

Resolution No. **37236**

Join leading cities across the country that are using data and evidence to improve results for their residents as part of the Bloomberg Foundation What Works Cities initiative and commit to carry out through the partnership of bureaus across the City (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland seeks to deliver better results for residents through the increased use of data and evidence in planning, policy, administrative and budget decision-making;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland values the opportunity to join a network of mid-sized American cities that seek to address common challenges, implement data-driven policies, evaluate outcomes, and share the resulting insights;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland monitors the performance of its ongoing and past initiatives through a series of Key Performance Measures that are publicly released on the City of Portland website;

WHEREAS, the City is guided by systematic performance frameworks at both the City and at the bureau level including the Portland Plan, Citywide Racial Equity Goals & Strategies, and the Climate Change Action Plan;

WHEREAS, during the last two years the City of Portland has developed and conducted a series of GATR (Government, Accountability, Transparency & Results) sessions, addressing local issues with solutions based on evidence and an analytic assessment of alternatives;

WHEREAS, digital technology creates new avenues for gathering, storing and analyzing data, providing instances for residents and government to collectively improve responsiveness, transparency and efficiency of local governments;

WHEREAS, the public availability of universally accessible data among the City and residents enables responsive and creative approaches to local challenges, and furthers a problem-solving environment in City government;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has a prominent position in the national adoption of open data policies since the enactment of Resolution No. 36735 in September 2009;

WHEREAS, rigorous and unbiased program evaluations could help Council assess the effectiveness of specific government interventions;

WHEREAS, "What Works Cities" (WWC) is a national initiative launched by Bloomberg Philanthropies in partnership with the Behavioral Insights Team, the Government Performance Lab at Harvard Kennedy School, the Center for Government Excellence at Johns Hopkins University, Results for America, and the Sunlight Foundation, with the objective of helping mid-sized American cities enhance their use of data and evidence to improve services and inform local decision-making;

WHEREAS, City Council has stated its interest in participating in the What Works Cities Initiative in a letter of support dated February 26th, 2016,

WHEREAS, the Statement of Work (Appendix A), developed by What Works Cities with feedback from the City of Portland, includes three scopes of work that are related to open data, performance management, and program evaluation, respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, City Council accepts technical assistance from What Works Cities partners to help the City of Portland advance a comprehensive open data strategy, improve the effectiveness of its performance management efforts, and increase its capacity for rigorous and systematic low-cost program evaluation as stated in the attached Statement of Work (Appendix A).

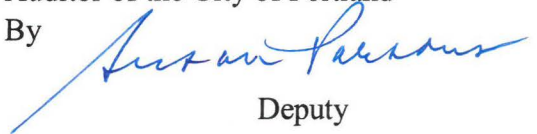
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City Council instructs the City Budget Office and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to coordinate the activities included in the Statement of Work (Appendix A), and for all City of Portland bureaus to provide the inputs required by WWC for the period of this technical assistance.

Adopted by the Council: SEP 21 2016

Mayor Charlie Hales
Prepared by: Shannon Carney
Date Prepared: September 13, 2016

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

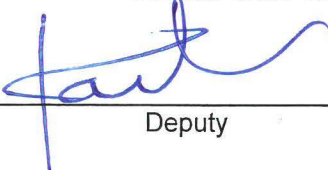
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Deputy

Agenda No. **37236**
RESOLUTION
 Title

Join leading cities across the country that are using data and evidence to improve results for their residents as part of the Bloomberg Foundation "What Works Cities" initiative, ^{and} committing to carry out the activities identified in the attached Memorandum of Understanding through the partnership of bureaus across the City of Portland. (Resolution)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Hales	CLERK USE: DATE FILED SEP 13 2016
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Novick	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By:  Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: City Budget Office Prepared by: Shannon Carney Date Prepared: September 13, 2016	ACTION TAKEN:
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date: September 21, 2016	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Pulled</i>
REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

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