



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

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

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS EMERGENCY ITEMS WERE NOT CONSIDERED AND ITEMS WERE NOT HEARD UNDER A CONSENT AGENDA	Disposition:
COMMUNICATIONS	
49 Request of Michael Krupp to address Council regarding a third cent added to the kitty (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
50 Request of Donna Cohen to address Council regarding Fessenden/St Louis corridor and the Streetcar Concept Plan 2009 (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
51 Request of Amber Dunks to address Council regarding R2D Too (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
52 Request of Brad Gibson to address Council regarding Right2DreamToo (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
53 Request of Kris L. Misener to address Council regarding Right To Dream Too (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
REGULAR AGENDA Mayor Charlie Hales Office of Management and Finance	

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54	Authorize second issuance of general obligation bonds for fire vehicles and emergency response infrastructure (Ordinance)	RESCHEDULED TO JANUARY 22, 2014 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2 Bureau of Environmental Services		
55	Authorize a contract for construction of the Rose City Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project E10345 for \$6,410,000 (Second Reading Agenda 34) (Y-3)	186417
56	Authorize a cost share agreement with BNSF Railway Company for \$185,483 Project E09017 (Second Reading Agenda 35) (Y-3)	186418
57	Amend contract with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for additional work and compensation for the Fanno Basin System Improvements Project E09051 and E10317 for \$164,634 (Second Reading Agenda 36; amend Contract No. 30002215) (Y-3)	186419
Commissioner Steve Novick Position No. 4 Bureau of Transportation		
58	Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to issue a quitclaim deed, bill of sale, and two assignments to TriMet for two portions of the Willamette Shore Line railroad right of way and related assets (Second Reading Agenda 44)	RESCHEDULED TO JANUARY 22, 2014 AT 9:30 AM

At 9:51 a.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, JANUARY 15, 2014

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

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Transcript of Portland City Council Meeting

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

JANUARY 15, 2014 **9:30 AM**

Fish: Council will come to order. Karla, will you please call the roll.

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

Fish: Thank you very much. The Mayor is on vacation this week, so as the president of the council, I will preside. Due to the absence of two council members, we will not be hearing emergency items today. We have five council communications. Karla, will you please read item 49.

Item 49.

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

Fish: Okay, we'll reschedule.

Item 50.

Fish: Ms. Cohen, welcome to Portland City Council.

Donna Cohen: Good morning. Nice to be back here.

Fish: You have three minutes, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Cohen: Yes, okay. Well I wanted to give an update on Fessenden/St. Louis. You probably all know we got the ODOT funding for the improvements, which we're very excited about. And the little neighborhood group that has formed around getting that funded, called Citizens for Safe and Attractive Fessenden/St. Louis -- a bit of a mouthful, I know -- has continued to meet. We've done three clean-ups along the corridor, we've had a safety workshop, we're going to have another safety workshop with WomenStrength, and we're talking about doing foot patrols. We're also starting to look at business development and affordable housing. We had a couple of folks from REACH CDC come and speak with us last month. And I have met with people from the housing bureau from Commissioner Saltzman's office, and John Miller of Oregon Opportunity Network. So, we want development and we'd like to be part of that process. Another thing I want to mention is George Park. Bon Hill and I went to the Parks and Rec budget forum the other night. George Park is a park that abuts Fessenden. Like Fessenden, it's been a rather neglected place with very few amenities. And we're thinking this is the perfect time to try to make improvements to George Park concurrent with the changes to Fessenden. There's safety issues in that area, and because of the condition of the park and the desolate nature of everything, if we were to improve George Park along with Fessenden, it would encourage people to use it and of course there will be more pedestrians we're expecting along Fessenden and that would be a great synergy which would result in a much safer neighborhood as well as the use of those facilities. And lastly, I want to mention the streetcar concept plan. You'll notice the picture at the bottom of the sheet there shows that in the original streetcar system in Portland, there was a loop in Fessenden -- uh, in St. Johns. Fessenden/St. Louis and Lombard made a streetcar loop, which makes it very convenient for people in North Fessenden and Portsmouth and New Columbia to get to the St. Johns town center. Although I've listed some reasons here as to why it would be beneficial, I'm not here to make that case. What I am here to say is that, in that streetcar concept plan, which was developed in '09 -- if you look at the initial maps in the plan, they show the loop. And then, at the point where the public involvement process happened, the maps no longer showed the loop. So, we never got a chance to be able to weigh in on this as an option. And we feel that that's an omission in the plan that should be corrected and the St. Johns/Portsmouth community should have a chance to evaluate and look at the idea of having the loop on a St. Johns streetcar route, rather than just beyond Lombard. So, I thank you very much for

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the opportunity to talk with you.

