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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2013 AT 2:00 P.M.
There was no 9:30 AM Session.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Novick and Saltzman, 4.

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

Motion to elect Commissioner Novick as President of the Council: Moved by Hales and seconded by Fish. (Y-4)

Items No. 6, 7 and 12 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS		Disposition:
1	Request of Richard Ellmyer to address Council regarding Public Housing Policy (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
2	Request of David Hollenshead to address Council regarding dangerous and illegal drainage from non-permitted, non-conforming driveway owned by Portland Parks (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
3	Request of David G. Gwyther to address Council regarding bed bugs in public housing (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
4	Request of Mary Eng to address Council regarding Portland State University rape crisis (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
5	Request of Lightning to address Council regarding creative solutions for the homeless and welcome Mayor Charlie Hales (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		

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6	Authorize a grant agreement to provide Worksystems, Inc. \$195,000 to implement the SummerWorks youth employment program within City Bureaus (Ordinance)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
*7	Amend contract with Worksystems, Inc. for \$200,000 for additional work and compensation for the Summer Youth Connect Program (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30002551)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
Bureau of Transportation		
*8	Accept a grant in the amount of \$4,013,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation for the East Portland Access to Transit Project and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185841
Office of Management and Finance		
9	Accept bid of Tapani Underground, Inc. for the Vernon-Sabin-Alameda Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase 1 for \$2,838,596 (Procurement Report – Bid No. 114917) (Y-4)	ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT
*10	Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Public Schools for the maintenance and repair services of Portland Public Schools vehicles (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185842
*11	Pay claim of Lesley Barnes involving Portland Fire Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185843
*12	Pay claim of Progressive Insurance, as subrogee for Jason Gray Wallace, involving Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185845
*13	Create a new Nonrepresented classification of Statistician and establish a compensation rate for this classification (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185844
REGULAR AGENDA		
Mayor Charlie Hales		
Bureau of Police		
*14	Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$119,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program for safety inspections and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement (Ordinance) (Y-4)	185846

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

15 Assign Mayor Hales bureaus and liaison responsibilities that were assigned to former Mayor Adams; assign Commissioner Steve Novick bureaus and liaison responsibilities that were assigned to former Commissioner Randy Leonard; all other assignments remain the same (Ordinance; Executive Order)

185847

At 2:39 p.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Hales: Council will come to order, clerk please call the roll. [roll taken] I believe our first order of business is to elect a president of council for the next six months.

Moore: Correct.

Hales: I believe the rotation, which we have a rotation already set for us, makes that next president of the council commissioner novick.

Moore: Correct.

Hales: Hope he knew that.

Fish: I see he's wasting little time.

Hales: We'll take action on that item first then hear communications. Karla, please call the roll on the election of council president.

Moore: We had a motion from you?

Hales: So moved.

Fish: Second. Congratulations, steve couldn't think of a better person to take this job. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Novick: Aye.

Hales: Aye. Approved and elected. Congratulations.

Novick: Thank you.

Hales: Let's move to communications. Item 1. You have the privilege richard of being item number one.

Item 1.

Hales: As you understand there's a three minute duration for these communications.

*******:** I understand it quite well.

Hales: Welcome.

Richard Ellmyer: I'm richard ellmyer. I first entered this building as an elected neighborhood leader who are talked with mayor goldschmidt about how to improve the quality of life in north Portland in 1975. I watched commissioner adams' unprecedented vote against a hap nominee because he refused to give adams public housing statistical data. I would later see mayor adams reverse his support for equitable distribution of public housing, deny the existence of public housing and prevent anyone from access to the same housing statistical data he once sought. I watched mayor potter announce at a council meeting that he would tell the housing authority of Portland to provide him with accurate, complete and timely public housing statistical data. Two months later mayor potter inexplicably reneged on his promise. Refusing to discuss public housing, refusing to acknowledge the existence of public housing in portland's policy of targeted unlimited neighborhood concentration of public housing. Its no different from the republican party's denial of climate change. Both positions are untenable because they deny facts, science and reason. The unique and singular statutory authority given to the mayor of Portland to nominate and dismiss the board of the public housing authority of Multnomah county and assign oversight responsibility of the housing bureau makes Portland's mayor the most powerful public housing decision maker and influencer in the tri-county metro area. The mayor's choices for these positions necessarily reflect his public housing policy and spending views. Since all of these people serve at the pleasure of the

