



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, 5. Saltzman arrived at 9:34 a.m. and Fish left at 11:32 a.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Jim Wood, Sergeant at Arms and Mike Cohen, Sergeant at Arms at 10:52 a.m.

Item Nos. 978 and 979 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>
970 Request of Kernel Moses to address Council regarding City Hall plaza history, vigil removal and submission of prayer request (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
971 Request of Joseph Gordon Tequilah to address Council regarding houseless issues (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
972 Request of Katie Braun to address Council regarding Independent Police Review (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
973 Request of Kelly Cauldwell to address Council regarding communication to City Council (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
974 Request of Sharon Nasset to address Council regarding West County Toll Free Bridge Resolution (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>	
975 <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Accept the Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Portland (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fish) 30 minutes requested  (Y-5)	<b>37039</b>
976 <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM</b> – Salmon Safe Certification Award (Presentation introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 15 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>

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<b>977</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM</b> – Great Oregon ShakeOut (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales) 15 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b> <b>Mayor Charlie Hales</b> <b>Office of Equity and Human Rights</b> <b>978</b> Reappoint Moley Good, Sonji Young, Sam Sachs, and Emanuel Price to the Human Rights Commission for terms to expire October 31, 2016 (Report) <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; Fish absent)	<b>CONFIRMED</b>
<b>Office of Management and Finance</b> <b>*979</b> Pay claim of Derek Holland in the sum of \$13,368 involving the Water Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>186294</b>
<b>Commissioner Steve Novick</b> <b>Position No. 4</b> <b>Bureau of Emergency Management</b> <b>*980</b> Authorize application to the Rockefeller Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to develop and implement a citywide resilience plan, become an integrated member of the 100 Resilient Cities Network and create a Chief Resilience Officer within City government (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>186284</b>
<b>*981</b> Authorize application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant in the amount of \$240,000 to update the City's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>186285</b>
<b>Bureau of Transportation</b> <b>*982</b> Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$150,000 from Oregon Department of Transportation to expand Safe Routes to School technical support and evaluation services to middle schools (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>186286</b>
<b>*983</b> Authorize a contract with BNSF Railway Company for access on BNSF Railway property at N Columbia Blvd at mile post 6.91 (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>186287</b>
<b>984</b> Amend the Clean & Safe Lighting Revenues Program to include additional amenities provided in downtown Portland and funded by existing fees collected in the Clean & Safe District (Second Reading Agenda 960; amend Code Section 6.06.216) (Y-5)	<b>186288</b>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</b> <b>Position No. 1</b> <b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p> <p><b>985</b> Accept a grant from the Oregon Department of Education and authorize a price agreement with Centennial School District for the Afterschool At-Risk Meal and Snack Program (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 23, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b> <b>Position No. 2</b> <b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p> <p><b>986</b> Amend contract with Berger/ABAM Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$43,478 for additional work and compensation for the Guilds Lake Pump Station Reliability Improvements Project No. E08877 (Second Reading Agenda 962; amend Contract No. 30000337)  (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>186289</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Water Bureau</b></p> <p><b>987</b> Authorize a contract and provide payment for the construction components of the Carolina Pump Main Phase 2 Project at an estimated cost of \$2,850,000 (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 23, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b> <b>Position No. 3</b> <b>Portland Fire &amp; Rescue</b></p> <p><b>988</b> Authorize contract with Open 4 Business Productions, LLC, for use of Portland Fire &amp; Rescue's intellectual property (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 23, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>989</b> Authorize contract with Trauma Intervention Program of Portland/Vancouver, Inc., for crisis intervention training and services at a cost of \$390,000 for a five year period (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 23, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Portland Housing Bureau</b></p> <p><b>*990</b> Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program for The Abigail located at NW 13th Ave and NW Raleigh St (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>186290</b></p>
<p><b>*991</b> Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program for Hazelwood Plaza located at 222 NE 102nd Ave (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>186291</b></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mayor Charlie Hales</b> <b>Bureau of Police</b></p> <p><b>992</b> Authorize a three year contract with Dr. David M. Corey for \$225,000 and Dr. Sherry L. Harden for \$45,000 to provide psychological and fitness for duty examinations (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 23, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</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>*993</b> Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the NE 112th Ave and NE Marx St LID Project, through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance; C-10043)  (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>186292</b></p>
<p><b>994</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for SW Moody Ave Project: SW River Pkwy to SW Hamilton Ct to extend the completion date and project boundary (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30001376)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING OCTOBER 23, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</b> <b>Position No. 1</b></p> <p><b>995</b> Approve and adopt zoning confirmation letter responding to requests for zoning confirmation on Lot 7, Station Place, submitted by Right 2 Dream Too and Williams/Dame &amp; Associates, Inc. (Previous Agenda 947)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b></p>
<p><b>996</b> Amend Protected Sick Time Code to clarify various provisions (Second Reading Agenda 961; amend Ordinance No. 185926)  (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>186293</b></p>

At 11:34 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fritz and Novick, 3.

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

The meeting recessed at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened at 3:33 p.m.

<p><b>997 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Extend a Street Closure Program in the Old Town Entertainment District through parts of NW 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues between W Burnside and NW Everett on certain days and during certain hours for a period of 1 year (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Hales) 1.5 hours requested</p> <p><b>Motion to add the Pearl District Neighborhood Association and Pearl District Business Association to directive C as members of the Stakeholders Advisory Committee:</b> Moved by Fritz and accepted without objection.</p>	<p><b>Disposition:</b></p> <p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED OCTOBER 23, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>998 TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM</b> – Accept Report on the African Immigrant and Refugee Community in Multnomah County (Report introduced by Mayor Hales) 1 hour requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Novick. (Y-3)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>

At 4:35 p.m., Council adjourned.

**LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE**  
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

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

**Item 970.**

**Moore-Love:** He called and is not able to make it.

**Hales:** Ok. Next one.

**Item 971.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Good morning.

**Joseph Gordon Tequilah:** Hello, I am Joseph Gordon Tequilah. Some call me -- well, most people call me tequila. Basically when I found out, two months ago, some things, basically, was not happening, that, that what I would say is happening now, so, what I'm saying, is even though, I believe it caused a big chaos, and to me, disturbing the -- as an activist, disturbing the comforts others in certain degrees, is doing job. You know. So, I would say, what I got to say is if, if -- keep doing what you are doing, and that's talking, communicating with the homeless and directly and, about the homeless issues, and doing what you do, I'm -- that you are on the right path of -- not solving the problem but helping the solutions in Portland's history. And, the, the -- so, basically, what I had to say before, I can't say now because I believe that you are in the process of actually doing something. Especially, what I wanted to speak about is as of right now, about the drugs, the Russian drug, krokodil. It has been in Russia for ten years, it's homemade heroin. And it rots your flesh off within like two years. It made it to the shores America, people just process it, and made of, of gasoline. Gasoline, lighter fluid. And, and codeine. It's a bunch of garbage, and it rots your flesh off. And I believe that, that the city should, should put some advocacy to this, about warning people about it, and it's in three states, been identified, in three states, and before we start seeing people like zombies walking around, at least, if people do it, have them educated about what this stuff is, because you get it for, for like -- it's like 10% of the cost of heroin. And it's a heroin substitute, and I believe it's very important before it hits the streets of Portland because walking around and watching live zombies, I think it's very important to get educated. And if decide -- this is my, my -- I'm sorry, because I've been really -- what I had to say before, was, was out. But, before we, we -- how can I say, if we don't educate people about it, it will be genocide. If we educate people, and they still end up doing, it would be suicides, which is completely two different things in my opinion. So, I believe that, and they can study krokodil, and have the city alert about this drug, and that's, that's -- that's now in America. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Does it have a street name?

**Tequilah:** Yes, krokodil, or, I'm sorry, krokodil or krokodil. Which is -- it's -- because the skin where you inject it at, I know don't do heroin, but the skin where you inject it at, it becomes green and scaly, like a crocodile, and that's why they got the name in Russia because your skin starts becoming crocodilian-like, and your flesh literally falls off of the bone.

**Hales:** Thank you to letting us know.

**Tequilah:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Ok. Next person, please.

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**Item 972.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Katie Braun:** I am Katie Bruan, and this is my friend, Kelly. I called 9-1-1, and police came, and my ex-boyfriend went through my dog door, right now you are being handed a copy of the political reporter, where he says, in the political reporter, that my ex-boyfriend went through the dog door, because he had been, he installed, it and it's my home that, that I live in, alone, and knew that he could get through that dog door, and when he admitted to the police, that he came through my dog door, where I lived alone, and he had previously installed the police did nothing. So, the front page, is the independent police review, complaint form where I complained. And, and let me get your attention really fast. This is Kelly Caldwell, my best friend when, I went to the district attorney, to tell the district attorney, I wanted to press felony charges for an ex-boyfriend coming through my dog door, the police are doing absolutely nothing, the independent police review, two weeks later, whether I called them on his phone, caused me of impersonating, Kelly Caldwell, because we both had a big smile, bright blue eyes, and curly blonde hair. I had never been to the independent police review office before. Kelly went in my name. When I was talking to the district attorney, and the civilian judge that gave my ex-boyfriend restraining order.

**Kelly Caldwell:** While she was at the courthouse, I went over to make a complaint.

**Braun:** That independent police review person, was an ex-sergeant with the police department, and he's now quit. And I'm not sure the circumstances but I can tell that I talked to the director of the police review many times, about, about us, being accused of impersonating each other, and it is not fair that women were treated the way that they are with the independent police review or, or the police department. And now, setting aside what the police review did because they have a new director, in just, and FYI, they have new, new five employees, within this time frame, that is eight months. And five new employees, and in the police review, and I say, sign me up to be a citizen on the independent police review committee. And I show up for the independent police review committee screaming, there was no screening on that day. And I had emails saying, show up at this time and this date, with the independent police review. And Irene, and the [inaudible] was out of town, and not even there, and another city person that was supposed to be holding interviews, for the independent police review, not even open. And I have 29 more seconds, and let me just tell about the police department. The office, the officer that would not arrest the guy that came through my dog door, and admitted it in the political reporter, that you have a copy of, and, and called me his, called me hysterical, and he was also fired in Chicago. And he was also demoted, and he has also problems in Portland, and he's made our newspaper for being a bad cop. One of five bad cops that makes me not sleep at night. And I volunteer for the police department, and I will not stand up as a citizen for cops that do not get any, any punishment at all. I live three blocks, three blocks to the independent police review, and all that sergeant had to do, was, was tell me that there is a women's shelter, three blocks from my house. He said nothing, and he's a sergeant. I left with no help from the police. And nor do I have confidence that if I ever call 9-1-1, that I am get help from them or the independent police review.

**Hales:** Thanks for being here this morning. I hope while you are here you will stop by my office and I think, I don't think Chad is in the room --

**Braun:** We have spoken to Chad before.

**Hales:** Stop by and talk with Chad about what's happening now, and i.p.r., so thank you. Thanks. I appreciate coming. You are on here, ok. Sorry, go ahead, Kelly.

**Item 973.**

**Kelly Caldwell:** I am here for something totally different. Although, I really do want to say that, that I concur that the, the independent police review office accused me of being her, I got prank called by the cops. They called me and I asked them to identify myself and they hung up on me, and that's my experience with the story, just so you know but I'm here to talk about homelessness,

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actually. And, and you might remember me from the solidarity cupcakes and housing, and I really need to step up if you are going to get more cupcakes because it's not cutting it. And, and the cops, in particular, are a huge problem with it, so, I think that, that the first thing that we need to do is to end the camp ban, what does that mean? That means that when a person is, is sleeping, what was it? Tequila said it was your job to, to dislodge the comfortable or, or the -- Stir up the comfort people, And that's happening, so people are getting their blankets and sleeping bags taken away, and either arrest or just left there to lay on the ground without their sleeping bag, and by the Portland police, and it's not acceptable. And it needs to stop. And I see it happen all the time. And i'm the person who brings them new sleeping bag and that needs to stop. I got other things to do, and more important than that. And which comes to my second top issuing, and we need to open the women's shelter now. And not on november 1st, and not push back because we don't have enough money but like next week. And yesterday, I stood outside new seasons and spoke with a woman with a seven-year-old child with her, and I asked her where she was going to sleep. And she was trying to collect money so that she doesn't have to sleep on the sidewalk with her daughter. And/or by the way, the cops might come and take your sleeping bag away while you are sleeping on the sidewalk, and it happens in the city. And it should not. And this needs to be the city that works and not the city that works people over. And I was just at your lovely thing, I got a bag of [inaudible], we need to collaborate to do better for all the people in this community, including the unhoused, and it's not that hard. We're not, not -- we're making it harder than it is. We're harassing people and criminalizing people for being unhouse instead of lending them a hand, and I got more examples than I have got time for today, and I have got guys who, who got busted pissing in the park and now are listed as sexual predators and can't get housing. I could point to these people. And I got a woman who, who was told that her social worker at aging and disability services told me that she should not go to the shelter because she's too fragile, and when she no, no more couch to sleep on, project respond picked her up and took her to ohsu, and you know what happened there? She got arrested for trespassing and went to jail. She was not even homeless for, for 72 hours. And before she, before she now has a criminal record. And another woman, was on boathouse by the columbia river crossing and, and you think that they might want to evict her because there is a lot of money to be made with that bridge, and they need the space for, for the, for the equipment. And seriously, and plus, her boathouse, I talked with the city, and the, the business. They would have been responsible for fixing the property up. So they evict her, and I talked to the guy at the city, and I talked to the building guy, and he told me that there was a memo in the works to say that, that this, this unit is, is not habitable so she got evicted and you know what happened? She tried to break back in because she needed her stuff, and, and she got arrested for Breaking back in to her own house. And then, she --

**Hales:** You are out of time so you need to finish up.

**Cauldwell:** She went over to the house to where she's on the titles with her husband and on the title, and there she got another, another -- arrested for trespassing again, and she had to go to family court where, and we're criminalizing the homeless.

**Hales:** Ok. Thank you.

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**Item 974.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

\*\*\*\*\*: Good morning.

**Sharon Nasset:** Good morning, mayor and council members. Thank you very much to letting me speak for, for the record, I am sharon nasset. And miss Karla will be handing out to you resolution, and it's called the west county toll-free bridge, it is from clark county, Washington and clark county, Washington, has, has two, two, actually, it has five transportation issues, but two bridges on their november ballot, in a couple of weeks. One is, should we have a, a bridge on the west side. And



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that is toll-free for 900 million, and or should we have one on the, the east side and, and the reason that i'm bringing this to your attention for couple of reasons, is, is, is they have realized the, that the columbia river crossing project is not going forward, nor should it as it is. And may remember at the recent elections, anybody who said build it or support it, etc, did not make it through the election. On camera people that knew there were problems with the columbia river crossing. And, and right now, it is important for this body, and the most respectful manner, you do not have the luxury to sit back and remain silent. And the columbia river crossing project, has many problems with it, and should not go forward. Having a supplemental, environmental impact statement, is common after, after a record decision. You get there and say, we don't like this one, and we have to choose something else. And right now, Oregon is considering the go it alone, and they are having their kickoff next week. And need to talk with the senators and representatives that represent moreland and say, the columbia river crossing project, not only was, was really, really expensive, but, did not solve what it said it would do and, and violated open meeting laws and other, other problems and process problems. If it is meant to be, it can rise to, to the top to, through an honest and fair nepa process. So, right now, your council needs to say, the columbia river crossing has too many projects, for Portland to go forward with, and you know that that's what your constituents say, and just saying that will change the legislation, and open it up because many of them don't want it. And I have been down to salem, and you probably know, you know. And, and they don't want it, either, but they are is brutalized and hearing nothing from. And you do not have the luxury to be silent. And even just saying, thank you, clark county commissioner, for putting an advisory vote on the ballot, in that we need additional bridges. And we need to move the conversation forward. We have a problem, and the columbia river crossing is not what people want. And start a supplemental environmental impact statement. And I can give you a nice little -- since being involved in 2000, I can give a nice list what was missed, and what an easy baseline for a supplement could be like. And so, thank you again, and I really hope to hear your voices. Very soon.

**Hales:** Thank you for coming. Appreciate it.

**Hales:** Ok. Let's move to, to the consent calendar, and then to time certain. I think that we have requests to, to pull a couple of items. 978 and 979. Any others? So, so, unless there are any other requests, to pull the items, let's vote on the balance of the consent calendar, please.

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

**Fish:** Can I just because I think and I both have 979. I get a sense of, of whether we're looking for a full-blown council presentation, or a --

**Hales:** Mr. Walsh pulled it, so I don't know what he's, he's seeking but I would not assume we need a long presentation. Ok. Let's move to number 975, please.

**Fish:** Thank you, mayor, I would like to begin by calling, calling forward our honored guests, dr. Margaret neal, the director of Portland state university's incident, institute on aging, and leslie foreign, the executive director of elders in action and debora stein, the principal planner with the bureau planning and sustainability. Welcome all. As the city council liaison to elders in action, i'm honor this morning to introduce our new action plan for an age friendly Portland. A plan which will help Portland become better prepared as our population ages. And with the first retirements of the baby boomers upon us, Portland is preparing for the changing needs of our older adults. And, and in 2006, Portland was the only city in america to stand up as leaders for age friendly communities, and to join the world's health organization's global age friendly city's project. And as a member of the project, Portland made commitment to ensure that we have a plan of action in place to respond to the unique needs of our adults. And our own Portland plan reflects that promise. I would like to thank this morning, the age friendly Portland advisory council for developing this action plan for an age friendly Portland. And the advisory council was comprised public and private community leaders, with outstanding leadership from the Portland state university institute on aging. And now,

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it is my honor to turn it over to psu's dr. Margaret neil to walk us through the action plan.

Margaret, welcome.

