students. I learned various skills that I can use in every day situations, and I learned, that that I learned that, that your first impression is, is your only chance to show someone how you really are. The signatures are also very important. The way you dress is also an important part of life and careers. This program is, is a bilingual program that speaks both english and spanish. Conexiones understands everyday latino life, some people may not get along with each other, but we are all similar in many ways. I hope that programs like these continue for students. This program shows great skills that be used by many students, faculty, job opportunities, should be found to be, to be, found for those who, who would like to already, want to start in the business world. Latino network c3 influenced me to pursue my dream career. I would like to work in the automotive. If I had the chance to already start working around automobiles I would take that up in a heartbeat. I hope in the future there will be more opportunities to participate in another program. Thank you for listening.

Adams: Thank you. Really appreciate your testimony. Very well done. Thank you. Hi.

*******:** This is going to be bilingual testimony, so she will speak in spanish and I will speak on the english translation.

Adams: Can you move the microphone closer? Great. [speaking in spanish]

Lolis Casillas (translated from Spanish): Good morning, mayor Adams and commissioners, it is a pleasure to appear before you, my name is lolis and I am addressing you to speak on my experience as a community leader and share about the training I received through a program like latino networks, a civic engagement and leadership training project. The training I received furthered my understanding of the latino communities' needs. I also learned how our state, county and city government function and my leadership development has given me the tools to help my community by engaging them in what is going on around us. As we all know, we are in a period of uncertainty, which greatly affects the latinos. My biggest concern is that my community needs more information on health resources. That is why I feel the knowledge that I have gained through the years as a health promoter has been helpful. I am grateful that I can help to prevent illnesses and advocate on behalf of those in need. I have learned to give without expecting anything in return. For me, simply knowing that I was able to help others makes me feel very good. Lastly, I

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want to thank you for the support you have given to our organizations like latino network and urge you to, to help eliminate the disparities affecting our community. Thank you for your time.

Adams: Gracias. [speaking in spanish]

[Translator]: Gracias.

Palmira Cruz [translated from Spanish]: Good morning, my name is palmira cruz. I am here to speak about a program that serves families with children three to five and I went to this program in 2007 and they were very helpful. They helped moms and dads become more involved in their children's education. They are very helpful in preparing kids for kindergarten. They help them to learn elements like colors, numbers and vowels and teach them the classroom routine. My personal experience was wonderful because my daughter started kindergarten, ready and prepared in comparison to kids who do not have the opportunity to be a part of programs such as this because there are children who go into kindergarten, not knowing, or not knowing how to hold a pencil. Kids who participate in this program are ready and prepared, and that makes huge difference. I am very grateful because they gave me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful team. To help children learn and give them tools for scholastics of success. For this reason, I ask you support this program because of the change it has made in our community is outstanding and very helpful. Thank you very much for your attention.

Adams: Welcome.

Diana Leyva: Hi. Thank you for having me, mayor Adams and commissioners. And Portland commissioners. This morning, I told my dad I was coming, and you should have seen his face. He was like, I am proud of you. To latinos, this does not happen very often, so to my dad, it was like if I was becoming the president of the united states. [laughter]

Adams: Smart dad. Smart dad.

Leyva: And thank you, once again, for giving me this opportunity. I, a young latina, a strong daughter, many hopes and dreams and one day I will be the first one to attend a four-year college. My name is Diana leyva, I am 16 and I am a sophomore and I attend david douglas high school. In the summer of 2011, I participated in latino network, also known as c3 or Conexiones. To be honest with you, it has opened my eyes to realize that just because I am a latina doesn't mean I have to sit there with tear this is my eyes and my arms crossed. Conexiones has taught me to stand up and fight for my dreams, to make goals and to cry tears of rejoicement, when overcoming hurdles, to reach my dream and hopes. When I came to this program, I figured out that I was great at giving speeches.

Adams: Why yes, you are. [laughter]

Leyva: Thank you. Later I learned about the latino movement and the background, that I didn't even know about, so much I didn't know. Conexiones taught me how to work on my self appearance when going to a job interview. Not that I was bad looking before the program. It also taught me how to write a resume about college opportunities. Latino network unites with the community, it doesn't matter if you are a latino or not. To latino network, we're brothers and sister, we unite in culture, language, family and school. I thank you all for being so generous by funding this program and that it should keep on going in the future because as you know, we teens are the future tomorrow. And this program, it pushes me to accomplish my best, and refuses to accept anything but my best. And never lets me underestimate myself. Thank you.

