



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney; John Chandler, Sergeant at Arms, and Mike Cohen, Sergeant at Arms at 10:30 a.m.

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

	<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	
773 Request of Craig Beebe to address Council regarding City Club of Portland Bicycle Transportation Report (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
774 Request of Henry Leineweber to address Council regarding City Club of Portland Bicycle Transportation Report (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
775 Request of Alex Tinker to address Council regarding City Club of Portland Bicycle Transportation Report (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
776 Request of Marcus Blanchard to address Council regarding homeless R2D Too (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
777 Request of Kirsten Everett to address Council regarding homeless issues / R2D Too (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>	
778 <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Proclaim the week of August 23 <sup>rd</sup> through August 30 <sup>th</sup> to be Civil Rights Week in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales) 30 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
779 <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM</b> – Screening of student films from the Media Institute for Social Change summer program (Report introduced by Mayor Hales) 15 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>

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<p><b>780</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM</b> – Appoint Roberto Rivera to the Citizen Review Committee advisory board to the Independent Police Review, a division of the City Auditor’s Office (Resolution introduced by Auditor Griffin-Valade) 15 minutes requested  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>37028</b></p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p>	
<p><b>781</b> Appoint Michael White to the Electrical Code Board of Appeal for a term to expire August 13, 2016 (Report introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Fritz)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMED</b></p>
<p><b>Mayor Charlie Hales</b></p>	
<p><b>782</b> Appoint Christopher E. Abbruzzese to the Investment Advisory Committee for term to expire July 24, 2015 (Report)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMED</b></p>
<p><b>783</b> Appoint Harriet Strothers to the Business License Appeals Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015 (Report)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMED</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>784</b> Accept bid of JW Underground, Inc. for the Headworks Flow Meter Project for \$1,770,250 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 115655)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>*785</b> Amend a price agreement with Feeney Wireless, LLC, to add \$1,500,000 for additional purchases of Mobile Data Computer replacement laptops for the Portland Police Bureau and to extend the term by six months (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 41251)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186194</b></p>
<p><b>*786</b> Pay claim of Barbara Wexler in the sum of \$21,988 involving Bureau of Environmental Services (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186195</b></p>
<p><b>*787</b> Authorize a contract with Sierra Systems, Inc. for the Citywide Technology Assessment project for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$215,000 (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186196</b></p>
<p><b>788</b> Create the new represented classifications of Field Sciences Technician Trainee, Field Sciences Technician and Field Sciences Specialist and establish interim compensation rates for these classifications (Second Reading Agenda 752)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186197</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Steve Novick</b> <b>Position No. 4</b> <b>Bureau of Emergency Management</b></p>	

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<p><b>*789</b> Authorize application to the Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management for a grant in the amount of \$279,486 for the implementation of state and local homeland security strategies (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186198</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</b> <b>Position No. 1</b></p>	
<p><b>790</b> Adopt City of Portland, Bureau of Technology Services' Administrative Rule ARC-BTS-3.04 – Captioning of Video and Audio Materials (Resolution)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>37027</b></p>
<p><b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>	
<p><b>*791</b> Authorize a contract with Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute to sponsor a Confluence AmeriCorps member in Parks &amp; Recreation Urban Forestry for a term from September 4, 2013 to July 25, 2014 (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186199</b></p>
<p><b>792</b> Amend contract with The Active Network to add \$1,500,000 to provide a web hosted, integrated recreation software solution and to extend the term by five years (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000729)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b> <b>Position No. 2</b> <b>Water Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>793</b> Authorize a contract with the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for \$200,000 for a period of five years to provide community education and outreach services in support of the Columbia South Shore Groundwater Protection Program (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade</b></p>	
<p><b>*794</b> Assess property for system development charge contracts, private plumbing loan contracts and safety net loan deferral contracts (Ordinance; Z0798, K0142, T0154, W0029, Z1193, K0144, T0155, Z0799, W0030, P0122, P0123, Z0800, W0031)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186200</b></p>
<p><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p>	
<p><b>Mayor Charlie Hales</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Police</b></p>	
<p><b>795</b> Delegate authority to the Chief of Police to execute and amend agreements in support of law enforcement training (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	

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<p><b>796</b> Accept Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$6,010,828 from Skanska USA Building Inc. for the construction of the Portland Fire &amp; Rescue Fire Station 21 Project (Procurement Report – RFP No. 114291) 15 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Steve Novick</b> <b>Position No. 4</b> <b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>*797</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation to provide for technical adjustments to the name of the project and completion timeline for Right-of-Way phase for the SE 122nd Ave Complete and Green Main St project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30002116)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186201</b></p>
<p><b>*798</b> Accept a grant from Safe Routes to School Program for \$498,000 and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for design engineering and construction of bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements at four Portland public elementary schools (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186202</b></p>
<p><b>*799</b> Accept a grant in the amount of \$1,360,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the North Williams Traffic Safety and Operations Project (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186203</b></p>
<p><b>800</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for the Red Electric Trail Project to clarify Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funds, reference the current Local Agency Certification Program Agreement, and update project staff contract information (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30002431)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*801</b> Vacate portions of SE Sherrett St and SE Umatilla St west of SE Grand Ave subject to certain conditions and reservations (Second Reading 765; VAC-10080)</p> <p><b>Motion to add that when Portland Rowing Club applies for a permit, the Club will grant an easement for the Willamette Greenway Recreational Trail:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Novick. (Y-5)</p> <p><b>Motion to add an emergency clause:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>186204</b> AS AMENDED</p>

At 11:51 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,  
OREGON WAS HELD THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2013 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Commissioner Novick presided at 2:00 p.m.;  
Commissioners Fish and Saltzman, 3. Mayor Hales arrived and presided at 2:30 p.m.,  
4.

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

	Disposition:
<b>802 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Accept report of the 11x13 Housing Preservation Campaign (Report introduced by Commissioners Saltzman and Fish) 30 minutes requested  <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fish.  (Y-4)	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

At 2:55 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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**AUGUST 14, 2013 9:30 AM**

**Hales:** Welcome to the August 14th meeting of the Portland City Council. Karla, please call the roll.

**Saltzman:** Here. **Novick:** Here. **Fritz:** Here. **Fish:** Here. **Hales:** Here.

**Hales:** Before we begin our formal calendar this morning, we have some youth ambassadors that we're going to recognize. We are pleased to introduce the Portland Bologna student ambassadors. Bologna is one of the ten sister cities in the world, and this organization, we depend on the sister city associations to make this connection real. And this student ambassador program is a piece of that. The Portland-Bologna City Association has two exchanges, one a student and faculty exchange between PSU and the University of Bologna, and another one, this one, that we're celebrating, is for teenagers. It's a reciprocal alternating program where a small group of Portland teens visits Bologna every other summer, and an Italian group comes here in the alternating summer, and we've been doing I guess this since 2009. This summer, Portland sent 14 students to Bologna, while there they met with my counter point Mayor Merola and got to explore the ways that Portland and Bologna are alike, and we love bicycles and pizza and the outdoors, and there is more than that to the relationship, but that's a good start. We have three, I believe, of our students here today, and I just want to thank them and their colleagues for being great ambassadors for the city. This relationship is a wonderful one, and I have not a chance to visit the sister city myself, but I'm looking forward to that opportunity someday, and we want to give your leader, Sally Hudson, the rest of the certificates but first I want to invite up the ones who I think are here, and Samuel Schrader, is Sam here? Come on up. And Hannah Courtney, Max and Amanda McKay [spelling?]. And have a seat for a few minutes if you would, and tell us about this experience if you would like to. We want to hear how this looks from your vantage point. Pull up your chair. Welcome. Hannah, do you want to get us started?

**Hannah Courtney:** It was really fun. I liked getting to know the culture, it was cool to be like living with someone, and knowing their everyday life --

**Hales:** Did you speak any Italian before you went?

**Courtney:** No.

**Hales:** That was a total immersion then. Other comments?

\*\*\*\*\*: The way to learn outside of the classroom that cannot be done in school, like learning other people's cultures and other groups people, this can't be achieved in the classroom.

**Hales:** Yeah.

\*\*\*\*\*: Yeah.

**Hales:** And how about you?

**Amanda McKay:** It was a great opportunity to see another country and, and in a different way, other than like a school exchange, it was really fun.

\*\*\*\*\*: So, Sam Schrader, my son wrote the following. My time in Italy was remarkable. From the towers and domes of Florence to the canals of Venice I had the best two weeks of my life. The Portland-Bologna Sister City Association gave me an opportunity not many people get, staying with an Italian family was like having a behind the scenes view of Italian life. The food was more authentic, the people seemed more genuine and the experience seemed more special. I feel like I

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have matured more as a person for having done this. And he concludes by saying, and come on, I have got some pretty impressive bragging rights. [laughter]

**Hales:** Well said. And now, have any of you spent in any time in another country other than this? Is this your first time just living in another country as opposed to being a tourist or a visitor? Pretty different, yeah. My son got the chance to go to San Jose, Costa Rica, on an exchange like this, and he was learning Spanish, and it really accelerated it for him, and now he's the stage manager of Milagro Theater, so you never know where these things will lead. So we wish a bon voyage, what's that in Italian? [laughter]

**Hales:** Congratulations.

**Novick:** Mr. Mayor, may I have a move to ask our visitors a favor. For years, I've been trying to get the Multnomah county library to adopt the classic young adult book from the big files of Frank Wyler as the everybody reads book for a year, and Bologna, Italy, plays critical role in that book. So, I ask you, as ambassadors to Bologna, if you will join me in my campaign to get the library to adopt that book. We can discuss it further.

**Hales:** Thank you all. Thank you. Alright. We'll move on to the formal calendar and, and wish our students well on the rest of their remaining days of summer. We have five communications items, can we take the first of those, please, Karla?

**Item 773.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Craig Beebe:** Good morning, Mayor Hales and Commissioners, I am Craig Beebe. I am pleased to be here with two colleagues this morning to speak with you briefly about the bicycle transportation advocacy efforts of the City Club of Portland. You may be wondering why would the City Club of Portland be here to discuss bicycling advocacy. As you know, the City Club is not a typical bike group. We're not even an advocacy group, but our organization is dedicated to careful research and informed debates and good governance, and we are here because City Club believes the safe integrated bicycle network is essential to the health and future of our city. As you likely know, the club's membership voted overwhelmingly in June to adopt an extensive research report making clear findings and recommendations about the crucial role of bicycling in the transportation system. This report was built on many months of interviews and original analysis by a team of volunteers. In other words, City Club has given a resounding endorsement of a city in which every resident, wherever they live or whoever they are, should be able to get on a bike and ride safely to wherever they are going. The City Club recognizes this is good for all Portlanders, no matter how they go around. And because it makes the roadways safer, and saves money and supports our economy and improves health. The City Club does not expect the adoptive report to sit on the shelf. The club has created an advocacy committee to pursue the spirit and specifics of the adopted findings and recommendations. I am pleased to chair that committee and serve on it with these two and another ten of us overall on the committee. And over the next year or so our committee will bring the unique voice and leverage to the transportation conversation in Portland. And we'll form partnerships and build awareness among advocates, businesses, and community groups. We'll reach out to elected officials such as yourselves and government staff to encourage smart planning and effective outreach. And we are here to serve, and occasionally to sway. And I can assure you this is not the last time that you will be hearing from us. If we are to succeed in becoming a world class city, we must firmly reject a mindset that that defines residence by the mode of transportation where cyclists are cyclists, drivers are drivers, and pedestrians are pedestrians. This is a mindset that serves no one. It's time to move from planning for single modes and conflict to planning for true mobility and choice. Transportation should build connection, not walls. And this is what Portlanders desire, and deserve. This is what we hope to achieve through the City Club of Portland's bicycle transportation advocacy committee, and we look forward to working with you in those efforts. Thanks for listening.

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**Item 774.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Henry Leineweber:** Thank you, mayor and commissioners, I am Henry Leineweber. I'm member of the committee. As Craig said, and I am sure that you are aware of, morning commute bicycling is a pillar of the transportation system in Portland. And not only does it define the character of the city, but provides residents with a cost effective, healthy, and efficient way of getting around. We made outstanding progress in promoting bicycling, but there is still a lot of work to be done. The City Club has identified safety as the primary concern, and this includes both the creation of safe infrastructure for bicyclists as well as safe behavior among the road users. We found that a safer bicycling environment will dramatically increase the diversity of bicyclists. Women, senior citizens, and communities of color all commonly identify real or perceived lack of safety as reasons why they choose not to ride a bicycle. There is also a need to improve the diversity of citizens consulted when planning new projects and this issue of diversity is something that we have all struggled with as well on how we be more inclusive. The City Club also identified the need to include more comprehensive data collection. Reliable data on bicycle traffic patterns and needs will go a long way towards efficiently and effectively and fairly allocating resources throughout the city. And finally, the City Club believes that there are opportunities for better integration of bicycles and Tri-Met with the goal of increasing ridership of both. Portland has emerged as a leader not with just with sustainable transportation but living as well. Bicycling has an important role in moving Portland forward, and the City Club looks forward to working with you.

**Fish:** Henry, I have to ask you, are you related to tony?

**Leineweber:** I am, it's my dad's cousin.

**Fish:** A great family.

**Hales:** There are a couple of longstanding Portland names in this panel here.

**Beebe:** I have no relation to the other Beebe family on my part.

**Item 775.**

**Alex Tinker:** Good morning, Mayor Hales and Commissioners Saltzman, Fish, Fritz, and Novick and thanks for the opportunity to speak to you. I am Alex Tinker and also member of the City Club's bike transportation advocacy committee. And by adopting the report and recommendations that Craig and Henry discussed, the City Club members committed to engaging actively in Portland's transportation discussion. Moreover the City Club members overwhelmingly agreed that bicycling is central to our transportation challenges and to our transportation opportunities. We're not here simply to advocate for cycling for cyclists or for a bicycle transportation. We don't have a client whose revenues would be boosted as a result of pro bike policies, we're here to advocate for the city of Portland and for all of the citizens, present and future. And Portlanders are fortunate to live in a forward-looking city. And City Club exists in part to keep citizens involved in our collective look forward. And based on the research process Craig described, our report recommends both big picture strategies and tangible discrete steps for Portland to take to integrate and promote multi-modal transportation. Our goal is to help those recommendations come to fruition. Portland is off to an impressive start. Might say it has a city where we're in the saddle, it is cranking in high gear. But we have a long ways yet to go. While this era of scarce public resources increasingly seems like the new normal, our city remains rich with good citizens and thoughtful leaders. Over the next year or so, the bike advocacy committee hopes to serve as a resource for decision makers and planners, and as a repository for the information and knowledge that we continue to gather and process, and occasionally, as a prod for action. We look forward to engaging in the transportation system plan, and the comprehensive plan processes, and to supporting your efforts to continue to make Portland a truly great city. And I encourage you to read the report available on the City Club website, and I'm certain that even esteemed council members will learn a thing or two about bike transportation when you do. We'll leave you each with a pamphlet outlining the advocacy committee's priority



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recommendations, and a copy of Craig and Rob of BTA's op-ed describing a new paradigm for transportation planning. Thanks again for your time this Morning.