**Margaret Neal:** Thank you very much. And it's a pleasure to be here, and I want to begin by thanking commissioner Fish, for your support, and of this work over the last few years, and dedicating staff time, as well and to thank george, and george, thank you, for his support on our advisory council. And, and both you and commissioner Saltzman for your work with the Multnomah county vital aging task force, and a few years ago and, and commissioner Fritz for her initial support of our age friendly city's work back in 2006-2007. The first question is why should we plan for an aging population? And the answer is, complex, and simple at the same time. Its numbers be. Its economics. The world is aging. We have, in 2050 we'll have more people age 60, over age 60 than we have people under the age of 14. And it's -- we are aging here in the Portland region. Between 2010 and 2030, the population overall is going to grow by 35%, the population 65 Plus is projected to grow by 106%, and it's time to plan, and then as this, this, this photograph shows, we're all aging. We start young and, and we get old, if we are lucky enough. And as, as commissioner Fish said, Portland is a leader in the international age friendly city's project. And at the institute on aging, we began addressing the issues many years ago. And with a report on livable communities but in 2006, we had the opportunity to, to join with the world health organization in this global movement to begin establishing age friend cities. And we were, as the commissioner said, we are one of 33 cities, and in 22 countries. And, and around the globe, the only city in the u.s. To participate in this project. And, and those, the different countries involved represented both, both emerging economies, and as well as developed economies, and we were all after the same goal, which is to figure out what are the features of a city that makes it age friend. And what are the barriers, what gets in the way of making a city friendly for people who are older, as well as people who are younger. And what suggestions did people have for change? In 2010, we submitted an application to, to the world health organization's global network age friendly cities, and we were accepted, we were one of the first nine members, the only other city in the u.s. To become a pioneer member that network, was new york city. And in 2011, the photo that's up here, is the award of the certificate, which I believe may still be hanging in commissioner Fritz's office, of membership in the global network of age friendly cities.

**Fish:** We'll have to rotate that.

**Neal:** And so, just, just thinking about this issue what makes a community age friendly, first all, when we're developing a plan to create a more age friendly community, we want to think about building on, on strength, and not just, just needs, and so, focusing on, on the opportunities that are associated with an aging population, the contributions of older adults, and as well as their needs. And so, I have used that phrase age friendly communities many times, and what that means is communities that are enabling rather than disabling to people. That are inclusive rather than exclusive. And that strive to be equitable, and that really focus on the life course from, from birth through death, and on, on inner generational connections and inner dependence, so city that's age friendly is one that's friendly for all ages, and not just, just elder friendly. The photograph here is the picture that was taken at bridge meadows and, and which is an inner generational living arrangement where older adults serve as mentors to foster families. And it's award-winning, it's won a number of awards in the u.s., so, our age Friendly city action plan, which was developed with an advisory council, certainly not just the Portland state effort, and I would like to ask the members of the, of the psu advisory council on age friendly Portland, to stand up, please.

**Fish:** Give them a round applause, please.

**Neal:** As well, each of the other speakers here. And the plan a focus on not just the built environment but also the social environment. And there are eight domain that is were stipulated by the world health organization that should be attended to, in any sort action plan for creating an age friendly city. And so, in terms of the built environment, that includes outdoor spaces and buildings.

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And also, transportation and, and housing, and the social environment focuses on, on community support and health services and, and communication and information. And civic participation and employment, and respect and social inclusion, as well as social participation. And what we have done in our action plan is, actually, pull apart two those pedals and created separate domains, we felt that they were so important that we need separate action items, so community support and health services are pulled apart, and they each have their own domain, and civic participation and employment are also pulled apart, and have their own domain. Because time constraints, I don't have time to go through the whole, the whole action Plan, with you, and but, let me just say a couple of sort of guiding principles, one, older people need to be involved in the implementation of the plan, as they have been, and involved in the development of the plan and, and it's, it's a focus on life course, so, making a community friendly for people of all ages and abilities, and we're not requesting city funding, per se, although we are requesting city staff and commitment on the part of the commissioners and the bureaus. And, and not all of the actions that are list in the plan are new, and they build on existing work, and that's already being done and some are new. And a number of partnerships are involved, both public, two public, so, Multnomah county and interfacing with the city of Portland and, and are agencies within the city, interfacing with one another as well as public and private partnerships. In terms of the housing, an example, our action item 1.3, is to encourage innovative approaches to housing older adults, and I have mentioned bridge meadows, as one, such example. And another is the east side village pdx, which is, which involves a cooperative type of housing, and we have a number of things that we're doing in Portland, and we can do more as we need to thinking about our aging population because costs housing, older adults, are growing rapid. Communication and information is another area that I would like to highlight. And action item 8.1, stipulates That we should maintain clearinghouses for aging related information, and one of the things that we heard loud and clear for, from older adults in our day together is that we cannot just go digital. With information, there are too many older adults who don't have access to computers, and in their homes and, and even they can get it at the library, but still, they may not have the training. And so, people, it's very important to maintain our existing clearinghouses, the Multnomah county help line was praise wide. And as well as bulletin boards like there photograph here. Maintaining those. And, and second action item is to improve online resource and is create standards for age friendly media, one of the things that, that a sub item underneath here to ask that all the bureaus websites be, become anti-aging friendly and follow standards to make them legible to older adults.

**Fish:** If I could just jump in here for second. A good example the water bureau sat down with elders in action, and reviewed some, some brochures that, that we hand out. And we asked for some feedback and, and the feedback that we got was really, very helpful. And, and among other things, we were told that the font was too small, and the information was too clutter. And the one that really stood out for me was, was in one of our brochures, there were 12 phone numbers listed that you could call if you had a problem. And they said that, you know, as you get older, it's better to have a single point of contact, and don't confuse people by putting 12 numbers in brochure and, and, and I have to, to say that, that a lot of the feedback that we got was, was unexpected, and it was not on our radar, and which is precisely why we need to engage folks who are experts in, in the communication to make sure that we are, actually, thoughtfully communicating to an important part our community.

**Neal:** Thank you for that example. Action item 8.4 talks about, about launching an age friendly educational campaign, and this campaign would be very broad reaching, and it would have, would educate people about what age friendly is, and it would educate people about the role of older adults, and how, how, how -- what kinds of, of contributions that they currently make and what they could do. And in our society, we don't, actually, have roles for older adults at age 65, we're orient towards retirement and, and there are many things that, that these older adults are waste resources

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right now. We need to figure out ways to benefit from their knowledge, and their skills, and their experience, and develop social roles for older adults, and we don't have the luxury any more wasting resources. Whether they be human or financial. Connect with, with the age friendly campaign, is this idea and, and reducing ageism is focus on employment in the Economy. The action item 6.1 is to improve action opportunities and reduce ageism. This photograph was taken at new seasons, which has a housing policy of hiring older adults. We establish ways to know whether we made progress or not, and then we'll prepare an, an implementation guide with the advisory council. So, I would like to turn over my -- the microphone now to Deborah Stein from the city of Portland.

**Deborah Stein, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Good morning. I am really pleased to be here with my partners today, and this has been great partnership, and it's one that the bureau of planning and sustainability would love to remain very committed to. This action plan, I think, builds beautifully on the assessment work done not only by Portland state, and our community partners, but the bureau of planning and sustainability. And what is really impressive to me is how congruent this plan is with the healthy connected community concept that we brought forward in the Portland plan and what is now embodied in the comprehensive plan update. It's really clear to me that what we hear older adults say they want to live in an age friendly city it's exactly the same set of ingredients we hear from community members of all ages. That congruence really tightens that relationship and keeps us committed in the work. This dynamic plan will continue to evolve and I just came back from a national convening of aarp and city planners from across the country to talk about age friendly cities so I learned a lot from that gathering that I can bring to this plan. But I was also able to share portland's work to other cities in the country who have been working on the age friendly planning. Two of the things that I was really proud to share was one, the amazing partner and partnership we have with Portland state university. Not just with institute on aging but also the urban planning program. Because the assessment work and next steps of implementation are really strong partners in addition of course to our advocacy and outreach organizations throughout Portland. So that was an amazing point time because we are updating our comprehensive plan, we have an opportunity it take the concepts and actions and really imbed them in a long, lasting, and enduring plan. We have this great opportunity to, to look at our built environment and say, what are the ingredients that we need to build into that, and keep them enduring to make sure our city is and continues to be age friendly. Exciting opportunities ahead.

**Hales:** Thanks, deb.

**Leslie Foreign:** good morning, mayor and city commissioner, I am leslie foreign, and I am the executive director of elders in action. And I also want to thank commissioner Fish for being our liaison, and to a public advocate george hocker for his outstanding leadership, and push forward on the action plan. We serve as the federally mandated advisory council to the city of Portland and Multnomah county. Our goal as a partner is to help ensure that city services are age friendly to our elder population, and that city staff is, the bureaus and the partner agencies are prepared to serve this growing aging demographic. We have been honored to work with the institute on aging, age friendly cities' project, since the inception in 2006. We have been encourage by the city of Portland on its embracing a of vision and goals on becoming an age-friendly city. We have also been proud that the advisory council and community members have been, incorporated to bring forward the age-friendly equity lens into the Portland plan. I am pleased to recognize several of elders in action volunteers, advocates, and board members, and community partners who work diligently to help educate our elected officials, city planners, and the general public. On the needs of this growing demographic. And if they could stand to be recognized.

**Foreign:** This action plan is intended as an advocacy tool. It pulls together set of strategies, intended to help council, its bureau, Multnomah county, metro, local, private, and nonprofit organizations, move our city and region forward. To help develop and implement, nurture, physical, social, and service environments. That are friendly to all people. And as an advisory council, we

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have a great advantage as we have established a strong, private, and public partnership, which is critical to moving this plan forward. We are poised for success, with the outstanding leadership of dr. Margaret neil, the institute on aging, and the support of city council. And elders in action advocates and volunteers and staff are ready. We are here to off our expertise and knowledge to help ensure the action plan moves forward. And we look forward to assisting and advocating to build robust partnerships between the city of Portland, and Multnomah county, and on funding for services, and legislative priorities, on issues that affect our population. I thank you again for the opportunity to present this morning. And as a member of the advisory council, and as the executive director of elders in action, I look forward to our continue partnership with the mayor and the entire council, to help insuring that we all have an opportunity to age with dignity and the city we call home.

**Fish:** That concludes the presentation.

**Hales:** Thank you very much. Any questions for this great panel?

**Saltzman:** I have one question. So, maybe any of you can comment, but, I sense we have often talked about having sort of a, a clearinghouse where, where older adults can go, sort of to connect with opportunities and whether they are employment or volunteer and, and to we have anything like that? Or Deborah, since just came back from the conference, are there other cities that might be good role models on that?

**Foreign:** Absolutely. And, and in portland it would be elders in action, and we, part of our work is to engage and empower older adults so if they Are looking for employment, and we certainly can help route them to our community partners, as well as volunteer opportunities. So, certainly feel free to direct people. We have a variety of community partners, and that are providing services, and also, Multnomah county, aging and disability services, and has their aging and disability resource center, that, that can help people get to the services that they need.

**Saltzman:** And that includes connecting to volunteer opportunities?

**Foreign:** Yep, services, and employment, and volunteers, and yeah. Absolutely.

**Saltzman:** Great.

**Hales:** Thank you very much, other questions or comments? Thank you all. Thanks. Do we have others signed up to testify on this?

**Moore-Love:** We have three people signed up. And please come on up.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Should I begin? I have not done this before.

**Hales:** Give us your name for the record.

**Peter Grotticelli:** Thank you. My name is peter, and I am from Portland, and yeah, I would like to speak in support in plan. I especially like, like the way that it's designed to draw from each according to their ability, as well as to give to each according to their needs. It's, it's an empowering thing, the idea is to draw from the ability of the elders and, and, you know, as we were just speaking of, the volunteer opportunities are an important Way to empower them, and they have the, the disability the resource center and that other center, and so, I would like to speak in support of that, and, you know, I know it could work, elsewhere, too. It's, it's a good model, and you know, volunteer opportunities to, to build, build the one's own shelter, to provide medicine, and food, and this, too, after all, you know, has been shown to be a good model, for instance, in southern Spain, not sure if you are aware of it, called [inaudible], and it's a town in southern Spain, which establishes its own food cooperative, given to it by the regional government in the 1990s after they copied the land, the farmers occupied this, used the aristocratic estates for a number of years after the dictatorship in the 1970s. And the way that they operate now they have got a zero unemployment, in region where, where, you know, the unemployment is at 37%. And they got 0 unemployment in this town because -- 0% unemployment because everybody work for the food cooperative, and in a town of 3,000 people, it's the biggest example of a communal run success that exists, you know, and you know, the way this works is that, is that everybody in the town is allowed to contribute

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according to their ability to their very survival by working in the food cooperative and the food processing industries that they have developed on that land, as well, you know, recently, over the years, as it expanded, and started in the 1990s, and Today, they have, they have the food processing, and it provides a decent income, and for everybody there, and I think it's about 1600 a month, and it's not very much. And it's still, still kind of a meager wages, and, you know, barely surviving, really, but, that's because they are by themselves right now. And to have city like Portland was to, to get into that with them, you can start it with the elders and maybe they want to do some gardening, and you have vacant city lots, and that are not otherwise occupied and, and perhaps, they would like to garden there, and build shelters, and the homeless, too. Might like to build some, some, you know, straw bale alternative structures, and they are cheap, and labor intensive, and perhaps, they would like to garden there, too. And we'll speak more of this, and anyway, I would like to, to do that.

**Hales:** Thanks very much.

**Mark J. Hofheins Jr:** Good morning. And [inaudible], I love the picture they got on here, talk to old people, they know cool stuff. I agree. And I agree. And most definitely. But, also, the only thing that I think is really missing from this plan, is, is the homeless clause. And you know, and we've been dealing with homelessness for I don't know, years. But, I mean, it's great, a great plan, and I mean, it's a beautiful thing that they are doing this. And I support you greatly and, and but, I think we need to implement more often, when we do these plans, and implementations of these things, we need to think also, of the homeless that are in the same age groups. And, and because, you know, they are going to be involved in this because, with the job things, great. That's cool. If they offer the jobs things, for the older people, but, also, giving them the opportunity to, to get in there, as well and, and if we add a homeless clause and incorporate them into it, we would, actually, make a precedent as a city, and to, actually, show that we are actually working as a hole. And instead of against one another. And, you know, so that -- and I think that that would be a good thing to start keeping in mind as we do the plans, and again, thank you for, for making that beautiful presentation.

**Hales:** Thanks very much. Good morning.

**Charles Johnson:** Good morning, thank you, mayor, charles johnson. And we generally have very good citizen and professional panels, so I know sometimes we get, we get a nice, glossy presentation, even though there's been in-depth work and the facts. But I think that we should have more honesty in our presentations, and the minute somebody gets up to talk about the elderly, or even the citizens, or any age in the city, we want to, to maybe consider whether we want to hear some p.r. Firm expressions, or when we talk about the elderly, do we want to hear things like less suicide, and less loneliness. And less isolation. And better medical care. And those particular phrases were not part of the presentation. And I think that that's your job as city council members to help the meat get out of there, even though we know that these are hard working people who have done good, hard work. We need to look at the specifics. My personal feeling on this is bit influenced by the number of hours that I spent on the eighth floor of the providence hospital, and at Portland rehabilitation at, at 12441, with somebody who was born in 1937. So, I commend everybody, especially the elderly people, who stepped forward as part of the program, and elders in action is great. And we always wanted to make sure that, that we're being constructively critical more than we're padding each other on the back, and I want to echo comment about, about the -- about the elderly homeless, and in particular, the situations where they are victimized, I would not hear anything about reducing elder victimization. And in one place we might find that is in some of the sros and places like the west wind hotels where people sometimes 80, 90% of the income goes to provide them with bud bugs and, and communal showers, and they need to be moved into better situations, or the operation needs to be reconsidered. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Thanks very much. Others?

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

**Fish:** One comment before we go to a vote. The principal commitment that we're asking of council today, in addition to, to supporting the resolution and adopting the plan, is that each of us, as leaders, that is the mayor and each of the commissioners and, and through our bureaus, agree to engage this plan, and its sponsors, to explore ways that each of us make progress towards an age friendly city. And what we have learned in this exercise is that every one of us in our individual leadership capacity and through our bureaus, contribute something, and they are asking for a compliment that we will continue those discussions, and begin to look to opportunities that we can, we can jointly work on, and that's, that's a very important part of this, this resolution.

**Hales:** Other comments before we vote? Ok. Roll call on the resolution, please.

**Novick:** Well, I would like to say that I appreciate the fact that the plan calls out the importance of good transportation and infrastructure, and in particular, active transportation, and access to transit. Which means better network of sidewalks, and signals, and crosswalks, and etc. And which are critical to everybody young and old, but, I think that it's especially important that we consider the, the impact of having are not having those amenities for the senior population. And also, tomorrow is the great Oregon shakeout and, and we want to remind seniors and people who are neighbors and relatives of seniors to make sure that seniors, along with everybody else, has plan for when disaster comes. So thank you very much for your work, and I am proud to vote aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you to the leaders of the project, and at Portland state, and at elders in action, and community members who stopped up, there is a lot of partners beyond those who were presenting today, and I appreciate, that and when I was given the huge honor, being put in charge of the office of neighborhood involvement in 2009, I looked at the assignment, and I noticed that commissioner Fish was assigned to be the liaison to, to elders in action, and I questioned that, because actually it's funded through the, through the office of neighborhood involvement and commissioner Fish made it clear that he was going to continue to be the liaison to elders in action. And even at that tender stage of beginning politician, I realized that two votes towards anything, to support elders in action is definitely a good step in the right direction. And so, I commend you, commissioner Fish, for your leadership on this over many years, it was my honor to adopt the age friendly city's resolution in 2010, and I might lend it to you occasionally. I commit my office, having a delegate, to your ongoing work, and also, parks, in particular, will be a very strong partner in this work. And I am going to put a park marker down and going to be asking the council in the 2013, 2014-2015 to add general budget resources to return the senior recreation programs to ongoing funding in the parks budget. We were able to save it with one-time money and clearly, it's something that needs to happen. It needs to be a partnership between Multnomah county and other community partners. And that will be an early ask in my long list requests because we start to plan that. We need to prioritize the things that we realize we cannot do without, and this services for seniors is one of them. And we sometimes think that elders need help but they also give help. And commissioner Fish and I were honor to be at the hollywood senior center for the anniversary a couple of days ago, and after, as we were leaving, a couple of folks came running after me, as often do, and when we're at community events, and one of them was talking about, about the trails and, in top stories park and how seniors are concerned about being run over by cyclists, and that was interesting, and the other want to express support for people experiencing homelessness, and that sometimes people need A hand up, and it was very gracious to hear that from, from the seniors who, who weathered a lot in our community over the course of the last decade. And so, thank you very much for, for all of this work, and we will look forward to continuing to work with you. Aye.

