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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Leonard, and Sten, 3.

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

<p>DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS NO EMERGENCY ORDINANCES WERE CONSIDERED THIS WEEK AND ITEMS WERE NOT HEARD UNDER A CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>1294 Request of Jeffery Parker, Consul General of Canada and Shawn Smallman of Portland State University to address Council regarding Canada Days in Portland and the Canada Days proclamation (Communication)</p>	<p>Disposition:</p> <p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>1295 Request of Richard L. Koenig to address Council to shed light on Portland Police Bureau corruption (Communication)</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>1296 Request of Teresa E.A. Teater to address Council regarding Care Northwest fundraiser and role of Portland Police Bureau (Communication)</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>TIME CERTAINS</p> <p>1297 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Establish a refundable business license credit program dedicated to eligible local businesses that chose to employ disconnected youth (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter; add Code Sections 7.02.800, 7.02.810 and 7.02.820)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 9, 2005 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>1298 Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the Revenue Bureau and Worksystems, Inc to implement the refundable business license credit program for employment of disconnected youth (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 9, 2005 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p>	

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Mayor Tom Potter

1299 Appoint Dharam Yadav to the Business License Appeals Board for term to expire December 31, 2007 (Report)

Motion to accept the Report: Moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Sten.

(Y-3)

CONFIRMED

Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Parks and Recreation

1300 Authorize a grant to Linnton Community Center for operational costs (Second Reading Agenda 1290)

(Y-3)

179706

1301 Authorize an agreement with Police Activities League of Greater Portland to provide payment for operational support to youth programs (Second Reading Agenda 1291)

(Y-3)

179707

At 10:15 a.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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NOVEMBER 2, 2005 9:30 AM

Potter: Good morning, everybody. In case you're wondering, this is the Portland city council. If you're looking for some other place, you'll have to go elsewhere, but this morning, before we begin the official business of our city, we would like to have you remember, very special person in our country, rosa parks. And i've asked michelle harper from the Portland parks and recreation to share a few words and a song or two in memory to the -- of rosa parks. Michelle, could you please come forward?

Michelle Harper: Could all please stand for the black "national anthem." ¶ lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring ¶ ring with the harmonies of liberties ¶ let our rejoicing rise as high as the listening skies ¶ let it resound loud as the rolling sea ¶ sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us ¶ sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us ¶ facing the rising sun of our new day begun ¶ let us march on till victory is won ¶ you may be seated. [applause] as a young child I was taught about rosa parks, about this quiet, gentle spirit, who was a woman of god. Because she was tired of the injustices of this world, she sat down on a bus one day. She heard a voice that said you are a child of god, you're not a second-class citizen, and because she sat down it sent a message around the world. She kicked open the doors of racism. She kicked open the doors of opportunity for a person like myself who could grow up and aspire to work for the first african american elected city official for the city of Portland, which was charles jordan. So I thank rosa parks, because we owe a great debt to her. She's a person who god put on this earth to make a difference in the life of not only african americans, but for everyone. And the last song I will sing is his eye is on the sparrow, one of her favorite songs. ¶ why should I feel discouraged ¶ and why should the shadows come ¶ why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home ¶ when jesus is my portion ¶ a constant friend is he, his eye is on the sparrow ¶ and I know he watches me ¶ I sing because i'm happy ¶ I sing because i'm free ¶ for his eye is on the sparrow ¶ and I know he watches me ¶ thank you. [applause]

Potter: I'd like to read a proclamation. Whereas the city of Portland honors the life and legacy of rosa parks who was born on february 4, 1913, and departed this life on monday, october 24, 2005, and whereas rosa parks dedicated her life to fighting injustice and racism and whereas rosa parks challenged discrimination and segregation in the bus system of montgomery, alabama, by refusing to give up her seat to a white man, and whereas rosa parks' act of courage was a defining moment in the civil rights movement, and whereas rosa parks' example showed us that with courage and commitment we all have the power to make change, and whereas rosa parks cofounded the raymond and rosa parks institute for self-development in 1987 to motivate youth to achieve their highest potential, and whereas our nation and city owes her a debt of gratitude. Now therefore i, tom Potter, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do here by declare november 2, 2005, to be a day of tribute to rosa parks, in Portland, and encourage all residents to celebrate the life and legacy of civil rights heroine, humanitarian and icon, rosa parks. [applause] you're all invited tonight at emanuel temple chump at 1033 north sumner street to celebrate the life and legacy of rosa parks. If you would like more information, the folks over here can provide it for you, but it will be a great celebration. If you have the time, please attend, because it's important that we celebrate people like this in our community who have contributed so much to every person in our

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community. Today we have no council kids. We normally invite young people to talk to us about issues that are of importance because we believe that not only are the young people in our community are our future, but that we must take care of them today to ensure that every child receives the best education, has a roof over their heads, and are able to grow up and to become successful human beings. City council will come to order. Karla, please call the roll. [roll call taken] please read the first communication.

