

Parsons, Susan

From: Jennings, Gayla
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 8:11 AM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: FW: [Approved Sender] Re: Portland City Council Agenda July 23-24, 2014

Hi Sue,

This appears as though it's testimony relating to second reading agenda item 781.

Thanks!

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From: Mike Dee [mailto:mikede4@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 3:26 AM
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Subject: [Approved Sender] Re: Portland City Council Agenda July 23-24, 2014

Howdy Mike Dee here,
Hi Deputy Auditor, City Council, Scott, and citizens of Portland,

I would like to register my belated "protest" on this agenda item #781.

I would like to thank Scott S., for his time in hearing of few of my concerns, and trying to answer a few questions for me.

I understand this is the 2nd reading of this item.
For the record I would like to "chime" in anyway.

The "ask" is to spend over a million dollars to buy outdated Windows CE, 400Mhz Processor, 5 mega-pixel camera, German Made, Ticketman X6-11(2011?) devices. ((The Ticketman X7-14(2014?) will be out 4th Quarter. They will use the Android Operating System, and will most likely have better cameras, processors, and other features.)) I have no idea on the expected cost. Some of the money may be spent on upgrading old devices, and maybe some repair.

I feel the need for these devices is a step in the wrong direction, I do feel spending more money on this issue(Parking Enforcement) after the 10+ years already covered (so far with this company) is money that could of been spent to help the city address critical issues, and not Oppress it's citizens with Un-Constitutional, Oregon State Law-breaking, record-keeping, tracking devices, used for Government Takings, without Due Process of Law, and helping the automobile theft culture.

So I will break some of that down a bit for you:

Parking Enforcement in my opinion is an Un-Constitutional, controversial, government infringement on the Public's Right to Travel, and Use the Public Roadways, and Highways.

The Enforcement is not equally applied to all citizens. Officers, Parking Enforcement, and others with this perceived Authority issue tickets, tow vehicles, and pick and choose which vehicles to target, and which citizens to oppress based on criteria of their own choosing.

There is a Conflict of Interest, and a Jurisdiction issue. One of the Conflicts is with the ticketing, tow-ing, and sale of the government taken vehicles. The vehicle is basically stolen without notice of who, what, when, where, and many times without any notice after the taking of who has it, why it was taken, what is needed to get it returned, or made available for pick-up. All before you even have a chance for your Due Process Rights to be Exercised. No court, No Judge. Street Justice?

Jurisdiction- City vs. County - who is towing the car ? who do you talk to to get it back, and they don't communicate with each other to help the vehicle owner. I had an Ombudman try and help me find two cars stolen from me, all they could find out was that the city towed one, and the county towed the other. That was all. No case number, no why, no more info.

These devices are used to collect information on citizens vehicles whereabouts, when, their make, model, type of vehicle, contents inside, and are used as evidence, without a warrant. Oregon Law prohibits government(Law Enforcement) from collecting and maintaining information on activities of any individual without reasonable grounds to expect criminal activity. A Parking Ticket is an Infraction, not a Crime.

Some people use their vehicles for Shelter. These people are often targeted, ticketed, and towed. Adding to the challenge for Success on the Ten-20 Year plan to end homelessness.

What is my "ask(s)" ?

What are the numbers ? How much is spent on Parking Enforcement ? Equipment-Parking meters ?, little parking Enforcement rigs?, employees ?, little grey hand-held devices like the Ticketman X6-11?, signage?, court costs ?, paint? (retail loss from people not wanting to shop where they have to pay to park?)-unknown-?

My "ask" is stop it all. No more money spent on Parking Enforcement. Spend it to on Public Transit. Bring Back Fare-less Square, and Rail. Make the whole Transit System Free. (No more Fare inspectors, Fare machines-or repairs for them, no tickets, transfers, exact change, no court costs).

What is the reason for this Parking Enforcement Program, what are we trying to fix, or make better by this program?

Make Portland Better by doing things better, Free Transit, Free Parking, Free Thinking.

Thanks,

Mike Dee

Citizens for Free Thinking, Parking, Transit, and Travel.

P.S.

Like I said, I don't have the numbers, so I could not show you the math, and how it works out, it was not submitted with the agenda item.

P.P.S.

I do not expect you to vote against this, but I do expect you to help me work on a five year plan to retire the Parking Enforcement Program, and Restore the Free Transit System.

P.P.S.S.

The Parking Enforcement Program is a weapon used in the "War on the Poor."

On Fri, Jul 18, 2014 at 2:57 PM, Jennings, Gayla <Gayla.Jennings@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

The agenda is posted at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/index.cfm?c=26997>. We will have as many items as possible linked by 5 pm today.

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