**Fish:** I want to begin by again, thanking margaret, leslie, and deborah for their great work. And this is a, a superb action plan, and because of, it we have an opportunity here in Portland, and in Multnomah county, to, to become a leader. Not just locally, but a national and global leader. In planning and developing a city that is accessible for people of all ages and abilities. And here's the

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key when, we do that, we all benefit. And that's the beauty of this action plan. And you have given us the first concrete steps to take going forward. And I think that, that it's only appropriate at a time like this, to acknowledge all the people who have worked so tirelessly to bring this forward. And if you will indulge me I would like to read the names of all the members of the advisory council because they have made a contribution, and scott robinson, and jay bloom, and george hocker from my office, and amy daily, and doug adams, and deborah stein, margaret neal, pamela huff, leslie foreign, alan deltori, loretta Slaughter, david lans, john mullen and julie wilky and mary hamlin. We could not be more grateful for the time that they have spent on this, on this enterprise. I had a different experience at the 40th anniversary of the senior center because I followed amanda, she somehow got on the schedule. I was speaker no. 50. When I was finish someone did approach us, except this person blasted me for couple of my votes. And I was reminded as this person was unloading on me for a couple things -- unloading on me, this goes under the headline of communication. This person may not have access to the internet. And the gentleman talking to us was experiencing poverty, so how wonderful it was that we were physically present so that he could take an elected official, to task for something that he disagreed with. And in the course of the conversation, we, actually, found some things that we agreed on. And so, I think that we left with the hope that we could build on that relationship, but it was very important for him to have access to us, to those of us in leadership. And you know, one of the proudest things that I think that this council has done the last few years is invest in, in a playground in north Portland called harper's playground. And it was presented to us as an opportunity to work with a family that wanted a playground That did not have any barriers for one of their children. But if you go to harper's playground, what you will see is, children all abilities and adults, playing together. So, while the vision was to help harper, who was otherwise prevent from accessing public spaces, the reality and the promise is that we, as a community, use that playground. Old and young. Intergenerational, and children all abilities. And that's our greatest strength. When there are no barriers, and we can all work together. And experience the, the greatness of the city together. So, I could not be prouder your work, and I also make a commitment through my bureaus to continue to make progress, and I have heard from, from many of, of your supporters that, that it is vitally important that we continue to provide those discount programs for low income seniors who otherwise would not be able to afford their water and sewer bills, and we make sure that we community clearly to them about what those opportunities are. And thanks to everyone for really splendid job. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, I want to thank the, the age friendly important advisory council and commissioner Fish for your good work here. This is really a great plan. A great action plan, and I really appreciate how well laid out it is. And how thoughtful it is. And I think that -- and I will commit to reviewing my bureau's websites and brochures to make sure that we are following the path of the water bureau's efforts to make sure that we are, we have larger fonts, less phone numbers and things like that, but I want to say that, you know, I think that a lot about being an age friendly city is all about trying to combat isolation. I think that that's a natural tendency that occurs as we all age. And you know, I see it in my own self, too. And I think that, that there is a natural tendency to become more isolated but also because society, as margaret said, tends to, to try to push you out the door at 65. I hope elders in action connect people that want to get involved. Because it's, it's not easy and, I think that, that to the extent that we can make it easier for people whether they need employment, or, or volunteer activity, we're all going to be better off and we're going to end what I think is, is something that's so important, and that is the feelings of isolation, that go with aging. So, great report, and pleased to support it, aye.

**Hales:** I like the substance of this report very much. And, and I also like the way that it was put together, that we had this combination of academia and advocacy and, and city staff. Working together, as you look at the collection of organizations, the three here represented, but also, others. And that's really a great partnership, and i, I like that very much. And, and I think all of us are, as



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we listen to you and thinking about this point that commissioner Fish made about how does each of our bureaus implement and work, work with you to, to make this plan and into specific actions, and I think that each of us has a list now. We can do this and we can do that, and that's, of course, exactly what you were trying to provoke. And I appreciate that worked. It's so great that deb is involved. You know, how we build the city is, is not a, a one-year decision. It lasts for very long time. And, and when you think about the planning issues, which do all the time, Deborah about how do we make this city where it's possible to age in your neighborhood? We have a lot of work to do. And my parents were living independently until my mom was diagnosed with parkinson's. And then they needed to move into a continuing care community. And their choices at that time, this was 20 years ago, were mostly suburban. The standard continuing care community was a suburban low rise model. And, and there are few urban models now, a few, here in Portland. And elsewhere. And if look at the size of the aging population, and the number of people who would like to remain in a city neighborhood, and, and age there in their own network, rather than have to uproot as my parents did, and move to a completely different place, which was also occupied solely by old people. And, and so, that, to me, when you think about the planning agenda, is just one piece of this work and, and what a huge challenge this we have, but also, an opportunity for Portland to be a model, how to meet this challenge, and help improve a lot of people's lives in ways that will last a long time. So, very important work. Thank you, and look forward to the next chapter. Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Hales:** Ok. The next item is 976.

**Item 976.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you. Wait for folks to change. This item is celebrating an achievement at Portland parks and recreation, in 2004, the Portland parks system became the first salmon safe certified system in the nation and the bureau was recertified in 2012. And it's a very cost effective certification, and I was good for five years with the possible extension of two years. And this presentation is to explain and celebrate that work, and that has put in place system-wide practices that promote a healthy environment. And over the past nine years, parks has worked to incorporate the protection and restoration of Fish habitat and water quality in how we approach the Park system. And with a strong partnership, with the bureau environmental services, and other bureaus, also. And these actions help the city address the issue of some recovery on city-wide scale by working with other entities to create an integrated and coordinate response. And I have to mention that, that it was an amazing success with our partnership with the Portland parks foundation last weekend, and we had 12400 volunteers, and many of the actions that they were taking were also salmon friendly in terms of the cleaning up with the person power, rather with pesticides and machines and such. So that was a resounding success. And, and through our partnership, with bes, with the bureau environmental services in west moreland park and east moreland golf course, the users see salmon and steelhead swimming in crystal springs creek. And once the restoration work is completed, we anticipate the fish swimming all the way up to reed college, and reed has been a great private partner in our, our joint efforts. And, and these particular projects illustrate how our collective and individual efforts contribute to salmon habitat restoration, throughout the city's water sleds, in addition, is that our habitat restoration work provides long-term storm-water position. Dan Kent, the executive director and co-founder salmon safe will Speak to us about the certification program. Thank you for being with us this morning.

**Dan Kent:** Thank you very much, commissioner Fritz. And it's a real pleasure to be here this morning. Again, I am dan kent, executive director salmon safe. We're a Portland-based environmental certification nonprofit. And founded by a leading river and native Fish organization, pacific rivers council, and our focus is really, lower watersheds, inspiring habitat for protection, and water quality protection and, and as much as possible, promoting ecological function, across

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agricultural landscapes and urban landscapes. And really, what we're celebrating today, is the culmination of more than a decade of inspired leadership by Portland parks, and where will, working to make this place more fish friendly. And, and it's been an extraordinary path for us, at salmon safe, working in tandem with Portland parks across the years, and it's also a story that's bigger than simply the city of Portland, and those standards we developed with Portland parks what they have implemented over the decade have gone far beyond the city of Portland. Private companies, leading environmental innovators like Nike, for example, and REI have adopted those same standards. And are applying them at corporate campuses, and universities, and like University Washington, for example, and, and is applying those same standards, that were co-developed with Portland parks, and Lewis & Clark here in Portland, just two weeks ago, after a two-year transition to salmon safe practices, so, it's just a great example of, of city leading private industry, and government and, and we're working across the region from B.C. down into northern California. But, the city of Portland is really where all of this started. So, I think again, it's a huge tribute to Portland parks and, and also, I think a tribute to Portland parks in that the mayor, for the World Environment Day, back in June challenged the entire city to follow the leadership example of Portland parks and really look, focus on water sled impacts, and look at how we can all join together to reduce water quality impacts on the Willamette, and have a river that is swimmable. And just ready for recreation. So, thank you very much.

**Fritz:** Thank you, and now Mike Abbaté, the director of Portland park and recreation, will talk about the benefits this program for Portlanders.

**Mike Abbaté, Director, Portland Parks and Recreation:** Thank you, commissioner, and you know, you might be wondering well, you know, why would Portland parks and recreation invest time and become, in becoming salmon safe certified? And, and like Dan said, this is a decade long effort. And, and it's really because we want to create a parks system that is healthy for all users from people, to, to wildlife, and including Fish. And we recognize here in the city of Portland, that when we improve our environment for, for Fish, and wildlife, and, and healthy eco-systems, we're doing the same thing for people. As well. So, a moment ago you were talking about, about becoming -- continuing work and becoming an age friendly city, an elder friendly city, the same can be said about environmental friendliness, if it's safe for salmon, it's safer for people. So, as a result, Portland parks has put into place, many management practices, its pervaded our entire culture, that support both regional, local, and, and city-wide restoration efforts. And for example, it's change the way that we plan and design and maintain parks, particularly riparian areas, and storm water treatment, and restoration work throughout our entire system. And one example is our integrated pest management system. Which really is an effort to, to control and reduce the amount of chemicals and pesticides that we used throughout the parks. And that's, that's a key component of our salmon safe organization. We are very careful about chemicals. And this, this salmon safe certification program allows us to, to make decisions base on, on science. And on what are the best management practices for our parks. And in taking a collaborative Approach with the bureau environmental services, the state and federal agencies, and other partners, we really collectively maximize our contribution to salmon recovery. And finally, you know, having a third party take a look at the bureau, from the outside, and evaluate what we're doing is, is invaluable and, and so, this certification process is, is the result of years of dialogue back and forth that, that salmon safe has helped us refine when we do, and make sure that, that our practices support fish and consequently, people. At this time, I think Dan is going to present the commissioner with the most, maybe the most beautiful award that we have ever received.

**Fritz:** Obviously, the previous commissioner in charge of parks, commissioner Fish has worked diligently on this for the last four years prior to this. And, and commissioner Saltzman, before that? You were --

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**Saltzman:** I was just wondering who that sage parks commissioner was before that originally obtained the salmon safe certification.

**Fish:** Actually it was Blumenauer. [laughter]

**Fritz:** It's, obviously, something this we care about as a city council but as a city, so I would like to invite the council to come forward to accept the presentation, and.

**Kent:** The certification award is constructed, handcrafted from a recycled legally obtained from an Oregon highway sign.

**Fritz:** And for the record it's going to be hanging in the Parks department rather than in my office.

**Novick:** I am relieved to learn that the fish friendliness of the parks bureau was not just an artifact of a name with the previous parks commissioner.

**Fish:** Please don't encourage him with that, mike. Do not feed him that line.

**Hales:** I'm something of a sidewalk supervisor for the westmoreland park project because I live in the neighborhood and it's exciting to think about that. So, actually, the reed college wetlands now, has somehow reacquired a beaver population, so, I guess that next we'll have bears, you know, in the canyon, at reed college harvesting the salmon. So, we're going to have a real outbreak of nature in that part of the city. But it is impressive. And, and the award overall is impressive, and the individual actions like those that we're taking will be transformative and wonderful so thanks for great work. Great. Thank you all.

**Hales:** ok, our next item is 977. And it's a proclamation.

**Item 977.**

**Hales:** Let me read the proclamation first, and then turn it over to commissioner novick, and carmen is here. Whereas the city of Portland's highest priority is insuring the safety and wellbeing of the residents, and whereas the region has experienced major seismic events in the past including catastrophic Earthquakes off the Oregon coast, and along the cascadia zone and high crustal earthquakes within the urban area, and whereas there is no disagreement among the members of the scientific community that devastating earthquakes will occur again, and significantly affect the residents of Portland and the region. And whereas increasing awareness about seismic safety, and practicing what to do before the next earthquake strikes, will help to reduce the loss of life, injuries, and property damage, and whereas, during an earthquake, the safest way to protect yourself is to, is to immediately drop, cover, and hold on and, and whereas tens thousands of residents throughout Oregon including Portlanders will practice the drop, cover and hold-on technique during the earthquake drill, on october 17, and 2013, at 10:17 a.m. And, and whereas city employees are encouraged to participate in the great Oregon shakeout. And now, therefore, i, charlie hales, mayor of the city of Portland, the city roses hereby proclaim october 17, 2013, to be the great Oregon shakeout day in Portland. And ask all residents to participate in the drill and observe this day.

**Hales:** Commissioner novick.

**Novick:** Thank you. Bill hailey and the comets sang, shake, rattle and roll, which rhymes with drop, cover, and hold. So, I hope that will help people remember whether the big shake, Rattle and roll comes, that you should, indeed, drop, cover, and hold. And emergency preparedness begins at home, and I would like to, before introducing carmen, I would like to make sure that each my colleagues has the form that fema prepared to develop an emergency plan so you and your family know how you are going to get in touch with each other, where you will go and what you will do, in an emergency. So, here are copies for each of. And I would like to thank all of the community organizations participating in our preparedness fair. And organize emergency management, the red cross, the neighborhood teams, prep Oregon, prep stands for planning for resilience emergency preparedness. Flush, public hygiene lets us stay human, helps us, trying to figure out how we prepare for disposal human waste in an emergency, which is an issue, and the Portland bureau of emergency management, including dan [inaudible], who worked hard on the shakeout. And now, am pleased to introduce carmen.

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**Carmen Merlo, Director, Bureau of Emergency Management:** Thank you, mayor and commissioners. Carmen, the director of the Portland bureau of emergency management. Arguably, Portland's largest threat is from catastrophic earthquake and, and unlike places like san francisco, and los angeles, and even seattle, Portland really doesn't have a, a history of recent earthquakes, and in fact, our last major earthquake happened long before Portland was settled, and on january 26, 1700, we had a magnitude nine earthquake, and the scientific community is pretty sure that we're going to have one in the near future. Although we don't know when, and if that were not enough we also have three crustal faults here in town, and each capable also producing catastrophic damage, so, it's really important to use opportunities like this drill to, to practice what to do during earthquake, which is drop, cover and hold on, and I do want to add that one important element of that is to, is to then evacuate once the shaking stops. And that's really important, and on many of our structures here, are not retrofitted, and we do anticipate several aftershocks after a large earthquake, so it is important to remember to also evacuate once the shaking stops. And preparedness really is a shared responsibility, and so, I encourage all of you and your families to get prepared, and there is three easy ways to do that, assemble an emergency kit and if you have, you are all familiar with the resilience plan, there's been a recent paradigm shift where three days is no longer an adequate amount of time to get prepared. If we are really talking approximate at least one to two weeks. And if not, longer. And so, make a plan and, and obviously, stay informed, and we register at [www.publicalerts.org](http://www.publicalerts.org) to get up to date information. The other things you can do to make sure your home safe, I know commissioner novick retrofitted His house and I did my 1906 house couple of years ago. And also I want to make sure that you have got your water heaters strapped. We know that after a large earthquake, one of the major damages is from, from catastrophic fires that spread very quickly, and most of it is, actually, due to tip water heaters. They also provide a source emergency water for you, after, after an emergency. And, and so, I want to close by thanking commissioner novick for his leadership, and your support of our program, and I do want to encourage all of you to go downstairs, we have a few vendors and people to provide emergency information, so thank you very much.

**Fish:** I have one question, are we operating under the old protocol that in the mayor's office absence, the president of the council is the point person?

**Merlo:** That's correct.

**Fish:** And since that changes every six months or so, are we doing regular refreshers on what that means?

**Merlo:** Absolutely. And we have one scheduled for november 8.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Other questions or comments for carmen? Thank you very much.

**Merlo:** Thank you.

**Hales:** We'll all be paying attention tomorrow at 10:17. Thank you. Commissioner novick? I believe this is for you.

**Fritz:** Coincidentally, my daughter who works at the downtown target, and I were Commuting into work together this morning, and an intense conversation about pets during an emergency, and that would be her first thought. Her first thought was how are we going to put leash on the cats, and I mentioned that was not feasible in the time allowed. But that is something that I think that many children and indeed, adults are going to be wondering about, is how do we care for our pets, so I think that that should be included in the evacuation plan because if that's what you are going to be thinking about, you need to have plan for it.

**Hales:** Without being flippant, most of us have some experience with herding cats.

**Fritz:** We know how difficult it is to get them into their boxes, so that was a cogent point on her part.

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**Hales:** So the emergency food needs to include the pets, as well as the people. One more, one more thing to make sure that we think about. Good work. Thank you.

**Hales:** ok, let's move onto the regular calendar. Item 992.

**Item 992.**

**Hales:** And we have panel here.

**Christine Moody, Procurement Services:** Good morning, mayor and commissioner, christine moody from the procurement services, and the, before you have an ordinance recommending authorization of a contract with Dr. David M. Corey for psychological evaluations for internal and external Portland police bureau applicants. And the contract with sherry l. harden psychological associates, for Fitness for duty, and promotional psychological evaluations. And Portland city code chapter 5.68020 exempts psychological evaluation services from following the request for proposals process. And allows for direct contracting of service providers. Given the nature of these services, the city decided to use a modified process that allowed for evaluation of providers through a request for resumes process. The committee selected dr. Corey and dr. Harden as the most qualified applicants. Harden's psychological associates is a state certified mwesb business. New criteria has been added to the contracts to include training of additional psychologists from underrepresented and racial and ethnic groups, and police psychological and reporting back to the city every six months on the progress of the multi-cultural competency model. And at this point I will turn it over to cathy, to talk more about the selection process.

**Cathy Henson, Police Human Resources Manager:** Good morning, I am cathy henson, the personal management at the Portland police bureau. And I was on the selection committee for this process. And as was, was derrick rodriguez, and to my right, and the captain at the Portland police bureau, and joyce harris, a member of the albina alliance coalition for justice and police reform, and dr. Brandy etheridge, a member of the Procurement services minority evaluator program. And we had five people apply for these contracts in totally, and all five applied for the pre-employment contract. And, and those five, three specifically additionally applied for the fitness for duty contract. And we held, and dr. Etheridge also is here today. And we held interview on, on wednesday, june 19, and, and all five in one day. And then, we, as a committee, met on june 26 to talk about, debrief from the interviews and talk about the discussion about the approach to the selection process the psychologist from the information that we had. And then we went away and we did our scoring, and we came back together on july 9, and we discussed -- spent several hours together and a great discussion. And we learned a lot from each other, and some of us were able to fill in other things that people did not hear and did hear because it's a lot of writing and dialogue to digest in one day, and we came away with consensus to, to give the, the fitness for duty contract to dr. Harden, and to offer the, the pre-employment contract to dr. Corey, and I then made those, those recommendations to, to then assistant chief hendricks, who then presented them to the chief, and that's my understanding of what he want to go with, was to provide those offers to the contracts.