Adams: Thank you. Well done. Appreciate it very much.

Fish: Could you tell us your full name just for the record?

Leyva: Diana leyva.

Adams: Thank you, you may return to your seat. Our third person? Anyone else wish to testify? I guess you are it.

Nate Waas Shull: Greetings, Adams and commissioner, i'm nate, board member with the latino network. And also vice president of partnerships at all hands raised, formerly Portland schools

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foundation. I'm here today to talk specifically about education, which was called out quite well in the report. In our work in the education realm we owe a lot to the coalition of communities of color for helping educators think about, understand and get honest about the racial disparities that show up in our communities. I was presenting one of these slides recently at another meeting. A participant at the meeting spoke up and said thank you, appreciate seeing the data. But I need us to stop and acknowledge that this data isn't just concerning or interesting. There's an emotional impact here and it made me stop. I would encourage all of us to get to know more about the nature and meaning on a personal level, on a family level to the folks in the community who are described in the charts and tables we see. We heard anger is one of the emotions. On the education data, some of those vertical green arrows you saw depicting progress. Despite some of the technicalities around graduation rate issues that have been called out recently, we do see a closing of the gap this year in Multnomah county and across the city. And so emotions of hope and possibility start to creep in for us. At all hands raised in our cradle to career partnership we're able to bring together a council of executive level leaders including the mayor, commissioner Saltzman, several business ceo's, community and nonprofit leaders who sort of started from zero and said what do we want to do as a community and where do we want to improve our education efforts. Members unanimously said the achievement gaps, specifically the racial achievement gap, is number 1, what we want to tackle directly, honestly, and we want to really start looking at issues and institutional racism in our community. We see that work advancing largely because of the work the coalition has put forward in bringing these issues out and specifically the latino organizations you see represented here today. Council member nicole maher, the executive director of the native-american youth center, often calls out in education conversations that we all say we want to cut the drop-out rate, we all want to improve graduation rates. We need to understand that our greatest possibility is to focus on students of color, because that's where we see the biggest disparities happen. Not anymore true for any population than the latino population given it's enormity in our community. Finally we hear from young folks like victor and Diana who illustrate a truth that I learned through four years working directly with latino teenagers and their families at high schools through the Oregon council for advancement, and that truth is that the issues facing our latino students are not a lack of capability. They're not a lack of motivation. They're not a lack of commitment. They're institutional barriers in place that our latino students are facing, issues like disproportionate expulsion and suspension, issues like inequity as we encourage our students to go on to college and yet many find a systemic barrier in their way, not allowing them to actually get the funds for higher education in our state. Appreciation and recognition to victor, diana, and all the young people like them for illustrating the truth that we aren't lacking commitment, skill, and compassion amongst our students and desire to achieve more.

Adams: Thank you very much. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Seconded.

Adams: Please call the vote.

Fritz: Thank you all for being here today and thank you for the work done on this report and the testimony throughout the morning. The last speaker talked about the emotions, and indeed anger and sadness and outrage are amongst them. What i've also heard is determination and hope and that those are two of the emotions I believe immigrants have had for centuries here in the united states. I appreciate that there is still that hope in the face of these horrible statistics this, horrible data which indeed is real people. When the council changed the name of 39th avenue to césar chávez boulevard in 2009, we heard from a lot of folks about whether this was just symbolic and why didn't we actually do something that would be meaningful. First of all, I think that was really meaningful, and second of all this is what we're doing. We've done the studies. We don't need anymore data. We do have to keep going over the data because, as i'm out in the community as I have been for the