**Fritz:** I have a question and a comment. I believe that the city is doing its part in promoting bicycling and safe infrastructure for bicycling. Just today we have a 1.3 million dollar grant for the Williams intersection project, and almost half a million dollars for safe rides to school in east Portland. And multiple other examples of having, continuing, to do our part. The piece that I'm particularly interested in is your advice and assistance in promoting safe behavior by bicyclists. I agree that all modes need to be safe. However, unsafe behavior like cycling on downtown sidewalks, which is illegal, and running stop signs which other things which indeed pedestrians and motorists do as well, but we have more effective strategies to address the illegal behavior by drivers and pedestrians. So, I would be very interested to review your report and to seek your partnership in that education and in brainstorming how one does enforcement on a vehicle that is faster than person can run.

**Tinker:** Absolutely, Commissioner Fritz. Please count us as an ally in that effort.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Do you have a comment?

**Fish:** No, I just want to say thank you for taking the team to brief us. I don't remember the last time a City Club issued a report and we got three leaders of that effort coming and briefing us in this way and engaging us. And I think it reflects, perhaps, also the vision of the new executive director of engaging the City Club more with local decision makers, and I compliment you for reaching out to us and getting us your recommendations early.

**Beebe:** Thank you.

**Hales:** I want to second that and encourage this discipline of, actually, committee members coming to the city council, or -- and the county board commissioners when it's appropriate there, as well, and doing what you are doing, just to highlight the report, summarize it and -- you know, other cities don't have anything like the City Club. And it's independent. It's citizen-based. It's topical, and it's a real resource for the whole community. Obviously, for the members, themselves, happy to be one, proud to be one, and it's a great organization. But, I think as a community resource, you know, it's been underappreciated. So, doing this is a good way to highlight the work of the club. To give the members who invest a lot of volunteer time as you have a chance to make sure the community knows about it, and I think that it's very helpful for us, it is a reminder, go and get the report off the website. Read it. And I will. So, the fact that you are here doing this I think is not only helpful in this instance, but I hope it does become something close to standard practice for the club's committees.

**Beebe:** Absolutely. We'll take that feedback back to the club, and expect to see us here again.

**Hales:** Good.

**Fritz:** And I think that Commissioner Fish may have been on the east coast on city business because we did have the report on the air quality. And so I just want to let my colleagues on the Council know that I will be convening a follow-up group to talk about those issues. So I think that it is incumbent on us when you take the time to give us your research, to then follow up and engage you ongoing.

**Fish:** Can I clarify something? It was less city business. I was seeking asylum. [laughter]

**Hales:** Obviously you did not find it. You are here. [laughter] We're glad the club is doing this now. It really is helpful to us and appreciate your work on an important topic, and again I want to stress the safety issue raised. We, you know, our crime rate is down 9% from last year to this year in major crime. Blessedly, we have not had homicide in the city in more than a month. We can't say that about a traffic death. We have had several in the last month. Fortunately, for bicyclists, it's not always the bicyclists but unfortunately for all of us it has been more than two dozen Portlanders

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killed in the public right-of-way by one or another kind of collision this year, so the safety issue is really serious. It's our number one cause of traumatic death in our community right now. Unfortunately, you know, it has risen to that level of prominence. So, this is a safety topic is one that we have all got a lot of work to do on, and engineering and planning work and Commissioner Novick's bureau and enforcement work in my bureau, and work for all of us to do in policy and planning.

**Beebe:** Absolutely.

**Novick:** We appreciate your pointing out that a city that's safe for bicyclists is also safer for everybody. Because although we have had a rough summer, as the mayor indicated, the trend over the past 25 years is as Portland has become more hospitable to various modes of transportation, we have actually outstripped the nation in terms of improvement of overall traffic safety. And so, the point played is right, a city that is safer for bicyclist and pedestrians is also safer for drivers because when drivers are not just sort of a car monoculture, they pay more attention overall.

**Beebe:** Absolutely. And also, when they feel empowered to bike and walk and take transit sometimes, too, they know what to look for, and safer behavior results. Absolutely.

**Hales:** Thank you very much, appreciate coming in this morning and thanks for the report.

**Novick:** Thank you.

**Item 776.**

**Hales:** Are you here? Marcus? We'll see if he comes before we get through the communications. Do you have one other? Kirsten Everett.

**Item 777.**

**Hales:** Kirsten, are you here? All right. Then, let's move on to time certain, number 778.

**Moore-Love:** Do you want to do the consent agenda first?

**Hales:** Oh, sorry, I did it again. I believe we have no request for items to come off the consent calendar in roll call on the consent calendar, please.

**Consent calendar roll call.**

**Saltzman:** Aye. **Novick:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

**Hales:** All right. The next item, please.

**Item 778.**

**Hales:** This is a momentous anniversary, and we have some community leaders here to talk to us about this proclamation. It looks like JoAnn Hardesty is getting them queued up to come up with her. If you need to pull up an extra chair or so we can take people in groups, but, Pastor and Rabbi, come on up. Welcome.

**Hales:** Good morning and welcome.

**Rev. Dr. Leroy Haynes:** Yes, good morning, Mayor. My name is Reverend Dr. Leroy Haynes. I am one of the co-chairpersons of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington that we are planning on holding August 24th. To our honorable and distinguished Mayor, Charlie Hales, and distinguished and illustrious members of the City Council, the 1963 March on Washington was a defining, historical moment in the history of our nation. It was the visible embodiment of a non-violent and social revolution in America for freedom, justice, and equality that radically changed the face of America. Consequently, it led to the passage of the 1964 public accommodation, civil rights bill, and in the 1965 Voters Rights bill. The cornerstone of the modern day civil rights movement, started in 1955, with the Montgomery bus boycott. In 1963, the March on Washington and continuing continuity with the birth of our nation stands as a historical and living symbol and testimony of both human and divine spirit within America to create a more perfect union, to right the horrendous wrongs of our city, state, and nation, and to fulfill the Declaration of Independence call for equality and for citizenship. The 1963 March on Washington represents the best of our democratic republic and continuity with the American Revolution. And therefore, we thank our mayor and members of the Portland City Council for acknowledging this historical and living

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hallmark, as well as the great and many sacrifices of lives that were made to create a more perfect union for our people and our nation. Thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thank you. Thank you very much.

**Rabbi Joseph Wolfe:** Good morning, Commissioners and Mayor Hales. I am Rabbi Joseph Wolfe from havurah shalom. It is a privilege for me to be here this morning at this 50th year of commemorating the March on Washington in 1963. You know, every morning during this month, Jews all around the world blows the shofar. Everybody thinks is a ram's horn, everybody thinks this is simply a symbol of that you believe things should get better in the future. But, it's during this month that we blow this ram's horn in order to wake up, to recognize who we really are, and who we could be at our best as we come towards the Jewish observance of the high holidays. In thinking about this tremendous moment back in 1963, I myself, recall how, as a Jewish white outsider, through the civil rights' movement, I was drawn in in a very compelling way in that period of time. Someone who grew up in Boston, I experienced with a sense I might say of shame, when my parents took me south. South for us meant Maryland to the Chesapeake Bay ferry. And my father pointed out me separate bathrooms and separate water fountains. That shame, that sense of quandary, how could a society that purported to be democratic have two sets of standards? How could there be insiders and outsiders, stuck with me. And it was in 1963, that a number of young Jews came back from the south. And they started to explain how -- how texts for me that were powerfully ancient could be contemporary and prophetic, and it changed my life. Honest to god, from that moment on, in the early 1963s and into 1965, when Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel marched with Martin Luther King, in Selma. A whole generation of Jews became alerted to the fact that we have work to do. That work is with us 50 years later. Powerfully, compellingly, we all have to embrace this commemoration to get with the work that needs to be done to honor and enfranchise people in our community, African Americans who still feel marginalized, whose voter capacity is questioned by a Supreme Court, whose sense of connection to the community is tormented by events like the Trayvon Martin event this summer. And we have work to do in America, and I am proud to be part of this morning's commemoration in Portland, and want to take the work forward. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Aubrey Harrison:** Hi, everybody.

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Harrison:** I am Aubrey Harrison, the deputy director of Basic Rights Oregon, and my voice usually carries, so I'm not super worried about this. You should let me know if I should be. At Basic Rights Oregon, we strongly support the proclamation in front of you on the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and civil rights week in the city of Portland. And as Oregon's largest gay and transgender advocacy organization dedicated to making sure all Oregonians experience equality regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation, we applaud the Council for highlighting the groundbreaking March on Washington and the work for racial justice that continues today. Too often gay and transgender communities and communities of color are discussed as separate communities with no intersection. Those characterizations render lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people of color invisible, and sideline their needs when we know that gay and transgender people of color experience multiple struggles of homophobia, transphobia, and racism all at once. And 50 years ago, Bayard Rustin led the organizing of the March on Washington. And as a black gay man, the intersections of racial justice, and justice for gay and transgender communities were borne out through his work. Today, gay and transgender people of color continue to fight for visibility and equality. And many gay and transgender Oregonians know the sting of discrimination and that's how we know justice means justice for everyone. We know that our commitment to justice must be realized through proclamations and marches and also beyond them. The movement for racial justice happens every day in the slow and critical work to address the ongoing disparities in employment, housing, education, and economic opportunity. We support the

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proclamation before the council today and support the day-to-day work to realize justice for African American communities and all communities of color in Oregon. Basic Rights Oregon supports the proclamation on the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and civil rights week and we are proud to support the Albina Ministerial Alliance and the community groups and leaders working to commemorate this historic anniversary. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Jo Ann Hardesty:** Good morning, Mayor and City Council members. For the record, I am Jo Ann Hardesty. And I want to add my profound thanks for the proclamation that is before you today. I also want to say that it's with heavy heart that I sit here today. As we read the proclamation, and as we rethink about what was going on in August of 1963, I can't help but have a heavy heart when I realize that if we look at every social indicator of health in a community, we find Native Americans and African Americans still on the bottom. And so, as we sit here and we applaud the work of those visionary leaders that pulled together on that march 50 years ago, I want to take a moment to really applaud the work of the two cultures of this committee. Dr. Leroy Haynes, and Dr. T. Allen Bethel. As you well know, they have been a little busy working on police accountability issues. The fact that they knew that this was so important that they took the time to convene a group to make this happen, I think, is really remarkable. When we talk about civil rights heroes, many people immediately mention Dr. Martin Luther King, who was a great man. But, we have many, many heroes right here in this community who every day are working for justice. And I want to say that part our planning committee, we've have had some internal discussions about the appropriate role of politicians in the march that we're going to have on August 24, 2013. And whether or not their role really should be one of listening to the community, rather than implying that they have a message of, we fixed this. Because the reality is we have not fixed this. And we have got a lot of work to do, and not a lot of political courage to make it happen. And so, I'm looking forward to the next 50 years, so that the children who come to the march on August 24, 2013, at south waterfront park will say, I know the people that fixed this. They were there at the march with me. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you all. All right.

**Hardesty:** We have another panel, sir.

**Hales:** Please. I see some other community leaders here. Thank you very much. [applause]

**Hales:** Joyce, would you like to start?

**Joyce Harris:** Sure. Well, good morning, my name is Joyce Harris, I'm on the steering committee of the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform. I'm also the co-chair of the African American Alliance and a couple other little things in the community. But, I'm here this morning as a member of the planning committee for this march, and I need it echo JoAnn's affirmation of Dr. Haynes and Dr. Bethel, for stepping up and saying we need to do something here in Portland because many of us were thinking about going to Washington D.C, but I have always been of the opinion that it's more powerful to work in your community with the people that you struggle with every day, who you work with, and to share that historic moment with them. So, the question has been asked, why do we need a march? And I think there are many compelling reasons for why we need a march. And I tend to study history. I teach history. And the 1963 March on Washington was not the first attempt to do a March on Washington. In 1941, A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin challenged President Roosevelt to address discrimination in the military. And they threatened to have a march. And the only thing that stopped the march was that President Roosevelt issued executive order 8802, which barred the discrimination in defense industries and in the federal bureaus, resulting in the fair employment act. And then we look at -- we have to look at the March on Washington as not just an event in and of itself. It was part of a continuum of activism by everyday people to ensure that there was fair treatment and access for all citizens. And so, we look in 1954, we had the Supreme Court ruling Brown vs. the Board of Education, determining that separate education was inherently unequal. We are still fighting that battle. All these many years

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later. And we look at the activism in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963, the children's march, where the children of that city -- many of us saw the pictures of dogs attacking people. That was the result of the children's march. We had young people, and as young as four years old, who went to jail. Because they were sick and tired of what they were seeing in their community. And then in 1963, in Jackson, Mississippi, where Medgar Evers was shot and killed in his driveway for trying to organize voters in Jackson, Mississippi. As a member -- he was the head of the NAACP in Jackson. And then who could forget September 1963, when four little girls were blown up in a church, the 16th avenue Baptist church. So, all these things kind of happened before and after the March on Washington. Now, let's fast forward, and the other things that came out of this in 1964, Civil Rights Act, 1965, Voting Rights Act. And who would have thought that back then, that in 2013, we would have to be dealing with the reversal of the Voting Rights Act? So, why do we need a march? Because things change, situations change, people who are in power change, and we often have to revisit the very reasons why we needed a Voting Rights Act. That's not gone away. We need a march because the struggle for jobs, freedom, and justice, equal education, and equality continues. And as this proclamation is issued, it should be a reminder to all of us, politicians, community members, that we still have much work to do. And any time we make a decision, we need to look at this proclamation, and not look at it as something that we're signed off on August 14, 2013 and it's a done deal. The week will be over on August 30. This is something that should guide every decision that you make. Every time that you get ready to sign off on something, and you need to ask yourself, does this further the goal that we proclaim on August 14? So, I thank you so much, and I'm looking forward to us breathing life into this proclamation, and making sure that we address the needs of all of our citizens. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Linda McKim-Bell:** I am Linda McKim-Bell, and I am a citizen of Portland. And I am volunteering with the community outreach and civic engagement committee -- subcommittee -- for this event. I'm member of the human rights commission, and our chairperson, Kyle Busse, has urged us to volunteer to make this commemorative event a big success. And I think that it's very important today with new threats to the Voting Rights Act. And we should all be embracing this commemorative event. And as a member of the First Unitarian Church, we are a strong supporter and enthusiastic supporters of this proclamation and this march event. The Unitarian church sent 200 clergy to the march from Selma to Montgomery and two were martyred there, so I urge the city council to enthusiastically support this effort.

**Tony Funchess:** Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners, my name is Tony Funchess and I am the first vice president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. 1963, the NAACP was prominent then, and in 2013, we are prominent today. We existed then because there were injustices that needed to be addressed. And as Dr. Joyce has indicated, we're talking about jobs, inequality, racism, police brutality. The message and the purpose has not changed. So, it is our hope that with this proclamation, this declaration that this commemorative march is important, that this week is about civil rights, and that it does not end there. 50 years later, someone has forgotten. And so this proclamation is a call, as the rabbi indicated, to wake up and remember the struggles that we've been through, the fights that we have had, the accomplishments that we have had and the work that is still to be done. The NAACP was present then and present now. We are here for the fight, and we are here for the journey. And we are here to serve the community. And we hope that is your charge, as well. To serve the community that has put you in the place to dictate, to lead, and to guide. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Thanks for being here.