Fish: Ms. Cohen, since you're here and you've given us a very thoughtful letter and testimony, can I just ask you, with respect to George Park and the amenities, has the community identified any particular amenities--

Fritz: Commissioner Fish, if I might interrupt as the Parks commissioner--

Fish: Oh, here we have the Parks commissioner-- [laughter]

Cohen: Okay, alright [laughing] Thank you to both of you.

Fritz: And what we have been doing, as you know, because you went to the budget hearing, is asking the different neighborhood districts to get together and give us your priorities. As Commissioner Fish knows, having been in charge of Parks, we have over \$450 million of projects that we want to do, and over \$400 million of deferred maintenance. So with a very small amount of dollars, I've been conducting a community process. Have you been participating?

Cohen: Yes, I went to one where you had to arrive late -- but for a good reason. We were at that one and Bon and I are planning to continue to look into getting the community involved and getting feedback to Parks and Rec.

Fritz: But the North Portland neighborhood office is coordinating the neighborhoods. And we really, you know, I love all 95 neighborhoods and all 206 parks. So, I need the community to prioritize which ones we put our scarce dollars into.

Cohen: Right. And George Park wasn't even on the radar originally--

Fritz: Yeah, you've done a good job of getting it so.

Cohen: Yeah, it's like a lot of things in that part of St. Johns that have not been on the radar but are now setting on the radar. Fessenden is now being looked at for multi-use as well.

Fish: Is there an existing Friends of George Park?

Cohen: There isn't, but maybe that's something we should consider doing.

Fish: It has proven to be effective in other parks to sort of build the grassroots support.

Cohen: Yes, yes, we'll definitely talk about that.

Fish: Thank you for taking time to speak with us this morning.

Cohen: Thank you very much.

Fish: Karla, would you please read the next item?

Item 51.

Fish: Good morning, welcome. You have three minutes.

Amber Dunks: Okay, first off, I'm going to start with the police sweeps, where the police are taking people's belongings, which many times is things people need to survive. Blankets, warmer clothes. Which is pretty much an equivalent to a death sentence out in the streets. From what I understand, the mayor took over the police department, which means he should be able to do something about these sweeps. We were told that they're not happening in town, yet after we got out of a meeting with one of his aides, two blocks from here, people who were following the sidewalk management plan, as it's put into place here in Portland, were being harassed by the police. Now, we see this again and again and again here in Portland, where people will be the correct number of feet away from the curb, have their belongings with them, and the police will stop and harass them. That needs to stop. And I would really like to see the mayor and the people on city council to stop that. Also, I have a list here. We were told that Right 2 Dream Too -- that we need to prove ourselves. I have a list here of the top 20 places for 9-1-1 calls in the city of Portland. We are not on this list. Portland Rescue Mission, however, is number one. And the Bud Clark Commons, which are both city sanctioned, is number two. So, I'm wondering why those places are okay, but Right 2 Dream Too is not. Also, one of the things I tell people at Right 2 Dream Too, and I'm going to tell the city commissioners -- I really wish the mayor was here -- I always strive to have them be a better person. That doesn't mean be better than everybody else. That means be a better person than you were yesterday. Always keep working on yourself. So that's one thing I want the city council to

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work on. Also, there's two things that you can be in these times, that's part of the problem, and part of the solution. If you're just standing idly by, you are not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. I'm going to leave you with this thought in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday is Monday, I believe. He said, the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy. Right 2 Dream Too and Right 2 Survive know that this is a time of challenge and controversy, and we stand with people protecting their civil, constitutional, and human rights regardless of social economic status or housing status. And I challenge the people of the city council to do the same. Thank you.

Fish: Thank you very much. [applause] Thank you, Ms. Dunks.

Item 52.

Fish: Mr. Gibson, welcome. You have three minutes.