Item 1294.

Potter: Please come forward, folks. First of all, thank you for being here.

Jeffrey Parker: Well, thank you for having us here. I have three items I think in mind for my brief discourse this morning. The first is to express my appreciation to you, mayor Potter, for the proclamation that you have made, identifying or proclaiming that october the 31 through november 4 to be canada week in Portland. Thank you very much for that. Secondly, i'd like to be able to identify one of my colleagues who was the honorary consul for canada for Oregon who is here with me today, and that's my colleague jim baumgardner. The third thing I guess I would like to do is to identify the fact that canada days is a -- now an established and a growing set of activities here in Portland and throughout Oregon. We have some 50 different initiatives that are there to celebrate the relationship between canada and Oregon at the local, at the citizen level, at the business level, and at the academic level. One of the major things I think that we have done this year, which perhaps is a bit different, is to have a long and a substantial focus on issues, so this is something that my colleague will talk to you about in a minute, I would hope. But really what I would like to be able to do is to identify the fact that there is a very, very significant relationship, a growing relationship, and one I think that you, mayor Potter, witnessed earlier this year, when indeed canadian politicians identified that they wanted to come to Portland to see about where the opportunities to deal with issues in canada, they could find some solutions that were already under way here in the Portland area. So thank you very much for having me here today. Thank you very much for allowing me to address this session.

Potter: Thank you, mr. Parker.

Shawn Smallman: Thank you. I'm shawn smallman, the director of canadian studies at Portland state university. We've been partnering with the canadian consulate to bring canada days to Portland, to Oregon, for five years now. I look back to our first event five years ago, I believe it was, with mayor vera katz, who came and issued the proclamation down in pioneer courthouse square, and then we had 2,000 canadian chocolate bars, which had been donated by a manufacturer, and she stayed to help hand those out with flyers. We were mobbed. It was a big success. We have been doing this for five years now. It's grown. It's throughout the state. With our particular event at Portland state university, we have a canadian film festival with films taking place every night this week. A number of guests are coming from all over canada and the united states to speak on canadian themes. We have had two first people's leaders come from red crow community college. A speaker today from the university of victoria. We have an expert on tribal legislation in the columbia river basin speaking thursday night. And this is part, as the consul has mentioned, of nearly 50 events taking place across Oregon around the theme of canada. Very briefly I want to thank the city for its support. The city has been there from the very start with this project, and it's important to us. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you very much. And i'd like to read the proclamation announcing canada week. Whereas the state of Oregon has a long and historic relationship with canada dating to the 18 30's when immigrants from present-day canada and america first arrived in the Oregon territory, and relied upon the hudson bay company's fort vancouver as the area's primary trading center, and whereas the canadian-born and future Oregon and u.s. Citizen john mcloughlin, the first factor of fort vancouver who generously assisted Oregon's early pioneers, which later earned him the official title of father of Oregon by proclamation of the Oregon legislature in 1957, and whereas commerce

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and business between Portland, state of Oregon and Canada, from beaver skins in the 1800's to high-tech goods in the 21st century has been a cornerstone in this historic relationship, with exports from Oregon to Canada now totaling \$1.8 billion annually, and whereas Oregon, the beaver state, and Canadian, have a deep and reverent respect for the American beaver, Oregon's official animal and a mascot of Oregon State University, and an official emblem of the nation of Canada and a frequent Canadian symbol found on stamps, coins, flags and corporate mastheads north of the 49th parallel, and whereas Canadian and First Nations art prominently on display at the Portland Art Museum and at Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, have been warmly received and recognized by the residents of Portland and the people of Oregon, and whereas tourism between Portland and Canada especially in and from the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, means a bedrock in relationships between the people of Portland and Canada, providing jobs, access to magnificent cultural and natural resources and opportunities for learning, now therefore I, Tom Potter, Mayor of the City of Portland, City of Roses, do hereby proclaim October 31 to November 4, 2005, to be Canada Week in Portland. Thank you very much folks very much.

