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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2015** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, 5. Commissioner Saltzman left at 10:55 a.m.

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

Item Nos. 555 and 563 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS		Disposition:
548	Request of Craig Rogers to address Council regarding budget (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
549	Request of Michael Krupp to address Council regarding military and the Commissioner of Police (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
550	Request of Rev. Kate Lore and Rev. Dr. Charles Currie, Jr. to address Council regarding City Energy Policy (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
551	Request of Chris Fountain to address Council regarding proposed propane terminal (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
552	Request of Shelly Lufkin to address Council regarding large cell tower on SE 71st Ave (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		
553	TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Proclaim June 8-14 to be Timbers and Thorns FC Stand Together Week in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Fish) 15 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE

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554	TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Create Portland Utility Board to strengthen oversight functions for City water, sewer and stormwater services (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fish; repeal and replace Code Chapter 3.123) 1 hour requested Motion to accept Fritz amendments to sections 3.123.030 and .040: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. (Y-5)	PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED JUNE 10, 2015 AT 9:30 AM
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		
555	Proclaim Sunday, June 7, 2015 to be Community Music Center Day in Portland and encourage all citizens to recognize and support Community Music Center for its important work and contributions to Portland arts and culture (Resolution introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Fritz) (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	37126
Mayor Charlie Hales		
*556	Amend grant agreement with Worksystems, Inc. to add \$315,000 for the SummerWorks youth employment program and Black Male Achievement Initiative within City Bureaus for an additional year not to exceed \$610,000 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 32001032) (Y-5)	187153
Office of Management and Finance		
*557	Pay claim of Markus Maniar in the sum of \$100,000 involving the Bureau of Internal Business Services (Ordinance) (Y-5)	187154
558	Delegate authority for the periodic disposition of used artificial turf to the Chief Administrative Officer and approve 2014 donations of turf from Providence Park (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 5.36)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 10, 2015 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Nick Fish		
Position No. 2		
Bureau of Environmental Services		
559	Authorize grant agreement awarding up to \$73,000 in FY 15/16 to Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. to provide outreach, technical assistance and community involvement for watershed projects in Fanno and Willamette watersheds (Second Reading Agenda 525) (Y-5)	187155
Commissioner Dan Saltzman		
Position No. 3		
Portland Housing Bureau		

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560	Accept a grant of up to \$6,000 from MPower Oregon for energy efficiency improvements at 1103 SW Stark St (Second Reading Agenda 527) (Y-5)	187156
Commissioner Steve Novick Position No. 4 Bureau of Transportation		
*561	Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the East Portland Access to Transit Project to update the scope of work, state project responsibilities, project schedule and staff contact information (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30003175) (Y-5)	187157
*562	Amend 2007 Transportation System Development Charge Capital Improvement Project list and amend Criteria for Projects to be Eligible for Transportation System Development Charge Funding to include improvements to North Rivergate Blvd and correct oversight regarding freight districts (Ordinance) (Y-5)	187158
*563	Authorize joint application with the Port of Portland to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery 7 Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$11,033,000 for the Portland Marine Terminal Freight and Jobs Access Project (Ordinance) (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	187160
564	Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Metro, Multnomah County, Washington County and Clackamas County for preparing a Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Route Study (Second Reading Agenda 530) (Y-5)	187159
REGULAR AGENDA Mayor Charlie Hales Bureau of Police		
*565	Apply to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for a grant in the amount of \$9,625 for the FY15 Bulletproof Vest Partnership/Body Armor Safety Initiative for bulletproof vests (Ordinance) (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	187161
Office of Management and Finance		
566	Accept bid of Titan Utilities, LLC for the SE Division Place & SE 6th Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation for \$868,490 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 117402) Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT

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*567	Delegate authority to the Bureau of Human Resources Director to designate certain training and development programs as mandatory for employees, managers and supervisors in support of the City Training and Development Program (Ordinance) 20 minutes requested (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	187162
Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2 Bureau of Environmental Services		
568	Authorize a contract with the lowest responsive bidder for construction of SW Stephenson & SW Hamilton Drainage and road shoulder improvements BES project E10131 for \$560,000 (Second Reading Agenda 535) (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	187163
Water Bureau		
569	Authorize a competitive solicitation for the purchase of water system hydrants and valves at an estimated cost of \$5,220,000 (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 10, 2015 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Steve Novick Position No. 4 Bureau of Emergency Management		
*570	Authorize application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management, for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$385,027 for positions and programs (Ordinance)	RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 10, 2015 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Amanda Fritz Position No. 1 Portland Parks & Recreation		
*571	Authorize a contract with R&H Construction in the amount of \$718,991 to complete emergency structural repairs to the Director Park canopy (Ordinance)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

At 11:24 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2015** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, 5. Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 2:45 p.m.

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

<p>572 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Establish a program to provide incentives, training and technical assistance to promote voluntary deconstruction as a viable alternative to mechanical demolition (Resolution introduced by Mayor Hales) 2 hours requested Motion to amend date to report back to Council January 2016: Moved by Hales and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	<p>Disposition:</p> <p>37127 AS AMENDED</p>
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At 3:31 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2015** AT 2:00 P.M.

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

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

The meeting recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:53 p.m.

573 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Proclaim June 4, 2015 to be a day of recognition for Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy, Jr. in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Fish) 1.5 hours requested	Disposition: PLACED ON FILE
574 TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM – Accept the 2015 annual report on Sister City activities (Report introduced by Mayor Hales) 45 minutes requested Motion to accept report: Moved by Novick and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)	ACCEPTED

At 5:00 p.m., Council adjourned.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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9:30 AM

Hales: Welcome to the June 3 meeting, please call the roll.

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

Hales: Good morning, we have regular council business to come but first we have a lot of students in the room today, and we're very happy about that. That's always a good day in council chamber. Let's hear it for the Portland public school students. [applause] we have two classes from Sunnyside, welcome. If you did not get a chance to see Portland, the musical, at Sunnyside, when this group of students put it on earlier this year, you missed out on a very informative and entertaining show, so I was able to see it, and I loved it, and it's great having them here, and we also are going to have a brief presentation this morning from some Robert gray students doing civic studies, and they are tag students. They won a contest at Concordia, and they are going to make a short presentation here before we take council communications. So, want to welcome the Robert gray middle school delegation, and have them come on up, please. We're ready. Good morning. Feel free to have a seat, if there is some of you that are Presenters. Or stands, either one, whatever you would like.

Hales: Tell us who you are and proceed.

Benny: Ok. I am benny.

Betsey: I am betsey.

Adam: I am adam.

Cory: I am corey.

Jacqueline: I am jacqueline.

Pamela: I am pamela.

*****: [inaudible]

Monica: I am monica.

*****: And we are all representatives from Robert gray.

Hales: Great. Well, welcome. Welcome.

*****: As I am sure that you are aware, there are 583,000 people in Portland.

*****: Many of these are children, who like to play sports but can't.

*****: The reason it's something that should not be a problem, did you know that most club sports cost around \$1,000 a year? This is a problem for a lot of kids, who want to play sports, but can't because there is not enough money in the family to do something that they love.

*****: And not only are sports fun for the students but there are a lot of benefits. The gpa difference between athletes and non-athletes is a .81% difference which is amazing. Not only did they do better on their grades, but they also did better in categories, such as test scores, and graduation rates.

*****: We also had fewer absence days, a lower drop-out rate and fewer discipline referrals.

*****: Not only do athletes have better school statistics, but they also have better statistics later in life. They learn teamwork and healthy eating habits. It is especially important due to the increase in the childhood obesity.

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****: They also do emotionally better. They have decreased anxiety and depression levels, and increased parental support levels, and despite the popular belief, spending a lot of time at sports practice is a good thing.

****: Right, and even with all the benefits, there are still more, however we need to address other topics.

****: We want the city hall to create a fund within the parks and recreation department. This one would be money for low income athletes to play sports.

****: And I am sure you want to know how. We have an answer. We could get log sports companies like Nike and Adidas to sponsor us.

****: A good way is if we set up donation bins for equipment and money, with Nike, Adidas or our schools.

****: Like we said before there are a lot of positive benefits that would help not only our community, but if the idea catches on, maybe other communities, as well.

****: All in all, we think that this is a good idea, and should be supported.

****: Thank you for listening to our presentation. Are there any questions?

Hales: Thank you. Very well done. The council moved one step in the direction that you suggested already, in that in the budget that we just approved, we have put \$2 million into a new program in the city to make our community centers free and available to teenagers. Across the city. Starting, actually, only a couple of weeks when the new fiscal year for the city starts. So, we moved a step in that direction but you are right, it is an important issue and I have heard about this from parents that have had to choose which of their kids gets to participate in sports. So, thanks for highlighting the issues. Other questions?

Fish: You know, Commissioner Fritz has been using developer fees, to build and rehabilitate fields for sports, or across the city, places like Delta Park, high schools, and fields that are adjacent to schools, and she has been a great champion of this. So, I want to acknowledge that work.

Fritz: And you will be happy to know, thanks to the generosity of the taxpayers the soccer field at Reike elementary next to Wilson high school will get renovated as part of the bond measure passed, and I would invite you to come back during the budget process, we had an, a request in for a \$600,000 scholarship fund, and in this year's budget, unfortunately, we were not able to fund that because we are focusing on basic infrastructure, streets and such, and fixes, more fixes that are necessary in the parks, so we were not able to fund it this year but the mayor is very concerned about it, and so, if you can come back during the budget process next year, I would greatly appreciate it.

Novick: I really appreciate you suggested a tax to pay for this. I'm not saying that we could do it, but a lot of times people come to us and say, we think that you should fund this thing, without recognizing that means either we raise a tax somewhere or we cut some existing thing, so I really appreciate that, and your acknowledging this would have to be paid somehow even if it's difficult.

Hales: And we appreciate the suggestion about going to the very successful sports and athletic corporations here in Portland. Actually, we have more of them now, under-armor is opening an office in Portland. So, we have become a center for that kind of business. And I think it's reasonable to ask them to help with this, as you suggested. So --

Fish: Are we all going to get a copy, an electronic copy of that excellent power point?

Moore-Love: I can send it, sure.

Fish: I think we would like to see it and link it and all of us think about ways that we might be able to support this cause.

Hales: And to follow up with you so we appreciate citizens who come in here with a good idea, and you have. Thank you very much.

****: Thank you.

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Hales: Let's hear it for Robert Gray. [applause]

Hales: All right. So, we are going to move onto the communication' portion of the calendar where citizens get to sign up for a three-minute slot, and they will have a hard time following that presentation, but that's just the luck of the draw. And then we'll move on into the regular council calendar after that. So, would you call the first communications' item, please?

Item 548.

Hales: Mister Rogers, good morning.

Craig Rogers: Good morning. Actually -- I am Craig Rogers. I will be speaking on safety. In reference to the transportation meeting that I attended yesterday with an emphasis on bikes, also involved pedestrians and automobiles, about two months ago, I became aware that Leah Treat was going to be speaking at KBU on the bicycle program. And I heard her mention a proposed speed limit in Portland. As I recall, it was 25 miles per hour. And initially, when I heard that, my knee-jerk reaction was no way. And I thought about it. And things began to surface, and I became aware of the three children down in Eugene that their mother took them to get an ice cream, and they were in the crosswalk with the light, and somebody came through. And the three children died. The mother survived. And then, I became aware of the Lady driving off marine drive, ended up in the river. Allister was there at the meeting, incredible young gentleman. So, I started feeling, thinking more about this, and I am onboard 100% with the speed limit coming down here in the city. I really think that. It can't happen soon enough. A week ago when I was down here, I was talking to Josh about this, and little did I know that at the time on Cesar Chavez boulevard, at Gladstone the gentleman lost his life in a car and bike accident. Now, part of what influenced me is just the three kids down there in Eugene, and I am glad that there is so many children here because that's who we need to protect. This is about safety, and the day before that meeting, I was speaking with Leah on the phone is, and I said when I come out of this, I don't want it to be homogenized in so many voices there is no direction, and I said, I really want to do something here, and I reminded her of Woody Hayes because on the day that Woody Hayes died, on NPR they played an interview with him, and they said Woody, what makes a winner? And he goes, what makes a winner? He says it's an attitude. An attitude put into action. Then last evening, I watched Allister on an interview on tv, and he said this is not so much about infrastructure is, as it is about attitude. And that's really what we need as a team working together. We need to accomplish here, to protect the citizens of the city. Thank you for letting me be here.

Hales: Thanks very much.

Item 549.

Hales: Mr. Krupp, come on up.

Michael Krupp: Before I start I would like to say I am glad that it was not me that had to follow all those happy kids. To have appeared out of the shadows and run unopposed and amok is clear evidence of your allegiances. Before his premature but welcomed self-deportation, the [inaudible] sold our water to the devil. He paid millions to do a study recommending burial. Who doesn't love a good burial? Randy is still enjoying the after-glow of that capital idea over in west linn. The devil hates the children of our mother. Water is what we are. Water is the mule, god used to smuggle spirits. Spirit means breath, oxford English dictionary. Spirit does not come from or live under the ground. The maximum amount of money is made in the industries of planetary misogyny and special misanthropy. Poisoned in the waters, spew mercury, undercoat with tar, spray them on the monster, plant jean jumping crops, frack the earth and cluster bomb the nursery. There is a tree who is named Kissinger's dream, when he was secretary of state. The glow of the ash. It's a botanical name. It's the glow bosom, excelsior, in the wizard of oz there

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was One big projection of a fake doorman want to be. In this, the time of the buzzards of is, we have millions of little wimp wanna bees projected on little tvs, little pixel-popping propaganda who wish for war and pray for plunder, a fake president doing a Nielsen busting war dance. Terror Tuesday. torture, collateral bug splat, family jails in the desert. Wanton murder of unarmed African-American youths. Tpp and rectal feeding. How long until we have gourmet cannibalism? American style? The federal government of my beautiful motherland has become a danger to itself and others. Of all our energies towards maintaining our lives, more than 60% goes to the military, as a simple tribute, as mayor we expect you to act like a one way valve, allowing our municipal needs, proper ingress, and slamming clothes to prevent back flow out of our treasury. You have been installed backwards by ch-2-m hell. Incompetent of subterfuge you don't fool us. In 1990 I ran an un-redacted copy where henry kissinger requested seven mid-east wars to clear the way for Africa genocide.

Hales: Thank you, thanks very much.

Krupp: Thank you for listening.

Item 550.

Hales: Good morning.

Rev. Kate Lore: Good morning.

Lore: Let me start by thanking you, mayor hales, for your leadership in pulling support for the pembina propane terminal and you, Dan Saltzman for announcing Your opposition, as well, last night, your courage inspired the rest of the city council to follow suit. My primary reason for being here this morning is to ask the city council to arrive and adopt an energy policy that prohibits all future fossil fuel export projects from coming through our city. By the time that any project, involving the storage or the transfer of oil, coal, liquefied natural gas or propane, and I will give you three reasons. One, climate changes are killing and ruining lives of the very people in Asia to whom we export fossil fuels. Recent news reports tell us that over 1800 people in India have just died from the record high temperatures attributed to climate change. That air pollution in cities like deli are now so bad it's giving young children the lungs of heavy smokers. Thereby, shortening their lives. And that farmers in India have resorted to selling their children because climate change related crop failures have left them penniless. Clearly, Asian countries need more clean energy alternatives not more fossil fuel imports. Reason number two, the latest report of the intergovernmental panel of climate change tells us that co-2 emissions from burning fossil fuels are still rising far too fast, putting on -- putting us on a path of global temperature increases of four or five degrees. The scientists and economists say that in order to save ourselves, and our future Generations, we need to reduce the emissions by at least 40% by mid century. So, that's a green city, Portland, should be leading that effort. And reason no. 3, Portland has the moral obligation to halt anything that exploits Native Americans and first nation peoples, the very people whose territories are being despoiled by fracking, so members, council, if we do nothing, our climate will continue to spiral out of balance, to stabilize our climate for the long-term, Portland must maintain its climate champion status, and I ask you to oppose any new fossil fuel infrastructure or fossil fuel exports from our region. Thank you for your time and attention.

Hales: Thank you. Good morning. [applause]

*******:** With only 30 seconds, 25 seconds left --

Hales: We'll give you more.

Rev. Dr. Charles Currie, Jr.: My written testimony is available for all of you. I will just note that the national council of churches, the U.S. Conference of roman catholic bishops, interface the religious bodies across the united states, support the kind of measures that

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reverend lore has talked about here today, and I support her call to you, wholeheartedly. Thank you very much for your time.

Hales: Thank you both for coming. Don't normally -- we usually just let folks present in these communications items but I want to just a quick alert, I am going to ask my council colleagues to help to develop our message but I want to ask some people in the community to help develop our message, as well, because I've been very honored to be invited to join a group of mayors from around the world in the Vatican, in July to talk with his holiness, pope Francis, about human trafficking and climate change, seemingly to some disconnected issues, but you just made the connection there, reverend lore, so I would love to have your help in developing the city of Portland's message to that gathering along with my council colleagues and others in the community that worked on these issues. So, your appearance here was timely.

Currie, Jr: Thank you, mayor hales.

Hales: Thank you both.

Hales: Ok. Thank you. [applause]

Hales: 551.

Item 551.

Hales: Good morning. Welcome.

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

Chris Fountain: Good morning, mayor hales and commissioners, I am grateful for this opportunity to address you. For 27 days, an overwhelming majority of Portland citizens have been waiting, hoping to hear the news that four other commissioners have joined mayor hales in his brave and wise decision to reject the pembina insistence that the application for a zoning amendment be brought before city council. Yesterday, a call to commissioner Saltzman's office received the information that the commission has joined with mayor hales in opposition to hearing the application. If this information is reliable, commissioner, I applaud your decision. Commissioners Fish, Novick and Fritz, I stand as one of the many thousands who believe that to revive this permitting process would be an insult to the experts and residents that have already spent countless hours bringing verified testimony against a project that should never have been proposed in Portland. I implore the city council to stand as one in resisting pembina a foreign company that has demonstrated a serious lack of competent in the area of rail and marine safety, and stand firm against pressure from the port a body unaccountable to Portland voters, by representing the voice of your constituents. Prioritize safety and environmental concerns over profit. Reject partnering with the world's most destructive industries, and instead, redouble the city's efforts to build a vibrant and sustainable economy by promoting green jobs. Opposition to this project, and others like it, continues to grow in Portland and in cities around the northwest. Neighborhood associations, churches, and community organizations, and others are standing to be counted among the opposition. This is a huge issue that won't go away until pembina does, we are looking to city council to represent us and to walking the sometimes bumpy path to becoming true climate champions together.

Hales: Thank you very much for coming.

Fritz: Response, the mayor's office press release announcing that we would not move forward, he consulted with me and I support his decision, so i'm sorry that information did not get out, wasn't publicized, three weeks or so ago. But, pembina will not be coming to us.

Hales: Thank you very much. Ok. Item 552.

Item 552.

Hales: Good morning. Welcome.

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Shelly Lufkin: Good morning. I am Shelly Lufkin. I live on Southeast 71st Avenue, yards away from a proposed T-Mobile cellular tower placement. I am here to speak on behalf of the residents of the Mount Tabor neighborhood, my family, and citizens of Portland who oppose the placement of these towers in residential category 4 neighborhoods. Our neighborhood is in fierce opposition to the placement of the tower. T-Mobile has been deceptive from the start of the ordeal, from the notification of residents in a plain, non-descript letter to the hastily planned industry-led meeting, there was a farce in regards to citizen input, as well as the inaccurate renderings of the proposed tower itself. The strategy has been to deceive, subvert and limit the resident involvement at all cost. Despite this attempt we have organized and have universal support within our Mt. Tabor neighborhood. Over 200 neighborhood residents have signed a petition against the tower installation. One of our greatest concerns is the negative health facts relating to exposure to high levels of electro-magnetic radiation, as you are aware when the installations are placed on buildings there are health warnings posted and access to these areas are strictly limited, but apparently T-Mobile and PGE feel it's OK to place a cellular installation next to a child's bedroom window. I am a cancer survivor, and a mother of a childhood cancer survivor here with me today. In addition, there are 40 young children within a two-block radius. As parents we make deliberate choices and sacrifices to protect the health of our children. This is not a risk that we are willing to take. We are not dissuaded by paid industry health experts nor the bullying by T-Mobile and O'Dea Corporation. Mayor Hales and his campaign admitted this is a public health issue, and there are several ways for the city to ensure the cell towers are not built in neighborhoods that don't want them there. The fact that the cell tower debate is one about public health as the next mayor of Portland I will continue to advance our rich tradition of neighborhood involvement, and fight to ensure that the cell towers are not forced upon those neighborhoods that don't want them. To paraphrase, this is forced upon us. We live in Portland where we do things differently. We pride ourselves on the livability of our neighborhoods, our environmental consciousness, and our ability to say no when these issues are compromised, and being told by a multi-national corporation that this structure will have minimal impact on the quality of life is absolutely absurd. Putting a 56-foot cell tower with a refrigerator-sized box at street level, generating noise day in and out, becomes a quality of life issue for those that live next to it. Besides the health impact this degrades an historic neighborhood and impairs treasured views of Mt. Hood and reduces the property values. Mayor Hales and council members, are you willing to take a stand to protect the health of your citizens and the character of our neighborhoods like other municipalities are doing? Or will the city continue to be motivated by money received from the telecommunications industry for each cellular installation place? This is not one that is going away any time soon. Thanks for coming.

Hales: Thanks for coming. I hope you are in touch, probably are with my staff but one of them is standing over there, and make sure that you are so we can be in touch with you as you work on this.

Lufkin: Appreciate it.

Hales: Ok, thank you all, we're going to move to the regular council calendar now, and just want to let everyone know how we operate during the regular council meetings. First, the public is welcome to attend during the consideration of items on the council calendar. There will be time limited opportunities to speak on those items. You can sign up for or just come up for testimony on those items. All you have to do is give us your name. You don't have to give us your address. If you are a lobbyist representing an organization, we ask that you disclose that because it's required by city code. Please respect the time limits. There is a light and buzzer that you heard sound even during our communications'

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items, that signals when people's time is up, and we ask that you respect that so that other citizens have a chance to speak. During the regular council meetings, we ask that you not do what we do, sometimes more informally in the early part of the calendar, and that is applaud or make any kind of verbal support or opposition to our fellow citizens' points of view because we consider the controversial issues here, and therefore, we want everyone to have their say, so, if you agree with someone give them a thumbs up or if you feel like you want a thumb's down, feel free but we ask that people make no vocal demonstrations so we can hear from everyone. If you have handouts, please give them to our council clerk, and she will distribute them. In order to have this kind of thoughtful deliberation in this room we don't tolerate disruptions, and if someone does disrupt the meeting, they will be warned and asked to stop, and if they don't stop, they will be excluded from the building for some period of time under our city code. Hopefully we never need to use that sanction because we try to respect each other's points of view. Finally, I don't think it's going to be the case this morning, but if the council meeting runs long, we'll take a break at approximately noon, and break the calendar at that point. I will make an announcement about when that will be if we get to that contingency, but again, I don't think that given the council calendar this morning that that will be the case. So, with that, let's move to item 553. Sorry, let's do the consent calendar first. I understand 555 is being pulled to the regular calendar, and 563, right?

Moore-love: Correct.

Hales: Any others? Any requests to pull items off the consent calendar? Let's vote on the consent calendar with those two pulled to the regular.

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

Hales: Ok. Approved. 553.

Item 553

Hales: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Thank you, mayor. Before I begin, I would like to invite a few special guests from the timbers and thorns' family to join us. If you will please come forward, they are Krystel Wissel, director of community relations for the timbers and thorns. Carling Leon, Coordinator of community relations, and Jordan Farwell, a timbers and thorns' intern. And everyone's favorite, timber joey.

Hales: Sunnyside's favorite. We just established that upstairs.

Fish: It's my pleasure to welcome you all to city hall as we celebrate the 2015 stand-together week. Each year more than 1,000 volunteers gather to complete dozens of projects across our community, and on June 8, we'll kick off this year's together week, and I am pleased on behalf of the mayor and the city council to read the following proclamation. Whereas the city of Portland is proud to be home to the Portland timber and the thorns, f.c., our professional soccer teams, and whereas the timbers and thorns are committed to giving back to our community, through our community platform, stand together. And whereas the city of Portland is proud to partner with the timbers and thorns in organizing stand-together week. A week of community service from June 8-14, 2015. And whereas over 1,000 stand-together volunteers, including timbers, thorns, and t-2 players, the timbers' army, rose city riveters, coaches, ambassadors, front office staff, and community members will come together for a week of service, And whereas stand-together volunteers will participate in over 35, excuse me, community events and projects throughout Portland. And whereas the community service projects will include building homes, attending gardens, restoring local parks, pulling ivy, leading soccer clinics, repairing children's bicycles, and so much more, and whereas stand together will support local mission-driven nonprofits including a.c. Portland, playworks, the latino network, community cycling center, zanger farm, willamette river-keeper and the Oregon food bank,

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among others. And whereas stand together week it is a call to action by the city that the timbers and the thorns, and our community partners to inspire people to give back through community service. Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, mayor of the city of Portland, the city of roses do hereby proclaim June 8-14 of 2015 as timbers and thorns, stand together week in Portland and encourage all residents to recognize and join in this week of service to our community. With that, I would like to turn it over to Kristel.

Kristel Wissel: Thank you, commissioner Fish. Mr. Mayor and the city commissioners. We're really pleased to host stand together week this year. It's the last week of school, and it's a really vital time, so we're very excited to have these types of activities like playworks, will be able to participate in activities with recess, with some of the players like Adam, our goalkeeper, Diego Villari, a variety of our thorns' players, t-2 players, timber joey will be, of course, at a large majority of our events that we'll have this week, and it's just a great way to kick off the summer and focus on getting kids in our local youth to make healthy and inspired decisions throughout the summer. So, thank you all so much for this opportunity, and we really appreciate it.

Hales: Thank you. Joey?

Timber Joey: I would like to welcome you all out to any of the events. You can find it on timbers.com, what events we'll be at, and anyone who would like to come out and participate, we definitely would love to have you.

Fish: My son and I were out watching a thorns' game recently courtesy of commissioner Fritz, who allowed us to use her tickets, and -- boy, they are good seats, too. One thing that struck me was how many of the thorns are world class players representing their respective countries during the world cup. How many of the thorns' players are going to be in Vancouver, representing a nation during the world cup?

Wissel: I believe we have eight players that will be in Vancouver.

Fish: It reminds me, because my son, who is passionate about soccer, at age 11, he's always making the point, when we go, that dad, the women on the field are some of the best players in the world, and particularly, best players on their national teams.

Wissel: Absolutely.

Fish: And we have a goalie that's best, was the FIFA player of the world.

Wissel: Right.

Fish: The best Canadian striker, U.S. Striker, one of the great midfielders. Hopefully they will get back soon from the world cup.

Wissel: Not too soon. We want them to do very well. We are fortunate to be blessed with such amazing athletes on both the timbers and the thorns' sides.

Fish: There were 14,000 fans, what's the average attendance around the league for women's professional soccer games?

Wissel: It's just a couple of thousand.

Fish: They were almost at a full stadium for a women's soccer game that's what? Is it seven times the league average for -- it's amazing.

Wissel: And it is, and we have -- it's a great opportunity to inspire young girls to get involved in the sport and to be independent and stay active and I noticed some of the sunny side girls up there had their thorns' t-shirt on.

Fish: And scarves.

Wissel: And timbers' jerseys, so we're very thankful for all of the support that we receive.

