



**CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON**

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2004** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Francesconi, Leonard and Saltzman, 4.

Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 9:31 a.m.
Commissioner Leonard arrived at 9:34 a.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Michael Frome, Sergeant at Arms.

Motion to elect Commissioner Sten as President of the Council moved by Commissioner Francesconi and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman gavelled down by Mayor Katz after no objections.

Item No. 32 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS		Disposition:
25	Request of Todd Kurylowicz to address Council regarding the crisis of democracy (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIME CERTAINS		
26	TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Recognize recipient of the 2003 Lowenstein Trust Award (Presentation introduced by Mayor Katz)	PLACED ON FILE
27	TIME CERTAIN: 9:40 AM – Create and authorize an Independent Review Panel to examine options for meeting the security and regulatory needs of the Mt. Tabor open drinking water reservoirs (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Saltzman) (Y-4)	36196

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<p>28 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Approve appointments of Gail Shibley and Don Hanson to the Portland Planning Commission (Report introduced by Mayor Katz) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">CONFIRMED</p>	
<p>29 TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM – Mayor's good news report (Presentation introduced by Mayor Katz)</p>	<p align="center">PLACED ON FILE</p>	
<p align="center">CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p align="center">Mayor Vera Katz</p> <p>30 Approve re-appointment of Paul Schlesinger to the Portland Planning Commission (Report) (Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">CONFIRMED</p>
<p>*31 Authorize addendum to contract with Michael Metroke for outside counsel assistance (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 34972) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">178139</p>	
<p>*32 Create a new classification of Watershed Pipeline Specialist and establish an interim compensation rate for this classification (Ordinance) Motion to set this item over for one week: Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by Commissioner Leonard and gavelled down by Mayor Katz after hearing no objections.</p>	<p align="center">CONTINUED TO JANUARY 21, 2004 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p>*33 Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County, acting by and through its District Attorney's Office, to increase reimbursement to the Police Bureau to provide Detectives trained in child abuse investigations in fiscal year 2003-2004 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 51581) (Y-4)</p>	<p align="center">178140</p>	
<p align="center">Commissioner Randy Leonard</p> <p>*34 Authorize execution of Release and Assignment for claim against Dick's Towing, Inc. dba R&R Towing (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>		<p align="center">178141</p>
<p align="center">REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p align="center">Mayor Vera Katz</p>		

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35	Authorize water revenue bonds to refund outstanding bonds and to finance new water system improvements; prohibit use of proceeds for Mt. Tabor open reservoir project or burial of reservoirs (Second Reading Agenda 19) (Y-4)	178142
36	Authorize bonds to refund outstanding Series 1995 water revenue bonds and Series 1993 general obligation water refunding bonds (Second Reading Agenda 20) (Y-4)	178143
Commissioner Jim Francesconi		
*37	Authorize agreements with McCormick Pier LLC and McCormick Pier Condominium Association to resolve maintenance liability for Willamette River Greenway Trail segment (Ordinance) (Y-4)	178144

At 11:09 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Katz, Presiding; Commissioners Francesconi, Leonard and Saltzman, 4.

Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 2:04 p.m.

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 2:06 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Kathryn Beaumont, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Officer Curtis Chinn, Sergeant at Arms.

38 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Safety Recognition Day award presentation (Presentation introduced by Mayor Katz)	Disposition: PLACED ON FILE
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At 3:24 p.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Closed Caption Transcript of Portland City Council Meeting

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

JANUARY 14, 2004 **9:30 AM**

Katz: Good morning, everybody. Before we get to communications, twice a year we change council president, and it is commissioner Sten's turn.

Katz: Ok. I'll take a motion to elect commissioner Sten.

Francesconi: I move to elect commissioner Sten president of council.

Saltzman: Second.

Katz: Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered. That's the good news, but until he comes back, you've got to take over. Ok. Communications. 25.

Item 25.

Todd Kurylowicz: Good morning. My name is todd kurylowicz, i'm a resident here in Portland, and i'm here to speak about the crisis of democracy and lo and behold, I have something to talk about. Vice-president dick cheney paid a visit to Portland last night, and I got to see an extraordinary amount of force as usual, and intimidation applied to a peaceful group of demonstrators. Less than about 100 or so people surrounded by a chain link fence with barbed wire and riot squad cops was pretty alarming. And when they announced the fact that they're going to employ chemical agents and pain compliance to a small group of people for playing drums and dancing and start pushing people around, it's -- it sends a message in the air, and I felt anger coming out of myself. I can deal with it better than some people, but it provokes a response. It seems to -- luckily everything went peacefully last night, and -- with the exception of the amount of force that was there and intimidation. These are the tactics that are employed, and chief kroeker trained the police force to take care of. I hate to, you know, bring this up while you're shuffling your papers and whatnot, but this is something that I find is really important to talk about, and this is just one instance of what I call a heinous attempt to squelch first amendment rights in a free speech zone that's barricaded by barbed wire and fence doesn't seem like too free of a speech, it seems quite intimidating. Not to mention other ordinances that you employ throughout the city that make it illegal to have blankets on some of the -- on the coldest days when it's freezing outside and there's not enough shelter for everybody to sleep. It's really not good, and it's painful to see that that happens, and not to mention as well, it's illegal to sit down on sidewalks and homeless veterans are being, you know, that spent time defending their country and going to wars for this country, they are now homeless and on the streets, and trying to get their lives back together, trying to get maybe a spare change for a cup of coffee, being moved off the sidewalks. This happens on a daily basis in your city, with ordinances that you write, and it is quite deplorable and heinous. I would like to say I have good things to talk about when I come in here, but it's always something or other. But i've got love and i've got hope and i've got faith that things can change, but I have to come in here on a weekly basis and address these issues, and with hope for some systemic change, but it seems that you need to really press the issue to get any kind of change in a city and in a system of governance, and it's tough at times.

Katz: Thank you.

Katz: All right. Consent agenda. Items to be removed off the consent agenda?

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Saltzman: I have a request to be removed -- I have a request to remove number 32. I'd like that to be set off for a week.

Katz: Ok. 32. All right. Any other items to be removed off the consent agenda? Roll call on consent agenda.

Francesconi: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. [gavel pounded] item 32.

Item 32.

Saltzman: Could we set this over until next week?

Katz: Motion has been made to set it over until next week. I hear a second.

Leonard: Second.

Katz: Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered. [gavel pounded] all right. Time certain. Item 26.

Item 26.

Katz: Come on up. This is as exciting a morning for us as the spirit of Portland is an afternoon for us once a year. We're very fortunate to have a wonderful family who has left a trust where the interest on the trust is available for a group to decide on how best to spend it on and to honor somebody from the community. I was fortunate once to serve as a member of the citizens group, I know how hard they work, and all of the issues that they review, and we have another person to honor today. So I'll turn it over to you.

Michelle Harper, Chair Lowenstein Trust: Good morning. My name is michelle harper and I'm happy to be the chair of a lowenstein trust. It's quite an honor to come before you this morning. Mr. Lowenstein was a wonderful community leader. He left many gifts with the city, one of the most special is this trust that he's left for us to continue his work and to honor people in the community who are making a significant difference in the lives of youth and families. It gives me great pleasure to come before you this morning to present our recipient, miss tonya dickens, I can truly say I have worked alongside her, I have watched her work, she really is a rescue mission in trying to save the lives of youth and families in our community. She gives tirelessly of her time and her money, she has a tough love approach working with young people, she lets them know they need to make changes in their lives, and not continue on the path that they have been in the past. She empowers them, gives them options, and gives them alternatives to the lifestyles they have been leading in the past. She creates a vision for them, a future to know they have a place in this community, and they have a rightful role to participate as respectable and honorable citizens in this community. For over a decade, tanya has been working with youth in this community. Through her youth gang outreach program, she has taught youth self-esteem, self-respect, respect for families, respect for community, respect for family and values. Through her work, she has built community in every since of the word. She has created the mold and model for community building. So at this time it gives me great pleasure to present her before you. I also want to acknowledge the loan stein board members -- lowenstein board members, if you would stand, and Mrs. Sandra lowenstein, the widow of Mr. Lowenstein.

Katz: Thank you.

Harper: Tonya, I am so honored to be in your presence this morning. And I want you to know that I will do everything within my power as long as I can to support you and the efforts of the young women and young men you're working with, and it's very, very valuable the work that you do, and I honor you on this day.

Katz: Picture time: [applause] all right. Miss Tonya, sit down. I'm going to give you a couple minutes to get your thoughts together, as I say something about you. Because we're going to ask you to make a few comments about how -- what this means to you, and how you plan to live your life because of this honor, and anything else you want to add. I get to see this young lady every

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other week at my every other friday gang meeting. And everything that was said is absolutely true. She really cares about the young people on the street. She's out there in the middle of the night with others who are here in the audience, john and other outreach workers, to make sure that the families are kept intact, informed, and assisted when a violent act occurs on our streets. She also cares about the young girls. The many of practitioners seem to dismiss because they don't appear to be as great a problem as our young boys. But Tonya knows about the families, and the problems the young girls are facing. And works with them tirelessly to change their approach on life and to make them productive citizens. So Tonya, from me, on behalf of the council to you, congratulations. This is an honor that is wonderful for you to receive, and I know will drive your next year's here as contributing member to our community, and maybe the same direction or even enhance the direction of your work today. So congratulations, and would you like to make some comments? Grab the mike, both mikes. She's not shy, I want you to know. [laughter]

Tonya Dickens: Thank you, mayor. I'm just overwhelmed today. I appreciate everything that was said, and I appreciate the board, mrs. Lowenstein and her husband for his dedication, and what he stood for. And just to be honored in that sense, I -- there's no words to really express, you know, how I feel about that. I kind of don't know what to say. But i'm very grateful, you know. I appreciate everyone that's here with me --

Katz: Do you want to introduce --

*****: Yes.

Katz: Ok, go ahead.

Dickens: We start with our board president, charles ford, former chair president, i'm sorry. And our director, john, I appreciate him so much for his dedication and believing in me and allowing me to do the job that I do without many questions.

Katz: Because he doesn't want the answers sometimes.

Dickens: Just trusting me to do what I do, and allowing me to do what I do. I appreciate that. And also -- in the back, kevin fuller, mr. Fuller. I really appreciate you for everything that you stand for. And mr. Fuller received this award before, so it's -- i'm so honored to know I received an award that mr. Fuller received. Because he's so great in my eyes, and I appreciate you. And I appreciate you for being here. Harris, thank you so much. I owe you one. I'll talk to you later. But I appreciate you so much. Just for everything, being a friend and for being here today, and for all your dedication, and how I got here. I appreciate you for even thinking of me -- I appreciate that. Really, I do. Lashonda, she's our program manager of the outreach team. Before that lashonda is also a friend of mine that I grew up with and went to school with, so I appreciate you for being here, and even when I don't want anyone to know things about me that you find a way to call them anyway. But I appreciate you being here, and your dedication. I appreciate that. Thank you. She's like a mother to me. A mentor. Because we all need mentors, and even though we mentor our young people, and even though I have a lot of them, and sometimes they think i'm their mother, I tell them, everyone needs someone. And that is someone that I have right there that even when i'm wrong or even when i'm saying things, she's -- it doesn't hurt her to pull me by the coattail and say, no, you need to get that right. And I appreciate that. Everyone needs that. Mrs. Deangela wells, she is -- I can't even explain what she means to me. She is my sister. She is my mentor, she is the reason why I am here, growing up as a young person where I come from, if it wasn't for her, me getting my life right and doing the things that i'm doing now, and the pushing me to do that, and saying that it was not ok as a teenager that I was just going to be a baby-sitter, and I appreciate that. I appreciate that, that she pushed me in that way. And I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for people like these in my life. And I appreciate them, and I think you guys -- thank you guys all for coming, and definitely for michelle, she has always been there. And building that relationship out in the community, you have a lot of different partners, a lot of people you do things with, but consistency,

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that's the key. When I work with these young people, one thing I do know they understand is consistency. That's one thing they understand. So we have that relationship with each other, and we're consistent, and that's one thing I can understand that I can give them. And again to you, mayor, everything, all your dedication, all your believing in me, in our program, everything that you do to make sure that we're still around, I appreciate that. People don't understand sometimes when -- not that I have to defend you much, mayor, but --

Katz: Some places you probably do.

Dickens: But I love to, because I know your dedication to us, and I know we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you. I appreciate that, because what you do makes sure that we have -- we have what we need to do what we do for our young people. And I appreciate that.

Katz: Thank you. Thank you and congratulations. Ok. Does anybody else want to come up and say some nice words about this wonderful, wonderful human being? No? Well, we all want to thank you, and thank Mrs. Lowenstein, and thank the board, and your family and friends who have helped you and your colleagues who have helped you in your work. Thanks.

Francesconi: Thanks, Tonya. We're proud of you. You're a proud product of the community that's here, and you're passing this on to our young people. Thanks.