Brad Gibson: Hello, thank you. Oh, I knew that. Good morning, folks, thank you for listening to me. My name is Brad Gibson, I'm on the board with Right 2 Dream Too. As far as I know, we have an agreement with Commander Day about, you know -- we had set down the guidelines that there was supposed to be pictured -- if a policeman was to come up with our gate and they wanted to find somebody, they had to have a picture, a warrant, a reason for pulling them. And we would help them secure the person if they were in. An officer with no probable cause tries to come up and question a member as she was walking from Sisters of the Road. This has happened about three different times by the same officer. If they are that blatant of disregard to our police agreement, what happens to people without that police agreement in place? There's a lot of anger, being out here on the street. We've been -- you know, with the sweeps, the sleep deprivation, and Clean and Safe trashing people's personal items and tearing down their camps. In the middle of the winter, we went and visited a place underneath the Morrison Bridge, and everybody had a nice place to stay out of the cold. Little cardboard shanties to keep the wind off them. The next day, they were swept. Now, that just doesn't seem right to me. Okay. Anyway, they come to our gates, and we see the aggression. We're supposed to be a mutual clean, safe area. No harassing at our gates. When we police ourselves, we have virtually no 9-1-1 calls. So, we're the least of your worries. So, we do civil rights trainings for our members and also if anybody else wants to come on board, we'll teach them. We also report through Copwatch and the individual police review. So, that won't get them anywhere. Thank you.

Fish: Thank you very much.

Item 53.

Fish: Mr. Misener, welcome to city council. And you have three minutes, sir.

Kris L. Misener: Good day, council. Right 2 Dream Too is very necessary. Before the Christmas season, we put out a request for donations of gear, sleeping gear, stuff for people to survive. And it went viral. Hundreds of people came down and donated, and we got an abundance of gear. We turned around and we got this gear out to people. What frustrates me is two days later, Clean and Safe and the police, working in cahoots, swept people and got their gear and chucked it. This one lady was out in front of UGM, she goes and gets something to eat, she was gone from her stuff for maybe 15 minutes and her stuff got swooped up. Now, houseless people steal from houseless people all the time. We don't need Clean and Safe doing it too. In my opinion, Clean and Safe is one of the biggest thieves out there. And in doing that, in taking their gear, and stuff like that like their blankets, and the temperature's dropping, that person should die. In my book, that's premeditated murder by the authorities and the person running the cops. You guys have a problem with people sleeping on the sidewalks. Isn't it logical to make more Right 2 Dream Toos here in Portland, Oregon? To provide more space for them to crash out and not be on the sidewalks? That's all I gotta say.

Fish: Thank you, sir. [applause] Okay, now we're going to move to our regular agenda.

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Item 54.

Fish: Do we have someone here from OMF?

Fritz: I believe that has pulled to show at a later date.

Fish: Alright, so with that objection, we'll pull this back to the mayor's office--

Moore-Love: They're rescheduling this to next week.

Fish: Very good. Thank you, Karla. Now, we have a series of second readings.

Item 55.

Fish: Second reading, vote only.

Item 55 Roll.

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

[gavel pounded]

Fish: It passes.

Item 56.

Fish: Vote only.

Item 56 Roll.

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

[gavel pounded]

Fish: It passes.

Item 57.

Fish: Second reading, please call the roll.

Item 57 Roll.

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

[gavel pounded]

Fish: That matter passes.

Item 58.

Fish: This is a second reading.

Moore-Love: This is being rescheduled. It needs four votes.

Novick: Oh, that's right. Sorry about that.

Fish: So with that objection, this matter will be rescheduled. Council, since I'm the president of the council and it's just the three of us, I thought I would close by entertaining any emotions you may want to make for any budget modifications. [laughter] Limited, of course, to your respective bureaus.

Fritz: I have a list, but I think I'll defer. Thank you for the opportunity.

Fish: If I could just, in the waning moments, just observe that tonight I have the honor of being one of the judges at the We the People program. And we're expecting probably a thousand students, teachers, coaches at Lake Oswego High School. And the last couple years, Steve, my recollection is that an Oregon high school has either won the national championship or been in the top five.

Novick: I think we've won two years in a row. I'm not certain of that.

Fish: The national championship.

Novick: Yeah.

Fish: And so, it's a really inspiring thing to see these young people grapple with the Constitution, and then debate. And it's also inspiring to see some new schools, and new groups of students get involved. Lincoln and Grant have sort of taken turns being state champions. But it's also rewarding to see Parkrose and other schools step up and their kids do so well.

Novick: It was last year, a number of contestants were really focused on the filibuster. So, I suspect a lot of them were very pleased with Senator Merkley and the change in the rules that was made a few weeks ago.

Fish: And what we're going to talk about tonight is that with the initiative and referendum system, many of these complicated Constitutional questions actually first get decided at the state level, and

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so a lot of the young people in the room will be deciding whether we follow the sort of traditional view of states' rights, whether we get into conflict with the federal government on certain regulatory matters, and they will cast potentially decisive votes. It was kind of exciting to bring it full circle. Well, with that, we hope the mayor is enjoying his vacation, and council is adjourned.

At 9:51 a.m., Council adjourned.