



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

OFFICIAL  
 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Adams, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Saltzman, Leonard and Fritz, 5.

Commissioner Leonard left at 11:37 a.m.

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

Item No. 512 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>
488 Request of Patricia Schaeffer to address Council regarding homeless people (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
489 Request of Wesley Risher to address Council regarding the AARA Sidewalk Infill project (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
490 Request of Kaebel Hashitani to address Council regarding the Stumptown Comics Fest (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
491 Request of Benja Barker to address Council regarding the Alter Egos Society (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
492 Request of Ulisher Hardiman to address Council regarding disrespect of the Portland City Charter and Oregon and U.S. Constitutions (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>	
493 <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Willamette River Combined Sewer Overflow Tunnel Program Update (Report introduced by Commissioner Saltzman) 30 minutes requested  <b>Motion to accept report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman.  (Y-5)	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

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<p><b>494</b>    <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM</b> – Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Portland Public Schools and Friends of Grant Athletics regarding field improvements at Grant Park and Grant High School (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fish) 20 minutes requested</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 21, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Mayor Sam Adams</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Planning &amp; Sustainability</b></p>	
<p><b>*495</b>    Accept Historic Preservation Fund Grant of \$17,000 to support the City historic resources program (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183674</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>*496</b>    Grant revocable permit to Terrapin Events to close SW Salmon St between SW 2nd Ave and SW Naito Pkwy; and SW 1st Ave between SW Main St and SW Taylor St from 4:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on May 2, 2010 (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183675</b></p>
<p><b>*497</b>    Grant revocable permit to Terrapin Events to close N Mississippi St between N Interstate Ave and N Russell St from 4:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on April 18, 2010 (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183676</b></p>
<p><b>*498</b>    Authorize contract with Parametrix, Inc. to provide transportation planning services for the Central Eastside Parking Management Plan (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183677</b></p>
<p><b>*499</b>    Authorize Consent Agreement with Portland General Electric Company for construction of the portion of the Portland Streetcar Loop OMSI Viaduct, which is within an easement between the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and Portland General Electric Company (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183678</b></p>
<p><b>*500</b>    Implement the temporary suspension of system development charges for the construction or conversion of structures to accessory dwelling units (Ordinance; amend Code Section 17.15.050)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183679</b></p>
<p><b>*501</b>    Accept a grant in the amount not to exceed \$32,000 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds through the Oregon Department of Transportation for the TransPort Regional Arterial Traffic Control Enhancement Project (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183680</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Human Resources</b></p>	

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<p><b>502</b> Create a new Nonrepresented classification of Instrumentation and Security Systems Supervisor and establish a compensation rate for this classification (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 21, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>503</b> Create a new represented classification of Botanic Technician II and establish an interim compensation rate for this classification (Second Reading Agenda 471)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>183681</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2</b></p>	
<p><b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>	
<p><b>*504</b> Implement a temporary suspension of Park system development charges for qualified accessory dwelling units (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 181669)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>183682</b></p>
<p><b>505</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Public Schools, School District #1 to share the costs of additional design services to incorporate Washington High School into the Washington High School Community Center project (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 21, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>506</b> Authorize three-party agreement with Multnomah County Department of County Human Services-School and Community Partnerships and the David Douglas School District for the SUN Community Schools initiative and SUN Service System (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 21, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>507</b> Authorize three-party agreement with Multnomah County Department of County Human Services-School and Community Partnerships and the Parkrose School District for the SUN Community Schools initiative and SUN Service System (Second Reading Agenda 476)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>183683</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>*508</b> Implement the temporary suspension of system development charges for qualified accessory dwelling units relating to sewer and drainage rates and charges for FY 2009-2010 (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 182841)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>183684</b></p>

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<p><b>*509</b> Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute easements with Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District as part of the Fanno Pump Station Pressure Line - Garden Home Section Replacement Project No. E08293 (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183685</b></p>
<p><b>510</b> Authorize additional change order authority to the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services or his designee for the Portsmouth Force Main Segment 2 construction contract, Project No. E09039 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000424)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 21, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>511</b> Amend ordinance authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute Intergovernmental Agreements with the Northwest Service Academy to support the goals of the Watershed Management Plan (Second Reading Agenda 478; amend Ordinance No. 182338)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183686</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Police</b></p>	
<p><b>*512</b> Authorize a contract with Crisis Simulations International for computer simulation training software (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS</b></p>
<p><b>*513</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for partial costs related to the creation of a criminal justice information system network (Ordinance)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183687</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Randy Leonard Position No. 4</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Water</b></p>	
<p><b>*514</b> Amend Water Rates and Charges Ordinance to suspend system development charges for construction or conversion of structures to accessory dwelling units (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 182843)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183688</b></p>
<p><b>*515</b> Amend contract with Shearer &amp; Associates, Inc. to increase compensation, extend the performance period and increase the scope of work for the Burlingame Tanks Improvements Project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000960)  (Y-5)</p>	<p align="center"><b>183689</b></p>
<p><b>516</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for the Water/Sewer Enhanced Fixture Repair Program (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 38116)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 21, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p>	

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<b>Mayor Sam Adams</b>		
<b>Office of Management and Finance – Financial Services</b>		
<b>517</b>	Authorize North Macadam Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Bonds and extension of interim financing (Ordinance)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 21, 2010 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b> <b>Position No. 2</b>		
<b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		
<b>*518</b>	Authorize Sponsorship Agreement with Oregon Department of Education for Afterschool At-Risk Meal and Snack Program (Ordinance)  (Y-4; Leonard absent)	<b>183691</b>
<b>*519</b>	Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide and receive funds to and from Department of School & Community Partnerships for the SUN Community Schools initiative (Ordinance)  (Y-4; Leonard absent)	<b>183692</b>
<b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b> <b>Position No. 3</b>		
<b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b>		
<b>520</b>	Authorize a contract and provide for payment for the construction of the NE 60th Ave & Klickitat Sewer Replacement and Rehabilitation Project No. E08908 (Second Reading Agenda 486)  (Y-4; Leonard absent)	<b>183693</b>
<b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b> <b>Position No. 4</b>		
<b>Bureau of Water</b>		
<b>521</b>	Amend contract with Analytical Services, Inc. to increase compensation for laboratory services for Cryptosporidium Analysis (Second Reading Agenda 487; amend Contract No. 30000364)  (Y-5)	<b>183690</b>

At 11:56 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 APRIL, 2010** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Adams, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Leonard and Saltzman, 5.

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 2:08 p.m.

Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 2:09 p.m. and left at 5:30 p.m.

At 3:20 p.m., Council recessed.

At 3:29 p.m., Council reconvened.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney and Kathryn, Senior Deputy City Attorney at 5:30 p.m.; and Pat Kelley, Sergeant at Arms.

<p><b>522</b>    <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Accept yearly report of the East Portland Action Plan implementation activities and community efforts (Report introduced by Mayor Adams) 30 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Fritz.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>Disposition:</b></p> <p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>523</b>    <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM</b> – Accept Report and Recommendations of the Rose Quarter Development Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee regarding the Memorial Coliseum (Report introduced by Mayor Adams) 1 hour requested for items 523-524</p> <p>(Y-4; Saltzman absent)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>524</b>    Accept the recommendation of the Rose Quarter Development Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee regarding the Memorial Coliseum, and request that the Portland Development Commission act as the City's agent and issue a Request for Proposals (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams)</p> <p><b>Motion to add resolved section to request the Portland Development Commission to further refine the base scenario that will be used as a point of comparison when evaluating full proposals:</b> Moved by Mayor Adams and seconded by Commissioner Fish. (Y-3; Fritz and Saltzman absent)</p> <p>(Y-4; Saltzman absent)</p>	<p><b>36777</b></p> <p>AS AMENDED</p>

At 6:45 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,  
OREGON WAS HELD THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Adams, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Saltzman,  
Leonard and Fritz, 5.

Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 2:08 p.m.

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

		<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>525</b>	Adopt and implement the River Plan / North Reach (Second Reading Agenda 452; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Adams and Commissioner Fritz; amend Title 33 and amend Comprehensive Plan and zoning maps) 30 minutes requested for items 525-528  <b>Motion to accept corrected page 6:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fish and seconded by Commissioner Fritz. (Y-4; Saltzman absent)  (Y-5)	<b>183694</b> AS AMENDED
<b>S-526</b>	Adopt the River Plan / North Reach Action Agenda and The Future of the North Reach and direct the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to return to City Council for a hearing on specific items in Fall 2010 (Previous Agenda 453; Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams and Commissioner Fritz)  (Y-5)	SUBSTITUTE <b>36778</b> AS AMENDED
<b>527</b>	Accept Memorandum of Understanding between Siltronic and City of Portland (Previous Agenda 454; Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams)  (Y-5)	<b>36779</b>
<b>528</b>	Direct the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to negotiate a development agreement with the University of Portland for consideration by City Council (Previous Agenda 455; Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams and Commissioner Fish)  <b>Motion to amend resolved section to include public open house and revise last paragraph regarding cost payment:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Saltzman. (Y-5)  (Y-4; N-1, Fritz)	<b>36780</b> AS AMENDED

At 2:38 p.m., Council recessed.

**LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

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**Adams:** Good morning, everybody. I don't have a gavel. Commissioner Fish has my gavel. [gavel pounded] It is wednesday, april 14th, 2010. The Portland city council will come to order. We're in morning session. Good morning, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Good morning.

**Adams:** How are you? It's a beautiful sunny day out there.

**Moore-Love:** It is.

**Adams:** Can you please call the roll.

[roll call]

**Adams:** A quorum is present and we'll begin with communications. Can you please read the title for council calendar item 488.

**Item 488.**

**Adams:** Good morning, ms. Schaeffer. How are you?

**Patricia Ann Schaeffer:** Fine, thank you.

**Adams:** Welcome back. Glad you're here. You just need to give us your first and last name. No address.

**Schaeffer:** Patricia schaeffer. Homeless people living in the street, going to the hospital. The weather changes. Long clothing to wear. No bus ticket. Where to go? In Portland, if they've been hurt or anything else like I have been hurt, stranded and the police knew this, they arrested me for staying -- standing outside a store. When you're cold and hungry and without a place to stay, and I - I object to this. They hurt me physically, and they lied, and I want -- I want reconciliation for this. And I would like to tell you something. I met mr. Bush. And I know that he has been -- terrible things have happened and I just want you to know this. If they don't do something now, to stop this humiliation, i've got dead family members and I would like to -- I would like to right now stopped.

**Adams:** Thank you, ms. Schaeffer. Appreciate your testimony. Can you please read the title for item no. 489.

**Item 489.**

**Adams:** Good morning, how are you?

**Wesley Risher:** Good morning, mayor. Commissioners. My name is wesley riser. I live in southwest Portland. I'm taking the time this morning to speak about the use of \$2 million in federal stimulus moneys from the american recovery and reinvestment project for a project titled sidewalk infill project. I'm deeply concerned about the opportunity to do more with these federal stimulus dollars. 17.28.020 states that the owner of land abutting any street in the city shall be responsible for constructing, reconstructing and maintaining sidewalks, curbs and driveways and even property owner where is sidewalks have been installed. The city standard is to maintain the sidewalk at their expense, not the city. It's not a budget item. My two adjacent neighbors in 2008 inquired about getting our walks along chestnut street and were instructed that the city does not install sidewalks on designated city walk ways are 0 other streets and it's the responsibility of the abutting property owner to make the improvements. Pdot did extend the curb ramps and extensions needed to make the pedestrian and ada requirements met. And I am still paying off a personal loan to pay off the \$5,000 sidewalk segment. I'm here it question why property owners within the sidewalk infill area



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are not required to pay for their sidewalk segments. 82nd, barbur and the connecting routes on 26th way, and southwest 1st and between capitol highway and barbur. Just because \$2 million falls in the lap through federal stimulus dollars, the property owners are let of the hook. The monies is a slap in the face to others who have paid for their right-of-way improvements. The action -- this action by the city is unfair, i'm thinking of myself, my neighbors, neighbors and southwest texas lid and other improvements in countless areas of the city. Precedent, using federal stimulus dollars to make these improvements sets a bad precedent in my opinion. There's a strategic opportunity missed here. The city should be posting these property owners and putting a lien on the property and using the dollars to bank roll no the future additional sidewalk infill project. I want to leave you with a copy of david walker's "come back america." it's a book. The former comptroller of the u.s. Government accounting office and the need to deal with the mounting federal debt. These stimulus dollars came from the federal deficit and need to be used more wisely and fairly and in the set a precedent.

**Adams:** Part of the reason I have fought so hard to get federal stimulus money for sidewalks is conversations with you and your neighbors in southwest over the years, and we had to go through some pretty significant gymnastics to get the federal government to even sign off on them. This is the first time in my quarter century of public service we've gotten the federal government in this manner to pay for sidewalk that were not part of a much bigger rebuild project. I think your point is a good one of the irony is that our efforts, you know, come in part as a result of advocacy, the other piece, in terms of where they go. Having gone through the gymnastics with the feds and state, where they end up going is largely -- and i'll double check on the finer details -- largely state and federally designated corridors. They aren't necessarily even where we would prioritize in terms of first choice in terms of need. But I don't think that's intended to dispute your points which are well made but to flesh out the background.

**Risher:** Can I respond?

**Adams:** Please.

**Risher:** S.w. Luradel is not -- it's a local street and I think if your going to do anything, it's should be on designated sidewalks.

**Adams:** We would love to do that --

**Risher:** I'm not sure why that street rose to the top.

**Adams:** I know we were limited where we would put them.

**Risher:** And I don't know that there's a policy on the prioritization and the payment of right-of-way improvements in this way. And why would -- just because federal dollars are available and the city is to receive them and it's accountable for them, not require them to be paid for by the adjacent property owner and use the money --

**Adams:** No, I think your underlying point is fair, we've got such inadequacies in our sidewalk system --

**Risher:** Automatic the more reason to be more strategic about it.

**Adams:** I'm the first to say we're not being as strategic as we would like with the money because of the limitations put on the money by the federal government as is true with a lot of stimulus money. But again, I appreciate the points you've made. Can you please read the title for item no. 490.

**Item 490.**

**Kaebel Hashitani:** I'm kaebel hashitani, the president of the stumptown comics foundation. I wanted to address what our mission statement was and our goals.

**Adams:** Welcome, glad you're here. Sorry.

**Hashitani:** That's quite all right. Our mission is to promote the format of comic books and graphic novels as a means for storytelling and entertainment as both an educational and literacy tool and as a cultural art form. And to also support the community of professionals working within this field. Portland is estimated about a third of the comic book industry lives and working here in Portland.

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Which is pretty significant. To reach our goals, we use the stumptown comics fest, which has been held annually every year since 2000. It's creator-focus so that people can meet with the artists and writers of the comic books and independent publishers and press. Such as dark horse and cellar door to name a few. And we've worked with the word stock festival as well. And we hope to work more with the city. We've been working with them for the past few years and have managed to get april declared comic book month three years running. And there's the proclamation right there. We look to work with the city because the comic book professionals that live here help to enhance the city both cultural and financially. The stumptown comic fest brings in quite a few visitors and we're an international fest. I believe we have an exhibitor coming in from new zealand this year and we've had international -- an international guest every year, I think since the fest began or at least from the second year. We will be hitting our 10th anniversary in 2013 so spending 2012 -- 2010, 2011 and '13 building up to that. We're a not for profit organization and like to I don't funds to create educational scholarships and there are universities this town that teach comic books as courses. Psa has a degree. And look out to give out grants to independent press and comic book creators and I do have a few press kits to leave behind.

**Adams:** I think we have one more related communications after you?

**Hashitani:** That's correct.

**Adams:** But I want to thank you personally and the leadership team with the festival for doing a fantastic job. The growth of the event year-to-year has been phenomenal and I encourage in addition to proclaiming prig comic book month to encourage all Portlanders to attend. When and where?

**Hashitani:** April 24th and 25th at the lloyd center doubletree hotel in the exhibition hall. And shannon is the director of this year's fest and last year's as well.

**Adams:** Good job, shannon. And we'll hear from the other folks and stick around and we will take a quick picture with the council and the constituents and the proclamation.

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

**Adams:** Please read the title for council communications item no. 491.

**Item 491.**

**Adams:** The other two sitting by you can come up as well. Can you move? [laughter] you can all come up and stand around if you want. So our cable tv audience can get a good look at you. We've got -- you've got something on your head. [laughter]

**Benja Barker:** My brain wave amplifying helmet. Hello, my name is benja barker, i'm the founder of the alter ego society. It's a group of artists organizers, superhero and functional nerds hosting costume superhero events and making video events in Portland since 2007 and I have some promotional kits with more information about that and about -- since 2007. And we dress like superheros and villain because we love them. It's our mission to make opportunities for people to be create I have and wear tights in public. We find creative ways to both have fun and to be of benefit to the community. Superheros are an accessible touchstone that transcend boundaries like little elves and appeal to those in our community and far beyond. Over the past two and a half years, the alter ego society has built partnerships with local businesses and organizations like stumptown comic organization to get people involved. We've created two annual events. The alter ego's power struggle. The pub crawl done as part of comic month and to give something back to the community, alter ego, a costume party for the local non-profit pear. Our first event was a benefit for them for mentoring youth in Portland. We've made a 50-minute fill called archives of the fantastic. It's a tongue in cheek homage to superheros which we premiered at bagdad theater last july. In addition to three other screenings and around 100 dvd's sold to far, we'll be releasing a second edition to be made available online and several local comic shops with the profits continuing to go to pera -- pear. It's a model we intend to build upon in future projects from film to events.

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Obviously, we love the superhero genre and dressing in costume. Dressing in costume and fighting crime doesn't make sense in the real world. But having fun and raising money for charity does.