Katz: Ok. And we have high expectations, Tonya: Item 27.

Item 27.

Katz: Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you, madam mayor, and members of the council. I am pleased today to bring to council what I consider to be an outstanding seven nominees to evaluate the city's options for addressing the security, regulatory, and infrastructure needs of the mt. Tabor reservoir -- mt. Tabor open drinking water reservoirs. The city's open reservoirs at mt. Tabor and Washington park are much beloved and citizens have demonstrated their powerful attachment to these facilities as park neighborhoods and as neighborhood amenities. As equally important, they are critical parts of the city's infrastructure, providing drinking water to over two-thirds of the city of Portland's residents. We've come to a point, though, where these facilities cannot remain unchanged in the face of what we know about the security needs, the regulatory requirements, and the condition of the infrastructure related to these facilities. The regulatory needs alone demand that the city take some form of action to improve water quality protection at these facilities. I believe the security and infrastructure needs are equally imperative. I do believe the city council made the right decision when it chose to bury the reservoirs and to invest in park improvements above the reservoirs in May of 2002. The winning design for the park improvements at mt. Tabor could provide the park and the neighborhood with amazing world class public water features that would be the envy of many Portland neighborhoods and cities throughout the world. To me, we do have a great approach for improving the safety and health of our water supply and maintaining the incredible beauty of mt. Tabor park. However, I recognize that the many residents are not satisfied with the process that informed the council's original decision in May of 2002. The purpose of the process before the council today is to bring a set of independent eyes to this issue and for this group to provide the city council with additional input regarding how the city should proceed. The time line for this committee to meet is 90 days from the -- from their first meeting, because the need to address the facilities is an urgent one. The scope is limited, the resolution before you charges the panel to evaluate those options that will allow the city to comply with the pending e.p.a. Federal drinking water regulations and to address the security needs for the facilities. Independent does mean independent. With your consultation, I have nominated what I consider to be a diverse set of community leaders from throughout the city. All of the panel members have committed to me that they will come to the task at hand with an open mind and will work to provide the council with input devoid of any personal agendas or presumptions. As stated in the resolution, the panel

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members themselves will select a facilitator and an independent technical advisor to assist them in their work. We anticipate bringing the technical advisor contract to council on January 28, or February 4 on behalf of the panel. I am open to the recommendations of this group, as I hope the rest of the council colleagues are as well. Having developed a charge to this panel that ensures that the regulatory and security needs for the facilities will be met, I am open to making a new decision on how to proceed based on the outcome of the panel's work. Finally, I want to clarify how much -- state how much I truly appreciate the willingness of the panel members to get involved in this issue. I was literally surprised that everybody I called said yes. I figured I'd probably have at least a 50% refusal rate, but it was more or less a 99% acceptance rate. These are volunteers whose efforts on behalf of the city will be highly scrutinized and most likely criticized. The bottom line is they didn't have to do this, but they've stepped up anyway. I hope both my colleagues and the public will keep this in mind as we proceed. And I wanted to run down who those panel members are, and acknowledge the ones we do have here today in the audience. The panel nominees are August Donegan, the chair of the panel, he is here today. He is an independent maritime consultant, long-time northwest Portland resident, former president of the city club. Augmon Beeman. Eileen manages the ecotrust food and farms programs. Vanessa Gaston is the newly appointed president and chief executive officer of the urban league. Dr. William Glaze is here as well. Dr. Glaze is on the faculty of the Oregon Graduate Institute and is the chair of the environmental protection agency's scientific advisory board. Stephanie Mendoza-Gray is the executive director of the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement and she's also a member of the Portland Parks Board. State representative Steve March is here. Steve serves district 46, which covers portions of northeast and southeast Portland, including the Mt. Tabor neighborhoods. Dave Mazza is the editor of the Portland Alliance, the city's oldest progressive alternative newspaper. Sandra McDonough is vice-president external affairs for national energy and gas transmission. Dr. Gary Oxman has served as the public health officer for Multnomah County since 1987. Frank Ray is a budget analyst for the city of Gresham and he is also a member of the Portland Utility Review Board. Captain James Spitzer is the Multnomah County's health department's first emergency preparedness manager. He's been in that position since 2002, prior to that he was -- he's been with the U.S. Coast Guard for most of his career and most recently was the port captain for Portland. Tiffany Schweitzer is president of Hoyt Street Properties. And tomorrow Walsh is also here, Tom is a Portland native, civic leader, businessman, former general manager of Tri-Met. Those are the 13 nominees. As I said, they're charged -- they have five options to look at, they will meet once they have their facilitator and advisor on board, for 90 days, and then they'll report back to council and then council will either reaffirm the present course, which is the burial of the reservoir with the park improvements per the international winning design, or we can choose one of the other four options. And with that, I would urge your approval.

Katz: All right. Thank you, commissioner. Public testimony?

Jeff Boly: Good morning. I am Jeff Boly, vice chair and designated spokesman of my neighborhood association. Have you my letter regarding the independent review panel. I asked that it be made part of this record. I begin by reviewing the relevant undisputed facts. Please stop me if you believe anything I am saying is not true. One -- binding city policy 4.02 commenced the city to promote, sustain, create, and respond to civic involvement as essential to the health of the city. Specifically the city is committed to, quote, seek early involvement of citizens in planning, projects, and policy development. Closed quote. Two -- implicit in this policy is that citizen involvement precede decisions. Three -- the decision to bury the reservoirs was made 20 months ago without citizen involvement. Four -- commissioner Saltzman, quote, still believes the city council's May 2002 decision to bury was a good one, closed quote. Five -- the process under consideration today is, quote, in response to several concerns about the public process leading to the city council's May

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2002 decision, closed quote. Six -- under state law, you have a choice between creating an advisory panel whose recommendations have no legal force and effect, or holding a hearing according to established state rules. 7 -- these rules are set forth in o.r.s. 197.763 entitled, quote, conduct of local quasi judicial land use hearings, notice requirements, hearing procedures, closed quote. Eight -- neither this hearing today nor the proposed panel review itself meet the requirements of this statute. Nine -- the budget for the panel process is \$300,000. 10 -- commissioner Saltzman, with consultation with council, selected the panel members and determined its rules. 11 -- commissioner Saltzman hopes that the panel will validate the decision that he and you have already made. 12 -- the neighborhood associations of this city could select a panel that meet all of commissioner Saltzman's criteria who are at least as diverse, credentialed and experienced as the panel he proposes. 13 -- such a panel would not be acceptable to commissioner Saltzman. Under these circumstances --

Francesconi: Can I take you up on your offer here to correct things? I don't know if this is actually a correction to number 11, or an addition. So -- quote, I do not have a preferred outcome for the panel's work. Closed quote. And that's a letter from commissioner Saltzman dated January 13. So either you have to correct 11 or you have to add that one.

Boly: All right. And I just was handed that letter -- I hadn't seen it, and so -- i'll correct it to say he has now said that in his letter. But i'd like to finish.

Katz: Give him 14 seconds.

Boly: Under these circumstances, I submit that you're about to waste \$300,000. Your objective to is -- is to respond to concerns about the process that informed your decision. If the process you designed validates your decision as you hope, its conclusions will not be accepted by opposing citizens. What will you have accomplished? The lawsuits will continue, the initiatives will continue, public dismay will continue.

Katz: Thank you.

Charles Heying: I'm Charles Heying resident of southeast Portland. I'm here to express open session to the process that led to the creation of the reservoir review panel. While we were heartened commissioner Saltzman has taken a step toward reconsidering the burial of the reservoirs, we believe the appearance of compromise is not enough. We urge council to withhold approval until citizen stakeholders and council jointly determine the parameters of panel activity and jointly select its members. At issue are the basic principles of dispute resolution, all stakeholders in a dispute must be at the table. Stakeholders jointly determine the nature of the problem and the options to be considered. They mutually agree on the rules of the game, they jointly select those who arbitrate the dispute. Using these principles as a guide, we see several problems with the proposed panel. First the friends were not at the table. Through demonstrations of widespread public support we have established our claim as stakeholders in the process. However, we were not invited to participate. The friends did not participate in determining the nature of the problem or the options considered. It's a truism that those who frame the issue and choose the options largely determine the outcomes of a process. In his press release commissioner Saltzman took full advantage of his ability to do this. He described the reservoirs as, quote, wide open to contamination both incidental and intentional, and he narrowly instructed the panel to consider infrastructure needs of these aging facilities the security issues and the city's required response to pending federal drinking water requirements. Had we participated in the process, we would have framed it in quite another way. We would have started with the idea that the reservoirs are unique and irreplaceable resource for the city, that the critical aspect of their historical character is their continued operation as functioning, open reservoirs, that burial is the last option to be considered only when all other alternatives are exhausted, and that creative solutions and minimal mitigation can address e.p.a. concerns. The friends did not participate in setting the rules of the game. We

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have been excluded from helping determine how public testimony is taken, how resources will be suspended, how long the panel will remain in service. The friends did not participate in the selection of those who will arbitrate the dispute. This is our most important reservation. Commissioner Saltzman has not changed his position on the reservoirs. In his press release, he reiterated his belief the city council's decision to bury the reservoirs was a good one. Therefore, it seems unlikely that his selections are unbiased. We believe the council wants to see a resolution to this dispute, but this can only happen if citizen and stakeholders own the process, but we cannot own what we did not help create. We urge to you withhold approval until a panel is selected through fair and open procedures. Let me end with a quote from mayoral candidate tom potter's press release about the review panel. He says, how can we possibly know if we are making the right decision if we haven't involved those in our neighborhoods who must live with what the city decides? It is important to lead, but to lead by listening to the community.

Katz: Thank you.

Floy Jones: Good morning. I'm floy jones. The community has sought an independent review of the reservoir decision for over a year. You might remember the first trifold we brought to you last january 5. We asked then that citizens be given resources to independently study the reservoir issue. None were forth coming, so we took it upon ourselves to independently review the issue and we did find less expensive viable alternatives. What was only our second meeting with commissioner Saltzman on december 17, we learned of restrictions, constraints, and limitations that will be placed on the reservoir panel. It's our believe these will taint the panel's work from the outset if they remain in place. From commissioner Saltzman's perspective, if the panel selects mitigation plan option from the city's perspective, it would require that that include both covers and setbacks. By imposing that restriction, it essentially eliminates one of the allowed e.p.a. options. If the panel chooses installation of covers as their option, the city would consider this to be a 10-year temporary solution. Commissioner Saltzman has said reservoir covers will only last 10 years, thus more permanent solution would need to be chosen after that time. Essentially any option other than burial will be considered a temporary situation. What we know to be true through our research is that the proposed e.p.a. Rules allow for treatment at the outlet in lieu of covers, or a state mitigation plan that does not require covers or any specific setbacks. These artificial parameters as outlined for the panel, any panel outcome that supports burial or installation of covers for 10 years followed by burial will not be viewed as independent, but rather predetermined. Another panel restriction that was mentioned is that the panel would be prohibited from looking at real time online monitoring technologies. It was further suggested in our meeting and reinforced by comments subsequently made by a panel member that the community's ability to present information regarding independently researched alternatives may be limited to rushed three-minute presentations as is the case today. Under this scenario, no dialogue is allowed and an open exchange of information cannot take place. If these artificial limitations are not removed and a process is not established to allow for a full public hearing of all of the associated issues and options, the panel will be viewed as being spoon fed and established only to support a predetermined outcome. Commissioner Francesconi in an o.n.i. Public involvement presentation is quoted as saying, city council members must step up to the plate and hold each other accountable for good public process. This is the time and this is the place to take such action. Please hold each other accountable and create a process that is not just symbolic, but truly open, unrestricted, and independent.

John Otsyula: My name is john otsyula, and i'm a water specialist with a master's degree from Portland state university. I'm also working for large microelectronics industry here until the Portland metro area. It's a household name. Thank you, mayor, and members. Council members. I'm here to support jeff boly in his need to have citizen involvement in matters of covering the reservoir. From my studies and my experience in watershed policy matters, the citizens, they are

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the largest stakeholder and they must be included. To the extent that they feel not included, they take the victim position, which is not fair in matters of negotiation like this. The city of pittsburgh had a similar issue, 1998, to cover reservoir. And the citizens were involved, and they had to be included. Scott fernandez has done some work on the alternatives to covering the reservoir. For the city of Portland, apart from just the e.p.a. regulations, there will be e.p.a. regulations coming up. The reason water sources meeting by american water works association shows that it's more important to protect the water at its source, which is the watershed, bull run, than to treat the water later. So covering the reservoir would lend itself to position where we'll need a filtration system. This is very expensive. There are issues in the watershed like the culverts and the roads that further explained very well that could be considered as alternatives, and they will need to be done whether the reservoir is covered now or not. They will need to be done. I suggest we do it -- they be considered now until such time that covering will be necessary. And lastly, technology is improving. I work in the microelectronics industry, as I mentioned, and we can come up with a state of the art process of measuring contaminants.