**Calvin Hall:** Mayor, city commissioners and before I say my very brief words, I made commitment to my wife, who is Japanese, and she said when you come before leaders, you bow not one time but to each leader. I want to stand with these wonderful folks and thank you for this proclamation for

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this event. I want to also salute you as leaders because no one understands if they have not been in the hot seat what it means to be criticized on every front unless you've been there. And those of us who have been on the front line fighting for a long time in our small way understand what you have gone through in the leadership that you provide. I remember, and I want to make this reference when I had the opportunity to come under the leadership of a person by the name of Harold Williams. And Mr. Williams identified two things that he wanted me to do. He said, Calvin Hall, I want to know that it is your obligation to stand up no matter what anyone says or no matter what type of attack is manufactured against you, and if you do that, then my time will have been well-served. And so, in that spirit of that commitment, I want to give two suggestions to the city council. In the coming months, there will be a group of folks that will meet and request that you consider single membered districts in the city of Portland. This charge is going to be a way to finally address equitable opportunities for those folks who can't afford to pay for an expensive campaign or cannot take what I call and what Mr. Williams called the iceberg attack. You see the attack at the top of the iceberg but you don't see and understand that deep attack that comes underneath the deeper iceberg under the water. It is this group's position that single membered districts will give ample opportunity for folks, black and white, gay and straight, and republicans and democrats, to have a district drawn on the same lines as the county lines, to be able to say, we want to have equal representation. And I would hope that you would be one for that view and that consideration. Because this city is long overdue for single membered districts, and I know that the powers, the millionaire folks, and the political entrenched folks attack the Gresham group as they try to create single membered districts, so you can let them know that you can continue to attack because we're going to push for single membered districts despite your manufactured attacks about how it waters down candidates. Because it does not, it gives equal opportunity to all folks. And secondly, I appreciate the time. My wife told me to stick to my notes. And so, I apologize because she's watching on television. I want to say this, that while we have come a long way, we have a long way to go. And when Trayvon's verdict came down, manufactured intelligence used as material fact to justify an exoneration of someone that should have been -- went to jail. But, while everyone is paying attention to that verdict, they missed the critical piece. And there were two. It was aggravated assault that was levied as a second verdict, which means he was the aggressor. To add insult to injury. Why do I cite this case? Because it seems to me that the folks have forgotten Lord Byron. the 17th century poet who filed the first defamation case in court and won. If we look at the Lord Byron case, we see that all we have to do is stick to the constitution. Which leads me to your equity of -- leads me to the equity of office. Mr. Williams applied for that job and did not get it, so I would ask humbly that you clearly define the Office of Equity and what the purpose is going to be because it is clear that it can make a difference in the city's 95 neighborhoods not behind closed doors talking to bureaucrats, but out in the city serving as mediators and addressing issues and serving as a recorder of facts. At a recent meeting someone came, not part of the group, and said why are you complaining? And so I want to clearly answer that person publicly, dissent is the greatest form of loyalty. Thank you very much for this proclamation and thank you very much for your leadership and, I am done.

**Hales:** Thank you very much.

**Rev. Mark Knudsen:** Reverend Mark Knudsen, pastor of the Augustan Lutheran church in Portland, member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance and part of the planning committee for this march. It's always nice to come before the Mayor Hales and the Council and I know you are going to pass something we're asking to pass, and you're all ready to do that. It's important that this proclamation be made, and declaring August 23 through 30 civil rights week in Portland. We know it's more than a week. And as we do this together, and as my colleagues have spoken so eloquently before me, just a few words from me. 1963, I was an 11-year-old at Glencoe grade school. My wife was a five-year-old on northeast 14th and Wygant. And having moved there when she was born, basically. And in 1963, we could not have been married in many states. Just as many can't be

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married today. And that march on 1963 was a signal moment of hundreds of years of struggle. And it made the impression on me as an 11-year-old and a family growing up committed to civil rights the moments that culminate like we pray next week will for a whole other generation coming up to see the issues afresh and anew and be ready to take a stand and move forward. And in 1991, we were in Ebenezer Baptist church for the King celebration. First Monday, the 15th of January, actually happened on Monday, which is a holiday, and one of those great moments in Ebenezer, one of those great preach-offs of the leaders of the civil rights' movement. The last to speak was reverend Otis Moss, and he gave the closing sermon. And he ended it by saying he went back to small town where he grew up and asked one of his elders in her 90s by then how far have we come. That was the theme of the day, and he says Mrs. Walker, how far have we come? And she said Otis, somewhere between oh lord and thank you Jesus. [laughter] I'm an interfaith leader for my colleagues and the Buddhist, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim communities and so many people of good will -- there is a different ways to phrase that. The -- it works in every setting. But when we think of how important it is for every generation to recommit itself, to take on issues of racism, poverty, war, homophobia, sexism, ageism, and you can go down that list. Every generation has to recommit itself to educate our young to educate ourselves, and to weave that beloved community. This is an opportunity in this city to name those wrongs that are still there, and still present, and to recommit ourselves as a community to say yes, we have come a ways but we have so much farther to go, but trusting in the divine and gifts of many, we can take on the challenges today. So I thank you for making this proclamation, and may we all march next week together, and recommit ourselves to the generations that are yet to come. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you all. Thanks very much. Are there other folks that are here to speak?

**Hardesty:** Yes, sir, there are two more if that's okay.

**Hales:** Yes. Anyone else that would like to speak come on up. Good morning. If there is anybody else that would like to speak on this, come up, as well. Good morning and welcome.

**Bruce Feathers:** I will be very brief because I just recently have gotten the note and I will -- I want to be respectful. I am Bruce Feathers, and I am the chairman and CEO of FeatherLite, a minority-owned business I owned for the past 16 years. I just say this in relationship to the proclamation, one of the things that we sometimes miss is minority business development is another arm of the civil rights movement and development. Because so often, before being an entrepreneur, and a minority business owner in the city certified by the state of Oregon, I spent 20 years in corporate America in management, and when I did that, I lived in suburbs. When I became an entrepreneur, and my business was located on MLK, I was able to serve on the Urban League Board. And I lived in suburbs, and did not engage in the community, but later on, when I became an entrepreneur, I was in the community and able to serve seven years on the board of friends of the children. And I can go on. The point is, oftentimes, minority businesses will be allowed to stay in the community, and therefore, engage in some of the nonprofit efforts and the community efforts and the civil rights efforts. We need minority talent to not be usurped to the suburb like I was, but to be able to prosper and grow and develop within urban boundaries so that talent can be used, in fact, to do the kinds of things that we want to do in civil rights. And I will stop there, and I have more to say on another matter regarding our parking situation, which by the way, I, as a minority business owner, in the whole Ellis McCoy thing got caught in the middle. And now, I'm about to lose my business. But out of respect I will save that for another time.

**Hales:** Thank you, Bruce. Good morning, Dan.

**Dan Handelman:** Good morning, Mayor Hales and commissioners, and I am Dan Handelman with peace and justice works in Portland Copwatch, and we are supporters of the march that's happening on the 24th and the proclamation today, and we are -- I'm also a member of the steering committee of the AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform. And it hasn't been explicitly stated that the march in 1963 was explicitly a march for jobs and equality. And in addition to the faith leaders you

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have heard from civil and human rights leaders heard from today, labor is supporting the march that's happening on the 24th. Job with Justice is one of the big supporters and many individual unions are supporting it. I think that's very significant, and I think it's -- this is a tremendous moment for Portland. And Martin Luther King, in his speech, on that day, mentioned police brutality that people had suffered in the struggles and in his later years he became a vocal opponent of the Vietnam War. So if you are wondering why we are on board it's because in the spirit of Dr. King and of the entire march for equality and rights, that peace and justice and police accountability are part of the same equation. So, thank you for your time.

**Hales:** Thank you. Good morning.

**Joe Walsh:** I am Joe Walsh, and I represent the individuals for justice. We also support the proclamation, and congratulate you on that. However, we are aware that those are words. If John Lewis, a representative in the house, was to come to your house, he would have to walk over people that are sleeping in the streets that you kicked off the curb. So, when you do this proclamation and you read the words. The words are fantastic, they talk about equality. They talk about jobs. They talk about we are committed to do all these things. Well, you have three things that you could do now. You could do something about the people sleeping on the streets. You could really work and meet with them and try to figure out some solution to the problem so that those people like John Lewis would tell you, they need equality. They come to you every week, and ask you to stop the fines. You won't do that. And so, when you do these proclamations, it really is confusing to me because I will march on this. I will support this. But when you read the proclamation I have trouble with that. Because I don't know if you understand the words. And there is a concept that I thought about a long time ago called verbal reality. That you don't go past the words. You don't do anything. You justify what you do by saying, we spend millions of dollars on these -- on people -- and we still can't solve it, but if we do too much, we'll be a magnet. So, where is the answer in that? As soon as make that last statement, you violate the very proclamation that you are going to read today. Because John Lewis and Martin Luther King and the rest of the big six would tell you, straight out, there's something wrong with people sleeping on the street. That's not rocket science. Fix it. You could do simple things like figuring out how to take their belongings and check them in so that it's not all over the street so your business alliance people would be a little more happier because it's nice and neat. You could do that. It would be so cheap, you could rent trailers. Those pods that the people rent all the time and have the homeless check the stuff in. And you could do all of that. And you have -- your employees are going to protest today because they have been without a contract since July. But, you are going to read the proclamation today about jobs. But, you are screwing the unions that you represent. And I don't think that many of you know. You just leave it to other people so when you do the proclamation. Please listen to the words, damn it. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Anyone else want to speak on this morning? Then let me read the proclamation, and I know that there's going to be council comments, as well. But, very pleased to add our words and our commitment to the eloquent words and commitment that we have heard from these community leaders this morning. I appreciate you being here and organizing this commemoration and commitment. And to all the work that we're doing together. Proclamation says, whereas 50 years ago African American and other civil rights leaders organized a quarter million people who marched on Washington DC, our nation's capitol, to demand justice from the United States government, and whereas Jim Crow, segregation, voter discrimination and the second class citizenship were laws of the land, and whereas the critical issues for the 1963 marchers were access to jobs, housing, police, education, and economic opportunity amid profound and legally sanctioned discrimination based on the color one's skin. Whereas people of all colors joined the effort to ensure that the U.S. Constitution and the protections it offered would apply equally to blacks and others denied basic human rights. And whereas the August 1963 March on Washington was a pivotal moment in the movement towards justice and the struggle for the full human rights of all. And



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whereas while we as a nation have made significant gains through legislation, voting rights and other measures over the last 50 years, these efforts have not eliminated discriminatory practices and outcomes within our governments and institutions, where racism continues to this day. And whereas we recognize that injustice and discrimination of all forms are still with us, and that our march towards justice is thus not finished. And whereas a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that gutted a key provision of the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act, the consistent, overrepresentation of people of color in the criminal justice system, and the shredding of the safety net for many low income households and communities lets us know that we have much more work to do as a nation to achieve the dream that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. shared that day in Washington 50 years ago. And whereas the issues of jobs, housing, police, and education and economic opportunities are just as critical today as they were 50 years ago. And whereas we honor the work of the civil rights leaders of 50 years ago and recommit ourselves to continue to work for equality for all and the elimination of the last vestiges of the discrimination within our midst, and now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, mayor of the city of Portland, the city of roses, proclaim the week of August 23 through August 30 to be civil rights week in Portland, and in so doing, affirm support for the events and commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, including support for Portland's march on Saturday, August 4, 2013, and call on all people of Portland to affirm and support the human rights of all. Thank you all for your work in this cause. [applause]

**Hales:** Council members? Comments, thoughts?

**Fish:** Thank you, mayor, first I want to thank our mayor for not only bringing this proclamation forward, but typically in this body proclamations are heard at the beginning of council, but not as a time certain. So, I thank you for not only bringing it forward, mayor, but scheduling it as a time certain and bringing forward our honored guests. Today. And I want to thank our honored guests from the civil rights community, from the faith community, from the community, and thank you for your eloquent testimony. This morning marks the 50th year anniversary of the March on Washington, an event that has shaped the next 50 years of American history. And many of us remember parts of Dr. King's words on that August day, 50 years ago. But today I want to acknowledge a lesser known figure from that event, Cleveland Lowellyn Robinson. I first met him over 25 years ago. He's a great American story. He immigrated to the United States from Jamaica in 1944. In Manhattan, he unionized a dry goods store where he worked. And a few years later, he joined the staff of district 65 which later became affiliated with the great progressive union, the United Auto Workers. And for the next 50 years until his retirement in 1992, Cleve was a great leader in the labor movement. So, who is Cleve Robinson? He was the administrative chairman of the historic March on Washington on August 28, 1963. In fact, if you watched Dr. King's speech, you will see that sitting right behind him was Cleve Robinson, who shared his dream of a greater America. Cleve was a leader in the struggle to mobilize American opposition to apartheid in South Africa, he organized the council of black trade unionists, and he supported movements for labor and human rights in many African countries. And he spent his whole life working to ensure that Dr. King's birthday would be celebrated as a national holiday. Reflecting on this historic anniversary, mayor, and on Cleve Robinson's life, I, too, am proud of the progress that we have made as a country over the past 50 years. But as our guests have stated so eloquently, we still have so much work to do. I was in Washington a couple of weeks ago, when the Supreme Court struck down section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, an enormous step backwards for civil rights. But the next day the Supreme Court struck down DOMA, the Defense of Marriage Act, a great step forward for marriage equality. And one step forward, and one step backward. And today, over 30 states have voter ID laws which make it more difficult for some Americans, especially communities of color, to exercise their fundamental right to vote. Dr. King said in his memorable speech, their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And he said of the march, we cannot and must not walk alone. So today, at this

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occasion, mayor, and in the company of a broad spectrum of community leadership, let us recommit that as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you, commissioner. Other comments? Dan? Please.

**Saltzman:** I was on a business trip two weeks ago in Atlanta. And during some free time, I had the opportunity to visit the Martin Luther King Jr. National historic site which contains the tomb of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King, the old Ebenezer Baptist church. The house where he was born, they actually preserved a fire station, which although had nothing to do with Dr. King other than it existed at the same time when he was a child, they preserved the fire station to commemorate the fact that it was not until 1963 that black firefighters became part of Atlanta's fire department. And, they also have the national visitor's center there. And I do have to say that it was an incredibly moving experience for me to visit the historic site. Some of the pictures that stood out in my memory, in the visitor's center, were the first picture of Dr. King being arrested. I think that he was arrested some 15 times, the caption indicated, and you could by looking at the expression on his face that Dr. King came from a fine upstanding family, and getting arrested is getting arrested. Nobody wants to go through that experience. Especially somebody who comes from fine family like Dr. King did, and you could see the discomfort on his face during his first of 15 arrests. And the exhibits and the movies and the video clips highlighted to me what incredible courage and bravery it took to fight for civil rights in the 1950s and the 1960s. Incredible courage. And I always, when I find myself looking at history like that, or thinking, visiting a war memorial or anything like that, I always ask myself, would I have that courage, would I have the courage to stand up? Would I have the courage to get out of the trench? I can't answer those questions, I think that I would but I honestly don't know. But, it took tremendous courage and tremendous bravery. And I just really -- my hat's off to that. You can also imagine the 50th anniversary march was well displayed at the historic center. And I had a chance to look at the program of that day. And there were maybe 14 or 15 speakers. Dr. King probably, you know, stands out as the speaker, but, you know, I am pleased to say as a member of the Jewish faith that there were only two people not African American, one was the head of the united auto workers and the other was a rabbi representing my faith, so I am privileged to say that I believe people of the Jewish faith have been in this game from the start and have stood arm in arm with our African American brothers and sisters. So, I recommit myself -- I recommitted myself two Sundays ago at the Dr. King historic site and I recommit myself. It took us -- you know, the civil war ended in 1865, it took us 100 years to get the Voting Rights Act. And, you know, we need to accomplish a progress at a lot more rapid pace so it won't take another 100 years that we see full equality in this country. So, thank you all for this presentation, and thank you for the proclamation, mayor.