\*\*\*\*\*: Aha.

\*\*\*\*\*: Security.

**Barker:** Even as comic books expand beyond the superhero genre, superheroes are expanding beyond comics. We want to investigate through costume making and role playing and film making and we think it can play a heroic role in our community along the way. Thank you for your time.

**Adams:** Stay there. We'll -- don't go anywhere.

\*\*\*\*\*: They're already lined up. We'll just -- [inaudible]

\*\*\*\*\*: Occasionally, randy gets in tights.

\*\*\*\*\*: One, two, three: Let me get one more for safety. One, two, three. One second.

\*\*\*\*\*: Great, congratulations. Thank you very much.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you. Have a good one.

**Adams:** Please read the title for item no. 492.

**Item 492.**

**Adams:** Mr. Hardiman, welcome back.

**Ulisher Hardiman:** Good morning, good morning, your honor. Mr. Saltzman and mr. Fish.

**Adams:** Go ahead and have a seat, mr. Hardiman.

**Hardiman:** Yes, ulisher hardiman. Mayor Adams, I have come over here and see you all again. Boy, everybody is having a great time. It's good to see, you know? I could have a good time too. As you know, I guess black history month is over with. And our efforts didn't work. I wasn't able to get my economic program operating and get back the essential piece of equipment. And newspaper -- can't deliver newspapers without that car. I would like to ask the council, if I may be so bold, I mean, I can't believe all of this efforts, and your honor, your good wishes, mr. Fish, I can't believe all of these good wishes and efforts were for nothing. I mean, really, I mean, albert einstein said energy is neither created nor destroyed. So where did it all go? I'm hoping maybe you'll communicate with me, how is the council effectively communicated with? I guess I could have been told about the tow hearings, that may have been a remedy there. I could have been told about the risk of operation. That may have been a remedy there. Perhaps you could enlighten me, how is the council effectively communicated with? Short of marching in the streets. I don't know, tights?

**Adams:** Mr. Hardiman, I know that we've helped you establish some communication and work with join, and I hope that will continue. I rest assured we have spent significant time trying to improve your situation as you know. With my council and me and my staff and others and I encouraging to work with join, who is a participate with the city and I think the best path forward -- and I want you to be successful and happy -- is to continue to work with them. All right?

**Hardiman:** Join?

**Adams:** We have jenny peckinpaugh here who can assist with making sure that that -- that you connect with them.

**Hardiman:** Ok. I'll do that. As you know, tomorrow is tax day. I haven't made a dollar.

**Adams:** Right.

**Hardiman:** And I was hoping like to make between [inaudible] a month.

**Adams:** I want to give you help and that's why we're partners with organizations like join. So I really need you to follow up on that, ok?

**Hardiman:** Well, i'm a working man, your honor. Since I was three years old and I know a lot of things on how to work, i've never been asked to be allowed to work. I volunteered a lot. For over four years with union gospel mission.

**Adams:** And I appreciate that and join is an effective organization and jenny will once again --

**Hardiman:** Of course I will.

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**Adams:** I appreciate your time. That gets us to a proclamation by commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you mayor adams. Whereas toastmasters international is a nonprofit educational organization with nearly 250,000 members in more than 106 countries, offering a low cost way for men and women to practice and hone communication, listening and leadership skills. And whereas portland toastmasters was the 31<sup>st</sup> toastmaster club to be chartered and the first toastmasters club in Oregon. And whereas there are now 150 toastmasters clubs in the greater portland area. And whereas members learn valuable communication and leadership skills in an interactive and supportive environment. Whereas people of diverse backgrounds and interest are welcome to participate in toastmasters clubs. And whereas april 17<sup>th</sup> will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of portland toastmasters club 31, now, therefore, sam adams, the mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses does hereby proclaim april 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to be portland toastmasters day in Portland honoring portland and toastmasters whose communications and leadership training has benefitted the social and business communities of this city for 75 years.

**Adams:** All right. That takes us to the consent agenda. Does anybody wish to pull any item from the consent agenda?

**Moore-Love:** We had 512 pulled by Commissioner Saltzman.

**Adams:** 512 okay anything else? All right, please call the vote on the consent agenda.

**Fritz:** I want to thank david shaff of the water bureau and dean Marriott of the bureau of environmental services for answering my questions, aye.

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

**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] We will now move to our time certain can you please read the title for 493.

**Item 493.**

**Saltzman:** We've made progress in the last year and completed the north drive of the east side of the big pipe project and begun tunneling to the south from omsi on our final drive in the home stretch. We've started construction of the balch consolidation conduit in north Portland and construction is underway in the sellwood neighborhood on projects to control the final east side outfalls into the willamette river. So I want to take a moment first to thank the residents and businesses for their patience with all of these projects impacting almost every quadrant of the city. And Portlanders should also be proud in more than 18 years of working to control combined sewage overflow, the city and contractors have met all required milestones and finished every project on or ahead of schedule. And literally thousands of local family-wage jobs have been created through these projects and that continues. We'll see specific numbers in the presentation. Ultimately, this is about the overall health of our city and our river and the outlook is good on this effort. We can literally see the light at the end of the tunnel, and that will be covered in more detail as we finish this project in the little more than 21 months. So environmental services dean marriott and project manager paul gibbon will start the presentation.

**Dean Marriott, Director, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Thank you, mayor Adams and members of council. I'm dean marriott and with me is paul gibbon, the chief engineer for the tunnel projects. Had I known this was superhero day, I would have suggested paul dress up because in our book, he's a superhero. The reason this program is doing -- the reason the program is doing so well is because of his hard work. With that, we'd like to begin the presentation. I think paul and I have been here about 16 times in the last eight years and you may have gotten tired of hearing from us, but the good news, we have about three more reports to go if we stay on our current schedule. So i'm sure we'll all be happy about that. The first slide is sort of a historical context. Begins in 1991 with the signing of the combined sewer overflow agreement with the state of Oregon that set us on this 20-year odyssey for cleaning up the willamette river and the columbia slough and i've put on there intermediate --

**Adams:** As a result of a court action.

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**Marriott:** Yes, the city was threatened with a lawsuit and there's no question that was partly what drove the city to sign that agreement. We did a facilities plan in '94 and went back to the state in a collaborative fashion with the Oregon eqc and deq amended the agreement to make it for affordable and have been proceeding on that basis ever since and completing the work to restore the health of the columbia slough on schedule. Completed the west side projects in 2006 on schedule and are about to complete next year the east side projects in 2011. The next slide shows the downward trend, positive trend in volume of combined sewage overflow reaching the willamette river and columbia slough. In 2000, we finished the slough project so it's free of sewage overflow since 2000. The first was stormwater separation and we did a lot of work in neighborhoods in Portland, improved the performance of the stormwater system and keep it out of the combined sewage system and downspout disconnection and began work on the columbia slough project. Some of those efforts continue which is why the dotted line indicates that the phase one work continues. The downspout disconnection continue to this day. The west side project begun in -- just after 2000 and completed by 2006 on time, and then phase three, the east side projects. Just again, a summary of the major programs and their dates for requirements, december 2000, for the slough work that was completed on tomato. December 2000, for west side -- december of 2006 for the west side projects and december of 2011 for the east side projects. Just a couple of slides here to talk a little bit about inflow controls. I mentioned the downspout disconnection. This has been fabulously successful. Not only taking stormwater off the system. 1.5 billion-gallons out of the system which is a benefit in relieving the cso program. But we've also engaged over 26,000 Portlanders and homeowners and property owners and property managers on how to better manage stormwater on their site. Disconnected over 50,000 downspouts and done a good job for the environment, but a terrific job in engaging Portlanders on understanding the environment and their relationship to the river. You're very familiar with the impact of green infrastructure on our efforts to clean up the willamette. This is a photograph of some of the examples. Flow-through planter on the lower left. The picture of the Portland building with an ecoroof on top and the green parking lot on the lower right-hand side. Again, our effort is to manage stormwater as close to where it hits the ground or a rooftop as possible. Speaking of rooftops, we've had enormously successful ecoroof in Portland. Over 400,000 square feet of ecoroofs in the last decade and hope to add another 40 acres in the next four years and well on that path to being successful. These are just terrific, not only do they aid with energy consumption for a building, they're really energy-efficient for a building and successful for stormwater management and reducing between 50% and 80% of the volume of stormwater that leaves the rooftop. Very effective. And final slide on green infrastructure, green street facilities, there's been a lot of discussion of these lately but we've been enormous will you successful and have over 700 green street facilities in Portland and plan to add at least another 500 in the next few years. Again, they work wonders farce stormwater management and also -- as far as stormwater management and help with traffic calming and again, very successful in engaging citizens in better relationship to their community. I'm going to turn it over to paul who will get into the details of the east side project.

**Paul Gribbon, Bureau of Environmental Services:** If you look at the solid red line on that chart, that shows the amount of tunnel that's been completed. As commissioner Saltzman mentioned, the machine is now heading south from the opera shaft toward the tiger shaft, they have about 8,000 feet to go. They got started a month ahead of schedule and doing well. Done an outstanding job so far. This is the basic construction contract. We originally had a \$38 million contingency based on the risk analysis we did. We have since dropped that contingency down to \$16 million looking at the work we have left to do. As far as the contract is concerned, we seem to be doing pretty well. As I said, contingency budgets put together based on the risk that a contract presents. We started out with \$38 million, about 80% complete with the construction contract and we've crossed a lot of the risks off our list. Still have a few left. Carrying \$16 million. Hopefully, we'll never have to use

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any of that. Employment, as far as subcontracts. 184 first tier subcontracts, most, overwhelming majority, local. And it's almost 400 total subcontracts. Our minority women and emerging small biz, is about \$26 million and we've got 190 craft workers directly employed on the project. Some of the other projects that have to come together in 2011, the segment one and two, currently both underway, about -- construction jobs currently. We have to do a slight expansion of swan island pump station and there are two other projects ongoing. Sellwood pump station and the balch consolidation conduit. All are contributing jobs to the -- all are contributing jobs to the economy. Based on our construction expenditures of the amount of money putting into the local economy to put these projects together, so it's keeping people employed right now. Green infrastructure, the same way. We're looking at about 85 direct jobs as a result of that in fiscal year 2010. And we -- the green investments, 210 private sector jobs. The total number -- just shy of 300 jobs created in 2010. Getting back to the east side. Safety was also a major issue for us and so far our incident rate is 2.7, which is 50% of the statewide average on every construction job. For a tunnel job is good. Our goal was 50%. So we're right on our goal. We do have a insurance program insured by saif and we're ranked second. I want to talk about portsmouth main. This is a three-mile main, putting in across swan island under willamette boulevard. Going to carry flow from the east and west side tunnels to the existing portsmouth tunnel. We're having difficulty with one of the construction contracts. Encountered some delays. This was as far as segment two, our original estimate which including contingency and the risks we're taking is \$30 million. As you know, the low bid came in at 19.3. 25% of that amount, \$24 million, still considerably under the estimate. We've had a difficult combination of boulders and soft ground. Very difficult to get through. Typically when mining boulders through soft ground, they have a tendency to roll around in front and you have to go in and break them out. And resulted in a four-month delay. The ordinance increased the contract authority was simply a look ahead if this continues, it's possible we could exceed our change order authority. It's not an emergency in any respect, strictly a look ahead and that's what that was for.

**Adams:** So the original estimate was \$35 million, if I recall correctly.

**Gribbon:** Our engineer's estimate before we went to bid was \$30 million.

**Adams:** Before that, the placeholder was 35.

**Gribbon:** The placeholder was 35.

**Adams:** Which is normal to get more refined and exact as you go from best guestimate to bid to actual completion of the project.

**Gribbon:** That's correct. I'm turn it over to dean for the remaining challenges.

**Marriott:** All right. Paul, we just want to summarize for you, this is a program, as commissioner Saltzman mentioned, it does involve a number of component parts, many of which are completed but I wanted to highlight for you, in fact, there are several facilities under construction that have to come in on time, as well as the tunnel. All of these things are going to be interconnected. It'd be great to have the tunnel done on time, but if some of these other pieces are not completed, then we can't declare a success for the overall program. There's a number of challenges facing us over the next 21 months and i've listed them here and paul, if you'll flip -- I can show you physically on the map here. Of course, items one and two on this map indicate the portsmouth force main connected to the swan island pump station. The three is the last remaining west side significant project. The balch conduit going on in the industrial northwest district and down in the southern part, you'll see the sellwood pump station no. 4 on the map. A couple of slides about each one. The balch conduit is a very complicated project weaving its way throughout the industrial northwest. It's got a combination of purposes. One is to control one remaining outfall for cso outfall. The river. But what we've discovered a number these major sewer conduits were in desperate need of repair and replacement and we decided to combine the projects together. And working under difficult ground conditions. This is in the area of what used to be giles lake. It was a wetland so the soil conditions

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are challenging. We're working our way through that area and I want to underscore commissioner Saltzman's appreciation for the fact that the local businesses and employers and employees and customers of those businesses have been showing a tremendous amount of patience in working around the construction sites and we really appreciate that. Here's a photograph of one of the complicated pieces of machinery on the job right now and i'd be happy to organize any kind of field trips if people want to go out on a nice spring day and see what the crews are dealing with in order to bring these projects home. The next slide is a picture of the micro tunnel boring machine we're using on the project. It has to construct 8500-foot pipeline tunneling between 20 and 70 feet below the surface. So again, a very complicated situation. Next slide shows you in detail, a location of the sellwood pump station. Its purpose is to relieve one of the remaining outfalls on the west side of the river and it's a complicated job to tie into the system so that we can, again, alleviate these cso outfalls to the river. And -- these cso outfalls to the river. And paul, i'll turn it become to you.

**Gribbon:** This is a picture back in 2007. We have a coordination going on with streetcar and lawmaker. Streetcar is going to be coming through and doing work and we're coordinating with the bureau of transportation and streetcar inc. And accommodating them in the work they have to do and in spring of 2011, it's going to be further complicated by the work that tri-met has to do. Three contractors working on -- for three different owners on the same site. Not something you plan, but we're so far successfully working our way through this. And so we hope that no one is impacted by anybody else's work. But it's a big coordination work and so far, we've been successful. Normally, this, a report from the east side review committee. Bill martin, called and said they were unable to make it this morning and there's not anyone here in the review committee as far as i'm aware but I don't know of any issues they were going to raise.

**Marriott:** And we'll invite them to the next update. That concludes or presentation and i'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Adams:** This is a report. Anyone signed up?

**Moore-Love:** No one signed up.

**Adams:** Entertain a motion to accept the report.

**Fish:** So moved.

**Saltzman:** Second.

**Adams:** Moved and seconded to accept the report. Karla, call the vote.

**Fish:** Thanks for your work and outstanding presentation. Aye.

**Saltzman:** This is the largest pub public works project in the city's history. \$1.4 billion. And I want to not only extend my appreciation to all the ratepayers that are paying for this project, very important project, to clean up the willamette river and the columbia slough, two bodies of water we all cherish, but I want to thank the bureau of environmental services staff and contractors and subcontractors for helping to get it done on time and on budget and keeping it a safe work project overall all. Very few injuries and that's not coincidental, that's by design and constant vigilance working in some challenging environments. And you 100 feet below the surface and we're very proud when this project is finished in december of 2011 and again, just want to thank the people who have been involved and thank the businesses and citizens for their patience in putting up with the construction. Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioner Saltzman, for your leadership in this and indeed mentioning that the ratepayers are paying for the correction that the last century's problems when we didn't fully understand the importance of river health and in looking at those pictures i'm thinking jobs and recognizing that the ratepayers are funding the jobs that are correcting this problem. Thank you for all work on this project to schedule safety and public outreach and keeping the costs down. And I thank you that you site citizens review committees for their insights and advice. And thank you for addressing the reasons for the change order on the portsmouth main project and that each individual

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contract has a part to play in meeting deadlines and thank you for the member of the review board who raised the issue ahead of time so I was able to get the questions answered and pleased that it remains on schedule and under budget. Aye.

**Adams:** Commissioner Saltzman, I had the bureau for three and a half years, but you were the commissioner in charge as this project was really coming together. So you're the architect of it and I just want to underscore, this project is under-budget and on time. So you -- under-budget and on time. You've been overseeing it, an additional \$22 million in savings was able to come out of contingencies and I know the ratepayers are appreciative of that. I want to thank the team at bes, all great, difficult job, really difficult job. Thank you, appreciate that. And I know we'll all look forward to having this project complete. Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the title for time certain item no. 494.

**Item 494.**

**Adams:** Commissioner nick Fish.

**Fish:** Thank you, mayor. The ordinance before you asks the council to approve a non-binding memorandum of understanding between Portland parks & rec, Portland public schools and the friends of grant athletics. The friends of grant athletics has asked permission to raise private funds to improve the ball fields at grant high school. Although it's not technically necessary to bring the mou to council, I thought it was important for you, my colleagues to hear the background, process and intentions of this agreement. This is a citizen-initiated project launched by coaches, student athlete, parents, community supporters and neighbors. This project, if it's green lit, will help us address a compelling need in our parks system. Enhancing the quality and safety of our sports fields and it would do so by leverages private dollars. Ensuring that all Portland youth have quality sports and recreational facility as opportunities is a top priority for me as your parks commissioner and I know first hand with two children who play in our parks on a regular basis, while i'm very proud of our parks system, we know there's a big discrepancy between the quality of fields that our suburb partners enjoy and the field that's our kids have here. And the hardest hit are the grass fields, which are being loved to death. Last week, the council approved an innovative partnership to build two turf fields at benson high school and this council had been support I of working with parkrose and roosevelt high school to upgrade their athletic fields and that is are great examples that approve the safety and quality of play of both high school and sports teams. To kick off the presentation, i'd like to ask the service manager from Portland parks & rec to give you a brief overview of the background and we've a panel we've invited to provide more context and then take testimony and ask for your support. Eileen, welcome.