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last four years, people are still asking me, why are we doing this equity thing? Shouldn't we just be putting the money toward potholes? I explain because we have this data and we can no longer ignore it and we need to do things differently. We have certainly made efforts in the past, but our new initiative, the office of human equity and rights, will involve the community to be a partnership between government and the communities of color and all of our communities in Portland to look at and face up to this reality and figure out together what it is that we're going to do to correct the disparities. I want to thank amalia Alarcon morris, the director of the office of neighborhood involvement who has been my partner for the last three years in this work, guiding the city towards the equity initiative and the Portland plan, jerry williams in the office of neighborhood involvement, a stalwart leader in the diversity leadership program. As one of our speakers said, we have what it takes to be successful. Leadership, data, and programs. And, yes, we do have the goodwill and intention of leadership to follow-through and keep doing what we're doing well, to acknowledge what we haven't done something well and do something differently, to put the resources necessary to create the outcomes that are different, because we cannot fail. We must not fail. We have that determination together and that hope. And so i'm very hopeful, as we move forward in the face of these studies guided by julia meier, our wonderful coordinator for the coalition of the communities of color and ann curry-stevens at Portland state university. We could go on and on with all the partnerships formed through facing these challenges. Thank you to our students also for taking the time to come down here. The work being done at david douglas high school is amazing. As I said, I could go on and on, but I will just simply vote aye.

Fish: First I want to apologize. I have a big head cold and I can't even hear myself anymore. I've gone through three boxes of kleenex today, so my voice is a little off. I apologize. Thank you to carmen, victor, and pietro for a very powerful presentation. Carmen through the latino network, victor through hacienda, and pietro through catholic charities, much of this goes without fanfare. It seems like the media focuses on all the problems but we very rarely celebrate the wins. The community work you do is making Portland a better place and the relationships you've built with this council make a difference, so I honor and thank all of you and all who have testified. I've heard the primary focus on education, on homes and jobs. Since we're being very prescriptive today, let me just say that, on education, this council will have to make very difficult choices in the upcoming budget with 4, 6, and 8% budget cuts that have been projected. For example, in the parks bureau, there's a proposal to reduce by, I think, two sun schools perhaps. They would not be in high poverty areas. They would have to be selected very carefully. This is no time to go backwards on sun schools, but that's one of the awful choices we have to make. I urge you to bring your voices forward during the budget time. On homes, the data showed some significant disparities. What we have learned in the last three or four years as the economy tanked is that the most toxic mortgages were sold to the people in our community that had the least and were the least able to actually withstand the shock once there was a reset or once they actually read the small print. The state of Oregon recently signed off on a national settlement which brought \$26 million of new money to this problem. Fortunately -- and the council weighed in during the budget, during the recent session. Fortunately that money has been segregated and sent to the emergency board, but it is vulnerable. The problem we have in Oregon is we sweep those accounts when we have other budget holes, and we use those funds like the tobacco settlement and other things to backfill other worthy things that the legislature has to fund but are not directly related. Foreclosure prevention, outreach and education are important, so I hope you will lend your voice to your legislators to protect the 26 million. Portland will get a big chunk of that, but all of that money will then go to our nonprofit partners to help in the trenches, and I think it's terribly important that we protect that funding. Finally, since you identified the vital necessity of providing family-wage jobs, the question will be are we committed? Do we have the will to put dollars in economic development programs outside of urban renewal districts? We have historically done so. The mayor will be asking us again, but

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we'll be making very tough choices. If you believe those are wise investments, we need to hear your voice at budget time that those general fund dollars are used to fund economic development citywide not just in the 50% of the city that's covered by urban renewal districts. The housing bureau had some space that's been represented to commissioner Fritz and her team, so those visiting the office of equity will also be able to say hello to us at the housing bureau. It is our great fortune that we'll be joined together, and it won't be as difficult to set up meetings. We're sharing the same space. I want to close on a personal note. We've heard some beautiful stories today, and so I'm very proud to share briefly one story in my life, and that is why I'm in Oregon. There's a very simple answer why I'm in Oregon, and that's because Carmen Gomez came to America some 30 years ago. She is a woman with six years of education and left a place of poverty and lack of opportunity in South of Spain. No woman in her family had gone to high school, but she came here the way many immigrants do to find a better way. Her eldest daughter was the first woman to go to high school, went to college, graduate school, graduated with a PhD from Princeton funded by scholarships and the generosity of others. Her first and best offer was to teach history at Portland State University. At that time, we could barely find Portland on the map, but she came for the job. The daughter of Carmen is my wife, and that's what brought me to Oregon, the only reason. Our daughter, Maria, is bilingual, went to public school here in Portland in Spanish, and is now studying Spanish at the University of Southern California on a trustee scholarship. So that magic continues. But that's what inspires me is that, in one generation, that opportunity. And the reason I feel so passionately about this is that I want everyone in our community to have the same opportunity as my wife and my daughter had. So thank you for your good work, and I look forward to joining you with the specific action items over the coming years. Aye.