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mayor, their policies are his policies. Although it's not a sure thing amanda Fritz is the commissioner most likely to help the mayor and Portland's discredited public policy of targeted unlimited neighborhood concentration of public housing. She's more naturally inclined to transparency of public records and the concept of equity. Nick Fish has advocated for nonprogressive, class protection, low income, ghetto building, economic segregationist policies since he served on the board of the housing authority of Portland. Charlie, your refusal to discuss public housing with me for more than two years is a bad sign, however an immediate public announcement that you're committed to a policy of equitable distribution of public housing and will only appoint a housing bureau chief and allow appointed commissioners to continue to serve supporting your policy will right any previous wrong. If you're not prepared to act on this policy choice within the next 30 days then there's little chance you ever will. I'll be back in this chair very soon to cheer or condemn your decision. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Next items, please.

Item 2.

Hales: Welcome.

David Hollenshead: Thank you. Regarding the dangerous and illegal drainage -- from the nonpermitted, nonconfirming driveways for 239 southwest whitaker owned by Portland parks and currently using southwest trail 1 as a drainage ditch for approximately six to eight city lots of storm water and in a land slide hazard zone. And apparently violates all three principals of the state drainage doctorate. I first reported this to bds seven years ago. It's threatening our house. I have a couple of questions, keep it brief, i'm only going to do some of them. Do you realize I first reported this dangerous and destructive situation to bds in january of 2006? And the position has been that I needed to sue the city of Portland parks to stop the city from causing erosion and earth movement damage. This is right on the base below terwilliger. If parks can ask bds to inspect the property in order to evict the occupy protesters why can't you address the recent apparent illegal construction projects in terwilliger park? May I replace the historical drainage system on city property if it's not going to? It existed from 1934 in to 2005 before the owner of 239 decided to use the path. He is a licensed Washington state home inspector, a licensed professional. At this point I could show you footage on my iphone where it cut a hole through the hillside I can stick my arm through. I'm wearing the same type of boots that walk on the path. Got wet. I'm at my wits' end. I i'm told I have to work with todd lofgren but he doesn't seem have to the ability to get anything done. I've heard they have to use up to six inch pipe in whitaker street. Can I show you a map of what i'm talking about? That shows the drainage. I have a collection of photographs if you have time to look at them. I'm going to lose my house if this doesn't stop. So I don't know how we do this. Is there any chance to answer or do I just make my point?

Hales: I think here you make your point and there may be an opportunity for people to get back to you.

Fish: Mr. Hollenshead has had a long history of raising issues. Some have been addressed, some have not. We have a new mayor. What the bureau will do is work with bds report back to council on the concern and what has been done. We'll also copy you on our response. If the mayor and council believes we haven't done enough we'll revisit the question.

Hollenshead: Is there any chance that one of you would like to see how a \$1500 expense for income property in the park has turned into something that's going to cost a fortune to clean up?

Fish: I'll take responsibility, mayor. Todd lofgren has been working on this. I'll report back to council.

Hales: Have the bureau folks take a look at it and get back to us. Appreciate you raising this. If you could leave us copies that would be most helpful. Thank you.

Hollenshead: You're welcome.

Hales: Karla, next communication item.

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Item 3.