Hales: One of the reasons, I think, that the community loves your teams so much is that you do this community service, so good-heartily and consistently. You really are out there doing things in the community, sports teams don't have to do that, and even to be beloved, but I think that you have gone above and Beyond in ways that people notice and appreciate, whether it's planting trees or putting a soccer field in or all the community work

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that you've been doing with a lot of volunteers' support. But, we just want you to know that commitment to the community that you have shown is noticed and appreciated by those of us that are trying to make community services work.

Wissel: Thank you very much. I think, you know, all our players are really interested to be involved, and they received so much from the community on a week in and week out basis on the field, so it's our opportunity, as athletes, in the front office to be able to give back to our community, which gives so much to us, so thank you.

Fish: I think we should acknowledge that they are bringing bunk sandwiches to Providence Park, so another community benefit.

Hales: There you go. Commissioner.

Fritz: I also want to thank the operation pitch invasion and the timbers' army with the rose city riveters, the director of parks and I were at [inaudible] park unveiling or kicking off the court created there by the operation pitch invasion with shawn levy and others. It's a great partnership, and I really appreciate the thorns and timbers' management, encouraging community participation. As you know we've been working on a program to try to find employment for the thorns' players, in particular, during the offseason, and I appreciate your partnership in them. We are looking for a sponsor for it still. It's another example of trying to make the women's game viable as commissioner Fish said with amazing players and such great role models. We need to be able to do that, and that's -- it's unusual. I am wearing my timbers' scarf with the pdx carpet scarf, with the rose festival, and he or she, is being the grand marshal of the starlight parade. That was fantastic. It was an amazing, joining together of the corporation and the business, with the community volunteers, and making it here in Portland. I was watching football in England growing up, and none of the clubs in Europe do what the timbers army and the rose city riveters do in partnership with the organization, so thank you very much, everybody is involved.

Hales: Before we take a photo with these people, let's suspended the rules and hear it for the thorns and the timbers. [applause]

Hales: All right, take care, sunnyside, have a good summer. Let's move onto 554.

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Hales: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Thank you, mayor, what a proud day that we're going to have a chance to present the first reading of legislation, which would formally create the Portland utility board. I have is a few introductory remarks, but I would like to invite the first panel to come forward before I begin. They are Christine chin Ryan, the co-chair of the blue ribbon commission that inspired this Legislation, Jim Owens from cogen owens' green, the facilitator, and Janice Thompson from the utility board.

Hales: Pull up another chair.

Fish: Bob there is always a seat at the table for you. Welcome, honored guests, and I have some very brief introductory remarks. At a work session held in December of 2014, the city council heard the preliminary recommendations of the utility oversight blue ribbon commission. Today, I am proudly introducing an ordinance to create the Portland utility board or the pub, which was the centerpiece of the blue ribbon recommendations. The new pub would replace the existing public utility review board or purb, for those who like acronyms, and the individual budget advisory committees, or bacs. The pub would work year-round and report directly to council. It would have a full-time staff from the city budget office, two dedicated professional staff people serving them, and working in conjunction with the oversight of the citizen's utility board of Oregon, the pub will bring unprecedented transparency to the work and the rate-setting process of both the Portland water bureau and the bureau of environmental services. If approved, there will be nine members of the pub. And I have already -- the mayor and I have begun the process of asking our

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colleagues to nominate the potential members. If any member of the public would like to be considered for joining the pub, information and an application form will be posted on my website this week. And with that, I want to thank our distinguished panel and introduce Christine chin Ryan who served as co-chair and really did a splendid job with Dwight Holden guiding the commission. Welcome.

Christine Chin Ryan: Thank you. And mayor hales, commissioner Fish, and commissioner Saltzman, Fritz, and Novick, thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide testimonies. Unfortunately, Dwight Holden chair is unable to be here due to business travel. As vice chair he asked me to present on behalf of the blue ribbon commission. You may recall that the brc was composed of 11 citizens who met from July through November, to develop a set of comprehensive utility reform recommendations that we presented to you on December 8. At that time, you directed commissioner Fish to develop the implementing ordinances necessary to put into effect these -- those recommendations. I am here today on behalf of the brc, to report to you that the ordinance in front of you reflex the intent of the brc's recommendations for streamlining and strengthening the oversight of the Portland water bureau, and the bureau of environmental services. There are four fundamental elements in our recommendation that I think are important to highlight. First, the new oversight utility, the Portland utility Board replaces purb as commissioner Fish says and two bacs for the bureau. Our December presentation to you included detail rational for this change, which I will not repeat here. What I want to emphasize, however, is that we believe that the new entity is the best approach to provide stronger and more consistent oversight without creating new bureaucracy. Second, the pub is assigned its own full-time dedicated senior level staff. And this is critical to insuring that the new body has the resources to be able to successfully do its job. Third, the pub is given the opportunity to be involved year-round in the utility bureaus visioning such as mission and system plans, and budget planning, such as cip rates, annual budgets. This is essential to true oversight, and the budget and rate-setting processes. Fourth, this new program is monitored on a regular basis, based on specific measures of success. This needs to be thorough but a realistic analysis of the oversight program that is shared with the public. The proposals that you are considering today are significant and probably ground-breaking. They will accomplish much to improve the oversight of your utility bureaus and increase the public confidence and their management. They create a high profile, independent, oversight body to Help ensure accessibility, transparency, public participation, and the decision processes for water and wastewater utility rates and budgets. They provide the oversight body with independent, dedicated technical staff, that can provide independent analysis of, and monitoring of the bureau and city council actions. They officially integrate the oversight entity into the cip, and the budget development as recommendations and made at the bureau of commissioner level, and enter deliberations by the mayor and city council. They provide an additional outside independent perspective on how to best meet the city's utility needs. I want to close by acknowledging the efforts and the commitment by my fellow brc members, our facilitator, and the city staff. We and you have been well served by this process and those efforts. Thank you.

Fish: Christine, thank you, and on behalf of the mayor and me, I want to thank you and the entire blue ribbon commission, in my seven years on the council, I done think that a citizen body has performed more ably when given such a complex charge, and such a challenging time line. But, the work that you have done is important and thoughtful, and I agree with you, I believe that we have the opportunity to have significant and ground-breaking change, and it flows directly from the work of the brc. You have our gratitude.

Ryan: Thank you.

Fish: Who is next?

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Jim Owens: I am. Good morning. I am Jim Owens, principal of Owens green and I am honored to be the facilitator for the blue ribbon commission. First off I want to note that we are providing a unique welcome to the new bes director, Michael Jordan. It's not often that one is given a pub on -- a pun, taking a position with the city, and I want to express my Appreciation to the bureau representatives and the commissioners and mayor's staff. While challenging, the blue ribbon commission process was extremely informative and transparent. We were given the independence and support in our deliberations that we were promised, and it was a pleasure to work with members of the blue ribbon commission. A great group, and another example that the citizens are the riches of the city. Two points to make. First, the ordinance before you today is, as Christine indicated, accurately reflects the recommendations that we presented to you. And is true to the process that we employed to develop those recommendations. Second, the true challenge starts now. The success of the new entity rests with the appointment of the committed and knowledgeable community members, who can nurture the concepts from infancy to adulthood. Luckily, we have a wealth of qualified citizens to choose from who are up to the task. On behalf of the brc, we hope that you, the city council, choose wisely in making those appointments. And I am going to apologize. I have to run out and catch a flight this morning. So thank you for the honor.

Hales: Thank you, Jim.

Fish: And thanks for your great work facilitating and then handling and helping with the hand-off of the recommendations to the council. You have done great work.

Owens: Thank you.

Fish: Janice Thompson.

Janice Thompson: Janice Thompson, utility board of Oregon. So we support the passage of this ordinance. I was invited and was pleased to participate on the utility oversight blue ribbon commission, and one of the things that I did was to highlight kind of a three-pronged approach. In that context, I was using a triangle, I will use the three-legged stool analogy today, so the first recommendation is the topic before you today. The establishment of the pub, so that is strengthening and streamlining the internal oversight leg and the effect of the utility oversight stool, if you will, and it's akin to the other bureau and is their citizen advisory groups but stronger. Christine highlighted several points, one that I think bears the repeat is the dedicated staff, but I also want to highlight that the -- there had been kind of, over time, kind of evolved in combination of like how the back process fit or didn't fit with the purb, but it was, I think, fair to say that my digging around, that the back process just never really quite fit as well for the utility bureaus as other bureaus because so much of their budget is capital improvement, and so asking a short-term group to come in with budgets, you know, that were, in large part, kind of established, meant that they were more focused on advising around the edges, and there were several comments in the record for the brc from bac members highlighting that. And then how exactly the bacs fit or didn't fit with the purb doesn't seem like it was really thought of, much about back in 2005, when the current bac process kind of got underway. And like I say, I think that people figured out kind of how to do it, but it was not in a kind of planful way, or not in a, in an advanced -- it was planful. There was not a lot of advanced thinking, let's put it that way. So, I think that it's fair to say that this is a clear and kind of more streamlined solution to kind of this historic, who is doing what, kind of dynamic between the purb and the bac. And the importance of clearly giving the public the responsibility related to oversight on the capital improvement projects is a very important -- cub will be monitoring the scope issue, and want to highlight some language from the brc report regarding the need for the oversight to embrace innovative solutions, as well. Two other brc recommendations represent the second and third leg of the stool, and I want to touch

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on those. The second leg is the city council, which needs to really embrace the pub and in timing and other process decisions, that, you know, aren't appropriate to be spelled out in the ordinance, needs to really carry through and make sure that the ordinance is, you know, not just stale words and the exchange between the pub and the city council. Doesn't just decline into, you know, pro forma exchanges. And then the third recommendation did relate to the cub and cub continuing as the third leg of the stool, and in that context, we will be monitoring, continue to monitor the city council in its oversight of the bureaus, and we're going to monitor and advise the pub's oversight recommendation. The ordinance clearly spells out that cub does not replace the pub and vice versa. So, I was invited to participate on the blue ribbon commission. That seemed appropriate given the ad hoc nature, kind of developing, you know, this evolving new utility oversight scheme. I've been asked, you know, nobody from cub will be on the pub. I mean, it's -- that would lose our three-legged stool element. And I think that we do anticipate a very collaborative, you know, coordinated working relationship with the pub, but I would anticipate that there could be times where the cub's views are different, and we see our role as bringing that to your attention, as well. A final note is that the pub, you know, we'll have a learning curve, I think, the brc did demonstrate that people can get up to speed and move fast, and nevertheless, cub is very committed to assist the pub in its effectiveness.

Fish: Thank you very much for your collaborative relationship in drafting the ordinance. The last point that you made is reflected in the wherefores section to sub b, which does note that while the -- there is a goal of striving towards collaboration and coordination between the pub and the cub, they are both independent sources of utility analysis and oversight and will remain independent of each other.

Thompson: Right. It really establishes, you know, this three-pronged, three legs of the stool, with cub in the pub being two legs and the city council being the third leg.

Fish: And thank you in your first year of providing the oversight, during the budget process, thank you for your very effective advocacy that ended up resulting in a further rate reduction based on going to the full cost recovery on one of the system's development charges so we appreciate your good work. Mr. Wise.

Mr. Wise: Mayor Hales, commissioner Fish, commissioners, it's been a pleasure to be here, and I just want to say one thing, one is how hard working this particular Citizen's group was, and many, many, meetings and how transparent it was, and our chair, obviously, couldn't be here, but I have to say, for him, observing him, how open he was to the citizen's input and the process and how amazing that was to me to see constantly stopping what we were doing so we could hear people and listen to them in permanent process, second point, how important this is because I don't know of anything with a more important strategic asset for the city of Portland than the water and sewer system taken together, particularly given what you just discussed, climate change, the significance of the water system to the region, and to our people. This is a great step, I believe, to making sure that's managed as best as possible given the forces are going to be working on the region in the future. So, thank you for the opportunity, and to participate in this hearing, thank you.

Hales: Thank you, bob.

Mr. Wise: Thanks very much.

Fish: So we have some folks who signed up to testify, if I might suggest by way of managing the process, Commissioner Fritz has proposed some amendments, which we consider friendly amendments. And I think that it might be good to put those on the table now. And then we'll invite up further testifiers, and Commissioner Fritz you want to walk through the amendments?

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Fritz: Thank you, commissioner Fish and thank you very much to the Blue ribbon commission and everybody who has participated in this process, particularly, to commissioner Fish for leading it and being so willing to completely revamp how we do public process and oversight for the utilities. So my amendments that commissioner Fish and I discussed in here, that supports or clarifies some of the issues, some of the intent, under 3.13 -- 123.030, membership, it currently states the board shall have nine permanent members, board members shall be appointed by the mayor in consultation with the commissioners in charge of the bureaus and confirmed by the council. My amendment proposes any council member may submit nominations to the commissioners in charge. And the remainder of the paragraph is the same. Do you want me to go through all of them?

Hales: Go through the second one, too.

Fish: Ok.

Fritz: And the rationale for this is that currently, all city council members are entitled to submit nominations for the purb. I personally despite not having the utilities ever, we have three members of the purb and it makes the council responsible for recruitment which is important for a powerful board, and also, there is a further reference in 040 to the mayor and the council which means -- assigns all council members responsibility for the composition of the utility board. The second amendment is under 3.12.040, appointments and compositions, and I want to -- it says, in making board appointments, the mayor and Council shall strike a board which reflects the diversity of the Portland community, and used language from current public involvement advisory committees, with policy to specify what that diversity means, and we are proposing to add, including but not limited to the following factors. Area of expertise, advocacy experience, community involvement, profession, education, and/or economic status. And there is also, obviously, a list later in this paragraph about what kind of skills, and so I am proposing a couple of amendments to that sentence. It says skills that will serve the new board include and proposing to strike new because it won't be new for very long, and then it says technical knowledge of the storm water, sewer, utility operations and issues accounting civil engineering and conservation and environmental sciences, and a host of other things, I am proposing to add equity into that list. To make sure that we remember that the scale of equity is of understanding and paying attention to equity is something that is on the board.

Hales: So commissioner Fritz moved the amendments.

Fish: And I will second them, mayor. In discussing these amendments with commissioner Fritz, and as the sponsor of the legislation, I consider them all friendly amendments, which either strengthen the existing language or make explicit what we believe was implicit, and so I am Pleased to support her amendment.

Fritz: Thank you, and I want to mention for public testimony, that I do have an additional concern about them, the makeup of the board, and particularly, the involvement both of the employees and of the community members. I want to make sure that it's clear that the board will take public testimony at its meetings, and that they -- when they are functioning as a budget advisory committee, that the appropriate folks are at the table. Commissioner Fish and I will be having some conversations about that before the next reading, and maybe with further amendments.

Hales: So before we take a vote on accepting those amendments, the city attorney, is waving at me. So I always listen.

Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney: I have confirmed with staff, because of the way that the second one was drafted, it was not entirely clear that some of the sentences that were in between the amendments remained, and I want to clarify the only changes to this are

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those changes that are secure. Everything in A, that remains stays the same and B, is not amended, as well.

Hales: Correct, ok. So we'll take a council vote to accept those amendments and take public testimony on both the original ordinance as it was proposed and those amendments. So, roll call on accepting the amendments.

Fish: Commissioner Fritz thank you for these thoughtful suggestions. And amendments. I am pleased to vote aye.

Saltzman: Aye. **Novick:** Aye. **Fritz:** Thank you, aye.

Hales: Aye. So now let's turn to testimony, and we have some folks signed up, Karla?

Moore-Love: We have four people. The first three please come on up.

Hales: I want to make sure that everyone understands that this needs to be on this topic. Okay. Just on this topic of the pub.

******:** Absolutely. Whatever you want to wear but this subject.

Floy Jones: Floy Jones, with friends of the reservoirs, an all-volunteer grassroots' group and of all the people who participated in this blue ribbon committee, I am representing the only organization that's been consistently providing oversight to the independent oversight to the water bureau for the last 12 years, and we're facing another 7% rate increase, which for middle class rate payers, is a struggle, on top of the high rate increases that we have seen, and you know, I am sorry to say that I agree with comments that commissioner Saltzman made early on, and I really see no provisions in this, that's going to make this commission any different than what exists today. There is nothing in there that requires an annual independent line item budget oversight of the budget, and you know, for all these years, the water bureau has refused to entertain any suggestions that make the Budget smaller. Only that expand the budget. You can throw out a million suggestions for expanding and growing, and the water bureau has grown 40% since I first started seriously monitoring the budget in 2004. They are close to 70 employees that make close to 100,000, dollars while water demand has declined since 1988, so why would we expand? I also wanted to comment, the discovery that you have given credit for, of course council has known about it. It has been in the lawsuit since 2011, giving -- making rate payers pay for the system development, and costs for developers. So, you know, it's hardly a credit discovery, and it should have been addressed last year. You know, Dwight Holden did a great job for the admission he was given but you need to strengthen this if it's going to be any different. And it needs to most certainly be made public well in advance when these meetings occur, and, you know, more than just a few minutes of comment at the end. People who have been participating in, and interested in the water system, and our sewer and storm water system need to be able to participate. The focus, really, shouldn't be -- I have heard these words being used, and during the budget discussions that the focus needs to be on education, which I view as, you know, really code for propagandizing the need for further increasing, and it really needs to be true, oversight, true independent Oversight. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Good morning.

Winston Michael Ray: First, I want to address this body on this topic here, and --

Hales: Give us your name, too.

Ray: Winston Michael Ray is my name, and yeah, I am looking over this, and I am a newcomer to the city. As you could say, we met a few days after I arrived here on, what it was, the 16th of May, Mr. Mayor, oversight, yes, we do need to create a stronger utility board oversight to strengthen, for the city water, the sewer, and the services. I think that it's necessary, and like I say, I want to be here, for the time that I am supposed to be here to address that more aggressively. But, you know, I look at oversight, in many areas. And there is other oversights that the boards that need to be put together to, to strengthen --

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should I say, to view new measures to help the city, and I think that the city of Portland should create a board through your office to own the business, and I am sure as you stated last time you were doing all you can to do that, but, you know, as I stated several times, and I just saw earlier today that this is a serious problem, and I think it somehow interrelates with each other with the utility bureau, and the other departments. But on a closing, I don't have much time here but I want to take this time and I won't do much talking, a picture is worth a thousand words, and I know we said that we would not discuss That but this is all connected. And I just simply want to invite all of the citizens of Portland, Oregon, to stand with us under the Burnside Bridge on June 6, at 3:00 to address this issue of homelessness. It has something to do with water because we are under the bridge, and also I must say in my closing statement because this is the last time I speak because June 6 is three days away, I've been in contact with the British government. I just -- one statement says it all, the revelation of Winston smith, in George Orwell 1984 novel, we went to college, I went to lsu, and is me. And I passed that onto the British government, and in contact with the ambassador Pete Westmacott, the U.S. Ambassador of Britain to the united states, and on George Orwell steps on Richard Blair, so just -- we have one final time, will you, as mayor, and Mr. Novick, president of the city council, and commissioner Fritz, and Saltzman and Fish respectively will you all stand with me, and the citizens of Portland on June 6 at 3:00 to launch 100 billion marketing campaign that's going to get us out of this sewage mess.

Hales: Thank you for coming. It's the rose festival weekend, so thanks for coming today. Thanks. Welcome.

Michael Houck: Mayor hales and commissioners, I am here today representing the urban green spaces institute to support the option of the ordinance. I would like to start out by repeating what I have said numerous times before, and if I never hear the bureau Environmental services refer to it as a sewer bureau again, it will be too soon. The bureau, as we know, has a much broader admission that thankfully relates to the broader environmental issues in the city of Portland, and I bring this up, again, because it's critical that these initiatives represent individuals who point to the pub. My specific comments on the ordinance, include first of all, I am pleased to see you start out by saying that you have the very dedicated staff. I think that both the bureaus got bashed unreasonably by proponents of the initiative that was put forward, with regard to the specific language, I don't, actually, anticipate you will add this language, but I would hope that you would keep it in mind, at least. By adding, for example in .7, implementing the city commitments and policies, beyond federal and state mandates, implementing the city commitments and policies to protect and improve the watershed and eco-system health of the city respond to climate change through mitigation and adaptation, and I think that those need to be included in the list of the things that you are looking for with regard to representation. And again, I refer on exhibit a, for the creative purpose, add watershed services, city policies relating to improving watershed health, and eco-system health throughout the city. Regarding the appointments, the composition, I am pleased to see you will be seeking individuals with expertise in watershed health issues, conservation, and green infrastructure, and the environment, and to the brc, I recommended, I think that cub referred to it as adding innovation, and I am really concerned that the lawsuit, and the initiative in the ensuing political mayhem that occurred during that period of time, which the citizens of Portland soundly rejected, by the way because they do understand the value of both those bureaus to the city. There has been a chilling effect, and I am speaking primarily about bes. I don't know intimate about the water bureau but I think that there has been a chilling effect and a tendency to try to keep below the radar, and to hunker down, and avoid any political ramifications for being innovative. The city of Portland now is

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recognized by the epa as one of the most innovative environmental service bureaus in the nation. And I think that we need to keep on that track. I am also pleased with the language that advises the mayor and council to appoint a pub that includes individuals with experience and conservation. One of the concerns that I have is there has seemed to be a tendency to, actually, exclude people who have the depth of expertise with regard to budgeting and with regard to the inner workings of the bureaus, and you need to think very carefully about how you appoint, I've got a particular individual on mind you won't be surprised to hear and I'm sure their applying; who really do understand the budget process and how the bureaus work. Thank you very much.

Hales: Thank you.

Fish: One comment, and first, thank you for your thoughtful written testimony, and thank you for your advocacy, both before the brc and subsequently, and in 3.123.040, of the accompanying regulations, we do specifically call out green infrastructure, environment, and eco-system science and environmental protection, and this is intentional. We're not saying this -- we are not adding this to a list but we want people with this specific experience and life experience, and value-based experience. And they can help us to be successful. And so, it's not exactly some of the language that you proposed in your letter. But, it is embedded in the selection process and criteria, and that reflects the testimony that the brc heard that we need to continue to have that focus, particularly with the bureau of environmental services.

Houck: Actually, I referenced those in my written testimony, but I didn't have time in three minutes but I appreciate the fact that the brc did follow through as did you, commissioner Fish.

Saltzman: I find these to be welcomed amendments and I am wondering whether the sponsor would have any objection to adding the amendments to this language.

Houck: It's up to you. That would be great.

Houck: Right.

Saltzman: It's good to mention the watershed health, and throughout the ordinance, and I think that you have done a very good job here of artfully inserting them in appropriate places.

Fish: And we -- because commissioner Fritz has raised a question of public process, and also, the related issue it is unlikely that we'll take the final vote next week, and it may very welcome back in two weeks. What I would suggest, Dan, is rather than do it on the fly, because every word of this ordinance and the regulations has been crafted collaboratively with all the stakeholders, if there is a specific amendment you want to offer, I would think that we could craft it and bring it back to council and I would love to do it on the fly.

Saltzman: If you would, as a sponsor, if you would take the language adjusted by Mr. Houck and incorporate it.

Fritz: I would be happy to work on that as well.

Houck: I would really appreciate that, frankly because I think that we need to be more explicit in -- there is a very important document.

Fritz: I shared that concern. I was looking at the word, storm water, and thinking that encompasses a couple other things but I agree, it will be better to state up front it is the bureau of environmental services, and that includes more than storm water.

Fish: I commit, as the author and sponsor to work with Dan, and Amanda, to come up with language and we'll bring that back next week.

Hales: That sounds good. We did capture that as you just pointed out in the appointments' piece, more broadly than we did elsewhere in --

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Houck: My reason for submitting those potential amendments, was in the other language that related to the mission of the bureau. And that continues to be a very significant issue in terms of how we communicate to the public, and others with the bureau's bes's mission.

Fish: I thought that -- the number of your suggestions in your testimony I read were thoughtful. Having spent a lot of time drafting this and making sure it is fully integrated and not get in trouble with the city attorney's office, I just want to have the opportunity to do it the right way.

Hales: Thanks for raising that issue. Thank you all. Thanks very much. We have one more.

Ray: I would like to ask a question.

Hales: No, we don't do that. Thank you for coming. Not now, thank you.

Hales: Good morning, welcome.

Carol Cushman: Good morning. Good morning, I am carol Cushman, and I am representing the league of women voters of Portland this morning. And the league supports creation of the proposed utilities, public utilities' board, and as an organization, the value is transparency and public Involvement, and we believe that the elimination of purb and the two budget advisory committees will streamline budget oversight, and provide the public with a single entry point through which it can learn about and become involved in the work of the complex bureaus, that manage our water, and environmental services. The league was an active participant in the campaign to defeat measure 26, 156, attended a number of the blue ribbon commission meetings, and commented on the commission's draft reports. In our view, implementation of the key recommendations will strengthen the oversight process and improve public trust. Broadening the scope of the pub to include the full range of the bureau's activities, capital improvement projects, policies, finances, and budgets, will ensure that the board's recommendations are based on a full understanding of the bureau functions, and cost of implementation. Furthermore, having been -- having dedicated staff from the budget office with expertise in utilities will make the pub more effective than the current advisory bodies by insuring that its recommendations are supported by reliable information. We fully support the proposed practices that provide meaningful opportunities for the pub to participate in, and influence the city's budget process. The league recommended convening the blue ribbon commission in several years to evaluate the implementation. We're pleased to see that the resolution calls for an independent review or audit in a few years to assess the board's effectiveness.

Furthermore, cubs' continued involvement will provide an independent voice and play a critical role in insuring the effective implementation of this new approach to oversight. Finally, a little add to what I have there. Thank you for the previous conversation we just listened to where you are considering an additional amendment to this proposal because we are concerned there is no mention in the resolution of the importance of protecting and enhancing our environment or promoting innovation, risk-taking, and piloting new approaches by the city's utility board -- bureaus. Over the years, Portland has been a leader in this regard and the city should continue to build on its past successes. The league appreciates the blue ribbon commission's work on this challenging issue, and its willingness and openness in accepting the public's suggestions during their process. We're pleased to offer our support along with our recommendation that the innovation and environmental protections must continue to be a priority. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks very much. Anyone else? Ok. So, this --

Fish: Can I just walk through what I think -- what I Understand will be the next steps?

Hales: Yes, and it comes back at some point --

Fish: Well, it's my understanding that the council, as a body, embraces this cub, this pub concept, so we will begin the process of recruiting members that will start this week, and

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there are a number of possible amendments, which have been flagged today, and I will work with my colleagues to see if we can bring those amendments back next week. If they are consensus amendments, I will ask that they be adopted to take testimony and, perhaps, place an emergency clause, so that we can move this thing forward, or if it's the sense of the council, we'll hear any new amendments next week and just have the vote the following week, which is the regular order. Either way, I will work with Dan and Amanda on the issues, which have been flagged, and we will bring back further amendments next week. Either have final vote or a second reading the following week. Because it's going to get a little broken up here, I want to at least today, thank a few people. Mayor, I want to thank you for your full support throughout this process. And particularly Jackie Dingfelder has done great work on your staff. I want to thank the entire membership of the blue ribbon commission. I want to thank Ben Walters, and the attorney's office for drafting this. It is more complicated than people realize, and they have given us great guidance, and Jim blackwood on my staff working on this for a very long time. The citizens utility board, and all the community stakeholders that have weighed in throughout the process of drafting this ordinance and the rules, and I think that by next week, it will be stronger and we'll come back with some amendments and take a vote next week or the following week, but we will begin the process of soliciting names for membership and so, if people listening today are interested, they will be able to get information from my website and we would be delighted to entertain your candidacy.

Hales: We will continue this item, I think, that would be the right thing. We continue it or set it for a second reading?

Fish: The second reading, let's keep it, and we can always amend it if we need to.

Hales: So we'll schedule it next week and amend it if we so choose. Thank you. [gavel pounded]

Hales: Let's move onto the -- anyone want to do the full item? 555.