**Eileen Argentina, Portland Parks and Recreation:** Good morning, my name is eileen argentine action the services manager for parks and recreation. Grant park -- excuse me -- park grant -- it's adjacent to grant high school with the upper sports field straddling the property line and support the programs as well as other community's sports program. The issue goes back quite a while to the early 2000's when a group of parents and supporters began to seek ways to improve facilities. These efforts have been community-driven and how to create public-private partnerships to accomplish goals. To ensure a meaningful way to involve inform all who care about youth and live near grant park. 2005, the group initiated a outreach process, the process was more comprehensive than feasible for either pps or ppr to do with existing resources. It was made possible through a significant amount of volunteer time and coordination by the friends group and included elements for public involvement process such as surveys, open houses and briefings and that kind of thing. We feel confident that the project had a high level of awareness and provided forum for community members to express feedback and raise concerns. After receiving a report on the outcome of the process, worked together to see what next steps were feasible based on the reports results. The results stressed the sensitivity around changes. Primarily, noise, traffic, curbside parking, litter, vandalism, and other passive usage. In 2008, scheduled an open house for the community to close



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the loop on the process, share the resulting information and let stakeholders and interested parties see how the feedback from that outreach process resulted in changes to the scope of improvements.

The position that we took, the two agencies, we would support improvement that is better served existing uses and permanent lighting and amplification and access control would require a more extensive process. Including a conditional use approval. There was some disappointment and one major funder backed out and the friends group renewed their contact and their interest in moving forward. Continuity is an challenge in trying to move an issue forward and it's taken a while but they asked for a written document that the improvements they sought to raise funds for would be supported by pps and pp&r. The commissioner said it's a nonbinding statement of roles and responsibilities. We're supportive if funds can be raised to pay for them. The scope attached includes refurbishing, renovating to better support the current uses. Grant park's athletics facilities are intensely used and these improvements would result in significantly improved fields and targeted safety and security lighting on both park and school grounds. The complete list is exhibit 8 to the mou. I know there will be additional testimony and i'm happy to answer any questions.

**Fish:** Any questions? We're invited three people to provide brief testimony before we go to public testimony. I'd like to call forward cameron von tyler from Portland public schools. Lloyd linley from the friends of grant athletics and jeff, who is the president the grant park neighborhood association. Welcome all. And cameron, why don't you kick us off?

**Cameron Vaughn Tyler:** Thank you for having us here. My name is cameron von tyler, a partnership development manager at Portland public schools. On behalf of all who are -- thank you for the opportunity to support this ordinance. I would be remiss if I do not thank lloyd, the founder of the friends of grant athletics who has worked tirelessly -- I have several, but actually, it's many, years to get this initiative off the ground. It was their vision which motivated this action. They asked why should our kids be required to play competitive sport the on non-competitive surfaces. Where as soon as the rains begin, the fields are massive mud pits. Where the soccer fields significantly slopes to the left and makes it just that much harder to score a goal, knowing that that does give grant the home field advantage.

**Adams:** Aha: [laughter] depends on how the wind blows.

**Vaughn Tyler:** That's right. And we're happy that -- accomplishing the field improvements if funding is successful. Also, for their collaboration with us on public outreach, particularly given the sensitivity of neighbors in this or any close-in neighbor and we're grateful, commissioner Fish, for your leadership in getting this moving and encouraging the right partners to come together. This project has strong support from athletic teams and sports team and community members who rely on grant park for a place to committee and everyone to enjoy on evenings and weekends. We recognize that residents live in close proximity and deserve to be protected anything that would negatively impact the livability of their homes. The partnership is focusing on simple improvements and assurances have been made to manage the number of users and commit to no increase in park permits beyond the current level of use. Portland public schools is committed to the fact that our school system is one of the positive factors that attracts and retains residents. Families help to provide vitality and energy. One of the grant neighbors stated if worry to maintain a city that welcomes families and children, we must provide functional and safe places to play. Our school facilities and parks around them are central to all of the neighborhoods we side effect. This initiative fits our board policy on student wellness. Facilities need to be adequate in order to support this goal. It's a sad state of affairs when public agencies like Portland public schools and Portland parks don't have the financial resources to manage and improve our facilities without outside support. An organization like nike, as well as the roosevelt track committee and lincoln and now the friends of grant athletics and i'm pleased to hear about the benson group and the others who recognize the impact our facilities have in every community and willing to help with much needed financial assistance and we couldn't do it without their help. Thanks again to the council and our

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generous communities for your continued support of time and energy and financial help to our schools. And i'd like to add i'm submitting a letter of support from nike today as well as my testimony. Thank you so much for having us here.

**Fish:** Thank you, cameron, very much. Lloyd.

**Lloyd Linley:** Lloyd linley. 3005, northeast 16th. Mayor Adams and city council members. Thank you for having us. This is a big day for our organization and brought constituency and we're looking forward to your support on the grant high school improvement plans and I represent a broad constituency of supporters for grant high and park improvements. I've been involved in this effort since 2000 and would like to thank commissioner Fish for bringing in memo of understanding before you today. We believe the proposed improvements will be good for the school, good for the athlete safety, good for the neighborhood, good for economic vitality that keeps people in our neighborhood and most importantly, good for the student athletes that participate in neighborhood school sports and represent us regionally, statewide and flute the nation. Our public -- and throughout the nation. Through provided or improved pedestrian park and school lighting, pathway lighting, improving safety, adding ornamental trash receptacles. Relocating the baseball scoreboard away from u.s. Grant place, which is no little issue. Installing and localizing a specially designed sound system that will keep the sound within the playing areas. In respect to neighborhood concerns and comments, we eliminated from the original plan, permanent seating, ornamental and athletic field lighting. All eliminated in response to the neighborhood. We're here today to support the mou and will establish a not for profit corporation to conduct a capital campaign to raise funds. I've provide an organization chart that illustrates our responsibilities. [inaudible] will chair our campaign committee. Patty, who is here, will direct communications and i'll be responsible for coordinating board activities for Portland public schools and Portland park and recreation for implementation of the improvements. This park and high school restoration improvement project has been in the making for nearly a decade and as we approach the centennial, we look forward to ushering in the next century with state-of-the-art facilities. As our student athletes strive for greatness in a highly competitive world it's incumbent to provide the academic and athletic facilities that will enable them to achieve greatness. We have encourage council to support this resolution -- if this is a resolution -- and before you and enable us to go forward with the capital campaign and raise funds for the critically needed field improvements.

**Fish:** Thank you, mr. Linley. Next is jeff hide, the president of the grant neighborhood association.

**Geoff Hyde:** Thank you. Geoff Hyde. 3236 northeast thompson, across the street from grant park. The position I find myself in today was part of the process. I was notified a couple of weeks ago, by myself, representing the community, the neighborhood association three minutes to basically plead our case and research that's been going on over four years with people in our neighborhood. I did not know -- I understand now people are able to testify. I did not know at that time, people would be able to testify. I assumed we were constrained to the people that were invited to testify today. That's my fault for not understanding. But that's one of the reasons other people aren't here today. I sent you a letter a couple weeks ago and I want to reiterate the main points. First point is the public process and involvement, how I think it didn't meet the standard. Lloyd's group did a good job what they were doing with the parks, but the parks has a public involvement policy. It's a good one. The city added to it, with I think a toolkit no. 9. I forget exactly. But it talks about how to involve the community. But those standards were not followed. In another incident in our neighborhood when a little league was given the neighborhood -- the job of going through the neighborhood and talking about putting in a new field at fernwood school there, they did not talk to the close neighbors. It became a fiasco. The field was put in, people complained it was a violation of code. It turned out it had to be moved back. Cannot take your responsibility and give it to a citizens' group and expect it to be done according to your guidelines. The parks should have taken the people -- people called in 2002 when they heard about this -- or, 2004 and said what's going on

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with the parks district. But a couple of years later, they come and say, oh, yeah, we've been talking to them for two years. The public tried to get involved with the project, finding out how the decisions are made and how to be involved two years before the park admitted they were part of it. They said they weren't part of it because it wasn't official yet but we tried to get involved and nothing happened. Even after Lloyd's group came out with the first draft, we were asked, the neighborhood association, not to comment on it until the final draft came out. When the final draft came out, it disappeared because it went to the parks and school district because we were told at that time that the friends group couldn't go forward because the property being owned by parks and school, they had to go through and apply for the permits and then it disappeared and two years ago, I contacted, commissioner Saltzman's office and contacted one of its staff people and told them about our concerns about the artificial turf mainly and the changes at the park, and they told me there were more important things going on, the budget, and they didn't have time to look into it. I said don't you want to research any of these things at all? No, you do it. And I did, and many others did and we fervor got a call back from the office, we never got a call back. We've been shut out of this process. And like I said, the parks does have a good public involvement process if it would have been followed. I think things would have been fine. Instead, we're coming in here at the end. I still don't know who is in charge of this. According to the public involvement process, there's supposed to be a project manager and identified to the public and be the contact person. That's never been done. We don't know who makes the decision until today. This is the first -- I don't know who made the decision that, yes, we want to go with artificial turf. The parks said they did, but I haven't seen the director or anyone else say, "I've made that decision." so we've never been able to get into that. The timing with the schools and economy. I think the timing to go forward with this is bad right now. The economy is just now maybe recovering and this is a lot of money -- a lot of capital investment in this. The schools may be restructured. Grant may not be a high school that has a football team next year. Other schools may not. We don't know which ones are going to be. I think it's bad because of that also, the school put \$2 million aside for the -- \$200,000 for each field. Once again since the number of high schools with fields may be going down, that -- the slices get bigger for the remaining schools. But I don't think the public knows -- I know you guys aren't the school district, but I don't think the public knows the schools set aside \$2 million of so-called surplus money for the field. I heard yesterday with savings, the school board came up with grant and the other high schools could save their advanced placement class was \$2 million. Well, there's \$2 million sitting there. And I wonder if the public knew that they'd want the \$2 million spent on fields or keeping teachers or schools open. I think you put all of the cards on table, let the public know there's this money, it's not fair to the public. The third part is the health and environmental concerns. I know there's a lot of research coming down on both sides on artificial turf. One fact is major baseball teams only two have artificial turf. One is Toronto and the other is in Florida. Even -- one is in Toronto. The Yankee stadium has natural turf and the football team, national football team, fields are going back to natural grass. Pittsburgh decided to redo its field two years ago, they were going to go to synthetic. The players asked them not to: 75% of the national football association players preferred grass because they thought it easier on the body for health. And there's studies done on lead in turf and other chemicals and to -- on turf, and other chemicals and the jury is still out. A lot of studies came out and said, we think there should be more studies but we're out of money. They say there's lead in it. And there's carcinogens in it. And not sure they come out. A lot of doctors think, as far as lead goes, any lead, they have they have a zero tolerance for lead. When they say it's a acceptable level of toxin, I wonder what's acceptable to you and me? I wonder about that. The facts we've researched, I don't know if anyone has seen these. I don't know if the commission has seen those, the parks. There's never been a venue where all of this information was laid out on the table. I got a response back from the commissioner's office, naming a bunch of things -- a bunch of pluses, why the artificial turf was better and a lot were just

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plain wrong. I have a letter here in the sports turf association who they do both synthetic and natural turf and he -- he said we want to provide accurate facts and figures to allow each to make the best decision for their given situation. I would strongly encourage you and the other decision makers to access as much information as possible before you spend hundreds of thousands of dollars potentially saddling your community with interest-bearing debt and that's the same thing that came up. There's a wealth of information out there, I'm not saying there's a smoking gun, but enough information out there that we should pause and look at it. Once again, public process, I don't think was run properly. The timing with the school restructuring, the economy and the fact that the public doesn't know that \$2 million is been pulled aside that could be used for other things. And I don't know think it's clear that the health safety and environment, national football study said injuries were higher on artificial turf than natural turf and some colleges are turning back from synthetic turf to natural. And one last point. The Oregon seed growers, the number one seed growing state in the United States, they just had to plant a bunch of acreage in wheat because the market is so bad and you can imagine what something like this, if I was selling synthetic turf, the city of Portland, Oregon is willing to put five acres of grass into synthetic turf, so what does that tell you about grass seed?

**Adams:** Mr. Hyde, that was a very comprehensive --

**Hyde:** And more than three minutes, I know.

**Adams:** No, you were invited by the commissioner in charge, so you're given courtesies to finish your statement. That was a comprehensive set of issues. And objection. And I sense that it's sincere and well meaning, as I know the neighborhood is as well. Is it -- are -- and you don't feel like you were involved adequately in the processing of this discussion? -- in the processing of this discussion? I get that. In terms of the substance of your objections as they relate to impacts on the neighborhood, I appreciate your point. I just want you to quickly summarize, if you would, or at least speak to, do any of the changes that have been proposed, are you -- do you feel like those changes, their intention from what I heard, was to address neighborhood concerns, do they indeed address priority neighborhood concerns? That were part of the original proposal?

**Hyde:** Well, that's another problem. The original proposal is not what we see today. And some of the people that heard the --

**Adams:** But again, I appreciate that, but if you would humor me and -- is -- or the changes that they have proposed responsive to original neighborhood concerns? I'm trying to get a sense whether their efforts at trying to be responsive are on track.

**Hyde:** Ok. When they came in, they wanted a stadium, basically. And we understand that they escaped that back. But -- they scaled that back. We asked Lloyd's group if they looked at the alternative of natural grass. And he said, no --

**Adams:** I apologize, but I really -- they have made an attempt, as I understand on the neighborhood impact piece, so not the turf, for a moment. I'm just trying to clarify this one point. The issues we heard -- the changes around lights and other things, the permitting and things like that, that we're used to hearing on a whole assortment -- assortment of potential changes around the city. Are those responsive to the key neighborhood concerns setting aside the turf issue.

**Hyde:** Setting aside the turf issue, yeah.

**Adams:** I appreciate you being here and the opportunity to hear the other concerns.

**Leonard:** Do you mind if I follow up? I've been on the receiving end of a number of communications over the last few years, starting with the Fernwood school and the baseball field there and an earlier proposal we heard alluded to in terms of our improvements at the Grant Athletic Fields including stadiums and lights. So I've heard you, so there was an intent exchange between the neighbors and I don't recall if you were one of them or not, and myself, over email, opposing any improvements at all. For fear it would increase the use of the athletic fields and thus, cause the perception there be more traffic in the adjoining neighborhoods. So I'm listening you articulate the

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concerns you specifically address today on artificial turf but you also said you're opposed to other changes in the park. I'm going to tell you -- give you the benefit of where -- what I'm hearing and kind of the conclusion I reach and give you a opportunity to disabuse me of the notion I have. That it isn't the athletic fields that's artificial turf you oppose, it's any change which might cause other kids use the park which the neighbors perceive as a increasing congestion in the neighborhood. My sense is that the underlying concern is part of a theme, beginning back how much years ago, the fernwood school, the proposal starts and then the attempt to get other improvements at the grant, were initiated by the group that it doesn't matter what this group puts together, if the neighborhood perceives it will increase congestion in the neighborhood, you're going to oppose it?

**Hyde:** No, that's not true.

**Leonard:** Ok. Help me understand why that's not true.

**Hyde:** Let's go back to the artificial turf. The neighborhood association did a survey when lloyd's group first presented this and specifically they asked, do you favor installation of artificial turf, not field improvements on football track area. 41 says yes. 52 no, and 29 not sure. The proposal first came in, the main opposition was to the stands and lights and artificial turf. The problem with the artificial turf even though it was scaled back and the park said it would not increase field usage, it's clear that -- and I wouldn't blame the rest of the people in Portland are going to look at the all-weather fields and all-season fields empty and go, why can't we use them? So we believe there will be pressure, even if it goes in with the promise no increase field use, that there will be pressure on the city to take the shiny new fields and use them. I talked to someone who put in their field and they said they rent it out almost all the time. They didn't have to get a permit for that. On weekends, ad hoc groups of adults are using them on a regular basis and I have no reason to believe that the same thing would happen at grant field. More people using them.

**Leonard:** I heard you say, no, but -- and then the conclusion seems to reinforce --

**Hyde:** No, it's in addition to the fact of all the negatives of the turf. One of big ones. If the parks promised no increase in use and we know it's going to have an increase in use --

**Leonard:** How does that refute the conclusion I've reached that you'll oppose this no matter what?

**Hyde:** Because I won't oppose a natural turf. If you put -- if lloyd's group puts in a sand-based natural turf, I bet I could bring almost all the people opposed now on board. It's mainly the synthetic turf that's a problem. A lot of people only saw the first proposal with stands and lights, a lot of people don't know it's changed and that the other sports groups aren't going to use it that aren't using it now.

**Leonard:** Thank you.

**Fish:** This is a good segue. If we can excuse this panel. Stick around. There might be another opportunity to come back. There's another person we invited. We're going to invite scott brucker to join us. He's from tualatin hills parks and recreation district which has had a successful track record of putting artificial fields in and managing a world-class system and we hope some day that delta spark the rival of tualatin park and rec district but we thank you for being here and the make is here.

