

RESOLUTION No. 37179

Recognize City employees for their tireless efforts in responding to significant, record-breaking rain and flooding during the week of December 6, 2015 (Resolution)

WHEREAS, City employees exemplified extraordinary public service during the extensive rain and flooding that occurred the week of December 6, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the extent of the damage and flooding required the Governor to declare a state of emergency that included Multnomah County, and;

WHEREAS, City employees worked long hours and under arduous conditions to keep the residents of Portland safe, moving and informed, and;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Communications answered over 3,000 calls per day on December 7 - 10, almost 1,000 more calls per day than in previous years, and;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Management quickly set up a unified command to coordinate a response from a number of agencies in the region, and;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Transportation worked exhaustively to respond to 20 landslides, remove the equivalent of 80 dump trucks of debris, keep emergency response routes clear and respond to twice the typical number of constituent calls, and;

WHEREAS, two Water Bureau crews assisted PBOT with closing streets impacted by landslides and flooding that could have impacted the water system; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Environmental Services engineers, watershed managers and operators managed the City's stormwater system to meet the unprecedented demands of the 100-year storm; and

WHEREAS, Portland Fire & Rescue responded to 109 calls related to the severe weather, approximately a 15% increase from previous years. Calls for service included power lines down and arching, structure fires, flooded buildings, landslides, rollover accidents, and a tree that fell into a home and killed a resident, and

WHEREAS, the Disability Program partnered with local agencies to coordinate communications, services, access and functional needs for people with disabilities, and;

WHEREAS, Portland Parks and Recreation staff responded to 59 tree emergencies, provided assistance to homeowners in need and worked to address landslides and other hazards to keep park users safe and to protect park assets including Pittock Mansion and Forest Park, and;

WHEREAS, Portland Parks and Recreation staff worked with the Red Cross to open Mt. Scott Community Center as a shelter for people impacted by the flooding, and maintained community access to essential programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council declares City of Portland employees to be the best city employees in the world.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council, on behalf of the residents of Portland, shares its gratitude and appreciation to all employees who assisted in responding to the emergencies created by the storm in December 2015.

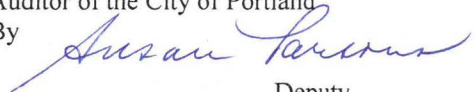
Adopted by the Council: JAN 06 2016

Commissioner Novick
Prepared by: Timur Ender
Date Prepared: Dec. 28, 2015

Mary Hull Caballero

Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

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<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Novick</p> <p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick <i>AN</i></p> <p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Office of Commissioner Novick Bureau Head: Steve Novick</p> <p>Prepared by: Timur Ender Date Prepared: 12/24/15</p> <p>Impact Statement Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p> <p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p> <p>Council Meeting Date 1/6/16</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED DEC 29 2015</p> <p>Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>Mary Hull Caballero</i> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
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AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: 10:45</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 15 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	