Item 555.

Moore-Love: Proclaim June, Sunday, June 7, 2015, to be community music center day in Portland, and encourage all citizens to recognize and support the community music center for its important work and contributions to Portland, arts, and culture.

Hales: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Interesting error to put a proclamation on the consent. We are just drawing attention to it by pulling it and getting it earlier in the agenda since I'm the last to vote. The last to be scheduled. So may I read the proclamation?

Hales: Please.

Fritz: Whereas the city of Portland encourages and supports the public, private partnership programs, that offer arts education at affordable costs, and whereas it is the mission of Portland participation and recreation provide and coordinate recreation services and programs that contribute to the health and wellbeing of residents of all ages and abilities, especially youth, and whereas in 1955, under the leadership of the Portland parks and recreation, director Dorothy Lynch and program director Robert Crowley, music classes began at knot street community center, now called the matt dishman community center, and whereas, community music center, inc., a nonprofit organization, formed in 1960, provides needs-based scholarships, low cost instrument rentals, and supplements the city's general fund, now, by 100,000 per year, and allowing affordable access to high quality music education for hundreds of students, and whereas the city nonprofit partnership, a community music center now serves almost 1,000 youth and adults each week in music classes and activities, and hosts over 4,500 attendees at more than 150 diverse-free and low-cost musical performances each year, and whereas the community music center has commissioned a book to be written about the history of the community

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music center, due to be released on June 7, 2015, and whereas, students, instructors, alumni and volunteers of the community music center celebrate the 60th anniversary with the performance festival and community event at Reed College on June 7, 2015, and now therefore, be it resolved, that Charlie Hales, the mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses does hereby proclaim Sunday, June 7, 2015, to be community music center day in Portland, and we encourage all the citizens to recognize and support the community music center for its important work and contributions to Portland's arts and culture. Do we have anyone from the community?

Hales: Sure do.

Fritz: Please come up and introduce yourselves.

Hales: Good morning.

Gregory Dubay, Portland Parks and Recreation: Mayor Fritz and the city council.

Great to be here and thank you for your time to spotlight our big festival this Sunday. Also present here today is the secretary for our nonprofit board, cmc, inc., and --

Hales: Put your name in the record.

Dubay: Gregory Dubay, the director of the community music center, Portland parks and recreation, employee, supervisor of the program at cmc, and I do want to, also, add to your spotlight of our event on Sunday, that we have an unusual event, we call the galactic twinkle, where we're inviting everyone in the community who plays a portable instrument to come and join us in a huge performance of twinkle, twinkle little star, which is a educationally significant piece of music, and everyone who knows it of course from nursery songs and interestingly enough that will be led by Multnomah county commissioner Jules Bailey who is a CMC Alum and closet violinist so we will have great fun with that. It is a great community event all day from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Reed College, too big to host at our little community center on Francis street, so we moved to Reed College and their wonderful performing arts' building there.

Hales: That's great, we appreciate you and the center so much. And I am often in conversations with mayors and other cities, and we all like to brag about our city but there are a couple things about Portland's park system that are relationship pretty unique. One is the simple breadth of it that we have these neighborhood parks, not just the big signature park, and a few neighborhood parks here and there but we have 200, and that's not normal in American cities, not that many cities were as well planned as the old plan did for us, and secondly, we have this amazing sets of relationships with nonprofits. And over 100, I think, partnerships, one way or another, with nonprofits, whether it's gardens or music or trees or -- and that's, again, much more robust than others. And the third, and something I always believed about the park system, our system has really big shoulders. No matter what you want to do, recreationally, we try to accommodate it in the system, and so the fact that we have everything from botchy ball to baseball to swimming to music in the system, I think, is another remarkable thing about our park system. So, 60 years of music as an important recreational amenity for our citizens is part of the health that the park system creates in the community, and that's just not normal in American cities that they are as strong as we are but we appreciate you as a nonprofit and for all of us who love music it's one more way that we feed that love of music in the city.

Hales: Thanks so much. Thanks for being here. Enjoy the twinkle.

Hales: From what you see of the weather forecast I think it will be a warm galactic twinkle so stay hydrated before you play your instrument. Ok. Let's move onto the other pulled item.

Moore-Love: It's a resolution, so we should take a vote.

Hales: And time for a roll call.

Fish: Congratulations, aye. **Novick:** Aye.

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Fritz: Thanks very much to everybody for your work on this, aye.

Hales: Bravo, aye. Ok. Thank you very much. Now, let's move onto the other pulled items.

Item 563.

Hales: Commissioner Novick.

Novick: Colleagues, this application is to get the funds in order to complete a project very important to a number of other biggest employers, that in south river gate that have 2,400 jobs, many of them middle waged, good middle wage jobs, and including the Columbia grain and etc. There is growing conflict between the freight traffic and -- i'm sorry, rail traffic and truck freight traffic in south Rivergate, and more and more instances, the trucks have to wait for trains to go by because there is increasing unit train activity. And this is very disruptive to the activities of these businesses. We're trying to get the money to build an above-grade crossing, in addition to improving your roadway and providing multiple access to the south river gate. So, we're partnering with the port of Portland to make this tiger grant application, and we would put up some sdc money as match, and this is a growing problem for the businesses, and it's a really important project that we really hope that we can get the federal money for, and it is an emergency ordinance because the applications are due no later than June 4, so it's, it's a rather urgent emergency.

Fish: Commissioner Novick when you and I were there recently and we saw the trucks backed up and the train that was blocking the road and they described having something that went over, is that the location that we're talking about?

Novick: That is the location, right?

Bob Hillier, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Yes.

Novick: Exactly.

Hales: That project has been planned for quite a while with great regional support. It's a good, a good project. So, I am glad that it's -- that we're applying. Other council questions? Anyone want to speak on this item?

Moore-Love: Mr. Lightning pulled it.

Hales: Good morning.

Lightning: Good morning. My name is lightning, and I represent watchdog x. The only concern that I have on this is that on the ordinance, it says that you could go as low as 20% on a match, and I noticed that you went 26%. Now, depend on the numbers that you are using, the original project cost was 19,253,000, but my understanding, also, you received a grant about a year ago for 3,220,000. So that would leave a remaining balance on the project of 16, 033,000 now where I have a problem here is I think you used the 26% off the 19,000,000 which was the original project cost, but it wasn't backed out on the grant that was given about a year ago. Now maybe my numbers are incorrect, but my calculations show that you are using the 19,000,000 and not taking off the 3,000,000 for the original grant already given, and when I'm talking that percentage of 26% to 20% if we're using the original 19 million on the project cost that comes up to 1,155,180 difference. So that is a big number there when we're talking transportation to try to get as much funding as we can on this project. And then again if we go back to that other number and we back it out to 3,220,000 we're talking a difference of about 961,980, so again, maybe I'm reading this incorrectly but I'm not quite sure on where you took the 26% off on this grant. That's what I pulled this for.

Novick: Mr. Lightning it says requirement of at least 20% must be provided from nonfederal funds. I'd be happy to bring bob Hillier up to explain the reasoning for this specific proposal we have here.

Hales: And the previous grant, if I remember may have been for design but um---- I don't know if that's correct or not Bob.

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Hillier: Bob Hillier, Portland Bureau of transportation.

Hales: Push the Button on the base of that mic there-----there you go

Hillier: Bob Hillier, Portland Bureau of transportation. You were saying there a minimum grant requirement match of 20% again this is very competitive grant process we're competing with the rest of the nation basically. So uh to be more competitive this is the third time we've tried for this tiger grant for this project, we wanted to put in a little bit more to show more commitment on part of the region for this. That's the rational for that.

Hales: Thank you

Lightning: If I might ask real fast where did you use the 26% off of it? Was that the overall project cost less the already grant that was received for the 3,220,000.

Hales: What was that for?

Hillier: The 3.2 million grant we got that about two years ago, that was federal funds. We cannot use that for match. So we used I believe it's for the 19 million.

Lightning: Very good. You have answered my questions. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you both. Further? Anyone else want to speak? Further council discussion? Roll call on the emergency ordinance.

Fish: Thank you, Steve. Good luck this time. Aye.

Novick: Let's cross our fingers. Aye.

Fritz: I was at the gathering in north Portland yesterday. Reported that we have lost a major employer who was planning to relocate to the area and didn't after they got stuck at the intersection for too long after viewing the site. This is obviously huge and it's good to be doing something that will benefit the port and our businesses. Very important. Aye.

Hales: This is a great project. Hopefully the third time will be the charm in my previous consulting career I did get the chance to go watch Mayor Ralph Becker cut the ribbon on a project that succeeded on its third attempt. Don't give up hope. Maybe with a little more match this time and showing here and its well supported by the whole region the federal government will finally smile on this good idea. Good luck. Aye. Thank you.

Hales: okay, let's move to 565.

Item 565.

Hales: Good morning.

Elizabeth Gardiner, Portland Police Bureau: Good morning. I'm Elizabeth, analyst with Portland police bureau. I just wanted to give you a little more information about this program. The impact statements the bullet proof vest partnership was created by the bullet proof vest partnership act in 1998. This is the department of justice initiative designed to provide critical resources to state and local law enforcement for these vests. Since 1999 over 13,000 jurisdictions nationwide have participated in bullet proof the partnership program with 393 million in federal funds committed to supporting purchase of over 1 million vests. Since 2005 which is as far back as I have information for the city of Portland has received about 143,000 for purchase of about 10% of replacement vests. So this grant request for \$9625 would go towards purchase of 25 of our standard issue vests and match would be coming from the police bureau's general fund appropriation.

Hales: Thank you. Any other questions?

Fritz: What is level 3 a bullet-proof vest? How is that different?

Gardiner: It's the level of ballistics the vest is able to take before it's punctured.

Fritz: This is the standard?

Gardiner: This is our standard issue vest. Yes.

Hales: Thank you very much. Anyone want to speak on this item? Then it is an emergency ordinance. We will take roll call.

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

Hales: Aye. Thank you. 566.

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Item 566.

Hales: Ms. Moody.

Christine Moody, procurement Services: Christine moody, procurement services. This project will replaces 280 feet of combined sewer pipe on southeast division place that is 95 years old and deteriorating. You have before you a procurement report recommending contract award to Titan utilities. The engineer's estimate on this project was \$750,000. On April 9, 2015, three bids were received and Titan utilities is the low bidder at 868,490. The bureau of environment services has reviewed the bid and accepted the proposed pricing at 16% over their original engineer's estimate. There are unique aspects of this work that factored into the pricing which include the overall limited work hours for open trench work. With shorter construction shifts and more iterations of mobilization in and out of the work site the additional costs were determined to be appropriate. The city identified six divisions of work for potential minority women and emerging small business subcontracting opportunities. Titan Utilities is a certified firm. Participation on this project is at 100%, they are using all certified subcontractors as well. Back to council for any questions.

Fish: I have a question, Christine. We sometimes get these procurement reports and we're below the project construction estimate, sometimes above. In the last year or two, we have seen prices come up because the market has gotten so much hotter. Once upon a time during the recession, companies bidding on these kinds of jobs were grateful for the work. Now obviously there are still a lot of cranes in the air driving up costs. Any lessons, unique lessons that you take from the fact that we're over the original construction estimate on this one?

Moody: That's one reason we're have the bureaus do a more thorough evaluation of the bids and being able to make sure that the pricing that was put forward was correct. In this instance, what they reviewed is that when they put the engineer's estimate together they had not allowed for the work shifts. So there's costs associated with that because there's a tighter timeline on that. It's not so much the economic conditions but that we didn't have all of that information into the original estimate.

Fish: Thank you.

Hales: Other questions? Thank you very much.

Hales: Does anyone want to speak before we take a motion? Commissioner Fish moves the report.

Fritz: Second.

Hales: Roll call.

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

Hales: Aye. 567.

Item 567.

Hales: Human resources director as to why she should have all this authority.

Anna Kanwit, Director, Bureau of Human Resources: Thank you mayor, commissioners. Hi, Anna Kanwit director of the Bureau of Human Resources and with me is Gail Baird who's the manager of the city's training and workforce development program. So just a little background on the ordinance we have from time to time designated certain employee trainings as mandatory based on request primarily from council. A couple examples are manger and supervisory trainings series, most notably our required training on human resources administrative rule **2.02** which is our prohibition against workplace harassment discrimination and retaliation, as well as child abuse reporting. Although the state legislature has mandated city employees to be reporters it doesn't mandate the training, but we do mandate that so employees understand what their obligations are. So as I noted council has from time to time decided that these trainings are important to ensure that our manager's employees have solid grounding and information to ensure that

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city values are achieved, again such as reporting child abuse and creating a workplace that is free for discrimination. We think it is time to move from an informal process to one that is more formalized, but not a cumbersome process to accomplish our goals. The ordinance delegates the HR director the authority to designate training as mandatory if it meets certain criteria which are listed in the ordinance, and that includes insuring understanding and compliance with law, city codes, city rules to support city wide initiative and mandates as adopted by city council to reduce potential risk and liability by the city and to define and communicate expectations and ensure ethical professional appropriate behavior and conduct on the part of city employees in their official capacities. We also have a provision of course for council or bureau directors with their commissioner in charge approval to also request that trainings be made mandatory again. Consistent with this criteria. Currently we have two trainings where we are kind of in the wings waiting for this ordinance to go through to be designated as mandatory. One of those is the equity 101 training that the office of Equity and Human rights has been offering for close to two years now, but it's not mandatory training. It would fit the criteria that we list in the ordinance and the second out of the Auditors office would be mandated training on records management retention which of course is really important to us as the city as well. I just want to turn it over to Gail Baird for a moment to talk about the program a little bit.

Hales: Good morning, Gail.

Gail Baird, Bureau of Human Resources: Good morning, mayor hales, commissioners. We have found with the recent city-wide training program becoming more utilized bureaus are noticing the improvement in employee performance, reduction of risk and other achievements through the program, and this would simply make it easier for us as a bureau and as overseers of the city-wide training program to assist bureaus in providing training that will continue to do that. Some other areas that we may find ourselves focusing on would be areas of safety training. Currently the city does not have mandatory safety training program for city-wide use. So that's probably something we would like to be exploring with risk in the future. We have also seen excellent results since council mandated a little over two years ago refresher training for 2.2. At that time in 2012, we realized that while most city employees have gone through the training we didn't have adequate tracking system which our city learner system allowed us to do to its learning management and people are getting refresher training, some of whom in the past did not have training for over ten years. So it's those kinds of things that have made our overall training programs far more effective than in the past. We continue to look forward to doing more of that.

Hales: Thank you. Questions?

Fish: First I'm delighted equity 101 is going to be mandated. I'll be spending Friday afternoon in equity 101 in the Portland building. I think that's very important. I guess I'm less clear about the current status of administrative rule 2.02. Is it now mandatory or have we delegated to you the right, the authority to make that judgment?

Kanwit: We do consider it mandatory based on council's request that it be mandatory but we have not had a formalized process do that in the past. So that training, our manager and supervisory series are considered mandatory and we require employers to go through those but it's not been through a formalized process.

Fish: Does this give you more power to make that happen?

Kanwit: Yes.

Fish: I think it's my strong sense as the co-author of the new 2.02, I think it's the sense of the council that that should be mandatory. On what frequency and how you balance training in the first instance with refresher courses I think we delegate to your good

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judgment how to do that. But I do think it's the strong sense of this body that 2.02 should be mandatory.

Kanwit: Absolutely. Yes.

Fish: Thank you.

Hales: Other questions? Thank you both. Does anyone want to speak on this item? Okay it's an emergency ordinance. Roll call.

Fish: Thank you both for your good work. Aye.

Novick: Thank you. Aye.

Fritz: Pleased to hear about the tracking system too. When I worked at OHSU there was mandatory training you had to take every year. It was very easy to take online as well. I appreciate the in-person training and availability of the videos and others to catch up odd hours of the day and night. Aye.

Hales: Thank you. Aye.

Item 568.

Hales: Second reading. Roll call.

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

Fritz: I appreciate hearing last week the bureaus are aware of the concerns of the neighborhood and helping to address them. Aye.

Hales: Aye. 569.

Item 569.

Hales: Commissioner Fish?

Fish: This is a reasonably straightforward procurement. I'm going to turn it over to Dave Peters.

Dave Peters, Portland Water Bureau: Thank you commissioner. Thank you Mayor Hales. The purpose of this legislation is to authorize a competitive solicitation via invitation to bid which will be administered by the city procurement office. The intent of the invitation to bid will be to select a qualified vendor to enter into a five-year agreement to purchase hydrants and valves for our water system in support of the work completed under the water bureau hydrant installation and replacement program. This new five-year agreement will support the water bureau current asset management strategies in an effort to maintain our 14,200 fire hydrants and 47,000 valves in our system this program has grown from replacing 100 hydrants and 225 valves a year in 2011 at a cost of about 300,000. If you're doing the math like I do as an engineer that's a replacement cycle of 140 to 200 years on the components. These are moving parts that don't last that long. We have also had difficulty that we have hydrants near 100 years old that are obsolete, that we can no longer get parts for. Based on that our improved efforts through asset blanket we're replacing 300 hydrants and 700 valves a year at a cost of 900,000 a year. The water bureau will maintain this level of replacement for five years and these levels are set based on addressing those life cycle replacement. The hydrants that are obsolete which with we can no longer get parts for, addressing out of service hydrants and valves and installing new valves and pipe replacements expand our system. I would like to have Annette talk about the proposed agreement.

Annette Dabashinsky, Portland Water Bureau: Thank you, Dave. Good morning. The city's current price agreement for hydrants and valves will shortly reach its five-year term and contract dollar limit and the water bureau is interested in new solicitation to ensure competition and obtain the best value for our customers. The estimated value of the proposed procurement is \$5.2 million and it's intended to last five years. For the new price agreement the water bureau estimated approximately 900,000 in the first year increasing by 5% per year. To account for increase in material cost for the next five years the water bureau plans to continue its pace of system maintenance to include approximately 300

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hydrant installations and replacements and 700 valve installations and or replacements per year during the period of the requested procurements. Per city code due to the estimated value, the annual cost of more than 500,000 the water bureau is requested to obtain authorization to conduct the procurement action and to authorize the chief procurement officer to execute a contract and agreement. The ongoing purchase of hydrants and valves through a competitive solicitation will ensure best value for the city of Portland residents knowing the hydrants and valves will be well maintained and replaced when needed. The bureau's confidence level for the procurement action is the estimated cost is marginal. The Portland water bureau plans to continue its pace of system maintenance to include approximately 300 hydrant installations and replacements of 700 valve installations and replacements each year during the period of this this requested procurement per city procurement office formal information to bid and itb will be used in accordance to the city code 533. This will be accepted by city procurement using an online reverse auction process. In closing, we ask that you please accept this ordinance requesting authorization to begin this competitive solicitation for the purchase of the fire hydrants and valves in support of the water bureaus hydrant installation and replacement program. Thank you.

Hales: Did I hear you, 14,000 hydrants?

Peters: 14,200 in our city.

Hales: 300 a year you're on a 46-year cycle? That's good. Better. Dumb question, are these bronze or steel -- do they --

Peters: The bodies are ductile iron. There's brass and steel on the interior components.

Hales: The parts that move are not ferrous.

Hales: Firefighters test them periodically or maybe the water bureau does.

Peters: We both do. Yes, sir. [audio not understandable]

Fritz: Why is the confidence level marginal?

Dabashinsky: So it's based on an estimate. We're looking to actually possibly save costs because of the type of solicitation. We can talk a little bit about the solicitation of the itb, which then follows reverse auction. It could end up being pretty I would say pretty low -- at a higher level.

Fish: You lost me on that one. Is the answer are you using the term marginal because you think given the way you're doing the procurement there could be savings beyond what you're currently anticipating going south, not north? The concern we would have of course is if you're unsure about your estimate and it goes north. But it sounds to me like you're hedging against the fact that it could come in below estimates.

Dabashinsky: Correct, sir, yes.

Hales: That's a problem we would be happy to have.

Fritz: The final contract comes back to council for approval?

Dabashinsky: Yes, ma'am.

Hales: Thanks. Anyone want to speak on this item? If not then it rolls forward to second reading next week. 570.

Item 570.

Hales: Request to reschedule?

Novick: Yes, please.

Hales: June 10?

Novick: Yes.

Hales: Without objection we'll reschedule that to June 10. 571.

Item 571.

Hales: Commissioner Fritz, you want that referred back is that correct?

Fritz: Yes.

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Hales: Then without objection we'll refer that back to Commissioner Fritz's office and recess until 2:00 p.m.

At 11:24 a.m. Council recessed.

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2:00 PM

Hales: Welcome to the afternoon session of the city council. Would you call the roll please, Karla? [roll call]

Hales: I understand commissioner Novick has an announcement.

Novick: I just want to let the world know that my office is committed to making Portland a better place now and for many years in the future. Some months ago Katie Shriver my policy director gave birth to a beautiful boy named Charlie, and he's doing very well. The other day Andrea Valderama, my outreach coordinator to east Portland, gave birth to rosa leah. So between the two of them they will ensure Portland does great in 2040.

*******:** Congratulations.

Hales: Good news. Okay. We have an item on the calendar to proceed with at 2:00. And that's number 572. Could you read that, please?

Item 572.

Hales: This is another piece of the council's examination into -- at some levels reexamination of how we deal with development. We've recently dealt with demolition delay and notice, we've done updated hazmat certification rules, which BDS staff will be present here today to talk about and answer Questions about. We're about to begin work on a single family code update to address issues of scale and size. And fit of infill development in neighborhoods. But deconstruction is the focus today about how we do demolition in those hopefully rare instances where it's justified, do it in a way that perhaps creates more jobs than simply demolishing the house or structure, improve safety for workers and neighbors, reduces waste, avoids carbon -- avoids just dumping carbon. The industry of course exist and we have some folks here from the industry that deal with deconstruction. But even despite that innovation we still see most houses being outright demolished rather than demolition and salvaged. So i'm excited about this discussion, i'm excited about the work that's been done, we've got a team here from the bureau to kick us off and then some folks from the community as well. So Michael and Sean, thank you for being here this afternoon, and we've got a presentation for us, take it away.

Michael Armstrong, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Thank you, mayor, I'm Michael Armstrong, I'll provide just brief context for this and then Sean will describe the proposal in front of you today. As you noted, today's resolution addresses deconstruction specifically. And we're mindful this is one piece of this fairly complex cancellation of issues -- related to demolitions. It touches affordability, the Issues around delay that council took up back in February. It touches on neighborhood character and compatibility. What we want to talk about today is destruction. When house do need to come down, we want to do that in ways that provide the best benefits to the community and deconstruction really can be a great example of a triple-bottom line approach where it's better for jobs, we get six jobs from deconstruction for every job that's created in a demolition project, it's better for neighborhood safety and health, you take something down carefully you get less dust, you can deal with any solvents or anything you uncover along the way, it's better for carbon emissions, avoids the need for producing virgin raw materials and produces waste as well, of course it's producing a valuable building product, it's often high quality and it's

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often affordable. So there are a whole host of benefits that deconstruction provides to the community. In February of this year council took action around the delay and notification provisions around house demolitions. And at that time mayor you'd asked us to work together with stakeholders to bring a proposal back that would provide incentives and otherwise address deconstruction. So that's what we have back for you today. This resolution would establish a voluntary incentive-based deconstruction program. We've identified funding in the solid waste management fund that we will come back as part of the fall bump to try to secure, and we'll go ahead and get this program set up and be ready for the funding. And then this is intended as a pilot. We'll be working closely with the community, the deconstruction service providers, contractors, community members, so that in september of 2016 we'll be able to come back and report on what we've learned, how it's going, and recommendations for options at that time. So with that, i'll turn it over to Sean and he'll describe the details of the proposal and more background on deconstruction.

Shawn Wood, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Thanks, Michael. Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. I'm Sean wood, I'm the construction waste specialist for the bureau of planning and sustainability. I want to interrupt the flow of things just a little bit and talk about some terminology. Just so we can all be on the same page today. So when it comes to building removal, there's a couple different options. One is demolition. This is one of the concerns in the neighborhoods. These houses come down usually through mechanical means using a large excavator, and the building is torn down and the materials are sent to a recovery facility where they're sorted for recycling, a lot of the wood gets burned for energy recovery, and that's called hog fuel, I don't know if we'll hear that term today, but i'll throw it out there. And then a lot of the material ends up in the landfill. So despite efforts to harvest some of that material for recycling, it does end up in the landfill often. And then an alternative to mechanized demolition is deconstruction. This is where a building is disassembled typically by hand, in the reverse order it was constructed in order to salvage materials for reuse. A difference between reuse and recycling. Reuse is repurposing, salvage building materials, using things like wood flooring or sinks for their intended purpose, and not necessarily crushing those up and creating a new material or new product which is recycling. Then again, when we talk about wood recycling, we're really talking about burning that for fuel or energy recovery. We established a deconstruction advisory group back in April, and met a total of five times. And got really good information from a group of interests ranging from the salvage industry, both for and nonprofit deconstruction experts, historic preservation, we had building -- builders, contractors, and recyclers, as well as representatives from the united neighborhoods for reform, or unr. We also had membership from the development review advisory committee, or DRAC, and also staff from BDS and metro. I'd like to thank those members that came to the meetings and contributed their expertise and their commitment to the issue, and then also members of the public who also attended. Using their information and expertise, bps, like Michael said, is proposing a phased approach. Starting with a voluntary incentive program, and then looking at next steps for requirements for minimum salvage. The deconstruction incentive pilot would include training, so currently bps is working with our procurement staff to develop a deconstruction training, a two-day training that we'll hold in September for the prime contractor development program. So we could potentially use that as a model going forward with training during the pilot program. We'll also provide technical assistance, so going out meeting with folks on job sites, answering phone calls, meeting with firms, and then I think an important aspect of this is the program and project promotion. So how do we leverage a small project and get as much media attention out of that, what can we do with our own

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website, our own tools to get that information out and to the public and promote deconstruction. And then financial incentives, again, would come from the solid waste management fund. I've identified \$50,000 that we could use and distribute on a grant-based process. So that would include a selection committee based on industry experts, and neighborhood representation, and we could distribute that using a set of criteria that can include Innovation, and ways of reducing the time it takes to deconstruct or reduce the cost of destruction, or innovative methods to achieve those. And the program would do promotion, but also what's the story on the actual projects and what can they do to promote deconstruction in their project. We can also look at criteria around the advancement of equity and how as a project -- how is the project contributing to the community. And commitment to training. So our projects going to kick off an existing deconstruction firm and taking things a little farther, and using the training as a way to achieve that. And then of course reporting back to council in September of 2016 with additional steps, recommendations, and report on how the program is going. And then in terms of schedule, what we're recommending is kicking off the pilot in fall of 2015. So fall of this year. And then reporting back to council in September, so roughly a year of operating the pilot. And then when we discuss next steps, if those include some sort of minimum salvage requirements, staff would go and work with the community and continued work with the deconstruction advisory group to implement those changes. And then begin launch that phase two in summer of 2017. And then we envision -- staff envisions the deconstruction advisory group continuing to meet between now and the future. So to continue that good work. There's a lot of compelling Reasons to be more aggressive with deconstruction. You'll hear about some of those today, but bps really feels a phased approach will be the best way to go. Benefits of the pilot help inform us of what those next steps are, we can figure out how to measure salvaged materials, do we do that by weight, or volume, or use a deconstruction calculator. We can also better understand the issues related with compliance and making sure things actually happen in the field. And we can reward and learn from innovative projects, we can -- it also gives us time to develop and conduct training and education to get the rest of the industry up to speed and hopefully the time to build capacity within the salvage industry. And allow time for the building and demolition industry to adapt as we look towards future steps.