**Fritz:** Thank you for bringing this proclamation and to everybody who is here this to tell your stories and to speak your truth and to challenge all of us. We have made some progress over the last 50 years, we still have long way to go to address the injustice and discrimination that disparage so many of our men and women, people who live in the city, and I appreciate Dr. Harris mentioning it's here, it's not only in Washington, it's right here, and that we need to address the challenges in our city. The proclamation states we're still dealing with crucial issues such as housing, jobs, education, and police, and opportunities for participation. I particularly appreciate Mr. Hall bringing to mind his mentor, and mine, Mr. Williams, and the opportunities for participation in a whole realm of situations, and I want to take this moment to recognize both Mr. Harold Williams and Mr. Charles Washington, two great leaders in the community who taught me so much and were so gracious to me and understanding that I didn't know what I didn't know, and being willing to help me understand a little more. The [inaudible] of equity and human rights is one step forward, was one step forward, the creation of it is one thing. How it continues to challenge all of us in the city government, initially, on how we address issues of equity for people of color and for people with disabilities. I will say that not everything that is in the media is real and not everything that is in the

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media that is real is in the media. So, for instance, one thing that was in the consent agenda today was a resolution on captioning, so that from now on all, all videos that are posted on Portland online will have captioning so that people who have difficulty hearing will be able to access the same information. We, a couple of months ago, we passed the title 2 and title 6 transition report looking at how are we going to go about specifically, not just in general and principle, but this proclamation sets the principle, we now need to make sure that in every step of the way, we enact those principles and those laws because they are the law, and we need to also go beyond the law to do the right thing. So I have offered my current assignment of Bureau of Development Services and the Bureau of Parks and Portland Parks & Recreation to be pilot bureaus that will work with the human rights' commission, the commission on disability, the office of equity and human rights, and the team in the mayor's Office of Management and Finance, to make sure that in every step of the way, we are making changes that reduce barriers and provide increased opportunities. I particularly appreciate Basic Rights Oregon presenting here today. I was privileged to attend a pride northwest showing of a film about the life of Bayard Rustin, and learning about his contribution in the marches, and it takes organizers, it takes orators and leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King. It also takes somebody who is making sure that somebody is answering the phones. And so thank you both to Dr. Leroy Haynes and Dr. T. Allan Bethel for your leadership, and also to JoAnn Hardesty and Joyce Harris and everybody who is here today who is helping with the mechanics. I agree with JoAnn Hardesty's comment, that sometimes we need to talk and often we need to listen. We need to make sure that we are listening to every voice in our community and including inviting people to participate in the ways that we change hearts and minds as well as the way that we do business in the way that we operate the city, and the way that we relate to each other as participants in this community, which is great, and can be so much greater for so many more people. Thank you very much, Mayor, for bringing this proclamation.

**Novick:** When I think of the March on Washington, I think of it as in part, a reminder of a time when although activists knew that government rarely asked to address injustice without activism, it was a time when activists believed that government would respond to what the activists had to say. And I think that Bayard Rustin and A. Philip Randolph and Martin Luther King Jr. believed that a government that had won the Second World War and had established the right to organize the unions and passed the Social Security Act could also rise to the occasion and pass a Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act as it did. In 1964, there was a Gallup poll that showed that 70% of Americans trust the federal government to do what was right all or most of the time. And that faith in government bred activism directed towards getting government to do more things. And we have seen a very unfortunate phenomenon over the past, I guess you could date it to, perhaps, 1966, as the federal government got more deeply involved in Vietnam and it became clearer that the government was lying about Vietnam, and you move onto Watergate, and to the political party declaring government the enemy, and when the number of activists diminishes because their faith that government will respond to activism diminishes, and I know that everybody in this room, by virtue of the fact that you are here, continue to believe that activism will get government to act. It is my hope that this year we will begin to see a change. Under the leadership of President Obama, Nancy Pelosi and others, the federal government passed the Affordable Care Act, which I see as far from the best solution to health care problems in this country, and I am a single payer guy myself. But, it's going to be far better than a lot my friends on the left believe. A massive expansion of Medicaid where everybody below 100% of poverty will be eligible for Medicaid in those states that have accepted that, including Oregon, and there will be subsidies for those who will still have to buy their own insurance. And you see the anti-government party in desperation trying to make sure that the people don't take advantage of the Affordable Care Act because the Affordable Care Act might actually demonstrate the government do something good. And so, it is my hope that over the next year, we will do our best to let people know of the benefits available under the Affordable Care Act,

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and we'll see that be a success, and we'll see people get health care, and we'll see, for example, governments see the money freed up -- particular to the county -- will have to spend less on health care for the uninsured and maybe that means they will be able to spend more on homelessness, for example. So, I think that one thing that we can all do to honor the memory of the civil rights movement. To honor the 50th anniversary is to encourage people over the next year to take advantage of and recognize the greatest achievement of our first African American president. So, I thank you all so much for your words today, and look forward to us working together in the next year. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you all for these excellent comments, and as we close out this session, I will give you copies of the proclamation for all of the community leaders that came here this morning. And as we look backwards and forwards, back in history at accomplishments of the past and forward at the challenges we have talked about, I do want to note that there is an amazing local businessman who has been collecting historic documents for a long time, and they are on display at the Oregon Historical Society. And they have got curiosities and wonders like the speech that Teddy Roosevelt was giving when he was shot and there is a bullet hole in the document. But, the most amazing document of all is that the 13th amendment to the Constitution is there. I don't mean one of the copies, I mean the one that Congress passed. It's here in Portland. Thanks to him, and thanks to Pete Mark, and it's on display for everyone to see, and in terms of each of us having teachable moments about the work behind us that others have done, and the shoulders that we stand on, and the work ahead, for me, seeing that document, that's the one -- was one of those inspiring moments along with the great words we have heard from all the leaders this morning. So again, thank you all, well done. Move forward. Thank you.

**Saltzman:** JoAnn, so you want to give the details about the 24th?

**Hardesty:** I would be happy to. [applause]

**Hardesty:** Mayor and Commissioner Saltzman, we will convene at Terry Schunk plaza at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 24, and we will then march to South Waterfront Park where the official program will start at 1:00 p.m. And so, for people who will be unable to march, we're encouraging them to just show up at South Waterfront Park. But for all able bodies, we want to see them at Terry Schunk plaza starting at 10:00 a.m.

**Saltzman:** Thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thank you. Thank you all. Thanks for being here this morning. [applause] All right, we have other time certain items. Lavonne is our guest here and, and I might take them out of order if our students are willing, and if you don't really need 15 minutes, I don't think, to swear our new member in. So let's please take item 780 first, and then we'll go from there to 779.

**Item 780.**

**Hales:** Good morning and welcome.

**Lavonne Griffin-Valade, Office of the City Auditor:** Good morning. Lavonne Griffin Valade, city auditor. We were here before you two months ago, for the appointment of three new CRC members -- the Citizen Review Committee -- who were part of the pool of applicants from a very successful recruitment, thanks to our wonderful outreach director -- coordinator -- Irene Konev. And I just wanted to acknowledge her very hard work. And that particular pool is richly diverse, a pool of 53 applicants. In the past, we have had difficulty recruiting women to be part of the Citizen Review Committee, and we had 29 women on that pool. So, due to a resignation from the committee -- on today's -- on seeking another appointment from that cabinet of that successful recruitment, Roberto Rivera. He has been an Oregon resident for over 11 years. He is a graduate of Concordia University in Portland, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in health care administration. Has six years of experience working in nonprofit organizations serving at-risk populations, and including 2-1-1 Info where he performed community outreach, gave presentations to the public, and assisted with resource database management. Roberto currently manages the in-

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home service department for community energy project, which provides home repair services to low income, older adults and adults with disabilities. We're very honored that he was interested in being part of the citizen review committee, and very honored to have him onboard. So --

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Griffin-Valade:** I turn it over to questions from you.

**Hales:** Welcome, Mr. Rivera. Pleased you are taking on this community service. I don't know if anything in particular to add but we are happy to have you here.

**Roberto Rivera:** Thank you. I just want to say thank you. This is a great opportunity to serve Portland and my community, and represent especially those wonderful populations, and making them aware of the process, and helping them understand, as well as developing policies and trainings that can enable the police to better serve those vulnerable populations.

**Hales:** Thank you. Questions from the council? We have resolution before us, and then do you actually swear him in here?

**Griffin-Valade:** I am going to do that elsewhere.

**Hales:** So we'll, we'll see if there is anyone else who wants to testify on the resolution. If, if not--

**Moore-Love:** We have one person.

**Hales:** Okay, please.

**Moore-Love:** Dan Handelman.

**Hales:** Would you like to speak? Come on up.

**Dan Handelman:** Good morning again Mayor and members of Council, I am Dan Handelman with the Portland Copwatch, and we're not here to support or oppose Mr. Rivera's appointment to the Citizen Review Committee. We just -- as I know, all you read through his resume, and noticed certain things that I'm assuming his job would -- 211 Information changed between the time of the application happened and the time now, because it was written in the present tense that he was working there then. And it is good to have somebody that worked with the community, and it's interesting, of course, we may note that he was once public safety officer at the University of Portland. And we're not holding that against him because we have had Michael Bigham, who just resigned from the committee, was public safety officer for the Port of Portland and brought insight to the committee that was helpful over the years. So, we're looking forward to his service, and I didn't check the records but I'm sure that Mr. Rivera will be the first Latino appointed to the Citizen Review Committee since 2005, which is a long gap without representation from that community. So, this is a good step forward. And unfortunately, just as Mr. Rivera is stepping in, Steve Yarrish who made some passionate speeches about police and racial profiling because there are two cases that have come before the Citizen Review Committee, has stepped down. That's why Mr. Rivera is stepping up. And I think you know but I will say it again that last Wednesday, the Citizen Review Committee voted to fine a police officer out of policy for treating an African American man disrespectfully, and unfortunately, there was never a full investigation into what the officer was thinking, whether race played part in it, because IPR separated out the racial profiling allegation from the others. The other cases before the CRC, that allegation is being looked into now. So, we look forward to that. And last week, the IPR brought forward a list of ideas that they want to put into the ordinance to the changes made because of the DOJ agreement. That list that they had, I'm not sure if it was meant to be a complete list but it did not include the expansion of the CRC to 11 members, which is part of the agreement. It did not include CRC's ability to send cases back and insist there be more investigation. Where -- the cases I just talked about, the bureau at first and the IPR refused to do more investigation. I am hoping those will be among the other changes that are made, and I think that there are other outstanding community concerns about IPR that we can add when that comes up. So thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thank you. Anyone else? Let's take roll call on the resolution, please.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, Mr. Rivera, for your willingness to serve. Aye.

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**Novick:** Thank you very much. Aye.

**Fritz:** This is a huge time commitment and a significant citizen participation role so thank you very much, and congratulations to the auditor and thank you Irene Konev for an excellent outreach process to get so many good candidates. Aye.

**Fish:** Thank you for accepting, stepping up and being willing to serve. And I was delighted in fact that you had experience with 211 Info, which is the local and statewide network that connects people to services and has been so vitally important during this great recession. So, thank you and welcome. Aye.

**Hales:** Good process. Good result. And thank you very much. And we look forward to hearing your clear-eyed view of what we should do to do the right thing. Thank you. Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Hales:** Thanks very much. Congratulations, Roberto.

**Rivera:** Thank you.

**Item 779.**

**Hales:** This is an unusual item for the council, I realize. But, we have some talented filmmakers here this morning. And their sponsor. So welcome.

**Phil Busse:** Good morning, mayor and council members. I am Phil Busse, the director of the media institute for social change, and each summer we bring out a select group of very smart, very engaged students. Over two months, broadly and in the context of the resolution just passed, the students take their social interests and their social passions and they mature that into professional skills. More specifically, they learn to make documentaries about the things that Portland is doing right. Seven years ago when we started the program, then mayor Tom Potter requested that the students show the films, and we continued that tradition, and it is a fantastic opportunity for them. To share, and I also think it's a great opportunity for council members and the mayor to see some of the great things that Portland is doing.

**Laci Dent:** I am Laci Dent, and I am a college student at Vassar College in New York, and I am part of the summer documentary program. And it's really a great opportunity to be able to come here from different state and try to enact change through film, and me and the other girls have been working on three separate documentaries. And particularly, me and my partner found a really inspiring story. We focus on this woman who struggled with homelessness, which seems to be topical issue in Portland now, and we created this film, we told her story, and it was great to be able to give a voice to her through our project, which is why this type of program is really important.

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Laura Houlberg:** Good morning. My name is Laura Houlberg, and I am also a student with the program, and I go to Lewis and Clark College here in Portland. It's great to be working with seven women from all around the world from, from Vassar in New York all the way to someone who came from London, England. So we have three films to show you. So the first one is the film that my partner and I did about the Independent Publishing Resource Center in southeast Portland. I think it used to be downtown and then recently moved over to the east side. But it focuses on adult creativity and zine culture and resource sharing that exist in Portland. The tool library and the bike co-op are some other examples of resource sharing like this. So without further ado I will play that one first.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** With slight ado.

**Houlberg:** With slight ado.

**Hales:** I think you are queued up. Yeah, there you go.

**Busse:** Just to give more context while this is -- the students will also share the films with other cities and other decision makers hopefully to forward some of the inspiration, and the, the good things that Portland doing here. They have had good success in the past, actually.

**Houlberg:** Sorry for the delay.

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**Hales:** Karla wants the next student project to be rebooting our PA system in this room, which is always a challenge.

**Fritz:** This is always the hardest part of the presentation.

**Moore-Love:** It was working this morning.

**Hales:** There we go.

[video]

\*\*\*\*\*: I am kind of a Luddite. I don't like reading things online, things online are too fleeting. It's like when you finish a really good book and you close it and it has an energy to it or you have a feeling associated with it, and I never have a feeling associated with the screen or a blog, I never think, like, I remember the first time I clicked on Gawker, it was so magical. [music]

\*\*\*\*\*: We're not this scrappy, one-room, you know, typewriter, copy machine letterpress place we were in the 1990s. We are a public space. People who are not members come in and use the space, and they have computer labs and a printer and copy machines. And we have a production room that is full of materials for -- that are appropriate for making a publication.