**Hales:** Great, thank you. Captain. We will refer to you by that title.

**Captain Derek Rodrigues, Portland Police Bureau:** I was part of the panel and I want to say on behalf of the police bureau, thank the albina ministerial alliance for being part of the process, and I truly was inclusive and transparent, and we did have a lot of engaging conversations with the panel and, and we had an, an, a vested interest in all the candidates, and it did not matter who got the contract, and I just wanted to let all know that.

**Hales:** Questions of the panel. Thanks very much. I think that we have some others here to testify, as well.

**Dan Handelman:** I have mix feelings today, because we noticed for many years, that dr. Corey has been the sole practitioner doing these, these interviews with police, about their psychological abilities to be police officers, and he was a sole practitioner until recently. He's been doing this since 1999. And there was no diversity. And this contract opens that up, there is a woman who will

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be doing the psychological exams for reentry for officers off on stress leave, and dr. Harden, i'm not familiar with her work at all, but it's good that we have some diversity coming into this position, finally, and dr. Corey has won the majority of the contract, of the contract to, to screen new, new candidates to be police officers. And, and one of the things that I think came up during the Discussion, leading up to this point was to ask that dr. Corey, and presumably anybody that gets one of these positions, go to the new training, the institutional racism training, and they did not see that anywhere, and I don't know if that's an expectation, of the people who have run this contract because I think it would be a good thing since the sergeants are about to go through that training, and it seems like a good time to plug these folks into that training, as well. It's also, a -- it's a good, a good, again, development that, that dr. Corey, under his contract, required to, to, it develop psychologists from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, and i'm quoting the contract there, and by offering training to, dr. [inaudible] from pacific university, and the idea, as I understand it, is to promote diversity on a national level so there will be more people of color, qualified to screen police officers that get this job, not just here in Portland, but anywhere in the country. Which, is another good, good thing. And there is also the contract of some kind of a longitudinal study that dr. Corey is working on, and to look at predictors for which officers will end up being disciplined, and will have sustained complaints, which ones will use force and will commit sexual misconduct, which is something that we've been urging the city to look at for many years. And so, i'm hoping that the Report includes all that. And I didn't see mention of the contract about working with people who have mental illness like screening officers to see how they might interact with them, which is interesting since we're in the middle of the doj agreement, and I am hoping that is, is somehow going to be part what they are looking for in the new candidates. And I think that, that, you know, dr. Harden's work, to not only bring people in for fitness for duty exams but for doing the 360 evaluations, when the officers will be promoted, and is very important, an important part of what's going on, and we hope that maybe, maybe hopefully she'll, she'll gain enough experience where next time when the contracts come up, that she and dr. Corey compete against each other and we'll see somebody else take over this job. And.

**Novick:** On behalf of cop watch are you urging us to support this ordinance?

**Handelman:** Well, you know, the selection process is what it is. And the only people who applied were screened by people, that we were not, not directly involved in this, its, it's -- it's a step forward, and whether, you know, I don't see any reason not to, to do this. This is only three years, and instead of five years, and which is what the past contracts have been, but I do hope that this three-year better will be used to develop other people's skills, so that next time there is really competition. From, from hopefully from, from more women, more people of color to do the jobs.

**Hales:** Thanks. Other questions? Thanks, dan. I will get a response on your point soon in a few minutes from staff. Thank you.

**Joe Walsh:** I am joe walsh, and I represent the individuals for justice. We have a great concern with the process. And it seems to us, that when we come before, to comment, it's a done deal, and I mean, you have so many high level people, that have given their ok on this, that for citizens or organizations, to come and give their opinion, it's kind waste time. And, and we start with the, the premise that we don't trust you very much. And so, we need some, some education that, that the itself would, would lend that, that, that, that once the, the police chief and, and the assistant police chief and, and staff come up with names of recommendations, to, it's a rubber starch deal. If you go back into your history you will see that. Rubber stamped just about everything that comes from staff and, and or, or the, the police chief. And, and that's our biggest complaint. We don't like dr. Corey, he's been around too long. He's been involved in this procedure, and for long period of time, and when we find, that we have a police department, that beats people, that's what They do. They beat people. And they get away with it. And it hasn't changed. And this guy, is making a couple of hundred thousand. 300,000. Nice job. And they get away with it. Year after year. And you do

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nothing because you rubber stamp it. Sit here and let us go for three minutes and then you rubber stamp it. And I know that irritates you, amanda, but it's true. If you go back in history, it's rare that guys hold up any kind of reports, and say well, let's think about this for a while. And bring in some other people like dan or, or, or aclu. Those kinds people that would come in and, and tell the truth, or the lawyer's guild or, or any, any lawyer that, that sues the city a lot with police brutality. This guy has been involved in this for how long? Ten years? Too long. He hasn't done job. Save the 300,000. Give it to somebody else. Because nothing is happening here. Thank you.

**Fritz:** I should know better than to dispute, especially with you, mr. Walsh, however, on this particular item, it came before us a year ago, people testified and said this is not right. The council listened under mayor adams. And we did the whole process over again, and we included the albina ministerial alliance. It came out with the same result. Although with a different slightly result now that we have dr. Harden involved getting part of the contract, too. But to assert the council didn't listen and the process is the same, is simply not so.

**Walsh:** Ok. When we argue with you, that you don't listen to us or don't bring us into the process, at the proper time, when bring in the same people over and over and over again, whether it's the ministers or anybody else, if keep bringing them in, what happens is they become very friendly with this council. And just like when I come here every week, and you see me, started calling me by my first name. And I start calling by your first name. And it's very friendly in the hallway. It's a battle in here but friendly in the hallway, how are you doing? Well, if you do that long enough, it's very hard to go after and throw rocks at somebody that you like. I don't like any of you and I work at that. Answering the question.

**Hales:** I will keep calling dan by his first name and I have not seen him become corrupted so let's move onto mark.

**Mark J. Hofheins, Jr.:** I am agreeing with, with cop watch. Your secretary, or whatever, can bring around the car, has yards now made for you so you can check out what I got going on. I am also going to try with all the cop watch here, as well, But, I implore you that, you know, in this, that, that cop watch keeps a look on and keeps in contact with me as long as you, as well as guys keep the guys accountable because obviously, the one that is the service animal and pepper sprayed and homeless people for no reason, was one of the guys that was, actually, interviewed by this guy. So, obviously, he did not do his job, and has a tendency to do this, sanders does it, and thank you, amanda, by the way, for that comment. And letting us know that that's what the process has been. I commend on that. And also I want to let you know, as of october 8 I sent you this. I also sent you guys another email today. I appreciate, I implore you if you can put forth donations so I can help out the homeless if we can't work out anything immediately at least I can help out as I can. Whether it's monetary, items, sleeping bags. I implore you each individually to, and I have a prediction that only Amanda fritz so far will be the one to even respond to my email. The fact is lets see if any of you actually put something forth personally out of your own pockets. The info is there, it's legitimate, pay pal, does not go into my pocket. It actually goes to these people that are out here and are going to suffer this winter. And I appreciate you guys.

**Hales:** I see Dr. Bethel has arrived. Good morning.

**Dr. T. Allen Bethel:** President outbound minister alliance, pastor, board member of trimet across the street dealing with our disability citizens this morning for trimet. Thank you for the opportunity to share before you this morning on the contract for psychological services, which is a vital and important contract for the hiring of the right people retaining and determining the suitability of returning officers. Council support in pulling the contract from the consent agenda about last year was a step in the right direction. And while we did not -- and while we did get the same results, as I heard commissioner Fritz saying as I came in with the same psychologist, a process I do believe was one open up to a wider range of candidates. The need for dr. Cory to diversify, train others, in the future, his experience in this field, not make him the only one to apply or exclude others

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from having a level playing field and rule to apply and have some measure of success. When there is only one person who gains the experience and you write a contract or request that says one must have five years, six years, seven years' experience, we also want to be able to say that there could be related experience that also could be applied and if no one ever gets the opportunity to provide the services, then the required experience would never be available for another person to apply. A few things I do want to point out in the time that I have remaining, about a minute and a half. Dr. Corey has asked in recognizing to a longitudinal study about predictions that cops will end up being disciplined, have sustained complaints against them, use excessive force, that is on page six of 10 in his contract, point j, under the statement of work. What I am concerned about is that there is nothing in those factors that deal with racial profiling or mental illness. And being that the DOJ issues are around that and the continuing concern of the community around racial profiling quote, unquote, pretext stops, that that should be a part of what he would be looking at in terms of the indicators. Also, and Dr. Sherry Harden's contract, page 5 of 10 in her contract, number 17 in the email document that was online, and also point j under this statement of work. She is being asked that anyone she trains to be a psychologist for these purposes must use the APA approved courses on diversity and cultural sensitivity. This is not in Dr. Corey's contract. He should be doing the same to ensure consistency, understanding, and accountability. We want to request that -- or actually require the psychologist to attend the institutional racism training that has been put together by the CPRC and the bureau, and actually I would hope that they would voluntarily just decide that they would come. Thirdly, Chief Reese often talks and says when he signs off that there is no further community input needed, and why that can be true on some of the things, I would hope that he would come to understand that community will hold the bureau accountable, and community policing, that's key. Community. So, when this contract is awarded today, I hope the two psychologists will work to have more diversity on their staff involved in this work and that in the future we do not have extensions as a matter of formality, but a fair, open competitive process to gain the best psychologists and diversity for this vitally important work. Thank you all of you for your support in opening this process to more transparency and urge you to award the contracts today giving consideration to the things mentioned and seek to have them incorporate in some ways as the contract goes forward and we call about Dr. Corey and Dr. Harden to voluntarily attend the institutional racism training from the CPRC. Thank you for your time.

**Fritz:** Thank you so much for that. Have you emailed that to us?

**Bethel:** No, I haven't, because I was finishing all of this up about midnight last night.

**Fritz:** All right.

**Bethel:** I will make sure that this is forwarded to you.

**Fritz:** It is very cogent, and my inclination would be to delay approving the contract until we can discuss a look at amending the document to put in the points that you just mentioned. Would that be acceptable to you?

**Hales:** We'll bring staff back up to respond about that. These are good points. We will bring Christine and company back up. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Joel K. Sievers:** Wow, good morning. Well, yes, somebody that was me a few years ago was chased down the street over by Jeld-Wen Field, Fred Meyers for \$2.50 of sandwiches. Jason Worthington, Washington Hendricks Hubbard put a gun to my head while I was in my boxers outside of Multnomah County Jail. Okay, they broke my teeth. There was blood all over the place. And these officers were laughing about it. I was going to sue Multnomah County for \$1,226. Maybe \$257,000, but my attorney cost \$10 grand. Now that the case has been basically expunged from the file, the FBI attorney costs \$25,000. So, it would be \$126 -- \$126,000.57 that I would be



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prosecuting for. They moved me from one -- from -- they moved me from one squad car to another. So the video will probably be -- you can't probably find the video. But I believe they took me to a hospital over in the pearl district. I'm not sure exactly which one that is, but, yeah, you know, I believe some people need help. I believe some cops need psych reviews, but also, now, the people in the public also need, you know, need clarification of this. Maybe attorneys like alexander -- at Multnomah, at Portland -- he is a -- what is it -- a law firm over here in Portland. And, you know, I don't know. I don't know. That's all I have to say.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Sievers:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you very much.

**Sievers:** All right. Bye.

**Hales:** Anyone else signed up.

**Moore-Love:** That is all.

**Hales:** Lets call the team back up and talk about the points that have been raised. Talking about the institutional racism training and the questions of consistency of the two contracts on a couple of points. Since there would be screening -- understand issues of mental illness, comments and suggestions about where we are and do we need to make changes in the contract language?

**Moody:** The contracts that are attached to the ordinance are not finalized, and they substantially similar contracts. So, the comment about institutional racism training can be added into that, and also the point that dr. Bethel raised about consistency between the training in the harden contract and corey contract, that can be added as well.

**Hales:** I would like to see that.

**Fritz:** How about adding an emphasis on addressing racial profiling and mental illness indicators when assessing the office, can that be added to?

**Moody:** Yes.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Okay. Great. Other guidance, suggestions? Okay. This, I believe, comes back for a second reading. Yes. Comes back for a second reading. Unless there is any further council comments, please make those revisions to the ordinance -- i'm sorry, to the contract as we just discussed and we will see them next week. Thank you very much. Okay. 993.

**Item 993.**

**Hales:** Good morning. Commissioner novick.

**Novick:** Mr. Mayor, the general project character and scope of the northeast 112th and northeast marx street, properly grade street, storm water drainage facilities, extend existing sanitary sewer, construct sidewalks and plant street trees. Acquisition of certain private property interests to construct the project by april 1st, 2014, so the construction can be in on schedule. All property owners invited to meetings, additional outreach -- park rose neighborhood association, briefed on the funding and scope of the overall project. I will turn it over to mark maloney -- to elaborate.

**Mark Maloney, Right of Way, Bureau of Transportation:** City of Portland right of way here to answer any questions that you guys might have in regards to the northeast 112th and northeast marx project combination ordinance. Basically, as part of the project, we'll have 10 property owners that will be affected with a combination of different easements from dedications, culvert easements, as well as temporary construction easements. This -- let's see, the ordinance basically is being -- we have the ordinance for the ability to offer just compensation, as well as if necessary, to condemn on the properties which at this point from talks with property owners, doesn't seem like that would be necessary. So, if you have any questions --

**Fritz:** None of the property owners have expressed concerns about this project?

**Maloney:** About the right of way portion, we haven't heard anything.

**Hales:** And on the assessment issues, or maybe andrew can comment on that.

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**Andrew Aebi:** I don't have anything really to add. This has been an extremely complicated project from an engineering perspective. We're trying to get rid of a septic tank in a leech field area collected to the columbia slough. My engineering colleagues have done excellent work in terms of coming up with a physical solution. We are in a position to move forward with acquiring our property right. So, the scope elements on the project have been in response to property owner request. Right-of way acquisition naturally follows us solving the problem they are asking us to solve. I think everybody is looking forward to the project being built and no one has expressed any concerns to me about the right-of-way acquisition.

**Novick:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Further questions for staff? Thank you very much. Anyone signed up to testify?

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

**Hales:** Roll call.

**Novick:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you for your work. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** Good work, aye.

**Hales:** I think the easy ones are all done. Aye. 994 please.

**Item 994.**

**Hales:** Mr. Novick.

**Novick:** Mr. Mayor, colleagues, the project is in the adopted north mcadam transportation development strategy. On october 21st, 2009, the Oregon transportation commission approved an amendment to the stip, the \$12 million of funding for the project, this amendment extends the completion time of the original iga to allow more time to complete the identified work and allow adequate time for further transportation analysis.

**Hales:** Great. Anyone here to testify?

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

**Hales:** Moves to second reading. Thank you. [gavel pounded]

**Item 995.**

**Hales:** Fritz.

**Fritz:** In response to your request for a little more time, I request that this be pulled back to my office.

**Hales:** Without objection -- sorry. We will take public testimony before I take action. Come on up. I'm sorry. We will take very brief testimony, since I already indicated that we would. Okay.

**Joe Walsh:** I have to be brief?

**Hales:** Yes.

**Walsh:** I'm irish.

**Hales:** One can try.

**Walsh:** My name is joe walsh. I represent individuals for justice. I don't speak for r2dto. I have great admiration for them, but our organization has not been involved in this move. We saw this move as very simple, easy move. You were taking 75 people and moving them from point a to point b. Pretty simple stuff. Until -- condition gets involved and people say not in my back yard. You ain't moving these people into my back yard. I'm a cocktail liberal. I talk about good stuff. I'll tell you how much I give to charity, but you ain't moving these people to my back yard. Two blocks away from my condominium, are you nuts? That's the cry that we're hearing. And who do we hear it from, we hear it from the people in the pearl district. The cocktail liberal district. The people that think they're doing good stuff and they're not. It's an easy move, people. You have a big problem on the streets. This is easy. Do it. Take some time and do it.

**Hales:** Thanks.

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**Walsh:** 10 minutes, may I take the 10 minutes? Don't go to china, because you are not going to learn anything there. Stay here. You've got a problem.

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Lightning:** I'd like to ask if I could have my three minutes, please, on my communication, if I could possibly do that. It will take --

**Hales:** We will give you three minutes. Go ahead.

**Lightning:** My name is lightning. I represent lightning homeless alliance. Basically in my opinion the ultimate dream for r2dtoo is stand up for ownership of your own site such as they wanted to do originally at dignity village but they were not able to end up doing that. Again, I think you should stay where you're at. Let me explain why. Without the absolute generosity shown by -- to r2dtoo and the homeless community, chances are r2dtoo group would not be the success they are today. Pdc has stated an interest in purchasing michael wright's property. Appraisal has been ordered. It appears that things are still moving forward. R2dtoo should stay at their current site and in my opinion, it should not have any affect on the overall sale. The amended terms of the settlement agreement should be as follows. A, michael wright's burnside property, in and all fines be waved by the city of Portland. B, upon closing of michael wright's burnside property by pdc, r2dtoo will have no later than six months to vacate property. Estimated move time from today's date would be approximately one year. C, bureau of development services agrees lot 7, northwest lovejoy court, an amendment will be made stating lot 7 will be used for parking only. No other use is allowed. D, at the closing of michael wright's burnside property to pdc, michael wright agrees to donate \$150,000 to the nonprofit r2dtoo, with the intended purpose of purchasing land for the next r2dtoo site. E, the china town neighborhood and the pearl district neighborhood will rally together to create several fundraisers with proceeds being ear marked for the purchase of the next r2dtoo group's property. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Joel.

**Joel K. Sievers:** Yeah. Yeah, I definitely think that r2dtoo should move. We also heard -- you told us that you visited new york, ground zero, and I wonder how that, you know, i'm sure that opened up your eyes to what's going on. Also, yeah, I spoke to r2dtoo yesterday, and the day before, and they said that there -- that they found a geological site where they're digging over there and that the move is on -- postponed. Or is it that it's postponed because the -- because the people in the pearl district are coming at city hall with bribes of money to have them not be moved there because they want a hotel built there or something. I totally think that homeless people have a bigger place here than a hotel. I mean, there is hotels all over. You have the marriott. You have the benson. You have -- what else hotels? There is a lot. The hilton. Yeah. And I definitely think that the move would be right for r2dtoo, you know.