Fish: When you say learn from innovative projects, i'm curious, don't we have a good knowledge base about how large-scale deconstruction projects have worked in Portland? And i'm thinking, for example, when home forward did the redevelopment of Columbia villa, the new Columbia, my understanding is that they decided to go the deconstruction route. And so there was a big effort to deconstruct those older homes. And presumably from that they learned about what works, what doesn't, was it cost effective, and the like. So when we say from reward and learn from innovative projects, are we looking backward at the experience of other agencies and partners in doing deconstruction? Or are we -- are you looking prospective in terms of what we learn under the pilot?

Wood: There's a large base of knowledge out there, and we've got folks here today that do this for a living. And they certainly have a lot of knowledge. There's opportunities using the expertise of the deconstruction industry, and potentially coupling that with the demolition industry, so, for example, in Seattle hybrid deconstruction is probably the most typical method for pulling down a building. That's where they leverage the power and speed of a piece of equipment, the excavator to lower walls and get those down on the ground, where the workers can work on them more safely and efficiently. Something like that is an example of rewarding innovation and learning from that. So that's going to increase the speed at which they take down the building and potentially lower costs.

Hales: Anything else?

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Wood: I believe that -- is it?

Hales: Questions for Sean or Michael? Thank you both. And we have some invited testimony. I want to call up Joe Connell from habitat restore, and Mary Ellen Kincaid from the drac, Alando Simpson from city of roses disposal and recycling, and we have a couple more but let's take those three. Welcome. Thanks for your involvement in this.

Joe Connell: Good afternoon, mayor hales, commissioners. Thank you for allowing us to be here today. It's great to be working on this project with you all. My name is Joe Connell, I am with habitat for humanity. I'm vice-president of retail operations for us. And that means I oversee all three of our restore and our deconstruction program. I am pretty sure you're familiar with habitat and what we do and kind of how we do it. So I won't backtrack on that, but what I would like to point out, which is unique for us and unique in this setting we're in, is that we're a mortgage lender. A developer, a builder, a deconstruction contractor, a reuse retailer, and a neighborhood advocate. So we play a pretty unique role within the city, I believe, and I think our concerns touch a lot of the broad scope of concerns in this topic. All the way across the boards. Then I want to point out a little bit of what reuse and some of our deconstruction work has done for us and done for the community through us over the last year. Our program this year has exceeded \$3 million in sales. And income. We have raised over \$1 million in cash for habitat home building here in the Portland metro area. And -- in one year. We have diverted 10 to 12 million pounds of materials from the landfill, or recycling. We've created 30 jobs and we have 59,000 work force readiness or volunteer hours in our stores this year. I pulled these out because this was all made possible by reused materials. None of this would exist as part of our program without the diversion of materials that was -- that we're going to be thrown away or wasted. So that's a tremendous impact in our mind, on the community from these types of materials that we're talking about. So I support -- we support this resolution because we know we can do more. We're just touching the tip of the iceberg with what we do. We see projects slip through our fingers all the time. And we know we can do more. And we know the need is great. There's a lot more that we could do to build our programs, there's a lot of waste we could divert, there's a lot of homes we can build. So there's a lot of pieces here that can fit together for us. We do believe this program would open doors for us. And others in our industry. And help build a broader industry that will make deconstruction more affordable and make it a more vital part of our local building industry. I think to date we've been very separate. And I think I would love to see this program because it would help build together bridges between our building industry and our deconstruction and reuse industry. And I think we can do a lot more together. We also believe that we need to find a balanced way to work together to promote further reuse and deconstruction while meeting as many of our mutual goals as possible and removing the barriers along the way. This is why we support the voluntary incentive-based outline so we can learn how to move into a more fuller and more productive use of our resource throughout the city. I also want to thank the bps team, they've been great to work. Sean has been great to work with over these last five weeks. I don't know about you guys, but i'm really proud of our city in that they have this department, and that they do the work they do. So thanks for leading that.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks very much.

Maryhelen Kincaid: For the record, Maryhelen Kincaid, the chair of the redevelopment advisory committee. Our official representative Kristin wells attended the first couple meetings and then got employed by the city and couldn't fulfill the rest of it, so I got stuck in the chair today. I'm just -- I usually operate from a standpoint of tell me the things I don't know so you don't keep hearing the same things. But I just want to emphasize the point that this proposal is a result of about 60 months ago when drac started their attention in

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March of demolitions. And we were focused around life and safety, but when we went out to the community, we heard about hazmat control, and concerns about deconstruction and landfill. And so we -- Jeff Fish, the then chair, encouraged this -- a separate committee be addressed so it was carefully analyzed and better incentives were found, that we were able to do a proposal. So we were really excited that this committee was formed and worked in a very expedient fashion, and the other thing I wanted to point out is the two major accomplishments have happened in this area in 16 months, and i'm hard pressed to say I don't think that much has been accomplished in a lot of areas. So i'm very proud of bds and bps and the citizens involved that we're able to bring these forward to protect citizens and also bring alternatives to the table about what happens when a demolition happens. The one thing that I keep saying repeatedly is that deconstruction is a form of demolition, and there's not a person in the room that doesn't think deconstruction is not a good thing. But sometimes people get that confused that their house is being deconstruct and somehow that doesn't register with them. And then the site development and excavation has to come in and take the basement out, in those cases, and so there's some consideration there's and when we do public outreach that will be one thing we need to clarify for people so we don't get them angry again, when they think we're saving a house by Deconstructing it and building it somewhere else and in some cases that does happen. I think this is a great opportunity to connect as Joe mentioned, the deconstructors, the building industry, Jeff is not here to defend himself, but he was the first to say he had no idea what was involved in deconstruction and that is has always been to expensive so he didn't know. So they worked with lubbock construction I don't know where that went, and they had a sample house and went out and did bids and back and forth. So I think it's a great opportunity to connect those people and find a ground for them to work on to make this fair and equitable for everybody. The issues that came up with the demolition issue and -- was deconstruction, the hazmat handling and the infill and design. And you're addressing all those. So I want to give credit that those things are moving forward, and citizens are participating. I think a lot of great people work order these, and in a short period of time so it proves we can do good things. There's -- I think you'll hear testimony today for mandatory deconstruction and penalties, and I just don't think a negative reaction to this is going to work. I think a positive approach of incentivizing people that are doing good work, sharing that good knowledge, helping people who don't understand how the process works, doing training, it doesn't help in -- you all know this, but i've got to say it out loud, it doesn't help in collaborative effort to villainize stakeholders and say one person is the cause of the root of all evil. Everybody is involved in this Process and we need to make it work for everybody in some fashion, and demolition again is that issue. Nobody was happy, and in the end I think that was a success. Everybody had to collaborate and give in a little bit, what was uncomfortable. And I think that same thing will happen here. Several builders that came to the meetings and participated in these meetings, even said they didn't care where their incentives went, they just wanted it to be a fair and equitable program that would work for everybody. In the end the property owners are the ones who will really benefit from incentives, because they'll be able to do something that feels good to them, and that's not going to cost them an extra three, \$4,000 on top of what is the costs already are. It might not be the best analogy, but it's the best one I could come up with, curbside recycling. We didn't penalize people and carry a big stick and say you must use those. Many of my neighbors complained. And I went around with flyers early on and said here's what you got to do, and I got yelled at about the carts, and I got yelled at about how every two weeks its infrequent how they can get their garbage and the things were stinky, and they had rats, and I live in wetlands. All those things. Don't hear a peep, everybody likes it now. It's almost a community event. You get to roll the roll carts out,

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help our neighbors. It took a while to get used to. And change is hard for all of us. I use that example because people just get in a pattern and they have things and now you have added roll carts. So I think that same thing will happen here on a grander scale. I think we need to continue the positive approaches this proposal brought forward. Reward those people, whoever they are, doing good things. Sean mentioned incentives for best practices. I think there's a lot out there. I have learned a lot. And I think that the committee as a whole agreed that this is a good way to teach people how to do good things. Joe had a classic quote I like, and we should somehow fashion this in a marketing thing. I want everyone to feel the love of deconstruction. And I think if we can get to that point, with a phased-in approach, we're going to create the jobs. We're going to save precious resources. People will learn what is being recycled and maybe they'll start to want using them. They'll attest to the fact there's a huge market over the years, so I think this is a great start to things, I think that the building community is on board, they're just concerned about it being fair and equitable. And not be put in a villainized situation where they don't believe -- they believe in -- I can't speak for them. The incentive program should be so the process works better, not just reward those people who you believe should be rewarded. So I think that's good. I want to echo Joe's comments on the good work by the bps staff, and I think someone from drac will continue on this committee and follow it. So thank you very much.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks very much.

Alando Simpson: Mayor Hales, members of the council, for the record, Alando Simpson, business owner, city of roses disposal and recycling and our dva division, core recycling which is a material recovery facility that see as lot of demolition debris as well as new construction debris. So I have a wealth of knowledge in our time being involved with discarded materials and managing construction debris. But in regards to why we're here today, I am here to support the resolution on behalf of the deconstruction program that would foster the necessary innovative growth in the construction industry. Most importantly, create more green collar jobs for our local economy. Remember you heard it here. As a rapidly growing city, our sustainable reputation, leadership, and strategies have fostered a substantial amount of this growth. Growth that would have not been made possible had our philosophies not been instilled into the fabric of what makes Portland, Portland today. For the various regulations, policies, principles that have become the guardian of our economy, our environment, and most importantly the people that live here, these new innovative opportunities that exist now would not be so prevalent today. As someone who lives and breathes in the world of discarded materials, being an owner of a local recycling company, it is extremely important that the city of Portland take a stance and make a conscious decision about how we as a region plan to responsibly manage construction and demolition debris now as well as in the future. I have made a mindful decision of my own to venture into the construction industry, specifically in order to provide these very deconstruction services which will enable my firm to become more diverse and a first of its kind. I have taken many early steps in preparation for this endeavor, such as investing in more real estate in order to stockpile salvaged materials which do have end use market value. And most notably being selected to participate in the city's prime contractor development program. And now I sit here before you today to encourage an incentive-based approach for deconstruction practices, because it not only assists small businesses to enter the marketplace, but further builds upon the city's sustainability goals and as aspirations. The drastic demand for residential living units in the metro area and fostering the many construction cranes that currently stand is a small metaphor of the growing demand around salvaged materials we must be logical and strategic that when the demand is there, and the supply does not support it, we as an ecosystem must collectively

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build that infrastructure. That infrastructure that is necessary to grow that supply. The window of opportunity is wide open right now and I highly encourage your support, therefore we can see the continued reuse and salvage markets innovative growth in the domestic and international marketplace. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Questions for these panelists. Thank you very much. Sorry we've taken that great volunteer Larry O'dea out of habitat for a few weekends, but he'll be back. He's having knee surgery. Larry volunteers for -- police chief volunteers for habitat every Saturday. He's temporarily out of action. I think we have a couple more folks we invited. Good afternoon.

Barbara Kerr: My name is Barbara Kerr, I represent the united neighborhoods for reform. I am their representative on the deconstruction advisory group. As you all know, and have stated so eloquently in the opening to this meeting, which I'm so glad to hear the list of benefits versus deconstruction versus mechanical demolition is very long. Meeting climate action plan, affordable housing, economic development, and most urgently reduces the public's involuntary exposure to hazardous materials. Thank you for including that. When UNR met with the Portland neighborhoods, 43 formally signed on to our resolution, but in none of those meetings was deconstruction ever controversial. If a house must be removed and cannot be recycled the public feels deconstruction is a given. The UNR appreciates the city moving forward on making deconstruction the way Portland demolishes. We would gladly support the resolution if it were amended to one direct on public funds for deconstruction programs to go to training, education, and certification for deconstructionists, including the existing industry, and not incentivize contractors and developers and that these efforts maintain the standards set by the existing deconstruction industry. They are our leaders. Two, shorten the time before deconstruction is required by taking immediate actions to train, inform, and educate to support voluntary deconstruction as soon as possible. And set an end point a. Measurable goal in terms of full deconstruction. Plus in order to meet that goal, setting a date for when the DAG committee will determine when a given amount of progress in full or partial deconstruction has been made. Which if not reached will require making deconstruction mandatory. We want to see it happen voluntarily with support, we don't want to have to make it mandatory but if it's not happening fast enough, that would be the next tool. We recommend if the proposal cannot be amended as such today it be sent back to the DAG committee. In the DAG meetings we discussed the following concerns related to these requested amendments. Relating to our first amendment incentivizing developers with an issue, we feel paying developers to deconstruct or paying deconstruction companies to help lower bids creates two problems. One, it misleads the building industry and public into thinking it's not a viable business model. A premise that deconstruction industry in Portland has been disproving for the last 18 years. Two, it further incentivizes demolition of our affordable homes our homes of character that make up our desirable neighborhoods. If you pay people to demolish, they are going to have more demolitions. Relating to the second amendment, the concerns about shortening time were -- we need to allow time for developers to transition. But it's not like plastic bags and Styrofoam containers. There's no inventory to use up, there are professionals ready, willing, and able to bid new jobs. I started selling used rebuilding materials when we founded rejuvenation in 1977, that's 38 years ago. The public response was hugely enthusiastic from day one, we, including the building industry, have had decades to see deconstruction is where we are going, where we have to go. There has been plenty of time to transition and some have done so very successfully, but certainly not enough. Another concern was the increased costs to the developers. It's been shown the difference in cost depending on the building being taken down is in the five to \$7,000 range on average. We're talking homes. A small amount

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compared to what is being paid to buy a house just to tear it down. Developers would have to pay for the abatement and materials that deconstruction will expose. But first abatement costs have greatly decreased over time, and second, they are going to have to abate -- they're going to have to abate as we move toward senate bill 705 and further increased control the of hazardous materials exposure. As stated in the dag meeting, 80% a house goes through initial abatement before deconstruction, they have to be called back because they found more hazardous materials in the building when they started to take it apart. Those materials are not found if a developer does do the initial abatement before crunching the house, and so they go up in smoke. The abatement companies just do sampling. You have to take the house apart, open the walls to expose all that possible hazardous materials. As we move toward not allowing hazardous materials to not be released into the air, mechanical demolition except for the concrete foundation is not going to be feasible. It will have to be done by deconstruction and the city is doing the building industry a favor in spite supporting them to quickly make the transition to deconstruction. A question came up, can the market handle the influx of materials in the deconstruction advisory group meetings yes. Shane will tell you the rebuilding center sells 700 to 1,000 doors a month. There's a market. There's a huge market. And that's just locally. Besides condition, volume determines the price of used materials, if there are more materials on the market the prices will be lower, the lower prices fuel a larger market. The deconstruction -- there was question did the destructionists could respond to the workload. I heard yes, they can. May not be easy, but these are our pioneers. They want to see it happen. They'll put their heads and necks out there. Plus there are also organizations already in the business of training deconstruction laborers and companies. Deconstruction warehouse and yards are not like building a new office building or putting in lots of technical computer facilities right? Space can be rented. And existing companies would come from out of state, existing businesses such as abatement companies and mechanical demolition companies would expand into deconstruction and small businesses would spawn. As a personal note this, is what I love about the whole thing the most. Because when back when deconstructionists were called hand wreckers, those hand wreckers they were people who didn't have the education or training, just had the care and the work ethic to get a beat up old truck and start taking buildings apart down to the ground and saved everything. Another issue is time for the city to develop standards and standards in training. But the industry has been around this town for 18 years there. Are people nationally and internationally doing it. You could adapt and adopt what they already have in place. They've been using their standards that long. And bps is already planning a training for the prime contractors list in September with the grant from metro, they could expand it to more individuals and companies wanting to be trained and certified. Earth advantage has an accredited training and the local deconstructionists would be available to inform their process. The city could help sponsor information events for builders and developers to gain access to the deconstruction industry from deconstructionists to reuse sales. There's a lot that can be done with nonprofits even in promoting deconstruction and educating the industry, the traditional building industry. There is also concern about the city being able to enforce deconstruction regulations. Yes. That can be a nightmare. But not if we make it simple. If the criteria is full deconstruction, or partial on the way there, the definitions are pretty simple. As I understand it, full is completely removal to the foundation and partial is removal to the studs and joists. This has been discussed in a dag Committee. It's easy for the city to enforce that and also for the neighbors to be watchdogs. The neighbors will watch, and they can tell the difference between not completely deconstructing and completely deconstructing if it's that simple. Deconstruction also greatly reduces the need for the city or any agency to enforce public

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safety lots or hazardous materials. It's difficult to avoid following the rules in terms of safety even if they wanted to. For one they have more workers out there and two, the extra time allows for more time to get caught. So enforcement of hazmat regulations will be easier and more thorough, relieving the city after major issue to address. We need leadership. We don't need transition or more debate. We need leadership. We need the council to announce Portland is committed to deconstruction because of all it does for the city. Then set the goal now. Let the building industry know that what the city is going to require and why. Give them a head start. If we're beginning the training in the next few months and stating the commitment to deconstruction now the transitioning can move forward and give dag a head start on working out the needs. Follow through on getting the facts rather than debating. The deconstruction industry locally, nationally and internationally has history and studies, as you were Saying, Mr. Fish, when Portland moved to deconstruction rather than mechanical demolition we'll attract national and interest and help. We're not alone and do not need to start from scratch. Three, order an economic study done by an economist to describe the cost and triple bottom line benefits. This could take a year for the study to be done but it will also serve an assessment of the success to report back to the public. The time line that unr would find accessible immediate announcement that the city is committed to deconstruction and why. And publicizing efforts such as the training. September 2015 this fall, training for laborers and contractors leading to certification and right now Sean has planned for the prime contractors training to be a model, I think we can take that money and expand it. To do simultaneous. So then by March 2016, have dag review the proper guess of voluntary construction if we're not on track to meet the end goal, full deconstruction becomes mandatory as of September 2016. We need leadership and we need it now. With an average of a demolition a day we can't wait any longer. We have known for decades it is what we need to do. Unr does not want to see this proposal go back to the dag without a strong and responsible resolution. We're asking you to amend it to require the use of funds only for training and education, Maintain the high level of standards of the existing deconstruction industry, and take immediate action in starting the transition with a set measurable and short time line for the goal of deconstruction being the way Portland does demolition if a building must be removed. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks very much. Shane, you get to bat clean-up.

Shane Endicott: Thank you for the opportunity to share and thanks for the opportunity to participate on the deconstruction advisory group. I think the bureau of planning and sustainability did an excellent job and brought a diverse group of people together. Personally I have over 40 years of deconstruction experience and reuse and 20 of those would be deemed professionally. I'm the executive director of our united villages a local nonprofit, cofounder of the organization as well as the rebuilding center, which is one of our biggest projects we launched in 1998. As I think has been said, we divert a lot of building materials on average eight tons a day and we have approximately 300 people on average come through a day reusing it. And we're -- we really are just scratching the surface. I'm just mostly want to restate that I support a lot of what's already been shared through the other testimony as far as the facts, and pointing out the benefits of deconstruction and what would happen for our city. I get to see it on a daily basis, just from -- it seems like we're moving a lot, we're just barely scratching the surface. But just today we have a group of youth in our shop that are making book kiosks that are free for the neighborhoods. You've probably seen them around, but we've had a number of times youth come through with group leaders and they build these out of all free, reclaimed materials. We also have volunteers coming through, we have over 2,000 volunteers coming through a year representative of every demographic in our community. Age, social

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economic, people going through all kinds of different changes, people who just want to make a positive difference. And they come in and use those materials as a vehicle for improving the social fabric, strengthening the social fabric of our city. It wouldn't be an opportunity without it. It's incredible work all over. We have been able to donate materials on a regular basis to all kinds of groups and individuals who are doing things for free, everything from girl scouts, to group youth, right now working with the village -- free housing in our city, I should say transitional housing. But we've been able to donate free materials to those efforts as well. And I guess I would just share that one important role we'll serve in the city for helping this be successful is that we have always had a policy since we started that we share all of our knowledge and experience for free with anyone, any entity for profit or nonprofit that wants to do this work. They are invited in our organization and they shadow our employees, they shadow our staff, they shadow our operations. The only thing I can't give them access to is the personnel files, because legal issues. But otherwise everything else we don't have any secrets. It's come in, learn how we do this, and export it back to wherever you're going to do these projects, whether they're across the street from our facility or across the country. And restate the interest in this is international. We have people coming from all over the world, in fact the last two days we've had German television and radio network, which is the largest viewed public network in Germany, videotaping our facility and going on our job sites, our deconstruction site and looking at it as a model. We've had many other countries come, folks invite us to start these in their communities across the country as well as in other countries. And our feedback always is, we don't do that. What we do is we share what we have for free, and come to us and hang out and take whatever you find is useful. So I just want to restate that we think -- from our experience hands-on experience we see this bringing a tremendous value to the citizens of -- the residents of Portland as well as the city as a whole. And that -- those networks that are coming here from all over are really looking at our ethos sustainability and our organization is committed -- as much as we are to the environment and sustainability and economy, really the social fabric of what makes up our society. And reaching our full potential as a community. So I just wanted to share we think it's a great idea, it's a great direction, obviously, and thank you.

Hales: Thank you. I should have probably asked this question too, Barbara raised it there was concern or debate within the advisory group about capacity of the industry to ramp up. So regardless of whether it's a hugely successful incentive program or a move more quick -- more rapid move to mandatory deconstruction, what do you think about that capacity issue, what does that curve look like for you and others in the industry about what -- assuming we're moving this direction from less than 10% of houses that are being demolished to being deconstructed to 20, 30, 50 eventually 100, what are the difficulties if any --

Endicott: Yeah, well, i'll liken it to -- I use this example the other day. If you ever flown on a 747, they don't have to take 20 or 30 minutes to reach altitude. You can get there much faster. It's not as comfortable, your earless pop but you can do it. I've been in the country where they do that. Altitude much quicker. What would happen is that you would have industry and people who want to get into the industry moving much faster, the mandate was sooner. That's how it would look. And it would be -- organizations like ours would go through growing pains, we'd bring on that staffing, we've doubled or staff before in a short period of time. The other way is just a slower incline to getting there. So that's really how it would work. When we -- we went from six -- four deconstructionists when we launched our full-time year-round deconstruction program in 1999, we had -- we ended up getting a lot of recognition on a huge project, we did a city block of homes for the Multnomah athletic club, and we had to go from a handful of employees in that department, just the

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deconstruction department, to over 33 in a very short time. It was -- as an organization that kind of growth, we felt it, but at the same time the benefit was we went from doing a handful of projects to doing 150 to 200 projects a year. Not all full dismantles. Because you don't -- it doesn't have to be a whole building, it can be removing reusable. It's a long answer, but the -- I think the accurate answer is that you'll see an industry get there either way.

Hales: Thank you. Other questions. Thank you both. Thanks very much. So I don't believe we have any other invited testimony, but people are signed up to speak.

Moore: We have six people signed up.

Margaret Davis: I have a picture to show you.

Davis: Thank you for this opportunity. I'm Margaret Davis, I work with United neighborhoods for reform and I'm on the boards of the rose city park and the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood associations. Take a look at this picture. This was taken Friday, and it shows a demolition at 3558 northeast 44th avenue, two doors away from me. If you live nearby, your home, any place, structure, or barbecue in your yard and vegetable gardens would be covered in the dust emanating from this demolition. It was a breezy day so I could clearly see these clouds of dust billowing across the block. Federal studies have shown that this dust travels up to 400 feet. The house was under 600 square feet. But the dust kept coming all day long and even continued this week. What was in that dust? Nobody knows. We do know that it is nearly certain that any home built before 1978 as this home was, was full of lead paint. Every can of lead paint has 15 pounds of lead in it. Asbestos also could have been part of the toxic clouds, but again, we don't know what was in those clouds of dust. Based on public health concerns, this council recently banned smoking in city parks. The health effects of lead and asbestos also are well known, and the centers of disease control for disease control has said there's no amount of lead that is safe in children. I saw the dust from this demolition coat the swing set my neighbors keep for her granddaughters. If public health is as important to this council as you say it is, I urge you to tackle the uncontrolled release of lead and asbestos with as much seriousness as you did the smoking hazard in city parks. The toxic drift from mechanical demolition can be avoided through deconstruction. The careful dismantling of homes, coordinated with certified abatement activities helps contain these hazardous materials and sends them to the appropriate facilities. It does carry a small additional cost, but safeguarding our air and earth are worth it. We are worth it. I understand the council doesn't want to touch the toxic issue of hazardous waste -- materials control and enforcement. But Portland needs to address it as it enters its third record-breaking year for home demolitions. The voluntary measures recently instituted by the city clearly will not protect Portlanders from exposure to lead and asbestos. Developers will pursue business as usual with wasteful mechanical demolition that sends lead and asbestos into our air, bodies, and lungs. You don't have to directly temperature hazmat control to fix this problem, you can make deconstruction the safe, sustainable solution. As our elected leaders you have the opportunity even the responsibility to prioritize public health and safety over the profits of a small group of players. If deconstruction was made mandatory in a timely manner as opposed to the voluntary program proposed in the document today, and if the costs of deconstruction were assumed by those profiting from the demolition instead of public monies, the council could readily support the proposal. The deconstruction advisory group has done fine work and it would be a shame if its efforts were made moot by tenuous time lines, voluntary status and pay out to developers to do the right thing. Make deconstruction mandatory and fast track its implementation, and in so doing you'll put a stop to the toxic clouds no one should have to ingest. Thank you for this opportunity.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks very much.

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Terry Parker: Terry Parker, unr steering committee. I live in northeast Portland. When a home is to be torn down, it must be done with respect, responsibility, and a high level of sustainability. On December 17th of last year, I testified before you stating Portland is in the rears when it comes to managing home demolitions and private property becomes a public problem when 75% of a single family home is sent to the landfill and when dust and potentially hazardous materials are spread to and trespass on neighboring properties. Kudos in the conversation is now taking place within the deconstruction advisory committee. However, the actual pace of progress is moving way too slow. How many more single family homes will continue to be torn down using an excavator? How much more dust, dirt, and hazardous materials will be spewed into residential neighborhoods and into the lungs of children at play? The estimate on track is that over 400 vintage single family homes will be torn down this year. Most of those tear-downs by mechanical demolition. Clawing at, ripping apart and crunching up what was once somebody's family home. The resolution timetable can be likened to a local milk run, drifting down on a bumpy branch line railroad when the need and the public demand is for high-speed rail. To pick up the pace on the route toward better air quality and deconstruction becoming the norm, any financial incentives in the form of taxpayer dollars must be directed towards growing the deconstruction industry through training, education, and certification. The money should not be going to developers to subsidize the ecofriendly tear-down option. Accompanying any taxpayer funding must be an accelerated timetable towards a policy change due date that includes regular progress report along the way to you the city council. At the end of the line the goal must be deconstruction that with Deconstruction a significant percentage of materials from any home tear-downs are preserved for the reusable market. Ultimately when the train pulls into the station, and the people arrive at their green inspired destination, deconstruction and the reuse of building materials becomes the standard in Portland if and when a single family home is torn down. Finally, the city already has a hammer it can use to start pulling nails. Even though stubborn nails. Make deconstruction mandatory as a component of the climate change action plan. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Welcome.