Katz: Thank you.

Pamella Settlegoode: Hello mayor and commissioners. My name is pamella settlegoode, and i'm here representing the interest of southwest hills residential league. I think all of you are familiar with the neighborhood. It is behind the city, it's a wonderful backdrop, and it's a testimony to the city's livability. And I think the city often points to that. I'm here today to make three points on behalf of the league as its president. There's no emergency. The e.p.a. does not demand you bury and cover our reservoirs. Treat the water minimally, because it's already near perfection. We already have a world class, unique, and majestic system. Yes, it needs repairs. Number 2, we strongly believe someone from the league or the neighborhood should serve on the review committee. It's our neighborhood, we should be allowed to contribute. We have credentials, we're intelligent, and it's our neighborhood. It's our water. Mr. Saltzman provided a copy of his nominees and argues these are independent individuals. No, they really aren't. We've done a tally out of the 13 individuals. Four are from the developer, architectural engineering community. Six are associated with government. Theorize they're on the payroll, have been on the payroll, or they probably will actually be on the payroll. Three are from the business and political communities, dr. Oxman stands out. Quote, this is from mr. Saltzman's literature -- in recent years, he has worked extensively on local emergency preparedness and bioterrorism issues. I have to smile about that. I have to wonder how many weapons of mass destruction he's found. In sum, the review panel may be completely irrelevant. If they favor mr. Saltzman and his consultants, it will be no big surprise. If they oppose, their view may not be accepted because it's been given emergency status. Like other task forces, time to time, they study, they shuffle the papers, they cost a lot of money, but in the final analysis, the objective scientific view is outnumbered by individuals who are put there to find a way to do it. Mr. Saltzman and the commissioners are the customers, and it's clear by your past post that you want a big project. You want to do this. You want to bury and cover and spend lots of money. We taxpayers have not approved to do this. Please reconsider. Find your way. Appoint individuals of genuine credibility and who live in the neighborhood. We can find a cost effective legitimate way to fix it. Thank you.

Robert Butler: My name is robert butler. I have two cards, and I didn't try very hard to find these cards. They're pretty much sitting on my desk. Once a realtor turns out this person is active in the community in the neighborhood movement program. Background of this realtor is security work related to the subject, federal government. Here's another card. This individual is local, very active in the community, well-known in the community, particularly in the business side. His position is - - his private side, security strategies. That's what we're talking about, by the way, covering the reservoirs. So those are two that happen to be on my desk. I look at this list and first thing I want

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to do is take off all the cozy relationships within the government -- local governments or other governments of which there are five. Three from the county. Which is the coziest relationship I can think of, and I real letter have to say it's just doesn't pass the smell test. I say that these two are probably as good if not better but mostly better than all of those. All of those. And I don't see any reason why not to believe it. So the issue is, how are we going to get people like this instead of people like this? There's nothing wrong with the people like this, but the citizens are putting this city leadership on trial. The majority of the people think you should be on trial. And we need an honest resolution with a partnership. You haven't brought it to us. We could put it together. It's a question, are you going to work with us. Thank you.

Cascade Anderson Geller: Cascade anderson geller from southeast Portland. I'm representing myself this morning. I haven't had time to -- i've been out of town and working we shard on -- hard on the national register nominations for mt. Tabor park, and also for the reservoirs. I was listening this morning, I wanted to make sure all the points were covered. The points I didn't feel were covered adequately, although I agree with everything that was said this morning, is in the executive body that you want to give to the panel, which will allow private sessions, once again, cutting out the public. First of all, the governing body, the public -- the governing body of a public body must allow open meetings. If you're not going to allow open meetings, you need to be able to justify this.

And i'd like to know on what grounds you're going to justify put -- cutting the public out of the process once again. So i'll be writing a letter in that -- to ask that specifically. I'm wondering on the panel, even though I want to honor all the panel members and I also want to honor all of you and especially you, commissioner Saltzman, for taking the effort to look at the project again, but I also want to know that who is going to be there at these meetings making sure the information is accurate. One thing we found is that there's been a lot of misspeaks, if I can use commissioner Saltzman's direct quote. Misspeaks to the press, continually. Misspeaks from the water bureau, misspeaks from the council. We need to make sure that the information that's given to the public, given to the whole world that's watching this process, we're getting it out to the world that Portland is in trouble with public process. We're not the city that we thought we were. It's a very big deal. It's not just about the reservoirs. My suggestion is that we need to have someone in those meetings that knows the information very well inside and out. It's very, very important for the panel members to get good information. How are they going to get it. That's my question. Again, we're on a fast track situation. We can't seem to get away from that word in the city. Portland is not the only place in the country, the only place in the world that feels they're in desperate straits right now.

All cities, all states, all conditions have budget problems. We don't need to fast track Portland and change the incredible community that we have in order to feel that we're going to make any difference here. It's a worldwide problem. We have big problems to address. We need to start with democracy, so that's what i'm here to say. The last thing, we have a lot of money. Once again, we're giving to this panel. I was astounded at the budget that this panel was given for three months.

It's a lot of money. That money should be I think better spent and commissioner leonard, I hope you will back me up on this, at looking at the whole water system. We need to have a public conversation about our water system. There are all kinds of closed-door meetings. We need to get going on this and save a resource that's very important for the city. Thank you very much.

Katz: Thank you. Anybody else? All right.

Saltzman: Could I respond to a few points?

Katz: Sure, go ahead.

Saltzman: I just wanted to respond to a few points that were raised. The panel will be having open meetings. Their meetings will be subject to Oregon open meeting laws. The budget for the panel has not been determined yet. It will be determined in large part after negotiations with the selected consultants, the facilitator and the independent technical advisor. Although certainly \$300,000 is a

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range, the true cost will depend on the fees to get negotiated. The panel is bringing in outside experts and things like that. So we don't know it will necessarily be \$300,000. We estimate it will be at least \$100,000. And finally, I wanted to reiterate the panel, the independent review panel itself will select its consultants. The deadline for submitting "for qualifications was yesterday. We had 13 submissions for facilitators and four submissions for technical advisor, and from this point on, it will be the review panel that actually conducts the views, goes through those proposals and makes the ultimate selection as to who those firms will be.

Katz: Roll call.

Francesconi: I'm surely going to support this. I guess I have a couple thoughts. One is that this should actually be a proud day in Portland's history. We haven't seen the final chapter, but I think we have to take a moment to reflect on the good things that just happened here today. The first thing is that there's been a genuine response to the neighborhood. I appreciate good organizing when I see it, and you've done a terrific job. And you're relentless on this, and you're pursuing every avenue, including the last witness. And you should be doing that. And that's good. And I think there's been a genuine response, which leads to my second point. We don't always get everything exactly right every time, but the key is to learn from it, and here we're taking a step back. And genuinely looking at this like you asked us to do that. And I think that takes some guts, and some leadership and I think commissioner Saltzman has shown that. And we're stepping back. The third thing is we've got -- i'll stand by the integrity and qualifications of this group of citizens any day. And if this is a test of leadership, i'm here saying that we've got a great group. Now there's different models of citizen involvement. With that community organizing that i'm familiar with in the old days, I never would have agreed to be part of a panel. Because you can exert a lot more pressure from the outside than being part of the inside. And if you were on the inside, friends of the reservoir, commissioner Saltzman would have been obligated to put people opposed to you on this panel. And I think the better approach is to put independent folks with integrity and expertise in an independent situation to give us some independent advice so that we can make a decision which is best for the citizens. Turning to the panel, thank you for serving. It is an incredible group that's assembled. I have maybe four concerns -- issues, not concerns. The process, it is important, you get beyond -- hopefully you won't spend \$300,000, but you get beyond the qualifications and the facilitator, and you have a process where you listen to people and you get genuine input. And I know you will do that. So that's not a big concern. On the substantive side, there's three. There's three factors i'm looking at, and you may determine others. First, it is the safety of the drinking water to our citizens. In that regard it is important to get more testimony from police, f.b.i., counter terrorism folks, as to what the risk really is here. That's a suggestion. The second factor is the historic nature of the reservoirs, and how important that is. And it is -- i'm saying it is very important. And we have another group of citizens whose panel you should look at the work they've done. The criteria that they want applied to this, because there's very good important work on the historic nature of the park that -- how important this public space is. And the third, and this is really important to me, cost. This project is very expensive. At a time that our rates are -- many of our citizens are struggling with the rates. So those are three important factors for me that I look forward to your input on as this goes through. So this is a good day. We haven't seen the end chapter here. But this is a very good day. This is what built this city. Aye.

Leonard: In the fire service it's well known that the hardest thing to do is to convince people not to do certain things that can cause a catastrophic fire. In the united states, every time a major improvement in the fire code has occurred has only been after a catastrophic event. For example, the coconut grove fire in boston in the 1940's killed almost 500 people. In one instant which persuaded people that, yes, maybe we should have doors that open out instead of that can be locked. And not use revolving doors as exit doors. That same example applies to fire sprinklers, it

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applies to any smoke detectors, any time an indent has occurred people have died, is one people have accepted we need to have some kind of restriction on building. This debate reminds me of that very much. Because I had -- this is one of the issues I have been involved with since the inception of it, since i've arrived on the council. And i've met with people in their homes, i've met with them in the office, and i've been struck by the lack of acknowledgment that there's a safety problem. The issue for me has never been burying the reservoirs. It has never been that. We don't necessarily need to bury the reservoirs to fix what I believe to be ingredients that exist, that could add up to a catastrophic event. What i'm interested in is making sure not just that we save the reservoir, but that we assure the hundreds of thousands of people who drink water from the taps, from this city every day that it is safe as possible, and that we didn't do something political to avoid our responsibility to meet that goal. I too want to acknowledge the panel. I am either familiar or know or in one case have been a colleague of every member of the panel representing -- representative march is elected by the voters of southeast Portland, he is one of the most highly regarded legislators for his impartiality. His commitment to do the right thing, and I too, along with commissioner Francesconi, am persuaded that this look, fresh look at this issue will produce balanced results. It is clear to me from the testimony here that not everybody will be happy with the result that tries to do something to assure safety in the drinking water, but I can tell you for me, that is a concern. Again, how we get there, i'm open to that, but it has to be the solution acknowledges and addresses what seems to me a problem that has not been acknowledged by this city for generations, and that is the susceptibility to some kind of event occurring that costs people their lives at the worst or makes people extremely ill at the other end of the scale. Aye.

Saltzman: I want to once again thank the panel members. Some of them who are here today, i've gotten a flavor of their work to come, and I appreciate all the work ahead of them and I hope everybody will participate in this process and good faith and we'll look forward to your report in the spring. Aye.

Katz: It's all been said. I want to thank commissioner Saltzman for stepping back and making a commitment to a lot of citizens to bring representatives from the community to revisit this issue and to take their recommendations. Thank you. Aye. [gavel pounded] ok. Item 28.

Item 28.

Katz: I see don, don, come on up. I don't see gail.

Leonard: Gail is here.

Katz: Why don't you both come up. First of all, I think you all noticed that i've asked paul schlesinger to serve a second term on the planning commission. And we reappointed him on the commission when we voted on the consent calendar. I've asked these two outstanding citizens to take probably one of the most important roles in city government and citizens participation on as members of the planning commission. If you approved their -- my recommendation. Let me start with gail. She's a native Oregonian. Currently administrator of the state of Oregon's public health systems. She was a senior advisor to the secretary of labor and director of external communications with the federal highway administration. As well as six years as a member of the Oregon legislature. And a member of my caucus. And six years with the city of Portland's bureau of traffic management. In 2000 she received a prestigious fellowship from harvard university, and during that fellowship she reserved the challenges of integrating urban design and public policy with the goal of creating livable communities. Having said just that, you can understand why i've asked gail to serve as a member of the planning commission. Don. Don hanson. Native of Portland. Principal with otec architects and engineers. He's a planner, he's a landscape architect, he's got incredible experience in mixed use commercial and industrial and open space projects. He manages the development services team at otec. He was part of the advisory of blueprint 2000 committee and serves or served on the storm water advisory committee and participated in title 43 land

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development code rewrite and just for that you ought to be given a medal. And as you know, he is a member of the city's development review advisory committee, known as d.r.a.g. He has agreed as a member of the planning commission, to be an informal liaison between the d.r.a.g. and the planning commission, and that's one of the reasons why I asked don to serve. Don's filling the position for amanda fritz, who served on the commission since 1996. I've thanked amanda personally with the seven years of the exemplary service that she has given to the city. She was the voice of neighborhoods, she will continue to be the voice of neighborhoods. And has a genuine passion for high standards for all of us. And we've heard from her, we will continue to hear from her. And that's -- for us, that's a very important value to have amanda and others around to remind us that sometimes we don't quite get it all right. So I want to thank both of you, and I want to give you a few minutes to say something about what you see your role and why it's important. Gail, why don't we start with you.