**Jeff Rucker:** Thank you very much and we feel the same way about trying to rival delta park. I'd like to extend good morning to mayor Adams and councilmembers and city staff. I'm the superintendent of sports with the tualatin park and recreation district and I have invited to discuss our experience in the development of artificial turf at tualatin hills and we currently operate four multiple purpose synthetic fields two shared with the Portland community college at rock creek and partner on an additional five that are operated on beaverton school district high school grounds bringing the grand total to nine fields. We did our installation and development with the view we use them as an effective management tool. Not really a luxury or nicety, as much as a management tool to share our issues we had. Synthetic fields are available year-round, which is true and the idea that rain doesn't effect them. Ice does. If you've got ice present. They do increase your use options you've got for them. Instead of a standard football or soccer field, you have more use opposites

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with those. Significantly decrease your maintenance costs and i'll cover that. And effectively eliminating water and fertilizer use common to our athletic field, which are grass or sand-based fields. 2002, we installed our first synthetic field at the Howard Turepin field using one third money, from our user groups and sports group and we replaced a sand-based field in doing this. We went from 672 hours of use on that sand-based field to a potential of 2,000 -- sorry, 2,031 hours. That's what is -- hours. And cost us \$20,500.50 in 2002. For that, additional 2,031 hours, it cost -- i've got the numbers, we've amortized that over a 10-year period and our savings is \$200,000 in maintenance operations, we're seeing 120,000-pounds less fertilizer. 78,000-pounds less grass seed. 12,000-tons let sand. And 1,790 hours of equipment time has been eliminated so we're not driving gas-powered equipment that much. When we put that in, we were very concerned as well as our board of directors, related to how this would be injury and safety wise. Since we've put it in, we've not seen an increase in injuries at our site and we did extensive research ground background and contacted the university of michigan, Washington state university and worked with Oregon youth soccer association and contacted Portland parks and recreation. We contacted Jesuit high school and Lake Oswego parks and recreation which had synthetic turf and in those cases what we got back in the research was they were maybe different types of injuries, but the increase was not there. There was not a large increase to those. In nine years of operation on that field, currently, we have actually canceled four dates for heat injuries, that's a common question that comes up. We found that if you -- water if provided, it's an educational based thing for coaches and users. Provide water and educate them or proper footwear, we find it's not as large of issue. The four days we canceled. Only canceled in the heat of the day. Not an all-day type of affair and took a midday cancellation on this. Some things we found, we didn't anticipate, but were interesting, that there was some equipment care and use education that needed to go with that, and some of that, you do get excessive wear in the high use areas. People need to move around and they're not a solve-all problem. Seeds, gum, tape and liquids seem to be a high issue and that's not only the users, but the public that visits the field when not assigned to athletic groups, which does happen. And the care of moving goals and cones. That concludes. Is there something I could answer for you, please?

**Fritz:** Do you get dogs using your synthetic turf?

**Rucker:** When we first opened up PCC Rock Creek, we had people using dogs and put up signage to let them know it's not the appropriate use for synthetic fields.

**Fritz:** Is it more or less than a turf field?

**Rucker:** Significantly less.

**Fish:** We know you're busy. Thank you for your time.

**Rucker:** Thank you.

**Fish:** Mayor, there's a number of people we want to acknowledge that are here. They will not be testifying and then we'll find out through Karla, how many signed up? When I mention your name, please raise your hand. Greg, who is the athletic director for Portland public schools. Joseph Malone, the Grant High School principal. Welcome. And, yes, Commissioner Leonard is a graduate.

**Leonard:** And were I a student now, you and I would know each other well. [laughter] on my prior experience.

**Fish:** Jock Sage, who is the Grant High School athletic director. Welcome. Is Tony Armrige here? He is not. That concluded the formal part of the testimony.

**Adams:** How many?

**Moore-Love:** Seven.

**Adams:** I'm going to limit the testimony to two minutes each.

**Fish:** Chris, you're the student athlete and you've got to get back to school. Lead off.

**Chris Edmunds:** Hi, i'm a senior at Grant High School and if you remember, on Monday, at the Mayor's Education Summit, we talked a lot about two things -- equity and supporting students outside of school. We even mapped out the extracurricular activities that people had access to

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around the city and county. One thing you could see if you were to map out where the turf fields are around the city and county is that there are nine in hillsboro and beaverton and more in jesuit and l.o. And a few out in east Portland and zero in inner northeast. Today, I hope we can have the opportunity i've been waiting for for a long time to change that.

**Fish:** Chris, how many state championships did you win as I soccer player?

**Edmunds:** I've won one, sir.

**Fish:** Congratulations.

**Adams:** And I want the council to know that chris was a key presenter at the education summit and you did a fantastic job.

**Fish:** He'll be going to colorado college next fall. Congratulations.

**Manolis Tjuanakis:** My name is -- i'm the head coach the grant high school soccer program and i've been at grant high school for 10 years, we've won a state championship, like nick mentioned and been on the state final in 2007. The main goal I have as a coach is the safety on the players. And many people mentioned before, when the rains begin in Oregon, in november when we're in the middle of our season, we simply cannot use the field anymore. We have to move somewhere else and basically find a space to practice. Whoever is willing to give us the space and time, we'll take it. What that means that the soccer players, not just the boys, but the girls, we have to practice late, most likely 8:00 or 9:00, because the schools are going to let us use the fields, they have to finish the practice before we get on the field. So, therefore -- no, we have to ask the student athletes to come out at 9:00 to practice. They have to stop their homework and at the same time, we have to ask them to drive far away from school and other places that increase the risk of them getting in a car accident. So I would love to have the opportunity for my players to be able to step out of the grant high school and step on the field and practice and also when the playoffs come around, we're able to have a place we can call home and play at home field rather than have to basically ask who is going to give us space to be able to play a game, and again, we're in the playoffs every single year. We have done a -- very well during the playoffs and I hope, you know, you guys take a good look and give us the opportunity to have a place to call home and practice.

**Fish:** Thank you coach. Mike?

**Mike Archer:** I brought a little show and tell. My name is Mike Archer. I live at 2345 NE 47<sup>th</sup> avenue, I'm a member of the grant neighborhood association. I have a daughter at grant, I have a son who plays in the neighborhood, been involved in the Hollywood soccer club and the alameda soccer club for 10 years or so. And within those two groups, there are about 1200 kids who use grant park regularly. I'm here to speak in favor of the project and I want to thank Lloyd for sticking with it, we've all seen this as a great improvement for our community. Grant park neighborhood is a great community, and we love grant park. We love our school and our athletics. And as our community gets more dense and as the kids grow up and see mls coming to Portland, soccer is going to be growing, and I just want to say that -- sorry.

**Fish:** You're doing a great job. You're doing a great job.

**Archer:** I just want to say that, when we go to the suburbs and see what kind of facilities are there and come back home to grant park where we have a beautiful park and neighborhood and feel like we have substandard facilities, it's hard for the kids, and it's hard for the coaches, and it's hard for the parents. So I urge you to support this.

**Fish:** And you have a student athlete at home, lili archer, who is an all-state soccer player. Where will she be going to college next fall?

**Archer:** She's going to the university of idaho.

**Fish:** Which is a division 1 team. With a scholarship?

**Archer:** Yes. And as far as the grant neighborhood association goes, i've been very watchful of their process, and I don't believe that there's ever been a vote of the neighborhood association, either for or against this, and I think there are certainly a vast number of people that support it in the

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neighborhood.

**Fish:** Thank you very much. Thank you all.

**Adams:** Good morning.

**Fish:** Why don't we lead off with Rachel, a former Rose Festival queen. We're honored to have you back.

**Rachel Seeman:** Thank you. I'm Rachel Seeman, student body president and 4-year athlete of Grant High School. Improving Grant High School's field and the bowl would be such a wonderful improvement to the community, and it would help the school academically and of course athletically and also environmentally. Because we don't have adequate fields, many times during the school year, our sports teams have to be removed from seventh period early to be transported to other fields with turf, and because Grant High School values our athletics and academics so much, we see things collide here. We're interfering with class education time. I know, as a student athlete, academics comes first, and we have to make sure that, by improving the field, we would assure that kids would have more class time, and I think this would be such a great improvement. Also all the time that they spend driving is obviously not very good for the environment. And for the community, Grant Bowl and Park and Field are at the heart of the Grant High School community. Growing up in the Grant area, I participated in Catholic youth organizations, track and field. I grew up around the Grant field. And so we really value that. By making improvements, it would bring more of the community out to exercise and to be healthy rather than having us all sit at home on a couch. I know what our parents would more like to have us do. Improving the field at Grant High School would make this community a better place. Thank you.

**Joseph Malone:** To the mayor, Mayor Adams, and to the rest of the commissioners, thanks for having us here today. To Commissioner Leonard, your initials in the restroom --

**Leonard:** They made it all this time? [laughter]

**Malone:** I could echo everything that has been said in support of this project, but I have to take my hat off to Lloyd for his consistency of working over 10 years. 10 years ago, I had hair at that time, and maybe we could use the hair for the turf. I don't know. What has been said is about the equity of the students and the members of the Grant community that could use this facility, but it goes far beyond that. It's not just the students that attend Grant High School. It's not just the students that participate in the youth programs that come there. It's about the whole student body and that whole community, the pride within themselves. It goes beyond the people that participate in these athletics that will be using the field. It's about all the other students that attend school there that, when they come to school, they feel good about where they are and their surroundings at the end. In essence, when that happens, they perform better in the classroom. That's a huge benefit of having something, a facility that reaches out and brings them in and has somebody feel good about it. When you walk in your own house and your wife or your spouse has some good meals, you feel good about coming home and wanting to eat. When you come into a facility that is proposed here today, we want to eat, meaning the recreational activities there. I hope you support this resolution.

**Leonard:** One question. Is it true that, even with these improvements, the varsity football field, for an example, still can't play games at Grant because there are no lights and no bleachers?

**Malone:** There are no lights. And right now we have to play early in the season due to the time of the daylight. We would play some games, our home games, usually at the Lincoln field.

**Leonard:** Do I understand that they can play there sometimes but just not if it's going to be dark?

**Malone:** Early in the season. Otherwise we have to find another site to play the home games.

**Dave Pietka:** Good morning. Regarding the --

**Fish:** Give us your name for the record.

**Pietka:** My name is David Pietka -- Pietka. Football games have been played at 4:00 to 6:30 twice early in the season because of daylight savings time, and the neighbors have welcomed that activity. I live directly across U.S. Grant place from the soccer and the baseball field. The park, the field are



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essentially my front yard. There's probably nobody in the neighborhood that will be more of a nexted by this project than my neighbors on u.s. Grant place and myself. I understand you get a lot of comments that "not in my backyard." you get that type of testimony on a regular basis. My comments are a little bit different. First, put this in my front yard. It's ok. I welcome it. Second, I have passed a letter to the clerk that will get to you. 10 of my neighbors who are on u.s. Grant place have signed the letter supporting this project and asking you to support it. Third, this is a good project for the neighborhood. It's a good project for the school. I ask for your support.

**Fritz:** I have a question for queen rachel. You were the first rose festival queen to be selected as a junior. I want to thank you for your service and your volunteer time this entire difficult year. And, second, I want to ask what you're doing next year.

**Seeman:** I'll be attending santa clara university.

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

\*\*\*\*\*: You should ask joe what he's doing next year?

**Malone:** I'm old. I'm retiring.

**Fritz:** Congratulations. Thank you for your service.

**Fish:** While you're coming up, mr. Shell, I do want to acknowledge that julia brim edwards is here for nike. We have a letter of support from nike and, if this project goes forward, it will be successful in part because of the partnership that the friends have established with nike and the commitment they've made to upgrades our ball fields systemwide.

**Adams:** Definitely our thanks to nike for your generosity in ball fields all over Portland.

**Otto Schell:** Good morning. I'm otto shell. I live on klickitat just up the hill from grant. My kid is a sophomore there. I'm here on behalf of the grant high school pta. The grant high school pta president couldn't be here today. He sent you this document electronically, and i'll give a copy to the clerk. It gives our grant high school pta support to this project, and we urge you to continue to make progress. All of the folks from our community have said all the things that many, most parents think about, the quality of the field, the need for a safe and kid-friendly place. All of those things are a huge plus for our neighborhood, and we urge your support.

**Kurt Ferve:** Good morning. Thank you for this opportunity to speak in favor of this memorandum of understanding. My name is kurt ferve. I live at 3215 northeast u.s. Grant place, directly west one block from the park. Basically i've lived there for 23 years. I've helped coach soccer for 12 years. I've been on the tournament committee for the nathan thomas soccer tournament for the past 17 years, which is held annually at grant park in september. I have supported fundraising efforts for playground equipment, the ramona fountain, and i've even stood watch at the track several years ago after it was resurfaced to keep eager runners off the track while it was going through its curing process. I've raised two daughters playing in grant park, and they both grew up to be pretty darned good soccer players and started off at age five in grant park. In a nutshell, I love grant park. When the upgrades were first proposed, one of the opponents came by my house asking me to sign a petition in opposition of these upgrades. They gave me many bullet point items. One of which really stood out was the fact that he talked about the noise from grant park, and I cut him off and says, what do you mean, noise? You mean the sounds of laughter and competition from the park? I told him the story that often, in the springtime, when i'm out in my backyard doing yard work and I hear the sound of a starter pistol could go off, that's my signal for putting away my lawn and garden implements, grab a lawn chair, and go down and just watch a very fun track meet. And i've done that for baseball and several other competitions over the year. In a nutshell, grant park is a treasure to our community, and I urge you to support this memorandum of understanding. Thank you very much.

**Robert Price:** My name is robert price. I'm here as an alum of grant high school, also here as a sports official. I am a 28-year member of Portland football officials' association and 22-year member of Portland baseball umpires association. Over my career, I have officiated games on

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every field possible within the Portland metropolitan area. I have seen grass fields be converted to artificial turf, and I have seen the level of play increase, get better, that is, as a result of artificial turf, because you're not fighting mud, water, and so on. As a sports official, it's much easier for me to work a game on artificial turf, because the turf is stable. It doesn't cause injuries. We don't have problems with knees and ankles. The only injuries I have suffered as a sports official have been on grass fields. The worst one I had was a knee injury that I suffered on a grass field that the next year became artificial turf. So I missed it by a year. But I urge you to adopt this memorandum of understanding, because it's a better deal all around for everybody. Thank you very much.

**Fritz:** I have to comment. My father was a football referee for a long time. My brother is currently a soccer referee.

**Price:** We're everywhere.

**Fritz:** Anyway, I know that you don't often get thanked for your role as a referee. Thank you very much. Fish -- I thought you were going to say the only time you get injured is when you have irate parents at a game. [laughter] that concludes our presentation.

**Adams:** Any additional council discussion?

**Fritz:** We'll vote next week, but I wanted to thank everybody for coming today and for your work on this project. First to commend commissioner Fish for your commitment to finding ways for funding great fields all over the city. We did have a comment during citizen testimony this morning, earlier, about equity. Equity doesn't mean everybody gets the same thing. Equity means addressing historic I know he can wetties and everybody doing what they can, including the city council. I greatly appreciate the fundraising capacity of the grant neighborhood community, the schools, the boosters, the fact that you're willing to step up and provide the field, as have neighbors and parents at lincoln and wilson and cleveland, and also recognizing that the council is committed to great fields all over the city. Next week we'll be doing a proposal for parkrose high school, helping roosevelt. So thank you for your partnership. And I do respect the input from the neighborhood association. There has been feedback, and they were able to provide feedback the way change is made. I respect the fact that the synthetic turf has pros and cons, and I think that is something that is worthy of different discussion. It will increase use, as has been acknowledged by various testifiers. I think, when we get to programming the space, it's worthy of consideration that sometimes neighborhoods do need a rest from the constant activity at attractions like this. That would be worthy of consideration. As a parent whose kids played football and tennis and basketball at grant, I know that there's not that many parking spaces, and the neighborhood does bear the. Brunt of the parking. That's something to consider, because I know you want to be respectful of everybody, both those in the community and those coming from outside. I appreciate the partnership on this project.

**Saltzman:** I would just like to add that I want to thank commissioner Fish and the friends of grant athletics and Portland public schools. I think anytime that we can work together and bring private resources to achieve goals that are important to all of us in terms of improved athletics, which I think contribute immensely to the liveability of neighborhoods and to the health of our city, this is a good partnership. So it's something i'll be pleased to support next week and really want to thank commissioner Fish for working this issue out and thank the friends of grant athletics and Portland public schools. This is a good model that we will use at other places as well.

**Leonard:** I, too, want to acknowledge commissioner Fish's leadership on this. This is a very tough issue, as I revealed in my earlier questions of one of the witnesses. And I think this is an agreement that I appreciate lloyd heading the effort for, but I actually consider it a very minimal improvement to what I think the students at grant and the community actually deserve which I may have betrayed in my question to the principal. It's mysterious to me why the students at grant can't play night games at grant for home games, and I would suggest that maybe that could be a discussion that could be had in the future to more expand the possibility of the students having greater utilization of

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the playing fields there for night games. I think that should be part of the high school experience that innercity kids get and not just be relegated to a few high schools around Portland and all of the suburb high schools. But I understand that has been controversial, but that's kind of why we're here, and that's kind of our job is to resolve those issues, and I think that the greater good is served by having a facility such as grant park and the bowl and all of the open space areas utilized as much as possible as we find ourselves increasingly having to figure out how to serve more and more citizens who live in the city with open spaces and how best we can do that and how best we can utilize the space that we have. It seems to me that, notwithstanding this great agreement that has been reached, I think we could do better in the future, and I would be very supportive of that effort.

Thank you.