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

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Yeah, yeah.

**Fritz:** In response to the request of the testimony, let me be very clear. We still have a settlement agreement, specified a use agreement for the move of the camp to the new site must be finalized by october 28th. To date, nothing has been put on the table as an option otherwise, nor any additional financial assistance. So, we are delaying this possibly for a week to give the chance for that to happen. But we do have a definite time line that something needs to happen very soon and we will be moving forward with that.

**Hales:** Understood. Thank you.

**Lightning:** May I respond to that please?

**Hales:** We're not going to have a debate here. She wants it back to her office for a short time and that is where it is going.

**Lightning:** Fair enough. Thank you, sir.

**Hales:** Thank you. One more regular item. 996.

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**Item 996.**

**Hales:** Second reading. Roll call.

**Novick:** I'm very, very proud council providing paid sick time for the city of Portland. More proud of this than anything else that we have done, even though when I took office, I really can take no credit for it, but I am very pleased with the additional work that commissioner Fritz has done on it and pleased to vote aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioner Novick. Every member of this council can and should feel proud of this. We unanimously adopted the regulations in March and there have been good discussions since then. Obviously everybody continues to be very engaged and strongly supportive of this ordinance. All of the changes that we're adopting today are results are going through the administrative rules comments and we received many comments from individual businesses and unions. The changes are the results of some of the most common remarks and the most pointed ones that we wanted to make sure that were clarified. There are no substantial changes to the ordinance. I will bring an ordinance to the council for the contract with the Bureau of Labor and Industry soon which will have guidelines from the labor commissioner on enforcement and how we will ease into the use of enforcement in this law the first six months of its use. I want to particularly thank the labor commissioner Brad Avakian for his partnership on this. He and his staff have been absolutely outstanding throughout the process and I'm looking forward to continue to work with them. Bureau of Labor and Industry will be the main points of contact starting in January for questions and concerns regarding this ordinance. In the meantime, Tom Bizeau in my office continues to be the lead staff person working on it and we will continue to work with the community and all stakeholders to do whatever is necessary to make sure that this works. We do understand that the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 28, the Stagehands Union is currently negotiating their contract which may include a similar provision to the paid time off that the construction trade contracts contain, which is included in this set of amendments. We will certainly be considering additional amendment packages as we continue to work through this process. It is our ground-breaking, one of a kind, national trend-setter. We want to make sure that we get it right. If we need to do an adjustment for the stagehands, cash back equal to or better than the sick earned time provision, we will certainly do that. I appreciate the ongoing work on this engagement of all five members of the council and the strong support of the community. I'm very proud of this, too. Aye.

**Fish:** Commissioner Fritz, thank you for shepherding the code changes to this successful conclusion. I too was proud to serve on the council that unanimously supported earned sick leave for all employees. In my role, liaison of Venture Portland, I look forward to working with you and with Boli to make sure that particularly our small employers understand what their obligations are under the law and help them during the transition period. Thank you for your tremendous leadership on this issue. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Hales:** You may have noticed a film crew, a Japanese national television crew in town who came here to look at liveability and sustainability issues and got diverted to the commission form of government. So they are doing a story about the commission form of government. Which is hard to explain to people in one language much less translate it to another. I've talked a lot lately about one of the characteristics of Portland, and I think it is relevant here. We have a propensity in part thanks to this form of government, better than other governments do, to actually turn our values into real things. Contrast us with the gap between Americans' values about safe climate change and inability of Congress to even have an intelligent debate on the subject, and do anything about it. We actually do things that turn our values into action. One reason we're successful at that is that we're a community that has those expectations and we have a lot of community support for doing the right thing. That was evident in this case. Also because we have distributed leadership

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on this council and that people are able to lead on something that they're passionate about and effective on, and that's exactly what has happened in this case. Commissioner Fritz, thank you for your leadership. This is something that we should all be proud of. We turned a broadly shared value about what people should have a right to expect in the workplace into something real and I look forward to seeing it go into action. Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Fish:** Would you consider going to 979 first? I think --

**Hales:** I would be happy to do that.

**Fish:** We may be losing a couple of people here.

**Hales:** 979 pulled from consent.

**Item 979.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Thank you, mayor. This relates to a claim that arose in October of last year. Involving a water bureau crew improperly flushing a water main, which resulted in water damage to Mr. Holland's home, which was downstream from the flushing. Damaging his home, yard, deck, and retaining walls. The bureau then acknowledged its responsibility and liability. This was a negotiated settlement, and it is to be paid out of the city's insurance and claims fund, and while it occurred under the watch of a prior commissioner in charge, it is now being brought forth as simply seeking council authority to consummate the settlement.

**Hales:** Great. Explanation. Anyone want to testify on this item? Go ahead.

**Walsh:** My name is Joe Walsh, I represent individuals for justice. I notice this item because before I was retired from federal government, I was a utility supervisor. So, I was curious what happened, and I looked at the accident and realized that the water department opened up a fire hydrant and flooded the area and flooded a man's house. Basically what happened. And I was curious, if I was the utility supervisor in charge of that in the federal sector, I would be in a lot of trouble. And the \$13,000 settlement, I have no objections to that at all. I think it's low. I looked at it. I said, well, you know -- I was curious what happened to the supervisors in charge of that. When something like this happens, there should be accountability. And I know it from being the supervisor that would be in that position at one time. I was. Long Beach shipyard, we had a lot of accidents and we had to answer for them. And I was curious does anybody know if anything happened to anybody that they turned on a fire hydrant without using the hoses, just turned it on?

**Fish:** I'll respond to that quickly. It is part of the regular routine of maintenance of all fire hydrants and other mains that they are occasionally flushed. We are required to do it for a number of reasons, including to make sure they're operational if there is a fire in that community. This is normal routine maintenance. This occurred, because the water which normally would flow downhill along the street, crossed over into someone's house. It was a nonforeseeable event, but the water bureau did not object, did not contest liability because we learned -- apparently the bureau learned some things from this that we will put into practice going forward and felt it was appropriate to settle with the property owner. We do this throughout the city on a regular time line, if we don't, we are putting people at greater risk for the possibility of a malfunctioning water main or fire hydrant in the event it is really needed around a fire or public emergency.

**Walsh:** What we would have done, attach hoses and take it all of the way down the hill. If there was any incline at all, we would attach hoses. So, there would be no possibility of flooding that house. All I'm saying in the city, in the police department, in the water department, all of the -- it should be -- should be some accountability for this stuff. You know, if you say, hey, you know, we're not going to contest this because it's right at the borderline of \$10,000, and you lawyers know that is the magic number. If you go below 10,000, you probably are going to get a settlement. Because it costs that much money to go to court. People don't want to do that. It's

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just that our organization looks at this city and says what's the accountability? That's what we ask. And in this case, there is none, none.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Walsh:** And we just like pointing it out.

**Hales:** Thank you. Okay. Emergency ordinance. Roll call.

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

**Hales:** Aye. Okay, 978.

**Item 978.**

**Hales:** Someone pulled this, is there testimony? If not, motion to adopt the report. You want to speak on this?

**Joe Walsh:** Is this the one that was on the Consent agenda.

**Hales:** Appointing people to the commission.

**Walsh:** Yeah. Joe walsh, representing individuals for justice. We look at the human rights commission as a complete failure. I may be wrong, but it seems to me that if we have people dying on our streets, that kind of human rights, that would be covered by that topic, that committee. And you're going to reappoint the same people over and over again. And our suggestion is that you back off, not appoint these people, and get together with the groups that have a vested interest in the human rights commission or the police department. Again like dan from cop watch, aclu, those -- those type of people that have a different perception than you probably would get. So, we object to you reassigning or re-voting these people back into this committee, because we think that the committee has done almost nothing. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thanks.

**Mark J. Hofheins Jr.:** What does it take to get on this committee? Can you answer that?

**Hales:** Volunteering.

**Hofheins:** Okay.

**Hales:** And being selected.

**Hofheins:** Can I get information from your office then? I would love to actually be on this, get insight from actually someone out there dealing with things, actually a fuller -- this committee. And i'm willing to volunteer my time to do that as well through -- etc. I will definitely get with you guys on that and we will go from there. And we will keep you updated on how it goes.

**Hales:** Thank you. Okay. Motion to adopt the report. So moved. Second

**Fritz:** Second.

**Hales:** Further discussion? Roll call.

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

**Hales:** Aye. And we are recessed until 2:00 pm. [gavel pounded].

At 11:34 a.m., Council recessed.

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**Hales:** Come back to order. Call the roll. [roll call]

**Hales:** Could you read the next item.

**Item 997.**

**Hales:** Thank you. I want to call up a panel of chad stover, from my staff, lieutenant kruger, and howard weiner to discuss this proposal before this. As we all remember, this was a pilot project that mayor adams began with the police bureau in december of 2012, which we continued into this spring and then continued again. And quite a bit of work has been done by both the community and by the city to evaluate and prepare us to consider the decision now to keep going for a longer period and start to make this something that people can rely on, rather than an experiment. So, with that, chad, why don't you take it away.

**Chad Stover, Office of Mayor Hales:** Sure. Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. In december, 2012, city council passed a three month long street closure as the mayor just referenced, pilot program in old town/chinatown neighborhood. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th avenue -- the pilot program experiment initiated by the central precinct of the Portland police bureau as an attempt to cut down on crime in the area and decongest the street. The pilot program ran for three months. As we near the end of that three month period, mayor hales adopted the program and the questions became a, did the pilot program work? If it did work, is it worth our while to continue with the street closure pilot. According to crime statistics, police records demonstrated a 30% reduction in crime and there was an increase in the police initiative call to service. Under the leadership of mayor hales, compelling enough evidence to behoove the city to consider an extension of the street closure beyond the original three month agreement. However, rather than simply continuing with the street closure that solely focused on public safety concerns, conversations with stakeholders -- initiatives to improve overall liveability of the neighborhood. Through stakeholder input, it was decided we could use the street closure program as an arena of experimentation, if you will, amenities and enhancements that may be beneficial and desirable to not only bar owners and restaurant owners in the area, but residents, social service providers, and others in the area. Old town/chinatown community association, representatives from the local bars, social service providers, and business owners and participated on two midnight to 3:00 a.m. Walk-about with stakeholders, and commissioner Fritz participated in the second one. Debrief with 25 stakeholders took place after the walk, at the conclusion of that walk-about, in the basement of central city concern. By the time the original pilot came into completion, list of directives for the extension of the street closure, taking input from the stakeholders that represented positive changes that the community would like to see. Listed as directives in ordinance 186072. This is the ordinance that came to pass as we reached the end of the original pilot back in may of this year. They included initiatives such as the following. Improvement of signage and education pertaining to the street closure. Improvement of the aesthetic appearance of the street closure itself, improvement of noise enforcement, and other measures to improve neighborhood liveability. Establishment of a nonprofit organization assigned with the task of overseeing the street closure of the entertainment district. Development of ongoing sources of revenue to cover the extraordinary

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cost of services -- ordinance 187072 called for a six-month long extension of the street closure, currently nearing completion and scheduled to sunset october 27th, 2013. By the time we reach the end of september of this year, the Portland police bureau once again assessed the crime statistics taking it from the summer. Lieutenant kruger, acting captain, who is here with me, is here to talk about the statistics in a moment. From the onset of the extension, a degree of skepticism among some -- we knew that at the time we saw about a 30% reduction at the end of the original pilot program, but we also took into consideration the fact that that pilot program took place during the cold months, and historically everybody involved agreed that we see a much higher level of people, increased population on friday and saturday nights in the entertainment district area during the warm months. This was compelling evidence to see how we did in course of crime over the course of an entire summer. During this time, the mayor's office established a \$16,000 contract over the course of the summer -- extended street closure pilot program, \$16,000 contract with the Portland business alliance to help fulfill some of the directives laid out in 186072. As a part of this contract, tba provided the following services. Janitorial services, including clean and safe maintenance workers who are present during the hours of 8:00 p.m. To 4:00 a.m. Friday and saturday night. Two european style urinals, banners attached to the perimeter fences of the street closure that advertise and promote old town/chinatown and offer education on parking and safety. Pba announced up to date statistics -- as of a couple of weeks ago. I have some of those statistics here, but also on hand today we have lenay and lisa who informed me that they have more up to date statistics, in case you have any questions about what has happened more recently, they're here to answer any questions. As for just a couple of weeks ago, we have the following statistics from those amenities that we added to the entertainment district. Out of our two european style urinals, 370 gallons of urine were collected from the urinals.

**Fritz:** You had to start with that one.

**Stover:** Something about the science --

**Hales:** It gets better from there.

**Fritz:** Oh, good.

**Stover:** Something about the science of going to the bathroom, I guess. 10 pounds of cigarette butts, using our 10 smoke poles. People traditionally we found were just dumping the cigarette butts everywhere and anywhere. Ended up being next to trees causing clutter and wasn't very attractive. We collected 10 pounds of cigarette butts, which is quite a bit. 63 pounds of trash. 13 bits of drug paraphernalia, and 121 biohazards. By the end of october, it's projected that we will come in under budget. Originally \$16,000 contract, but it looks like we are going to come in under budget by the end of this extension of the street closure. And currently the mayor's office will work with the pba to try to amend the contracts so that we will use up the \$16,000 to continue services for that duration of time, however, we will continue to search for a source of revenue, if we wish to continue those services beyond that period. Over the course of the summer, the mayor's staff regularly attended old town/chinatown community association meetings, night life sub committee meetings to continue conversations with the stakeholders and bar owners -- discussion on community ownership and partnership with the city to make further enhancements. Also with me today, howard, the chair of the old town/chinatown community association from this point forward, otctca, here to speak on behalf of the old town/chinatown community and we will hear from howard in a minute. Some of the conversations were productive in terms of exchanging ideas and options, establishment of a nonprofit management group to oversee the district, one of the directions from the previous ordinance has yet to come into fruition. The mayor's office negotiated for a time line for continuing to extend the street closure. In those conversations we agreed upon a one-year extension. On october 1st, 2013 -- otctca voted in support of it, provided that a number of directives be taken into consideration. If you refer to



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exhibit letter e in the packet that you have, you will see a letter from the otctca regarding that decision that they made and directives that they would like to see implemented and as we go forward in this one year period with the street closure. All of this brings us to date. The present ordinance calls for a one year continuation of the street closure guided by the directives laid out at the request of the otctca. In essence, same boundaries of the street closure will be utilized, unless a consensus that the boundaries -- also it is understood that this one-year street closure, emphasis on making improvements to the overall, 24 hour a day liveability of the neighborhood. That being said, I will turn it over to captain -- lieutenant kruger, acting captain, to discuss statistics around public safety and then the chair of the otctca to speak on behalf of the neighborhood association.

**Hales:** Welcome.

**Lt. Terry Kruger, Portland Police Bureau:** Good afternoon. I apologize, bob day was unable to be here, the commander. He had family-related conflicts and was unable to attend today. As you're well aware, we didn't orchestrate or engineer the close proximity of the bars or number of people that were coming down there, but as the police force we're responsible for the public safety of those people. We were looking at innovative ways to try to make it more efficient and safer for everyone, including the officers that were down there dealing with those issues. We looked at outside cities, vancouver. We looked at denver. Austin, p.d., and some of the things they had done in their existing entertainment districts that had made things better for everyone involved. Some being the street closures. What they were seeing is much what we had seen, a substantial reduction of crime across the board and safer environment for all of the people down there. One of the problems prior to the street closures that we were dealing with was heavy congestion upon the sidewalks and still heavy vehicular traffic into the area. It made it difficult for our officers to see. It made it difficult for our officers to get around. A made it unsafe and at times for our officers to not be in clumps, which is one of the complaints we heard, police officers in groups rather than out mingling with the folks. In closing the streets and shutting off to vehicular traffic, it opens those things up and reduced the pressure up on the sidewalks of people bumping into one another, conflicts with the men and the women in those environments, and some of the bravado that took place and caused issues. Visibility as well down the streets. Allowing officers the safety to see one another and respond to stuff more quickly without navigating through traffic and the heavy crowds. In so doing, we've seen an increase in self-initiated activity as our officers were able to get out and about with the other folks and as a result, we've seen, corresponding decrease in crimes across the board. Other than in some of the self-initiated type of arrest situations, like duiis and some of the trespasses. In a nutshell, it's been, you know, initially we looked at a three-month window. We saw roughly 33% reduction. Now we've got statistics here that I believe you folks have as well that show crime statistics from january to august.

**Stover:** Just for clarification, this exhibit d.

**Kruger:** Yeah. Under exhibit d, you see that it is held at a 29% reduction across the board. From the previous years and in part one crimes, you see a substantial drop, part one and part two crime. And you can see in the smaller graph below how that is broken down to aggravated assaults, simple assaults, disorderly conduct, duii, larceny -- we received positive feedback from people in the streets that have come up to the officers. The cost to us hasn't changed. We need to staff and police that area, whether we have the streets closed or not. But it makes it safer for us and obviously it makes it safer for the public, which is our focus.

**Hales:** Just reflect on these numbers. So, aggravated assault is down from 15 to two. Simple assault down from 43 to 21. Disorderly conduct, 58 to 31. But duii and liquor violations are actually both slightly up. My perception -- let me check my perception against reality. My perception is that that's a good thing in that you actually have more opportunity to apprehend people because there is a greater distance from when they leave the bar to when they get in a car.

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But i'm not sure if that's the case. That seems like -- in other words, there is not any less drinking going on or anymore drinking going on in the bar district. It is that you have a little more opportunity to interact with people, perhaps in some cases before they get behind the wheel of a car. Is that what's going on here?

**Kruger:** That's certainly part of it. We have a partnership with the olcc who is down there, and Multnomah county has a task force that sandra is in charge of and she has been involved with the closure. And just the ability to see down the streets and to intervene early on in these issues has resulted in some of those numbers and, you know, when those folks are being picked up ahead of time, whether it's a civil hold for detox or just contact with law enforcement at the front end of these things, I think that you are having a decrease in the amount of people that are climbing behind the wheel of cars as result as well.

**Hales:** Good. I just want to mention also, a lot of people in the decision making roles have spent time out on the street with you and bureau staff that do the work. Commissioner Fritz was out with me late one night and actually another one that I really want to call out is the chair of the Oregon liquor control commission, rob patrich, district attorney for klamath county. He had to travel a distance to be here, but went out with chad and the police bureau, very late one saturday night, until 2:30, 3:00 in the morning. Volunteer job to be the chair of the olcc, but yet I think he went above and beyond the call of being a volunteer on a state commission to do that and I appreciate that partnership very much.