\*\*\*\*\*: The IPRC enables people to make their own books, zines, and comics. The idea is sort of like a gym membership for creative people, where for really only \$55 a year, you have access to a lot of stuff that you probably don't have space for in your house and you don't have money for.

\*\*\*\*\*: The way that we are special or unique is that we empower our students to learn all of the tools of publishing, so they learn how to do letter press, screen printing, book binding. How to think about design. And then give them support in their manuscripts, too. We leave people to their own devices quite a bit, which I think helps in the creative process. [music]

\*\*\*\*\*: My advice would be to just come to the center and get to work, that's a great first step, take a class, ask the volunteer what a zine is.

\*\*\*\*\*: If you do a zine and it sucks, it doesn't matter. Just -- your computer, paste it down, take it to a Kinkos or the IPRC, somewhere there is a photocopier, your parents' work, somewhere, make 50 copies of it. Anyone can get rid of 50 copies.

\*\*\*\*\*: You can't shop-drop a blog. Shop dropping is where you leave your zine on a magazine rack or on a bus seat for someone to find. You can't do that digitally.

\*\*\*\*\*: The strangest thing -- I was the outreach coordinator for the IPRC for a really long time, so I would give zine-making workshops to little kids and I found they're on board. They're like great, yeah, of course. Another way to express myself, great. But the time that I saw the people that were the most freaked out: middle-aged adults. They came in, they were in this writing program. I came in as a guest, I did a presentation. Okay. Here's what we're going to do. You did all of this writing, we're going to publish it. They freaked out. They want to have someone else come and tell them, this is good enough. Or, you're good enough. I like to tell them, if you don't see yourself represented in media, if you don't see someone else telling your story, don't wait, tell it yourself. \*\*\*\*\*: I ask groups of teens all the time, raise your hand if you feel totally represented by the mainstream media. No one raises their hand. It's not the culture we live in and these stories need to be told. [music]

[end of video] [applause]

**Busse:** There's two other films.

**Houlberg:** I forgot to mention that all of the music in the film were local Portland acts, who contacted directly and gave us permission. There is a lot of talent here we tried to tap into.

**Hales:** Excellent. Can we see the next?

**Busse:** The next film is about a very unique and new tavern in Portland.

**Houlberg:** Apologies for the delay.

**Busse:** Move it forward.

[video] [music]

\*\*\*\*\*: The idea for the Oregon Public house comes directly from Portland. It's like an idea birthed out of the identity of our city. Nothing more Portland than breweries than pubs and nothing more

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Portland than nonprofits. So merging those two ideas we thought was really a perfect idea. About four years ago or so, some friends of mine were -- and I were sitting in my back yard talking about starting up a nonprofit, doing something for our city. So, we thought, well, what if we came alongside and said let's start a business that exists solely to fund and source these nonprofits and what they're doing. We bounced around a couple of ideas of what kind of business we could start up and we were having beers. And I was like what about a pub? [music] The Oregon Public House, created by and for, you know, the community. Portland proper and our neighborhood particularly, Woodlawn. We did this to -- about 100, 200 volunteers that came in, spent time in the remodeling process. Came in and helped donate money, donate items, kitchen items, utensils, plates, glassware all of these things were provided by the community. Now that we're up and running, community members come in and volunteer regularly helping to serve, host, bus tables, things like that.

\*\*\*\*\*: Long story short, out on a run one day. I heard worship music coming from upstairs. And I thought that is kind of strange. I saw the sign, got on the web site, got wrapped up Ryan's church, with the Oregon community, and from there on out, they were like hey, we're starting a pub. I'm like wait, wait, wait. Church -- like helping to start a pub, just amazing. And so from there on out, I was on board. Any time that I can mix anything in with the pub I'm on board.

\*\*\*\*\*: I'm a pastor of a church, called Oregon community. That's my job. That's what I actually do for a living. And so, that's for me, that's part of my motivation of why I'm involved in what we're doing here. It is a big part of my understanding of life and the world and the leader of all things.

\*\*\*\*\*: Jesus thank you for our faith community and thank you for what you're doing. In us, through us, help us -- to love our city, to love our neighborhood, and to love one another today. We choose to worship you through our acts of service this morning, instead of a more traditional way, we choose honor you through the care for our neighborhood and for one another. I pray that as we go out, you allow us to connect with one another, share life, and to open up in some way, and I pray you open our eyes to our neighbors and give us opportunities to care for what's around us. In any way possible. In your name we pray.

\*\*\*\*\*: Amen.

\*\*\*\*\*: Alright. We can't lose. The same price for a beer, but some of the proceeds are going to something good rather than just towards the manager or the owner.

\*\*\*\*\*: And it's family friendly, too.

\*\*\*\*\*: And plus when I come home to my wife, I've been in charity all day. [laughs] Cheers to that.

\*\*\*\*\*: There is nothing more oxymoron than have a pint, change the world. But that's the beauty of the Oregon Public House, it's taking something that seems to be not selfless or something that has traditionally been hedonistic, but using that thing to give back and to care for others. So, the idea of the Oregon Public House is that it is supporting organizations that are indeed changing the world by simply going out and having a pint, having a meal, and hanging out with friends. [music] [end of video]

**Busse:** So our final film. Portland is a remarkable place for us to have this program. There's a wealth of successful projects like these. It's also an incredible way for film makers that donate their time. Portland community media provides us with equipment. This next story is a little bit more poignant. Laci and her partner, Katherine [spelling?] from St. Olaf College did a fantastic job with it. Do you want to say anything about it, Laci?

**Dent:** I was proud to have filmed this and have worked with an incredible woman that I met here and got to know in such a short time. And I think my partner Katherine feels the same way. She inspires us personally. I hope she inspires you as well. [music] [video]

\*\*\*\*\*: This is all of my writing. That and then that on the bed, too. And then some new stuff in my phone. I'm a writing junky. I was actually the first person in my family to go to college, and everybody in my family is really smart. They just never went to college. But after that, I basically



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married the wrong person. The worst thing about being homeless was just feeling powerless. You just felt like you were going to be there forever and there was nothing that anybody could do or say that would change your path. As a woman, it's really hard to be on the street. You know, I've seen some women do horrible things just to fend off male attackers. I mean they don't shower and things like that, and it is just horrible. Like, we really need to protect our women on the street. I always felt like, since third grade, very blessed to just have the talent and gift of poetry. And to have a mom and dad that kind of fostered my talent from a very young age. And I always felt like it definitely conquered everything and was my rock through many storms in my life. When I first got diagnosed with the multiple sclerosis symptoms, I -- so basically, I was in the women's shelter. I was getting this backache that never went away and stabbing pains up and down my legs. It's very painful. There's times where I'll take a two-hour nap, and I will wake up on my bed and I literally cannot get up. And I will slide out of bed and I will crawl to get my cane, and it's very painful. And nobody sees that but me. Yeah. [music] [crying] It's really embarrassing I have to crawl across the floor. It gives me partial paralysis. Think about waking up and just not being able to move.

\*\*\*\*\*: Her infirmities make it hard to get by sometimes. She does a pretty good job with that, and especially with, I don't know, whatever kind of disease she has she rises to the occasion. She's got a really big heart and she's a really nice girl. She's also very good poet.

\*\*\*\*\*: I learned to take joy in the little things and that you can really count on people during hard times, and I've also learned that it's very important to surround yourself with positivity. Finding a job when you're homeless is almost near impossible. I did it, so, I mean, homeless people, most of them, are not lazy. Sometimes I didn't have any storage room for my things, so I had to -- I was interviewing for a preschool job at Vermont family learning, and I had to stash my big suitcase behind a garbage can, and just hope no one took it. You know, you go home with dirty hair and, yeah, it was just horrible. It's almost near impossible to find a job when you're homeless.

\*\*\*\*\*: I would not believe that anybody could be that cheerful, you know. I had to meet her to realize that she is genuinely a happy person and shares that. I know she has her pain, but she overcomes that and shares her happiness.

\*\*\*\*\*: You know, the sad part is I go downtown and I see some of the same women and they're still homeless and I'm not. So I kind of have homeless survivor's guilt, it's really weird. I mean, I can sit here and say the most average of people and talented people, you can find right out on the street. Blue butterfly crush with immovable arms, she tries to fly above. She is always stuck on the ground. She wants to be invisible. She is too powerful, too vulnerable, too beautiful to remain invisible. She clenches her jaw and stares at the world with both eyes open. A blue gaze that could tear your heart apart in mere minutes. She is composed of beauty and light [inaudible]. She is a woman. She may not have a home. But she has a name. She has a purpose. She has dreams. And you want to get to know her because she is the best thing that will ever happen to you. [music]

[end of video] [applause]

**Hales:** Excellent. Well done, all of them. Phil, thank you for being the guide for this great program. How long have you been involved in this?

**Busse:** Seven summers now.

**Hales:** You've been there the whole time.

**Busse:** Yeah. We've had 100 students come through and 70% going into public interest, which is great.

**Hales:** That's great.

**Busse:** Thank you for the opportunity to share the stories.

**Hales:** Thanks for putting these before the community today. I know some of us would probably like to help publicize this work further. It's possible for us to post these films on web sites and such. Some of us, I bet, would be interested in doing that.

**Busse:** Fantastic.

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**Hales:** Good. Let our office know if you can. We would like to do that.

**Busse:** We will. Thanks, Mayor Hales.

**Hales:** Thank you, and good luck. Appreciate it. Let's hear it for our students. [applause] All right. Let's move on to the remaining couple of regular agenda items that we have today. Karla.

**Item 795.**

**Hales:** Chief Crebs is here. Come on up and explain this item for us.

**Mike Crebs, Portland Police Bureau:** Good morning, Mayor. I'm Mike Crebs, I am the assistant chief of the Portland Police Bureau, assigned to the services branch. I'm here to talk about this ordinance. It gives the chief the authority to enter into agreements with private and public entities to use their property for training. Some examples might be where a gentleman that has a property developer, he may find a property that is dilapidated and plans on destroying it. He will then allow us to come train on that property for a week or so with the SWAT team. Or there may be a school district asking us to come in and do training inside the school in case there is a problem in the future. These properties are given to us free of cost. But we might be able to use them for one day or two weeks. And this allows the chief to -- someone calls up and say, hey, I've got this property for two weeks. The chief can enter into an agreement with the city attorney's approval, and we can go and train. It holds the property owner harmless if something happens to our officers. It's good for the city, it shortens the process, and part of the ordinance is if the property costs any money at all, he has to go through the regular process. So, this places no burden financially on the city.

**Hales:** And we have to do this by ordinance because we have to formally delegate the authority --

**Crebs:** Correct. Delegate to the chief and he is allowed to sign it rather than coming through city council and the other process, he can just execute these quickly. Sometimes they're only here for us for a couple of weeks. And they're also very -- they don't cost the city a dime.

**Hales:** Questions?

**Fritz:** I don't recall any or many of these coming to council in the past four years. Do you know how many have been before council?

**Crebs:** I don't know that for sure. I don't have that answer. I talked with our SWAT team today. We do about six a year. I don't know if there has been some confusion there or not, but they have not been coming here, is that what you're --

**Fritz:** Yes, I don't recall something like this before. So then I'm wondering why the -- we're now saying yes, you can do this.

**Crebs:** I don't have that answer. Someone must have found a situation where this is required to be done. I'm not sure. I don't have the answer for that. I can get that and get back with you folks.

**Hales:** This isn't an emergency item, so--

**Crebs:** I'll get back to you. How many of these have come before the city council in the last four years? Okay. I can do that.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Other questions. Thank you. Anyone signed up to testify?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, three people. Mark Hofheins, I believe is his last name, Joe Walsh, and Dan Handelman.

**Hales:** Come on up.

**Mark Hofheins:** Hearing his testimony, I wanted to stand on that. It was beautiful.

**Hales:** Thanks. Good morning, Dan.

**Handelman:** Hello. I'm still Dan Handelman with Portland Copwatch. And I appreciate that this ordinance restricts the delegation of authority to the chief to only things that won't cost the city money, but I think Commissioner Fritz started leaning towards what I'm concerned about which is that there should be some kind of reporting system set up so that we know what's going on so that there's more accountability. I'm sure it would not look good for the city -- I'm not accusing of the chief of doing this, but if it turned out that a white supremacist militia, say, donated their property,

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or their weapons, police were trained, that wouldn't end up looking good for the city. That's like a worst case scenario. You don't want to have union-busting corporations donating their facilities to the police. That would cause some concern among members of the community. So, it would be great if there were some at least quarterly reporting or something so that the council doesn't have to pass every single one of these agreements, that there is a form of reporting back and you can look over the shoulder and make corrections if something is askew, as it were. This reminds me of when we had the discussion about the camera placement on businesses, there were some businesses that were offering to the police, you can put your cameras up on our property, and there is going to be a delegation of authority for the chief to set those up. But I believe there was some kind of mechanism put in place so that at least the city would be kept abreast of where the cameras were going to go. We were hoping for the public to find that out, too. But I don't remember what ended up happening with that. So, accountability is part of our mission. I want to keep in mind that any time you delegate the authority to an unelected official, it would be great that the community has some way to make sure that that is being done responsibly.

**Hales:** Point taken. Thank you. Joe, good morning.

**Walsh:** Good morning. My name is Joe Walsh. I represent individuals for justice. We have the same question that Commissioner Fritz had. Which doesn't surprise me. Any time you take an elected official's authority and you give it to the police department, it makes me very nervous. I don't think that the police department has risen to the level that we can start moving our responsibility into the police department and let them handle it. Now, when we read this, we had the same reaction as Commissioner Fritz had. This seems so simple, yet you would have training on private property and why would you have to go before the council to do that? But then the argument was made, look, if it is only six or eight times a year, then what is the problem of having the mayor have oversight. And we like that idea. No matter who the Mayor is. We like that idea, that concept. So, when we start moving the responsibilities from our elected officials to the police department, on almost any level, we get very, very nervous. And it could be abused and I think Dan was right. There is a lot of stuff to think about on this. It sounds simple on the surface. But it could get complicated and there is enough going on right now with the police department and this council. You don't need this stuff. Just leave it the way it is. And it's only six, eight times a year. And I don't think the Mayor is that busy where the chief of police can't pick up the phone and say can we do this? I don't think they should have to come before the council and get authorization, but the Mayor should have the oversight. Thank you.

**Hales:** Let's -- obviously this is going to come back on second reading in three weeks. In the meantime we get answers to that question. Also the question of what should the commissioner in charge be doing. We all sign off on a number of things, ministerially, for example, every single discipline case requires the commissioner in charge's signature and that's true in the police bureau as well. And the police bureau case, when we are using forfeited funds to purchase something, I sign off on that individually. Let's take another look at those questions as well as the questions Commissioner Fritz raised in the meantime between now and when this comes back to council. This is carried over to second reading.