*****: Thank you.

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

Potter: Karla, please read the next communication.

Item 1295.

*****: Good morning, City of Portland.

Potter: Mr. Koenig, you have three minutes.

Richard L. Koenig: Council and Mayor, you know, I'd like to kind of revise my agenda item. It's come to my attention that maybe it's a matter of inappropriate training. I'd also like to thank my childhood hero publicly, Rosa Parks, for inspiring me to continue to be here. The Commissioner of Police, Portland's Police Bureau, now knows that driver and motor vehicle services has never had and does not now have the authority to require personal use vehicles used on Portland streets to be titled and regulated under the provisions of Title 59, Business Regulations, Part Two, also known as the Vehicle Code. Therefore Police Bureau personnel will be receiving training regarding D.M.V.'s new optional titling rule. This rule finally allows the D.M.V. to accept money and title personal use vehicles, but only when the owner is a member of the general public and then specifically chooses to title a vehicle under this rule. The rule was adopted February 16 of 2005. Personal use vehicles titled before that date cannot have been legally brought under the regulation -- regulatory jurisdiction of this state or local authorities. The committee for appropriate enforcement of motor vehicle laws would like to invite the Commissioner of Police to join with them on the 22nd and 23rd of November to share with the Traffic Court for Multnomah County when the Portland Police Officers will commence and when they will complete their training course to bring them up to speed on how to properly observe the public's right to use the streets of Portland for their vehicles. However, knowing that the Commissioner of Police is a busy man, we'd be happy to just see the schedule for this training program, which is about to begin. Therefore I'm submitting this as a demand for the public record for that schedule of training. And by the way, since Chief Deputy City Attorney Harry Auerbach is the expert on which vehicles are subject to the motor vehicle laws, we're considering him -- inviting him as well. Other experts, including the Director of the Police Training Academy and the Director of ODOT, who certify the optional titling rule effective will make that November 22 and 23 party. Folks, if you're one of those who can't afford to operate a motor vehicle and would like to see what kind of savings you'd like to have as a member of the public, we're inviting all of you to come out as well. Call this information for more information. Thank you, Mayor.

Potter: Please read the next item.

Item 1296.

Teresa Teater: Good morning, Mayor, Commissioners. I'm Teresa Teater from Oregon City, downtown volunteer, Portland, Oregon. Today I'm coming before you because your Portland Police

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bureau and a couple of your detectives make these type of quilts for cares northwest through a program called quilts for kids. And we're going to have a fundraiser in Portland at the athletic club on december 2, our annual fundraiser. And I just wanted to let you know that I appreciate that some of your officers are involved, and also that your officers do bring the children to cares northwest for evaluation and placement in possible foster care or preventative interventions that save their life and redirect them to a better life, etc. And I also wanted to mention that cares northwest has a kids preventing child abuse program. It's called kpca, so it teaches children that are babysitters. It also teaches new parents. It teaches people that have babies that have drugs, you know, drug addictions, born with drug addictions, how to recognize this in a baby so you don't have shaken baby syndrome, or be abusive toward the child, etc. I have the flyer on that. Give you that later. But I wanted person out there to know that we do need more donations. This program was started through the pine needle in lake oswego through kathy wheatley, and we need more fabric donations for new quilts and I just did the annual tour through cares northwest, and they said to give you a visual is that if a school bus would pull up to cares northwest every two weeks totally full, that's how many children from Portland, beaverton, gresham, etc., that arrive at cares northwest, about 56 children every two weeks going through cares northwest. So we try to have a blanket made for them, brand-new. This is a baby size. We have the little logo here that's inside your flyer. I thought since you're a grandpa of about, what, 26 grandchildren.

Potter: Just 14.

Teater: Somebody told me 26. 14, ok. I thought maybe they could put a square together, your wife could put the quilt together, and drop it off. Big christmas at your house, huh? Anyway, just wanted to share all that with you. Anybody out there listening, you can contact cares northwest. Thank you.

Potter: Ok. Please give it to Karla.

Teater: Thanks.

Potter: Is that the last communication item?

Moore: It is.

Potter: Ok. We have nothing on the consent agenda, so we'll move to the time certain. First 9:30 time certain. Would you please read the two items together.

Item 1297 and 1298.

Potter: Staff come forward.