**Stover:** Questions for either of these two before we turn it over to howard? Okay. Howard, you're on.

**Howard Weiner, Chair, Oldtown-Chinatown Community Assoc.:** Thank you. Well, and thank you, mayor, and city council. Thank you for staying up so late and coming down to old town. I'm not up at 3:00 in the morning or 2:00 in the morning, unless somebody breaks a window in my business and I show up. A lot of the information you've already heard. We started this discussion to give a little background, in the public safety and liveability committee in october, about a year ago, on commander day came to the committee and said that we have an issue that we all knew about, and I have an idea. We discussed this for a period of time. And then moved forward. The goal was to reduce crime. And really calls for service. Because you had a couple of locations there that had the most calls for service in the city, and it taxes our policing. That's been very successful. What's also been very successful is that collaborative effort that we have had. I really want to make a strong point of how much you've worked with the mayor's office worked with the community, and I know amanda, you're a strong neighborhood activist, and advocate, and that's just what has been going on. The relationship is collaborative. We have had many meetings. You have shown up in the neighborhood. It is a difficult issue. When we talk about the street closure, whether or not we should even have a street closure or not is an issue in and of itself and what will that street closure look like. This has been an ongoing conversation now for over a year. There is some negatives that have affected businesses that we need to address. Some of the restaurants have complained. Some of the residents have issues with noise, which you have -- will hear in a bit. But most importantly, I want to stress moving forward, this idea of creating a sac, creating a committee that is made up of folks from government and the community and to really start tweaking when necessary this -- i'll call it an experiment, even though we're extending it for a year, the street closure. I do want to mention that there is only six licensees within the street closure, and 76 licensees within old town, chinatown community. Some folks have started calling that our entertainment district. Our entertainment is really throughout the community. And I want to make clear as we start working on branding, what old town/chinatown, what we want to call it, you know. What are our draws, the chinese garden, saturday market, all of our chinese restaurants, asian restaurants and others. We want to be inclusive. And, of course, also the fact that we have two historical districts within the neighborhood. Skidmore historic

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district and japantown district. There is a tension -- I just want to make everyone aware, from all of these different folks as to what we want to see us become when we grow up. We're the last bit of downtown that hasn't been fully developed. There is lots of opportunity. We will be talking about that more later. One of the things that I want to talk about is going to be the cost. And that i, think, once we figure out the sac, we're going to really have to dig down and figure out who pays the cost for this. My understanding approximately \$4,000 a month for the janitorial services alone. You can correct me if I am wrong. And that we're just going to have to figure out. We're a community association. We are not yet a nonprofit. That conversation is ongoing. There is folks, you know, that have ideas, but we're not there yet. My hope is by the end of this period, giving a year I think is good amount of time that will resolve some of these issues or throw our hands up and say we can't do this as a community. We need that time and continue with that collaboration. Our board is fully in support and we will continue that effort. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thanks very much. Questions?

**Fritz:** I want to thank you for bringing up that issue of the whole entertainment district. It is much more than the street closure area. In fact, I believe it is more than old town/chinatown, it also goes into the pearl, the west end. I wondered if you and the mayor would be willing to invite pearl district neighborhood association and pearl district business association folks to participate on the stakeholder advisory committee.

**Weiner:** I think that would be wonderful. We could cross pollinate. So, yeah.

**Fritz:** There are neighborhood boundaries, but some of us prior to two months ago were not entirely clear where the boundary between old town/chinatown and the pearl district is. And, in fact, it does function as a unit. It has many concerns in common, and, as you say, there are that many more licensed businesses in old town/chinatown than just in the closure area. There are more restaurants and bars and entertainment facilities in the pearl district.

**Weiner:** And the more smart people at the table, I think the better. You know, it sometimes can be contentious because everyone has an agenda, but, yes, i'm supportive of that.

**Hales:** Good suggestion. Other questions or concerns for these folks? Thanks very much. And do we have others signed up? I know we've got lenay, pba folks are here, if you have any questions. Let's take the folks that have signed up.

**Moore-Love:** Seven people have signed up. The first three, please come on up.

**Hales:** Good afternoon, welcome.

**Jeff Geigere:** Yeah, i'm jeff. I've gone out -- I run a web site. I've been with the police -- every friday, saturday. I wanted to talk about that. So, due to the streets being closed able to respond to things a lot quicker than they normally would with a congested street. I have seen them break up fights before becoming fight. People at the stage just yelling at each other and I see them come in and intervene. The police have a relationship with the security guards at the bars when there is issues inside the bars, they go in and deal with them. They also walk into the bars to make sure that people know that, hey, the Portland police are here. I've seen them handle fights in which an individual had a weapon. Had a knife. And they pulled tasers, pulled their -- two of them pulled their guns out, and they dealt with it. The person complied. They dealt with it in an aggressive manner that wasn't forceful. Dealt with it and dealt with the very -- dealt with it very well. Also, it does seem that by being there, they have that interaction with the people that go there every weekend or whatever, and they have that, you know, now they have that connection to the community. A lot of people I believe don't have that connection, because police are rolling around in police cars more often than they are out there. And to speak to the closure, with which -- how it is set up, the police, I don't know if you have been down there, the police did -- northwest 3rd -- in a circle, they can see pretty much a majority of the clubs in the entertainment district and can respond very quickly by being there. I mean, a person, again, like a person allegedly stole a bottle of alcohol from a club. They had -- the guy ran. They had apprehended the person in 54 seconds

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of running. So -- pretty much just want to thank the Portland police for, you know, being very professional and, you know, they do that job and they do it every day, but it is not very often that you get to see that sort of interaction.

**Hales:** Thanks. Thank you. Appreciate that.

**Mark J. Hofheins Jr.:** Normally i've been painted as a police hater. No, i'm not. This is -- I actually go out with geiger and mike on multiple occasions that I have had many interactions with these officers and I absolutely love the way this is ran. As a matter of fact, I believe that there should be a requirement for the rest of the force to actually spend time with these officers and learn how to deescalate. These officers are so good at deescalating situations in order to get citizens to comply. And they're drunk on a constant basis. These people that they are dealing with are drunk and belligerent most of the time. The closure, the way it is, it allows for people to be safe, the fact that they don't get hit by cars. Homeless people actually -- i'm always throwing homeless people in there, the homeless people feel comfortable over there and comfortable in order to be there. But, all in all, I commend you actually on making this move itself. The safety actually comes from doing this. And i'm actually proud to say this, that you guys actually are doing something really great with this. Still, I want to reiterate, I recommend highly that you guys set up a program towards where the officers are required once every quarterly to spend a weekend there and learn from these officers. These officers down there are excellent and they are very good personal people -- personable people. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you for taking the time to come in and express your support on this issue.

**Hofheins:** Thank you.

**Martin Soloway:** Director of housing at central city concern and treasurer of the old town/chinatown community association. First of all, on behalf of the over 200 residents and staff the estate hotel, I want to thank you for your support of the street closures and other efforts to bring down the noise and disruptive behaviors that contribute so much of the stress in their lives. Party environment on the street along third avenue challenging to our residents and the impact of the closure has made a difference. Having the cars gone has reduced the noise from the cars -- we all know solving homelessness doesn't end with housing. It begins with housing. People at the estate are brand new to the project of creating a stable, self-sufficient life for themselves and the stresses in the district are very hard on that project. I guess, again, I want to thank you for the many ways the city supports them in their commitment to building their lives, a better life for themselves. As to the ordinance at hand, I think it is important to remind everyone that the street closure is not the same thing as the entertainment districts that are being tried in many cities around the country. The boundaries for the closure were defined by dots on the map representing criminal activity. It was not created by commander day and his team to address a specific problem. It was only created to address a specific problem faced by the police and they are to be commended for a very effective solution. It is essential that we not allow this -- brand the district in the public's eye that third avenue is the entertainment district of old town. Our neighborhood already suffers from relentlessly negative messages from the press. After months of meetings, one fact I have heard over and over, this configuration is not good for the clubs inside the closure and not good for the bars and clubs outside of the boundary and restaurants in the neighborhood and residents and patrons who park their cars in the neighborhood. It has been good for public safety and good for our residents, which is great, but with all of the resources involved, think we should able to do much more. We can and have to act quickly to create a more balanced solution for the business interest in the neighborhood. That leads to one of the concerns I have about the ordinance, which is that it locks the boundaries of the closure for an entire year. We know it is not good for businesses. We know that it's putting -- it is re-enforcing a brand and identity. It is important that we start the conversation with the stakeholders. I guess when we have the clubs and restaurants and venues and community leaders around the state, they are going to come up

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with brilliant ideas and we're going to need flexibility in defining the configuration for a 24/7 entertainment district. Discussions are ready to be had. Possibilities are exciting -- comedy, jazz, rock, blues, chinese garden, chinatown restaurants, tours, donuts, festivals, museums, historic landmarks, shops, schools, galleries, so many components to a true 24/7 entertainment district. I want to thank charlie hales for the spark that started this conversation and brought it to live and looking forward to the coming year.

**Hales:** Thanks. Thanks for your help.

**Hales:** Good afternoon.

**Gloria Lee:** Good afternoon. I've been involved in the community since 2000 as a volunteer and also on the board of the northwest china council which has an office in old town/chinatown. I participate in the old town/chinatown community association and many of the committees, and i'm here to really put a -- define what is perception and what is reality. The naming of old town/chinatown as an entertainment district carries a potentially self-fulfilling prophecy which diminishes the identity and the historical characteristics of old town/chinatown. The media and public start to see old town/chinatown in this light. It is not the focus of the district entirely, but is the result of an immediate need to address public safety, which, again, we've done very well. But certainly there is more to the district, the old town/chinatown festival streets, retailers, small businesses, nonprofits just to name a few other segments of more than entertainment. Old town/chinatown has suffered negative marketing and public relations over the years as media seeks to categorize the district. The newly-formed old town/chinatown community association is working to address those issues, and there are many, many partners from private to public to nonprofit, to governmental working on the five-year action plan to create a sustainable, vibrant, balanced, mixed-use community. That message does not get to the public. So, unfortunately, the media attention recently on right to dream in addition to the street closure is creating a dismal perception of old town/chinatown for businesses and residents. It takes that character of Portland's oldest area, and it sort of puts it in the dumpster, in my opinion. Increases the work of those of us who are now trying to promote old town/chinatown as a positive district with new happenings, such as the travels of tea, happening now, the free movie night on the first tuesday of every month at the tea house. Many events that a lot of the asian organizations hopefully are coming back to chinatown with. This is just a comment regarding perception and the need to be really thoughtful and careful about the messages we're sending out to the public because the public is, potential new businesses, potential tenants, are potential investors, residents and property owners. I don't have a solution at this time, but I think the statement needs to be made how we message.

**Hales:** Thank you. Good points. Thank you.

**Steven J. Entwistle:** Thank you -- my name is steven entwistle. Portland born. Thank you for having this meeting today. This is really important. I'm concerned mainly with the residents that have been living in the area for sometime. And I believe that there is a lack of voice for the people that are being bothered by the excessive noise. At least those that are still alive. Anyway, I have issues with a lot of noise issues where I live, and it's very similar to the residents where they live. Except we do not have police presence on our street. They're all down there. So, when we have noise problems, we just have to, you know, we're brushed off, marginalized, and it goes unspoken and untold. And people suffer. And I had a friend that died mainly because of that. My solution -- this is unsustainable. Okay. I don't mean to be a con -- contrarian. Here is the but. It is unsustainable. Look 30 years down the road, where are you going to be with this? With the residents, as being the number one concern rather than the businesses, rather than the money, rather than the alcohol sales and rather than all of that. Where are the residents going to be with this? My solution is that we have a real entertainment district. A lot of construction outfits that would really like to get some work right now. A lot of people that are out of work. There is a

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whole section of town in the south waterfront over by the tram, south end of the ross island bridge.

That could be the south waterfront entertainment district. You have public transportation there. It's easy access off of the freeway. All of the buildings are new. They can withstand the noise. It would be a great draw. Didn't sam adams saying something about having a beach up in that area somewhere? I think that would be great. That is a great idea. Turn the island into like a fantasy island, a bunch of tours going through there, and make a big difference for -- and create a whole bunch of revenue. And that's what we need in this city. And I would -- I would talk to people like james beard, who is trying to do this under the morrison bridge project to try to move things more towards the river. The buildings that are new over in that area, they can withstand the noise, okay. They're built tough. They're built to withstand the noise. The building that I live in, doesn't. Okay. We have to have our windows open. We don't have air conditioning. It was built in 1911, or something like that. We need a new real entertainment district. And I believe that we need to create one. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Thanks. Good afternoon.

**Chris Lenahan:** How are you doing? My name is chris, I am an author, I wrote a book on how to build bars and night clubs. I have worked in entertainment districts all over the world. Recently I helped to develop a \$600 million project in lincoln, nebraska, where they built a brand new entertainment district. I also own three venues downtown. Splash bar, original owner of barrel room -- so, being an experienced professional in this, you know, for the first time I would like to say working together with the police department, private business, has really been a nice, refreshing change for me. Usually it is a us and them kind of a mentality. I'm excited to see that.

The history that we've seen since we've been here as operators, we started seven years ago, we were basically chasing drug dealers out of our alcoves. Seven years ago, 3rd and catch -- we have only seen a benefit to the bars. I look into the downtown corridor on the west side and it is a big dark hole. After 5:00, pretty much everybody flees downtown. We are seeing that we are the shining light. If you notice, as you go down there, you actually feel safer on the northwest side now than you do on the southwest side after 5:00. Some of the issues that we have had to encounter dealing with down there is basically, the drug dealers, the drug use. I mean, we see the meth, black tar heroin, it is rampant down there. One of the greatest challenges we see, drug dealers and that they prey on the homeless population. We watch them peruse the lines for the homeless, gospel mission. We would ask for a little more police protection down there during that time to get rid of the drug dealers. I know we have a drug-free zone, but it is like the wolves preying on the sheep down there. It's pretty sad. We understand also the challenges of having an entertainment district and people living side by side. I built most of the night clubs in las vegas for 15 years. I built them in all of the casinos, in the mgm grand, mandelay bay, all of the casinos there. The liveability and the excessive noise of the night clubs there. We learn to live together and develop strategies. One thing that we would like to see mr. Van orden come down and work with us, come into the venues personally and bring miss sound equipment and his experience and be able to work with us to develop our own personal -- just to be able to adjust those sound levels so that the people who do live in the area can have a -- you know, a better life experience down there. I mean, we welcome that as business owners.

**Hales:** Good. Thank you. Thanks very much. Questions for these folks? Thanks very much. Appreciate your testimony. Anyone else?

**Hales:** Good afternoon, helen.

**Helen Ying:** Good afternoon, mayor. I want to first thank you for the efforts that have been put into old town/chinatown, and it helps us to know that the city cares about that part of the city, which is a jewel that is waiting to shine. And i'm coming to you today to speak as a member of the Multnomah task force called snap, safe night life advocacy partnership. What we want to share, we are glad to see that the city is addressing many of the issues with this street closure,

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because it actually is intended to address, binge drinking and risky drinking happening in the district. Snap encourages is for you to include, reducing overservice and risky drinking in your planning. And we think that some -- strategy would be ensuring enforcement of the current law, considering how we can reduce saturation of alcohol outlets, because research supports a balance of liquor outlets with other businesses that would help reduce crime. Also addressing service through server training and enforcement and messaging to patrons to increase safety in the district. I think that will help with overall liveability as well as safety in the area if we also address that side of the issue. Thank you.

**Hales:** Great. Thank you. Anyone else? So, questions, comments from council. Other resource people here if you have further questions at this point. And this will of course pass to second reading. It is not an emergency ordinance.

**Novick:** I wanted to say as far as perception of the area is concerned, if people look at these statistics and see what strides you've made in reducing the amount of crime, that will improve the perception of the area.

**Hales:** Great.

**Novick:** I can't resist saying one of my favorite facts about our current mayor is that he once famously quoted saying Portland should be the best European city in America, I'm glad we're using European style urinals.

**Hales:** 378 gallons closer to the goal.

**Fritz:** I would like to introduce my friendly amendment to "add the Pearl District Neighborhood Association and the Pearl District Business Association to part C of the now therefore Council Directs members of the stakeholder advisory committee."

**Hales:** Friendly amendment accepted. I don't think we have to do that formally. We will just add it to the ordinance.

**Fritz:** I have one question. That is regarding the cost. Financial impact statement says that the cost is \$200 per weekend for transportation. We heard from the police bureau, no additional funding is needed for that. The current street project has a \$16,000 contract with the Portland Business Alliance, August to October. For the janitorial services, it says during the pilot program, if it is decided that the services should be continued, competitive solicitation will be conducted. I'm wondering what the projected costs of a year pilot and how we're proposing to pay for that.

**Hales:** Chad, do you want to come up and discuss that? I think the short answer to the second part of your question is that we're still looking at revenue options that can be generated from the district to help pay, as you said, extraordinary cost, extraordinary level of service. That is a work in progress. May be able to eliminate that more in what is our estimate for the cost for the next year.

**Stover:** It was a \$16,000 contract and we're coming to the end of the time duration of the contract. As it turns out we're under budget, and by about \$4,000, which equates to about one month's worth of all of those services that are part of the package deal for that contract. That includes the janitorial services, and part of the janitorial job is to remove those two European urinals, clean them and bring them back. And the smoke poles as well. So if we can get that contract amended, given we have come in under budget by about \$4,000, we could go forward for about another month, beyond the October 27<sup>th</sup> sunset. We're still confronted with the problem of carrying on the services beyond that time. So, again, November. If you look at the total cost, equates about \$47,000 for one year, about \$4,000 a month quote that you got earlier.

**Fritz:** Where is that coming from?

**Stover:** We have to figure that out.

**Fritz:** Where is it coming from now? Which line item have we been paying that \$16,000 contract from?

**Stover:** That is a budget -- that came out of the mayor's budget.

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**Fritz:** Mayor's office budget.

**Hales:** Yeah.

**Fritz:** I think you have a problem, the term of this contract shall not be extended.

**Hales:** We can write a new contract with clean and safe.

**Fritz:** It says that a competitive solicitation will be conducted.

**Hales:** If we conduct the solicitation and safe bids and we select them, we can do another contract with them because this one said it is of limited duration.