#### **Item 796.**

**Hales:** Good morning. Commissioner, please.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, Mayor. Pleasure to have the chief procurement officer's report to council on Station 21, as it has been a long time in the making. Station 21 is on the eastern shore of the Willamette river, right across the Hawthorne bridge, and it's Portland's last remaining fire house that is not seismically upgraded in able to withstand a major earthquake. Obviously this is not acceptable. Increased efforts around the marine rescue and the aquatic resources in the fire bureau means Station 21 must have become a safe effective station to run both on land and on water. Before us is the guaranteed maximum price that Skanska USA will charge the city for the demolition of the

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old structure, site stabilization, and construction of the new station. I believe that all due diligence has been pursued. And that this was the best price for this vital piece of infrastructure. OMF's facility services, Portland Fire & Rescue, purchasing, and our private architects and engineering consultants have poured over these plans time and time again looking for any savings and efficiencies that they can find. This guaranteed maximum price is substantially larger than the low confidence estimate at the start of this project, it remains within the budgeted resources identified for this effort. Chief procurement officer Christine Moody, project manager Connie Johnson, and Portland Fire & Rescue Chief Erin Janssens are here to make brief remarks and more importantly answer any questions that council members may have.

**Christine Moody, Chief Procurement Officer:** Christine Moody, procurement services. In April of 2012, city council authorized the use of a construction manager general contractor process for the construction of Portland Fire & Rescue, Fire Station 21 project. Through this process, an RFP was issued and four responses were received. The responses were evaluated by a five-person selection committee, which included representatives from Portland fire and facilities services, water bureau, and the minority evaluator program. Skanska USA was the highest scoring proposal and was issued a notice of intent to award a contract. The city then entered into contract negotiations and now you have before you the procurement report recommending a contract award for a guaranteed maximum price of \$6,010,828. The city and Skanska jointly worked on a minority, women and small business and supplier construction plan in which Skanska has committed to achieve the aspirational goal of 35% MWESB subcontracting, or equal to \$1,340,000. Skanska will comply with the city work force training and hiring programs requirements, 20% apprentices, 18% minority, and 9% female work hours on the project. I will turn this over to the fire chief Janssens to discuss the importance of moving forward with this project, and as the commissioner stated, Connie Johnson is here from facilities services to answer any technical questions that you may have.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Erin Janssens, Portland Fire & Rescue:** Good morning. Erin Janssens, Portland Fire & Rescue. Just a little history on Station 21. The original station at the east end of the Hawthorne Bridge was built in 1960 and operated until 1991. The 2009 tragedy of two children being thrown from the Sellwood Bridge, along with our increasing demands for river response on the Willamette River, prompted council to support reopening the station. So, in January of 2010, Portland Fire & Rescue relocated personnel from station 23 from the station at 13th and Gideon, southeast Portland, to what we now know as station 21 along the Hawthorne Bridge. And those personnel have been cross-staffed both the fire engine and a rescue craft, soon to be a fire boat, to provide both land and marine response. We would like to thank council for supporting this strategic move. From Station 21, firefighters respond to over 2,300 emergency calls, approximately 10% of those calls are marine-based. And they save approximately one person a month every month from a near drowning incident. During construction, station 21 will continue to operate from this site from temporary quarters directly adjacent to the station. And we expect from the beginning of demolition to occupancy of the finished station to be approximately 14 months. As you know, this is the final fire and rescue station to be seismically upgraded and a team of people have done their best to thoroughly review and contain costs. I'd like to take 30 seconds to thank now retired division chief Glen Eisner, deputy chief Marco Benetti who has taken over that position, our partners at BDS, Christine Moody, and special thanks to Connie Johnson who has done a phenomenal job overseeing the project and managing costs. It has been a real chore. I'd also like to thank and get credit to Welton Architecture for what I think is going to be a beautiful station that enhances our downtown core and very practical and efficient station that has the ability to add an rrv in the future if demands increase in the future. And also given its proximity from downtown from the Hawthorne Bridge and the esplanade, it has an educational display area in the station along the esplanade and a meeting

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room to share with community and city partners, which I think is key for the future of the station. So I believe this is going to be a solid long-term investment in the safety of our community.

**Hales:** Is that everybody?

**Connie Johnson, Office of Management and Finance:** Good morning, Connie Johnson, project manager, facility services. I'll anticipate that you're interested in some of the green strategy. We're on track for LEED gold certification. We'll have a solar ray on the roof that will generate almost 10 kilowatts of energy. We're using certified wood, recycled content materials, and we are instituting a measurement in verification effort to actually measure, post occupancy, what kind of energy we're getting and making sure that we're on track with what was designed into the project. We'll also have a storm water planter that runs between the fire station and the esplanade. On the construction schedule, Skanska plans to mobilize and reroute the esplanade traffic the 26th of August. Two weeks after that, they begin demolition. And then another two weeks after that they will begin the structural piles in the ground for the station and the soil stabilization effort and that's going to last about three months. You probably won't see anything come out of the ground significantly at the station until January of 2014. And then we expect substantial completion in October of 2014, and emergency responders can move back in.

**Hales:** Questions for the team? Thank you all.

**Saltzman:** Move adoption of the procurement report --

**Hales:** Anybody want to testify on this item?

**Moore-Love:** We have one person signed up. Lightning?

**Hales:** Thank you. Good morning.

**Lightning:** My name is Lightning. First of all, I have a problem with that seismic upgrade. It's my understanding that that is a single-level building and that is not required to be seismically upgraded unless of course you do major renovations and/or demolish the property. To do that seismic upgrade, there is a cost involved in that. Nowhere close to \$6 million. Again, fire station 21 located at 5 southeast Madison overlooking the Willamette river should not be demolished. Fire station 21 is a historic waterfront property in my opinion. Some day could be turned into a fire department maritime museum. Fire station 21 has a vast city of Portland history, dating many years back and is currently being used as a fire station. If it was a building there was a building in this city of Portland to be preserved for its historic significance, this would definitely be a prime candidate. An example to follow would be the efforts being made by Jordan Schnitzer to preserve Centennial Mills property. Centennial Mills is a long-standing history within Portland, and he is making every attempt to preserve this historic property. Fire station 21 should go through the same rigorous process, like Centennial Mills, with public input to determine if it should be demolished or preserved. I would like to think that the same attempt had been made to preserve fire station 21. I ask, can fire station 21 be preserved? Can it continue to be operated like it has been previously, for many years? This is not about the construction project amount of \$6 million being proposed. This is about a historic building being preserved because of its historic significance to the city of Portland. Save fire station 21, do not allow it to be demolished. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you very much. Anyone else? Okay. We have a motion to accept the report. Council discussion. Roll call.

**Item 796 roll call.**

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

**Fritz:** In the past, you've had questions about this, Commissioner Saltzman. I appreciate knowing that you have delved into all of those in thorough detail ahead of time, and also to the chief and others coming to brief me beforehand. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

**Item 797.**

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**Novick:** Mr. Mayor, colleagues, I actually apologize. One of a couple of items that could have gone the consent agenda. We're still working to see how we're going to separate the consent agenda items to regular agenda items and should have a more rational process for that soon. This item relates to Peabody having received a grant from ODOT to purchase the right of way for continues sidewalk corridor for southeast 122nd from Holgate to Ramona. The purchase of the right of way will allow for a separated sidewalk with a planter strip where most parts of SE 122<sup>nd</sup> where sidewalks are missing. The sidewalk also supports two crossings and curb ramps up to ADA standards. High rates of foreclosure activity during recent periods of economic difficulty resulted in a longer right of way phase which is because when a house is in foreclosure, the city needed to work with large banks to procure the right of way needed for the project, and this affected the timeline significantly in the case of four houses involved. So, this ordinance makes a technical adjustment extending the right of way phase to September 30, 2013.

**Hales:** Thanks for that explanation. Anyone signed up?

**Moore-Love:** No one signed up.

**Hales:** Okay, then roll call on the emergency ordinance.

**Roll call for emergency ordinance.**

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

**Hales:** This and the next item may be technical in nature but it's nice to see the city sidewalk projects getting done. Aye.

**Item 798.**

**Novick:** This item isn't very controversial either, however, I don't ever want to ever to have a safe routes to school project on the consent agenda because I think we should miss no opportunity to brag about safe routes to school, which, as you know, is our extremely successful program which has resulted in Portland having about 40% of students in many schools that participate, walking, or biking to school, compared to a national average of about 12%. Here we are accepting a grant of nearly \$500,000 that will allow us to invest in critical safety improvements for pedestrians at four elementary schools: Harvey Scott, Lent K8, Prescott Elementary, Mill Park Elementary. And we have Gabe Graff here to give us a few more details.

**Gabe Graff, Bureau of Transportation:** I am the safety and operations manager in the bureau of transportation in our active transportation division. And I'm here at Commissioner Novick's request to give you a brief overview of our safe routes to school program in light of this grant in front of you today. The Portland safe routes to school program is a partnership between the bureau of transportation, police, school districts, neighborhoods, community organizations and agencies that implement programs and projects that make walking, biking, and rolling to school easier, safer, and more accessible to more Portland families. We started the program in 2005 with eight partner schools. We now serve 35,000 students at over 80 schools across five school districts. We have partnerships with almost every elementary school in the city. We provide bicycle safety education, pedestrian safety education, encourage walking to school buses, and bike trains, partner with police on enforcement and safety issues, and identify projects around schools with a community that improves safety for young walkers and bikers. We have consistently evaluated our progress since the program began and have grown walking and biking rates as commissioner Novick mentioned to elementary schools by 35%. Today, 42% of trips to Portland elementary schools are active ones, a significantly higher rate than the national average of 12%. Equitable service is core to this program and we developed a policy in 2012 to guide our work in this regard. The policy helps us steer limited resources to the schools and students most in need. This is a tool that we use to identify the four schools shown here, which will receive much-needed grant funds to build pedestrian crossing improvement. Thanks for the opportunity to show the program to you today and I'm happy to answer any questions.

**Hales:** Questions? Good work. Thank you. Anyone signed up?

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**Moore-Love:** No one else signed up.

**Hales:** Then roll call, please.

**Item 798 roll call.**

**Saltzman:** This is indeed really great and important work. Thank you for giving us this brief overview. Aye.

**Novick:** I'd like mention where these schools are, Harvey Scott k-8 is located at 67th and Prescott. Lent k-8 is at 97th and Holgate. Prescott elementary is part of the Parkrose district located at northeast 104<sup>th</sup> and Prescott. And Mill Park Elementary is in the David Douglas district, 117th and Lincoln. I'm particularly pleased that schools in these areas are getting that kind of support. Aye.

**Fritz:** It is indeed good to see that Cully and east Portland are starting to get their long-needed pedestrian improvements. Thank you, Commissioner Novick. Aye.

**Fish:** I think I figured out why you put these on the regular agenda. A rough sketch of the math, and I think if you add up the federal funds and grant money, you are likely to come in in first place this week in the grant and federal funds sweepstakes putting all of the other bureaus to shame. [laughter] And on behalf of the water bureau and the bureau of environmental services, we accept the challenge. Thank you, Commissioner. Aye.

**Hales:** That will be fun to watch. Aye. The next item.

**Item 799.**

**Novick:** Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, as you know in 2011, the Portland Bureau of Transportation began to develop plan for improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities along North Williams avenue. In June, 2012, the stakeholders advisory committee for the project voted to support the project recommendations which exceeded the original project budget. Appreciate all of the work of the stakeholders. Recommendations included striping of the roadway to improve bicycle capacity and safety, pedestrian crossing safety improvements, and traffic management improvements. PBOT pursued funding to design construction of the project through several grant programs, including the Oregon Department of Transportation's transportation enhancement program, and in March 2013, ODOT's transportation enhancement program notified the award of \$1,360,000 in grant funds. So that's how this comes to us here today.

**Hales:** Staff is here to answer questions if there are any. Or, a presentation if you have one. Any questions? Great. Anyone signed up to testify?

**Moore-Love:** No one signed up.

**Hales:** Let's take a roll call on that one.

**Item 799 roll call.**

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

**Fritz:** This is great that we got the grant and also that we were able to come to some consensus in the community on this. The grant itself doesn't tell the story of the concern and community investment in having the discussions on exactly what to do with it. And so I also want to note that the late Lee Pearlman was very involved in this on behalf of the Elliott neighborhood and I recognize his service to our community. Thank you Commissioner Novick for putting this on the regular agenda. It is important to for people to know when they've had difficult discussions in the community, the office of equity and office of neighborhood involvement were very involved in getting to this agreement of what to do. It's important for us to know that the money is coming in and now we can move forward with the project. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Hales:** Yeah, sometimes no news is good news. The fact that this room is nearly empty and everyone is smiling about a project that was both technically and politically difficult speaks volumes and I want to thank everyone's work. Some of which has just been acknowledged to getting to yes on a very helpful improvement to the system. So, well done. Thank you. Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Item 800.**

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**Novick:** Item that could have gone to the consent agenda as far as I'm concerned. Part of the reason it's on our agenda, is because the original IGA had the wrong amount of congestion mitigation and air quality program dollars listed. I don't think there is anything other than technical about this item.

**Hales:** Questions or testimony?

**Moore-Love:** No one signed up.

**Fritz:** A comment, response to Commissioner Fish's previous accepting of challenge. It reminds me of David Letterman when commenting on stupid human tricks. This is only an exhibition, not a competition, there is no win. With that in mind, I want to note that the local match is being provided by Portland Parks & Recreation.

**Hales:** Let the record show. [laughter] This passes to second reading. Item 801.

**Item 801.**

**Fritz:** Mayor, if I may, I would like to move an amendment which I'm passing out a copy of to the city attorney. This has been reviewed by the commissioner in charge of transportation, by the city attorney, and by the attorney for the Portland rowing club. I am moving an amendment to add a sentence to the finding in section 1, part 2, after where it says the consolidation of property will provide for the future development of Portland rowing club's property. The amendment says at the time that Portland rowing club applies for a permit for such future development, the club will be required to grant an easement for the Willamette greenway recreational trail as provided by Chapter 33 point 272 of the city code.

**Hales:** Okay. Is there a second?

**Novick:** Second. This has the concurrence of the commissioner in charge, and does the Portland rowing club have any objection?

**Fritz:** They indicated in an email to city attorney that they're okay with this amendment. It doesn't -- the mayor raised at our discussion last week the issue of the Nollan and Dolan takings issue, chapter 33, 272, of the city code does require the trail, and it also acknowledges that there has to be a reasonable nexus according to the Supreme Court decision.

**Fish:** One other question, if we adopt this, do we have a slap an emergency clause on the ordinance?

**Fritz:** That will be my next motion.

**Hales:** Does anyone want to testify on the amendment before council takes a vote on that, please come on up.

**Dean Alderman:** I'm the attorney for the Portland Rowing Club. My address is 805, southwest Broadway street, 2750, Portland. We don't oppose the amendment. In my discussion with Mr. Auerbach yesterday, he and I concurred that any requirement of a dedication by the city would nevertheless be subject to the principles of Dolan vs. the City of Tigard. Thank you.

**Hales:** Understood. Anyone else? Roll call.

**Item 801 Roll Call.**

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

**Fritz:** Thank you, Mr. Alderman, for puzzling through this and for taking the time to be here today. Aye.

**Hales:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I move that we add an emergency clause for the public purpose.

**Fish:** Second.

**Fritz:** I've got to say why, just so you know, of expediting the public good in this matter because we don't meet again for another three weeks.