Sarah Long: Good afternoon city commissioners. It is honor or to speak with you today. My name is Sarah Long, and I am here today to speak on behalf of the over half of all Portlanders even approaching 60% of all Portlanders at this point who are renters. As we all know the percentage of people like me in Portland will only increase over time. Tenants while constituting a majority of the city's residents are underrepresented when it comes to creating policy and are underrepresented when it comes to you our elected officials being able to hear feedback about how those policies are impacting their real lives. Fewer renters can make it to community meetings, fewer renters are able to embark upon the steep learning curve to understand that thing that no one human being can completely understand -- the land use rules. I have at this point begun correcting the facts given to me by Killian Condon, if you don't know who Killian Condon is that's indicative of how deeply troubling this all is. Killian Condon is our only just one guy, deq inspector in this portion of the state. He has it easy. He only covers these northwest counties. The other guy covers more than three-quarters of the state. And I have yet to convince him to come inspect a site where I photographed asbestos fibers blowing around in the breeze. I have more stuff about being a renter, but I'm going to skip that and I want to just go back to what Barbara said. Everything she said was so wonderful, and she's truly one of the pioneers in this city in reuse. She founded rejuvenation. Wow. So you know, I just want to refer back to what she said. And say we really need appropriate -- we need for that \$50,000 that will be followed by other monies, we need it to go to education and training. It should go to

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earth advantage, we think. They already have the training program in place. We would like to see better time line and we would like to see as she said, if with strong encouragement and use of the bully pulpit from the elected officials saying, hey, guys, this is Portland. Get on acting like being Portland. Let's reuse and reduce and recycle. So I would like to say, I'd like to support her plan, the one she already suggested to you, and I thank you for your time.

Hales: Thank you. Thank you all. Next?

Hales: Go ahead.

Robert Bernstein: I'm Robert Bernstein, I live on mount tabor, the southeast Portland, 46 years, since 1969. I'm thinking, well, I came here in '69, a lot of people came out here from eastern colleges at about that time. I came from Brooklyn, a lot of people came from Columbia. And we started doing things that we felt were the right things. Nobody gave me an incentive to do child care for feminist functions, or to go to consciousness raising groups or help out with friends of food or pupils food store. You did you things because they were the right things. That's what Portland should be. I do not personally want any of my tax money going to developers. If they don't want to feel demonized, there's such a simple remedy for that -- don't do things that will lurk in the back of your head as having done the wrong things. It's really very basic. Don't get into some shadow sort of existence where you feel bad about things and you feel demonized. Don't mess up back yard habitat. Don't take away people's views. Don't take away people's privacy. If you don't want to feel demonized, it's simple. I'd like to see this program mandatory. I don't want to see any of my money going to incentivize towards developers. Use it towards training and implementation. I would also remind the council that developers got a break on hook-up fees. And I'd like to see that ended. It's my understanding that residential rates for water or sewer could have been 8% lower if they hadn't gotten this break.

Hales: Thank you. Good afternoon. Welcome.

Preston Browning: Hi. Greetings members of the council and mayor hales. Thank you today for being here and hearing this proposal. My name is Preston browning, I'm the owner of a business called salvage works in north Portland. I also sat on the deconstruction advisory group. Salvage works has been in operation for five years. Started with just myself, \$10,000 and a forklift. We now have nine employees, our sales have increased 100% every year, a little background, and basically I am a lumberyard. Every stick of wood in my place is reclaimed. Mostly from houses in the Portland area. I'm not a deconstruction contractor. We have a shop, we make furniture and fixtures. So I would like to touch on something that hasn't really been discussed here. I'm going to read you a list of businesses. The sentinel hotel. Olympic provisions. The ace hotel. Clyde common. The Hilton downtown Portland. Ned ludd. Rejuvenation. Killer burger. Water avenue coffee. Bollywood Theater. Danner boots. Whole foods. New seasons. U.S. Forest service downtown. Pad thai. The meadow. Salt and straw. And way too many brew pubs to list. These have a couple of things in common. One is that they're all in Portland. And they are contributors to a small contribution because there are so many more to the Portland brand. The whole world, the whole country looks to Portland for a number of things. Our food scene, our cocktail and beer scene, our design sensibility. And the sustainability of the city. The other thing that they have in common is that when they built those places, the aesthetic was reclaimed wood. It is a main component of almost every single new build in this city and we're building more and more large developments are happening, mixed use, retail down below, it is something that we're going to see more and more of. Reclaimed material is a beautiful material. It's an aesthetic. And it's very, very popular. Really, the world comes to Portland because of

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Portland. You may or may not know this, but we're big in Japan. [laughter] we're big in Europe. We're big in Australia. We're big in Brazil. Really, the whole world looks to us.

Fish: One of the ways we know that is the single best travel guide i've ever seen about Portland is the Japanese guide. In fact it's been so successful here they're about to translate it into English so they can use it domestically as a travel guide.

Browning: Right. And Korean. There's now a Korean edition.

Hales: Chinese next I think.

Browning: Yeah. I have a friend who is working on a project called ride the yellow. Which is to promote the yellow line and the businesses along the yellow line. And many number of them, which is the rebuilding center, salvage works, beam and anchor, is part of that Portland design brand. And all of that is reclaimed. So it's a brand that is being exported, and reclaimed materials are being exported. We do work in the bay area in California, in Seattle, we ship materials around the country. And so what it is, it's a product, and it's a growing, growing business. So I really believe this program will help build the capacity for deconstruction contractors, and I do believe that the time frame proposed is necessary to really help the industry grow. I believe that -- those incentives should go to Deconstruction contractors to training, but also possibly to help them build their capacity a bit, buy some equipment, that sort of thing. Because really, once the cost of a deconstruction becomes the same as the cost of a demolition, everyone's work is done. It will be the given. So thank you all very much for this opportunity.

Hales: Thanks very much for coming. Brandon, welcome.

Brandon Spencer Hartle: Mayor, commissioners, my name is Brandon spencer Hartle, I'm here representing restore Oregon. I've had the opportunity to speak with you more in the last three months than the last 10 years combined. I served on the deconstruction advisory group so i'm here to talk about that experience. I'm here today to support the resolution in front of you regarding establishing a framework for increasing the percentage of demolition materials that are salvaged for reuse. I have appreciated the fast paced conversation, and no small part thanks to Sean wood. I ask you consider exploring a pragmatic program that would phase in disincentives as well to traditional demolition. Because only a minimal amount of funding will be available for the proposed incentive program if we want to substantially increase the amount of waste diverted from the landfill I personally believe it will be necessary to implement additional programs that Dissuade property owners from choosing mechanical demolition. Demolitions generally and mechanical demolition specifically have external costs. One of those cost is loss of embodied energy when materials are sent to the landfill. For example, Portland's typical demolished house is 1200 square feet and generates 115 pounds of demolition waste per square feet, about 138,000 pounds of waste per house. In terms of weight, landfilling the 350 houses that applied for demolition permits over the last year is the equivalent of 438 million aluminum cans, 33 million glass beer bottles, or 1.5 billion pieces of copy paper. In order to best manage the waste stream generated by our city's recent increase in demolitions, I ask that you help foster deconstruction by phasing in disincentives to pair with the incentive proposal. A thoughtfully designed and gradually implemented landfill tax on a demolition of buildings that could otherwise be reused or salvaged would allow Portland to recoup some external costs of demolition and direct the marketplace towards deconstruction salvage. I want to close by saying I very much appreciate council's recent attention to the issues of neighborhood change, you made tremendous strides in the past few months to address many of the concerns that historic preservationists, the neighborhood advocates have brought before you. I'll close by saying I hope you support the resolution in front of you and I hope you look at it as one more step in the multistep

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process of addressing Portland's growing pains right now and you consider a next step after today of looking at disincentives to mechanical demolition. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you all. Questions for these folks? Thank you.

Moore: That's all who signed up.

Hales: We might want to get staff back up I have some questions and other council members might have some questions as well. Certainly heard some interest in moving faster here, which frankly i'm pretty sympathetic to. So I want to hear council reactions to that. Also want to let people know that i've already started asking staff to prepare some policy options for council on the subject of disincentives for traditional demolition. So I appreciate Brandon bringing that up. That is a logical next step, so we try to change that equation as well, so we want people when they absolutely positively must have to demolish a structure, to do so through deconstruction, but we also want to reduce the number of structures that are subject to that and raise the cost in terms of penalties for deconstructing or demolishing a structure that has value. So i'm very interested in that piece of the equation as well and I think that's a logical next step. But what do you think about the suggestion maybe that we come back more quickly than a year from now, get reaction to what you heard in terms of testimony about how can we go a little faster even if we stick at least in the short-term with the incentive approach. When is the logical break point where we say, okay, as we just did with commercial building, energy use, now you have to do it. We've been through that cycle on that issue, so Michael your thoughts about that might be particularly relevant given you are the architect of that transition.

Armstrong: I think there's a parallel. I think you heard through the testimony there's a lot of agreement about direction, the question is how far, how fast. And from the testimony, the deconstruction advisory group discussed exactly this question, and there was strong consensus to move forward quickly with a pilot, mixed opinions about whether and how soon to make that mandatory. So that's what led us to the recommendation in front of you. I'll defer to Sean, I think it's possible that we could come back sooner with a report on how it's going, and options for you to consider at that time. We'll have a little less information to work with, because we will have -- we won't have had the program in place for as long.

Wood: I would echo that. And echo what Shane said earlier. The question was posed how quickly could the deconstruction industry adapt to a quicker time line, you could do it but with growing pains. I think maybe some clogged gears would probably happen. And then again with what Michael mentioned in terms of the pilot would just be less informative, we'll have just gotten off the ground, so its ability to inform what those recommendations are for next steps will be somewhat limited.

Hales: A dumb question on my part, I should know the answer to this kind of question before I ask it, but is there a rhythm -- obviously there is to construction, is there a rhythm over the course of the year in terms if we have about on average a demolition a day, is the peak in the summer, is --

Wood: Exactly. We would miss that peak construction window. But if we're talking about \$50,000 of money to use as incentives, and we're seeing 20 projects a year, even the ones that happen on the off seasons are still going to be available to take advantage of an incentive. So we'd still have some, but the majority would probably occur more in the late spring, summer.

Fish: I was intrigued, though not persuaded by an argument someone raised, I want to give you a chance to respond, and that is that in crafting an incentive plan, where we created an incentive for folks to use deconstruction, we are actually creating an incentive, further incentive for demolition. And altering in some ways the market. I'm not persuaded just at face value with that but I want to give you a chance to respond.

Wood: Staff or the person that mentioned it?

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Fish: More your opinion than predicting their opinion.

Sean Wood: I would say that the decision to demolish a structure and build a new structure is made well before any consideration of how the building is going to come down. And so in the grand scheme of the budget for a new house and looking at clearing the site with an existing house, that difference in cost, any kind of incentive that we're going to be providing, I don't believe would push the needle toward having someone decide whether or not they want to demolish a building and build a new house.

Armstrong: I'd add, as a couple of the folks noted, it does -- the initial cost to deconstruct is higher than to demolish. We want more developers, contractors to get accustomed to seeing the value proposition there, and so the incentives are to get them to try it. We think the net cost, especially as the industry occurs, is going to come down and hopefully wipe out that premium. But it is there for sure the perception, and in some cases reality.

Fish: We have different approaches to incentivizing behavior that we talk about at this body. We have, for example, waived assistance development fee charges on accessory dwelling units for certain fees on accessory dwelling units as a way of getting people to both do them within a legal framework and to reduce regulatory burden. What are other examples where we've offered a financial inducement? Rather than removed a barrier.

Armstrong: We have a pretty long history in terms of energy efficiency and also in the early days of get can the green building sector off the ground of providing grants. I think commissioner Saltzman certainly recalls the green investment fund where we're helping an industry that's emerging broaden and bring new firms, new kinds of projects to the -- to do those practices. I think there's a pretty strong parallel here, and we saw a lot of success. A lot of the Portland list of leed certified, leed platinum projects is incredibly long because the industry figured out a way to provide that and have it be competitive in the marketplace. So incentives early on helped get us there.

Fish: You have a tool kit that includes carrots and sticks but you have a history of using this carrots as a way of building a broader foundation of support for the changes that you're trying to get built into the system.

Armstrong: I think that's fair assessment.

Hales: If some of the effort is going to go into incentives to actually do deconstruction, and some of the certain going to go into training and capacity building, obviously the training and capacity building can start right away, right? So you're not dependent on a project coming along that's willing to take the incentive and do something different in order to train people. So those are a little bit seven rabble in terms of when things can start to make a difference, if I understand the program correctly.

Armstrong: Exactly.

Hales: Okay.

Fritz: There is funding for that capacity building and education part as well as the incentive to the developers?

Armstrong: Correct.

Fritz: I notice there's metro is talking about a more regional approach. What might they be doing in terms of incentives versus requirements versus education and support?

Wood: Bps staff works closely with metro staff on the subject of deconstruction as well as actually accessory dwelling units. And i've spoken with metro staff about the possibility of providing additional funds for this pilot program. And I think the beauty of that is that we get to take the work we've done within the city and share the love with other jurisdictions, so in addition to the direct members that we're on the advisory group, we had interests from both Clackamas county and Washington county as well as folks from the Seattle-puget sound area. So if we were to take a regional approach to this, we're just -- contractors don't necessarily work just in the city of Portland. They work -- they work in

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other boundaries as well. So a regional approach to this is just going to be that much more successful.

Fritz: How much longer does it take to deconstruct versus demolish?

Wood: It's going to depend on a lot of factors. If you were to try to average it down, demolition takes one to two days, deconstruction could take five to 10 days. It's really going to depend on site access, there's issues like slope, where putting a piece of machinery on a steep site may be very difficult, or even impossible, in which case deconstruction is going to be a favorable one in terms of the time and probably the cost.

Fritz: Presumably after you've demolished there's an amount for clean-up, with reference to the dust and debris laying around.

Wood: I'm sorry? I'm not following the question.

Fritz: Does the one to two days for the demolition, does that include cleaning up the site thereafter?

Wood: Pretty much immediately they'll start prepping the site for new construction. So they'll fill in the basement if that needs to happen, and then also remove the foundation. So it's a pretty quick process when you're talking about demolition. The deconstruction is still going to require an excavator to come in and pull out a foundation and backfill.

Fish: I can attest to that. The bungalow next to my house that was demolished, I would be surprised if it took two days.

Wood: It can be done in a number of hours. There's videos that show it coming down pretty quick.

Hales: I hear a strong community interest, and I share it in trying to move faster on some elements of this. I guess I would like to suggest that we amend the resolution to have you come back in January with a report and next steps. Even if we haven't been through a full construction cycle on seeing how incentives are working. Because again, there's other policy tools that may be coming forward, that will be coming forward for the council to consider, and may be adopted. And I think -- I hear in the community a really strong and fervent interest in us moving quickly on this, and the pace of change and the pace of demolition that's going with that change is worrisome to a lot of people, including us. So I'd be interested in proposing that we amend the last line of the resolution instead of September 2016, to come back and report to us on program status in January of 2016. Even if we --

Fritz: Second.

Hales: Okay. Any further discussion of that amendment? So let's act on that amendment and see if there's any other changes council wants to make to the resolution. Roll call on accepting that amendment.

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

Fritz: I appreciate the amendment, mayor, and also the testimony that does give the industry six months and maybe some more than 50,000 money can be put into capacity building. I intend to signal my intent to try to go further faster. I appreciate the amendment. Aye.

Hales: Aye. [gavel pounded] any other revisions or recommendations from council before we act on the resolution in front of us? Okay. Let's take a roll call vote on the resolution.

Fish: Thanks to the planning and sustainability commission for bringing this forward. Mayor, thank you for your deep concern on this issue. We've been talking about growing pains, and I live in a neighborhood that's going through growing pains. Sort of Grant park, Beaumont-Wilshire, Hollywood area. And there's a lot happening at the same time that's impacting quality of life. Traffic, noise, demolitions, in my neighborhood apparently it's now generally the view of anybody on a two or four-wheel vehicle that a stop sign is optional. But there's other things going on. And it's having an impact. And once upon a time we

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made a bargain that we would focus density in places where we could absorb it and we would try to preserve the character of some of our particularly traditional r5 neighborhoods. And it's a balance. And we're in the process of trying to strike the right balance. We have an urban growth boundary, we're required to -- we understand that, but we're looking at ways of doing it that also doesn't unduly infringe on People's quality of life. I think in has been a good discussion, i've heard some very good ideas, I think we're raising the public awareness about a lot of these issues, which is part of the essential process. I like the phase-in of starting with carrots before you get to sticks. And as a practical matter, it's always better if you can get buy-in and get people to participate, because you get a higher compliance rate and you get a more thoughtful rate. We don't want people deconstructing these homes in such a way my friends at the rebuilding center can't find anything in the -- what's been deconstructed that has a market value, because it was done in a shoddy way or not a thoughtful way. I appreciate this conversation, and I appreciate the mayor's amendment, and i'll vote aye.

Saltzman: Thank you, mayor, and bureau of planning and sustainability for bringing forward this pilot. I think it's something that I look forward to being very successful, and there's so much about deconstruction that makes sense to me, and I think to us from a collective point of view in terms of creating more jobs, creating fewer risk to public health and the environment in the process, and so I just think it's a very good thing, and hopefully the industry will take advantage of these incentives and we'll see it grow more widespread. Aye.

Novick: quite frequently, when People are in neighborhoods come to us with concerns about what's happening in their neighborhoods, i'm sympathetic to their concerns but I have to say my sympathy is tempered with concerns about climate disruption and carbon emissions. For example when people say I don't like this apartment building without parking going up in my neighborhood, I can understand the disruption that causes, but on the other hand, people in the in apartments use less carbon than people who live in houses. And when we have a collection of people living in a smaller space then a grocery store springs up and people are able to walk instead of drive, if we require parking with every apartment, then we're in effect encouraging people to drive emit more carbon. That doesn't mean we can't figure out ways to address the concerns, but there's a balancing act. It's essentially very nice to have people in a neighborhood coming with concerns about something happening in their neighborhoods where one of the arguments for their proposal is it will reduce carbon emissions. And according to bps, deconstruction as opposed to demolition takes the equivalent of two cars off the road for a year for each house. So that's one major reason why i'm particularly sympathetic to this suggestion and really appreciative of the mayor's efforts and bps's efforts and all the community activists' efforts. Thank you all. Aye.

Fritz: I support the approach for many reasons. One the committee worked very hard to come up with it, thanks to Nancy Thorington from development services as well as my staff working with planning and sustainability, the mayor's staff and others, and your great work Michael and Sean. It's a good recommendation. And also it sounds like the capacity is not quite there yet to be able to require deconstruction rather than demolition. I certainly would like to get there soon era they're than later for the reasons commissioner Novick just stated. It meshes much better with our whole climate action plan and with our values of neighbors to do deconstructionists as the normal thing to do in Portland. Another way of keeping Portland weird is keeping Portland as a good thing. To the extent we can get there quickly I would like to see that. So thanks very much to the development advisory committee, Mary Ellen's leadership of it, it's telling there isn't a storm of opposition, and i'm sure we'll have a robust discussion when we come back with considering mandatory

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deconstruction, and i'm sure we can get there, and I very much appreciate the neighbors for reform and your constructive approach, no pun intended, to change the way development happens knowing that development is going to happen, but do it in the best way possible. Thank you. And thank you for your Leadership, mayor, on this. Aye.

Hales: I want to thank the council for thoughtful discussion. I hope what you hear, those of you concerned about this issue, there's a strong shared interest here and strong shared values that we're trying to express in policy and regulation, and incentives. And that we hear and share the sense of urgency. I want to thank you Michael and Sean and Lisa and Jackie and others who worked hard to get this discussion before the council now and more to come. As I mentioned, i'm interested in working on the disincentive and taxation side of this issue as well as on the regulatory and incentive side of this issue to send an even stronger signal about keeping houses that are worth keeping. I was talking earlier this morning about one of the things about Portland that we don't necessarily brag about in those tourism books, we might brag about the restaurants and the urban growth boundary and the great downtown, and they're an obligatory trip where people come to Portland to study the city, but one thing they sometimes fail to notice is that we've got this mile after mile after mile of great old streets with great old houses. And most cities have a few neighborhoods like that, but we've got miles of that. And having worked in cities all over the country in the last 10 years, who are trying to revitalize their downtowns the way ours has been, I noticed that. That they might have a few such neighborhoods, and it's such a treasure. And there's a lot of support for that, architectural resource, and for that way of life that we feel is under attack now with this amazing wave of change that's upon us, and I think it's only going to get stronger. So I hope what we all hear is there's a lot of agreement about the need to be serious about that and move quickly, and that's why i'm glad we changed the timetable a little bit and obviously going to keep tasking the bureau and others in our city staff to help us prepare options for us as a community to consider. This is I think again a great piece of work, I want to thank the deconstruction advisory group, we ask a lot of volunteers in this process, and people with a lot of walking around knowledge came together and did good work for us in a hurry. So thank you for doing that. It just occurred to me while we were having this discussion this afternoon that it was actually 40 years ago this summer that I started helping my father and mom build a house. And it was a house that was built on the ruins of an old stone mill where we actually logged timber on the property and milled the posts and beams that became the structure of the house. But the floor of the house was 150-year-old heart pine that had been salvaged out of a factory in Virginia, three inches thick, milled down to inch and a half Thick flooring that we screwed down and pegged at great cost to knees and hands. But the beauty of that old material reused was part of the joy of that house. So if we do this right, we do it seldom, we do it in a way that respects the neighborhood around it, and we reuse the materials in a thoughtful way, and if people here in this room that do that every day, we appreciate you and we want you to do a lot more of it. So thank you all for this good work so far. More to come. Aye. [gavel pounded] thank you all. We're recessed until tomorrow at 2:00.

At 3:31 p.m. Council recessed.

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Hales: June 4th meeting, would you please call the roll. [roll call]

Hales: Welcome everyone. We are looking forward to this item very much. Would you please read item 573.

Item 573.

Hales: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Thank you, mayor and colleagues. Pleased to welcome the friends and family of pastor will hardy to city hall. We have a unique opportunity to celebrate pastor hardy's extensive service to our community and to say thank you. And that reminds me, I had the great honor on tuesday of being at the white house when president obama said, quote, it is never too late to say thank you. End quote. As he issued the medal of honor to sergeant henry johnson, who had been denied that great honor for a century. So, to kick off this celebration, let's welcome the highland christian center choir, led by director derek mcduffy. Welcome. [applause] \m\m \m\m glory, glory, glory \m \m glory, glory, glory to our king \m \m \m glory to our king \m we say glory to our king \m \m\m \m glory, glory, glory \m \m\m \m glory glory, glory \m \m\m \m\m \m\m \m hallelujah hallelujah \m \m\m \m\m [applause] \m\m \m\m \m\m \m\m \m\m \m\m \m\m [applause]

Fish: Let's give another warm round of applause to the choir director mcduffy. [applause]

Fish: Leslie williams who helped organize this tribute and to the whole choir. Let's give them another round of applause. [applause]

Fish: Mayor, colleagues, as part of this tribute, we have a number of distinguished people from our community that have been invited to present to us. The mayor has also given me the great honor of reading a proclamation which is the way we pay respect to people with great accomplishment in our community. Before I read it, I would like to invite our first panel to come forward and take a seat. Former senator avel gordly, dr. T. Allen bethel, and dr. Norwood knight-richardson. Would you please come forward and take a seat at the table. [applause]

Fish: On this great day, the mayor has issued a proclamation and it is my honor to read it. Whereas after 20 years of training in ministry, dr. Hardy was named senior pastor of the highland christian center in 1996. Whereas dr. Hardy formed the nonprofit highland haven to serve distressed Portland communities with programs including youth ministries, a 12-step substance abuse recovery program, a prison ministry, homeless shelters and more, and whereas he built a new life for the highland christian center as a community gathering place open to all and whereas dr. Hardy's passion for education and serving young people helped the church establish partnerships with albina head start, Multnomah county, state of Oregon, Portland public schools, concordia university, Portland state university, george fox university, self-enhancement, inc, and so many others. Whereas his support for our community extends beyond his church, service on the board of the african american chamber, support and collaboration with project clean slate and project second chance. To help thousands of Oregonians restart their lives. And whereas under dr. Hardy's leadership and guidance, the african-american mental health coalition opened the Oregon health and science university's avel gordly center for healing, making a real difference in the lives of

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those suffering from mental illness. And whereas he has been proud to share his powerful messages as a featured speaker across the globe, including in africa, italy, and israel. And whereas dr. Hardy's steadfast servant leadership leads a lasting legacy that will inspire our community for generations to come. Now, therefore, I charlie hales, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, city of roses, do hereby proclaim june 4th, 2015, to be a day of recognition for the reverend dr. W.g. Hardy, jr., in Portland and to encourage all residents to observe this day. Mayor, can we suspend the rules -- [cheers and applause]

Fish: Senator gordly, I will acknowledge you first and publicly thank you or roy jay as serving for the host committee and for your passion and your time helping make this such a great success. Senator gordly.

Senator Avel Gordly: Thank you very much, commissioner Fish, mayor hales, commissioner novick, commissioner Fritz, commissioner Saltzman. Let it be noted that we are blessed to be gathered here on a day where the corner of church and state intersect with faith and works, merge and become a loved community. We honor and celebrate our beloved servant, we give honor to his mother, mrs. Hardy, and father, the late reverend w.g. Hardy, sr. They poured into pastor hardy and all of their children a love for God and service to others. We acknowledge with love and deep respect mrs. Alley hardy, who has sacrificed with love at her beloved husband's side. We honor the entire hardy family and the legacy of service and honor, honor to God, that the name hardy will always represent in the beloved community of Portland, Oregon. Many of us appreciate pastor hardy's intellect and world view, gained through his open heart, love of people, and through his travels and discipline of reading and studying widely. I reflect now on several days in november, 2001, when we traveled to new york, selected by then governor kitzhaber as part of a delegation from Oregon, selected to help craft a national behavioral health response in the horrible wake of 9/11. Remarkably and fortunately for all at the conference, pastor hardy was the only faith leader invited from the 50 states. Pastor hardy's voice had a profound impact on the national gathering as he informed and reminded the organizers and delegates to include the faith community in all planning and training for first responders. Pastor hardy led our Oregon delegation in prayer as we gathered and wept holding on to each other, near the site where the world trade center towers once today. Before leaving new york, pastor and I rode the bus and walked through the streets of harlem. Our destination was the renown schomburg center for research and black culture. We were thrilled to find letters from the great american writer langston hughes on exhibit. Pastor left with two very full shopping bags of books that he had carefully selected for his growing collection of black literature to be shared with his children, family, and community. Returning to Portland after that powerful few days journey, pastor hardy in his role as chair of the african american mental health commission continued his more than decade-long championing of the need for culturally specific mental health services to meet the underserved needs of black people. His sermons challenged the stigma surrounding mental illness and encouraged the treatment and education about mental health. The doors of the church were open to host meetings, conferences on mental health. It was pastor's leadership and vision and call that led to the affirming partnership with our dear friend dr. Norwood knight richardson, and ohsu. And I know that dr. Knight-richardson has more to say about that partnership. For almost 20 years, I have known and worked alongside pastor hardy and been privileged, privileged to travel with him in delegations with others to the motherland, africa. And most recently a pilgrimage to the holy land. He is a master teacher. A master teacher. Pastor hardy loves people. He understands how we all desire and need to keep people we love close. How we need to give people access to our hearts. Pastor hardy does that. Pastor hardy loves the lord, and shows that love through his heart. He has a way of using language that speaks to all people and a way of

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being authentic and transparent about his own life. No matter the setting, he is who he is. He has given us access to his heart, he has carried our burdens. When he asks can I be myself, as he did last night in bible study, what he shares is real. He is especially gifted at reaching young people. Because he is honest and his own life experiences are shared and he listens deeply, deeply and is trusted. Mayor, i'm probably at the three minute point and i'm going to take a point of personal privilege, if I may.

Hales: We're suspending the rules.