Gail Shibley: Thank you, madam mayor, members of the council. It's a privilege and a pleasure to be here this morning. I appreciate very much the opportunity to have just a few minutes. We will have I imagine a few more over the course of the next couple years from time to time. I, as the mayor ticked through some of what i've been doing over the last several years, it is true, I have been several different places, from boston, to berlin, to Washington, to dresden and back home. And a bit like dorothy, I knew that it took more than clicking your heels and wishing. Home is where you decide you want to put roots, and become a part of the community. And although i've -- there are many beautiful cities, communities, wonderful, exciting, terrific places in the -- around the globe, there's only one home, and Portland is home. And I simply wanted to come home, sink down roots and make a contribution. I believe that as I shared with the mayor previously, that the planning commission, my exhortation, my contribution is encouraging the commission to be bold, to be detailed, to sweat the small stuff, that's where the devil is, and to be inclusive. It doesn't matter if you've got the best mousetrap in the world, if it's not a part of a process that everybody has ownership in, it doesn't mean anything. And I look forward to giving the very best both in the product of the planning commission, and in the process to get us there.

Katz: Thank you, gail. Don?

Don Hanson: I'm also really looking forward to this, this four-year term on planning commission. I think their work is very important for the city. they cast a very broad policy net over the entire city of Portland that really affects how our city functions, and how it looks. It's -- I think the decisions they make at the policy level and the code level are very important for Portland. The perspective I bring is that I work in over 50 jurisdictions, and I think I can bring that perspective to our planning commission as they look at regulations and policies in the city of Portland. So i'll probably be the guy who -- i'm usually on this side of the microphone at planning commission hearings, and I think I bring the benefit of that experience in other jurisdictions to the committee.

Katz: Thank you. Council i'm going -- council have any questions? Thank you. Both of you, for being here. Anybody else want to testify? If not, roll call.

Francesconi: These are two great selections, mayor. And i've gotten to know gail through some different circumstances, and through the course of it, she became my friend. And I was a -- an admirer of her before and I became more so through the course of events. So as we have some directions to kind of -- we need to move forward in a more unified fashion together with the planning commission, p.d.c. And the city council, and so your talents will help us do that. And don, on some of the details, especially on the regulatory side, it's really important right now, and that's become a high priority for the planning staff, the planning commission, of course the council, and bringing your expertise right now in the short-term on that issue is something we really need. Not to mention the long term about how this all fits together. It's our well-planned city with an

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urban growth boundary, transportation infrastructure that's separated us from other regions, and it's part of the reason gail wanted to come home. So we need both your help to keep that. Aye.

Leonard: Listening to commissioner Francesconi, i'm reminded i'm glad i'm not the first one to speak, because i'm always impressed by how diplomatic he is.

Francesconi: He's buttering me up.

Leonard: And it modifies what I otherwise might have said at first.

Francesconi: That's part of my role with you.

Leonard: Yeah. So the planning commission can do I think a better job, and gail talked about collaboration, and I focused on that, reflecting not just what the loudest people in Portland say, but what the vast majority of people think this city is about. And that's about making it a city that works. Working together. And I was a colleague of gail's. I don't know don as well, but i'm certainly familiar with him and I am very impressed with these appointments. These are great appointments. And it -- I think it's going to further our attempts to not reduce standards in this city, but make them more collaborative. Because I think -- I have always believed we can have a city that looks exactly like it looks without people feeling like they're being grilled in the process to develop. And I think your payments, mayor, in this regard are reflected here. And I appreciate them, and I look forward to working with both of you a lot. Aye.

Saltzman: I want to welcome gail and don to the daunting task ahead of them, and also to thank amanda fritz for her long service on the planning commission. Aye.

Katz: I think it's fair to say that probably at this time we have one of the best planning commissions that we've ever had, it's a very diverse group, comes with different opinions, and as I said, it has the most important job I think of all the commissions here in the city. So thank you for serving, a lot of work, a lot of hours, a lot of reading, a lot of testimony. Aye. [gavel pounded] all right. Item 29. Don't go away, I need you for this.

Item 29.

Francesconi: I'll be right back.

Katz: As I said, I was going to ask our economic development agency to come to you bimonthly and to share with you some of the news you don't get to read, because it happens to be good news. And I think it's important that we share with the public that, yes, we're living in very difficult times. Yes, we're living in a global economy. Yes, that budget constraints and the creation of jobs is a difficult reality all over the united states in -- almost in every state and certainly in the state of Oregon. And that work has continued to go on a hard, tiring work to make sure that we expand opportunities, to make sure that we find opportunities for people who want to locate here or who are interested in expanding their activities here. So I made a commitment to all of you that we will highlight some good news. Can somebody get commissioner Francesconi? I want him to hear this.

Leonard: I suggest you let him finish what he's doing. [laughter]

Katz: That's the quote of the morning. [laughter]

Katz: Don't you disappear on me now: Why don't we start. It might take longer than I anticipated. I don't want to embarrass anybody. Why don't we begin.

Don Mazziotti, Portland Development Commission: Thank you, mayor Katz. For the record, don mazzioti. Not part of my statement, but just want to say you're proceedings over the last hour have been inspirational. Appreciate it. I think the process that you are engaged in is just terrific, and the way you treat the issues has been equally so. My editorial comment.

Katz: Thank you.

Mazziotti: This is my second monthly report on economic development process in the city. I have four or five things i'd like to talk to you about, and I also want to ask john nee, the vice-president of marketing for integra telecom, to conclude my remarks by making some comments on his own.

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And i'll introduce him at that time. The first task that I have is to dispel an urban myth which is circulating in the city. One of several. The myth is that during the past several years Portland has lost 400 jobs. I hear this from business people, I hear it from elected officials, and I hear it from citizens. I think it's important for you to know the facts, and the facts are that from 2000-2002 --

Katz: 400 firms?

Mazziotti: From 2000 to 2002, 436 firms representing about 7,000 jobs, left the city for locations elsewhere in Oregon, predominantly locations within the Portland metropolitan region. 371 firms, about 6600 jobs, moved into the city from elsewhere in Oregon, principally from within the metropolitan region. In other words, we had a net loss of firms from Portland during that period of time at 65. Of those 65 companies, which represent about 439 employees, nearly 50% had two or fewer employees. To give you a sense of size and impact. Last week we announced that integra telecom would locate its national headquarters in the lloyd district with 300 employees. With that addition, we could say that the city has lost a net of 139 jobs from firm dislocation over the period 2000-2002 to other locations in the region, making the problem much, much different than as advertised on the street. We don't have data about move-ins or move-outs coming from outside of Oregon or moving out of Oregon entirely. However, our license bureau reports that about twice as many business licenses during this period were applied for than going out of business accounts. From their measure, therefore, there's been actually a net growth of at least business accounts. We don't have data to tell you that there are x number of jobs or firms represented by those accounts. We can say, though, that most jobs lost in the last two years, which is somewhere between seven and 11,000 jobs in the city of Portland, are primarily lay-offs, terminations, or firms that have gone out of business due to primarily competitive reasons. So the myth that you've lost or we've lost 400 companies to suburban locations is not accurate. In short, it's a myth that the city has lost scores of companies and jobs. There's a constant process of location expansion and relocation occurring in the metropolitan area, and all over the country. Portland, like Oregon, like the region, has temporarily lost thousands of jobs during the recession, and we're now in the process of rebuilding those thousands of jobs lost. The economic development department at p.d.c., headed by marty harris, who is here today, and many city bureaus, including those that you manage, are working together to recruit, retain, and promote expansion of companies. In the last six months, u.s. Bank corp, jantzen, interface engineering, northwest corporate credit union, heritage hotels, and integra telecom, among many others, have located in Portland. We expect that trend to continue. In fact, this afternoon I believe the mayor will announce a major retention expansion of a national headquarters company in Portland, who will choose to stay here and expand at a new location, a project that we've been working on for about a year with the help of many of you. The second point I want to make is that last week the third annual competitiveness report was issued by a university in boston, this is the third of the reports issued, and they found that the Portland region ranks 9th most competitive of the 300 or so metropolitan areas in the united states from a business competition standpoint. Seattle was first, san francisco was second, Portland was 9th. While that may not be sufficient in terms of winning, it is substantially better than the vast bulk of metropolitan areas within -- with whom we're in competition. It does not mean our business climate does not require additional work. It means that efforts to improve the climate during the past several years are working and seem to be working reasonably well. It's time I think to take down the black crepe. It is not time to stop working on improving the business climate. Third, I can report that p.d.c. has submitted an application to the u.s. Economic development administration to support finalization after regional economic strategy, which we also have, and have worked on over the past several years with the mayor's leadership, and designation of the Portland vancouver region as an economic development district. This designation of successful and we need your help on this, will make us eligible for e.d.a. funds and public works dollars which can be used to build roads and

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bridges and critical infrastructure for industry. Portland hasn't been in that game for nearly 20 years. We're going to get in the game, and we're going to compete for those funds. Fourth, we continue our work with the metals and manufacturing cluster in Portland and the region. This week and last night we hosted the head of the site selection division of the national association of manufacturers who has been touring the area for the last two days with our assistants looking at sites, talking with firms, and meeting with some of you, including commissioners -- commissioner Francesconi and mayor Katz last evening at a dinner. On balance, he found that this to is a great place, a place that has incidentally the highest -- second highest proportion of manufacturing in its economic base as any city in the country, and one that he believes with some substantial marketing efforts can continue the growth and expansion of our manufacturing sector. He thinks we have good business climate, reasonable land and facilities supplies with the need for more sites, and we're working on that as well. Finally, as part of my report, i'd like to introduce john nee, vice-president of marketing for integra telecom, the newest national headquarters company to be located in Portland, to talk a bit about their experience, john?

John Nee, Vice President, Integra Telecom: Thank you. Good morning. Delighted to be here and part of the good news report. Just a brief summary of integra telecom. We're a home-grown, Oregon-based telecom company and we serve only businesses. And in fact, as you walk around the Portland metropolitan area, roughly one in every 10 businesses is an integra customer in Portland. That may not sound very impressive, only 10% market share, but when you're competing against a 100-year-old monopoly in an industry that is becoming deregulated, it's an extraordinary achievement. Our desire to move to Portland was mainly driven by three reasons. The first is kind of more of a housekeeping reason, and that is our rent at our current facility was coming due. In light of that, we had a decision to make as to where we were going to relocate, and Portland was our dominant choice. Mainly because, reason number 2, for our employees. Most of our employees live in the Portland metropolitan area, and it would ease their commute. As you know, businesses aren't anything without their employees, and so it was important to us to retain that talent and cater to our employees first. We wanted to take that as an opportunity to be closer to our customers and build awareness for the company. We are competing against a 100-year-old monopoly and we'll take every advantage we can get. And when you're looking for awareness and community, Portland is the place to be. So about a year ago or sometime last year we began discussions with the city and the p.d.c., we began the process for the sign permit, which was part of our awareness strategy, discussions began with the p.d.c. on an eight package, and we followed protocol, we got excellent care from commissioner leonard's office and the bureau of land use services for the permit. Both the permit and the final terms of the p.d.c. package were completed last month, and we'll be moving into the lloyd district in sometime probably late april. And we can't wait to be your neighbor.

Mazziotti: That's my report.

Katz: Ok.

Francesconi: I guess I have one question. First of all, I appreciate the mayor bringing these, and I think we do have to dispel the myth that things are so bad here and we need to send a much more positive message to the business community, but i'm concerned about the tenor of your report that it goes the opposite direction. Even though you said that there aren't things we have to continue to improve, which you did say, i'm having trouble how the business income tax has dropped from \$52 million to \$40 million given the tenor of your remarks here today. And that income is necessary to support police, fire, parks, and essential city services. And that has never been that steep a drop in our city's history, yet you say it's a normal up and down. Do you have any -- can you explain that?

Mazziotti: Commissioner, I don't want to -- no one's ever called me a pollyanna, so I appreciate the suggestion.

Katz: I can vouch for that. [laughter]

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Mazziotti: I don't mean to suggest that this is -- or that we've gone through a normal process. I don't think this recession is normal in any way. I think that we're in a jobless recovery, and to use a hackneyed phrase that's been around for a year or so, and that's happened is companies have discovered ways to dramatically improve their productivity and one major sector is going offshore with much of its production. And that dramatically affects a supply chain that we have here that results in revenue declines of a substantial number, because their revenues are -- were very substantial. If you look at the metropolitan -- we have the highest unemployment rate in the united states in this metropolitan area. The second highest is san jose. We have very similar problems with san jose, and if you look at their tax and revenue problems, they're suffering exactly the same phenomenon. What we have, though, that san jose doesn't is that they have primarily a focus on venture development, entrepreneurship, start-ups, and the high side, the very high finance side, as well as the intelligence side of technology. Whereas we're on the manufacturing side and r&d. I think that we're better positioned, frankly, than san jose is, and I think you'll begin to see those revenues increase. But I don't mean to suggest there aren't challenges here, and I don't mean to suggest our business climate is improved to the point where we feel comfortable. We are not saying -- we're not comfortable about it and we're working hard on it. I would hope within the next several weeks that we can demonstrate that to you. We have -- we intend to come forward and talk about our permitting system, we think there are been improvement there's. All of these things will begin to add up. I can understand your impatience and discomfort with the revenue picture, but I think that we're on the way back, and the efforts that we're undertaken are beginning to show. Integra will join a number of other companies who will begin to pump up the revenues of the city over time, as they are successful, we will all be successful.