Leonard: Commissioner Fish honors me often with historical stories, and I never tire of that story, so thank you. Oregon does not have a good history with respect to how it has treated minorities. When I was in the legislature, we actually brought forth a constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions that had been amended out of the constitution but could still be read. This amendment was brought by Senator Avel Gordly, an African-American state senator from Portland, because just the deleted sections were so offensive to read, I won't repeat them here. But they specifically called out particular minorities and made it clear in the state constitution what rights they did not have that white men did have. Portlanders today might like to think they don't have any of those vestiges of the past, but a recent incident in Lake Oswego in the last couple of weeks wherein an African-American student's mother felt compelled to transfer him not out of just the school but the district because of the racist comments made to him by his classmates leads me to conclude that those sentiments don't stop at the Lake Oswego/Portland border as some might wish. I believe those same kind of sentiments, as ugly as they are, exist and I think it is our responsibility as elected officials that make, where we identify discrimination in housing, school, mistreatment by police or any one after number of those kinds of what I will call violations of the law that we vigorously and earnestly enforce the law against the law breakers. I also think a lot of this comes down to individuals and how one responds in those circumstances. I was struck, Diana, with your testimony, because you said you don't want to -- if I remember correctly -- sit and cry because of what's happened to you, but you'd rather cry because of what you've achieved. People like that are the ones who succeed in life, notwithstanding the barriers put up in front of you. I look forward to reading about you in the future know, if you have that spirit at 16, it will only grow and become stronger, and you can look forward to a good leadership position throughout your life. And I think all of us here probably expect that same thing from you. I appreciated having the hearing today, appreciated the discussion, and look forward to promoting the agenda of equity for anybody who finds themselves in a minority position. There's sexual orientation discrimination, handicapped. I vote aye.

Adams: Thank you, everybody, for your work on putting this together, on the enlistment and community building that you did as part of it not only in the Latino/Hispanic-American community

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here in Oregon and in Portland but also among other racial and ethnic groups. That's really important. You've gone about this not only in an empirical way but in a very smart community way. We are starting with initial reports and initial census reports. That played into the Portland plan that can be summarized in four words, prosperous, healthy, equity, and education. We then passed -- the city council approved, I think, the nation's only true census resolution thanks to the coalition of the community of color where we're right now analyzing the undercounts in the census data that will be before the city council for their approval and that the way the city government assesses in the future will be based on a more accurate, true census. Folks that are poor, people of color, certain certain ethnicities are woefully uncouncted. We then undertook an inventory of all the city's bureau practices, and that's been completed. You can find that on our website. We created the office of equity and human rights, and commissioner Fritz elected, I think, just a fantastic leader for that office. That office will provide the continuity, will provide focus, will help keep us all inspired and accountable around the goals that we are setting. Through this budget process, we've worked with folks that have been part of this effort to come up with a diagnostic through the budget process that will be a combination of both numerical and qualitative data reports from our bureaus as we look at their budgets and begin the process of identifying who they're serving and how they're serving them. From all this will come, with the office of equity, an equity strategy for the city. It will include city government, because we have to lead by example, but it will also include all the Portland plan partners, over 26 Portland plan partners mostly in the public side. And then, from there, as we do that, we also will be working on the very culture of the city itself and the private sector. We have to involve the private sector. City government is your government, and so it's important we lead by example. It's important that we lead change in the private sector as well. This work has the absolute passionate support of this city council. I encourage you, through the election process, to quiz the candidates that are running to make sure that they, too, have a passion for continuing this work, because there's going to be a lot of work to do obviously. I'm very pleased to vote aye. So approved. Congratulations. [applause] we're going to take just a three-minute break.

The meeting recessed at 11:23 and reconvened at 11:30

Item 246.

Adams: Land use item 246, please. What's before us is adoption of the previous findings. Please call the vote.

Moore-Love: I think we need a motion.

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Seconded.

Adams: It's been moved and seconded. Please call the vote on the motion.

Fritz: Thank you for some of the folks on the playhouse being here today to see this adopted. It is good to have this come to closure in a manner which I think benefits the community and honors the zoning code. Aye.

Fish: I want to say I appreciated the sausage making on this. Commissioner Leonard kicked us off. We got sort of into the code trying to figure out the best way to do this, and obviously the goal was to get the right outcome, but we appreciated the help we got from the neighborhood associations from, the attorneys, from all the supporters. And then the good work of my colleagues. We're delighted to get to this day and this outcome. Congratulations. Aye.

