

RESOLUTION No. 37455

Create, appoint members, adopt bylaws and authorize the Bureaus of Emergency Management and Development Services to convene an Unreinforced Masonry Building Workgroup (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland faces a significant risk from a catastrophic earthquake from the Cascadia Subduction Zone and smaller faults beneath the City; and

WHEREAS, URM buildings are highly vulnerable to earthquake damage, including building collapse and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has a significant number of URM buildings; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Portland City Council directed the Bureau of Emergency Management, the Bureau of Development Services, and Prosper Portland to consult with community stakeholders and subject matter experts to develop recommendations and to devise strategies to reduce life safety risks posed by URM buildings; and

WHEREAS, three committees met from December 2014 to November 2017 to consider these issues; and

WHEREAS, the committees produced three reports, including the URM Building Seismic Retrofit Standards Report, the URM Building Seismic Retrofit Support Report, and the URM Building Policy Report; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the committee reports, which included recommendations to require seismically retrofitting URM buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that the proposed mandatory retrofitting of URM buildings presented a financial hardship to many property owners; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2018, the Portland City Council adopted Resolution Number 37364 which, among other actions, directed City staff from the Bureau of Emergency Management, the Bureau of Development Services, and Prosper Portland to formulate a working group comprised of representatives of URM building owners, URM building tenants, and other subject matter experts charged with further evaluating reasonable seismic retrofit requirements, and developing recommendations for standards, financing options, incentives, tax strategies, and timelines for a seismic retrofit program for Class 3 and Class 4 URM buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also directed City staff to convene a working group comprised of representatives of nonprofits, and other subject matter experts charged with developing recommendations for standards, financing options, and timelines for a seismic retrofit program for nonprofits, including but not limited to, religious nonprofits and educational nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council directed both working groups to present their findings, including both majority and minority reports as appropriate, at a City Council work session within one year of their first workgroup meeting, after which time Council will hold a hearing to direct further Code development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the Bureau of Emergency Management and the Bureau of Development Services to convene a URM building workgroup, which shall include two subgroups, one for the for-profit buildings and one for the non-profit buildings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the URM building subgroups shall include diverse interests and backgrounds among its members, set forth in Exhibit A and Exhibit B; and

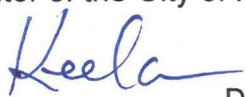
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both URM buildings subgroups shall be subject to the boards and commissions reforms adopted on November 8, 2017, via Resolution No. 37328, including mandatory conflict of interest disclosure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both URM buildings subgroups shall be subject to the URM Workgroup Bylaws, as set forth in Exhibit C; and


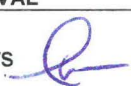

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both subgroups shall evaluate reasonable seismic retrofit support, incentives, and voluntary program standards and present their findings, including both majority and minority reports as appropriate, at a City Council work session within one year of the first URM building workgroup meeting, after which Council shall hold a hearing to direct further program development.

Adopted by the Council: OCT 23 2019

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Prepared by: Jonna Papaefthimiou
Date Prepared: September 13, 2019

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland
By  Deputy

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<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>OCT 15 2019</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u></u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Mayor—Finance & Administration – Wheeler</p>	
<p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p>	
<p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p>	
<p>Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty <u>jm</u></p>	
<p>Position 4/Safety - Eudaly</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p>	
<p>Bureau: PBEM Bureau Head: Mike Myers <u></u></p>	
<p>Prepared by: Jonna Papaefthimiou Date Prepared: 10/14/2019</p>	
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" 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 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 <u></u></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date 10/23/2019</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
Start time: 2:30

Total amount of time needed: 30
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
Total amount of time needed: _____
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	Wheeler	_____	