Gordly: Thank you very, very much. Another travel experience shared in 2007, a Portland state university delegation led by the brilliant scholar and department chair dr. Kofi Agorsah, spent 28 days in ghana. This was a cultural exchange and trade exploration. Two outstanding memories from that experience in ghana. Pastor hardy speaking at a packed church in capondo village. Hundreds of people in the church, hundreds more outside, all invited by the village chief and elders to hear the pastor preach and teach. And the drums played. Another powerful shared experience, we were closed in a profane cell in a so-called slave castle where the rebellious captive, the rebellious captives were held before being taken away through the door of no return. To ships for the slave trade. Dr. Dalton Miller Jones, dr Agorsah, pastor hardy, all of us together in this cell. Pastor led us in prayer and we acknowledged in that hellish place that the spirits of our ancestors were free, and we pledged to work for that which is right, just, and fair for our people. We made that pledge in that place. We acknowledged that because our ancestors were rebellious, we are free. During the holy land pilgrimage last year, we witnessed pastor hardy read scripture and teach in the garden of gethsemane, and at the mt of olives, all of the places in the bible came alive. We sailed on the sea of galilee and experienced life affirming baptism in the jordan river. As I stated at the beginning of these remarks, we are gathered today at the corner of church and state and the intersection of faith and works in our beloved community to honor and celebrate greatness, and I end this tribute with a selection from langston hughes. I dream a world, he wrote. And this is in tribute to our beloved pastor. I dream a world where man, no other man will scorn, where love will bless the earth, and peace is paths adorned. I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way, where greed no longer saps the soul nor neverest blights our day. A world I dream, black, or white, whatever race you be, will share the bounties of the earth and every man and woman is free. Where wretchedness will hang its head and joy like a pearl that attends the needs of all mankind, of such I dream, my world. May God continue to bless pastor hardy and family, and the beloved community that he continues to serve so magnificently. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. [applause]

Fish: Dr. Bethel, welcome to your city hall.

Dr. T. Allen Bethel: Thank you commissioner Fish, mayor hales and all of the other commissioners, and dr. W.g. Hardy, jr. Thank you -- to share a few remarks about and on behalf of dr. Hardy, on behalf of myself and the ama albina ministerial alliance. Stephen cubby penned these words. I am not a product of my circumstances, I am a product of my decisions. And I want to say on today, dr. Hardy, it is not circumstances that have brought you where you are today. But sometimes circumstances certainly help to influence what we do, but it has been by your decisions, your decisions to be used and to answer the call that God placed upon your life that perhaps put you on the road just like when he called abram, I will tell you where to go. You have followed that road for all of these years and you continue to follow that road and it is my prayer that God will continue to keep his hands upon you as you move down that road. I have observed in the 20 plus years I have been here your tremendous trail-blazing ability. Not only within the church community, but the community at large. And not only in the community at large, but even in the political

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arena where sometimes many feel that church should not interfere and state says that you should not interfere, you have found ways to bridge that gap and continue to extend across it so that many others will have an opportunity to indeed participate and live in a better quality of fabric in our communities. I found also over the years that you are dependable. Whenever I have called upon you, and you have made a commitment, you have always kept that commitment, and done it to the best of your ability. I remember on one occasion when we were transitioning the offices of ama and called you, it was a day off, and you said i'll come, but I want you to know i'm not dressed. Meaning that I am not in my typical ministerial attire, but i'm still willing to come. That's dependability, because it is not about how we are clothed on the outside. It is about what is clothed on the inside. I found also that you have found your niche in ministry. And often many people do not find that and when you find it, and you have found it, you have chosen to fill that hold, that niche like no one else can, because that one that was carved out for you no one can fill. It is fitted uniquely for w.g. Hardy, jr. Finally, and, of course, when you give a preacher the microphone, dr. Hardy, we get to close more than one time. The first closing -- [laughter]

Bethel: The mayor suspended the rules. [laughter]

Bethel: Your tenacity, tenacity and your determination to continue to press on. I am reminded of one of the mentors in my life, reverend dr. sefford Beverly, sr., in the time when I was going through my bout with cancer, the phone rung one day, and I answered from the hospital bed, and he said to me, son, don't waste your suffering. And I began to question him. What is it you mean by don't waste my suffering? I'm going through something. You realize how serious this is. And he says, yes, but don't waste it. Because in this time, there just might be something that God wants to say to you if you don't waste your suffering. I learned not to waste my suffering. I learned to stop complaining because I realized that no one could do anything about it. I began to gain more patience because I realized that everything was in God's hands. I began to just completely rely and know that whatever would come would come, and I adopted this mantra, to all of my friends I said and I leave these words with you, if by chance I leave here before you think that I should have, I want you to know that I have done everything that I could to stay here as long as I could. And I say -- healing my brother does not mean that the damage never existed. It means the damage no longer controls my life. The damage, dr. Hardy, does not control your life. You're in the hands of the master, and those are good hands for he has the plans for you. Thank you my brother for the privilege of sharing. [applause]

Fish: Dr. Norwood knight-richardson, welcome.

Dr. Norwood Knight-Richardson: Thank you, commissioner, thank you, mr. Mayor, thank you commissioners. I am very proud to be here to recognize a wonderful human being in the presence of my friend dr. Hardy. I was told initially that I had two minutes. And I thought what can you -- how can you say something meaningful about someone so large in our lives in two minutes? And then I thought great truths generally are simple. Such as God is love, two words, very simple. So I can say some wonderful things, and I will, but I might need two closings about a man who when you -- when you know him, how simply -- how simple he is, how straightforward, how wonderful he is, how spiritual he is. The great hero in my life is arthur richardson, better known as deacon arthur richardson, my father, second grade education, came to God when he fell eight stories off of a building into a concrete ditch and he only broke his little finger. And he said he got up from that ditch after being put on a stretcher and taken to the hospital and he committed himself to God. And he committed himself to God in a way that wasn't boastful. He lived it. He taught it. He taught it to us. It was simple and profound. Deacon richardson said that son norwood is going to come up in the west, look west, so that's the man that he was. Deacon richardson always said, you know a man by his works, by his good works. And by those works will you

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find him worthy. Worthy of our love, worthy of our support, worthy of our friendship, worthy to be followed. Dr. Hardy, you are worthy. Deacon richardson would have found this man worthy, and I know God finds him worthy. I love this man, okay. I have known religious leaders across the world. Some have been great writers. Some great teachers. Some great speakers. They were reverends, and -- but the ones that I most admired are the pastors. Do you know about pastoring, folks? It's different from just being a preacher, isn't it? Yeah, it's very different. Reverend hardy is a pastor. What does a pastor do? He leads his flock. Did I say he pushes his flock? He leads his flock, and sometimes to lead them, he has to be where, amongst them. And being amongst them, he can see the little ones who are weak, old ones who are floundering. He can pick the lambs up in his arm and bring them along with the flock. And he is great with children. He can take the older sheep and be patient with them as they graze along and give them dignity. That's reverend hardy. A pastor and worthy, worthy of this moment, which as grand as it is, does not tell his whole story. I'm going to end with a story that some of you may not have ever heard about reverend hardy and it is about a pastor. I met him with this mental health commission. I am a psychiatrist and dedicated to the field of psychiatry and the human mind. It's very, very important. And I have talked to a lot of corporate people, indeed a lot of religious people about the importance of brain health in our overall quality of health. And many were kind of interested. Many looked at me like a heifer looking at a new gate and wondering what was I talking about that that could be applied to our everyday lives? But he got it. He understood it. All right. To the point that he opened up his church and said let's have some meetings. Reverend hardy, one of the problems that I believe we have we don't have vocabulary to talk about mental health. We can talk about our eyes and ears and other parts that my grandmother would blush at right now, that is what we talk about on the tv, but we don't know how to talk about the brain. I want to give a series of lectures called human brain anatomy and physiology. All of you know I am a professor at ohsu and that might sound good up there. What in the world are you going to do to talk about that in the community? I just want to get people to talk about the brain. Reverend, pastor hardy got it. Jumped on board. Okay, i'm going to spend my time and my money and we are going to have these lectures. He didn't send people out to do it. He organized those things himself. He came. We had people come, and we had a great time talking about brain physiology and anatomy. Leaders of our government, if you ever want to hear that lecture, I will be happy to come to council. What he understood, and because -- because he is a shepherd amongst the sheep, and not pushing -- he understood that this was important. And he led it. And another thing that we haven't said here or we have said about -- on the edges of -- I think one of the greatest attributes that a human being in leadership can have is that of humility. He is a humble, worthy man. He is a humble, worthy man. And we are blessed in this city, in this state, indeed I would say the world has been blessed to have such as he amongst us. Thank you so much for this opportunity to be here and talk about a great man. [applause]

Fish: Thank you all. It is now my honor to welcome our second panel forward. Two dear friends of pastor hardy, former state senator jason atkinson, please come forward, and would ronnie herndon, director of albina head start please come forward. [applause]

Fish: Senator.

State Senator Jason Atkinson: Thank you, mr. Mayor, commissioners, thank you commissioner Fish for the invitation. Two people in my life that I care very much about were just on the previous panel. Which is how I came to know my friend, pastor hardy. We met, if you can believe it, over african-american mental health services. And it was a time and about a decade ago when pettiness, political pettiness was trumping political principle.

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And I was asked if I would help. Now, if avel, senator gordly, or dr. Knight-richardson asked for your help, you do what avel tells us to do. [laughter]

Atkinson: And I met pastor hardy, and I walked into avel's office. He stood up. He wouldn't shake my hand. He insisted on a hug. I looked down, he was wearing black cowboy boots, and I said I like you. We're here, though, as friends of pastor hardy to celebrate and thank him for his contribution to our city. For his contribution to his flock, to the greater faith community in our state. Many of us who have had the privilege to work with him are here to thank him for his service to young boys that don't have fathers. To the poorest among us, to the Oregonians who are forgotten, and suffer with mental health issues. But as I was thinking today, getting ready for this, I thought I would be facing him and not all of you. So, i'm going to face you, but i'm going to talk to him. If we are here to celebrate the man, pastor hardy, we are running a danger of making a huge mistake. We should not be here celebrating a man. We are here to celebrate who is inside that man. And when you look at pastor hardy, you have to ask yourself, where does a man like that get the fortitude to serve people who will never say thank you? Where do you get the staying power to serve people who are suffering with mental health issues? Where does somebody have the bravery to sit in a jail cell in birmingham, alabama, abandoned by everyone else, but still fight for the right thing? How does a man among us who dr. Knight-richardson just said was worthy, what gives him that strength? That's what we're here to celebrate. So, when you look at dr. Hardy as I look at pastor hardy, pastor hardy many years ago had an interruption in his life. And he met someone by the name of jesus, and everything else has been different since then. When you look at dr. Hardy, you're looking at somebody who is reflecting someone. So you ask yourself was he trained by politics to do that? No. Was he trained by an incentive in the capital market to do what he does? No, of course not. I was thinking today, and I will finish with this and it will only be one closing. [laughter]

Atkinson: Because I may be a preacher son twice over but I know my place. If all of us go home today and we say that was nice. That was a nice event. That would be a crime. If we left this gathering and this assembly with warm feelings, it would be a missed opportunity. It might even be a missed devine opportunity. I will leave you with two words. And if you don't know what those two words mean when this is over, you should go talk to pastor hardy. The two words are this, know him. Know him. Then you'll know why we're celebrating the man inside pastor hardy. [applause]

Fish: Ronnie herndon welcome to city hall.

Ronnie Herndon: Welcome, commissioners, mayor. I've been at this desk a few times, but this is probably the most enjoyable time that I have ever been here. So, reverend, thank you very much. And it is really an honor for me to be here and say a few words about reverend hardy. I don't think it's often that people find themselves around a living legacy. Most legacies are talked about when people are no longer here, but we in Portland have been so fortunate to be in the presence of a living legacy, and reverend hardy, if we haven't said it sooner, it is only because we didn't want to spoil you in your youth. [laughter]

Herndon: A few stories about reverend hardy. I work with head start. We have several different sites. One morning I get a phone call from reverend hardy. Ron, your building, a fire behind one of your buildings. Kids had been playing around with I guess cigarettes and set some saw dust on fire and caught the trees on fire and also called the fire department. Were it not for him, the building would have burned down because as it was, it was scorched. I thought to myself, reverend, you are always trying to keep people away from that fire. Thank you jesus. Didn't have to do it. He could have just called the fire department. And a few years later, I said to him, we are fortunate enough to get some

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additional money to serve more children. We need space. Could we use your site? He said, sure. And it wasn't one of these begrudging sures. It was whatever you need, whatever I can do. And then I go back to him, reverend, we need to take a few more spaces out of your parking lot so that we can span the playground. Go ahead, ron, whatever you want. It was always whatever you need, and as someone said, to serve children, to serve those who don't have a voice, to serve those that are frequently marginalized, to serve those that people think don't mean a lot. And reverend, those children, none of us know where they end up, but I can tell you where some of them are now that have been through head start. Gentlemen who heads the ford foundation gives credit to his position there to head start. Gentleman who heads up the naacp, same thing. So, those children that you have made a place for, they will probably end up in places where none of us can imagine, but it will be because you gave them an opportunity, not once, not twice, but over and over and over again. And like my colleague here, I think I can count to three and there won't be no three closings here. Lastly, I have heard it said and you do epitomize this, in a person's life, a -- thank you very, very much. [applause]

Fish: I'd like to welcome two new guests, kerry tymchuk executive director of the Oregon historical society. And mike alexander, former president and ceo of the urban league. Gentlemen. [applause]

Kerry Tymchuk: Thank you, commissioner Fish and mr. Mayor and members of the council. All of this talk, avel, and talk about mental health, personal point of privilege here. Few years back, nami, national alliance of mental illness, award in honor of my former boss senator smith and his wife for all of that they did to -- after they lost their son. Each and every year, the award goes to a deserving Oregonian or Oregonians in the front lines of the fight. Senator gordly one of the early winners. Haven't publicly announced yet, 2015 recipients of the award, one is max williams, head of the Oregon community organization, all of the work he did for mental health while head of the state prison. Other commissioner amanda Fritz and her late husband, steve. [applause]

Tymchuk: One of the most eloquent and charismatic individuals in Oregon history, former governor tom mccall, once said he -- not giant statues framed against a red sky, individuals who say this is my community and it is my responsibility to make it better. It is my honor today to join so many others in expressing admiration of another of the most eloquent and charismatic individuals in Oregon history, a man who is indeed a true hero. Few individuals have given more of themselves to make the community of Portland a better place in which to live, work, and raise a family than dr. Hardy. Ever since the days of the Oregon trail, when pioneers would gather for miles around to participate in barn razings, the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor has been part of the Oregon story. That tradition, that story, that history is alive and well nearly two centuries later precisely because of individuals like dr. Hardy and the congregation of highland christian center that he has led with such intelligence, inspiration and integrity. Some of you may not know for the past several years and for many years to come in the future, dr. Hardy is a daily presence at the Oregon historical society. Our Oregon voices exhibit, dr. Hardy knows, includes a section on the history of Portland's albina district and in the video that accompanies the exhibit, an interview with dr. Hardy, filmed while seated in a barber chair and getting a hair cut. Now, I confess I go by fairly often to watch that video. One, because it is good for me to remember when I had to get a hair cut and, two, to hear dr. Hardy's voice and hear his words and inspiration as he talks about the -- the changes he has seen in Portland. One of the highlights, has been my association with another former boss of mine, former cabinet member, united states senator, elizabeth dole. Through mrs. Dole, I became familiar with the story of joseph price -- founder and -- I bring this up because I have been struck by the similarities between dr. Hardy and dr. Price, who was born nearly

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two centuries ago. Dr. Price described as a brilliant scholar, a great gospel preacher, eloquent -- advocate for the common man and shining example of selflessness and devotion to his people. Words that accurately describe dr. Hardy. Also said of dr. Price that quote, he sought to educate the whole man, his hand, his head, and his heart, and that he attracted people through the sheer power of his personality and christian compassion. Sound like anyone you know? Dr. Price's great faith and hope for the future were epitomized in a famous quotation that is one of mrs. Dole's favorite. Dr. Price said I do not care how dark the night, I believe in the coming of morning. All of us here have joined in extending our thoughts and prayers to dr. Hardy and all of us have had our spirits lifted -- no matter how dark the night, a glorious morning will be coming. I think today of the words of the greek poet, who once said, one must wait until the evening to see how splendid the day has been. Like everyone here, I hope there are many, many, many countless more evenings in dr. Hardy's life. But I also know that he can look back at a life filled with faith, a life filled with family, a life filled with being a hero by making Portland a better place and he can say without reservation that the day has indeed been splendid. Thank you dr. Hardy for changing Portland's history and Oregon's history. [applause]

*****: Welcome back.

Mike Alexander: Thank you for having me. Good afternoon, commissioner Fish, mayor hales, commissioner Saltzman, commissioner Fritz, and commissioner novick. I'm very honored and privileged to have the opportunity to join so many others in offering our appreciation for the impact that reverend hardy has had on this community and this city. When I got the memo, I read two minutes literally. So, I wanted to find words that would bring the right sentiment and right sense of my heart to my time today and I chose a reading from the prophet, by jeban. It reads, there are those who give little of the much which they have and they give it for recognition, and their hidden desire makes their gifts -- and then there are those who have little and give it all. They are the believers in life and the bounty of life and their coffer is never empty. Through the hands of such is these, God speaks. And from behind their eyes, he smiles upon the earth. I thought of those words and I thought of the experience that I have had in working with pastor hardy. I would say that whenever I was in a room with him, I know that I was doing the right work and it was the right group of people to be working with. And I would measure my effectiveness by how often our paths could cross, and they could never cross enough. But as I came to today, I also decided to look in a latin dictionary for a phrase that I had heard in the past and it was called -- a latin term that roughly translates to mean in the middle of things. And with that sentiment that I offer my hope, and my prayer that the gratitude and appreciation that we are extending to pastor hardy and his family on behalf of this community and this city indeed is positioned in the middle of things in terms of his life's journey. We have been blessed to have him share his gifts so selfishly with the deserving, and in many instances those who will never know the finger prints that he has placed on their lives, but because of it, our children and our grandchildren will have a pathway to life and fulfillment that they would never have otherwise and it has been a privilege to be in his space and in his presence and I thank you for the opportunity to offer those comments today. [applause]

Fish: We're going to invite a fourth and final panel to come forward. And then we will hear from pastor hardy and his beloved partner in life, and then we will close with comments from the council. Elder curtis miller, carmen hardy, pastor hardy's sister, and roy jay, president of roy jay enterprises. [applause]

Carmen Hardy: Thank you. With respect to the mayor, president, commissioners, and panel of commissioners. I'm here today honored and elated to speak on behalf of the family regarding my brother, pastor hardy. I'm going to share more of a personal aspect of him. When I think of him, I remember being kids and growing up. There were six of us. And

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I don't know how many of you went on field trips as a child and when you go on field trips, you have to pair up. You get your buddy and you hold hands as you go to the park, zoo, Fish hatchery, or whatever. Well, the six of us, we were the two oldest, and he was my traveling buddy. There was the two middle ones and the two younger ones, and I was the only girl. The others were boys. And as many of you know, boys can be mischievous and can get into trouble sometimes. Well, you know the trouble they can get into multiply that by five. So, we were in trouble a lot. And back in the day when spankings were considered profitable and effective, remember one day when we had a real good profitable spanking. As we sat in the -- end of the bed, all six of us, drying our tears, I heard him say, let's go thank dad. Immediately our tears disappeared. Do what? Let's go thank dad. For what? He said for the spanking. He is a true visionary, and with his persuasive communication, we found ourselves standing in front of dad saying thank you. Little did we know that his gift of vision to be able to see things from a different perspective, to be able to see things from afar that one day we would grow up and as adults of a deceased father to be able to look at the news and see the crime and the violence, to see the statistics of those who have been incarcerated and overdosed on drugs and not be able to go to dad and say thanks, that visionary had us do it ahead of time. As life went on, we were separated by the military. He went to the navy. I did the air force. Then he came back, and we raised our families, got married, raised families, and now coming back again as adults with my traveling buddy i'm able to see that over the years his vision did not diminish, but it increased. And not only did it increase, but it became more acute. And he was a visionary not just for his family, but for the church, for the community, for the city, the state, and even the world. I respect him for it, the visionary that he is. And if I can share one little small story. A couple of weeks ago, me and my traveling buddy went to get the car washed, and this big guy came out. And I mean, he was big. And he gave my traveling buddy a big bear hug that he felt. And with tears in his eyes, he said thank you so much for saving my life. Then he proceeded to tell a story, his testimony. He said I have been in the penitentiary for several years. When I came out, I couldn't find a job. I didn't fit anywhere, and I figured my life is not worth living so I decided to kill myself. And then he -- he proceeded to tell us how he ran into pastor and how he said, well, hey, come talk to me. Let's sit down and talk. He opens up his heart to everybody, no matter how small or how old. This gentleman was telling us how every thursday he would go for several weeks to talk to my traveling buddy. And all of the time figuring out how he was going to commit suicide, but each time he would meet, he would push it out further and further another week. And then finally he came up with a strategy of how to do it. He decided i'm going to rob a bank. And then i'm going to run and run and run and run and allow the officers, the police to take my life. And he went and he met with my traveling buddy with his idea in his mind. And in that meeting, my brother said, let me see your hands. And he looked at his hands and he said, those are blessed hands. He said, those hands are going to bring you work. That was the visionary. And, so, by this time, my brother and i, we have tears falling down our eyes because he said, look, now I have my own business because my hands, indeed, brought me work. He said, and I strategically place that business right across the street from the bank that I was going to rob. So that I can remember what I came from and, again, he thanked him for saving his life. And I would like to say to my brother, I honor you as a visionary. I appreciate you as my traveling buddy, and I love you as my brother. [applause]

Fish: Elder curtis miller, welcome.

Elder Curtis Miller: Thank you, let me first say to the mayor and all of the commissioners, especially you, commissioner Fish, I want to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to honor such a great man as pastor hardy. Pastor hardy is more than just a great man, he's a man of God. When I received, when I received my email, it said only two

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minutes. Well, those in highland know two minutes is kind of impossible for me. But one thing I have to say though and give you -- one thing that he teaches in order for you to be in leadership, you must be under leadership. And the thing with that, in order before you can tell someone what to do, you must do what you are told. I will honor the two minutes or three minutes. If I do go over a minute or two, please forgive me. The question I asked God before I come here, what can I say? This man is so great. He has done so many great things. In two minutes I can't do it. The one thing that God showed me was this. I'm going to have those that is going to speak before you. Every person that spoke before me is things that, you know, that I can say that is true and things that we know that this great man have done and I say to each one of them thank you. Because pastor hardy has touched all of our lives. You know. I have been in -- pastor hardy's life for about 17 years. I'm not originally from Portland. I come from indiana. I will tell this quick story. He was invited to a church in gresham and that is where I was going when I first came here to gresham, to east hill. Pastor was asked to speak and he brought the choir and he had about eight people with him, you know. They sounded great. And he preached great. He is a preacher. He is a preacher. And at the end of his sermon, one thing he asked -- I am not -- you know what, I have a little church, 18th, alberta, a theater i'm converting into a church. If there are any men here who know how to do any plumbing or electrical work, if you can come and help, I would appreciate it. That was the call he made for me to be a part of highland. Because being a man that was raised by a man of God, 10 children, we were always raised to help others. I will never forget, went to highland, went to highland, and at first when I looked at the outside, I said wow, what is this? When I went in highland, that was a bigger wow. Because it was a theater, you know. Seats, raggedy seats, and the ceiling was leaking and stuff, but you know what, the one thing I love about him though, he had a vision. And the vision -- it was from God. What I saw him do was completely turn that theater into a house of God. In that house of God, there were people saved. Not just two, 300, but thousands of people. The next greatest thing he done when him and God talking again, vision to go to 76th and gleason, new beginnings, you know. Now, being with him at that time, I joined the church and was part of the board. Some board members didn't see him doing this. But you know what, one time that he -- I don't care what you say, i'm going to do this. He followed God calling. And that was when roy -- I got a chance to meet roy jay that so many people talk about. God gave him great people. Put great people in his life to make it happen. And at 76 and gleason, highland christian center, let me be the first to tell you, there are great things going on there. \$6 million campus. Didn't have the money, we didn't have the money, but you know what, God answered that call. And not only -- at highland today, those -- every sunday he is feeding the hungry. People that don't belong to highland, people that come in and they are getting fed every sunday. Not only feeding the hungry, but the blessing part is in the basement of highland, there is a school there for children. Not only that, you know, he set up to where he -- men and women going out into the prisons to preach to those that are incarcerated. Not only that, the thing is, you know, he is here in the city. But you know what I have to stop for a minute and I have to ask two special ladies to forgive me. I should have gave them honor. One is his mother. Because if it wasn't for her none of us be here. [applause]

Miller: Second is first lady, his wife, sister ali. [applause]

Miller: Because let me be the first to tell you, being married 40 years and living in this world and dealing with people, it takes a wife to help you get through the next day. Because I know there is times when he would go home -- now, answer is not a problem, when it comes to not having the answers and it seems like God is not talking to you, there is that wife and she is the one rubbing his head, saying it is going to be all right, trust in God. I thank God for those two women. I say to my pastor, you know, he has a lot of titles,

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doctor, and he is all of that, but you know what like one of the speakers said, he is a pastor. He is a pastor. He is very concerned about his sheep. Each sheep is important to him. And just the other day, we had -- he had one of his members in the hospital that was going through a battle, you know. And it was 9:30 at night, sister gave me a call and telling me, you know, we have one of our members in the hospital and her mother is there and she hasn't had anything to eat. We need to get her something to eat. I said okay. This is 9:30. Icu, run the food up to take to her and -- who do I see? Pastor hardy, you know. He's coming out. You know, and I thank God for this man. I thank God for him because you know what, he is a man of God. He's a man of God. And the other thing that you have to realize, everywhere that he goes, believe me, there is going to be church. Here we are here, and we had church. We had church. So, you know, and must be -- I want to say to my pastor, pastor, I love you. Two great men in my life. One is -- the reason why you're so great, you don't put yourself first, you put other people. If I get home before you, asked the lord to let me work with you. If you get there before me, please save a place with me.

[applause]

*****: Thank you.

Fish: Welcome, thank you for agreeing to stay within the one minute limit.