**Fish:** I want to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to be with us today, to the citizens who we invited to present, to the folks in the audience who are here to offer support, and to the members of the public who provided testimony. Let me just tell you how i, as a parent of two children, approach this question. You've had two student athletes come before you today, both outstanding in the classroom and on the sports field, and i, too, have a student athlete in my household. But for her to practice her chosen sport, she has to commute to liberty high school in hillsboro three times a week, because that's where harry merlot a number of years ago made a deal. He said, i'll give you a million and half dollars to give you state-of-the-art synthetic fields if you give us access after hours for club soccer. Liberty high school in his became the homeschool, home site of the great f.c. Portland soccer club, second only to northeast united in preece teen of course. And there's something crazy about my daughter getting on 26 during the week and on the weekends to play soccer. But the reality is at liberty and beaverton high school, gresham high school, clackamas high school, all of our suburban partners have better facilities than our children have. And so the reality is, for highly motivated kids, they usually have to get in the car and drive somewhere. That is not smart use of resources nor safe, and frankly it's not fair to the kids that want to excel. A week ago, we had outstanding student athletes from jefferson here. Not only are they state champions with players of the year, but every student who testified is also going to the college of their choice. Through sports, they've learned the life skills that have helped them in the classroom and also to move ahead with their career plans just as today we celebrate a rose festival princess and a young man who is an outstanding soccer player. Both of them do great work in the classroom and on the field and are a great credit to your school, mr. Principal. That's how I approach it. As a parent of two kids, all the injuries i've observed have been on grass fields that are poorly maintained that have divots and other obstructions, and they are not on turf fields. State-of-the-art turf fields are frankly where we're headed, and they're good enough for mr. Paulson and the timbers. I think they're certainly good enough for our children. There's a number of people here who really get the credit. Lloyd lynley is probably part of the definition of perseverance in the definition in the dictionary. I know this has taken a long time, and I know from time to time, lloyd, you've lost faith in the process. Credit to you and the people who stepped up to volunteer their time and to offer to raise money, that you've gone to all the meetings, answered all the questions, and also credit to you that the proposal that's presented to us today is substantially different than the original proposal and has in every material aspect responded to concerns raised in good faith by community members. And that's how the process should work. Tony is not here, but i'll acknowledge his role, patty farrell, and of course mike archer who doesn't often get the credit but is in the background doing a lot of hard work, too, for kids in our neighborhood. I manage our parks system, and the reason it's here before us today, this matter, is that about four-fifths of the area is owned by Portland parks and rec and a small piece owned by Portland public schools, and that's why we need and mou. We are cutting budgets and scaling back, and yet the public has an expectation that our system be maintained at a certain level. And but for the 107 friends groups and ally groups that step up and say, we will help. We'll carry the load, and we'll raise money, we

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simply could not maintain the system. And so to the friends of grant park and all of our friends groups, I say sincerely thank you for shouldering the load and for saving the pay the way to a model which will allow us to reach our goals. These public/private partnerships are the only way we can do it, and this is, in my opinion, a model of how public and private work together to benefit the whole community. Thank you, everybody who is here, and I would say to even the critics -- the critics have played a very useful role in this process in helping define core issues and to get to scale, and I am confident that what is proposed today has broad support throughout our community and particularly the grant park community, and i'm also confident that, if you are successful in raising the money, this will be a huge win not just for young people but for the adults who use these facilities on a regular basis. I will proudly cast my vote aye next week. Thank you all.

**Adams:** I want to thank commissioner Fish and his team for helping to shepherd this process forward and lloyd, on my many issues in the city, you go above and beyond what others do, and I want to thank you for that. To the entire team of parents and students, faculty at grant, thank you as well. I have every confidence that, as this moves forward to completion and operation, that the good folks in the neighborhood association and the good folks in the high school will make sure that this is operated in a win/win situation. I appreciate all the efforts, and I will be voting i've as well.

**Fish:** Because we'll be voting next week and it's our tradition to thank the euro teams when we vote, because the public's here, I want to acknowledge emily hicks on my team, eileen argentina, lisa turpel, and all the folks at parks and rec. Thank you to my team very much.

**Adams:** All right. You're free to leave or continue to see democracy, but we've been joined by some very special Portland voters. Where are you all from? Alameda? Really? I heard the smartest kids go to alameda. That is true?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Yes.

**Adams:** Good. Well, be sure and study really, really hard. Hope you enjoy your visit here to city hall. Can you please read item 514?

**Leonard:** 521.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Hi. How are you? Nice to see you. Hi. How are you, simon? Luke. Emma. Warner. Well, you're awfully big. Julia. Taylor. I like these name tags. I got you already. Hi, bryan. How are you? Well, everybody smile. All right. Enjoy your day.

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

**Item 521.**

**Adams:** Normally this is a vote only, but as a courtesy of the house, commissioner Leonard, you wanted to allow some --

**Leonard:** Mary saunders, did somebody have something they wanted to say on this end? Ok.

**Adams:** Unless there are objections, we'll suspend the rules. Glad you're here. Give us your first and last name, and you'll have three minutes.

**Mary Saunders:** My name is mary saunders. We are a newer organization than friends of reservoirs, and that's probably why i'm here and they're not. They're much more experienced. And I have a question about this contract and its genesis. Was this an open bid? Were there other bidders than the present contractor?

**Adams:** Is that your only question?

**Saunders:** No. I have a few more.

**Adams:** Why don't you use your three minutes to get them all out, and then we'll turn to david.

**Saunders:** It's my understanding that analytical services, inc. Is an alabama-based corporation. That is correct?

**Adams:** The way this works is that you get everything you want to say in your three minutes, and then we'll turn to david.

**Saunders:** So they're not based in alabama?

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**Adams:** That's not the way this works.

**Saunders:** I'm sorry.

**Adams:** What else would you like --

**Leonard:** Why don't you state your concerns, and then he'll respond.

**Saunders:** I wanted to know if they're a local contractor essentially. I know -- I did some research on the internet, and I know there is a company in grants pass approved by the epa to do some testing, and there are a number of them in Washington, and so that was one of my concerns. I also was interested in who the other employers are of the present contractor. And if I was incorrect about where they were based, that was just an internet search that I did, I would like to know where they are based. This is quite a big increase in cost over the initial outlay, and I guess I have a question about why that is and sort of why, how, when, where, what sort of questions.

**Leonard:** Why don't we let david respond to that.

**Adams:** So you can return to your seat. Thank you.

**David Shaff, Director, Portland Water Bureau:** Good morning. The original contract with asi was through a competitive bid process. I don't know who the other bidders were. There is a fairly limited number of labs in the country that are certified by the epa to do crypto testing. Asi is probably considered the premier lab in the country for that. They have a number of internationally recognized experts on crypto sporidium. It was a competitive process. They are out of vermont, not alabama. They are not local, and we recognize that.

**Adams:** But if I could, just for those viewing, we're prohibited by the interstate commerce laws on the federal level of limiting who can bid on our contracts to just local firms or just Oregon firms. That's against federal law.

**Shaff:** And I don't know who the bidders were, but I don't believe the grants pass lab was one of the bidders. And I couldn't tell you who else uses asi, but as I said there are a fairly small number of labs in the country, a couple dozen probably, who are certified to do crypto testing.

**Leonard:** This is one of them?

**Shaff:** Yes. And why the big increase? The ais is working with us on trying to obtain variants. As you know, we're now on our third version of a variance attempt with the epa. The epa has given us a number of challenges to collect data in order to qualify for the variance, and asi is one of actually many contractors who is working with us to develop our sampling plan, sampling protocols, work through a number of our water quality issues that we are having in trying to meet the epa's standards for crypto sporidium testing. We originally did the contract for \$200,000, and that was just primarily to pay for the sampling that we had planned on doing. Asi has had to get involved in a lot of scientific and technical work with us in making sure that we are able to meet the epa standards for cryptosporidium testing.

**Fritz:** This is highly unusual to ask questions and take more testimony at a second reading. I'm wondering why we're doing it.

**Leonard:** Well, that was my decision. There is a group that is very interested in this issue. If I didn't take testimony, it would probably lead to some other charge from the group, so I deferred to give them as many opportunities to talk about as many things and ask as many questions as they want, because we have nothing to hide.

**Adams:** So it's up to the decision of the chair of the group whether or not I extend these courtesies, and I usually, than issues as contentious as this, do. But not always.

**Fritz:** But this isn't establishing a precedent that we're always going to take testimony on second reading?

**Leonard:** We've done it a number of times.

**Adams:** It's always been up to the discretion of the mayor. Please call the roll.

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

**Fritz:** As I said last time, I thank the assistance to my staff so I could understand this and all those

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that have written in and asked very good questions. I thank the water bureau for their continued diligence in pursuing this variance, and I thoroughly support this amendment to the contract to make sure that we do whatever we can to get the variance so that we don't have to do further treatment. Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. Please read the title for emergency ordinance number number 518.

**Item 518.**

**Fish:** I'm going to do a brief introduction and ask the team to come forward and take seats at the dias. I want to acknowledge that 519 was originally intended to be placed on consent, and so we can handle that in an expedited manner. 518 involves after-school meals and snack perhaps. Welcome, ladies. Oregon consistently has one of the higher hunger rates in the nation. A rising number of children in Oregon are also facing Oregon obesity. At parks bureau, our motto is healthy parks, healthy Portland. We are constantly looking for ways to have a positive impact on community health, especially in the areas of greatest need. Now, parks provides many programs and services that are part of a larger safety net in our community. We partner with loaves and Fishes to provide access to meals as part of our senior recreation program. We are currently working on a new healthy snack policy to get healthier snacks into all of our facilities. We partner with the Portland farmers' market to expand their footprint this year, and we currently have a community gardens initiative under way to provide more opportunities for growing healthy food. Healthy eating is essential to a child's growth and development. By becoming a sponsor of an at-risk meal and snack program, we can provide nutritious meals and snacks to children in low-income areas. Parks is therefore able to encourage healthy eating as a standard piece of existing educational and enrichment activities that we offer in our after-school programs. We've invited ali ryan, our parks staff who organized the pilot, robin johnson, Oregon hunger task force, and karen burt to share some very brief comments. Who would like to go first?

**Ali Ryan, Portland Parks and Recreation:** I would. Good morning. Thank you, commissioner and good morning, mayor. We are very pleased to be here. What's that?

**Fish:** State your name.

**Ryan:** I'm ali ryan, Portland parks and recreation. We are very pleased to be here with this ordinance which actually authorizes parks to do two things. One is to sign an agreement with the Oregon department of education, authorizing us as a sponsor of after-school meal and snack program. The other one is authorizing us to sign a vend and meal agreement. Signing these agreements is a significant step for parks. Although we have partnered with Portland public for many years on distribution of lunches that our summer playgrounds programs in sun schools, this is our first time as a sponsor. We'll start our efforts with a pilot project at st. Johns community center in north Portland, starting with a pilot letting us experience what it's actually like to run this program as well as to learn some things before we consider expanding to other sites. We're really looking forward to beginning at saint johns. I especially want to thank Portland public, who has been very flexible in working with us to figure out how to get meals to st. Johns. And robin johnson, who is here today, she has been tireless in her efforts to help us figure out how to do this, and many, many thanks go to her.

**Fish:** Let's introduce robin. The credit goes to you for having educated us about this opportunity and then titlement program that we could participate in.

**Robyn Johnson:** It's very kind of you to say. Good morning, mayor Adams and commissioners. My name is robin johnson, and I work for the Oregon hunger task force. My voice only does that at the most appropriate moments. The Oregon hugger task force is a statewide anti-hunger public policy advocacy and outreach organization, but we're based here in Portland.

**Adams:** I apologize. Where are you all from? Which school are you from? Alameda. Really? I heard kids from alameda were the chart test kids in the city. That is true?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Yes.

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**Adams:** Ok. Well, then keep studying. All right? We hope you have a great time here at city hall. Bye-bye. Yes. You're on tv. All right.

**Fritz:** Channel 30. Make sure you watch it.

**Adams:** That is the most enthusiasm the chamber has seen in a month, so that's great. I'll give you more time. I promise. You can start over if you want.

**Johnson:** A couple quick numbers for you. 220 of the 291 children, about 80% at sitton elementary, and 344 of the 430, again about 80% of the children who attend James John elementary, two of the nearest elementary schools to the Saint Johns community center, are eligible to receive a free and reduced-price lunch. That means that their families make less than 185% of poverty which, for a family of four, is about \$40,000 a year. By becoming a sponsor, the city and Portland parks and rec are ensuring that these children have access to nutritious meals where many of them participate in an enrichment program and after-school care. As the current economy and historic economic hardship continues to weigh on many of the families in the Saint Johns area, your leadership and connecting kids to healthy food where they live and play and are cared for is critical, and it's for this reason that I want to thank you and commend the city of Portland for its leadership by becoming a sponsor and particularly -- and right on cue -- commissioner Fish and the diligent work of the staff of Portland parks and rec. Saint Johns community center is in the state congressional district of Tina Kotek and she sends her regards. In these difficult economic times, it's essential that state and local government maximize public resources in order to meet the needs of our community. By becoming a sponsor of the federally-funded after-school and snack/meal program, Portland public parks can ensure that youth who participate in the after-school activities will have access to nutritious food before they go home. By feeding their bodies, we will be feeding their minds and improving their capacity to succeed at school and in life. To conclude, if the pilot project is a success, the child nutrition team for the Oregon hunger task force will continue to work with the city of Portland and parks and rec to expand this program to other locations that are currently not being served meals. Further down the road, I have great hopes that we're able to expand this meal service to community-based child care that exists in the community centers in addition to affordable housing sites which would also be eligible to serve these meals. But as you might know, as an advocate, I'm in the business of having great hopes, and this includes seeing your continued leadership by fully funding the summer playgrounds program and its connection to the summer food program in the summer. So I look forward to your continued leadership, and I thank you again for meeting this need and for allowing me to take a few minutes to be nervous in front of you.

**Adams:** You did a great job.

**Fish:** Robin, thank you. The mayor, as you know, is a champion of these programs.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Absolutely.

**Fish:** Last summer, it was actually at his suggestion that we extended serving meals at some of our parks programs, and he helped coordinate some logistical issues. I want to acknowledge that because, as he drafts his budget and as we work with him to get to the budget, we're mindful that those summer playground programs serve multiple purposes and leverage other dollars, and we are trying to find creative ways to preserve as many as possible. While I'm not ready to make an announcement today, one of the things we've been looking at is additional grant moneys to help backfill. The mayor and I will work tirelessly to try to make sure those programs are adequately funded. You get the credit for the idea today, and thank you for your leadership.

**Karen Birt:** Good morning. I'm Karen Birt, the director of Saint Johns community center, and I wanted to just say how excited we are to have been chosen as one of the sites or the site to pilot this project. The kids at St. Johns actual program are ages five to 11 years old from currently three elementary schools in the St. Johns neighborhood. They participate in homework, activities, games, activity play. We try to incorporate healthy lifestyles into the program. And the nutrition

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piece has been a part that we've been working on for many years actually at St. Johns. We've tried a number of efforts to get snacks in just to be able to feed the kids, including going out to the community and asking for some support from neighborhood businesses that we were able to get for a few years. But the ability to provide a well-rounded nutritious meal is a huge benefit to these kids. Oftentimes what we would get through donations were cans of Hormel chili and things that the staff would have to cook up, so the support of a sustainable effort to provide a well-rounded, fully nutritious meal is huge for us. The kids come after school hungry and are often there until 6:00, so really feeding them and giving them at least a snack but the ability to give them a full meal is wonderful. A lot of these kids come from very low-income households, and once they leave us they may or may not have another meal. Many go home and don't get supper at night. They depend on that free lunch at school. Being able to feed them supper at the community center is a huge help, so I wanted to thank you for that.

**Fish:** Thanks for the great work you do for our parks system.

**Adams:** Thank you all. Commissioner Fish was nice to mention our efforts, but the year in, year out leadership that he provides in working with all of you on this issue, these services have never been needed more than they are right now, so I really thank you very much. Anyone wish to testify on this matter? Can you please call the vote.

**Fish:** I want to again thank Robin Johnson and the Oregon Hunger Task Force for the leadership that they have brought to this issue and frankly year-round. They are the go-to group in Salem helping to set the agenda. They are constantly looking for opportunities like this where we can partner. And the fact that this is a federal entitlement program which we can access and meet the needs of kids in our community is a perfect fit. To Ali Ryan and Karen Burt, one thing I've learned in the past year or so as the Parks Commissioner is that we have a fabulous group of people who work for us, dedicated people. You two exemplify the very best in our bureau, and I want to publicly thank you for your service. As your commissioner in charge, I know that we ask you to do a lot, and we're not always -- we don't always give you the resources you need to do your job adequately. We're painfully aware of it, in a time of budget cuts, it makes it harder and harder for you to meet the standards you've set. The other day we did Ann Arbor Day celebration in the David Douglas district, and I asked the principal to describe the population of the school. He said about 20 languages were spoken and almost 90% of the children were on free and reduced lunch. What that tells us is that, throughout the city, in this economy, our families are struggling with getting day to day necessities, and it is not acceptable to this mayor or to any of my colleagues that any child in our community would go without at least one healthy meal a day. And that would, I think, also extend to many adults who face the same challenges. That is pilot program. We'll work out the kinks and get it right, and then we're going to expand it, take advantage of every platform that we have, take advantage of the opportunity to provide a healthy meal to a child. I want to especially acknowledge Emily Hicks on my team, which is in charge of our Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland initiative. Something of an anomaly, since she knows how unhealthy my eating habits are, that she still works for me. Emily is a very creative young person driving a lot of our agenda on this. I thank Emily for her passion on this and I thank my friends at Park as well who are here for their good work. Aye.

**Adams:** Excuse me again. Where are you all from? Alameda? I hear the kids from Alameda are the smartest kids in the whole city. That is true? All right. You have to be sure and stay in school and study hard. Ok? Now should we vote yes or no on this thing?

**Fritz:** They're smart. They don't say without hearing all the arguments. [laughter]

**Saltzman:** This is a great pilot and serving a very important need. No kid should go hungry. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, Commissioner Fish, again for your fine leadership skills, being shown in this program. It needs a partner in these difficult times. We do have hungry children in our community,



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and I think it's sitting where the north Portland community is doing the weekend backpack program whereas they understand that some kids are not going to get a good meal between Friday and Monday, and so they're getting together to send kids home for the weekend with peanut butter and jelly. That's both wonderful that our community recognizes and is doing something about it and very sad that there are kids right here in our community who depend on these programs to get that food. Thank you very much for your work. Aye.

