

ORDINANCE No. 187 569

*Authorize an agreement with Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association to transfer one Benson Bubbler to Suzhou, China. (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds that:

1. The Sister City movement in the United States was inaugurated by President Eisenhower in 1956 as the "People to People Program" with the purpose of establishing greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and the peoples of other nations through direct contact. The City of Portland has maintained a sister city program since 1959 when the City established its first sister city relationship with Sapporo, Japan.
2. Through Ordinance 160692, the Portland City Council authorized the establishment of a sister city relationship with the City of Suzhou and approved the bylaws for the formation of the Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association ("PSSCA") in 1988. PSSCA is an Oregon nonprofit corporation dedicated to mutual friendship and understanding between the people of Portland and Suzhou, China. PSSCA has sponsored, encouraged, and facilitated cultural, economic, educational exchanges and programs of goodwill between our two cities.
3. Lan Su Chinese Garden is the product of collaboration between the cities of Portland and Suzhou, China, our sister city in Jiangsu province famous for its Ming Dynasty Gardens, and which in 2015 celebrated its 15 year anniversary and is today one of Portland's greatest cultural treasures and one of the most interesting sites to see while visiting Portland.
4. In order to promote improved awareness of the history of Portland by the people of Suzhou, the City desires to transfer an iconic 4-bowl Benson Bubbler water fountain ("Benson Bubbler") for installation in the City of Suzhou. The Benson Bubbler was designed by A.E. Doyle, a noted architect of the Multnomah County Library, Multnomah Falls Lodge, and other regional landmarks. The Benson Bubbler was selected because it is today an enduring legacy of our city reflecting over 100 years of Portland history.
5. The Benson Bubbler identified for this project was acquired through general unrestricted funds and was not procured through restricted utility ratepayer funds. It has a value over \$5,000. However, it is a property not needed for City bureau use and can be deemed surplus personal property under PCC 5.36.
6. The gift of this Benson Bubbler to the City of Suzhou further supports the meaningful collaboration and exchange between the two cities. It will be a conveyance that honors the 15th year anniversary of Lan Su Chinese Garden, a result of collaboration between the cities of Portland and Suzhou.
7. PSSCA is willing and able to undertake the tasks identified in this Agreement. PSSCA will take custody and control of the Benson Bubbler for delivery to Suzhou, China, as a

gesture of goodwill and in support of the Portland-Suzhou Sister City relationship, and will work to ensure that this important piece of Portland history is cared for and displayed so that future generations may enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. One Benson Bubbler acquired through general and unrestricted funds shall be deemed surplus property under Portland City Code 5.36 and accordingly may be transferred to the Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association, an IRC 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity. The Mayor, or designee, is authorized to execute the agreement for transfer, as outlined in the form substantially in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as to Exhibit A, upon approval to form by the City Attorney.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because the Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association has expressed their need for completing this transfer to the City of Suzhou by mid-February in order to take advantage of an opportunity to have the Benson Bubbler featured in the Jiangsu Horticultural Exposition in April 2016. In support of this timeline, PSSCA would take possession at the earliest opportunity following approval of this ordinance to ensure delivery in time for the City of Suzhou to install, commemorate, and feature the Benson Bubbler at the Jiangsu Horticultural Exposition. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: JAN 27 2016

Mayor Charlie Hales
Prepared by: Hector Miramontes
Date Prepared: January 15, 2016

Mary Hull Caballero

Auditor of the City of Portland

By


Deputy

Agenda No.
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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Charlie Hales	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JAN 22 2016</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration <i>[Signature]</i> Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>[Signature]</i> Position 2/Works - Fish <i>[Signature]</i> Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman <i>[Signature]</i> Position 4/Safety - Novick <i>[Signature]</i>	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Mayor's Office Bureau Head: Mayor Charlie Hales	ACTION TAKEN:
Prepared by: Hector Miramontes Date Prepared: 1/15/2015 <i>HM</i>	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter <i>[Signature]</i>	
Council Meeting Date 1/27/2016	

AGENDA	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: 10 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)		YEAS	NAYS
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>	1. Fritz <i>[Signature]</i>	1. Fritz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: 10 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)	2. Fish <i>[Signature]</i>	2. Fish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	3. Saltzman <i>[Signature]</i>	3. Saltzman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	4. Novick <i>[Signature]</i>	4. Novick <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Hales <i>[Signature]</i>	Hales <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	