Francesconi: It's not just the revenues, the revenues are a symptom of a problem that we still need to work on as you're suggesting. It is nice to have you in our community. You made a wise choice and we're glad to have you. I think one of the things you'll also find here is that individual companies can make a difference in larger community in way that can't be done in seattle or san francisco or other places.

Leonard: I have a question. I appreciated you giving the other side of the coin, but of the 436 that left have we ever surveyed them to ask them why they moved out of Portland into the suburbs?

Mazziotti: Well, commissioner, we do know in some cases, we don't do a follow-up survey, it's very, very difficult and expensive to do it and you're basically surveying folks who have left and trying to chase them down, and it's really hard to do that kind of survey. We do know, however, for many firms who have relocated why they're relocating, because they've been clients in effect of ours. We have a business outreach, retention program, we visit more than 300 firms a year inside the city, and the metropolitan area. So we have a pretty good sense from firsthand accounts what's bothering them. And commissioner Francesconi raises a key issue. The tax structure, the incidents of tax, particularly on smaller firms, and those that don't have to be here or find no competitive reason to be in the city of Portland, will seek other locations, especially when the rent or land rent alternative is favorably -- favorable. So that's the predominant reason that companies will relocate. This has been offset to be perfectly honest, i'm surprised at this, this is being offset by the fact that we hear more than any other from companies who say the reason we want to be in Portland is because that's where our employees are either today's employees, or our future employees. Very much aware of the demographic we need isn't currently employed here, or if it is, they're living in Portland. And so they're very much aware of the phenomenon ya of the baby boom generation reaching retirement age and where the reservoir of workers 25 to 40 live, and they live in the city of Portland.

Leonard: So is there a sector we should be attracting that would find it in their best interest notwithstanding the tax structure in the city to be in the city, and we could rely on them to stay in

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the city, versus those that you've characterized maybe want to be in the region, but don't necessarily have to be in the borders of Multnomah county, city of Portland?

Mazziotti: We have done that work. It is nearly complete in terms of identifying clusters that are competitive. We could spend a long time describing that to you, and if you would like I can provide you with our conservative list of cluster and how those align, what our priorities are, and then we have strategies for each one of them. We have task forces that are organized principally of business people, but economic development folks as well working with each one of those clusters to focus from medical instrumentation and bioscience cluster to technology, to metals, transportation equipment, and we have each one of those sectors organized, and now our targeting those specific industries because they have location, demographic, worker, cost factor, and transportation van damage -- advantages that add up to wanting to be in Portland, it fits well for them. Of course we've got to have the facilities to do so, we've got to be able to accommodate them both in terms of buildings and land, and that's probably our biggest challenge. And they're the redevelopment of existing industrial areas is our greatest challenge and one that we're trying to tackle, but it's a much longer term issue.

Leonard: And finally, to what extent do you think that the business income tax, business license fee contributed to those 436 relocating? Is that the factor?

Mazziotti: It would be strictly speculation on my part. It is certainly a factor name by companies who relocate out of Multnomah county. In fact, we've had a net immigration from Multnomah county into the city of Portland during that 2000-2002 period. I would say that taxes in an overall sense are not the clear and compelling reason that any firm makes a relocation or investment decision. I think it's one of many factors, and probably the most important factor that we hear is location, not a surprise, and that's location relative to either their market or facilities infrastructure that they need, and secondly work force.

Katz: Their work force. Let me -- donna's right, last night, I didn't hear the word "tax" coming out of the gentleman from the national association of manufacturers. What we all did hear over and over again and something that we've been talking about for years is the work force issue. And what companies are recognizing is that the younger work force, the well-educated young people that are coming into the city of Portland might -- my young and restless are creating a work force, and a potential work force that will benefit integra and will benefit others in the services that are located right here in the heart of the city. They are not going to take light rail, or a car, or a bus to outlying areas. They want to be in the city, that's why they moved to Portland, and they want to do part of the creative work and the innovative work and the entrepreneurial work here in the city. So that work force, the gentleman told us we have an advantage because of the demographics.

Saltzman: I'd just like to welcome integra to Portland. Nice to have a homegrown corporate headquarters here. I've gotten to know integra over the years starting when I was commissioner in charge of 9-1-1, and i've followed you through the years. It really is -- I admire the fact that you're all privately financed, that you've focused your market, and I think those are all testaments to your strengths, given as you said, the competition you face in your dealing. So we hope you will only grow and prosper. Welcome.

Katz: Let me also welcome you, I need to thank a couple of people. First I want to thank commissioner leonard and the bureau of development services to deal with the permitting issues and the changes that have been made. I also want to thank sam adams, who worked with integra about a year ago and got them connected to all the necessary people. He was chief of staff in my office. And then I wanted to thank p.d.c. For making it work. -- work on the other side, which is the two of the tools that we have in our tool chest of quality jobs initiative, and loans, and my hope is that we can forgive your loans at some point. So I want to welcome you and welcome your work force here, and thank you. Did you want to say anything else, don?

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Mazziotti: No. Thank you for the opportunity.

Katz: Thank you. All right. Regular agenda. Item 35. And 36.

Item 35.

Katz: Roll call.

Francesconi: This is also very good. This is a very good process -- result, commissioner. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. [gavel pounded] 36.

Item 36.

Katz: Roll call.

Francesconi: Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. [gavel pounded] 37.

Item 37.

Katz: Gordon, are you going to come up and talk to us? Give us a little history, why this is important, and -- how you worked through all the details.

Gordon Wilson, Portland Parks: I'm Gordon Wilson, from the parks bureau. This item resolves a legal dispute with property owners adjacent to a recreational trail along the Willamette River. In 1982, the McCormick Pier Apartments and a trail along the river were built with the assistance of the Portland Development Commission, and under that original deal the city became responsible for the maintenance of the trail after 10 years. Although there is some ambiguity about the scope of that maintenance responsibility. Whether it is just the surface of the trail or includes the pilings underneath. At the time just a few years ago when the family was selling the property, the 10-year window was passed, it was the trail part at the very least was the responsibility of the city, and the new owners brought to our attention its deteriorated condition. By that time the pilings were starting to deteriorate badly and our current estimate it would be about \$700,000 to carry out those repairs. Because of the -- that's the point where we started negotiating with the property owner over this. Actually, the city attorney's office started negotiating. The current arrangement, current proposal is to not quite split the difference. We'd be paying a little less than half, but also passing on the maintenance responsibility completely, unambiguously to the property owner. So we would be avoiding not only a \$700,000 fix-up cost, but also the future maintenance obligation. The cost of doing that is \$300,000 in today's dollars. When we originally brought this forward to the office of management budget, Mark Murray advised us a couple months ago to go ahead and ask for general fund contingency because it's better to do it all up front rather than pay the interest over time, but this year the contingency is just so strapped that --

Katz: Strapped.

Wilson: Drawn on, it's depleted, and so we went back to plan A, which was to do it over 10 years with a 5% interest rate. Although there wouldn't be a prepayment penalty if we were able to for some reason pay it early. But as it is right now, it would be about an average of \$38,000 plus change per year for the coming 10 years. What the ordinance states in terms of how to pay for that is right now as you know, there's no uncommitted dollars in the general fund, there's no uncommitted dollars in the parks bureau budget, but there is some committed dollars that is reasonably related to this, it's not perfectly straightforward, but it's fairly close, and that is the O & M setaside. So what the ordinance says is that this is in effect eligible to be considered for funding from the O & M setaside, and that's subject to the budget process, and it has to work within the context of the budget. But -- so we would be able to request funding from the O & M setaside for this \$38,000 -- \$38,500, I don't remember, per year amount. So that's essentially it. The city attorney's office says this is a very favorable deal for the city, they recommend it strongly, and do you have any questions?

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Katz: Questions? Ok. Anybody want to testify? Gordon, good work on that. You're just going to have to find it within your existing budget. Roll call.

Francesconi: Thank you for all your work on this. I should have asked you, but you don't need to answer, if it's capital, and if there's any chances on the c.i.p. side, but we can talk about that later. Thanks for working this out for folks, because of the -- this was a painstaking north macadam that went on over a long time. So thank for your work.

Francesconi: Thanks. Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Katz: Mayor votes aye. Thank you, Gordon. And you will relay it to everybody that you wanted to share with us.

Wilson: I didn't really work on it, they did. But I'll tell them. [gavel pounded]

Katz: All right, we stand adjourned until 2:00, where we give out safety recognitions to city employees who have done wonderful things to keep their coworkers safe.

At 11:09 a.m., Council recessed.

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2:00 PM

Katz: We have three of our team here. I want to welcome everybody to the ninth annual safety recognition day. We give out spirit of Portland awards. Today we gave out a Steve Lowenstein Trust award and this afternoon we're giving out safety awards. I mention that because those are probably the happiest days for us as public officials, to recognize people in the community who do wonderful work and to recognize our own city employees, which is what we're doing today. Your safety and the safety of your colleagues is of critical importance to us. Not only are we responsible, and all of us are responsible to keep each other safe, but the goal is also to return you home at the end of the day to make sure that you're back with your families. And so we take this very seriously, and we started this to say thank you to all of you who also take this very seriously. And we have a wonderful presentation, terribly organized -- I don't mean terribly in a negative, I mean very well-organized, scripted, with jackets. Congratulations whoever actually did all this planning for us. It's very well done. We'll probably never be able to follow all the instructions, but we're going to give it a try. So thank you, everybody, for coming today. You're going to have an opportunity, when you get your award, to stop and have a picture taken. We also ask that if you so choose, that you can come around so we all can thank you, not only the commissioner in charge, but also all of us to shake your hand and thank you for all the hard work that you do. Then we have a mic, and I assume we're going to allow somebody to say something at -- oh, that's for us. Oh, ok. However, you see, I'm already changing the rules. If you want to share with us something that you learned as you were doing this after the picture, feel free to step up to the mic. Is that ok? Yes? No? Yeah, it's ok. Ok, let's start. First let's read item 38.

Katz: Ok, I guess I start. Officer Tom Forsyth, come on up. [applause]

*****: I'm sorry, hold on.

Katz: Oh, ok, he's got a gun. He doesn't need a jacket.

*****: She wants to get to these jackets. She's been excited about these.

Katz: Tom, come on close by. I'm very honored to give this award to Tom. I complained last time that the police bureau didn't have many awards, and so for me today, as the commissioner in charge of the police bureau, I'm thrilled. Tom has taken upon himself to begin to seriously address the safety of our officers, as well as the safety of our citizens. He led the program and the implementation of tasers in the police bureau. Tasers reduce the potential for officer injury caused from taking combative suspects into custody by minimizing the physical contact that might otherwise be necessary in order to secure a suspect. Such devices would also -- should also convey a reduced risk of injury to the suspect and reduce the city's liability exposure. We've learned a lot over the years that the more tools we can provide a police officer -- our police officers so that they don't get injured and don't necessarily injure others will be a much safer place to live. And the taser is one of those tools. And we're now basically looking at making sure that every officer is trained and every officer having a taser. So Tom Forsyth, because of all of your work, for leading the Portland police bureau program to implement the use of taser and reduce the risk of injuries to officers and citizens during arrests of suspects, congratulations on your award.

*****: Thank you very much.

Katz: Officer Jim Shindler. [applause] that was a creative solution award. This is an unsung hero award. In recognition of the -- come closer to me. In recognition of the efforts of Officer Jim Shindler for his work diligently improving the safety equipment of police patrol vehicles, particularly emergency lighting packages. Officer Shindler evaluates how the lights can be used to increase officer visibility during roadside situations so as to avoid officer and vehicle exposure to adjacent traffic, including but not limited to, how new types of lighting might be positioned on vehicles and general modifications to the patrol vehicle to increase safety and reduce risk of officer

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injury or death. Additionally, officer shindler was actively served as a member of the bureau's collision review board -- you don't want to know what the collision review board -- this group reviews the bureau's related collisions and forwards recommendations to the bureau's training division, and to me sometimes, in order to continually improve the course content for safe driving. So officer shindler, in recognition of your diligent efforts to improve police patrol vehicle equipment, including emergency lighting packages that have reduced risk of officer injury or death, and for your active service on the bureau's collision review board, officer shindler you are the unsung hero and because of that you get the unsung hero award. [applause] thank you very much. I think I got it now.