**Adams:** Again, thank you. Aye. Let's get to 512.

**Fish:** All that 519 does is authorize the passthrough of already budgeted funds. That was intended to be on the consent agenda.

**Adams:** We'll do 512. Please read the title.

**Item 512.**

**Saltzman:** I'd like to return this to my office if there's no objection.

**Adams:** Unless there's an objection, 512 is returned to commissioner Saltzman's office. Please read the title for 517.

**Item 517.**

**Eric Johansen, Office of Management and Finance:** Eric Johansen, city debt manager. This ordinance this morning authorizes up to 70 million of urban renewal and redevelopment bonds. Proceeds of these bonds will be used to pay off most, if not all, of the outstanding line of credit indebtedness in North Macadam, which currently totaling about 62.8 million. These lines were established to fund the urban renewal projects notice area since the inception of the district about 10 years ago. Most of the project expenditures have been in the central district of South Waterfront but not exclusively in that area. With this level of annual revenues, the district is ready to take on long-term indebtedness, and that's what we're proposing to authorize through this ordinance today. While the maximum amount is set at 70 million, we haven't settled in on where that number will ultimately be. I expect right now it will be somewhere between, say, 55 and 70 million depending on market conditions and other factors that we'll be analyzing between now and the expected sale in the middle to latter part of this summer. The bonds will be up to a negotiated sale with Bank of America and Merrill Lynch and Citigroup, which are two underwriting firms that we hired through an RFP process to underwrite several deals that we were anticipating over the next couple of years. With that, I'd be happy to take any questions.

**Adams:** This is a non-emergency ordinance. Moves to a second reading next week. Please read 519.

**Item 519.**

**Adams:** Anyone wish to testify on the matter? Please call the roll.

**Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. So approved. Please read the title for second reading item number 520.

**Item 520.**

**Adams:** Please call the vote.

**Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. So approved. We're recessed until 2:00 p.m.

At 11:56 a.m., Council recessed.

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**APRIL 14, 2010 2:00 PM**

**Adams:** Portland city council will come back from recess. It is 2:00 p.m. and today is Wednesday, april 14<sup>th</sup> 2010. Hi Karla, how was your lunch? Did you have a good lunch?

**Moore-Love:** I did.

**Adams:** Can you please call the roll.

[roll taken]

**Adams:** Here. A quorum is present. Would you please read item 522.

**Item 522.**

**Adams:** Thank you. If I could have the presenters come forward. As commissioner of planning and sustainability, i'm pleased to sponsor this report on actions of the east Portland action plan, the goal of which to improve the quality of life, foster strong community connections and increase the area's regional significance. Along with improving equity for east Portland residents. As many know already, the east Portland action plan is a different kind of planning document. It contains strategies and actions to provide guidance and direction to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses and individuals across a broad array of opportunities and challenges facing east Portland. Today we're going to hear an update from some of the citizens who have been leading the effort, and look forward to the discussion. Who would like to begin?

**Bryan Heron:** I will do that. Good afternoon commissioners, and mayor Adams. My name is brian heron, i'm the cochair of the east Portland action plan and pastor of the presbyterian church in east Portland to my right is chris scarzello, who is the east Portland district liaison from the bureau of planning and sustainability, and she's going to take care of our technical issues. Over a year ago the question was asked of you, mayor Adams, what is the next step for east Portland in establishing ourselves on the political map of Portland? And you very clearly stated that what we needed to do was to build human capital in east Portland. And I thought about that statement a number of times since then. I have to admit on the one hand, as a pastor the term "human capital" does not roll off my tongue easily. Because I do not feel it fully captured the passion, the values, and the spirit of a community. On the other hand, I have been intrigued by the growing relationship between east Portland and the city of Portland since the inception of the east Portland action plan over two years ago. And I think the term "human capital" is an appropriate term. Because yes talking about the language of mutual human investment. Have you been investing in us and we are responding by investing in you. And isn't that exactly what community should be all about when we are dependent on each other for the common welfare of all of us. Over two years ago the city took the step to invest in east Portland by establishing the east Portland action plan committee. I remember much of the city council as well as numerous city staff joints the 18 of us who had an investment in east Portland. And at that meeting city clearly demonstrated that they were willing to jump-start the process of building human capital in east Portland. I think you communicated that day that your investment wasn't just about putting band-aids on serious systemic issues. The presence of most of our highly elected officials that day told us that you are interested in what we had to say about the shape of our future of our community. And today we are here at least in part to thank you for initiating that first step. Because if you have -- I am convinced we would still be struggling to find a common voice in east Portland if you had not. So what I want to share with you today is that I believe that we do have a growing relationship of mutual investment taking place between the city

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and east Portland. Now, if I were a poet, would I address that -- dress that up a bit and say what we're really doing is learning how to dance with each other without stepping on each others' toes. From my view as one of the original members of the east Portland action plan, i've been watching as we are each taking these steps together. I've been watching as you've made investments in us and we have built a little more human capital, we've garnered a little more energy, and we've established a little bit more political will in the process. And as we have become more Engaged in the political process, i've also seen more openness on the part of the city to trust the east Portland will speak on their own behalf for the good of our community. Granted, I do understand that we do have a long ways to go. I said also -- sit also on the community involvement committee of the Portland plan, and while I do my best to advocate for east Portland in the different committees I am on, i'm also disturbed that the surveys coming from east Portland itself in the Portland plan are only half of what they should be based on our 28% of the population. And so on the one hand while we speak for equity, we also know we have a ways to go to commit to representative engagement from our own community. But it is happening, we're making great strides, and here is a picture of some of what we've accomplished since the city made this investment in east Portland. If you refer to page 3 of exhibit 9, you will see that the city one year ago adopted our recommendations for 268 strategies and actions of epap. And these actions cover virtually every area of community development from transportation, parks, community buildings, education, and economic and environmental sustainability. We proposed, and you approved money for storefront improvement grants, safe routes to schools, and investment in gateway green, improvementses on powell boulevard, and 122nd avenue. In addition, we have recently distributed \$50,000 in small community grants that have leveraged another \$345,000, and odot's involvement in epap has 11 ranched over \$31 million in transportation infrastructure in east Portland. Maybe closest to our heart in east Portland we hired our epap advocate, laura wintergreen, who has been responsible more than anyone else for the building of our partner relationships. And if we want to talk with the building of human capital, in the eight months since east Portland took over the lead for epap, we have developed 44 partnerships with neighborhood representatives, agencies, businesses, as well as passionate and concerned citizens. We now have numerous committees and subcommittees to carry out the specific actions of our projects, and the partnerships that we have initiated are also beginning to trickle out into the community, a sort of a model of coming together. Currently the Portland development commission, along with mount hood community college, psu, david douglas parkrose school districts are working on the gateway education center. And the church where I pastor has just establish the vision team in partnership with human solutions, we've got time to help, and other community partners for the redevelopment of our three-acre site and ministry. One of the directions that I have been most pleased with is the ever-evolving nature of our charge and structures document, Exhibit 6 in your packet. And I think this captures the community-based nature of the work that we do in epap. The document is written in such a way to first establish our guiding principles such as building lasting community leadership and rchs, and ensuring participation equitably across our broad geeafter I can -- geographic area and with our diverse ethnic communities and creating opportunities to build around our common values in east Portland. Also epap is structured in such a way as to allow for the growth of numerous subcommittees as the interest and the passion and human capital in east Portland continues to gain momentum. And we fully anticipate that because our attendance has tripled in the last few months, we need to now prepare for ongoing growth and interest in the coming months. I can tell that you the feeling around the table at epap meeting assist that east Portland is intent on being a force, a positive force that can't be ignored. We're ready, willing, and we expect to become full partners with the rest of Portland. In closing, let me say that east Portland again does thank the city for its foresight and its willingness to initiate this relationship with the convening of the east Portland action plan over two years ago. We are aware of the investment that you made in us, and we do believe this is the beginning of something good.

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Have you invested a little in us, and we have responded by Engaging a little bit more with you in the political process. And so we do expect this relationship to grow and to mature as we continue to invest in each other. Mayor Adams, one of the ways we can think about this is that we are building human capital in east Portland. But because i'm a pastor, I prefer to think of it this way -- that on december 1st, 2007, you crossed the river, you took us by the hand, and you invited us to dance. And we said oh, thank you. We thought you'd never ask. [laughter]

**Adams:** Very sweet. That's very nice.

**Heron:** I'd like to turn this over to lar expri others who will paint a picture of our epap community.

**Larry Kotan:** Thank you. Good afternoon commissioners, mayor Adams. My name is larry, i'm a 20-year resident of east Portland. I have two daughters that go to east Portland schools. I live in parkrose heights and I work for a manufacturing company located in parkrose. So i'm definitely invested in -- have an interest in our community. I'm here today to talk about the small funds grant program that grew out of east Portland action plan. So a couple quick notes before we get to the good stuff here. If you look at exhibit 3, the first two pages there show how we evaluated the grant request that came in. Every request had to be key to a particular action item located in the plan, and had to reflect The priorities that we established during previous prioritization sessions. You can see those listed in the exhibit there. So we've all heard the ects presentation that the sum is great I than its parts. And wow, was that ever evident in our small funds grant program. Here, one plus one is not equally two or three or even four, it's more like one plus one equals seven. And that's because of the \$50,000 that we awarded to different grants, it's leveraging another 300, almost another \$350,000 worth of additional funds and volunteer support. So if that was the only outcome of the grant, we'd say that's a great success. What a great return on our investment. But it goes way beyond that. If you look closely at those grant requests, what you see are neighbors getting involved, and improving their communities, you see them bridging cultural divides, you see them expanding and supporting youth programs, and probably most exciting, we see them developing tomorrow's leaders. So i'd like to highlight one of those projects quick, that's a great example of this. The middle school in the david douglas school district is partnering with three arts northwest and also with northwest behavioral health care services to create a photo voice video. And the intent is to showcase their reach youth leadership Group and document all the different community outreach activities during the school year that those youth will be involved in. So the youth in that group because of this program, are gaining access to photography training, and access to youth development experts while making critical connections to a host and facebook-organizations. Even better than that, the video then can be used to facilitate further discussions with other groups thus extending that program all over east Portland. And all that is happening with a grant of \$2,000. So that's fantastic. And in your exhibit, exhibit 3, you will see a complete list of all the grants we did award in our process here. So am that being said, the need is still great. We were only able to fund 22% of the worthy causes that came to us, and came looking for some money. So the need is still there. My first order of business is to thank you for your support of the east Portland action plan and by extension, the small grants program that we developed. The second is to communicate that east Portlanders really are stepping up to the plate here and seizing this opportunity just as we were challenged to two years ago during that first initial kickoff meeting in december of 2007. And thirdly, I want to your knowledge your continuing support of the east Portland action plan and the small funds grant program as we move Forward. We know really tough decisions are going to have to be made for this next budget cycle, but we're really ecos tore build on the progress we've made thus far, and those of us with east side pride will make it happen. So thanks again for your support, and i'll turn things over to our very wonderful east Portland advocate, lore wintergreen.

**Lore Wintergreen:** Hello commissioners and mayor. I am laura wintergreen, and i'm honored to be the east Portland action plan advocate with the east Portland neighborhood office, office of neighborhood involvement, city of Portland. As brian said earlier, there are 268 action items in the

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east Portland action plan. If you want to make improvements in east Portland, we are the people you want to work with to make them happen. To bring your issues and dreams for east Portland forward, find an action item in the action plan, which is posted on [www.eastPortlandactionplan.org](http://www.eastPortlandactionplan.org), and partner with us to make your great community even better. We provide language interpretation, child care, and healthy local food at our meetings. Community members provide the time, the effort, and the will to make things happen. Exhibit 7, the communities and representatives document, shows that the epap supports individuals to serve as epap representatives on specific issues and supports people with common interests to develop subcommittees to work together. The document identifies each epap subcommittee purpose and their average attendance. Our largest general meeting had 45 people and our subcommittees range from four to 13 members. One of whom has to be a regular attendee at the general epap meeting. Our subcommittees are predicated upon the understanding that relationship process and results are equally important. Each subcommittee is action plan related, and I draw your attention to the consistency reflected by the subcommittees, the small grants program awards, and the epap proposal for project priority, which is your exhibit a. Next we'll have David, Anna, and Karen tell you about the subcommittees in which they're involved. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much. Welcome to city council. Welcome back. Glad you're here. You just need to give us your first and last name.

**David Hampston:** My name is David, I want to thank you council and mayor. I'm with the epap -- I'm the epap representative for the purchased transportation budget advisory committee, and a board member from Hazewood. But today I'm speaking in -- as -- in my capacity as chair of the epap bike subcommittee. The epap bike subcommittee is part of the east Portland action plan, is dedicated to making east Portland more fun and safer for all residents and visitors to our area of disconnected streets. We have monthly meetings where we discuss with other residents and various agencies ways to make local improvements. As well as sponsor community rides in our neighborhoods. In fact, we have one tomorrow night. We are also public advocates for bicycle infrastructure improvements within the city. We've testified here to council at least a couple of times. Such as with the bicycle master plan 2030, as well as with the county with TriMet, and with ODOT. All of us would once again like to thank you for having Sunday parkways on July 18th, and we invite the whole city as part of the annual epap expo, otherwise known as east Portland exposition. We hope this becomes an annual event. We hope that the city will continue to make us -- help us make biking more fun throughout Portland, and specifically support a bicycle master plan for east Portland. Thank you for your attention, and now I'll pass on you to Anna.

**Anna Volkova:** Good afternoon Mayor Adams and city council members. My name is Anna, I'm here to speak on behalf of civic development and engagement subcommittee, representing Russian speaking community, voice, and center for -- for organizing. East Portland is different than most of Portland. We're a particularly cultural and diverse and have the highest numbers of immigrant, refugee, New Portland community members. This means we need to develop ways to respectfully -- in both our community. One mechanism we are embracing is language and culturally specific development of cultural appropriate entry level civic development and engagement workshops. With six sections of six hours each that uses a trainer model. The curriculum we're working with was developed by Catholic charities. Our subcommittee currently has representation from the following communities. Spanish speaking, Latina Russian speaking, Native American, Indian, Randa communities, with interest expressed from representatives of the Somalia and Vietnamese communities. Workshop sessions are likely to include the law and crime prevention including child abuse and domestic violence, which I would say are very vital for immigrants, refugees, and newcomers. Housing, rental, and homeownership, education, transportation, and health, immigration rights, and community involvement, leadership training, and citizenship opportunities. Exhibit 8 recommends that the city fund six language and cultural appropriate workshops. Each

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workshop session will leverage time from organizations, providing subject matter services.

Enrollment on this civic development and engagement subcommittee has brought our communities together in planning and resource sharing. We also recently provided constructive feedback on the 122nd street project in & hope to see changes implemented. Thank you for your attention, and now karen will speak about epap communications.

**Karen Fisher-Gray:** Good afternoon mayor Adams and city council members. My name is karen Fisher gray, and i'm the superintendent of schools for parkrose school district. The east Portland action plan committee developed subcommittees in order to involve more people, and on the ground work for the group. One of these is a communication subcommittee which I chair. The work of the communication subcommittee is as follows. Development of a friendly and informative epap brochure, the main purpose of the brochure is to attract people to our advocacy work and to stress the choice livability of east Portland. A quarterly newsletter that showcases the work of epap, and its various subcommittees. Webpage and website development to display interesting information about the group. Meeting places and times, and interesting and important east Portland activities and events. The subcommittee has been involved in strategic communication with the city of Portland by scheduling and attending meetings with the mayor and writing letters of interest and request. We are also members of various city committees and work groups. Most recently the subcommittee developed a letter to the mayor making an interim request of \$1 million for improvements to east Portland. We have requested translation and interpreter funding, so that our members who speak different languages can access the group. We also asked for funding for our website so that it can be adjusted with a tracking system so members can update their progress on the plan. The subcommittee is now developing a plan for working strategically with metro council to develop partnerships that benefit east Portland residents. Recently a member of this subcommittee, former parkrose board member, was appointed to the city of Portland's budget committee. This is an important appointment for epap. Katy is an -- has an incredible understanding of the needs of our diverse community, and will be a fine addition to the budget committee. I would like to thank city council specifically for \$100,000 in funding to develop a regional soccer field at parkrose high school, which will benefit east Portland. I also want to thank you personally for funding the east Portland action plan advocate position with laura wintergreen, who is truly wonderful. And now it is my pleasure to introduce to you our next set of speakers, nick, tom barnes, and marie daniels. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much. Great work.

**Nick Sauvie:** Good afternoon council and thanks for the opportunity to speak with you today. I'm the director of rose community development, and i'm also a member of the epap committee and the economic development subcommittee. The economy is on everyone's mind, but east Portland has been hit harder than the rest of the city. Statistically Portland has higher -- east Portland has higher unemployment, has more foreclosures, and all the lowest rated neighborhoods by the auditor's survey are from 82nd avenue east. Education underlies our economic problems, and the rate of college graduates is only one-third as the city average. Economic development is one of the primary goals of east Portland action plan, and the actions there include the east Portland economic development plan, development of key opportunity sites, support for small businesses, and work force training. We've had an economic development subcommittee meeting for the last several months, and we have prioritized getting that east Portland economic development plan together, marketing and advocacy, and then supporting existing businesses, and we'd like to encourage council to support the \$1 million east Portland request that includes \$105,000 for the economic development actions that include that economic development plan p. It includes identifying properties, and implementing zone changes to encourage development and youth business development as part of a youth engagement project. So I hope that the city council Will support

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this down payment towards equity in east Portland, and i'd like to thank you for supporting our folks in our neighborhoods. And introduce tom barnes now to talk about transportation.