David G. Gwyther: Before my time starts I would like to congratulate the mayor in running an excellent campaign. Commissioner novick for maybe setting a record for the most highest percentage of first time candidate for council. I passed out this flyer. The top one is an advertisement for an apartment complex I have lived in close to 30 years. This was bought by the housing authority back six or seven years ago to move a group of people in from another building that they were tearing down and renovating. Since then it's been managed the last three or four years by cascade management. The second page is the kind of things we have had to put up with. For the last five or so years, our fire escapes outside have been so rickety that they have this on our doors saying you can't use it in case of fire. They finally got that fixed. Now to the problem that we're confronting now. We have had bedbugs in our building for over three years. All they have done so far is chase them from apartment to apartment when we raised the issue we have been treated like children or people who have caused the problem rather than somebody trying to find a solution. The true solution to getting rid of bedbugs in any building is tenting the building, getting rid of all of them at once rather than chasing them from one apartment to the other and probably the expense would be lower if they did it all at once rather than dribbling it out one room at a time or ten rooms at a time. We have a petition going in the building. Many of the tenants are low income. Some type of subsidy, afraid of signing anything because they are afraid of losing their apartments. I have tried to talk to the management group, the forward Oregon, et cetera, forward housing group, they are just not interested. They say they are doing what they can but what we need is some direction from the council, maybe an ordinance that after so many years of bedbugs in a publicly owned apartment building that there should be complete cleanup of the building rather than chasing it. It's an old building. There's plenty of places to hide. I hope none of you have had an experience with bedbugs, but if you want to fill up your computer were stuff, look under bedbugs on your computer. They are amazing creatures. They can live for six months on one bite of blood. We're hoping council will address this as soon as possible. You have my card there left over from the campaign.

Hales: Thank you. Glad they got the fire escape issue taken care of, the issue of how we deal with health inspections and bedbugs with the county and the city --

Fish: The county has taken the lead on over all inspection. Home forward is not strictly a city agency. Its an independent agency. But we have influence over them, so we'll talk to them. But if the mayor will remember when we opened bud clark commons one of the unique features of that building is a special heated room where all the furniture that comes into the building goes through a room that kills bedbugs so that we get them at the source. Older buildings are hard to deal with because they are often infested earlier, but it's a thing debra and I have been working on. David thanks for coming and we'll talk to home forward and get back to you.

Gwyther: Thank you very much.

Hales: Sorry you're having to do with that. Item 4, please.

Item 4.

Hales: Welcome Mary.

Mary Eng: Hi. Just as a side note, Portland state university is also involved in the bedbug system with the bedbug studies program which is rampant at the view, which is an apartment where a woman was also raped. Peter castleberry settled my bedbug case for about \$5,000 in 2010 when I was shocked to come to portland state university and find rampant sexual harassment. It's just gotten worse and worse in terms of my understanding of what's going on. I have good news to bring to you strangely enough. Portland state university is finally going to take their rape crisis problem seriously with the hire of their new sex crimes investigator. Portland state university women pay a \$40 recreation center fee however recreation center rape in the lobby rest room makes the center unavailable to people like me who do not want to be raped again. Pepper spray is not

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provided with tuition. Rape is. Here's title 9 the of the civil rights act of 1964. This Portlandia government seems completely comfortable receiving federal funds but you don't seem comfortable enforcing federal laws like basic equality of access for women and other persons. There are inadequacies of every level including gender specificity. Rape is not only a woman's problem. There are military rape survivors among our g.i. bill recipients that we need to address their needs there are victims of Oregon boy scout rape, vatican catholic church priest pedophile rape and perhaps also Portland mayor rape of which i'm sure you're very aware. I was googling portland rapist mayor and I found that we had another rapist mayor in our past. When the rape happens two blocks from me I heard a scream in the middle of the night. But the sad thing is I hear screams all the time because there are homeless women, people on drugs, people having a good time. I wasn't sure what kind of scream it was but it was a deathly scream and I was afraid for my own safety. When I got a call from the Oregonian when I was at Portland state campus trying to interface with the obstructive -- [audio not understandable] they have blacklisted me. I'm persona non grata. I'm the gadfly they don't want to address. Oregonian called me and said how does men against rape feel about this recent rape? I was like what rape? I was confronted a professor about sexual harassment when I got the news that a woman was bashed on the head without security, without lighting, with only two security guards on duty at any time I feel safer in a safeway grocery store than I do on portland state campus. You know those hand bills I always give you guys? I don't feel safe going to the Portland state library any more now that I know what's going on. Approaching it through a criminal battle is only half the battle. We need to reach out to the d.a.'s, to military rape experts. We need more resources to the students. We need to stop this before it happens. We can't have a band-aid approach to rape. I have cousin at Portland state university. If she's raped as part of her educational experience I may -- begin to believe in god and pray and I want you to know I prepared my notes to give this speech today I was in tears all night. I was horrified when this rape occurred. I was retraumatized. My education fell apart as I attempted to finish my degree. Portland state university is defrauding the tax payers, defrauding the federal government. Seducing young japanese foreign students to come to our school with a false impression of security. He said, we found lots of security.