**Fritz:** I'm somewhat very supportive of this project and it seems like it has been going well.

Providing public safety –so I'm not saying that we shouldn't invest money in this project anymore.

I don't think investing in last thursday's safety has been a good investment of taxpayer's money.

There are a lot of other business districts citywide that raise their own fund for their street parade, for their closures for a number of other things that I would hope in our next budget that we would look at. You shouldn't wait until there is a problem before you support the business district that is providing these alternate places for people to recreate and providing them with city support. As we are looking forward to the budget, what is allocated here, what is allocated to last thursday, we also look at allocated to the gateway area business association, cathedral park jazz festival and other organizations that have done their own fundraising, but sometimes they've really struggled with that.

**Hales:** I totally agree with that. And also that we there ought to be rough justice across the community about how much public support the city puts into street festivals and other events. I think the challenge that we see in this case, and to some extent last thursday, and chad has the privilege of trying to manage both of those projects in our office, is that particularly in this case, we didn't have a community organization come to us and say we want to put on a street festival. We backed into this arrangement by the police bureau responding to an urgent safety problem, and closing the street under that authority to say we have to get this under control. And so we're in effect, with howard and others in the leadership of the association, trying to grow in a petri dish the civic infrastructure to keep this going after starting it as a public safety emergency. I think we'll get there. We are getting there. You heard I think this great series of folks this afternoon about how much progress we are making in building agreement and I love your suggestion about bringing the pearl district in as well. We have tried to not be heavy handed about utilizing the revenue tools that the city has at its disposal. We have authority to collect assessments and authority to collect parking revenues that we could use next week, but we've been methodical about that and trying to let the community work with us before we impose something.

**Fritz:** Right. When we did the ordinance back I think december of last year, with a component on it to have the office of neighborhood involvement work citywide to look at other vibrant business districts, hawthorne, 23rd, other places where there is a growing vitality and activity, especially on weekends, and I think we need to get ahead of those areas of getting top significant public safety challenges because of their success. I would like to see that incorporated into this one-year pilot and make sure that the office of neighborhood involvement working with partners will be looking at those issues.

**Hales:** They will. They are here. They haven't spoken this afternoon. They have been integral to the success of this project as well. And now the noise office is part of oni, and paul is here. I think what we have heard from the folks who testified this afternoon, this team of people from multiple bureaus is doing a good job of working together.

**Fritz:** That was my final point. In fact, I am grateful to teresa marchetti, our alcohol specialist in the office of neighborhood involvement for the excellent 10-page report that she did on this. I encourage Teresa to send it to all members of council. It is very helpful to me and I think it should be part of the record.

**Hales:** Good idea.



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**Fritz:** Informs your decisions, mayor, mike, jenny -- and paul van orden's work, everywhere, all hours of the day and night, all over the city, responding to noise complaints is greatly valued and I hope that you will get more support for that program so that we can start looking at how can we expand services with additional funding next year.

**Hales:** I agree. Police officers may go into the job thinking that they may get the night shift, but i'm not sure that oni staff or noise officer knew that so much of their work hours would be after midnight, and I appreciate the extra service on all of your parts. Great. Further discussion? Then thank you all very much. Appreciate this excellent hearing and the good work that's being done together. This will come back on second reading next week. Thank you. [gavel pounded]

**Hales:** We have one more item this afternoon.

**Fritz:** Time certain.

**Hales:** Are we ahead of schedule. Let's take a 5 minute break and come back.

**Fritz:** 3:30.

**Hales:** Good afternoon, we will come to order. This is a 3:30 time certain and now we're here. So Karla, please read the item.

**Item 998.**

**Hales:** This is an important piece of work, and a great joint venture between the coalition communities of color and Portland state university. And other partners, as well. We have panel of presenters. I'm not sure who is on first so you know who you are, and dante and others, come on up and, and wee, we'll kick it off. Thank you for being here.

**Dante James, Director, Office of Equity & Human Rights:** Good afternoon, I am dante james, the director of the office of equity and human rights, and I am extremely pleased to, to be here to introduce the presentation of this report on african immigrants and refugees in Multnomah county. And, and as you know, the coalition, the, the coalition of communities of color is responsible for the preparation of this document, and presentation of this document. And, and as well as so many other research documents regarding communities of color in this county. And this is the first of its kind in the state of Oregon, specific to african refugees and immigrants. And this city had a huge part in the initial work of the coalition, and in providing 50,000 to, to the beginning of the work, and that the coalition has done regarding its research into all of the communities it has prepared reports for. This is the first study of its kind in this state, and I am very proud to just introduce this, and humble to introduce this because of the population that we are fog about, they are here, and I think that the report will provide some very sobering information for you. The, the 28 countries that are represented in this county, I think, is, is a huge statement to, to, to the wealth that, that the community brings. It is the fourth largest immigrant community in this city. In this county. And it's also, also set by, by significant amounts of child poverty, and by, by significant amounts of, unemployment. And but within that, in the unemployment piece, you will hear that one-third of the immigrants are in management positions, supervisory positions, and many, many, many holding higher education degree. And the downside of that is, sometimes, your taxi driver will have a ph.d. And, and he or she is driving that. And so how do we improve our ability to, to really accept all of the wonderful things that, that the community brings with it. So, we'll be talking about the social and economic indicators and ethical issues that the city Needs to address to, to, to most, most, most, to most welcome this population of people in our city. And so, I truly encourage to, to accept the report, but do more than accept it, but really, really read it and take it to heart, and have the conversation about, about what we do with the recommendation that, that will allow us to really make a difference, so again, I thank you for the opportunity to introduce this report and, and I am going to now, now, make the next introduction and step away and let it speak for itself. And I would like to introduce mr. Lee, who is the, the assistant director of, of irco, but also the immediate past co-chair, of the coalition, and so, without further ado, thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thanks.

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**Lee Po Cha, Associate Director IRCO:** Thank you very much, mr. James. Mayor Hales and city commissioners, this is a great opportunity to be in front of you and to share with you again one more time the research data and, and to echo what mr. James has said earlier, on behalf of the coalition and, and certainly, the immigrant and refugee community, we are very grateful for your leadership and the support that you have given to the coalition which the African immigrants and refugees are a member of to further look into the demographic, and also, more critically, looking into how well they, the african immigrants and refugee are doing in our city, in our counties, and in this region, giving that historically Oregon has been in the top ten and, and or in the top 15 as a resettlement state for the whole nation, and so this research demographic data, and recommendation would be specifically looking into a deeper immigrant, into the african immigrant and refugee population. One of the things that I would like to share with you that, that we're very grateful to have the city to use an equity lens to determine and develop its 25-year vision but what's more critical, is we, as immigrants and refugees, are a community color, and we need to look into it deeper and see what it means if, you want it to be equitable, to have every community and neighborhood to be a thriving and healthy community, what does it really mean to all of us because, because, because among people of color, we believe that one size does not fit all. We have a wonderful model, but unless we are willing to modify those models to address the needs of the very different endeavors, culture and linguistic groups of people, we may not reach, the goals that we wanted to, so again, on behalf of the coalition I would like to really take this opportunity to, you know, to express our gratitude and appreciation towards the city, your leadership, and your support, in making all Portlanders thriving individuals and communities, let me introduce you to chamber vickers who will share with you the findings, and the purpose for why we are here, and later on you will hear from dr. Stevens to further give the details on this research finding so thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Chabre Vickers:** Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I am Chabre, a member of the executive committee of the Portland African-American Leadership Forum. I am excited to be here today as my friends and allies in the African immigrant and refugee community release their report. And a comprehensive and enlightening profile of their community here in Multnomah county and, and I want to, to start by putting us on one accord and, and by sharing an African proverb that says if you want to go quickly, go alone, and if you want to go far, go together. And the African immigrant and refugee committee, community, excuse me, represents the best of what the coalition of communities of color has to offer. The diversity this community remarkable and constructive. As you are aware, I am a staunch advocate for leadership development, youth engagement and public education. And, and let me also join the voice many who know that, how little our schools offer, when it comes to teaching students about, about the continent, of Africa or the immigration, refugee, and settlement experience. This is an early driver of invisibility, something my own community knows thing or two about. And that's one of the reasons I am here today. And continue to be alongside the refugee community, our collective voice represents thousands upon thousands in Multnomah county and it is no longer silent. And in solidarity we raise up, to act on behalf of all communities of color, focusing on, on socioeconomic disparity, and institutional racism and inequity of services experienced by most, by our most vulnerable community members, and we know that social service and, and governmental data bases subsume the identity within that of the African-American community, and how this practice, undermines the diversity these communities. As well as the unique experiences face by African-Americans and African-American immigrant and refugees, and because of this, the immigrants and refugees experience it, an often invisible database, we know that when data on populations is not aggregated, social services and governmental entities cannot properly meet the needs and disparities in the African-American and immigrant and refugee communities. Today, I want to see me, and know that

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there is solidarity. And within the african-american community, and within that of the african immigrant and refugee community. Thank you for joining us, and for supporting us in the self determined collective action, so that everybody member our community may experience wellness, justice, and prosperity. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Very well done. Who is next? Come on up. How are you?

**Djimet Dojo, Manager, Africa House:** Good. Thank you, mayor and the commissioners. For this opportunity to bring, you know, us on the issue regarding the african community. First I want to like to introduce on my right, dr. Ann curry-stevens, who will present the findings of the report and to my left, kofi, who will talk about, about the recommendation, and also, what needs to be done. And again, thank you for your support, and for supporting the african community, and with, with financial support, and to realize this and this is the first time that we are having the official document that, that, represents african issues and have data in the county or in the city, the city of Portland. And I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the african leaders here in the room, and the african organizations, and supporting this effort for the last three years, in order to, to, for us to come up with, with a document that, that, an official document that represents our problem and need and what needs to be done so that we can help, you know, family who are coming here in the city of Portland. This report, you know, present there tape of african leaving, living from the county or in the, in the city of Portland. And, and we have a lot of disparity from, from the Economy, to employment, to housing, and even among the six community of color, the african community is at the bottom. On, on all the issues, so, so this report, we want to bring, to shed light on this and how we can work together to support our community, and the other issue that we have, that we need help from the city, as soon as possible, is the issue of, again, prevention in our community. And this is new thing that is happening in our community, and our family, and what's happening with our youth, so, we want help from the city to help us with this education and prevention, but we want to work with the city so that we can be involved in designing a problem that will help, you know, the family, to help their children. We, we, indeed, have a support from the city for the last six months but, their problem is not designed by, by the community, so the community doesn't go ahead, some of the families don't know, what's, what we are talking, about so we want a problem that involves all the families. That involves the parents, and involve everybody. And even though it will help with the city, will help, working on the gang prevention issue, because the, the problem is not designed to work with the family and community, and those, those people, who are working for this program, are suspected. And people coming from, from the totalitarian regime where everything involves the police, and law enforcement is spying in the community. So, we want a program where, where you can help us to bring the community together and all the family together and to start a debate, a dialogue on, on the issue, and how we can, we can help our kid attend, you know, the education. All of us refugees or immigrant who come here, we come to give bright light to our children. We did not come here to the united states to help ourselves, we came here in order for our children to, to get the education, and because it is needed and also to help us, as parents, and also the family -- there was a lady who told me, jim, you know what, we don't have a 401-k. Our children are our 401-k. So, we rely on our kids to help us tomorrow when we reach our old age so again, this is the main issue that we are, we really need help as soon as possible, if you can, and, and at the same time, I will give the floor to ann who will summarize all the issue presented in our community. We had 30,000 african, represented 28 communities here, in the metro area, so, we are a force, we are not going back home, we are not -- becoming a city then, and we want, also to participate in the, our society, but in order for us to participate, we have to be able to reduce all the disparity that, that creates a huge gap between us and the community. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you for your leadership and in particular for getting involved in the gang violence task force so we can work together to get in front of that problem. So thank you.

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**Dogo:** Thank you. I think I -- I feel like sometimes you see my face all the time.

**Ann Curry-Stevens:** Good afternoon mayor hailes and city commissioners. I am Ann Curry-Stevens at Portland State University. And I am here today to share with you some of the key findings of the report that we prepared on the African immigrant and refugee community. And this is a community that, that is growing very quickly, and it is a community that is, as Jimmy said is here to stay, and is, is, is growing clearly faster than our white communities and, and is growing in proportion to, to other regions of the USA. Also a community that continues to be seriously undercounted so when we turn to our conventional data around how big this community is, please know and hold space skepticism about how large the community is, and our work, and you will see the details in the report, indicate we're assessing -- there is close to a 55% undercount of the size of the, of the community. And so, it's a community that's growing very quickly, and moving from 1990 at 1200 people, and to today, being at, at close to 12,000 people. And with an estimation in our, and our best understanding of being a population that's above 18,000, and in Multnomah County. And, and the birthrate of this community is about, growing about twice as quickly as that of the white community, and then there is also a significant number of new arrivals into the region. And this is a community that, that is facing dire economic challenges. And the average annual income in Multnomah County for the white community is, is the, just over 55,000 a year, and that's what households are trying to live on, on average. And that number in the African community is half. And at 26,000 year, and trying to meet the needs, and that is the average number. And as we look at what happens when people get work, we now look at the next income variable, and we're looking at the incomes of full-time year workers, so these are folks who have successfully gotten work. And over on the left side of the chart you will see the white community, at different measures, across the nation. So, if the nation, the national level, the Oregon level, and the Multnomah County, you will see that, that white folks working full, for a year, about, were making the comparison level of what's happening across the nation for, for the white average community. And what we see here are two troubling trends. Number one, again, for full-time year-round workers, we're looking at incomes that, that are, are getting close to half. To, that of white workers, and you will also notice this troubling trend that, that the closer you get to Multnomah County, the more economically challenged Africans are in getting work that pays at equivalent levels to those of their national and even Oregonian-wide comparisons. And, and our first report when we released it in 2010, we talked about Multnomah County being distinctly toxic for communities of color. And that's evidence of that pattern that the closer we get to the areas, the more specific our measures are, and the more economically challenged our communities are. And the same, that's the same, a similar dynamic for the African community.

**Fritz:** That's the higher end African?

**Curry-Stevens:** Certainly. It is and there is a definition at the back of the report. So the northern countries of Africa are sometimes recognized as being Middle Eastern. And then the sub-Saharan, the majority of the community, is more -- gets reported out more consistently in our data bases so this was a measure of the, most of our report is the African continent, and folks from that region, and this, this specific piece is from, from the sub-Saharan community, and --

**Fritz:** How do the Middle Eastern folks fare?

**Curry-Stevens:** We don't know that. We'll know that a year from now. It's a relatively small community, but we'll be having some information. The poorest of the community, who come from Africa, are deeply, deeply imperiled. We're looking -- if you remember when we talked sort globally about these data, we generally were saying that incomes are about half, and poverty rates are about triple. And in the African community, most of our poverty rates are about four times worse. Than the white community. And so, we're looking at, on the far left of that chart, we're looking at a child poverty rate 55%. And that means more than half of our kids from the African community are living in poverty today. When we look at, at that, when we bring our data up to

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2011, and we compare what is happening across time, so, the white community, we're looking at about one in six white kids living in poverty, and that's very distressing number. All in and of itself. When we look at what's happening, in, and especially in this economic climate, where things began to go terrible in 2008, and they have rapidly deteriorated to two-thirds our kids' color, or sorry, our african children, and are living in poverty today. So, that's a more current piece than the last piece of data that we saw. And this is a community also challenged by language, and access to language programs. And where more than one-third the community is not able to speak english, very well. Which means, then, that interface with the health care system, and being able to answer questions from the police, or from child welfare system, and becomes that much more challenging. And investments in resources that are available to the community under the conditions in which they can best learn, are very, very strongly advised. So, hours of operation. Days of the week. And location of access would help address this issue. We end up going and serving the community themselves. To get more of a descriptive narrative around what it was like socially and economically and the results in this pie chart show us, in the blue section on the right that three quarters of the community has much less than they need to pay the bills. So, it's a very high level. So this is, this is more than just poverty, this is low income living, this is folks at the lower end of the economics spectrum, but, look at how high those, those, that we're survey in this report. Detailed about their challenges. And when we transition to, to employment, we generally talk about this as being good jobs and, and bad jobs, or not so good jobs. And our good jobs are over on the left. And in the management and professional arena. And in the management and professional arena, about one-third of africans are able to, working age africans can access management positions and in comparison, it's significantly worse by way outcomes in the white community. And what you will see in a few charts, slides on from here, is this is despite the fact that they have Higher education levels. So, you will see the interplay of income, or occupation income and education in a moment. And in the worst jobs, the service industry jobs, we're looking at about one fifth of the community having our, our, or tending to be the more precarious, less -- lowered opportunity kinds employment. So, higher representation in our not as good jobs, and here's a quick point I would like to make, and it came up at a meeting that I was at earlier today and, and where when we think about economic development, we need to think about jobs that will reach folks that need them the most, and we need to think about, about the availability jobs being the first path aware out of poverty. And then we think about economic supports and transfers later on, but we really need to think how we be proactive, and in making sure that there are jobs for folks that need them the most. And when we speak now, about what happens for our educated professionals, who are unable to get work, this slide comes out of, of the migration policy institute and talks about what's happening at the national level. And in this slide, you could see the african community, at the, at the, towards the left hand of the slide and that those who arrive in the last ten years, one-third, of them are significantly under, underemployed, and means that they have college degree and, and they have a job that needs no more than modest on the job Training. And so, there is two very, very distressing thing here, and one is that this is a community on a continental level, compared to europe, compared to asia and, and which is, which is faring worse, and this is a challenge which where, where the profile for these, these arrivals is, the folks who are arriving, is getting exponentially worse, so we have gone from those that arrived more than ten years ago, and at one fifth them to today being more than a third, being unable to get work that, that matches their academic preparation. Very, very challenging situation. And for us today. And, and we then -- this is now, the next slide covers data in our, our own survey, and I will draw your attention primarily to the far left here and, and that says that those we surveyed almost one in two of them, were unable to have their credentials recognized, in employment here.

**Novick:** Can I ask about that? Is that at the state level having the rules of the boards changed in order to recognize the credentials?