**Tom Barnes:** Tom barnes, i'm the cochair for the east Portland action plan powell boulevard tgm subcommittee. I'd like to thank city council and mayor Adams for the opportunity to speak concerning the subcommittee. Powell boulevard subcommittee was formed on september of 2009 with the -- to be a unified voice of the community. The committee is made up of representatives from david douglas school district, sen centennial, midway business association, human solutions, powell hearst gilbert neighborhood association, centennial community association, epap, and st. Timothy's lutheran church. The committee's vision is -- for powell boulevard is a three-lane boulevard with a center turn lane, bike lanes, and sidewalks. We'd also like to see pull-outs for tri-met buses and school buses, storm water runoff with green -- into green spaces, clearly marked and lighted pedestrian cross cans, improved street lighting and sheltered tri-met bus stops. We'd also like to see zoning changes to encourage small business toes open along the powell boulevard corridor. By having an organized subcommittee with a clear vision for the future is much easier for p bought to feel -- to get a feel for the community and what The community would like and support. The east Portland action plan initiated the powell boulevard improvement planning project through pbob with a \$50,000 investment. And is being masked -- matched by odot with a \$330,000 grant. We're not in the next -- now in the next step and melding the powell boulevard subcommittee into the pbob outer powell boulevard conceptual design plan citizen working group. We have got to work on the name of that. [laughter] this group will be meeting first meeting april 19th, 2010, and we'll have a completion date of june of 2011. Only with the support of epap and laura wintergreen was it possible to organize such a diverse group and come to a consensus. For the future of powell boulevard. The future support of epap and powell boulevard subcommittee is urgently needed. Thank you for your time, and i'd like to introduce marie.

**Marie Daniels:** Good afternoon, mayor Adams and commissioners. My name is marie daniel, i'm a business owner, a teacher, a youth advocate, and I am chair of epap's youth subcommittee. The epap, though it does take the needs of youth into consideration, was created largely without youth perspective and input. That is changing. As you can see, with me today to make their presence known is a group of young people committed to bringing their voices, Energy, and wisdom and they make me so proud.

**Adams:** Let's give them a round of applause. [applause]

**Daniels:** As a group, we have two main objectives. First, to provide a structure for individuals, organizations, service providers, and agencies who serve and support youth to connect and organize to advocate around issues of importance including resource equity, educational excellence, and economic opportunity. Second, we intend to be a vehicle for the youth of east Portland to learn about community organizing, and gain experience in advocating for themselves, their community schools and neighborhoods. To these ends, we recent gauged in the following activities. Supporting our budget request mentioned by nick, to partner with the city's youth planners in doing a comprehensive study of youth focused work fork related programming in east Portland. Translating the east Portland action plan into language that appeals to young people, and has a better chance of gaining their attention and engagement. And creating a document that outlines the overlapping interest areas of the e pap and Multnomah youth commission youth bill of rights for the purposes of utilizing that work and developing a solid partnership with the Multnomah youth commission. We understand that the council has a strong desire to support and further the development of a strong healthy and vibrant youth Community. And yes agree that using allies in all levels of government, local, state, and federal. What you do not always get is the opportunity to speak for themselves. The east Portland action plan's subcommittee is working on providing both. With input and direction from our youth members as well as the ongoing support and commitment

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of city council, we are looking forward to working with and representing the voice of east Portland's youth community.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Representative smith, do you want to come forward as well?

**Arlene Kimura:** Thank you very much. My name is arlene, and I am the cochair of the east Portland action plan. I'm also the finisher for the presentation, so I have no exhibits. But I do want to let you know I have heard from community members directly that they were very excited about the action plan mode because we're doing something. We're not just thinking about it. And to this end, I think we have made real strides in getting members of the community that do not normally engage in civic governance-type activities to come and be part of our group. I do want to think that we have made a very concerted effort to be inclusive and creative as well. And I will thank you for the geographic mapping, we -- I want to beg you, plead with you, and say please do this, to fund the advocate position for another Year at least, because part of it is that we need to have somebody help us with the administrative details for the rest of us are all going around trying to drum up business for people to come to our meetings. We also have stepped up to the plate in providing eap members on various budget committees such as the police, parks, and transportation. As well as the city council with kathy. Our subcommittees are community driven and I think it's reflected in our membership makeup and also the fact that most of the subcommittee people are real interested in doing it and this is not an assigned task. They volunteered for that. I do want to remind you also that in the latest demographic that we have, we have 28% of the population of the city of Portland, we have 40% of the school-age children. And I really hope this process will allow us to work closely and get further equity into that fair share spending so that we're not quite as disparate as we have been in the past. I don't think it was intentional, but I think that we also needed to step up and participate. And I think you're getting that from our committee. I also want to thank you for this opportunity and I know that all of the subcommittees have worked very hard. Eye like to finish with brian's quote, if I may. And he said, in 2007, you crossed the river, took us by the hand expin varied us to Dance. And we said, oh, thank you, we never thought you'd ask. And we're dancing now, and we appreciate it, and hope that you will continually support our efforts. We have -- we presented our dollars, and we're just really hopeful that I think you'll find they've been well spent. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Representative smith, welcome back.

**Representative Jefferson Smith:** Thank you, mr. Mayor. Thanks for having me. I represent district 47, the Oregon house, jefferson smith. One district to the north of commissioner Leonard's former district. I was asked to testify today and encourage to say things that someone shouldn't say who was asking for money or saying thank you for money that they had just received. And hoping for some more. I was honored to testify a year ago and I offer again that there are two kinds of earthquakes. Those that build tectonic energy and those that release it. The east Portland action plan needs to be the building kind. With an estimated 20% of the population and 40% of the school children, this is Portland's next big challenge and opportunity. I don't say that because I represent that area. I learned it because I represent that area. In the last year I have noted -- noticed three things, at least. The Portland tribune published not 40% nor 28% but .7% of Stimulus dollars were spent east of 82nd. I recognize the city con can test those numbers, but even to get to a barely respectable 10%, the math had to include a development in troutdale. The valuable thing, perhaps missing the geographic mark a bit. The transportation package spent not 40% or 20% east of 82nd, but as I understand it 3.3%. The council's commitment to build a new school and community center in the david douglas district that I was told ins in good shape, so I set aside a bill, has been set aside. There are two competing narratives. First, that mid county east Portland, the bedrock district, the numbers, whatever you want to call it, faces challenges largely because of the period prior to annexation, which for the record, according to the ninth circuit court of appeals, was unconstitutional. Something I probably would have supported but the ninth circuit court of appeals



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did not. Which included poor or zero planning and insufficient local citizen engagement. There is truth in that narrative. A competing narrative shared by a lot of the people who I represent is the area suffers from neglect from inner Portlanders who don't live there, don't get political contributions, don't get volunteers there, and don't even get enough votes there. Those recent events that I listed are of the Clark era or Katzner rarks they are of this Area. The area Sundaying oning the east needs to be tied for the top priority of any topic the city faces. I didn't see geographic area, I said topic. It is the greatest threat to failure of the Portland experiment, and the failure of that experiment hurts everybody who loves this city. It was good to see commissioner Saltzman advocate for the placement of domestic violence English as a second language. It was great to see commissioner Fritz at one of her many neighborhood association visits. I understand the city is doing a study of where dollars are being spent. Methadone clinics and domestic violence shelters are critical. The plasma center serves a purpose. We also need to recognize those facilities are different than a safer max line, sufficient school facilities sidewalks, and parks. I was really pleased to tour the district with Tom Miller, David, thank you to the mayor for providing their time and leave for that. And for some of what David just offered me, some moments ago. And as I said to Tom then, we need to build Techtron I can energy, make sure our meeting and actions are toward achievement, not appeasement. Let me also say my house is too glass. I have come accomplishing far too little for this part of the state. I believe deeply that every Member of this city council cares about the city of Portland and that area, I talked to each of you about it, I consider you each more than acquaintances. I too need to find specific ways to help, and I want to help you as you find them. Finally let me say Thongs Laura and East Portland Action Plan group who are helping and thanks to the count for your support and their work. I am hopeful good things will happen. I thank you for your time. Let me finally leave with my biggest message -- focus to the people here, including members of the press who I hope will help us prioritize the area, thank you very much.

**Adams:** Representative Smith, the city has not set aside the David Douglas school, it is under legal contestation from others. So to be clear. Thank you.

**Smith:** Am I allowed to respond to that point?

**Adams:** What is your response?

**Smith:** There was a bill pending before the legislature --

**Adams:** Frankly, your entire testimony sort of sets back the great work that these folks have been doing and as one example, the character eyes the fact that the David Douglas our satellite efforts on David Douglas, we have somehow set them aside is just one example of not true, yes fighting in court to keep it funded. So just the opposite of what you said.

**Smith:** Let me respond Mr. Mayor. I must admit that when a year ago I came, I came nearly to say thank you and please. And offer primarily humor. I am truly angry.

**Adams:** So am I.

**Smith:** To be clear, when I say set aside, I wouldn't say that that's inaccurate. There was a bill before the Oregon legislature --

**Adams:** Mr. Smith, it is inaccurate. You said that we set aside that project. This is just one example, we have not. We continue to fight it in court. It was citizens who appealed it. So there really isn't anything to respond to, because that is just a clarification of a fact. I appreciate your point of view, and we all share your passion. But we have funded this effort to create a positive change, and the folks in the community have more than responded and have leveraged and quadrupled our investment, and I'm a politician too. And the reforms to the city's budget and the frustration we have around the strings on stimulus, we all share those frustrations. So we're holding ourselves accountable with this plan. And we intend to continue to fund it because they've earned our support. So I really appreciate your point of view, but I want to keep us on the path of improvement, and trotting out sort of old, inaccurate stuff --

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**Smith:** Not old, mr. Mayor. The last year. I was told --

**Adams:** I'm in charge -- [talking at once] i'm in charge of the city attorney's office. We're fighting this. In court. So I appreciate your testimony, but I have an opportunity to talk as well, and that's a correction.

**Leonard:** If I could follow up with a question, representative smith, was I am interested in your thoughts about the bill, had the bill passed, you're both exactly right. I can tell you i've worked with mayor Adams on pursuing this lawsuit, but if your bill that you are fighting for would have passed as I understand it, it would make the lawsuit moot.

**Smith:** Exactly.

**Leonard:** Maybe could you explain more about that strategy, because we do have a legislative session upcoming in january.

**Smith:** I recognize the risk of saying anything harsh and I assure you, consider --

**Adams:** I don't mind if it's harsh, it just has to be accurate.

**Smith:** You should know there are people who testified today who were scared of the council to say some of the things they felt should be said.

**Leonard:** I'm trying to focus on the --

**Adams:** They said as many --

**Leonard:** If I could -- [talking at once] could we have a chance of reintroducing it in the upcoming legislative session?

**Smith:** If the bill were to be moved forward again, or if we were to pass the bill, would I deserve little credit. My understanding what is -- it was communication indicated to us by the city of Portland, we didn't needs to press the bill, yes asked to set it aside because the -- there wasn't a legal concern. Or because it would be more likely for the project to happen without the bill than with it. I don't know how much people around the state prioritize the area. I know city council are more aware of the challenges of the area than certainly the average member of the Oregon legislature. But the word I have gotten since from multiple folks is that I should consider the effort, and i'm very heartened to hear it, i've also heard already your commitment to keep trying it on the project. But I have heard from multiple sources that I should personally set aside hopes that that project goes forward. And -- with at least with the current mechanism. If that is not the case, that's wonderful news.

**Leonard:** My question is more focused on, we do have this challenge that we're fighting in court. But if we lose it, would we be able to look to you to help us next session?

**Smith:** Absolutely.

**Leonard:** Ok.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Fritz:** A point of information, I received campaign contributions from every neighborhood east of 82nd, I campaigned on the ground in every neighborhood east of 82nd and I won every Neighborhood east of 82nd.

**Smith:** I coat receive the majority of my campaign contributions from my district. I'm not saying that this is something -- this is a problem that was created by this council and that are you the challenge, I think all of us need to face this challenge together, and want to see to it that we do.

**Adams:** Thank you, representative smith. Who else is signed up?

**Moore-Love:** We have about 10 people.

**Adams:** This is on east Portland, not rose quarter? Ok just checking. Come on up glad you're here.

**Adams:** All you need to do is give us your first and last name, and that clock will help you count down your time. Go ahead and testify.

**Sean Brandom:** I am representing the east Portland action plan, as is everyone else who has spoken. As a youth in the neighborhood, i've seen the horrible job situation. I know it's affecting everyone. But the thing about a recession, it affects the youth more than it does the adults because

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when the recession is over, we still have the no experience title on our name that says you can't get that job. And the east Portland action plan is working towards offering more internship opportunities, offering more job selection opportunities, just hooking us up with the opportunities that we need as youth to get connect the with businesses. That would be --

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. Unless you had more to say.

**Brandon:** No.

**Adams:** Did you a great job.

**Scott Fogarty:** Good afternoon. My name is scott, i'm executive director with friends of trees. Mayor add amounts and councilors, thank you very much for hearing my testimony today. I am here to talk about an exciting, new, and visionary project that friends of trees is undertaking along the i-205 multiuse path green space initiative, along with odot and metro. This falling under action plan item t.2.5 of the adopted east Portland action plan. And friends of trees in this unique visionary partnership with odot and metro will plant and establish approximately 6,000 trees and 2,000 shrubs along -- over the next three years along the entire length of the path. As part of this project, odot and tri-met secured \$4 million in capital improvements, stimulus funding to add lighting and to construct division street under crossing. Along the path. As parts of the capital improvement project, odot agreed to capitalize the green infrastructure along the path. Trees and shrubs to be planted along the length. Because these trees are considered capital public assets, friends of trees was then in turn eligible for grant funding to the tune of \$410,000 from metro's nature neighborhood grant -- capital grant program, which requires a two-to-one Match. About \$820,000 of a \$1.2 million project. To date we've raised approximately \$600,000 towards that, but we still need to reach our goal. This project has created numerous community jobs within the local community, including 16 underserved youth through Portland oic work force inc. And supporting at least 1.5 jobs -- these jobs are part of purposeful equity, friends of trees uses to help educate, encourage, and provide living wage jobs in the most affected areas of 205. Additionally, this project builds on neighborhood awareness in some of the most underserved communities in the city. There are high asthma rates, low-income rates, low canopy cover rates, and high minority communities where we are doing this planting. Friends of trees has a long history of successful legal vanning neighbors to help beautify our neighborhoods across Portland, especially in east Portland as part of our greater green initiative with the city's border patrol of environmental services. We build community by using volunteers to plant and care for trees while restoring the greater willamette river watershed. The i-205 multiuse path will be highlighted as a pilot project across the state as a way to benefit community health and livability. We'll also be touting this at a national level at an upcoming alliance for community trees Summit where senator merkley is the keynote speaker. So we will be highlighting this. This problem -- further this project helps to solve a greater problem that is an overall recognition of trees as a public asset to our community. And they should be financed over 100 years as a green infrastructure finance. And we currently have planted over 1100 trees in this project and seven events with odot and metro, and our other partners. And the neat thing about this is just last planting I was out with my 3-year-old daughter and the neighbor came out, he didn't know we were planting, and he saw what we were doing and he went home and told his daughter who was playing at home with her friend to come out and help us. They ended up baby-sitting my daughter. But it was just an example of how we've been engaging the community on either side of the i-205 multiuse -- the i-205 corridor. Transportation corridor.

**Adams:** I need --

**Fogarty:** Thank you very much, and i'm done.

**Tom Lewis:** Tom lewis, i'm with sen centennial community association, among other duties with the east Portland action plan. Good afternoon mayor and councilmembers. I brought a flyer about a park event that we hope to expand in our neighborhood, centennial, yes, there's seven acres of established parkland and 20 acres available that is park owned space for the last 10 years or so.

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There's been a master plan developed in the last year, and so things have real possibilities and I hope that one of the elements of the action plan and making our neighborhood more livable is a parks issue. We're park deficient. The park is next to an elementary school, it's got space for several soccer fields, community garden, tennis courts, swim center, the master plan labels it as a prize in east Portland that's available to the citizens. Where probably -- within a mile of the city line with Gresham, and that means that you can't get any more east than that as far as being in the city of Portland, being concerned with the issues that actually the east Portland plan's outgrowth is coming my way. But it's not there yet. So as I'm included with planning and issues out of the east Portland office, and the EPA -- the action plan, it just means that I'm still on the outskirts of even east Portland. So that recognition and needs of my neighborhood are paramount and things -- and is one way that the east Portland action plan that I can take advantage of if in fact that money -- the studies and the concerns of east Portland eventually get fulfilled, I appreciate the opportunity that the east Portland action plan is bringing my way. So thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you. Welcome, glad you're here.

**King Mang Zam:** Thank you. Good afternoon, Mayor Sam Adams and all the city council members. I am from one of the ethics groups in Burma. Today I'm going to give my testimony about the project called -- if the language classes will be this summer, and with this program it will take kids off the streets, and the classes and community activity will be a benefit to the community living in east Portland neighborhood. And this kind of community events or involvement will southbound -- the identity for the community. Language is an essential part of our culture, therefore east Portland is assisting with our language lesson, it's very significant. This project will preserve our culture and heritage for the people, and also help them. And this assistance support east Portland will benefit not only the people living in east Portland, but also the people living across the United States. It is really the ability to involve underrepresented population and I really appreciate this east Portland is providing with this small grant. Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you. It's great to hear about that. Hi. Welcome.

**Rosio Bravo-Mendez:** Thank you. Good afternoon, Mayor Adams and commissioners. My name is Rosie, and I attend Parkrose High School in east Portland. I am here today because I believe that east Portland Action Plan is a good organization that can help my community in many ways. I live in east Portland and I feel strongly about after-school organizations and programs. I am involved in two groups. I have yet to see a boys and girls club within walking distance for young teens to attend. To help them to have a better future in their lives. So I feel strongly about that.