Hales: Mary I need you to wrap up. I know this is a really important subject for you but I need you to wrap up.

Eng: What are you going to do?

Hales: We appreciate you coming here and letting us know.

Eng: I would like to donate my energy and passion to education for a new role in sex crimes. Also I believe we need training for condoms and pepper spray. Every woman should get those as part of her p.s.u. experience.

Hales: Thank you very much. Karla, next one, please?

Item 5.

Hales: Welcome. Thanks for coming.

Lightning: I would like to say my communication might run into four minutes.

Hales: Try to be as brief as you can.

Lightning: I will. In the city of world results speak for themselves. Mayor charlie hales, congratulations on a well deserved victory. My name is lightning. I'm the founder of the lightning action foundation which is a creative social change think tank dedicated to improving lives of people throughout the world. Creating solutions for the homeless. A large population of homeless people is a symptom that our community is not healthy. We must increase the supply of safe, permitted, supportive housing units. We must emphasize permanent solutions. Safe, permanent supportive housing units is one of the proven most effect tools for ending long term homelessness. Providing safe, supportive housing first, then services to deal with drug abuse, alcoholism and mental illness in a safe environment will create a more successful long term, permanent solution for

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ending homelessness. While it is often implied that mental illness causes homelessness, it clearly could be the other way around. Homelessness is a condition associated with increased daily hassles. Decreased social support, decreased health status and increased adverse life events all of which are related to amplified depressive symptoms. We might conclude, then, that higher rates of mental illness among this population are the natural result of the condition, not the cause of it. A key component that has restricted us from providing enough safe, permanent, supportive housing is lack of funding. Although it's estimated about approximately 20 million is spent on services for homeless people in Portland every year only about 12% of that is currently spent on safe, permanent, supportive housing units. We clearly need to improve that over all percentage. In my opinion, to permanently end homelessness in Portland we need to increase our fund from approximately 20 million each year to approximately 50 to \$100 million each year. As mayor, Charlie Hales has stated we passed three money measures income ballots. Therefore, passing any new tax measure is obviously not the answer. Let me present a plan on how we can make an effort to accomplish this. First, we need to create a care, safe, permanent supportive housing funds. Second, the city of Portland will create an understanding and working relationship with the real estate development community that we must replace lost low-income housing units when we are developing new condominium projects. Third, when condominiums are developed in the city of Portland upon inception a clause will be inserted by the developer in the ccr's agreement that 1% of the sale of any condominiums will be directed into the care safe permanent supportive housing fund this will create continuous and ongoing revenue for the fund. Fourth, if an existing apartment building is converted to condominiums usually the property because of increased value tax revenue can double if not triple. I'm asking the city of Portland to impose a 25% fee to be placed upon new, increased property tax revenue created by the conversion of apartments to condominiums and be directed to the care safe permanent supportive housing fund. I'm almost done. The city of Portland will use this funding for the purpose of creating and developing safe, supported, permanent housing units in an attempt of ending homelessness. This plan creates a win-win for the real estate community, the city of Portland and the homeless.

Hales: Thank you. Appreciate it. We move to the consent agenda. There are a couple of items where there are requests to pull items from the consent calendar. In the first case those are items 6 and 7. I would like to request that we pull these from the consent calendar for the purpose of taking them back to my office for further review before we bring them before the council. I believe there's another request as well.

Moore: Item 12.

Hales: Hearing no objection, I will take those back and remove those from the consent calendar.

Item 6 and Item 7.

Hales: Any objection? If not returned to my office. Item 12, please.