*****: This one gets the jacket. John hoffman. Ok, officer mike kemp. [applause] he doesn't get to keep it, does he?

*****: Yes, he does.

Katz: Ok. The Portland police bureau has proudly selected officer mike kemp for the safe driver recognition award. This selection was made by a group of his peers from among nearly a dozen strong candidates. Officer kemp has been with the bureau for nearly 27 years with the majority of this time spent in a patrol vehicle providing services to the citizens of Portland. During this time, officer kemp has worked in the traffic division, central precinct, north precinct, east precinct, as a k-9 officer -- can't keep a job -- [laughter] -- and most recently out in southeast precinct. Officer kemp has never had a preventable accident and reasonable received a 25-year safe driver award from the bureau. That is a big deal. Congratulations, officer mike kemp.

*****: Thank you. I guess this is your jacket.

*****: Thank you very much.

Katz: John hoffman, come on up. Safety leadership award. John is with the office of management and finance. In recognition of john hoffman, risk management operations supervisor, for his contributions to risk management's loss prevention team and programs. During 2003, john volunteered much of his time, his expertise, and his energy, to lead citywide loss prevention efforts and help solve complicated safety and loss prevention issues, most notably on the city's safe driver program. John e. Sykes in city operations and keen analytical skills have been instrumental in the continued success of the city's ongoing loss reduction activities. In recognition of john hoffman, risk management operations supervisor, for his contributions to risk management's loss prevention team of programs, safety leadership award goes to john hoffman, office of management and finance.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

Katz: The jacket goes to the safe driver award.

Leonard: I like the jacket.

Katz: So do i. They're nice.

Saltzman: I guess weapon whose bureaus get the most awards. Look at this huge stack here for -- for water and environmental services.

Katz: Not a good start. Our first award is the -- in the bureau of environmental services, and this is the unsung hero award, tom holloway. Tom is a senior inspector of the bureau of environmental services and has made significant contributions in the area of safety and health. He has been the senior inspector on several complex, long-term projects for more than a year that went without injury or accident. He serves on the b.e.s. Construction services safety committee and is always willing to participate in subcommittees and contributes time and effort to important committee-related goals. Tom excels in his ability to communicate health and safety issues to people involved in all levels of a project from design review to project implementation and completion.

Congratulations, tom.

*****: Thank you.

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Saltzman: Thank you. [applause] the next award is safety management, bob yaghmaie. Bob is a construction manager for the bureau of environmental services, diligently practicing safety management on several projects. He's been in charge of several expansion projects at the columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant, and these projects have often exposed treatment plant safe, as well as contractor/employees to the hazardous construction environment. Bob is consistently used the same management practice applied to other aspects of his projects to ensure that the sift safety standards are followed. His efforts to ensure that quality, productivity, value and safety are all of equal importance is a model for construction managers to follow. Congratulations, bob.

*****: Thank you very much. [applause]

Saltzman: We have another unsung hero in the bureau of environmental services. John johnson. John here? [applause] congratulations. John, known as j.j., for having spent several years on some of the most hazardous projects that the bureau of environmental services has undertaken he was a key inspector on the columbia and tanner tunnel projects, and is now fulfilling that role on the west side big pipe project. He has a vast knowledge of underground safety practices. He's always willing to share his knowledge and to address concerns when needed. J.j. Has a constant advocate for health and safety on all projects he's worked on. His efforts have helped several people go home safe to their families each night. Thank you very much. [applause] the next award is steve simonson, creative solutions. [applause] congratulations. Steve -- this is in recognition for his engineering oversight of the wastewater group's odor control improvements. As a former safety officials, steve's engineer designs incorporate safety and health considerations for wastewater group facilities. He takes the time to seek input from safety personnel and potential users of the system and crafts innovative approaches that personify our motto "safety always." thank you. [applause] the next b.e.s. Award is the safety committee, and, boy, that's a lot of people here. They're all coming up. [applause] congratulations. Who wants to hold the plaque here? Take that like that.

*****: Thank you.

Saltzman: Great. The b.e.s construction team is recognized for competing compliance requirements and working hard to improve the construction safety management system. By developing safety-related policies, contract language, training recommendations, and other efforts this group has made b.e.s. Construction projects safer places for citizens, contract workers, and city employees. Congratulations to all of you. Thank you. [applause]

*****: This is the industrial ergonomic improvement award, in recognition of the wastewater -- is jim morris here? Ok, come on up, jim. Congratulations. This award is in recognition of wastewater treatment plant operations and maintenance group for consistently seeking opportunities to you've the efficiency and safety of material handling as evidenced by improvements in the winch system in the solids loading way. Thank you very much. Congratulations. [applause] the next is a creative solutions award to chris mack. [applause] congratulations. Chris is getting the creative solutions awards for her efforts developing and critiquing chlorine response drills with drive, focus, and professionalism. Chris has taken a unique approach to ensuring the functionality of the process safety management program, which involves working in a facility with potential exposure to chlorine, a highly toxic chemical. Cries utilized her extensive knowledge of plant operations to develop a sophisticated process safety management program designed to protect employees and the public from chemical exposure. Chris is a natural teacher who I am parts a sense of enthusiasm for the subject matter of the control of hazardous chemicals. Thank you.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

Saltzman: The next safety leadership award in b.e.s. Is tom rahier. [applause] congratulations, tom. Tom is being recognized, he's a senior inspector for the bureau of environmental services, being recognized for working on many challenging bureau projects, and consistently insisting that the contractors who perform these projects provide safe workplaces for their employees and the

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public. Tom has often been required to work on several complex projects spread throughout the city. He frequently must address safety issues with little guidance since his resources are often spread to the limit. Sounds like a budget plug there. His practical safety knowledge and his willingness to make the extra effort has successfully reduced and eliminated hazards on bureau projects. His efforts demonstrate that health and safety are values on all bureau construction projects regardless of their size or value.

*****: Thank you.

Saltzman: Thank you. [applause] dan clark. Congratulations.

*****: Thank you.

*****: Dan's being recognized as the wastewater treatment manager for being a driving force for -- in the waste group managers to become actively involved in the sharp process and contribute to go the success of the program. Tell us what sharp is.

*****: Sharp is actually a program that's through osha, and it's basically a safety action leadership program, where you demonstrate that you have proficiencies throughout your entire program in safety. And they come in and do an audit and inspection and you either pass or fail. We just recently received our second year sharp certification.

*****: Great. Congratulations. Thank you. [applause]

Saltzman: Another unsung hero award in b.e.s. Is bill lemke.

*****: He's not here. So i'll accept it.

Saltzman: Ben lemke, i'm sorry.

*****: He's one of the millwrights that works at the treatment plant, the one of kind of people that work for a lot of us, a lot of people who work for a lot of us, who would rather be working than come in and accept an award like this. When I asked him if he could come here, he said "you go ahead and do it for me."

Saltzman: He's being recognized for continuing to come up with great safety ideas and improvements. Thank him for me. [applause]

Saltzman: The next safety leadership award is for which you can.

Francesconi: He's being recognized for demonstrating exemplary leadership in tackling laboratory 94 air quality issues and facility maintenance concerns. He's developed a lab safety manual, conducts training and actively supports the bureau's safety and health objectives. Thank you again. [applause] the next safety leadership award is for the bureau of environmental services wastewater group, and that's being accepted by dan clark, the wastewater treatment manager. [applause] the bureau of environmental services wastewater group is being receiving recognized for receiving the award as the outstanding large employee program at the 2003 Oregon governor's safety and health conference. The bureau of environmental services wastewater group continues to lead the city of Portland in employee safety and health efforts. They constantly strive to improve their already outstanding safety and health program through the involvement of all employees, and they've done a great job. Getting that recognition at the governor's conference was really a tremendous recognition. Thank them all. [applause] ok, the second-to-last b.e.s. Award is the significant reduction of losses award. Oh, that's being accepted by dean marriott who's here somewhere. Ok. Congratulations. The bureau of environmental services continues to be a leader in loss prevention program efforts. In fiscal year 2002-2003 these efforts resulted in loss reductions. These loss reductions reflect less human suffering for the public and our valuable employees. It also reduced claims that usually result in a cost savings to the city of Portland. The potential cost savings can be used to provide more and improve services to our citizens. In fiscal year 2002-2003 environmental services has achieved a 12.1% reduction in general liability claims and an astounding 60.9% in workers' compensation claims. That's great work. Great job. [applause] and then these great jackets. The safe driver award, dan wagner. [applause] try that on

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for size there. Dan's being recognized as the 2003 bureau of environmental services safe driver of the year due to his outstanding driving record and outstanding service to the bureau and the city. He drives defensively and intelligently. He treats the driving public with respect and always takes a cautious approach, never an aggressive one. In addition to having no vehicle accidents in his over 10 years of driving for the city, he also carries his safe driving habits into personal driving and has a perfect Oregon d.m.v. Driving record for the last five years. Dan's not only a safe driver, he's also received the b.e.s. Wastewater's coveted shining star award for exemplary job performance including productivity and cost effectiveness. He's meticulous about his vehicle and always keeps it in clean, orderly and in excellent mechanical condition. Well deserved. [applause] now we'll move on to the water bureau and start out with the water bureau's safety committee. There are four committees here. We'll start out with the interstate safety committee. I'll name them and if they're here. We have the co-chairs, max montgomery and jon koch. I'll call out the members.

*****: Congratulations, ladies and gentlemen. This is in recognition of the safety committees that during the past year have been actively working on such issues as access and accounting for the safety of employees, working alone in the watershed, conducting task analyses of higher-risk jobs, reviewing and updating safety policies and procedures, such as the emergency action plans and job site inspections, providing ongoing safety training to employees, and providing professional safety development for committee members to better promote the bureau's workplace safety culture. So this is for the interstate committee first. So congratulations, all of you. [applause] the next safety committee is the sandy river station committee whose chair is robert alter. You only one here? Only one that could make it down?

*****: Yeah. I'd like to say something.

Saltzman: Sure.

*****: Just due to the ice and snow, the whole crew's busy right now, but I wanted to thank you on their behalf for this recognition.

Saltzman: Great, thank you. [applause] and then we have the water treatment safety committee, chair steve schenk and the members.

*****: They're busy too right now. [applause]

Saltzman: The last safety committee award is the Portland building safety committee award. Or the Portland building safety committee, chaired by terry wenz, and all members. So congratulations. [applause] thank you very much. [applause]

Saltzman: Our safety management award goes to cheryl whiteside. Is cheryl here?

*****: She wasn't able to make it today.

Saltzman: If you can give this to her. Cheryl is the light-duty coordinator and recognized for her ongoing efforts to identify and provide light-duty work and oversee worker restrictions and limitations. And she's also the liaison between the injured worker, supervisor, risk management workers' comp team, and the injured worker's physician. So please give her our congratulations. Thank you. [applause] the safety leadership award goes to mike popp. Is mike here? [applause] congratulations, mike. It says lockout/tagout. He updated that program for the control of hazardous energy for the industrial electricians and expanded the program to include water treatment, water distribution, and operations. Is that hazardous energy or hazardous materials?

*****: That would be energy, electrical, and hydraulic.

Saltzman: Right, ok. Lockout/tagout. Very important.

Saltzman: I'm sure it is. Thank you.

*****: You bet. [applause]

Saltzman: The next safety leadership award for the water bureau is for the construction support services supervisors. And that includes ron relee, mark behnke, bill georgeades, don peerman, dave johnson, and rick cardoza. You're the only one here?

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*****: On behalf of my supervisors, I accept this, and we thank you all very much, and we find safety at the water bureau to be a very important part of our jobs.

Saltzman: Well, great. Thanks a lot. [applause]

Saltzman: The next award is the creative solutions award, and that goes to terry wenz, kelli mulholland, charlie smith and eric rathbun. Any of them here? Ok, yep, here we go. [applause]

*****: Their creative solutions for developing a unique, clean, hydropowered chlorination system design to do disinfect mains before brought online while virtually eliminating potential chlorine exposure. The devices uses a closed system that automatically adjusts for appropriate dosage. Because of its efficiency and effectiveness, the overall amount of disinfectant needed to produce acceptable results is much less than other methods. And additionally these methods also provide an exceptionally long life span and operate cost effectively. This project involved four different work groups to limb fate the hazard of chemical use. Good work. [applause] we have an unsung hero win award, and that's nancy long. Nancy's part of the -- congratulations.

*****: Thank you.

Saltzman: Nancy's part of the interstate safety committee. She's being recognized for her efforts at maintaining the minutes, the files, bulletin boards and other supportive infrastructure for the safety and health program. She's always willing to assist and is a pleasure to work with. [applause] another unsung heroin, teresa haynes. Congratulations. Teresa's being recognized for being the go-to person for the bureau's ergonomics program, for acting as a liaison with the bureau of general services regarding fire and life safety issues, for ensuring that safety hazards are removed or repaired in a timely manner. She's highly self-motivated, always willing to lend a hand and not afraid to make a stand for safety. Thank you very much.

*****: Thank you.

Saltzman: Next, our unsung hero, jerry stevens. Congratulations.