Roy Jay: 30 second limit. They have used up all of my time. You know. Mayor, commissioners, thank you for this opportunity for us to come together and as you have already heard, recognize a great man in our community who has been here for a long time. I'm not going to tell you a lot of pastor hardy stories, just watch for my book coming out next week. \$9.95, shipping and handling, walking with pastor hardy. I have known this guy for, I don't know how many years. And I happen to stumble upon highland. This is a short story, but it is so true. I was at highland one sunday with the late harold williams, chair of our board of african-american chamber came to give scholarships to some young kids. We walked into this theater, as elder miller said, converted theater, seats were broken, roof was leaking and i'm looking around saying oh, help me baby jesus. Something going on here. The place was packed. And I was going through a transition time in my life. I'm trying to find the right church, right message and things of that nature. We came and did our little piece. And something told me come back next week. I'm thinking maybe they are just putting on a nice little show because we are the guys with the money, we came with the money. And, so, without him knowing it, and I have told him this story before, without him knowing it, we actually came -- I actually came back the following sunday after the service started. And sat way in the back and just to see, you know, the message. And the message was genuine, it was true, it was sincere. And from there we started to create a kinship. As I was looking around, and I think the pastor remembers I came and I will tell you how bad the furniture was. I tore one of my expensive suits on the arm of the chair. I didn't say anything. But he found out about it. The roof was leaking and things of that nature and the church was so broke they couldn't pay attention. That is an old joke, but that's the truth. So, through the grace of God and talking with a particular gentleman, i'm looking at him over on the right side that used to work at albina bank and looking at a loan application that was sitting there and he said they don't even have a pot to you know what in. See about giving them the money, because I know he is going to do great things. They got it fixed. Got the roof fixed and they went on to do other things and when the pastor told me, he said now i'm looking at a \$6 million church. I'm thinking, well, you don't have a job. And i'm looking at him and saying, okay, go ahead and do it. Nobody is going to say no. But he actually did what everybody else was thinking about doing. He has always been that kind of person. So, I have been on the pastor hardy wagon and train and everything else for years and years and years. He has been our partner in project clean slate and I can't begin to tell you how many people he has helped. It is not just us running the

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program. Pastor hardy sitting over there and working with people, people doing community service at highland and people changing their lives and he has never asked them to come join my church. A lot of them come back because they like the message and they haven't been around a man of God that will affect him as much as he has. He has been -- you talk about traveling buddies. This is a short pastor hardy story. I called him up. You want to go to Washington, d.c., with me. Do you remember the story? You certainly do. And so I took him to Washington, d.c., I said you are going to meet a couple of friends of mine. We were there for three, four days and running around and he was just having himself a good time, praying on everybody and so as all -- on our way back, coming back for some young lady's funeral. I showed him how to be able to travel -- how to have the airlines actually pay you to travel. And he just couldn't believe it. It was like just take note. Just take notes, you know. To this day -- you learned, didn't you? You learned real quickly. We have learned from each other. We have, you know, he has been, you know, I told him i'm his shadow most of the time. You don't see me. But i'm there. He went through hell and high water, you know, the health challenge is a challenge. It is not a death wish. We all in this room and everybody else has been praying on this. As he says, do I have a church in here? We have a church in here. He is not checking out any time soon. I'm just glad to call him my friend. He's been there for me and everybody else and I thank the council for recognizing him while he's breathing, like they say. It's better to be seen than viewed. And, you know, I won't be viewing him until he is like 103, 105 years old. [applause]

Jay: Okay. Thank you kindly. God bless you. And i'm going to turn it over to who ever. My one minute is up.

Fish: Roy, would you please escort our honored guest to the table?

Jay: Yes, I would be glad to. [applause] [cheers and applause]

Fish: Pastor hardy and first lady ali hardy, we would like to give you the first opportunity to share any reflections that you would like to and we could close our proceeding as is our tradition with comments from the council. So, welcome.

Ali Hardy: Well, I would like to ask my children to stand. [applause]

Ali Hardy: Along with them, I want to say truly thank you to all of you for recognizing my husband and his wonderful works. Thank you. And also to all of the loved ones here and our -- that have come to support us. Thank you very much. [applause]

Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr: To the mayor and to the other council members, it is an honor and privilege to be here. And it is very humbling, very humbling. I remember back hearing my father share stories and one of the things I would hear my father say repeatedly is why did I come to Portland? Why did I come to Portland? And he -- background to that, he said that as a traveling evangelist, he was a gang member once and he said if the lord would save him at the age of 16, he would serve God the rest of his life. Switch-blade in his pocket, about to get into a ruffle in san bernardo, california, the lord got him out of it. At 16 he began to serve the lord. And then in the summertime, he would take the money that he saved up and -- pin that to the inside of his pants and get a greyhound bus ticket as far as his money would take him. Get off the bus, look through the phone book and find a pastor. Go to the church, hello, the lord sent me here to run a revival. He did that in the summer and come back home. In san francisco, he went in there and saw my mother. My mother was only 16 years old. And he said lord, if that is my wife, when I go to her house, if the house is clean, i'm going to marry her. [laughter]

The rest is history. Obviously the house must have been clean. They married, and he would do the same. He went -- served in the korean war and came back and continued the regimen of running revivals. Mom got pregnant -- he said evangelist and pregnant wife should not be on the road traveling. He settled here in Portland. He always say why did I stay here? As hard as he worked. He tried to get a church here. We all know about

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Portland's history. Red lining in banks and wouldn't give him a loan. Northeast 10th and beach, predominant neighborhood now, but back then, motley community, and got the ice house and converted it into a mission church. And he would say why am I here? If I was in another predominant city we would be further ahead. Every summer he would pitch a tent and put it up for 30 days, martin luther king, jr., boulevard, now, but it was union. And that is where the alcoholics and prostitutes would hang out and he would put that tent up for 30 days in the summer and preach and try to reel in and save and salvage souls. And, again, he would say why did the lord send me here? It was even so bad when we grew up as kids, I wondered if my dad was going to go to jail just because for him to get a better home that would house six kids, the bank wouldn't loan him money. For whatever reason we may know, but he struck a deal with an italian family in southeast Portland. They said under the table we will sell you this house on contract. And not knowing the law, I just figured if it is under the table, maybe any day they would take my dad to jail just because he bought a bigger house. Later learned that that is just how you do business, you know, when you can't find a way, God blesses a way. So, he moves into the house and as he is raising six kids, predominantly italian community, he says to himself, why am I staying here? It's hard to find culture diversity and it is hard to make it. It's hard to navigate. It's difficult. He was the first african-american preacher on katu channel two television. He would close it out. He was the last man before the american flag came waving. He only had two minutes. He would say the -- he was always careful. He would talk about -- he would always be careful. He would say I don't know why I settled in this place. But today I think the answer is here. When I look and see a community such as this, that has come together against denominations and racisms and -- when I look at my daughter and her friends and they would stand, come all of the way from jesuit high school -- stand. [applause]

Different nationalities. When I come before a city council, heart in the right place. They don't just give lip service to -- housing department, parks bureau, come before you and express the needs of the young people that need it to have work and the moneys and it was a dire time, but you heard that message and rather than placating us and sending us off, you diverted necessary funds to those youth. When I see you in the community and hear the things you're doing, I realize the reason that God allowed my father to be here is because he wanted me to see that God truly has a plan for humanity of bringing us all together, and if you stay the course, times change and you ask that question, is it better for blacks now? We may not be where we want to be, but if we look around, we can say by God, it surely is better than what it used to be. [applause]

Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr.: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you so much. Comments from my colleagues here.

Fish: Let me begin --

Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr: Please, i'm sorry.

Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr: My father passed in 2013, and ever since then -- 2003, and ever since then, in his place, i've always had and grateful to have him here, my uncle who is here. When I need a word of counsel, he is my silent rock. [applause]

Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr: Thank you, commissioner.

Fish: Mayor, I want to begin by thanking senator gordly and roy jay for working with us to organize this tribute. They're two wonderful community leaders, and when the call went out, they answered it and everyone they invited accepted and the truth is, pastor hardy, we could extend this event another six hours and not hear from all of the people that wanted to speak. But I would like to begin by offering my deep felt thanks to avel and roy for helping organize this event. [applause]

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Fish: I would like to thank the highland christian center family, the choir, the elders, the parishioners and all who came out today to participate in this celebration. Can we give the highland family a round of applause? [applause] I would like to acknowledge all of our honored guests. You know, it's like having an all-star cast here in Portland. And so we thank everybody that took time out of their busy lives to come and share personal reflections about their great friend and mentor and colleague, pastor hardy, and his family, and you do great honor to this body to share your stories with us today. I want to thank my colleagues for agreeing to host this event. This is -- I think, mayor, is an unprecedented event. And I have been trying to think of another time when the council extended an honor like this. Perhaps the closest I can think of is in recent history, is when the community gathered to thank charles jordan and to place his name above a community center in northeast Portland. But this is extremely rare and that is befitting of someone who is so unique in our community. I want to close with one of my favorite quotes, quotes that george hawker and I love together and it was stated by another pastor. You may have heard of. And dr. King once said and I will quote, everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love. I was thinking about the pairings that we have heard about tonight. About will and ali. About 76th and gleason. About church and state. About beloved and community. About servant and leadership. And as dr. King would say, the greatest perhaps marriage of all about grace and love and will you embody to the depths of your being this notion of grace and love and you honor us today with your presence and i'm honored to be part of this ceremony. Thank you. [applause]

Saltzman: Let me add it that pairing. Engineer and trimet. [laughter]

Saltzman: I think -- you had that calling for God, I know you worked for trimet and had a background as an engineer and somebody who is also educated as an engineer, I have always felt that certain bond and my admiration for you as increased so much more because you've come so far and i'm certainly proud of you and everything that you have done for the city, and I just have a few vivid memories that I want to share that I know I shared with you. When I was on this council, we led the effort to rename Portland boulevard to rosa parks way. I think as my colleagues know, street renamings are never easy in this city and this was no exception. But the african-american ministry was there from the start. Pastor hardy was always the one who said, if you need me to meet with some group of people and we took him up on that. He was always there. As reverend bethel said, you can always count on pastor hardy to be there. He was the front line of the effort to rename Portland boulevard to rosa parks way. Thank you for that. When I was the police commissioner, hard to say, hard to believe, but we had a -- what seemed like then a bad gang problem and it pales in comparison to what we are seeing right now. But it was bad and as police commissioner, always trying to figure out what we can be doing for these youth. As someone who cares about youth having constructive things to do, I sought pastor hardy's counsel and went out there and met with him, and meetings with some of the youth in his church to have a chance to better get inside their heads which is always challenging when the distance of age is so great. I remember you telling me that, you know, to always look up in the balcony of your church. Like I look up in the balcony today and think about you telling me -- they will show up but they're not going to come to the main floor. I remember looking up and observing them and when I attended your services. I guess my final memory, as I have attended your services from time to time, I have always been so profoundly impressed with your call on men to be fathers. And you are unabashed, unashamed about doing that. And I know that is not always politically correct to do. But I know that in your service, you would always ask all of the men who are fathers

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to come up on the stage and be blessed and prayed for and I appreciate that about you too. It has been a real pleasure and I look forward to my continued relationship with you and thank you for all that you have done for us and you too, Mrs. Hardy.

Novick: Pastor Hardy I just want to thank you and everyone here for spending this time with us. Any event that combines the quiet dignity of Avel Gordly and the flamboyance of Roy Jay is by definition a blessed and wonderful event. And in this case reflects a blessed and wonderful man, so thank you. And I just wanted to say that part of your role is to hold us accountable and when we screw up, as we will, and you hold us accountable, as you do, to follow up on what your sister said, we will thank you for the spanking.

Fritz: How great that we are here today. And thank you Pastor Hardy for being willing to do this. You're such a humble man and yet you have agreed to let us thank you in public. It's a blessing for each one of us I know. Thank you to everybody who came. What a wonderful place in our city hall to be celebrating our pastor. Mayor Adams gave you the Spirit of Portland award in 2011, and under Mayor Adams we pioneered, what did we mean by separation of church and state and why should they be so separate that they are doing good things for people in need, so that's a joint venture that we need to work together on, and I have really appreciated your partnership on that. I very much appreciate having the Highland Christian Center and all of you who worked so hard there and cared for people there, and I am -- I know you cared for 4 million incarcerated people, I am a former British person, and in Britain, they would call the church a happy, clappy church. It is, and it's a wonderful place to celebrate. When I first was campaigning I was told you need to go to Highland Church, and that's part of what you do as a political candidate, and you welcomed me there, and I promised that I would come back when I was not a candidate, and I did. I am also a former nurse, and nurses are beloved and I am now a politician. We're worse than tax collectors. [laughter] You always made me feel like I was a friend, and welcome in your heart and church. I thank you all. I thank Mrs. Hardy Sr., what a fine man you raised with your husband and to Mrs. Hardy Jr. for being with him and agreeing to do this ceremony with us, what a partnership that you have been, and when one is in a high profile position, and one not, I don't think that people recognize how much the partnership matters and needs to be strong. This has definitely been a celebration. I would encourage each of you -- when my husband died, we had a celebration where we had two hours of people coming taking the microphone and talking about what he or I had meant to them, and if you did not get a chance to speak today, I encourage you to do that now, do that today because we don't know any of us how long we have left, and so it can be really helpful, and so I want to say, I love you. I really appreciate what you do for our community and what you have done for me, and I hope that each one of us will grasp the day. We cannot change the past. We can only change the present with the hope of changing the future, so in the present today, thank you. [applause]

Fish: Our mayor will have the last word but I seek humble forgiveness. I neglected to acknowledge the work of Jenny Kalez who did the staff work. Give Jenny a round of applause.

Hales: Well, the only thing more dangerous than multiple pastors with a microphone is multiple elected officials, but I will match my colleagues in brevity and also with love because that's why we are here. And we won't match the eloquence of what we heard from community leaders here today, and thank you all for expressing the love that we all feel for you, and your family, and your mission. In our city. And Nick said this was a unique event, and I was reflecting on that while I was listening to each of you, and it is a unique event, and it's also a unique spirit that's in this room today. I look around this room, and a lot of community leaders who like me, in one capacity or another, has spent a lot of time in this room, in my case, about 12 years where I have to show up every week, but

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before that as a citizen and activist, as a leader in the community, as I see again so many around this room, pastors and elected officials and community leaders. And people, maybe, who don't participate in the process sometimes think that government is a bloodless business with no emotion involved. Of course, anybody who spent any amount of time in this room would realize that that's not the case. And there sometimes is a prevailing emotion in the room. Sometimes, it's contentiousness where we are divided as a community. Name that street. Don't name that street. Put fluoride in my water, please don't put fluoride in my water. Approve that thing. Don't approve that thing. We have division and contentiousness as the prevailing wind in this room sometimes. Sometimes, we have is, maybe not confusion, but at least consternation. This is a complicated problem. We can't seem to find a solution. We work so hard at housing. There is still homeless people. And there is a prevailing spirit of puzzlement and confusion and consternation in the room. And I felt that often on those issues. And sometimes, there is consensus, where in sweet reason we come together and say, the community and the council, we agree, this is the right thing to do. We did that -- I was so proud of this council and community, we did that because we've been blessed as a city, with some prosperity that rains down into our budget, and this council urged by a lot of people in this room, invested a couple million dollars in making our community centers free for kids, and that was a sweet home of consensus where everybody said that's the right thing to do. And so there really, often, is an emotion in this room, again, sometimes is, it's almost an ugly one. Sometimes it's beautiful. This is the first time in all the times that I've been in this room, in whatever capacity, where I would say it's so clear, there is one emotion in this room, and it's gratitude. We love this man. We are grateful for you and your mission. We are grateful for what your Family has sacrificed for you to carry out that mission. And you have inspired and do inspire us to be better as a city, and that's a great gift. Thank you very much. [applause] we'll take a brief break, and others can thank you personally. Thank you all so much for coming today. [applause] [break taken]

[The meeting recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.]

Hales: We are going to move from one source of pride and joy to another here from a guy who is the pride and joy of our city, as the community leader to a set of relationships with our sister cities, our pride and joy for all of us involved. We're looking forward to this report very much. Would you read the next item, please.

Item 574.

Hales: Welcome, gentlemen. To kick this presentation off, thank you very much for being here today, and it was just great to have our city cities represented earlier today with our reception, and part of the rose festival fun. Thank you.

Hector Miramontes, Director of International Relations: Absolutely. Thank you, mayor and commissioners. My name is hector miramontes, I work with Portland's nine sister city associations, and one friendship city association. This is a committed group of volunteers put together, put on an incredible variety of activities and events every year that support our engagement with the international community. As you mentioned, mayor, earlier today the group of sister city Association leaders put on the fourth annual sister city reception for visiting sister city guests, international dignitaries, consuls, generals, and other leaders based in Portland. So, this is my second time speaking before the council, and I would like to thank you, mayors and commissioners for this opportunity. Today, we would like to use our time to have Portland's city leaders speak to the council on their respective sister city associations providing a brief annual report on activities carried out in the course of the past year. Before I invite my colleagues to speak, I would like to provide background on the sister city program. Portland's nine sister cities are members of the sister cities international. A national nonprofit program that was initiated by the Eisenhower

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administration in 1959. With the purpose of working to foster an international atmosphere of understanding and respect. Just briefly. Portland also has one active friendship city relationship with the utrecht in the netherlands, and we have a representative here in the council. He is here in the audience. This friendship designation is a provisional status before becoming a sister city, and I would like to point out that in spite of the provisional status, our relationship with utrecht is defined by-productive exchange In business, education, and government and beyond. And they are doing that during their visit, so each of Portland's nine sister cities and our one friendship city bring real benefits to our city and the metropolitan area. They contribute to and enhance Portland's engagement with the international community, helping us to promote cultural and educational exchanges, and fostering global economic ties. It's an honor to work with such a committed group of people. I would now like to invite my colleague, mr. James autry, president of the Portland ashkelon sister city association to start us off with the association's annual report.

Hales: Thank you. Welcome.

James Autry: Thank you for allowing us to be here again, and to present our annual reports. I am james autry. My full-time job is my company runs two nonprofits here in the metro area. The christian chamber of commerce of the northwest. We've been meeting for seven years, 13 meetings. I have done 1,000 meetings in the last five years, and I have another nonprofit called serving our neighbors, been engaging with the pastors in this room over the last years, as well as the community with the association and so forth helping, encouraging people to show up. So we are proud to sponsor the rose city reception that we do, and I was a chair for that today. And it's just a blast. I love setting that platform to go, and hosting the folks together, and kind of coordinating all the things, so it was a deeply, a great honor to do that today. Portland ashkelon, sister city association, has been around for 27 years. Actually, we are coming up on 28 years now. And it's a growing israeli city, it's one of the largest ones, as far as area land, 138,300 citizens now, and it's home to one of the largest [inaudible] plants, israeli breweries, as well as some of the fine, most creative, young entrepreneurs. I love the fact that ashkelon, israel is right there where the intel plans are, microsoft, a lot of technologies, biotechnologies come out of that particular district in that community, as well as environmental breakthroughs and medical breakthroughs, so there is a lot of incredible things happening in ashkelon. They are building a brand new city hall that should be opening in 2008. And then has lots of parks and a lot of similarities between Portland and ashkelon. It is steeped in history, 5,000 years old, ancient biblical city. And 25% of the residents of ashkelon are under 18. So, they have 27,000 students from preschool and grade school, and 5,500 students, that are attending ashkelon college, and so they have a unique program developed for all these young folks, and their school system is -- prides itself on quality and excellence, and so it's a Very high-tech area. They have a new area that's 198 acres being built in the north part of the city. And so there is lots of expansion going on in ashkelon. This last year, we also helped coordinate the reception, and so our focus for the local efforts here, and the new president, and been rebuilding the infrastructure for ashkelon Portland relationships. We have a brand new mayor in ashkelon, so we're working with him and partnering with him in various ways. And his name is [inaudible], and this is the new city hall being built. It's an amazing partnership that i'm looking forward to reestablishing. It was silent for a bit, and off and on, struggling for leadership, but over the last three or four years, because of my work with the christian chamber and surrounding neighbors, there is lots of interests from various community leaders, like some of the ones in this room earlier, to connect and partner in that way. So, we have some events we're planning for this year, as well, to honor our local rabbis, and then we will be focusing in on summer activities to raise continued funding. So, I am

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excited about what ashkelon has been doing, and the Portland ashkelon sister city association, and looking forward to a very bright future. Thanks again.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks for the good work.

****: Thanks.

****: Ok, who is next.

Hales: Bologna is next? Ok, keeping alphabetical order. Good afternoon. Welcome.

Phillip Potestio: Good afternoon, thank you. My name is Phillip Potestio. I am the president of the Portland Bologna Sister City Association. We have been celebrating our tenth anniversary this year, and that brought a nice delegation from Bologna to visit us last summer, last June, for the Rose Festival. We had ten people from various aspects of Bologna, the government industry, also food and wine, and they came and enjoyed themselves. They had an incredible little setup where they set up a Casa Bologna in the park blocks, and at an apartment there. They rented it for a couple of weeks, and we had numerous activities there. Presentations. Festivities. It was really quite wonderful. Part of their delegation to us was a group of three start-up companies. Representatives from those companies. And they made, established incredible contacts with the Portland community. It was lovely that they were so well matched with what goes on in Portland. These people were winners of a contest in Bologna to be able to travel here and take part, and those have already paid off those contacts we have made, have already paid off in a number of ways. We also sent a delegation for our tenth anniversary to Bologna. If you can see the slide that is there now, the October -- the 2014 delegation, went and coincided with the 70th anniversary of the [inaudible], the Gothic line, they call it in Italy. That was a time when American soldiers food outside of Bologna for almost a year waiting to enter it and liberate the people there. My uncle Joe, a long-time Portland resident and graduate of Franklin High School, and University of Portland, was one of those soldiers. So, it meant a lot for me to be able to go there and to help that celebration. We also had a symposium with regional governments that Bologna put together for us. This was fascinating. We saw, you know, all these small communities outside of Bologna, that are very interested in the relationship with Portland, and when we were in the place that the slide is now, piano, I stressed that Portland and our region have a great willingness to work with them, and they were very excited to hear about that. I hope that our relationships will continue to extend our contacts, but also we can reap the bounty of that beautiful region, surrounding Bologna. The startups, actually, also were presented in front of the council in Bologna, and there was a group of about 300 people jammed into a beautiful area in Bologna. Hearing the extolled virtues of Portland, it was pretty unbelievable. We sat there, and this Portland never looked so good. They took slides of their visit here, and each of them talked about their experiences with contacting other like businesses here, but also, just their love for Portland, and it was incredible, and it just really filled the room, and I was really happy to have the opportunity to be there this year is the year that we send our youth exchange to Bologna, and we have nine high school students from the Portland area, including our first students ever from Franklin High School, Jefferson High School, and Health and Sciences in Beaverton. We also were able to give our first full scholarship to someone to go to Bologna for 15 days. And they will be leaving in two weeks, and will be spending two weeks, and I can't wait for them to come back and tell us of their, of their visit. They are very excited, and we met with them, and they are wonderful ambassadors for the city of Portland, and I am quite proud to be connected with them and have them go in our -- as our representatives. So, thank you very much, and thank you, Council, for giving us this opportunity every year to touch base with you. Know that we appreciate the exposure, but also, that we appreciate your connections with us, too. So thank you.

Fish: When is the next official trip to Bologna?

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Potestio: I would love to be able to tell you that, but we don't know At this time. But, whenever you are ready.

Hales: The last one was commissioner novick.

Potestio: I was going to say, commissioner novick was there and I talked to him about it before, and I was really happy that he had a chance to go, and seemed to like it a lot, so that's great.

Novick: My wife and I had a wonderful time, and [inaudible] with the city gave us a fantastic tour of city hall, and I want the viewers of cable access to know that if you are going to bologna, the pumpkin tortellini is not to be missed.

Fish: There is one other connection between Portland and italy, which is not as well known, which is the -- there is a Portland couple, two women, who are married, that have two children, who are in a case that's working its way to the highest court in italy, to establish the rights of their children to dual citizenship. And because it's a same sex marriage and some other legal complications, has not been worked out, so a Portland couple is, actually, going to set the precedent in italy for the rights of children of same sex couples where there is a dual citizenship opportunity.

Potestio: That's fantastic. Thank you for bringing that up.

Hales: Thanks very much.

Hales: All right. Welcome.

Stephanie Lamberson: Good afternoon. I am stephanie lamberson with the guadalajara-Portland association. Glad to be here with you all. We've been a busy bunch. First off, from -- I am so proud of our bombero program that we are able to purchase some cpr mannequins this year, and in order to train and certify people in spanish and in english, so far, we kicked -- kick started that at our last event at the cinco de mayo event, and we were able to certify 136 people in c.p.r 42 of those were spanish speaking. We were also, through that program, procured 1343 self-contained breathing apparatuses, air packs, from a private donor in Washington that has been donated all throughout latin america, so we're really proud of those life saving devices. In addition to that, one of our executive board members also is a Portland firefighter, jose, and we send him to guadalajara on a semi-regular basis to do training with the bombero program there in guadalajara, as well as hosting firefighters from guadalajara to come to Portland and learn the life-saving techniques that have helped them. As well as sending jose to guadalajara, we were able to send a couple of other board members to guadalajara this last year. They met with the director of international relations, and the executive director of the international book fair. That take place in guadalajara, annually. They are the largest book fair in latin america. We were there to kind of plant the seed for a long-term plan to Have Oregon as the guest of honor at this event, which would open up international business opportunities. Here locally, we've been working with Portland literary arts to bring latin american authors to the Portland's woodstock event. So, some of these funds that we're raising, we've been able to adopt an autism school, in guadalajara, and here locally, we have adopted a pre-k albina head start program, where we have donated toys at holiday time, and purchased bilingual books for the classroom. Our funding has also supported habitat for humanity, snow-capped charitable services, and miracle theater company. Pgfca helped to fund girl scouts of Oregon's world thinking day. We provided a workshop on history, and traditions of mexican cuisine. Now, all that funding came from the hard work and efforts of our board through our cinco de mayo fiesta. This year, our event, just tying up the bows with it now, we welcomed about 80,000 people to waterfront park. We had the mariachis from guadalajara, [inaudible], authentic food, music, and artisans to the city. We were honored to have mayor hales as our keynote speaker at the naturalization ceremony. This year, and also our royal rosarians. We appreciate everyone's efforts. This year we welcomed

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49 new citizens from all over the world. Also, at our cinco de mayo event, we off a student assembly That we treat over 1300 school children to a special performance on the cinco de mayo stage. And we held this year the guinness world record for largest gathering of people wearing sombreros for two days because right after we broke the record, which was our own record, two days later, at an l.a. Angels' baseball stadium, which they are known for crushing people's records, beat us by a mere 19,000 people marrying sombreros, so we held it for a couple days. So, we're taking suggestions on what kind of world record to break at our cinco de mayo event next year. So, get your thinking caps on.

Hales: It might have to be food related.

Lamberson: Maybe. Wearing sombreros, eating burritos, something. Thank you for having us today.

Hales: Thank you. The naturalization ceremony is a wonderful tradition. That's great. Thank you.

Lamberson: It was such an honored to have you there, and the new citizens were just -- they could not believe it, that they are welcomed to our city -- what, the mayor is going to be welcoming us? It was just really special, so thank you for being a part of it.

Hales: Thank you. Great.

Hales: Good afternoon.

Rob Hungerford : Good afternoon. Mayor hales and members of the city council, I am rob hungerford, and most of you know Me from a lot of hats that I wear, the rosarians, and different things, but I am also privileged to serve as a board member of the Portland kaohsiung sister city association, and since that's a bit of a mouthful, I will just call them pksca. So the mission is to promote people-to-people exchanges of educational, artistic and cultural activities. In accordance with the spirit of the sister city international program, and to promote Portland and kaohsiung to the world. So some of the highlights of the pksca this past year include our goodwill delegates, both to and from kaohsiung. So, each year a delegation from Portland visits kaohsiung for several days during the lantern festival, and we try to know when that is, but sometimes the dates move. We experienced this last year. But we did have a great delegation go there, and then each june, an official delegation from the city of kaohsiung comes to visit Portland for the rose festival. Our 2015 Portland delegation was made up of city officials, civic leaders, we were privileged to have the rose festival queen with us, the president of the Portland rose festival foundation, and the, and prime minister of the royal rosarians and members of the pksc board. Later this evening, the city of Portland and the pksca board will greet a delegation of over 30 arriving from kaohsiung city. This delegation is played up of members of the kaohsiung city council, the kaohsiung city Government, and civic leaders, and these visits provide first-hand contact among civic and business and government leaders, and increase the understanding of each other's city. And as we found out, did you know that now, you can get your voodoo doughnut fix for your maple bar covered in bacon in taiwan. So, you can stop in there. Voodoo doughnuts. Another program that we have is the host family program for students coming from kaohsiung's shuta high school, so yesterday, a delegation of over 70 students and staff arrived from there, and they are now with their host families from across the Portland area being provided an american home experience, and these are extremely talented musicians and dancers. They are going to stay here for a week. They will be participating in the rose parade and will have a marvelous performance on monday night at david douglas high school. And for them, this is a wonderful first-hand experience, experiencing the culture of the city of Portland. And pksca is proud that this year for the rose festival, we have 100 delegates coming from kaohsiung. And another program that we have is our participation in the grand floral parade, so each year since 1989, Portland and kaohsiung have sponsored a beautiful and

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often prize-winning float in the grand floral parade, and this year is no exception, and the float will be accompanied by music and dance groups from the high school. Another activity that we have is the dragon boat racing, and that's going on right now, of course, and this is an annual cultural event hosted by the PKSCA that is held in early June of each year, and is a sanctioned rose festival event. This year's race features 60 teams from all over the world and they raced in our unique Taiwan style dragon boats over two days of racing. So, Mayor Hales and members of the city council, the PKSCA wants to thank you for your continued support of our association and its mission in the sister cities.