Leonard: So I have not looked forward to these remarks today, because I have a deep and abiding respect for the men and women that work at the bureau of development services. As sam Adams knows better than even i, in 2002 when I was appointed the commissioner in charge of the bureau of development and services, it was widely observed that it was a dysfunctional organization that had become impossible to work through the processes whether you were a large-scale developer or wanted to remodel your commission. From that time until commissioner Saltzman was assigned the

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bureau less than a year ago, I am proud to tell you that the culture, including some of the top managers, changed about as dramatically as a bureaucratic culture can change from being cloistered, narrow code interpretation to being thoughtful problem solvers. I believe that exists to this day. I have deep affection for not just the bureau but the director, Paul Scarlett, I hired. I think he's one of the most thoughtful, creative, progressive leaders this city has in any of the bureaus. With all due respect to the bureau and to Commissioner Saltzman's office, this should have never arrived to the city council. This is exactly the kind of thing I worked so hard to make sure the employees at the bureau and, if not the employees, my office had the authority to resolve before it ever reached the city council. This was a simple interpretation to be clear that the old Highland Congregational Mount Sinai Church was being used as a retail outlet or a community service use. It is clear, in my view and in my opinion, from reading the record and listening to the testimony that, at a staff level at least but certainly at the commissioner's office, the decision could and should have been made that it was a community service use at that point and the conditional use permit granted on that basis. We have done dozens of similar findings in my office. I do not say this to criticize the bureau. I do this hopefully, as I did for years tell people who came to say "thank you" -- I would tell people it doesn't help to thank me if the bureau itself hasn't actually adopted this way of business as an easier and more progressive way to do work in the community because, if I leave and it changes, I haven't actually done something. I'm a little alarmed that this wasn't caught at least at the commissioner's office. And I'm not saying what I'm saying here for the first time. I had a conversation with the commissioner's office and was disappointed at the reaction I got. So my hope is that this is a blip and that we get back to what the bureau does best, which is problem solving. I appreciate more than I did in 2002 that some of these decisions can make people who are making them feel maybe liable, maybe I'm going beyond what some might interpret the code to say, but what we try to do and what I believe could have happened here is to make it clear, at least at the manager level, that the bureau is absolutely empowered to make judgment decisions and weigh the evidence and do the right thing. And in this case, I just have to say that I'm sorry that this came this far and you spent as much time, energy, and money and that you donated your legal services because, again in my view, it should not have happened and should have been approved at a much lower level. Having said that, we wouldn't have had the opportunity to hear the wonderful testimony that we did, and it was a wonderful afternoon but one I hope we don't have to repeat. Aye.

Adams: Well, thank you for your perseverance on top of just a great thing that you're doing for Portland. As you've read, I'm working with others to push forward as a vanguard of our efforts to get equal access for everyone in Portland, the city, based on merit. I'm a vanguard of that as arts and culture, and you're doing that. I hope you will be actively involved in our work putting together that strategy as we move forward. I appreciate that. I didn't talk to Commissioner Leonard before this and didn't know he was going to say that, but I would underscore what he's saying that -- and it isn't meant to any specific case at this point. Maybe this is a blip. But I would underscore that, in my time left in office, I'm not going to tolerate any backsliding on the progress that we have made in terms of helping good things happen, helping improvements happen in the city that we support. And I understand there's a lot of interpretation, and we will follow law -- state law -- but we won't tolerate any backsliding in terms of the reforms that have been achieved under his leadership during his permit total redo of the permit system. With that, congratulations. Aye. All right. That gets us to item number 265.

Item 265.

Michael Armstrong, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: My name is Michael Armstrong. I manage sustainability programs for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. This is Andria Jacob. We are here today with an ordinance to authorize an innovative new initiative to install solar energy and want to take a minute to give you an update on the solar program over the last couple

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years. This may be especially timely because of the "willamette week" cover story this morning is that solar isn't the first thing you would do with your home. I wholeheartedly agree. We've been working on seeing products improve and prices come down. Five years ago, the city invested about \$100,000 in an attempt to improve the solar marketplace here in Portland. That investment led to federal grants totaling \$600,000 coming to the city to work with our community partners to do this.