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**Curry-Stevens:** It could be. Initiatives could be catalyzed at the city level, at the county level, and it could be catalyzed by the universities, and I work at the school of social work, and we could initiate a recognition of foreign credentials, programmed for international train social workers, so, so there are a number of issues, and you will get to this a little later on, in the presentation. And, and you could start pilot projects and that could link people to work, and we also could start programs that allowed the bundle, the larger portion of their credentials to be recognized. And then, just provided one or two courses to chop that up. Or one or two on the job training initiatives that would let people start work in their fields, and get some of the, whatever they need to do it. I will share with you, it's a fascinating piece of data that says that the average cost of a four-year degree to a government is 147,000. And if we take advantage of that, it means our state doesn't have to pay for it because another country is, has already paid for the cost of the education. And if we can provide that translational piece, in terms of the skills and knowledge, and they could move into that area, and it becomes -- a number of countries have initiated these types of programs, and they can be initiated at the local level. Without it, it's a real, it's, it's what we're calling a colossal waste economic resources of economic capital, by not, not helping folks get into their work.

**Hales:** I know we will want to hear more about that in the city government doesn't do the credentialing, but say that we can catalyze that, and I think that we're very interested in options and opportunities for how we can do that. We don't license dentists or Plumbers but we know the people that do, so, you know, how does that work?

\*\*\*\*\*: Fantastic.

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

**Curry-Stevens:** We turn now to unemployment rates, and so, when people are credentialed, this is part of the same problem of not being able to get jobs in your field, so not being able to get jobs at all. And we're looking at 17% of africans in this last economic stretch of time. This last period being unable to get work, and which is more than double. And that of the white community. So, the impacts of the economy, are being unfairly, unevenly shouldered by our most marginalized communities. We turn to health issues and health disparities, and there are a number of significant challenges. Number one, as you have heard about is the data problem, the visibility of the community, and we don't know, we don't know how many refugees are in this region because none our data systems ask people if they have arrive here as refugees. And which then that also means a number of health issues tied to being a refugee get unattended. And we have, a report from the who that says that 20% of immigrants, 44% of refugees, suffer from depression, anxiety, disorders, and compared to 7% of the average population. And so, this is a community of. I need -- more data systems know about this. We have a consistent challenge with our mainstream services, and that are unable to respond effectively, in a culturally responsive way, and to the needs of the communities color that are in front of them. And we also have some local research around, around hospital culture and, and it's not uncommon for, for folks receiving hospital care, in Multnomah county, to experience fear, disrespect and humiliation and racism. Health insurance is the, the significant barrier that keeps people out of getting access to health insurance. People are able to enroll in the health care support, and but, it's a number that's double that. Of the white community. Now, we turn to one of the new stories facing our communities of color. Facing the african community here, is that this is a highly educated community, especially at the graduate level, and there are, however, folks that are, are challenged, who are youth and not successfully encountering our public school system. And you will see some of that data, as well. So, what we see here in this next chart, is that we have a small african community, at less than 10% that don't have a high school degree. And 30% of them do have a high school degree. Or do have a university degree. And what we are now going to show you is that, is that of the white community, about, about two-thirds of them have bachelor's degree, about one-third them have, have Graduate degrees. And compare that to the african community, and we have more than three quarters have a graduate or professional degree.

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And so, it's those highly trained folks who we are missing out on, being benefit to our community, and being an ability to turn their education into good paying jobs to support their family and to support their community. And when we turn now, to the current education encounter, and how are our kids today encountering the public school system. And, and we see here, this is a composite measure, by, by language, of how, how our communities are faring and, and what we have today, on average, and we're compiling, this is referred to as the achievement gap, and how many folks are completing and passing the oaks test, and 77% of the white kids are meeting or exceeding benchmarks in standardized tests. Less than 40% of our african students are meeting or exceeding benchmarks. This is a wakeup call for, for our school districts, and this is the first time that we're being able to pull apart the data by language. And, and we said that we cannot pull them out from the racial identifiers but we can pull them out by language. And, and identify how the community is facing challenges. So, this is a really important new piece of data and the african languages are represented on the chart, as well as the numbers and how Large those communities are. And the definition of, of which languages are tied to which communities are in the report. The visibility of this community is a challenge you have already heard, you have already heard this, and, and, and that they are encompassed with the larger african-american or black community, and there are some supplemental ways that this could be addressed by using language files, by asking people to, to identify their language on various intake forms. And by -- we also want to see refugee status, and we would like to see ancestry, which has let us pull out the majority of the data for this, this report, and by year of arrival into the usa. Those types of directions would really help improve us hearing and understanding how our systems faring. So in total, in this -- our reports have typically covered 28 different systems and institutions. This community is only visible in eight of those. Only in one quarter of our systems is the experience of the community possible to tap into. Remember as the driving force, that successful refugee integration depends on a whole, a holistic set of forces. And so, learning english, and getting employment, and having education be successful, and being housed safely, and having access to health care and culturally responsive health care, and having connection to one's own community, and then having that community be seen as a resource, and a source social Capital and evaluation for the region at large, all those are part what makes for a successful, thriving african community. So, let's remember to pay attention to moving on all those areas. And i'm going to close my part of this report with a recognition of, of, of what we often get asked is, is, is, is why are disparities so challenging? And, and where should we, as, as governance bodies and leaders in helping improve our system, and so, I want to say that, that the community recognizes the Portland state, the academic side of this recognizes that there are a lot of historic variables. A lot of history continues. But, please, also know that we have a lot of influence and a lot of option to change the culture, change our policies, and by that change some of the immediate outcomes for our communities color that will have a positive ripple effect. And so, we have done a little simple mapping for you, on, on to, to sort of the web of you, of factors that influence disparities, so there are on the top left, the preexisting situations, and also, the current economic situations, it's very difficult to, to overcome the challenges of the economic downturn and, and but, and we do also have federal and state policies that, that the city and the county don't have any reach over. But, it's those factors on the left, the local policies, the local culture, and the local Practice, and please, also, remember that, that when we have racism, one of the other dynamics, and unequal treatment and experience, we also have, have unfavorable, unbalanced, unfair advantages for, for folks that look like me. And it's not just racism and discrimination and lack of access. It's, i'm getting too much of the benefits from a situation, and white folks get too many. So we need to trouble and we need to, to understand that it's not just, just the diminishment but it's the excessive evaluation that needs to be unpacked at the same time. The next chart I won't bother trying to explain. There is way too much details for anybody to take a look at. And if you want to know, sort of the specifics around

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how some of the, some of this manifests that's where we go, so with this I am pleased to turn things over to kofi, and --

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

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

**Kofi Dessou:** And the city council, mayor charlie hales, commissioner amanda Fritz, commissioner steve novick, I am kofi dessou, and I work for the city of Portland, and I am speaking to you today as a board member of africa house. And it is my turn to say thank you for the great honor you are giving us to present our report to you to give a deep and good picture of the conditions that african immigrant and refugees are going through in Portland and Multnomah county, and also to make some recommendations on how we can use some, some culturally appropriate solutions. We knew that many things were not going well for us in the african immigrant refugees community, but it was difficult for us to, you know, to show it concretely and to so, this report is very helpful for us, and for our leaders. To have a whole picture, instead of the big picture that we usually have. And to have whole picture. And, and a full picture of our conditions. And how we can address our issues, specifically, and thanks to the abilities, to get through difficult conditions, african immigrant and refugees, most of them remain quiet and continue to work hard to take care of their families. This report will help us show how the conditions are severe, and the report is also helpful to explore the factors that serve us to the success and wellbeing of our communities. And the reports are also providing conditions that will give some highlights. And the recommendations are culturally specific and, and, and as you requested earlier, we will, we would like to have conversation with, you know, the city of Portland, to, to find the appropriate ways to address our issues. We acknowledge that some factors are beyond our, our control. But, some of them are, are within our control. And I will use a simple number, we don't have enough sunshine, but we will not ask the mayor or city council to bring us more sunshine during winter because it is beyond our control, it is beyond your control. And we think nature to give us more sunshine this week. But that's not enough for our condition. Again, about sunshine, we know that, you know, when there is less sunshine, african immigrant and refugees have more challenges, and I will say why. Because we are used to receiving sunshine, and make our own vitamin d directly from the exposure to sunshine. But, once a year we don't have enough sunshine, and in the last three years, I have learned that many of the immigrant refugees and immigrant families were diagnosed with severe deficiency vitamin d. Including my family, and we started using vitamin d supplement. And many people don't know about that. And it is, it is -- the, it is a public issue. So, this is an example that, you know, some things are simple. We may not need to spend more money to educate people that you are in a different world and you have to change your habit and, and, you know, use vitamin d, but most of our communities need some authority to send that message. The political leaders, the community leaders, who tell them, this is the right way to live here. And I continue to do my, my work, and within my community, but that's not enough. I am not a health care provider, so they take this not seriously, so that's one example, so we have some specific needs and approaches to address our issues. You may also know that, you know, vitamin d is, is -- the deficiencies go to depression. I found out from the government, u.s. Government website. And heard from a source that the depression rate is higher in our communities than in other communities. So, you could see the specificity of our needs. We can, we can have that. And so, you don't provide health care specifically, the city doesn't do that, but with the state government, the Multnomah county have the department, you know, using your power to advocate for us, there are many other health issues like mental health, how do we address our mental health as immigrants and refugees from africa? There are some of them that we do differently than, than the way it is done here. And we help, if we talk right after this presentation, we would like to start a conversation. I mean, yes, maybe tomorrow. Because but, we would like to study the conversation so that we can support the city on how to approach our issues, you know, on culturally specific way. As I said many of the health issues that



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we can have, you know, the government officials support us, and on behalf of the african immigrant refugees, communities, I want to thank the city of Portland for all the Services that you provide us, to help our children in their education. And the mayor said earlier that, that the city doesn't provide education directly, but you do a lot of it, that supports the education system. And, and you know, the arts. The art teachers support with the Portland public schools. All the recreation centers that are on the schools, all this is being supportive of our children, and I know the city has a program called the youth leader suspect ability, or the gardening project, the early childhood education and intervention, parenting and education and access to immunization, and I know the city has a program like that. Those support our children, in their education, so I wanted to thank you very much for that. We believe that the city council has the power to change and new this, that is caused, causing us to ask, to our success and, and our wellbeing, and in employment, housing, education, safety and more. So, please work close with us, of africa house. Welcome work together. In terms of the employment, for example, and if the aunt said, you know, give on the job training can help the beginners to, to get into the jobs, and with the support, I believe that they would succeed. And education, there are many people who have school teaching, and background before coming here. It can help them to support our children, you know, culturally specific support, that's the Portland public school needs, I know people have health care, and experience, before coming here, and the medical doctors, and the nurses, and you know, and training that, that we lead to the license, will help them to serve in the hospital, so that we can support the medical field, on the culturally specific way. I think that they are the best to do that. And there are many issues that, you know, when we go to the hospital, [inaudible] this is the best way to approach it. Housing, you know, how to increase the lower income housing, resources, focusing on the families because we usually have the families, the communities, that's a specific focus that we would like the city of Portland to help us address. And, and the mediation services, culturally specific mediation services to avoid or prevent eviction and, and non discriminatory in housing, how to enforce them, and health services, again, culturally specific for african refugees, and with all the health care providers, so that, that we can, we can serve our community, appropriate. And the department has a training underway for, for african community health workers, and we will ask the city to support them. And, and ensure that, that it goes directly to culturally specific organizations like africa house, and so that, that we can, we can, we can address the issues appropriately. And, and we mentioned it that, that the system, we would like the city to work with them, and where, where there is, there is an initiative started to make small communities more visible. So the city support and work with the Multnomah county to make that. The coalition communities of color need more resources to continue their downtown improvement initiatives. So we would like the cities to support the communities color, the communities color. And education, you know, I look at more resources to prevent youth violence in gun activities, and even parents need, our parents need education. Around gun and youth prevention issues. The social pressure here, is beyond our control. As parents. And we need support so we can support our children. Again, many immigrants come here with bachelor or higher degree. And so, many them have to start in high school, and have the Portland community college, for two years, before they, they go to Portland state university. There are many examples. So, you know, working on how to recognize the credentials, you know and, and work together. So, at the least, we believe in that we can, we can immediately assign, you can immediately assign staff to study the composition with us and, and we want to start it now. Some of our guests may not require additional money. Maybe just reallocations of money, or we will, we will Address some of our issues to start before we start with our budget, and again, how to integrate our needs through your policies, and the city's policies and programs and practices, we can work together and, and do that. And final, statistics show that, that the percentage of african immigrants and refugees becoming naturalized citizens, is, is increasing every year. Our families, the personal is growing fast. For example, when I became the u.s. Citizen, suddenly, I have family in my household and two more to

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come soon. So you can imagine how fast -- and we know very well most culturally way to engage and mobilize our communities is through civic participation, and if we work together, we will do that. Alone, I can mobilize 100 people from my community, you know, very, very quickly. To work on some legislative issues that are very important for the city council, and to support our community. Right now, demobilization is not working together with the coalition of communities of color. We are becoming more visible and active in the civic participation. So, again, in coalition with the communities, latino american communities, african-american communities and asian and pacific american communities and, and many allies, we are ready to work close with the city government to improve the conditions for All, and make Portland a more vibrant and prosperous place, and we want to study the composition now, and thank you very much for your time and your attention.

**Hales:** Great report. Further questions for this panel?

**Fritz:** I have a couple, what's the date of this report?

**Curry-Stevens:** It was released last month.

**Fritz:** This year, so it's, it's the next one in the series that you've been working on, so september 13th? Great, thank you. And kofi, thank you for your work with office of equity and human rights as well as your volunteer work, and, too, jimmy with the africa house. Are there african immigrant leaders on the new Portlanders council?

**Curry-Stevens:** Yes.

**Fritz:** So I would suggest that might be a way for the new Portlanders advisory council to give the city council your advice on appropriation of resources, and things that the city can do to help african immigrants, as well as the other immigrant populations that we have here. And I know that, that you are actively engaged in that pretty much every waking second of the day so thank you very much for that.

**Dessou:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you all, do we have others that are on the panel or signed up to testify?

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

**Hales:** Ok. Great. Well, thank you, anyone else that wants to testify who it is here, if not, I think it's appropriate that we have a motion to adopt the report.

**Fritz:** So moved.

**Novick:** Second.

**Hales:** Further discussion among us? Let's take a roll call.

**Novick:** One thing that's really striking about the support is we have a highly skilled, highly educated population that we're not taking full advantage. And I think that that's -- I mean, that's something that we all need to work on and thank you very much for bringing that, in particular, to our attention. Aye.

**Fritz:** This is remarkable report, and another in the series and thanks to Portland state university and the coalition of communities of color for working to provide the evidence, and it is, indeed, shocking, it's particularly shocking to me, my boss at ohsu in the psychiatry unit is an immigrant from nigeria, and my co-worker is also from africa, so, it is, it is somewhat news to me at the level of immigrants from africa who are not in positions that fully reflect their capabilities, and I know first hand, what wonderful contributions people from africa add to our society here in Portland. And working with the, the ethiopian and somalian cab drivers over the past couple of years, with the communication work of the, merck, to establish the cab company has been one of the most exciting initiatives that, that I have been a part of on the city council. And there are more things to do like that, that also, the city is not responsible for credentialing or licensure or many of the other things that there are specific things that we can and should do, and that we will do to better -- to give more opportunities to folks. That's what the office of equity and human rights was all about, and why after the coalition communities of color put out the unsettling report and, and the urban league black

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Oregon report, mayor adams and I said we are not going to put these reports on the shelf. We are going to dedicate the taxpayers resources to establishing the office of equity and human rights, which we have done in partnership with all of the communities. And, and I am very, very pleased that it's moving forward under mayor hales' leadership with the support, which again, needs to be expanded, its crucial that we pay attention, as the researcher have done to the subgroups by desegregating the data and just like not everybody from the british isles is the same, from the same cultural background, and not everybody from africa, which is huge bigger than, than the, than great britain and northern ireland. And, and there is many different cultures, and we need to avoid it assuming one size fits all. Each person has their own story, and each person has different needs, and we, as a community, are better when we, we share our resources, and we, we take what is offered by, by african immigrants and, and acknowledge and celebrate and, and work together. This is very thoughtful policy recommendations in this report which we will take to heart, and I am continuing to be committed to equitable treatment, to equity in every sense of the word. So, we need, we're starting with the office of equity and human rights, focusing largely on city government, city jobs, city services, and city contracts. And we need to continue to do that because until we, in this company, as you could look at it, revise our thinking, learn what we don't know, and expand the opportunities for our employees, we're not going to be successful in the community where it needs to happen, and indeed, it is happening in other companies. And throughout the communities. And we can do it. And we have to do it. Because the, the needs are there, and the population is growing, and if we don't address these issues, we are all going down the tubes. We don't want to do that. We want to make sure that everyone is celebrated and everyone has opportunities, and together we grow and prosper. Thank you for your work, aye.

**Hales:** You know, I served two tours duty at this table and, and among, i'm on my second round serving on the city council. I serve starting 20 years ago for ten years. And a number of people have Asked me, you know, what's different between that chapter and this chapter. And I think that, that there are a couple of differences that are highlighted by this presentation this afternoon. One is that Portland has become much more diverse than it was 20 years ago. And that we have number of immigrant populations who are major parts of the community now, and are growing. As this presentation has shown quick. And the other, and that's the compliment that I really want to issue is that we have got better data. This is really good information. And, and it would, it was unusual to have this quality, of demographic and, and population data to base our decisions on. And the last time that I was here making decisions, so, thank you because, because the facts are friendly, and even if they are harsh. And the facts give us base of common understanding that, that now we know where we stand, and now we know where each of us stands in prosperity, and education, and opportunity, and health and, and, and that gives us a great deal of, of power to make change. If we had the information, that's, that's the first step. And so, this, to me, is -- I am going to read the whole report. And I think all of us are wonkish on this council that you could count on us to read good quality, academic report like this. So, thank you. But, it's really important Information for what we do and, and how we prior identifies. I am also interested in how we use our influence because there are so many governments, and we all work with multiple layers of government. Whether it's the state or the federal government or, or the 11 different layers that we have here in the metro area. So, how we can use our influence to, to address some of these issues like licensing and professional credentials, even if it's not the city of Portland's job, to issue those credentials, we have influence, we have bully pulpit that we can use to say hey, this is a problem, and let's do something about it. And so, let's, let's look for those opportunities in the continuation of this conversation about how this council use our, our visibility and our influence to raise issues even if they are not things that we can change by a vote that we take at this table. Great start and great information and look forward to working with you more. Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Hales:** Thank you very much and we are adjourned.

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At 4:35 p.m., Council adjourned.