Thomas Lanon: Good morning, mayor and council. I'm Thomas Lannon interim operations division manager for the revenue bureau. Joining me this morning is terri williams, also with the revenue bureau, and andrew mcgoff of work systems inc. I want to thank everyone that's worked so hard to bring the pieces of this particular ordinance together. Terry, andrew and many of the staff at work systems inc. Have worked very hard to bring this together. In terms of the history, just briefly, council passed resolution number 3626 on october 27, 2004, establishing interest in the disconnected youth tax credit, and in subsequent council action there was -- you passed in the most recent budget for the current fiscal year an allocation of \$50,000 to implement the program this year, and also in one out year. So the total one-time impact is \$100,000. Before you today are two ordinances. One would establish the actual change in the tax code allowing us to implement the disconnected youth program. The other would authorize the agreement with work systems, inc., to implement the details underneath the tax credit. Terry williams will give you a little bit more information here in a moment about the definition of a disconnected youth and how the mechanics of the program will work. The only thing that -- the other piece that I wanted to make sure that we're all aware of, there is no administrative cost associated with this, no additional positions. The \$50,000 each fiscal year will go directly to participating businesses and not to anything else. So it's a real clean program. Could be a first in the city of Portland. Who knows. Terry?

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Terri Williams: Terri Williams, revenue bureau. Just very basically the refundable credit is \$500, and it will go to local businesses that employ disconnected youth. A local business is a business that has at least one physical location in the city, has registered to do business in Portland and that's -- I'm sorry, not Portland -- the state, and is not expired or dissolved, or they're a sole proprietor, and licensed to do business with the city of Portland. They have to be a good business citizen and comply with all regulations. A disconnected youth is, one, a resident of Portland, 16 to 24 years old on the date they begin their employment, and is in a household where the income is at or below 50% of the h.u.d. Portland area median income, and one of four other possible criteria. One is receiving or is a member of a family receiving temporary assistance for needy families or aid to families with dependent children. Is a member of a household or family that's receiving food stamps, is a custodial parent, is a high school dropout. Or is an adjudicated youth within the state of Oregon. So that's the definition of a disconnected youth. So that's clearly some youth that are -- have seen some hard times and getting them positive work experiences is positive. The financial impact, it's \$500 for the credit. A local business can qualify for up to four credits, and there's a maximum of 100 credits for a tax year, a pilot program for tax year 2005 and tax year 2006. So that \$100,000 will actually probably spread over three of our fiscal years based on how people and businesses file their taxes.

Potter: Thank you.

Andrew McGough: Good morning, Mr. Mayor, commissioners. Appreciate the opportunity to come and speak with you today. I'm Andrew McGough, executive director of Work Systems, Inc. I just want to also thank you for the foresight you've shown and the creativity that proves that we can create programs that benefit both businesses and disconnected youth and take advantage of some other resources that are out there to minimize the administrative costs. We like the idea, because the program takes full advantage of our great network of youth service providers. We have about 14 providers that we fund that work across the city and serve disconnected youth every day, and they do a tremendous job. Also this program takes full advantage of the federal resources that we invest in these programs and services, and therefore does allow us to leverage the resources and create a more robust experience for the youth, and also the businesses. I just want to say a couple other things, because I really do appreciate the whereases in the resolution. I think they're right on in terms of describing some of the issues, why this is important, but unfortunately even since the inception of the idea behind this resolution, joblessness and unemployment for disconnected youth has really intensified. Despite an improving economy, labor market participation rates for young people between 16 and 24-year-olds is at an all-time low. Nationally there's an estimated 2.8 million young people at risk of permanent dislocation from the labor force. Between 2000 and 2003 the ranks of these nonengaged youth group grew by 700,000. That's a 19% increase. In Portland, we conservatively estimate that there are 8,000 youth who are unemployed and not in school, and like the rest of the nation these numbers are rising. The federal resources we manage at Work Systems are only able to help about 500 disconnected youth a year to obtain employment. That's 6% of the 8,000 eligible kids out there. Despite declining resources, we know that early work experience really matters, and are constantly looking toward programs like this to increase accountants to connect kids to work. Work experience in high school for disadvantaged and minority youth significantly increases their likelihood of graduation from high school. Local areas with high levels of work among teenage women are characterized by lower teen pregnancy and birth rates. Youth who work during high school make a smoother and more successful transition to the labor market and increases their annual earnings well beyond the teenage years. In closing, we think this is really smart public policy that represents a real win-win for businesses and youth in our community, and look forward to working with you to make it a success. Thanks a lot.

Potter: Thanks, Andy.