Hales: Thank you.

Hungerford: We'll see you.

Hales: Well, I will be over at the coronation.

Hungerford: We'll be split.

Hales: So will I.

Hales: Thank you.

Alan Ellis: Hello, I am Alan Ellis, and I am here to talk about the Portland Khabarovsk sister city association. And I get two questions right off the bat. How do you pronounce the Russian sister city and where is it located. And the K.H., the beginning of Khabarovsk, has a h sound and the stress is on the middle syllable so it ends up Khabarovsk. And it's named after an explorer. Where it's located, you have a handout, and you can see at the top there is a logo, sister city logo, and there are two red dots. One red dot is where Portland, Oregon is -- oh, there it is. Where Oregon is located. And the other red dot is where Khabarovsk is located, separated by the Pacific Ocean. They are on the, basically the same parallel, but the climates are quite different. It gets colder there, and a bit -- and much more humid there, in the summer. But, like Portland, there is a major river that flows into -- right next to Khabarovsk, and that is the Amur, and you see that indicated there. And it forms a border between China and Russia, and right above Manchuria. The people in this part of the Russia don't like to be called Siberia. They like to be called the Russian Far East. Thank you. And Khabarovsk is a regional capital. It's a political, regional, political educational and cultural center. And also, a lot of good music comes out of there. We had -- we have had a jazz bridge exchange, and we're bringing over, in November 8, we'll have our bridge to Russia gala celebrating 27 years as a partnership in Southeast Portland. We're having the debut of one of the most popular soft rock groups coming over from Khabarovsk, so that will be a lot of fun. Last year, a delegation came here. We had just visited Khabarovsk last May at the height of the Ukrainian crisis. And it was a little problematic at the time. Yet, when we got there, everything was -- we had a tremendous hospitality, and we brought the group over here. And what it shows is that all of our sister cities have the ability over the years to bridge the political, cultural gaps and even sometimes, transcend international disputes. These people-to-people programs, really, do a lot of good, and really, pave the road for commercial and diplomatic ties later on down the road. We have a number of programs. We're going to be bringing over a group of students from Khabarovsk in the fall, and they are going to be hosted by Franklin High School students, and at Franklin High School we have a Russian language program, and then that group of Franklin High School students is going over in the spring, and this is the renewal of a successful educational exchange, home stay exchange, with the same school gymnasium no. 5, back in the 1990s with Lincoln High School. So, we're really happy about that. We're also, we're, we also have the Oregon Historical Society. That is partnering with the partnering with the Khabarovsk City History Museum. And they may have an exchange of employees pretty soon. Radio sports, ham radio, big thing. First joint project that we had with Khabarovsk, and that's going to also pick up. And we also do a number of activities, and one of which we had a Russian restaurant in town for

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international women's day on the beginning of may, we celebrated victory day, which is a huge holiday over there, celebrates the victory over hitler.

Fish: Wait a second, you had an event at kotcha? How did we miss that event? Just a kick --

Ellis: It was on the 9th of may, the international -- the 8th of may, and we had that on sundays, I believe.

Fish: We'll never forgive martha pelegrino for losing that. I went there recently, and you know that menu and the long list of vodkas, and I said that I can't possibly choose a vodka here. What do you are em? The person recommended a Portland vodka.

Ellis: Wow, how about that?

Fish: A lot of Portland vodka.

Ellis: Very diplomatic.

Fish: Next time, would you please let us know?

Ellis: Our most recent one was victory day at -- celebrating the commemoration of the victory over hitler, and 20 million died, and they still remember their, you know, the -- being allies with the united states, and that's a real continuing, positive thing. And we are, also, promoting a summer festival at lewis & clark college, sponsored by Portland piano international. And that is going to be from the 18th to the 21st, and they are focusing on a soviet, a very famous soviet pianist and his compositions, and they have world class pianists coming to town for that. So, I hope some day you can come -- some of you will be able to go to khabarovsk and experience the hospitality there, and despite all of the problems that we have, our countries have now, with ukraine, things are very positive, and beneficial for both cities because of this relationship. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Welcome.

Chido Dilawayo: Good afternoon, I am chido dilawayo, and I am a board member of the Portland mutare city association. Despite being granted political asylum, I am truly appreciative for the relationship that Portland has with mutare and zimbabwe. The association's goal is to show the distance from africa to Portland. We want to build bilateral trust and personal relationships. That being said, zimbabwe is a country with political tension. The economy is in tatters, and the hiv rate is high, although it has dropped 10% in the last decade. Zimbabwe's life expectancy is 39. And the health and education system has imploded. Women have really become the backbone of the economy, and are getting some foreign assistance, thanks to people like this. Annually, we hold a fundraiser on december 1st, world aids' day, and with this, money we're able to fundraisers, we work on various projects, and this past year, we focused on three. One of them is with the st. [inaudible] school, which is a relationship that we built -- We have had with them for over a decade now. We supported children school fees, who wouldn't have been able to afford, as well as the critically needed custodial and staffing needs for the school. It just opened this january, and they were busy in making sure all the needed resources were there, and things were looking up, and we had a close -- a little over 1,000 students by the end of january who started this. Our second project, we've been working on was with island hospice, which is -- which was the first hospice in africa, which was established, established in 1971. We helped to fund the acquisition of [inaudible] and other basic custodial care needs, and as we support terminally ill patience. The third project we are working on, we work on this past year, is with an organization called [inaudible], and which means deaf, and is a school for the hearing impaired. We helped to fund materials and training for deaf women at this school, in mutare, and what these women are able to do is use patterns to make sanitary napkins, which without this, they would not have been able to go to school because usually, this problem of sanitary, is the number one reason why the girls are absent during school terms in the region. Let's see

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here. Just in closing, I wanted to say that the world looks at zimbabwe as a sister city, we work directly with our neighbors in mutare and are full of hope and Bolstered by their hard work, determination and accomplishments in facing unbelievable challenges, so thank you for this opportunity.

Hales: Thanks very much. Good afternoon.

*****: Sapporo, japan. [speaking in another language]

Michael Bacon: Good afternoon, I am michael bacon, and I am the president of the Portland sapporo city association, and last year I made the mistake of doing my professional introduction, I work for Portland public schools. In working with all the language immersion programs so you will see influences of the educational aspects we have in our piece. We were at Portland and sapporo, our two cities that really are thriving cities that share a tremendous amount of similarities, amazing qualities, in terms of the bountiful nature, high quality of living. A focus on sustainability, also a high sort of level of culinary and, of course, beer, that is focused there. We, as an association, really have had three major areas that we focus on for the past year. First of all, is our youth exchanges. And in this, we, actually, have three major ones that are currently going on. We have an exchange with ago, the eight city high schools in sapporo, and every year this is a picture here, and as you can see, mayor hales is greeting and speaking to our delegation of those high school students that came, two from each of the high schools there, and they spent Time in the host families here, and really exchanging with our schools, and elementary, middle, and high school in Portland public schools, and really, i'm getting an opportunity to learn more about the city, and it's unique aspects, as well, here in Portland. We also have a summer institute, and we are just getting ready to send off nine students -- actually, from grant high school, who will be spending, I believe, it's four weeks total on their going to school, really engaging in what I call the micro-touring, not getting on a bus and traveling around, but really getting to know the people and places, and the educational system, and their peers there in south sapporo. And we scholarship our association scholarships students to support them in going to that and participating in that. And there is a third youth exchange which is one that happens on the sapporo side, where we take university students or college students here in the Portland area, who go there to participate bilingually. And they have to demonstrate a certain level of japanese proficiency to really participate and in exchanging with sapporo's various sister city students from various sister cities, all done in that part of it done in japanese. And they discussed geo political economic, social justice issues, and environmental issues, as they work together in the summer institute in august. Our picture here that you see, This is not sapporo. This is, actually, the waterfront here in Portland. This is our cherry blossoms. The eighth -- the students who came from the eight city high schools went down to the waterfront. We had after our greeting here in city hall, went down there, and happened to have free time, and this is what resulted. They were quite and exuberant to see the petals of the cherry blossoms. These are really, in terms of the focus on youth exchanges, having our ambassadors for the city, our junior ambassadors for the city. Next up here, is one of the major exchanges that we do is every year, we host, or sponsor with the northwest film center. What's called the sapporo shorts. And they are very short films that focus on -- and there is this competition that occurs in sapporo, and the directors of that festival come here, and meet and is part of a reception and dinner that talk about the festival and the different films in that festival. And the other major teams that we sponsor, the part that we sponsor is our Portland snow team. I believe it's been 18 years running now. And they -- this team is often sponsored by columbia sportswear, and many others in the community. They try to do things that represent or sculptures that represent the city or our surrounding areas in Portland. Finally, this last year, I have To say, was -- we were very fortunate to be

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sort of center stage. Last year in this event, being it was our 55th anniversary, as one of the oldest sister city associations, and relationships here in the united states. We were fortunate to be center stage, and this room was filled with many of the delegates. We had three major delegates. One was the mayors, of course, and secondly, we had the city assembly, a bit larger than the city assembly or the commissioners here, I believe that there was 30 some of them. The japanese are very good at coming to a consensus, and finally we had a very large citizens' delegation. 60 members were here, and throughout that entire week, lots of opportunities to exchange in multiple levels, and they had bags and were going and cleaning up on the parade route as it ended, as part of their volunteer work here in Portland.

Fish: Michael, can I observe this, this is one of the harder assignments I have had to fulfill. Mayor Hales couldn't attend so he asked me to stand in, and the gentleman in the white jacket is the member with Sapporo and travels with a translator, a young woman from Oregon, who was bilingual in school, and now is a permanent translator for the mayor. The dinner, the mayor disclosed to us, that one of the great cultural events of his lifetime was a Leonard Bernstein concert where the Philharmonic came to Sapporo, and he also revealed one of the great treasures of His country is a [inaudible] park, that is the centerpiece of the park system, and one of the master works. And as he was describing this, the space lit up, and it was an amazing evening. The food was pretty good, too.

*****: The food was awesome.

Bacon: And now, a well-known chef here in the Portland area, and the other thing that was very distinct about that evening, as I remembered, there was discussion about the new streetcar that's going into place, that went into place in Sapporo, and discussing whether the streetcar made here in Portland could become some part of the deal, down the road. Correct? Is that right, Nick? I think I remember that.

Fish: I always say yes to my next door neighbor, so I can't publicly disagree with him.

Bacon: In closing as an educator I am keen about giving homework, so I brought each of you our full-on report done in Japanese for the most part, and Mayor Hales, your Japanese is quite good in here, and there are pictures of most all of you in here, so I will leave a copy of that. It has, as the Japanese are very good and meticulous detail oh, this has all 55 years of history, included in here, so you can peruse that and maybe a picture book for some of you, but you can take a look at that. We thank you for your supported and look forward to our 60th anniversary coming up in four years. Thank you very much.

Hales: Thank you.

Cathy Chinn: That's tough to follow. So, good afternoon, I am Cathy Chinn, president of the Portland Suzhou City Association. Mayor Hales and Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity of reporting to you on the accomplishment of the Portland Suzhou City Association over this past year. In carrying out our mission of facilitating cultural education and economic exchanges between Portland and Suzhou, China, Suzhou is about an hour and a half of a car ride from Shanghai West, or half an hour of a fast train to go to Shanghai, so it's pretty close. So, over the last year we had a few major items that we did. So, we have the 2014 Leadership Awards at the July evening under the Stars' Gala, which is the way that we recognize strong community support by honoring different organizations. From out here we honor the [inaudible] Business Leadership Award accepted by our board member, who is a partner there, and we recognized Portland Center for the Arts, Cultural Leadership Award, accepted by Miss Lori Cramer. And then the Pseudo Education Bureau for the Education Leadership Award, accepted by Mr. Chin Sho-ye who came to accept this award. And then at the same time last July we did the 2014 [inaudible] in this building on the first floor. I think some of you may remember. So, we had Mayor Hales to cut ribbons for us, and he also accepted a donation of 300 Books, new books from Suzhou is called in

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suzhou, those are children's books. And in addition to the books, we had two exhibits happening in city hall last year. One is called the majestic mountains and simmering waters, art exhibit by our own Portland bureau, Francis Lee, who is a well-known Portland artist. And we also had a photography exhibit called bring in the beauty of Suzhou by the famous Suzhou photographer, Mr. Jane Jong Fu. And in October of last year we had the Suzhou official delegation that came to visit Portland, who was headed by Mr. [inaudible], the director of people, Suzhou people commerce, and there is a picture that was taken during his visit with Mayor Hales. This is a very high level senior delegation who is with the economic leadership, so our organization, organized a Nike campus tour, and also, organized, we build green cities' presentation by the Portland commission, and hosted them for a welcomed dinner at the university cup attended by Mayor Hales and Mrs. Hales, as well as quite a few other people. And they came away with very, very good impression of the city of Portland. They loved the clean air, and the beautiful [inaudible] show, and they were interested in learning more about our expertise in a sustainable [inaudible]. In fact, our own PDC delegation, who is visiting China now, just happened to visit them, actually, today, 16 hours ago today, in Suzhou, and I heard reports this morning that the visit went really well and they were happy, and Suzhou really take good care of them during this visit. So that's a lot of future economic opportunities there. Next, our other piece of work is working with the schools. We have the Suzhou sister school students and teachers exchanges to visit Portland every February during the Chinese New Year. Our board members, one of the Portland public schools, the immersion Chinese immersion program, and [inaudible] of the Skybridge International, actively support the Suzhou sister school, visits Portland every year, and on the average we would welcome six to eight schools a year, and the Suzhou students and teachers typically spend a week in Portland getting to know their counter parts in their sister schools, and by spending time in classes, outings and meals, this sister school exchange creates good and long lasting memories for students of both cities and help enforce their learning and understandings of the two cultures. In fact, they had taken 46 students from schools to Suzhou in April, I believe, in April, and just came back. Tonight, they are having a student report party tonight. So, that's on that side, and the last item, we are in the middle of preparing for our annual fundraising evening under the stars gala next Friday, and this is when we need the funds to support our work carrying on our Mission. We also use this location to strengthen our relations with our sponsors, partners, and community members. So, we will recognize our leadership award this year, the education awards, will have two schools, [inaudible] and Cascade Heights, charter school, and business award, we will recognize [inaudible] and recognize the Chinese Garden, and I wanted to put in this for the Chinese Garden, which is a friendship project between Portland and Suzhou and is serving 15 years, and has a special relationship with the Portland Suzhou City Association. Our organizations are with this Garden Center Lincoln before the construction, and we are appreciative of their ongoing support allowing us to hold our gala over there at a reasonable cost. So I would like to invite all of you to come to the gala next Friday at the Chinese Garden to celebrate the 27 years of excellent relations between Portland and Suzhou, as well as to mark this milestone of the 15 years, and in addition, I would like to thank you all for the funding, for the repair of the pond. We really appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Hales: Thank you. Good afternoon. Welcome.

Katherine Morrow: Good afternoon, Mayor Hales and council members. I would like to thank the city for giving all our sister cities this opportunity to present today. And my name is Katherine Morrow. I am the current president of the Portland Ulsan Sister City Association. Ulsan is in South Korea. The Portland Ulsan Sister City Association was established in 1987 for the purpose of promoting bilateral exchange and economic

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relations between the cities of Portland, Oregon, and ulsan, south korea. The sister city association grew out of a port to port relations between ulsan and Portland back in 1986, when hyundai motors began shipping cars to the united states. Later in 1995, the Portland state university and the university of ulsan became sister universities. Today, ulsan is a rich, global, industrial, metro organization city with 2 million people. It is on the southeastern coast of the republic of korea, and it is a city known as the powerhouse of korea. The robust economy is based on the key industries of ship-building, hyundai manufacturing, oil refinery and petrochemical manufacturing. They are also embarking on green energy development. As with many relations, there are similarities between the two cities, for example, as I mentioned, similar in population. We also have a similar landscape. Like Portland, are ulsan has a large river that runs through the city center. And like Portland, ulsan boasts an exceptionally high quality of life that focuses on Environmental awareness. Inspired by Portland's beauty, the city of ulsan has modeled numerous public projects after Portland. This slide here lists several of those. The ulsan grand park was inspired by Washington park and forest park. And they have a relatively new rose garden called the rose valley, and inspired after Portland international test garden. They also have embarked on cleaning up their river, which was very polluted. In the early 1990s, it was declared a contaminated dead river. However today, the salmon, heron and other wildlife have returned to the river. It is now clean enough to swim in. Their mayor has said that he has kind of challenged Portland, if they could clean up their river, then Portland, too, could work on our willamette river. They have green belts and recreational parks that line both banks of their taehwa river. Another similarity is just as here in Portland, we're finishing up construction of our bridge where we will have light rail going across it. In ulsan they finished construction on their newest bridge. They are celebrating its grand opening, and it is called the ulsan harbor bridge. It is the third longest suspension bridge in the world. Activities that the sister city association embarks on every Year, one being a lot of educational exchange. Each year 24 high school students from ulsan visit Portland every summer for three weeks. It's a scholarship-funded program for future global leaders, and it's funded by the hyundai educational foundation. Our association, right now, is preparing to welcome this year's cohort of high school students. During the stay they stay with home-stay families, which serve as a laboratory for gaining first-hand experience and knowledge about Portland and american culture, and provides an opportunity for Portlanders to learn about korea and ulsan. Recently, students from Portland, or the greater Portland area are starting to visit korea more, and I know of some exchange programs operating out of vancouver, Washington, that often visit ulsan, and also, recently, west linn, [inaudible] creek middle school embarked on an exchange with korea, including stopping over and exchanging students in ulsan. Next up is to work on getting Portland high school students to take part in this. In addition to the student exchanges at the high school level, we also have university student exchanges, university faculty exchanges, and occasionally, governmental delegates from ulsan will visit Portland. A district mayor of ulsan visited. Ulsan is made up of five districts, and one of their district mayors was part of a Larger mayor delegation from across korea that visited the united states sponsor said by the u.s. State department. This coming year, we're planning to focus on trying to get a Portland delegation together to visit ulsan. We really want to focus on business and trade opportunities, explore sports exchange, and they are big on soccer and Portland is, too, so that's san area that we want to try to match up. And also to promote Portland as a tourist destination for koreans. They have an international festival and I think it's Portland. Our sister city program has immense opportunities beyond educational and cultural exchanges, and those are the things we want to focus on next. Things such as information-sharing, collaboration, more partnership, especially on trade

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and development. Economic development. Human capacity building, as well. Here in Portland we value who will and global. The sister city program provides a vehicle for connecting these two simultaneously. The sister city association also greatly appreciates the work of Hector Miramontes and his role in supporting international relations, and we appreciate the pledge the city has in promoting international relations. Thank you.

Hales: Thanks very much, and last but not least.

Greg Raisman: Thank you. Thank you very much. Yes, I am Greg Raisman, and my day job is working for you guys at the Portland Bureau of Transportation. And I am on one of my three vacation days right now. Hosting a delegation from Utrecht. I really enjoyed becoming partners with Utrecht, the Netherlands. It really began in 2009 based on a transportation knowledge-sharing agreement as we were riding our bicycle plan and they were building a light rail system that was modeling MAX, when we showed up to do some research, it turned out that we had a lot in common. So, that began in 2009, 2010, is when we decided we should expand our mission and really build on our base of commonalities, so, we have a partnership with the city of Utrecht that we're really growing into many different sectors. Right now, I guess I should start by telling you about Utrecht, which is the fourth largest city in the Netherlands. It's about 300,000 people, and like Portland it's in a period of rapid growth right now. It's replacing the Utrecht Central Train Station, which is the largest train station in the Netherlands. It has a one kilometer long roof on this thing that just got completed, and 46,000 bike parking spaces. It's a different world, but in a lot of the same sectors that we're in, a lot of things that we can learn from them, of course. They are seen as a Sustainability leader in Europe. They are like us in that you have a lot of great universities, a lot of young people, a lot of creative economy, and so one of things we're focusing on is looking at partnerships with Portland-made, which is a part of the board, and ADX and made here in PDX to try to have products going back and forth from our manufacturing sectors. The other thing happening in Utrecht right now is they are building a human rights' commission so while the delegation has been here, we met with Portland human rights' commission and looking at ways of sharing information back and forth and learning from each other about how to address the equity and human rights' issues in the cities. In the Netherlands there is similar issues that we have with, particularly, new arrivals and immigrants, and how to make them welcomed and integrated inside of our cultures and express theirs with it in a comfortable way. And then the other thing is travel Portland is a part of the group, and we have a direct flight to Amsterdam and we like to take advantage of that as much as possible and support it because we have so many important businesses in both the regions, which is why that direct flight there. Next slide, please. So beer is always a good thing, and last year the Oregon Brewer's Festival brought in ten Dutch brewers. There was a special beer tent for the Dutch brewers. We established a number of collaborative beers between Portland and Dutch beer-makers. Many of them were very delicious, and some of them were drunk here and sent back over to the Netherlands. We have six brewers coming back this year. My wife and I are going on vacation, unfortunately, which means that I have to give these beer brewers the keys to my house. But I think it will work out. And we also have a documentary that was made last year that we'll debut during Oregon Brewfest. I have seen the trailer, and it was gorgeous. It was fun visiting these brewers, and we've been to lots of places with these guys, and we ended up in this crawl space near Mount Hood, and we are crawling, and there is these beer barrels, and anyway, so a memorable experience, I will say that. So our conversations through travel Portland, through the city of Utrecht and Portland's marketing arm in the Netherlands, bringing an Oregon Brewfest to the Netherlands, and so we have begun conversations with international distributors who are bringing a shipping container of beer from Portland to the Netherlands. We have had meetings this year, and

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that's ramping up. They can't get enough supply from us. They are selling it so fast, so we're going to keep building that, and my last slide is talking a little bit. We have become integrated with The Portland dutch society, our effort has, so the Portland dutch society is an organization that does more of the cultural events, so kings day happens every year at oaks park. There is music and food, and it's a really nice cultural celebration, and then the center clause celebration is the dutch version of christmas and he wears a bigger beard than ours and a pointier hat, and it's a fun thing. I would like to share that we're profoundly grateful that the city of utrecht has sent a delegation to visit us this year. We're seeing it as a way of continuing to build our partnership and relationship and economic ties and academic ties. We have had meetings with the Portland state partnership, vice president, and a number of organizations. We have everybody else that is at adx, having a meeting to talk about that space, so I want to introduce han, the director of international relationships for the city of utrecht, the netherlands so he can say a couple words, and I want to say thank you to han and everybody for making the time to come across the ocean and find ways to build upon our relationship.

Han ***:** Thank you, thank you, everyone. An excellent update about what is happening. Only a few words from my side. I would like to express my respect for the way that you open up your city, and offering the city a space, where all these people come together, and can exchange and I was special -- it's special to see how it works here and the bridging of this community, in Portland to the rest of the world. Earlier this day, you told the audience that we are a little global city. I think that this -- that we know that small size cities like ours are special places for innovation and creativity and where people can develop themselves as a person, but also as a community, but beyond this, it is, perhaps, beyond this, there is another challenge that we are starting to connect our cities like utrecht, like i've been doing with sister cities, but also the way that you are doing it, is a learning point to see that the network of little global cities all over the world can give them an extra dimension on this, on the potential of our little global cities. It is exciting to be here and have all the questions you prepared so well, and that you see that our mission here is for people that know our city very well, matched with another person in there, and what kind of qualities we can connect and how can we build new bridges for the -- well, we have the responsibility in our city to be the laboratories of the 21st century. I think that in the discussions that we had, are so, given a lot of hope, and every time that we have a new vision again, what can happen in the cities, it can be about beer, but of course, it's superficial topic but it's opening many other things that we can work on together in different ways. So, thank you very much for Having us here and we'll stay a few days more.

Hales: We appreciate you making the trip again, and the continued knowledge exchange that you have underway between utrecht and Portland. It's very healthy for both of us. Thank you. Any questions for any of our panelists this afternoon? Appreciate very much the report. Anyone else that wants to speak on this item before we accept it, and wish you well. If not, I will take a motion to accept the report.

Novick: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Hales: A roll call vote to do that, please.

Saltzman: Thank you all for the update on your great sister city relations with us. We appreciate it. Aye.

Novick: Thank you all very much. It's great to have these partnerships with cities around the world, and thanks for sticking around for a while because we're a bit off schedule. Really appreciate it. Aye.

Fritz: Thank you each for showing up to give us the detailed report on what you've been doing and for all of your volunteering throughout the year, I don't think that people realize

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that the sister city relationships are all volunteer run with fundraising to make them happen as the immigrant on the council, I am grateful to you for explaining or illustrating that there are many Relationships throughout the world that we need to cultivate and we're all our best selves when we are citizens of the world as well as citizens of the individual countries. Thank you for being here today to explain about that and share again. Aye.

Fish: Thank you, martha. Thank you, hector. Thank you to our ten wonderful sister-city partners, and as my colleagues are tired of hearing, my family is moving to europe for a year so I will be by myself, and I was thinking of how to make full use of that time, and one is I have an empty house, so there is no excuse for not hosting someone when you have someone visiting, and you need a bed. Because lord knows I can't do airbnb, I would probably violate the charter, and second, special appeal to our friends on utrecht. I do have dutch blood, so I am hoping there is a trip that might come up where you need an extra guest to carry the luggage or do something during the trip. So, thank you for your service. This is one of the things that makes the city special, and we love this report every year. I think dan thinks this report and the tree report are two of the best that we have. So pleased to vote aye.

Hales: Well, thank you at our small but mighty team of staff here in Portland who facilitate all these partnerships, and are amazing volunteer corps from all the organizations and the rosarians working together in cooperation. This set of relationships does take maintenance. People have to work at it, and a lot of people do, and the more that happens, the more positive things that I see coming out of this. I am particularly impressed with all the different ways that we have given the students the chance to participate in exchanges, whether it's the big performing group here from kaohsiung or students from Portland visiting the cities and learning there. Our kids really are citizens of the world. And I have had some really profound experiences on the sister city trips myself and the most profound was watching the Portland rose festival princess enthrall 4,000 girls at shutu playing her violin and thank you for the field exhibition that the girls there had put on for us. There is real magic to that student to student exchange. Obviously, hugely diverse situations in these cities, whether they are working their way out of poverty and problems, as we see with mutare or dealing with growth and prosperity in other cases. Rapid growth in some cases. Suzhou in particular. So, it's really a diverse group of cities. We learn a lot from them. I want to encourage my council colleagues to get the opportunity, to find the opportunity to go on a sister city trip. I try to do one or two a year. I think it is important for us to participate and obviously, Adds to the value of the trip when one of us can accompany one of these groups, so thank you all very much. It's very important and a rich part of the cultural heritage and the city, thank you for an excellent report. Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: And we are adjourned until next week. Thank you very much.

At 5:00 p.m. Council adjourned.