*****: Thank you. You got some family members here to support you.

*****: Yes, I do.

Saltzman: Jerry's being recognized as an you think sung here during his course of 32 years with the water bureau has been an active safety advocate. He served as a member of the interstate safety committee. His dedication to ensuring that work site hazards were recognized and controlled and the tools and equipment were in good working order prevented many potential accidents and injuries. Jerry especially concentrated on traffic control and took his job as a flagger very seriously, ensuring the protection of his coworkers and the public. Great. Thank you very much.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

Saltzman: The next water bureau unsung here is paul helus. [applause] did I pronounce your name

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*****: Paul helus.

Saltzman: Ok. He's being recognized for his ongoing commitment to the safety of his crew and himself. Safety is a top priority for paul. He incorporates safety as part of the job, not something that has to be done when the boss is around. Thank you.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

Saltzman: We have another water bureau unsung hero, and that's jinx kuehn. Jinx here? She wasn't able to make it.

Saltzman: She works in system vulnerability assessment, and being recognized for her complete and comprehensive work in the systems vulnerability assessment of water bureau facilities so that the strengths and weak could be identified and addressed. This program improves system protection, reliability, and efficiencies for both our work force and customers. Please congratulate her.

*****: You bet. [applause]

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Saltzman: And the next award -- last award before we get to the safe driver award is the significant reduction of losses award, and that goes to -- and that's being accepted by Eric Fullen -- this actually goes to the whole water bureau. Portland waterworks continues to be a city leader in loss prevention efforts. In fiscal year 2002-2003 these efforts resulted in loss reductions that were a significant improvement. Waterworks was the only major city bureau to achieve reductions in all loss categories including general liability, fleet liability and workers' compensation. The bureau achieved this through strong management leadership and active employee involvement. In 2002-2003 it achieved a 10.5% reduction in general liability claims, a strong 12% reduction in workers' compensation claims, and an incredible 42.8% reduction in fleet liability claims. Those are great results.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

Saltzman: And now to water bureau's safe driver award. Kevin Suell. Kevin? [applause] try that on there. Congratulations.

*****: Thank you.

Saltzman: Kevin is being recognized as the bureau's safe driver for 2003. In addition to an excellent driving record, Kevin volunteers his time to train other employees in safe operation of commercial vehicles, large equipment, and requirements for obtaining a commercial driver's license. Not only does Kevin advocate safety behind the wheel, he's a valuable resource in the water bureau's safety program and has previously served as chairperson of the interstate safety committee. He performs his work conscientiously and with respectful regard for his coworkers' safety. Kevin has been a strong role model and is always willing to help. Kevin is a safety leader, and his work and personal record proves that. Congratulations. [applause]

Francesconi: I get the privilege of doing two bureaus -- the bureau of maintenance and transportation and the bureau of parks and recreation. We're starting with the bureau of maintenance here, who's been extremely busy for the last 14 days. We'll start with safety leadership, and it's in recognition -- so Mike Boyle, can you come up here, please? [applause] in recognition of Mike Boyle, Mike is the public works manager, and the award is for his leadership efforts for reducing vehicle and workers' compensation accidents in the bureau. His diligence in conducting accident reviews with the work team and addressing work product safety corrections has had a very positive impact on the whole bureau. So congratulations.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

Francesconi: This is an award for safety leadership that goes to Larry Krieger. Larry? [applause] Larry is an automotive equipment operator -- better put my classes on -- one or two. It's a two. Larry has worked as a sweeper, and worked at the bureau of maintenance for 26 years. He's served countless hours on bureau safety committees over this period of time. His persistence at safety problem-solving has led to numerous safety improvements at the bureau. Thank you. [applause] Russ Obenhaus, can you come forward, please, for another safety leadership award?

*****: He's not here.

*****: Ok, let me give this to you. Russ is a construction equipment operator. And he goes by Obie's. His nomination for this award comes from a number of represented employees himself who nominate him and they've worked for him for the past 25 years. He combines, according to his coworkers "no excuse for noncompliance with the safety area with an attitude of high level of respect from his peers. That's a great combination. So thank Obie. [applause] now this is a group award. It's in recognition of the bureau of maintenance environmental services liner team. And so if these folks can come up. John Blankenship, Chris Nash, Richard Robles, Jim Hosmer, David Pope, and David Syphard. Come on up, folks. Who gets the -- who wants to hold this? You get to hold that. Nobody wants it, ok. Ok, this crew's responsible for the sewer liner repair in our agreement with B.E.S. That we maintain using a new seamless technology. While this process has proved to

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save the city thousands of dollars in repair costs, there's also been a lot of safety compliance changes and challenges that they've met. The team has taken a leadership role in gathering safety compliance information, designing safe work procedures, and implementing needed work changes. Thank you all very much. [applause] the next award is for the whole bureau. And it's a special significance this year. It's for their reduction of losses. And accepting on behalf of the bureau is sam irving, the senior public works manager. Sam? [applause] now it's a combination of terrific management, but it's also really -- it's the employee involvement that results in numbers like this for the bureau of maintenance. 10% reduction in liability claims and a 27% reduction in workers' compensation claims. So it's a combination. And those numbers are very significant, as are the other bureau numbers, because then those are resources that can be put back into vital public services to serve the public. But I also know from 18 years of personal experience, up close actually, what impact these injuries can have on the lives of our workers and the lives of their families. So it took a team effort to do this, not only the bureau of maintenance, but throughout the city. And we appreciate it very much, sam.

*****: Thank you.

*****: So thank you.

Francesconi: But before you go, but before the bureau of maintenance goes, I also want to publicly recognized bureau for not only taking care of the citizens during this past ice and snowstorm, but we've had about 14 continuous days of 12-hour shifts for 153 employees of the bureau of maintenance. During that time, and it was only very recently, there was one accident. Two broken toes and one accident out of all that time, taking care of all these citizens, during these conditions. So the bureau of maintenance and all the city employees deserve an extra round of applause. [applause]

*****: Thank you.

Francesconi: Most coveted award today is the jacket, the driver award, huh? Who wants the plaque? You want the driver awards. Ok, this safe driver award goes to jim hosmer. Jim, can you come up? I'll let you put it on. Jim has been with the city for many years. He's driven 23 years without a vehicle accident. 23 years. He has currently a construction equipment operator, operating everything from backhoes to loaders to cranes to snowplows, I bet. Was it a snowplow or --

*****: Years ago.

Francesconi: Jim serves as a commercial vehicle driving instructor teaching the other employees the requirements for obtaining commercial driver's licenses, and training employees on the operation of heavy equipment. Jim is also highly respected by his peers as a remedial driving instructor, helping other employees improve their defensive driving skills and avoiding collisions. Can my come to your -- ok, sorry, brett. Anyway, congratulations. Now the bureau of parks and recreation. For the first, there will be the safety committee awards, and there's two committees. The first safety committee is the operations committee, and let me call them forward. The chair is cliff hill and the vice-chair is kevin stoecker, and all the members.

Francesconi: I guess I called you all, did i? Oh, I did. I called the two committees. So here, you're going to have this out. Here's the operations safety committee, which I called -- did I call the recreation?

*****: No you didn't.

Francesconi: Thanks for helping me out. It's the safety committees that do the behind-the-scenes work to make these results that we're talking about here. And they're the ones that evaluate the sites as well to make sure that they're safe for the workers. Implementation of the a.e.d. Program at the community centers, the pools, the golf courses, pittock and tennis centers. So a lot of things are happening here that require safety. Wellness fair clinic at st. John's community center in november

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2003. Vault keys completed by the weld shop to eliminate entry into some of the confined spaces for operations. The implementation of the safety awards program. Vehicle inspections to include integration of cameras in each vehicle to photograph collisions. I didn't know we had those. And an implementation of the goal, get out and look campaign, aimed at reducing backing collisions. So thank you all very much. [applause]

Francesconi: And now the award for doing similar kinds of things -- I didn't do this quite right -- goes to the recreation safety committee. So if they could come up, the chair is Kevin Mattias, and all members. If you could come forward. Thank you. We get the picture. Thanks for your work. [applause] we have an unsung hero and an unsung hero win award, the first to Andre Ashley. In addition to making sure that our community centers provide more services to all of our students, all of our young people from every neighborhood, from every ethnic group, Andre is also being recognized today for timely recognition of a fellow worker who was choking on some food. Andre quickly responded by performing the Heimlich maneuver till the obstruction was successfully dislodged and removed and the worker was ok. Thank you, Andre.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

Francesconi: And the next is for Nancy Roth. So if Nancy can come forward.

*****: Nancy's not here.

*****: Ok, Doug Brenner. Here you go, Doug. This is actually a powerful -- Nancy worked -- has worked for Portland Parks and Recreation for 12 years and currently the aquatic program director overseeing up to as many as 600 employees during peak season. Nancy's service on the recreation safety committee is just one of the many ways that she promotes -- a strong culture of safety, both for the employees, but also for the public. She was instrumental in the implementation of the automated external defibrillator program, which resulted, after -- you know, a tragedy involving one of the swimmers that had nothing to do with Portland Parks, and she just sought extra ways to make sure if there's anything extra that could have been done, there was a congenital defect, so she went out of her way, kept working on this, kept working on this, as a way -- so she went with OHSU to create this program just as an extra precautionary measure, so she deserves a lot of recognition, Nancy Roth. [applause]

Francesconi: I apologize to Nancy Roth, because I really apologize to Barbara Aguon who did what I just said. So I've offended both of them. So I apologize. Barbara, why don't you come up here, and you're the one that deserves the credit here.

Katz: There she is.

*****: It's ok. We worked together on that.

Francesconi: Actually I went out there at that episode afterwards, and I saw the effect that it had on the whole staff. And even though staff did absolutely nothing wrong, it was Barbara who organized this, turned it into a positive experience for the whole staff, and went the extra mile to really deserve this award. So I guess I wanted to thank you personally.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

Francesconi: And then this is the second-to-the-last award for Parks. And it's the significant loss reduction award. Again, it's the team of management, but it's really the workers who make numbers like this happen. This was a 20% reduction in liability claims against the city, those resources can be used for other things, and then no one's also injured, which is the primary thing, but also a 20% reduction in workers' compensation rates. So it takes a team to do those kinds of things, as in the other bureaus, here we have a terrific leader at the team Zarr Zander.

*****: I would like to acknowledge the work of Barbara Aguon who works tirelessly toward the safety of our employees and our citizens and this achievement would not have happened without her help.

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Francesconi: Ok, and the last, the coveted jacket award, the safe driver award, and this we recognize as bill gallagher, the safe driver of the year. Bill? Bill's fine driving record and safety-minded attitude supports his selection. He's on the road daily with truck and trailer and constantly makes wise decisions in challenging driver assignments. His 10 years of experience and intuitive nature have served him well to avoid driving in dangerous situations. Bill's good-natured attitude, polished driving skills have also earned the respect of his peers. He's drained dozens of drivers and offers safety pointers to the young drivers, and mechanics. He continually reminds coworkers of unsafe situations and unsafe driving techniques and routes. He is our go-to guy with truck and trailer issues and he assists with the design details for new equipment. He's a solid city employee, true team player, he helps everywhere he can, and corrects a safe -- an unsafe situation before an injury happens. Thank you. [applause]

Katz: Commissioner Leonard has been permitted to give out the fire awards because commissioner Sten is not here.

Leonard: I was extra good this week, so the mayor let me do this. [laughter] we also have some awards for the bureau of development services, employees there. This is for the safety committee at the bureau of development services. So if I could have the following folks come forward -- mike mccoool, phil burkart, janel piercey, stan scotton, kyllia hammon, kimberly parsons, and debbie khoja. Did I do that right, debbie?

*****: Yes.

Leonard: Thank you very much for your work. I should read this, too, shouldn't i? This is in recognition of the bureau of development services safety committee for playing a significant role in the investigation and review of accidents, incidents, and unsafe conditions and developing a more prominent role in facilitating safety solutions. In cooperation with management, during the past year the committee targeted and solved several significant and complex safety issues, which improved communication and reporting unsafe conditions and safety suggestions, including, but not limited to, suggesting and co-sponsoring a bureau cleanup day, partnering with Portland state university facilities staff to correct parking garage safety conditions, in a joint venture with staff from the bureau of information technology, the safety committee created an intranet site which allows employees to access committee meeting minutes, inspection results, and even has a picture of committee members and how to contact them. And finally, committee members participated in two additional work groups that produced the programs for the Oregon governor's safety conference and the city's own annual safety committee conference. Thanks very much for your good work. [applause]

Leonard: Mike, just get right back up here. And you get a cool jacket.

*****: No, sir.

Leonard: No?

Leonard: Sorry, you don't get a cool jacket. That's a pretty nice jacket right there.