Item 12.

Hales: remind me karla should we take action on the rest of the consent calendar first?

Moore: Yes.

Fish: Typically it's at the end of the agenda. We take the regular agenda then the last one pulled.

Hales: Action on the remainder of the consent calendar.

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

Hales: Aye. Approved. Item 12.

Item 12.

Hales: There's a request here to testify? Please. Welcome.

Dan Handelman: Thank you. Good morning, mayor Hales, city council. Welcome. I'm Dan Handelman. This item has to do apparently with a car accident involving the totaling of a motorcycle by a Portland police officer and is a settlement out of court that is being discussed of some \$10,000. It's come to our attention at cop watch that since the James Chasse settlement in

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2010 very few if any out of court settlements come to city council any more even though anything above \$5,000 has been regularly coming to council in the years prior to that. We're not sure if there's a new policy that the city is trying to take everything to trial. There seems to be a lot more jury findings against the city where large amounts of money are being paid out to people who are alleging police misconduct. We're not sure if that's a new policy. We're not sure if -- certainly there have been more settlements worth more than 5,000. We're wondering if they are getting entered as judgments which then means that there's no decision to be made and council doesn't have to consider them. If there can be some discussion of that strategy. It also is listed in the public involvement section on this agenda item that risk management has concluded it's not appropriate to have public involvement in settlement negotiations regarding claims or suits against the city. The people of Portland are who you are representing. So I think it's always appropriate to have public involvement and discussion throughout these things to get a gauge from the community what we think about them. In this particular case we don't know the name of the officer because the way the item is written. We don't know what happened to the person on the motorcycle. It doesn't mention if the independent police review division is looking at this as possible misconduct. It says the officer was driving in the wrong lane against a red light when he totaled the motorcycle. Often accidents with police officers are treated differently from misconduct cases but I know ipr opens up investigations sometimes when there's a tort claims. These would be helpful to have public discussion about. Most settlements about police issues have been on the regular agenda, not the consent agenda. That's why we pulled it. Portland copwatch believes in police accountability. We're not anti-police, we're for the police being accountable and for public discussions like this to occur. I do hope you'll consider having items like these in the future. I appreciate you hearing the consent agenda item first. It was mayor adams' policy to hear them at the end of everything else but it was the policy previously to hear them right at the end of the consent agenda.

Hales: Thank you. You added to my to-do list of items to review with the city attorney and with the police bureau how we handle these procedures. Thanks very much, dan. Any further discussion? Call the roll, please.

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

Hales: Aye. Approved on the regular agenda we have precisely one item.

Fish: I think this qualifies as the shortest agenda in the history of the council. This goes to your core message of conducting this in a more business like fashion.

Hales: It may be all downhill from here but we'll take it. Read item 14.

Item 14.

Hales: Good afternoon. Welcome.

Sgt. Robert Voepel: Thank you, sir. I'm sergeant robert lovell with portland police bureau traffic division. This is lieutenant davis. We're here today to see if we can get a grant approved for acceptance. We have written a grant through the state of Oregon and federal government for a truck enforcement inspection grant. What it does is allows us to work truck inspections through a grant basis with our now 11 truck inspectors we have at the traffic division. I'm prepared to answer any questions. It's a grant. It's funded as a total of \$119,000 grant. Reimburse us for part of the grant covers overtime expenditures, materials, supplies and there is some match time included in that that we do currently anyway through truck inspections each inspector is required to inspect 32 trucks a year to keep their certification up to date. Some of the things that they -- that this will help with is to the city of Portland the trucks that are driving on the roadway obviously there's a commerce aspect to it. When there's crashes, the trucks are spending a lot more money. It's estimated hundreds of thousands of dollars in a crash that's lost in revenues based on the time the trucks are backed up along the freeways and stuff. We also have a loss of life that we're hoping to help curb. We had five emergency vehicles involved in crashes last year, and one of our aspects is we do major crash team and we put these inspections as part of the major crash team investigations. That's

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going to help us as well. If we have to call one out on overtime to help with the inspection they can do that at the scene. They will be part of the funding as long as we're using inspectors for that. It's going to also affect some of the core values as far as helping with community involvement, community complaints. Right now commissioner novick is aware north Portland has a truck route problem. We're working with them, not through the grant but it will be tied to the grant afterwards.