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Lannon: So that concludes our piece here. We have some folks that would like to come up and talk to you about the program, though. We can certainly return and be here for questions.

Potter: Thank you.

*******:** Thank you.

Potter: Good morning, folks. When you testify, would you please state your name.

Joe McFerrin: Good morning, mayor Potter, commissioners. My name is joe mcferrin, president of Portland o.i.c., it's a youth organization that has an alternative high school and we provide work training and youth development activities for young people, disconnected young people in the city of Portland. Each year we serve approximately 300 to 400 students in our high school programs and our employment training programs. We support this tax initiative because it gives our organization and our job development team a lever, or a ticket, if you will, to open up discussions about giving our young people an opportunity. Young people come to our organization, not only for education, but looking for jobs. 87% of the youth that we serve in our organization qualify for free and reduced lunch. Many of the young people that we serve have had trouble in the public school system. And so the majority of our population fit this population. As you recently may have heard, we've opened up a coffee shop with new seasons market to give young people an opportunity to earn valuable work experience. Just recently two of our youth have been hired on by new seasons market to work in their stores. And with this initiative, we would have been able to offer this tax credit to new seasons and other organizations in hopes to get their support to take on more youth. I appreciate all the work that has been done to make this happen, and it will definitely benefit our students and our program and give more young people an opportunity to gain the valuable skills that they need to get off into a good start and limit their possibility of living a life of poverty. So on behalf of Portland o.i.c. and other youth-serving agencies across the city, i'd like to thank you again and hope this initiative passes. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you.

Polly Bangs: Hi. My name is polly bangs, owner of pasta bangs, which employs at-risk, homeless and under supported youth. I've brought with me jeff, who is a graduate of that program. He's going to just talk a little bit about his experience there.

Jeffrey Stumpf: Ok. I'm jeffrey stumpf. Good morning. I've prepared a little speech. So i'm going to read it because i'm not good at memorization. One year ago today I was living on my friend's couch in her studio apartment that was littered with fruit flies and fleas from her two cats. I'd just lost my job and house in sellwood, and since my employment history was lacking depth, to put it lightly, I had no real prospects, aside from graveyard warehouse or work crew labor. I was 19 years old and I couldn't think that i'd somebody already failed in the working world. After a couple months of leaning heavily on my friends' resources and privacy, I decided to go it alone, so I struck off into downtown Portland with a hiking backpack full of all of my things. I was homeless for a year, almost to the day. And I remember one of the most profound realizations I had was that homelessness in itself is not that hard. I mean, if you examine history, nomadic tribes have thrived throughout time. Of course that story usually ends with the tribe being conquered by another tribe, and in the same way the homeless people in Portland, and I would suppose the rest of the country, are a separate community constantly on guard, defending itself and shielding itself from the consumer-based economy that in many cases has put them where they are. To be homeless is to be shunted aside, to be made a casualty. Every person has a different reason for being where they are, but they're all part of the same society. A community that is constantly surrounded by things that they want but can't have, whether it's a car or a house or a cup of coffee from starbucks. I was lucky to find pasta bangs. Her business was a bridge for me from isolation into society. She is a rare kind of person, in that she gives chances, not necessarily to the people from whom she can profit most, but who can achieve. Pasta bangs was a catalyst for my reintroduction to society. If I were on my own, working at a warehouse with a group of people who wanted to be there as little as

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I did and a boss constantly worried about productivity instead of improvement and profit instead of well-being, I probably would only have gained more work experience that didn't look good on a resume and social life that was nonexistent at best, but with the help of the internship and experience I gained, I was able to get a job that I liked and wanted for a long time and paid a living wage. And with that, I was able to afford a room in a house, a real life house with locks on the door and a fence and two cats and a porch. It's nice to know in a world ruled by the almighty dollar, there's an exception in pasta bangs. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you. And thank you, polly. Is there a list?

Moore: One person signed up, bruce broussard.

Potter: Good morning, bruce.