**Hales:** Any objection? Roll call on the substitution emergency clause.

**Roll call on emergency clause.**

**Saltzman:** Aye. **Novick:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

**Hales:** Roll call on the amended emergency ordinance.

**Roll call on amended emergency ordinance.**



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**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Novick:** I appreciate Commissioner Fritz's usual attention to detail, raising issues nobody else raises and then being willing to work hard for the next week to address those issues. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you to all of my colleagues for recognizing even when something has taken a long as the street vacation, recognizing the extraordinary effort that that takes, and in particular this case, which has gone through many iterations with the Bureau of Environmental Services. There can sometimes be a tweak at the end which I believe makes it clearer what the intent is. So thanks to the city attorney's office, to all sides. I did hear from neighbors in the community expressing concern about this. And I'm pleased that we are able to be very clear and finally get the settlement on this. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Hales:** Aye. And we are recessed until 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. Thanks, everybody.

At 11:51 a.m. Council recessed.

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**AUGUST 14, 2013 2:00 PM**

**Novick:** Are we set? The August 14th afternoon version of the Portland City Council is now in session. Karla, please call the roll.

**Saltzman:** Here. **Novick:** Here. **Fish:** Here.

**Novick:** Could you read the title for the next and only item?

**Item 802.**

**Novick:** Commissioner Saltzman, take it away.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, Mr. President. We are here today to celebrate a major accomplishment, the preservation and revitalization of 11 buildings containing more than 700 units of affordable housing. These efforts began in 2008 under the capable leadership of my colleague here on my left, Commissioner Nick Fish, who was then charge of the housing bureau. And then housing director, Will White, who is also with us today. With numerous public, private, public and private partners, including HUD, the state of Oregon, and the network for affordable housing, we have secured tremendous affordable housing assets for the next 60 years. And before I pass it over to Commissioner Fish, I would like to acknowledge and thank him for his championship on the 11 by 13 preservation program, the campaign. Nick, your legacy as housing commissioner will live on with the people and families who will have secure and affordable housing for more than half a century, thanks to you. I'm pleased to hand it over to you.

**Fish:** Wow, thank you very much. Thank you for that gracious introduction and welcome friends and colleagues to this wonderful occasion. For the last five years, I had the privilege of leading the new Portland Housing Bureau. In June, you may have heard, Mayor Hales gave me a new set of assignments, and I passed the baton to Dan Saltzman. It has been a remarkable five years, marked by a number of significant wins we achieved together as a community. Today we celebrate the successful preservation of more than 700 affordable apartments, homes mostly to older adults and the disabled, in 11 formerly at risk buildings. As we all know, and as Susan will remind us later, Portland has a significant shortage of homes affordable to low-income families and adults. And one of the Portland Housing Bureau's top priorities is building new, affordable homes, and preserving existing affordable homes. In 2007, before I had the honor of joining this body, the city worked with Harold Schnitzer, Harsch investment, and Cedar Sinai Park to preserve 235 homes at clay tower near PSU. Once at risk of become a boutique hotel or expensive condominium, Rose Schnitzer tower, as it is now known, is a shining example of the power of innovative public/private partnerships to address our housing crisis. In one of my first meetings with forming housing director Will White in 2008, he briefed me on a looming threat of the existing supply of affordable homes. Federal subsidies in 11 privately-owned Portland buildings were set to expire between 2008 and 2013. Once those section eight contracts expired, the owners could opt out of the program and then they could sell the building, raise the rents, or frankly do whatever they wanted. Over 700 low-income older adults and people with disabilities faced the prospect of higher rent, displacement, even homelessness. And the City risked losing more than \$120 million in federal subsidies over the next 20 years. In response, we launched the 11 by 13 campaign to preserve all of those building. Three consecutive housing directors led this charge, Will White, Margaret Van Vliet, and Traci Manning. That's a heck of an honor role. The goal was ambitious, work with local apartments to save all 11 buildings by 2013. The odds were against us. But hundreds of vulnerable people

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deserved our best shot. It took a big team of public and private partners and a lot of hard work and today we get to celebrate. Dan and I have asked three panels to come before council today and share their story. And we'll hear from the many unsung heroes who made this day possible. First up, two of the champions from the public sector. Portland Housing Bureau Director, Traci Manning -- where do I know that name -- who brought this effort home, and Mary McBride, a passionate housing leader, director of region 1 for HUD, and most importantly, an extraordinary partner. Would you please both come forward. And welcome.

**Traci Manning, Director, Portland Housing Bureau:** Thank you, Commissioners. So, I got lucky today. Today is our day to celebrate partnerships, and some of our great partners are in the room. Commissioners asked me to take a moment to recognize some of them. We won't get to all of them in one breath but we will get to more later. So I'd love as I read the names of some of our local partners who made this effort happen, if they would stand. I know there is a few staff members here in the room from REACH community development. Excellent. Thank you. Northwest housing alternatives. Cedar Sinai Park. Union labor retirement association. Guardian management. Winkler development corporation. And Harsch investment properties. These are some of the really effective organizations that provide homes in our community for vulnerable people.

**Fish:** Traci let me add to that list, if I could.

**Manning:** Please do.

**Fish:** We also have some of our outstanding leaders and supporters in different legislative bodies. State representative Jules Bailey is here. Take a bow, please. Thank you for your great work. State senator Ginny Burdick, Stephanie Phillips from Congressman Blumenauer's office, and Brain Plinsky from Congresswoman Bonamici's office. Let's give them a round of applause and our heart felt thank you. [applause]

**Manning:** So, a few words about some of our development partners that are here today and played a major role in the initiative. Northwest Housing Alternatives is an organization that works statewide. Some places where there wouldn't otherwise be a nonprofit provider has affordable homes. Cedar Sinai Park, an innovative model that leverages public and private money including health care dollars so very low income seniors can age in place. REACH CDC is one of our community's largest and most experienced community development corporations and their headquarter is the grays landing building, which brought the first affordable homes to the south waterfront. All of us at PHB are honored with the people doing this much good and are strong, well-managed organizations that were able to respond quickly in this crisis. Five years ago when the need to preserve these buildings was identified, you recall that we had a real estate market moving at break-neck speed, with buildings being sold and rentals being converted into condos seemingly overnight. Had we not worked with our partners, the residents, more than 700 people could have been swept up in the tide of market forces. These are our city's most vulnerable people, seniors, people with disabilities, and very low income. Our community, one that partners to create a powerful movement, preserved the affordability of these homes for 60 years. We did that efficiently. We leveraged substantial, private, state, and federal dollars. For every dollar the city invested, we leveraged \$4 in private investment and \$5 in federal funds. Specifically the city invested \$22 million in community development block grant, section 108 loans, and urban renewal dollars. That leveraged \$110 million in private investment and more than \$120 million in federal assistance over the next 20 years. To hear more about that, I'll turn it back to Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** You are? [laughter]

**Manning:** Yes.

**Fish:** Before I introduce Terri, I want to thank Kevin Possi, is that correct -- Kevin, where are you? To support Will White, we have additional staff people from Senator Merkley's office. Would you please stand so that we can recognize you? Wow. The A-team.

**Saltzman:** The whole office.

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**Fish:** If any of you here have a constituent concern we will be meeting -- [laughter] The district director is here and she will be happy to take your name and number. I also, we're going to be thanking other people later. But let's get everybody identified. We have a number of key staff people from the Portland Housing Bureau. And they are some of the best and finest and hardest working public servants in our community. Would the Portland Housing Bureau community please stand. We also have great partners from home forward. Steve Rudman and members of his team are here. Would you please stand? Of course we could not be successful without great leadership and partners at the county. If you're here from the county, would you please -- okay. Well, it's now my honor to introduce Mary McBride. In the way that HUD is organized by regions, Mary is -- is the top of the food chain in our region, which means she is the boss of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho.

**Mary McBride:** That's it.

**Fish:** And that's it. She has aspirations of course for more territory.

**McBride:** Exactly. Looking at Montana.

**Fish:** Mary and her wonderful team, who she will acknowledge in a moment, have been with us every step of the way. We're so fortunate not only here in Portland, but in Seattle, to work with a great team from HUD. Mary you honor us today with your presence. Thank you.

**McBride:** Thank you, Commissioner Fish. Commissioner Saltzman, you're stepping into some wonderful shoes, and I look forward to working with you in the same way we have with our good friend and colleague Commissioner Fish. Before I get started, I want to take just a moment to recognize members of the HUD team who have worked on this initiative. Not everyone's whose fingerprints that are part of this are here today. If the HUD team would stand up. [applause] You know, we've always looked to Portland and certainly the surrounding area as a place where new ideas merge and where the bar is never high enough. It's a place that challenges yourselves to stretch and look beyond the status quo. A lot of jurisdictions may have been tempted when faced with the challenge that you were faced, in terms of properties who were aging out, may have said that's -- that's a really big problem, and hopefully someone will take care of it. But in the true sense of leadership, people stepped up with a vision, a bold vision, and 11 by 13 vision. Not to do it by yourself, but, in fact, to look at how to mobilize partners, how to bring the right people to the table. When we talk about preservation, it is such a critical piece of the continuum of housing. Particularly in terms of affordable housing. And yet in many aspects, preservation is one of the most difficult. It's also one of the pieces where being the only player at the table won't work. Partnerships are an essential part of ensuring that properties are preserved for decades to come. But when we talk about preservation, it's also about more than just bricks and mortar. More than just a building. When we talk about the efforts that have gone on here, it's really about the people who call those facilities home. It's also about community. And ensuring that properties are preserved, not just for today, but frankly for those who are yet to come. You know, when we talk about what took place with this initiative, it took a lot of not just people at the table thinking out of the box, but it really took the courage and the leadership to have actions outside the box. Move them forward. To mix and match. To push the envelope. And I am really proud of the partners here, including the role that HUD played. You know, oftentimes when you think about a federal department, it's easy to say, particularly in this day in age, that federal government can be part of the problem. And in this community, in this state, in this region, it brings me great pleasure to say that not only are we at the table, but we're part of the solution. And in this case, bringing not only our traditional players and our traditional resources, but bringing other types of funds, other types of flexibilities to make this work. And at the end of the day, I can say with great pride that this is the right role of government. Supporting local priorities, levelling the playing field, and being accessible and flexible when we need to be. Commissioners, I look forward to the next initiative that raises the bar higher and being a partner with you, we saw the folks who stood up here representing our HUD office. They are

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among the best of the best. And are eager to walk the next part of the journey with you here in Portland. Thank you. [applause]

**Fish:** Thank you. Thank you Mary. Next our second panel. We will hear from two key partners from the nonprofit sector and a very special guest. Rob Prash, with the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing, or NOAH was part of this team from the very beginning. I believe that we would not have been successful with the innovative, collaborative approach that he and Bill Van Vliet brought to this effort from the beginning. Also joining us is David Fuks, with Cedar Sinai Park. In all, they helped us preserve more than 500 affordable homes and protect over \$100 million in federal subsidy over the next 20 years. And, third, we invite up my friend, Bill Gentile. Bill is the incoming chair of elders in action, and most important for today, a resident of uptown tower. Welcome, gentlemen. Rob.

**Rob Prash:** Thank you, Commissioner Fish. I want to start today by recognizing Commissioner Fish for his dedication to affordable housing and for his efforts to protect the Portland safety net programs. Those have been critical. And under Commissioner Fish's leadership, preservation has been one of the city's highest priorities. As you look around the room, many people here contributed to the success that we're celebrating today. I want -- what some people may not know is that the foundation for this success was set way back in 2007, when a group of housing advocates, property owners, charitable foundations and government agencies all came together to address the very real possibility that Portland might lose some of the 11 incredibly important buildings. People like Will White, who you will hear from shortly, Doug Stamm from Meyer Memorial Trust, and many other community leaders worked together to develop the strategies that were used successfully to preserve these affordable Portland homes. So, the success we're celebrating here today wasn't because of good timing or good luck, but it was a result of good public policy and the joint efforts of many of the folks here today. So, congratulations to everybody involved in this great accomplishment, but let's not forget the need for affordable housing in our community is greater than ever, and let me just finish by saying, as Commissioner Saltzman assumes the responsibility for guiding Portland's housing agenda, as Mary said just a minute ago, the bar has been set high, but I think we can expect to see many great accomplishments in the years to come. Thanks. Thank you.

**Fish:** Thank you Rob. Every time someone says residual receipts, somehow I have a mental image of you.

**Prash:** I don't know if that's a compliment or not, but that's a lot of money. [laughter]

**Fish:** Thank you. David?

**David Fuks:** I'm the CEO of Cedar Sinai Park. It is an honor to be here to thank you for the work that the city has done in providing the leadership to make this 11 by 13 dream happen. In the town we praise the man who plants the tree that will bloom in six years beyond his own lifetime, recognizing that he received the fruit of the trees sown by others before them. Our city has done that for the community in a significant way. The vision and willingness to do that was initiated by you and we are so grateful. I want to express gratitude also to so many of the people who provided the leadership and the energy that made it possible for Cedar Sinai Park to step forward into this new role as an organization. Particularly Jim Winkler who is in the room, but also Harold and Arlene Schnitzer, and from Harsch who all made a significant difference. The buildings we bought are beautiful. They could have easily been turned into condominiums and been an asset of another sort in downtown. The vision to preserve these buildings as affordable housing and to renovate them and make them beautiful, and make them sound for the next 60 years, is something that we take great pleasure in and great pride in. I am astounded by the creativity that it took to put these transactions together. The variety of funds, the leveraging that you talked about earlier, it was a remarkable combination of resources and energy and extremely bright minds just to receive the opportunity to pay the tuition, to be in the room with so many great people was well worth it from my perspective. I want to express gratitude to all of those, the banking sector, housing department, the city, the state,

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and the federal government all played significant roles in being able to make these projects happen and it was a remarkable experience. Commissioner, I'm a kid from Detroit, Michigan. And I spent my youth there. I'm sad to say, it's not the city that I grew up in anymore. I've lived in Portland for almost 40 years. But it's -- when I go to my home town, I'm filled with a combination of nostalgia and sadness because of the failure of what good governance was about. I'm so proud that for the last 40 years that I have lived in a city that takes governance seriously, that makes investments in the community and has the vision to preserve its assets and do the stewardship that's necessary to make things work. I thank you for that leadership.

**Fish:** Thank you very much. We wanted to honor one of the residents. And I know there are a number of people here today who joined us who are residents. And -- but Bill, Bill is -- wears many hats. And from leadership of elders in action, to fighting for affordable housing, to being a blogger, to being a really great guy, and we're grateful that you're here today, Bill.

**Bill Gentile:** Thank you, Commissioner. Good afternoon commissioners and thank you very much for inviting me to speak here today. I was aware of enormous amount of partnerships that went into this project. But until all of the people were introduced, I really didn't have a handle on how many were actually involved. So I want to thank them as well for their contribution to this project. As a resident of one of those preserved buildings, I appreciate the opportunity to live in a comfortable, safe location that has easy access to transportation and allows me to participate in this community. Not only just doing volunteer work, but just going to the park and watching the kids run in the fountain, which is one of my fun things to do, to walking to the three farmers markets here in the city, which offer an opportunity for shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables. And social, cultural aspect of the city as well that has been so generous in giving discounts to seniors and people with disabilities. So, I'm very grateful for the opportunity to live in one of these buildings that so many people have worked hard to make available. And I could probably spend the rest of the day explaining it. But I understand the time limit so I'll end it there. My deep thanks to all of you for your work in making affordable housing available.