We have addressed the issues with the community. This will help solve that problem as well as another problem on i-5 near taylor's ferry and capital highway. Several complaints about trucks using their air compression brakes there. The over all traffic safety will be increased by receiving this grant will add to the traffic division and the numbers of officers we can have out there working. Some of the overtime that they will work is just another officer working the street. We applied for the grant last year, and odot's worked with us directly on solving these issues. Bringing this to light.

Saltzman: You say we have 11 people in traffic division that are -- certified?

Voepel: Yes, certified by the state of Oregon. It's a federal program but they are level 2 truck inspectors. Level 2 is the next one up. Level 1 would be the full inspection where they weigh the trucks and do full inspections as far as the brakes. Level 2 they make sure they have the correct pressure on the brakes. They look at the rims and tires, basic truck. They will do inspections on the logbooks, which is a huge national issue with people driving too many hours on the roadway, being tired.

Hales: Do you have the equivalent of probable cause? Does a truck have to be moving for you to do an inspection and you think something is wrong or just because you need to do random inspections, which I think is a great thing --

Voepel: The selection process, there's one of two ways. All trucks are required to pull over at open weigh stations and some of our inspectors go out like the one on highway 30 or in woodburn, i-84 to insist to stay in concert with odot on inspections and the latest trends. They have a national database that they can check where people cross different weigh stations. They are required to stop at the weigh stations and they can conduct inspection there's. The primary way is through probable cause stop whether they are violate ago traffic law, it's a moving violation or light problem so they have a head light out or some of their running lights that are not working properly. We'll make a stop on the vehicle. We'll inspect their medical cards, logbooks and do a walk-around inspection with the truck. That's after a probable cause stop. That's the primary way we conduct inspections.

Saltzman: I remember hearing an alarming statistic that out every truck that you inspect x percentage are taken out of service. What is that percentage roughly?

Voepel: I want to say it's about 20%.

Saltzman: You say you can't go any further. You're out of service.

Voepel: That's correct. There's different out of service. There's out of service for equipment. Which is just as damming as the out of service for log book violations. We have folks that actually forge their logs. They have dual logs. They forge them because they want to drive more hours to make more income. There's a limit. People get fatigued and they cause crashes. We had five commercial vehicles involved in fatal crashes last year. The one with the bus with the young girl that -- we ended up having to bring an odot inspector in to look at that rig and we had the one up on 3rd and madison that we had inspection done on it.

Saltzman: Thank you.

Hales: Other questions? This is for the remainder of if fiscal year?

Voepel: It is a renewable grant based on the federal and state funding that's available. The funding dates run from october 1 through september 30. We just started this. Regardless of whether or not the grant is accepted by the city of Portland we still do the truck inspections. This just allows us to go out and do other missions. And actually focus on specific areas and enforcement actions.

Hales: It's a reimbursement grant.

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Voepel: Correct. There is a certain amount, we have to have match funding for it which we do anyway. It's part of our job function with 32 inspections per year per officer. It covers the grant match.

Hales: It's renewable so you can apply?

Voepel: We have to apply each year. Traffic division manages six grants that we apply for each year. Just a way to help put more officers on the street working.

Hales: Thank you. Any further questions?

Novick: I want to say thank you for your initiative seeking this out.

Voepel: Our pleasure.

Hales: Thank you. Any public testimony on this item? Karla, please call the roll.

Fish: Aye.

Saltzman: I want to thank the bureau for all the work you do on this. It's a very important issue. There are so many trucks out there that need to be safer whether it's the driver or the equipment. The costs are dramatic to people and property. And lost time. Thank you. Aye.

Novick: Aye.

Hales: Thanks very much. Good work. Aye. I believe hearing no other action items on the council calendar today we are in blissfully brief time adjourned.

At 2:39 p.m., Council adjourned.