The installed capacity of solar systems in town has progressed to more than 11,000-kilowatts. We didn't do this alone. There's been tremendous leadership from all corners of the city on this. More than 700 systems have been installed over the last five years, an investment of millions of dollars. Solar world, solopower, and others have arrived. This next piece builds very nicely on the work that's happened to date. We've made a lot of progress. There's some big issues still to crack, and Andria will now describe briefly what's in the ordinance in front of you.

Andria Jacob, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Thank you. As Michael mentioned, I've been managing solar perhaps for about six years.

Adams: You have to say your name for the record.

Jacob: Andria Jacob, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Most of our solar program efforts to date have focused on homeowners and direct ownership of solar. Many Portlanders rent or have other barriers that prevent them from putting solar on their own roofs, so we've been looking for ways to expand access to solar to a wider and more diverse audience in Portland. In several other cities and states we work with closely with active solar energy programs, they've experimented with this, community solar, a solar energy system or systems that are developed with contributions from community members that are in much smaller I know carry also or fractions of what it would cost to install a typical residential rooftop system. We have received funds from the U.S. Department of Energy to work on solar market transformation. The ordinance you're considering today would provide some of those funds to develop a model for community solar that works in Portland under our existing legal and regulatory conditions. The intent is to enable community members to participate in installing solar energy systems in neighborhood schools and on community centers. The grant agreement you have before you represents the best idea that emerged. This will result in a broad opportunity for funding of installation of multiple solar systems. Our goal is to add about 60 to 80 more kilowatts of installed capacity, but more importantly I think the intent is to create a replicable model for making solar much more accessible and affordable at a neighborhood solar scale.

Adams: Anyone wish to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Adams: Please call the vote on this emergency ordinance.

Fritz: Aye.

Fish: I'd just note that tangerine power was selected through an RFP process, and the reason this is an emergency is the funds must be spent, I guess, by the end of June.

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

Fish: Thank you for your excellent presentation. Aye.

Leonard: Thank you. Aye.

Adams: Thank you for your excellent ongoing work. It's talked about all over the world. Aye. So approved. Please read the title for resolution number 267.

Item 267.

Adams: So the city's policies related to our planning and maintenance of bikeways was written in 1996, old and outdated. We've learned a lot since then. And then we approved a couple years ago the bike master plan, and we knew, as a result of council approval, that document, that we needed to redo our guidelines as they relate to urban bikeway design. We decided, instead of just rewriting our own guidelines, that you would seek to establish a set of national guidelines for urban bikeway

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design with our work through the national association of city transportation officials of which I am vice president. So today we have before city council their opportunity to consider the cycling for cities effort, the Portland bikeway design that we and others -- not just our own input but we and others across the nation helped put together -- and we will be one of the first or --

Roger Geller, Bureau of Transportation: I believe the first.

Adams: The first city of what we hope are cities across the nation to adopt these guidelines.

Geller: My name is roger geller. The mayor really encapsulated the issue well that we have guidelines from 1996 that have been outdated. We've been on a steep learning curve since then and have recognized the need for facilities that better address the needs of people interested in riding bikes. It was really under the mayor's leadership that we initiated a national effort to capture the bikeway designs that were being implemented by the best practitioners in north america. This is the hard copy version of the guide. It's really meant to be an online guide. The fruits of this effort of 18 cities around the country that are implementing and experimenting with some of the best bikeway designs in the country is captured in this book, now being expanded upon. As the mayor also noted, we will be the first city to adopt it, if we do, and it continues our leadership. Many of the designs in this book were first implemented or at least first implemented in a large-scale way in the city of Portland. I think we're one of the few cities that are using all of the designs that are in this book, and that gives our engineers a clear guidance on what's expected for bikeway designs. Really that's all. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Adams: Any council discussion? Does anyone wish to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Adams: Please call the vote.

Fritz: Thank you to staff and especially to mayor Adams for spearheading this development of the national guide. Aye.

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

Adams: Aye. Thank you, roger, for all your great work. All right. Please read the title for emergency ordinance item 268.

Item 268.