Bruce Broussard: Good morning, mayor. Good morning, councilors. Bruce broussard, 1863 north jantzen avenue. Just a comment. I think it's a great idea, but thinking back in terms of my history as far as dealing with youth in the city of Portland for some time and being a former marine recruiter, I always feel very comfortable about that controlled environment. I guess what i'm saying is there's not that much money we're talking about here, and I think it's an excellent opportunity to really target at-risk youth. Portland public schools has a program off marine drive where when a young man or young woman gets in problems -- has some problem areas, they go to that particular school. They're at risk kind of folks, but they're sort of in a controlled environment. They do have an outreach kind of a situation to trying to get jobs, things of that nature. So I think it would be an excellent opportunity to see if we can target it that way. That way you can get background on the individual, you can pretty well -- it's sort of accommodates itself from the standpoint of getting background material in terms of how did the person do on the job, where did -- you can track that particular person. The other issue is j.d.h. I used to recruit out of there. There's a controlled environment. You can actually identify the young people from the Portland metropolitan area again to track these young people, etc. So I think it would be an opportunity -- i'm not taking anything away from these other programs, but this particular -- but these two programs that i've just cited, you can have a handle on that. In fact, we need, if you will, a tin plate, if you will, to get a sense and handle on the future for hires for these young people and get the employers to be motivated, if you will, to hire these young people. That way we'll know exactly what kind of employers we need to target, if you will, for future markets. Ok? Thank you.

Potter: Thank you, bruce. Is that it?

Moore: That's all who signed up.

Potter: Would you like to come forward and talk?

*******:** Mayor, thank you for inviting me.

Leonard: Somebody raising their hand, too.

Potter: This was phil's idea last year, and it's finally coming to fruition. And i'd like to thank you and commissioner francesconi for working on it together and coming forward. I think it's a great idea and can't wait to see it implemented. So thanks. Is there anyone here who wishes to testify open these two matters who hasn't been heard? Teresa. Please keep your remarks brief.

Teresa Teater: Teresa teater from Oregon city and downtown volunteer advocate with the homeless. I'd like to just suggest that the gentleman that just testified, the marine, controlled environment, I came out of an orphanage. While I was living in the orphanage in nebraska, I was placed in employment through mcdonald's, and since i'm going to use the term "structured," because when you have adults that are over you, watching you, for your best interests, and then everybody's involved as a team, I call that oversight. So it's structured and they're controlling to make sure that you're getting all your best interests met and that these folks aren't going to just shove you under the table. I was delivered to mcdonald's every day with state transportation and then picked up. So I was very well, you know -- because I didn't have public transportation at the time. And then ever since having that type of environment, you know, it made me highly motivated, employed person,

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up until some recent issues lately, but i'll get back into working pretty soon again. But for me, I started working at age 15, and just kept right at it. I believe with a group of people behind children, giving them every advantage, like this organization has stepped up to do, this is really quite an awesome tax incentive program that you should offer. I hope the mayor of Oregon city picks this up, too. Thank you.

Potter: Thank you. Both of these items are nonemergency and move to a second reading.

Moore: Correct.

Potter: Please proceed with the regular agenda. Read item 1299.

Item 1299.

Thomas Lannon: Good morning, mayor and council. Again, thomas lannon, revenue bureau. The business license appeals board is a five-member board of c.p.a.'s and tax professionals that basically oversees the licenses and tax division in terms of the application of the business license law. So if there is a penalty waiver that is overturned at the staff level, it then flows to me for final review, and if I fail to overturn their decision, then the final stop for any particular business owner would be the business license appeals board, the position that we're appointing here today. In brief, I just want to highlight some of mr. Yadav's qualifications for this position. He's a c.p.a. in the state of Oregon. He holds a master of business administration degree from the university of Oregon. He's been in public practice as an accountant since 1978. He's served for three previous terms on the business license appeals board. And he's also a member of the american institute of c.p.a.'s and the Oregon society of c.p.a.'s. And he operates a sole proprietor business in accounting, tax and consulting practice located in Portland. And this gentleman is eminently qualified for the business license appeals board. We're very happy to bring him before you today.

Potter: Thank you. Mr. Yadav, would you like to say a few words.

Dharma Yadav: Thank you, sir. It's an honor to be serving on the board, and i'm part of the community. I've been in Portland for 27 years. It gives me pleasure to be part of the committee and contribute something to it. It's wonderful being on the board.

Potter: Thank you for willing to serve our community. Thank you both.

*******:** Thank you.

Potter: I need a motion to accept the report to accept him to the business license appeals board.

Leonard: So moved.

Sten: Second.

Potter: Karla, please call the vote.

Leonard: Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1300.

Item 1300.

Potter: This is a second reading, a vote only. Please call the roll.

Leonard: Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] please read item 1301.

Item 1301.

Potter: This is a second reading. Vote only. Please call the roll.

Leonard: Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

Potter: Aye. [gavel pounded] it's the last item of the day. We're adjourned until next week. Thank you.

At 10:15 a.m., Council adjourned.