**Fish:** And thank you for highlighting the values around making sure that people have choices of where they live. When I have out of town guests, I make a point of taking them to Director Park, standing on one corner of Director Park and explaining to them that 60% of the cost of that park was borne by the private sector, by people like the Schnitzer family who made it possible. And then I point to the Admiral on the corner of the park, and I say this is a home to some folks in our community who experience the most barriers and the least resources to afford where they can live. I'm proud to live in a city that places an affordable home next to a new park so that the folks who live there can enjoy the same quality of life that we all do. And I think that's at the heart of the value system behind 11 by 13. Thank you. I want to acknowledge that the Mayor has joined us. We have one more panel. Thank you, gentlemen. [applause] We have two more special guests to recognize and honor today. The first is Will White. Will is our secret weapon in Washington, D.C. where he advises Oregon's junior senator, Jeff Merkley, on all things housing. And I can tell you from personal experience, there were some bumps in the road in this process that no one but Will could figure out. And without his leadership, it would not have happened. As the former director of what was once called bureau of housing and community development, Will literally shaped our preservation agenda. He's joined by Susan Emmons. Susan, as we know, is a tireless advocate for low income older adult and champion for affordable housing downtown.

**Will White:** Thank you, Commissioner. Mayor Hales and rest of the commissioners, it is great to be back here in front of the City Council. I haven't been in sometime. I have been back on the east coast. How appropriate to celebrate the success of the 11 by 16 campaign that when it was launched in 2008, few would have bet that we could have achieved a 100% success at the rather audacious goals that were set. I think others in the broad team that worked on this have already covered most of the points. I'm not going to go over them once again. Just a couple of broader lessons that

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occurred to me. One is that sometimes people say, well, should the private sector take care of this problem or should government take care of this problem? Each has its own advocate to think one avenue or the other is really the right one. It is clear to me that in this case neither one alone was going to be able to do the job. That's what brought together this coalition of different organizations and smart individuals, committed people that you have heard from and heard about today because neither sector, neither the nonprofit or the for profit sector, or government could have done it on its own. You hear these days, kind of a pessimistic, well, government doesn't work anymore, government is the problem rather than the solution. When I look at this one, it was a very seamless collaboration of the local government, the state government, and the federal government agreeing on goals that they wanted to support with the resources they could uniquely bring together. And with anyone of those partners having stood back from the table, we could not have succeeded. And then finally, just an acknowledgment about the importance of learning from history. Because I go back to when I first came to Portland, and many of you will remember, and certainly Susan first and foremost, the tragic failure to be able to save the Roosevelt when we had an affordable property that was so valuable as a redevelopment opportunity, and the public sector couldn't step forward and maintain it. And those folks got turned out and it was a lot of work to find places to house them again. We learned from that lesson when this kind of a threat came up again, we said we're not going to go down that path, we are going to be proactive, we're going to get together all of the people that will be committed to this from all of the sectors that I just talked about and together let's hope we can save at least a majority of the buildings, and it is a delight to me that we were able to preserve them all. I could like to turn it over to Susan Emmons to talk about the people that benefited from that.

**Susan Emmons:** Thank you. I'm Susan Emmons, I'm the director of NW Pilot Project. I've been in my job for 28 years. Many of the people in this room -- I have to say, I'm thrilled to be here today. This is really cause for celebration. I think in the limited time we have, it hasn't been possible to talk about the mind-boggling complexity of the financing to make this happen. But I think with stands out is when you have a vision and a goal, you can do it. And I think that many people in this room know we have been keeping an inventory since 1994 to track the loss of housing in the center of the city. Sometimes conversion to another use. We are 1,893 units short of the goal that the city set. And imagine how much worse that would be if we hadn't been able to preserve these buildings. There is a wonderful story about a delegation of citizens who came to see Franklin Roosevelt -- and when they were finished, the president said, okay. You convinced me. Now go on out and bring pressure on me. And I love that story, but I think the other side of that equation is you have to have responsive public officials. You can be great advocates and get everyone together, and I think what sets Portland apart is that we have people in the public sector, you, who respond. We put pressure on you and you say okay, let's get this done. And we work together in partnership. I think it's important to say, we haven't solved our housing problem, but preservation means we have fewer people that lost their -- this is the other equation of how we're going to end homelessness, preserving housing, and keeping homes for people. I won't say anymore, because we don't have time. It is impossible to capture in a few minutes what this effort has meant to the people who live in these apartment buildings. Every one of these buildings is precious to us. We thank you for this effort. Portland knows how to do it and Portland knows how to partner. And we are the model and there are going to be more opportunities.

**Fish:** Thank you Susan. Thank you very much. I will make a couple of closing remarks and turn it over to my colleague and friend Dan Saltzman and then we have a little ceremony. What a year this has been. 2013. We made history in the legislature when speaker -- section 8 reform bill finally made its way through the legislature with the support of the governor and we will now be one of the few states in the nation that does not allow discrimination against voucher holders. And earlier in the spring, we celebrated another remarkable community-wide accomplishment, operation 305,

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where we took a program, the voucher program, which frankly doesn't work as well as it should and with the help of partners in the private and public, nonprofit and state community, we got all 305 vouchers utilized. Remarkable accomplishment. But today we get to celebrate the completion of 11 by 13. And I was so honored to be a part of this effort over the last five years. Yes, the numbers are amazing, and if you add rose schnitzer manor, which, in fact, inspired this campaign, it is a total of \$23 million of city investment, leveraging over \$100 million in private investment, which preserved over 1,000 affordable apartments and protected nearly \$165 million in federal subsidies. It just doesn't get any better than that. Oh, yes, it does. Because more than that, we protected the homes of some of our community's most vulnerable residents. Older adults and people with disabilities in our community should never be treated like second class citizens. They should have the same choice of where to live that everyone in this room enjoys, and they should be as proud as we are in where they live. I want to close by offering my special thanks to Commissioner Dan Saltzman, Shannon Callahan and his crack team for helping to organize this event. It was enormously gracious for him to do so and he has my full support as he goes forward. I want to thank my team, Sonia Schmanski, and everybody in my office for working tirelessly. A special shout out for Jaymee Cuti. Would you stand? Jaymee did a lot of the heavy lifting -- [applause] And Jaymee got me to do something that I never thought I would do, which is she got me to figure out how to use my smartphone. I downloaded an app which probably most of you have, and I put the app next to the bar code on the story boards down stairs and she has produced videos and oral histories of every single -- of a tenant from every building in the 11 by 13. Jaymee, thank you for telling their story and for reminding us that this is about the people that we serve and not just the bricks and mortar. I'd also like to acknowledge all of Jaymee's colleagues at the Portland Housing Bureau. From our distinguished director and all of the staff members that are here today, you make all of us up here proud to call you colleagues. And I'd also like to especially acknowledge outgoing deputy director Jacob Fox, who is relocating to Eugene and whose hard work was essential to making the stars align in these complicated deals. Jacob would you stand and accept our congratulations. [applause] It has been an absolute honor to be a foot soldier in this movement. I'm proud of what we accomplished together, and I continue to be inspired by a vision that we all share. One in which everyone in our community some day has a safe and decent place to call home. Thank you all. Dan.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, again, Commissioner Fish, for your outstanding leadership on this 11 by 13, and outstanding leadership on the housing bureau for the last five years. While we celebrate the accomplishment of 11 by 13 today, there were some comments about raising the bar, and while I don't want to take total credit yet for raising the bar, because this rightly belongs in -- taking an enormous effort that is going to raise the bar here and that is to undertake a preservation effort of similar magnitude to, in their case, involves 10 high-rise buildings, provide 1,200 homes for seniors and those on disabilities. And this is an undertaking of an enormous magnitude. These structures that have served us well for a long time and many of them are showing their age. This will be a great effort, too. Like 11 by 13, a big effort, tremendous capital needs. I know it will be something that we will be looking forward but working with Home Forward and I know HUD will be right there with us as will probably many of the other partners that Commissioner Fish outlined in today's announcement. Thank you for your leadership.

**Fish:** I think before we wrap up, Dan and I have a special gift for Will. We have a bound volume with the stories and the histories of all 11 projects, which is a special addition. Dan and I would like to present this to you, Will, with our sincere thanks for your remarkable leadership in this endeavor. [applause] Commissioner Saltzman, Mayor Hales, I think that concludes the formal presentation.

**Moore-Love:** We have public testimony still.

**Hales:** Anyone else signed up to speak besides the panels that we already have?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, we have two people. Lightning and Crystal Elinski.

**Hales:** Come on up, please. Good afternoon.



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**Lightning:** Good afternoon. My name is Lightning. This 11 by 13 is absolutely a success, and, again, I'd like to commend Cedar Sinai, Mr. Winkler, and the Schnitzer family for their great efforts and all of the other partners involved of course. One of the concerns I do have is that I notice a lot of these buildings are the historic properties, close to downtown, and possibly what I was thinking is that maybe we could look out a little bit more on the outskirts at some of the larger properties, maybe 200 to 500-unit capacity, maybe some previously built by like the Randall realty group and maybe try to get some of these larger apartment complexes actually into the game here as far as providing more housing for the homeless. I heard a number up here of 1893 that they came up short on the housing units. If you calculate that number, that's almost what we currently have out on the sidewalks right now around 2,000. So, that number, when you look at it, it's very interesting, and what I want to make sure is that the people outside, throughout this city, on the sidewalks, I know Mayor Hales is making an effort to do the right thing. Sidewalks weren't ever created to sleep on. They were never created to be housing. And he's in a difficult situation here that I think the community needs to come together and help him solve this problem because it's not easy for him to have to move people across the street. And we need more housing. We need more participation. We need more people to understand sidewalks were never meant to sleep on. And if you walk by somebody sleeping on the sidewalk and you're not upset about it, I really think there is something wrong. People don't deserve to sleep on sidewalks. We need more housing. Mayor Hales understands that. He needs more assistance throughout the community. More developers, possibly even cedar sinai, jordan schnitzer stepping in and helping solve this problem. Thank you.

**Hales:** Good afternoon, welcome.

**Crystal Elinski:** Thank you, commissioners. Glad we have public comment on this. I represent 10,000 statistically random people that would love to be here. It's hard for me to come here so I'm glad that I can testify today on this. The five-year mark is a special mark for me as well. That's how long I've been coming to City Hall to have my voice heard about the dire conditions of homelessness in this town. And as you know, I've been constantly pointing out what some of the problems were and at this point, five years later, things do not seem much better. I haven't been able to make it here in the last couple of weeks, but every time I'm here I see the City Hall patting itself on the back. It's good to have these events that we can look back and see what worked, but I don't really see progress. And as walter white was expressing, who is going to take responsibility? Should the private sector take it or should the government? And I say that's who got us in this place in the first place. This economic crisis, and the people on the street, the children on the streets. We have amazing people all around us that have lives, have families, have histories and have futures, and for you to come to your job every day and have to climb over them to get into your building, maybe push them across the street a bit. The first time it happened, I know I told the Mayor. I didn't know about it. They pushed away the vigil for homelessness that had been there for a year and a half. Next they pushed people out again within two days. I'm not privy to this information. I come to City Hall and I can't even keep track of all of the changes that are going on. Meanwhile, to these 11 units, I have personal experience with them. I have applied for a lot over the years. I've had some interesting experiences. I would have thought that it was a given that we would keep these housing units in place, and in fact increase them over the years. There should be for every new building, every empty building, we should have a set number to fit the needs of the 2,000 plus on streets and the thousands upon thousands waiting in line. When I finally got my name up for housing, through housing authority, I was treated really horribly. Their lawyer person wouldn't tell me what kind of lawyer she was or what she did, but she accused me of having had in my past, a eviction. If you had done your research, you would have found that my landlord was the one that got me into homelessness, he made a settlement with me and then I sued him with bureau of labor and industries. This is a story that is one of the many. I'm glad Nick Fish and Dan Saltzman for your exhibit downstairs. I want to

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see these faces, these underrepresented faces more. But I want this kind of program to become the norm. Thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thanks, Crystal. Thank you very much. Anyone else?

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

**Hales:** Motion.

**Saltzman:** So moved.

**Fish:** Second.

**Item 802 Roll Call.**

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Novick:** I just want to thank everybody here who has worked so hard for this moment, and unfortunately we can't take it for granted that the resources we have be preserved. It's taken a lot of effort and I congratulate you on your achievement. Aye.

**Fish:** About five years ago, we launched a new Portland Housing Bureau, and perhaps some people then wondered what would that mean to our community. And I think this is yet another example of what bringing all of our programs and resources and talents under one roof meant for our city. I am so proud of what we together have accomplished. And I'm also grateful for Lightning and Crystal to remind us that as we come together and celebrate the wins, we also must commit to doubling down, because the work is not complete. And my regret is that -- is that we are -- we use language like ending homelessness, when we know that there will always be poverty and homelessness in our midst. As long as there is someone in need, I hope there are people like you in our community ready to step up and make a difference as you have done through this campaign. And to Will White, we don't have the words to thank you for your leadership on this endeavor. It's risky to say that there was one indispensable person, but I think that we would all here agree that you were that indispensable person. And we are grateful to you and honored to call you our colleague and we wish you many, many years of success in Washington as our captain as we continue to tackle this problem. Thank you all for making this an extremely proud day for our city and our city council. Aye.

**Hales:** I'm very pleased to be here for the grand finale of this important discussion and celebration of a milestone. And excellent work by all concerned. By our leaders on the city council. Thank you both, Commissioner Fish and Commissioner Saltzman, for leading our role in this constructive partnership. And that's really what we're about here. If you think about what characterizes our success as a community, in housing and in other things, it's first of all, a willingness to innovate, try new things, to be bold, look at our park system, 112 years ago, a bunch of citizens decided to hire the best landscape architect in the country to come do a parks plan for us that we're still carrying out. We've been bold. We've been innovative. Community development network that will and Tasha Harmon helped to start. Organize our efforts. Try new things and try them in partnership. That's the other thing that is so clearly distinguishes the destructive politics of what we see -- that spirit of partnership will work with the private developers, landlords and land owners, and trade organizations. We'll work with nonprofits. A whole lot of nonprofits who have done and continue to do amazing things in trying to meet the housing needs of our community. And then the third ingredient, in addition to that, innovation and spirit of partnership, a persistence in good policy. Some of these things take time. This one was done remarkably quickly. But some of these things take a long and sustained effort. At the risk of embarrassing you a little more, will, you personify those values. Innovator, great partner, and working on this agenda for a long time with those of us who appreciate you so much. Personal, special note, one of a long line of Virginians who came to Oregon and made a difference. Starting with that Merriweather Lewis guy and another guy who left a small contracting business in Virginia to move to Portland. I can particularly appreciate that element of our friend, Will White. Thank you all for great work. Aye. And I believe -- did you call commissioner Novick's name? I'm sorry. You just voted aye.

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**Hales:** Another round of applause. [applause] Thank you all. Please keep up the good work. We're adjourned. [gavel pounded]

At 2:55 p.m. Council adjourned.