Adams: This item is follow-up on earlier council action and use of regional resources. This item gives the procurement services the authority to release an rfp for a private contractor to partner with the city to provide a bike-share system in Portland. The bike-share system lets people check out a bicycle to ride from one point in the city to another point in the city for a small fee. These systems have proven popular this dozens of cities around the world by giving residents and visitor as fast, cheap, and easy transportation option. This is the result of a regional flexible funds process that I mentioned we considered in december. Pbot proposes to partner with a private contractor to finance, build, and operate a bike-sharing business. There are no funds that can be used for potholes or maintenance, going directly to the bike share program. Pbot showed the project is coming from federal transportation funds. We spent, in the bike advocacy world -- i've waited, I guess it will be, six, seven years. We're not the first, second or third. We're not the 50th or 60th city to do bike share, because I wanted to see the lessons learned before we jumped into providing this service. And the rfp demonstrates sort of the lessons learned in other cities. We've evaluated things closely, what works or doesn't work. This lays out an approach to bike share in Portland that is fiscally sustainable and socially responsible. Pdot staff have worked closely with members of the transportation equity committee to make sure this will address equity issues in the proposal. If council approves this item today, the rfp will be released on friday, march 16th, and we hope to have an operator lined up by summer to full launch in spring march 2013. Pbot will negotiate a contract with the selected vendor, and this also includes the private match as part of what we're looking for in this rfp. We didn't plan on a presentation 'cause it was only in december that we have this, but i'm happy to answer any questions, and we have staff here to answer any questions. This

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has to come back to council for approval once a potential bidder is selected, if they're selected. Any conversation from council? Does anyone wish to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Adams: Please call the vote on the resolution.

Fritz: Thanks to Catherine ciarlo in the mayor's office and pbot staff for working with my staff. This is simply a solicitation for the request for proposals on the bike-share program for the city. I thank dan bauer for putting together a thoughtful proposal that will require respondents to address my concerns, including public safety issues that need to be considered and particularly active education of renters of the bicycles rather than passive post of notices regarding downtown cycling. I hope there will be locations found to site the facilities on public or private property outside of the city's right-of-way as our downtown right-of-ways tend to get overcrowded with multiple uses already. I understand each applicant must address access to bicycle helmets and to make those available in a manner that is not going to spread lice but also not require that the renters have their own helmet. And i'm very appreciative of the points in the rfp about provision for equitable opportunities for diverse opportunities to use the system. I'll be interested in the creative purchase methods that have been developed in this regard particularly with respect to not having to have a credit card only payment system. I will be interested in who applies and how long-term funds can be developed. Aye.

Fish: Before I knew anything about bike shares, I knew it was something the mayor cared passionately about. Once he shared that passion with me and the council, I began to see more evidence of how it's working in other cities. Pam just reminded me 14 cities currently have a bike-share program. In Washington, d.c., I think I saw a part of their program. Recently, in a national magazine, there was a story about how it's taken off in cities across the country and how municipal government has successfully partnered with the private sector to make this work, so it was very interesting. This is something that would not be to this stage if the mayor had not prioritized it and if we had not done the hard work both at metro and here. I know how deeply he cares about this, and I think for the level of investment, the potential return could be huge for our community. Other cities are experiencing success with it. I think it's time for Portland to get it in the queue. I'm pleased to vote aye.

Leonard: Aye.

Adams: Well, the issues of helmets, the other bike providers do not provide helmets. That is accurate? There is an opportunity to get a helmet, but they don't necessarily come with every bike if you rent them. Other cities, I believe Washington, d.c., as well as reading has -- they work with, for example, the social service providers and with homeless shelters to provide the kinds of access cards that you talked about in terms of providing access. We've got -- let's see -- the highest percentage of folks in the deepest need economically in the central city. So in terms of density last I checked. I look forward to working with commissioner Fish. This could provide the city's only 24-hour, seven day a week transportation access solution after walking. I'm excited. It won't be easy, but i'm excited about getting the work under way and looking for not only good providers of this service but also for our private investors. So thank you, dan, and everyone for your great work on this. Aye. So approved. Please read the title for and call the vote for item 269.

Item 269.

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

Adams: Aye. So approved. Please read the title for emergency ordinance item number 272.

Item 272.

Leonard: This is the annual act by the council that authorizes our support of the rose festival foundation in a variety of very specific ways that the executive director, jeff curtis, will explain to us. Welcome.

Jeff Curtis: Thank you.

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Leonard: Do you promise that it's not going to rain for the entire two weeks of the festival?

Curtis: I cannot promise that, commissioner Leonard. I have my order in, which I do every year. Sometimes it's granted. Sometimes not.