*****: The city paid for it.

Leonard: Oh, well, good, good. Ok, in recognition of michael mccoool's tireless dedication, pro mows motion and leadership in safety and loss prevention. Although mike has many other responsibilities and duties, he also makes time to serve as an active member of the safety committee for over five years and currently serves as the committee chairperson. He demonstrates his support of the city's safety culture through his involvement with the annual citywide safety committee conferences and serving on the 2003 conference's manager/employee discussion panel and serves on the program committee to select and develop workshops and seminars for the 2003 governor's occupational safety and health conference. Thanks, mike, very much.

*****: Thank you. [applause]

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Leonard: Now karl pfeifer. I almost gave away your coat, karl. Sorry. All right. The bureau of development services is pleased to announce that karl pfeifer was selected as the bureau's safe driver of the year. The bureau was looking for an employee who drives as a regular part of the job and has the best possible driving record. By best, best based on years of service without a motor vehicle accident or citation. I didn't mistake there. That's the verbiage they gave me, by b.e.s.. The bureau selected mr. Pfeifer because he was -- he has one of the longest tenures as an inspector, 24 years, and has never had a preventible or nonpreventable accident while driving for the city. A check of mr. Pfeifer's driving record, indicates that mr. Pfeifer has had no motor vehicle citations for the last seven years. How about the last eight? [laughter] well, seven's good.

*****: Well, actually, my --

Leonard: Do you want to confess here?

*****: No, no confessions. I'd like to speak to the facts. [laughter]

Leonard: This includes not just his driving time, driving a city vehicle, but also his private vehicle. Mr. Pfeifer is a senior billing inspector, currently assigned to the facilities permit program. The duties of his current job require that he drive now more than ever and work out of his vehicle. Mr. Pfeifer has over 24 years of driving for the city without an accident or traffic citation. He is a leader for other inspectors and takes his driving responsibilities seriously. Thanks very much.

*****: You bet. [applause] boy, this is exciting for me. This is my first official duties --

Katz: And last.

Leonard: And last. [laughter] you know, I just never can get a word in edge-wise with her around.

Well, I get to have the safety committee come forward of the Portland fire bureau. [applause]

Leonard: And they're not -- I mean, I know all these folks, and I know they're not all here. Ty, where is everybody?

*****: Working.

Leonard: Working, ok, good. In the snow and ice. In recognition of the Portland fire bureau -- excuse me -- Portland fire and rescue safety committee that has diligently convened monthly during the last year to address safety and health issues in the workplace, including the following major activities -- purchased fall protection equipment for the training center drill tower. Resolved safety issues concerning a new self contained breathing apparatus. Distributed emergency cutting tools to each firefighter for self-extrication from wires, cable -- you could not be a firefighter and read that word, extrication and pronounce it right without being a firefighter -- from wires, cable, and other building materials commonly encountered at fire scenes. Arranged for back injury prevention, training for both sworn and nonsworn personnel. Reviewed results for osha inspections in adjacent jurisdictions and developed strategies to mitigate similar violations in the Portland fire bureau. This committee works extremely hard and takes their responsibilities extremely seriously, and I appreciate very much all the work you guys do.

*****: Thanks. [applause]

Leonard: Thank you. This is for the creative solutions award. And it's allen oswalt and everardo gomez. [applause] how you doing?

*****: Good.

Leonard: Nice to see you guys. This is fun. This is kind of like a reunion for me. During 2003, training lieutenants allen oswalt and everardo gomez developed and delivered a program to the Portland fire and rescue firefighters titled "responder safety while operating in or near moving traffic." working with the metro fire safety officers group, they also completed a new operational guideline with the same title. The new guideline reinforces the importance of properly positioning fire apparatus to create a safety shadow at traffic incidents. Look oswalt also arranged for the purchase and distribution of approved reflective vests for all fire apparatus. Last year four firefighters in this country were killed in the line of duty while rendering aid at traffic accidents.

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Look tents gomez and oswalt are to be commended for their commitment to firefighter safety and for making dangerous emergency scenes safer for everyone involved. Thanks, guys, very much. [applause]

Leonard: Ok, now we've got ray majhor, rick bersaas, dan rossos, don stauffer and steve morris. [applause]

*****: During the past year, Portland fire and rescue replaced its outdated self-contained breathing apparatus. Steve morris represented the manufacturer m.s.a. Corporation in this transaction. Following delivery of a new self-contained breathing apparatus, a series of potential safety concerns were identified with the new units that undermined the confidence of the firefighters in this critical piece of safety equipment. Fortunately, Portland fire and rescue has the technical expertise to deal with issues of this type and magnitude. Look dan rossos is a member of the national fire protection association committees that set the standards for self-contained breathing apparatuses. Ray majhor possesses the technical expertise to service and repair these units along with the practical knowledge and insight. Lieutenants rick bersaas and don stauffer are experts in the field use of self-contained breathing apparatus and have the credibility to effectively train firefighters in the procedures associated with the proper use of this critical safety equipment. Portland fire and rescue personnel mentioned above worked professionally with m.s.a. Engineers to resolve all of the equipment issues and ultimately replaced components not functioning properly. Due to the trained skills of the lieutenants, the bureau was able to keep its self-contained breathing apparatus in service. Ray majhor was a key factor that ensured the safety of Portland firefighters and restored confidence in the safety of the committee. Thanks very much, guys. [applause]

Leonard: Janet woodside-gomez. Congratulations. [applause] in recognition of Janet woodside-gomez, the emergency medical services program manager for Portland fire and rescue and is a certified occupational health nurse, she is a valued member of the safety committee, serves as the chairperson of the wellness/fitness committee and has done more than any individual to improve the health and fitness of both sworn and nonsworn members of the Portland fire and rescue. Her efforts also have an a direct impact on the safety of firefighters and citizens they serve. Janet administered a fema grant that provided benefits such as additional exercise equipment was purchased and distributed to all fire stations. Over 400 firefighters received thorough baseline physicals at Oregon health and sciences university. The physical agility test administered to prospective Portland firefighters is being upgraded to the nationally recognized candidate physical ability test. Janet has also worked closely with the staff and board members of the fire and police disability and retirement fund to share information and research that could lead to the reduction of firefighter injuries and disabilities. The energy and professionalism Janet demonstrates on a daily basis has won her the respect and admiration of the entire Portland fire and rescue work force. [applause] thanks, Janet.

*****: Thank you.

Leonard: Dan buckner. Lieutenant Dan buckner -- you're a lieutenant. I didn't know you were a firefighter. My goodness. How quickly. Lieutenant Dan buckner is known for his tenacity. Once he is aware of a problem he follows through until a practical solution is implemented. He became aware that one of the hazards firefighters encounter is entanglement in wires, cables and ceiling frames. A simple but effective solution was to equip all firefighters with an inexpensive cutting tool intended for one-time use that could save a firefighter's life by creating the opportunity to self-rescue. Firefighters in other cities have died for lack of a simple piece of safety equipment. Dan buckner and his crew tested a number of cutting tools, recommending the one that best suits a firefighter's needs and arranged for the purchase and distribution of the tools to each member. He also provided each station with at least one spare tool for practice cutting along with a selection of common materials that could be effectively cut with this tool under emergency conditions.

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Lieutenant buckner is a members of the safety committee, as well as the health and wellness committee. He's able to positively influence the safety culture of the Portland fire and rescue. Thanks, dan, very much. [applause] orlando gomez and bill barrie. [applause] orlando couldn't make it today, so bill will be taking this back for both of them. In recognition of firefighters orlando gomez and bill barrie, also a paramedic, and who developed a back injury prevention curriculum for firefighters and recently presented the one-hour class to all firefighters. In developing this important training, orlando used his expertise as a physical therapist and bill used his expertise as a firefighter who had previously had a back injury. They did an excellent job presenting the causes of back injury and safe lifting techniques with all the various types of equipment firefighters use and they used a hose dummy to simulate safe lifting of patients. They went above and beyond because they wanted to keep their fellow firefighters free from back injuries. Thanks, bill, very much. [applause] pete straub. How you doing? You got to put this on. Good job. Looks good on you.

*****: Great, thank you.

Leonard: Can I tell a little story first?

Katz: If it's clean.

Leonard: It's clean and related to this subject. 23 years ago I was assign to do station 8 in north Portland, and they had what was known then as an air wagon there. It was the wagon that all the air bottles were -- they called it the milk wagon. Ed, is it around? It's gone. I was a young firefighter, and told to get into this big, old, 1948 milk wagon. That's what it looked like. Drive to southeast Portland off powell to have the bottles hydrostatically tested, then come back. Well, I did that. I got in this big old air wagon and drove to have the bottles tested off of powell, and went in, gave them the bottles, got the new bottles, loaded them, backed up, and left, and about halfway back there was a little radio in this, and nobody ever called the air wagon, ever, but over the radio the operator said air wagon 8, are you on the air? I just about had a heart attack hearing that. I'd never used the radio before. I said yes. He said where you just over off of powell having bottles tested? I said yes. He said you need to go back there. I said ok. As I was driving back, I thought they needed paperwork or something, I saw a car that was shaped like a u, up on a sidewalk. And a bunch of people standing around. And I pulled this air wagon -- I recognize one of our investigators, then, rex mill lard, was smiling as I walked up to him. I said, gee, how did this happen? He said you backed up when you were backing out, you shoved it up on the sidewalk. The man was screaming. So I never got one of these coats, nor was I ever going to get one of these coats. [laughter] [applause] it means a lot to get one of those coats. The Portland fire bureau is proud to honor firefighter peter straub with the 2004 safe driver recognition award. For the past 17 years, firefighter straub has dedicated himself to being the very best firefighter he can be. The bureau considers him to be a model employee. In addition to meeting all of the camera required for the award, pete serves as a role model. He takes the initiative to complete even routine tasks, he is willing, always willing, to go the extra mile and do more than he's expected. For this reason, firefighter straub is upheld as the example of how young firefighters assigned to station 14 are advised to approach their duties. Apparatus and maintenance duties, firefighter straub is a very capable firefighter who excels in all aspects of the job, but what separates him from others is his dedication to maintaining fire apparatus and equipment. He knows his fire management area inside and out. Firefighter straub will spend countless hours on the apparatus floor maintaining equipment, assuring its operational readiness. He understands his fire apparatus, as well as the emergency vehicle technicians. He's an outstanding pump driver. I know how much that means. Thanks a lot. [applause]

Katz: Ok.

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*****: As you can all see, there are no more plaques or things on the table, but we have one more special award that we'd like to give. Mayor Katz, would you come up. [applause] this is an award for safety leadership. And I have a few things that I want to describe for the audience here. As you all know, the mayor has announced that she's not going to seek re-election, so this is going to be the last safety recognition day that she's going to be mayor. So we wanted to recognize the work that you've done over the years as being mayor. And this is something from risk management, from our safety net committee, safety professionals, that wanted to do this, because you have really demonstrated over the years a great deal of leadership that has brought this safety recognition day to the city, has allowed us to recognize the employees. Shortly after the mayor was elected, the city received a citation for an employee not having the proper safety equipment on the job. And the mayor wanted to set the standard for the way things should be. So she climbed up on the backhoe, wearing a hard hat, and this was just not any hard hat, this was a hot pink hard hat. That image has really become kind of the icon of safety recognition in the city of Portland. So that has really been kind of setting the tone here. But more substantially, she has really done a lot for safety recognition for safety at the city. She has been supportive, not only of this program, but of the ergonomics program that all of us have -- she talks and laughs about slipping off hereford-tilted chair, but it has made significant difference in the number of claims that the city has had. She's been supportive of all of the code changes and programs that we've had to implement safety at the city. That's carried forward in terms of that recognition, in terms of the creation of the office of emergency management, the tabletop exercises that we do that keep the city prepared for emergencies and difficult situations. So what has all of this meant in terms of the city, in terms of loss production? When the mayor came to the city, we typically had over 500 workers' comp claims a year. That has been reduced, over the time. We now have less than 300 claims a year. That's about a 45%, 46% reduction in the number of workers' comp claims, and it's directly related to the kinds of programs that we have, the leadership that you have provided, and I want to thank you very much.

Katz: Thank you very much. [applause] thank you. Thank you, ron, and thank risk management and barbara for your leadership on all of this. I want to thank the council, too, because without them we wouldn't be here. But more importantly, I want to thank all you. You do very important work. Usually when people talk to me about an idea, I say so what? So what? What I look for is the results. And the 46% reduction in workers' comp rates means that the money can be plowed back into your bureaus, and that's a huge so what. And so you are all responsible for that. So I thank you for the award, but I got to tell you the truth, that I did once climb up a backhoe and I didn't wear a hard hat and I got an osha violation. So I have learned the hard way, because it was all over the press, what an idiot I was for doing that. So i've learned something as well. And thank you for teaching all of us and thank you for doing all the wonderful work. And for those who worked during the hours on monday, tuesday, wednesday, thursday, and friday, thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks. [applause]

*****: That concludes the activities. Please join us in the foyer for some refreshments. We have doughnuts, cookies, all kinds of things. Please join us.

Katz: Thank you.

At 3:24 p.m., Council adjourned.