Leonard: Hopefully it's getting it out of its system now.

Curtis: Exactly. I wanted to briefly give a quick history to this action item in that this was a result of from 2007 from a famous duct tape controversy, really what it came down to be about duct tape, although that's the name it took. It was about fair access. It was about amenities, private experience along the route. That conversation took place in the winter of 2007 under the leadership of commissioner Leonard and myself as co-chairs, commissioner Fritz as citizens advocate, and we came up with some very specific solutions to answer those questions: Access and amenities. And that solution was increased porta-potties along the route, communication to the public in the form of marketing and advertising of what to do, how to go to the parade, what to do, where to sit. In addition, a third component of this program was entertainment along the route, clowns, face painters, an experience opportunity for them in a nonconfrontational way. That's a conversation we had as well about people protecting their access. Probably the most important element I'm most proud of is the conversation about providing fair access to people with disabilities. So this particular resource allows us to secure sections along the route on the private side and to actually provide guaranteed seating for people with special needs, so we're able to tell people they can sit outside the convention center or outside the hilton hotel, special areas along the route. All those things didn't exist prior to 2008. The funding itself has actually been ratcheted down as we've gotten more efficient. It started at \$50,000 and has ratcheted down to \$20,000. It's really been an important piece. It's working. Complaints are down significantly, and the rose festival foundation office as well as the city level. At the same time, our world-class parade is gaining in popularity, attendance is growing, and it's a component of why we're a world-class festival, honored recently as the best festival in the world. I want to thank you, commissioner Leonard, for your leadership on this item.

Adams: Council discussion? Does anyone wish to testify on this matter?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Fritz: Thank you, commissioner Leonard, for your leadership on this issue over many years. It was probably the most pleasant committee I sat on as a citizen activist, and I think it came to some really good conclusions. And I'll just go on and on if you don't mind.

Leonard: All right.

Fish: Make this a love fest.

Fritz: Some people would call this a pet project, something that's frivolous and why are we spending \$20,000 on the rose festival, and my answer is come to the rose festival and see the economic benefits that come to the city in tourism, hotel stays, marketing. And in joy. You can't put a dollar price on joy, but \$20,000 is a pretty decent price for the spirit of the rose festival which brings us all together for two weeks or however long. It lets us forget some of the struggles of the recession and have a great time and celebrate our great city. Thank you to jeffrey for your leadership of this program. Should voters give me the honor of serving another four years on the council, I commit, commissioner Leonard, that I will then carry forward this ordinance every year. Aye.

Fish: I may have to rethink something actually. [laughter] I can't resist saying that, jeff, you've done a marvelous job as executive director, and it's been a pleasure to work with you. I've had the honor since I was elected to march or ride in a vehicle in a number of parades. Probably the highlight for me was the parade where I was invited and we were marching and came up and were making the turn onto broadway, and there was a huge crowd greeting the electeds as they came through. A very loud voice says, ladies and gentlemen, please welcome commissioner randy Leonard. [laughter] where do you go from there? That was the high point.

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Adams: I think it's only down from there.

Fish: I'm not sure whether I waved or ducked, but it was a highlight. Randy's taken over this assignment at the request of the mayor and, jeff, you've been an amazing partner. There's going to be some changes at council looking forward in the next year or two, but there will not be a change in our commitment to help you be successful, and we thank you for all you do for our community. Aye.

Leonard: Honestly, those two comments by commissioner Fritz and Fish are heartening to me. I had been a liaison since I arrived at council. It just didn't take on any kind of a profile until the duct tape thing happened. From then till now, it's actually been my most if not challenging but fun assignment. We've had curtis salgado for the last three years, I think, kick off under your leadership the rose festival on the waterfront, and it's just been really a heartening experience to see the attendance grow, to see your recognition grow, to see -- to hear people say, I really enjoy going to the rose festival parade now, and I didn't used to go. That's been great, and you have really made that happen, jeff, and i've enjoyed very much working with you. Sounds like we have successors in line, so that's great. Aye.

Adams: Thank you, commissioner Leonard, for devoting the time, energy, enthusiasm, the leadership on this task, and you share in the credit of a revived rose festival. Jeff, fantastic. On behalf of a grateful city, great work. Happy to approve this. Aye. We are now recessed for the week.

At 12:03 p.m., Council adjourned.