**Adams:** Thank you. Very well done. Hi.

**Savon Robinson:** Good afternoon. My name is Sioban, and I live in east county neighborhood. I attend Parkrose High School, and I'm a part of Teen Force at east Portland Community Center. In my community, I have -- I've noticed we have a lot of drug issues in our community, and I would love to see that we have more rehabilitation centers, because I notice in my school that some kids go off campus to smoke, or to go do things that they shouldn't be doing, and the security at our school, he does what she's supposed to do. He suspends them and writes them up, but instead of punishing them, I think there should be a rehabilitation center for them. So they can be more successful in school and get good grades and go off to college and be successful when they grow up.

**Adams:** Thank you. Very well done. Give them a round of applause. [applause] I want to acknowledge Superintendent Karen Gray's team to -- that was kind enough to host us for the citywide educational Tiffany Hall Town Hall at Parkrose High School. I appreciate it. We had a great turnout. Welcome to city council. Welcome back, go ahead.

**Linda Robinson:** I came to give you an update on Gateway Green. We are working on it, we've got throughout Oregon solution Porter Goss says, we're about five or six months into that. We've got a committee, a project team of 30-some people, some subcommittees, we also want to -- we're moving ahead, hoping to wrap that up and have a tentative structure of an agreement by sometime

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this summer. I want to acknowledge Jason Tell and Shelly, in the audience, and -- from ODOT, and thank them for working with us and helping us with this project on this project that lies between -- on their land between two freeways. But I also wanted to say -- you don't know how happy I am to see all these people here from East Portland. And to see the variety of comments and activities and involvement that they v i'm getting older and tired, and I need these young people to --

**Adams:** Tell us it's not so.

**Robinson:** I know for some of them it's the first time at city council. I remember well the first time I came to city council 20-some years ago, so I know how they feel, and i'm glad to see them here and starting in the process.

**Adams:** Thank you for everything you do. You're the uber activist. Would you like to go next?

**Randy Salazar:** Randy Salazar, i'm no longer a student, I graduated from Portland Youth Builders, which is in East Portland. I work at a small design and graphic company, just off Johns Landing. I'm over by the river. And what i'd like to say first off is what more action can there be than somebody speaking to the mayor right now? East Portland Action Committee is not only like open my eyes to things that are going on, in my community and things I do to help to make change, but it brought me here to voice my opinion of my impact. And everybody else here sitting here, how much more action that i'm here and that you guys are here, right? [applause] so I want to say thank you for all your support and I hope we can get your continued support to see more action like this. I mean, when is the next person going to come and have their first time at city hall to talk to you and tell you their story? These are the kind of things that are going on in our community, and it's amazing. And I just can't immerse myself enough in it any more to show how happy and excited I am. What i'd like to talk about is internships and I was unemployed for about six, seven months. On the verge of losing my house, my car, everything I had. Until I looked for internships and jobs, but with the economy it was hard. I found an internship with an awesome company for three months. Work your butt off, show them what you can do and maybe they'll talk to you afterwards and hang out after work or whatever. But a month after that, they called me up out of the blue and said, would you like to come in for an interview, and I said, shucks awesome. Another internship, or no, it wasn't, I came in and got the job. They came and said, Randy, sign this paper, we're offering you a position. And all this because I interned there. So in my mind, internships are one of the most valuable things for youth, because I saw that action take place myself. And i'd like to see it take place with other people. Also, what I can't say enough is that I can't turn around enough and think the -- thank the people that helped me get the internship and go to it and apply for it. That's more action than I want to see is with East Portland Action Plan providing internships and programs that provide internships, those students, children, youth, people involved in that are going to get those internships, have a great time, blow the water out, and come back and help East Portland Action Committee. And tell their stories like I am now. As for sun activities and schools, we had a sun center in my high school, and that's one of the only places I ever was. Any time I had time in between my classes, i'd be there talking to the people there that supported me. And what I see is that not that many people know about sun, and i'd like to see that a lot more. And last but not least, this is action, action is here, action is now. Thank you, East Portland Action Committee.

**Adams:** Very nicely done. [applause]

**Alesha Hasan:** Good afternoon Mayor Adams and Commissioners, I live in Parkrose neighborhood. I am very -- I am here today because I believe action plan is a good organization that can help me and my community make positive changes. I would like to see an increase in access to health education specifically sex education, I work in East Portland Community Center with teens, and they are not aware of what they're putting themselves at risk of. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you. Very nicely done as well. [applause] then i'll entertain --

**Fish:** So moved.

**Fritz:** Seconded.

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**Adams:** Moved and seconded to accept this report. Please call the vote.

**Fish:** First, thanks to everybody for taking time to join us today and as the cochair of the complete committee, I would be remiss if I didn't say please get your census forms in. We are lagging in places like east Portland and north Portland. And we estimate it's \$12,000 a person over the next 10 years for everyone we don't count. So think of the roads and the Parks and the schools and the other benefits, and that's our fair share of \$400 billion of discretionary federal spending. So it takes 10 minutes, it asks for basic information, and there's a fire wall so nothing that goes into this document goes to some other agency. So please, in the pulpit, from the pulpit, in your school, at your rotary, wherever you, go please ask people to fill it out. And if you don't, and the federal government has to send someone to knock on your door, it costs us \$56. For everybody that we have to canvas door-to-door. And that money can go into better uses. I -- amanda and I are fairly new here. And I want to recognize that this process with east Portland action plan, probably in concert with the cully concordia plan, has been transformative in terms of changing the dialogue between the neighborhood and part of our city, this body, and government in general. And I also want to acknowledge that we have a long way to go. We're not here today to say we've reached the end of this journey. We're celebrating a fresh start and some accomplishment. But because I have found in 20 years of marriage it's always best to focus on the positives we're building on, then to focus on some of the disagreements, I want to acknowledge a couple of people. I want to acknowledge linda robinson, amanda Fritz and damage Saltzman. Because through their work and through the work of a lot of neighborhood leaders who are here, east Portland is on the verge of getting more of its fair share of park services. It is because of that advocacy that we have park lane, clatsop, butte, and breech master plans ready to be funded the moment that we get a bond measure passed. It is because of their efforts that the erica devreis benedict skateboard park is open and young people have a healthy place to go. It is because of their efforts that there's a new community garden and a place called sen's dairy that we opened in parkrose that we have the greenest and by that I mean the most sustainable pool in the country at a rec center at the east Portland action -- at the east Portland community center. I could go on and on and on. What I want to pay tribute to is the work that has been done laying the foundation for delivering on the promise of new infrastructure, new facilities and would it have not have happened but for neighborhood activists, parks commissioner and dan Saltzman who said this is a priority, and the will of this council to move that forward. So I want to acknowledge that. I also want on tackage in addition to park services, we're bringing housing and family friendly housing to east Portland. And I understand as the housing commissioner that the complaint we often here is that a lot of the affordable housing that is Built is not to code, not to standards, not designed in a way that provides an amenity to a community. We're not responsible for private sector housing as much as we would like. We are responsible for the kind of housing that we deliver through public investment, and that's why I want to acknowledge nick and rose, I want to acknowledge the family friendly housing that we've invested in around lents, and the projects that are in the pipeline. We understand the kind of housing the community needs and wants, and we hope that the housing that is being delivered meets community expectations. And finally, I want to just take another example of where the spirit of collaboration is bearing through. We had a spirited debate last year about soccer and baseball, and there were lots of good ideas, they were generated in the community. But after that debate ended, some folks in lents still came forward and said, what about our park? What about our park? And so keeping faith with the spirit that has been unleashed through this process we found \$100,000 and launch add master plan process for lents park. Lents park is an incredibly important place. It needs to be refreshed. It needs a facelift after all these years. We're going through a community process and once that master plan is complete, it will go into the que for funding the next time we're able to go out For a parks bond measure. So in sum, what would I say is, we need to acknowledge our history, always. But we also have to acknowledge and we should acknowledge events like this, the

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progress that is being made. And the progress that is being made is because of you. It's because of your sustained activity and a council that has been responsive to the loud voices in east Portland saying, we want to be treated fairly. So I congratulate you for your collective efforts, i'm proud to serve with my colleagues here who have laid the foundation for this progress, and i'm pleased to vote aye on this report.

**Saltzman:** Thank you for those kind words, economics Fish. And I want to acknowledge all of you for your activism, and we didn't know in 2007 how this was going to turn out, but looking at the full chamber today, I think it's been turning out in a very positive direction. And I think it is -- I think it's everybody's intention to try to overcome some of the historic chip on the shoulders that exist between east Portland and the rest of the city. And I know that all of us up here are trying to work hard to overcome that. I know you are too. And I think your praises earlier today for inviting to you dance is an example of that. We still have a long ways to go. Ice Portland has historically been underinvested in, and I think the equity mapping that we're going to attend in this -- attempt in this process is a good way to quantify Things. It doesn't give you the tools to solve the problems, but I do want to mention that one of those tools to solve the problems is the Portland children's levy, which voters have renewed twice now and i'm pleased to say that I don't want to go out on a limb and say we're serving 40% of the kids in east Portland, because I don't know if that's a fact. But I do know that in the most recent grant awards that we did timothy feining \$36 million over three years for early childhood after-school programs, including sun school programs, mentoring, child abuse prevention, and programs to help children in foster care succeed, that in that award process we did award extra points to those programs that were either located east of 82nd avenue or served populations east of 82nd avenue, and also we awarded extra points for organizations serving culturally specific populations. So I hope there will be a day when we can say we actually are serving 40% of the kids through the children's levy that are east of 82nd. I'll go back and check my facts, but I have to be careful about my facts these days, because they often get challenged if i'm not correct. It's a pleasure to see the crowd, an energetic crowd, and i'm pleased to vote eight.

**Leonard:** I certainly think we need acknowledge the leadership of senator jeff merkley a. David douglas grad who initiated this process and called me more than once to ask me where would the Resolution creating this work group to get this kicked off some years ago. And we're all lucky to have him serving in the united states senate who can even help us federally fund some of these programs. And that's where the rubber is going to hit the road. The plan is great, but that's what it is, a plan, until we come up with the resources to actually fund things that hav to happen. So the hard part, believe i.t. Or not, is yet to come. So I look forward to working with you all on that. Aye.

**Fritz:** That's a good reminder commissioner Leonard, that your district has a u.s. Senator living in it. Pretty special, and thank you for raising senator merkley. 15 years ago linda robinson and bonnie mcknight, linda baur, and arlene, aleisha, and others in east Portland and I and others in southwest Portland realized we have a lot more in common than we have differences. That the areas of the city annexed relatively recently lack services, and at that time lacked attention. But I think your presence here today is absolute certainty that you no longer elect -- lack attention. The there is a commitment on this entire council to making sure that attention is paid where it needs to be paid, and money is directed where it needs to be spent. And I thank mayor Adams for establishing the city budget reporting process with Geographic mapping, and also for -- each -- and I want to thank every community member, whether you're here or watching later at home, you are devoting an enormous amount of time, and the success of the east Portland plan that we heard today so far is entirely due to your efforts. And I appreciate that very much. Also laurena wintergreen for tirelessly coordinating. We say tirelessly, but it's not tirelessly. It's very tiring, the amount of work that goes into work like this. So thank you for persevering. Thanks to odot's jason, shelly, who have been respectable, considerate, and committed partners who followed through on action items

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implementation. Thank you to commissioner shiprack, and to representative smith for elevating this work. And thanks to representative smith for coming and voicing some impatience I think we're all impatient about not being able to fund as much as we want to funds as quicklyways want to fund it. So it's ok that we express that and that we committee to continue to work together hard. This project demonstrates that community involvement requires equal parts relationship, process, and results. Any one of those three without the other two doesn't get us very far. So we're not where we need to be in terms of result, but we have established the relationship and we're committed to the process. And everybody here on this council is committed to the process, and continuing the relationship so we get to results. Thank you so much. Aye.

**Adams:** What a great presentation today. Really effective, diverse, interesting, focused, very effective. So I want to thank you for that. I also want to reaffirm my commitment to the action plan. Difficult, difficult budget year. But i'll do everything I can to fund your request. I also want to just acknowledge that the -- we're working hard to bring the city to east Portland as well to become familiar for the rest of the city to become familiar with east Portland and whether that's the citywide school town hall that we held at parkrose this weekend, or featuring east Portland in my state of the city speech, both in terms of the opportunities and the challenges. I'm going to continue to do that, because you're more than worth it. So thank you. Aye. [gavel pounded] we'll have a seven-minute recess so folks can get set up for the next hearing. And take a compassionate break. [recess]

At 3:20 p.m., Council recessed.

At 3:29 p.m., Council reconvened.

**Items 523 and 524.**

**Adams:** Read the council calendar item -- it is a report. And a resolution, so can you please read the title for both item no. 523 and 524.

**Moore-Love:** Uh-huh.

**Adams:** If I could have the city council consider this amendment to the resolution which is item no. 542, that just clarifies that we as a city council request a full base case scenario be produced and used as a point of comparison when evaluating the other proposals.

**Fish:** Second.

**Adams:** Moved and seconded. Karla, please call the vote.

**Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. I'll have a brief opening comment and then i'll turn to the staff project team for presentation. And then we will have a presentation from the three finalists and one of the two alternates. So it goes -- should go without saying but I guess it's worth repeating that the rose quarter has stymied many a mayor and city council for the past years. And even though there have been -- I know of at least three formal plans for the rose quarter, none of them moved forward for a variety of reasons. For reasons of passion. People are passionate about memorial coliseum. It's where they went to graduate from high school. It's where they saw a rock show. I saw my first blazer game in the top seat at the memorial coliseum and, therefore, the surrounding district sort of holds a special place in a lot of people's hearts. It's also where the region's important legs of the region's transit come together and so the quarter is unique in the united states in terms of what the possibilities. What we're considering is not a decision about the future of the rose quarter or even a decision about memorial coliseum. But it is a milestone of consulting with the city council and getting their authorization to move forward into the next phase of memorial coliseum. I would guesstimate it represents about 20% to 25% of what it will take to come up with a full memorial coliseum-rose quarter district plan that will be acceptable to a majority of the stakeholders. There are three -- like I said, there's a base case, three proposers that are authorized to move forward, and



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two alternates. In terms of why we started with the rose quarter, in part, because there has been a lot more planning, there are actual paper plans in bookshelves in these hallowed halls and elsewhere around the city. That's already been done and each of those efforts got hung up on what about memorial coliseum? But I want to make it really clear because it -- that in and of itself, that hiccup of figuring out memorial coliseum and its relationship to the best and highest use for the rose quarter and the best and use of memorial coliseum has been a key sticking point in previous efforts. I just want to make it really clear to my colleagues and everyone watching, we have to do both and so this moves forward the process but even once city council and pdc selects the future for memorial coliseum, we've said from the very beginning, it is -- has to be considered sort of half-baked, half-complete, because then we need to move on to the rest of the district and as we plan the rest of the district, we'll want to go back and make sure it's informed by and connected to memorial coliseum. We have to do both. Finally, I just want to make sure that the city council knows how hard staff has been working on this. This is -- this has been a community-based master planning building futuring processes i've ever witnessed anywhere and, in fact, folks from around -- others observing this, are -- remark at you asked the whole community for their ideas and you considered every single one? And you have a stakeholder advisory committee of -- how many? 355? [laughter] no. And it's all broadcast and all online and -- yes, this has been -- I want to thank the stakeholder advisory committee. Your going to hear from a few today. 12 meetings, dozens of hours, great work. The last thing i'll say is competition is good. So the competition that we have sort of laid out, ask everyone for their best ideas and beginning to distill it down to this point, I think that competition and the transparency of it serves us well and I have real hope and optimism this process will be the break-out process. At least we'll die trying. Please come forward and provide the council with an actual overview.

**Kia Selley, Portland Development Commission:** Good afternoon, mayor Adams and city council members. My name is kia, i'm pdc development for the rose quarter development project. I'm here today with our city pdc team, to my right is amy ruiz, planning and development liaison for the mayor's office. To my left is kevin brake the pdc project management for the rose quarter development project. Carl lyle with the bureau of planning and sustainability could not be here but he's an integral part of our project. I want to thank the team and thank or outreach consultant. Jla and the mayor for his leadership and always his kind words about this outreach process and for our stakeholder advisory committee, I want to thank them for their continued committee to this project, countless hours of homework and attendance at meetings. 12 meetings since september of last year. Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today to take this next step in the rose quarter development process. To invite teams to a request for proposal process that will determine the future of the memorial coliseum. Following receipt of the rfp submittals we'll come before you again. We expect an early summer to request for final selection on the use of the memorial coliseum going forward. Two years ago, trailblazer representatives began discussions with city and pdc leadership on rose quarter revitalization. Months later, the feasibility of a triple-a -- the future of the coliseum and the surrounding rose quarter. The community passion demonstrated created momentum for both the city and pdc to undertake a formal process to determining the future of memorial coliseum with greater community benefit and new development in the surrounding area at the rose quarter. Rose quarter development, including the future reuse of the coliseum will revitalize the neighborhood, create jobs and leverage investment in our city and build on the rose quarters. As mayor Adams noted earlier, this is a somewhat unorthodox approach to planning an area but based on intense community interest in the future of the coliseum, we're tackling this part of the project, reuse of the coliseum as the first phase. We developed this approach in consultation with citizens and the planning and don't community and citizens in the neighborhood surrounding and our direction was based on the following key factors. As mentioned, the community has positioned the coliseum as the heart and soul of this district and we all recognize the large -- the

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community largely recognizes that this building is the catalyst for new area development. A community supported planning framework of mixed use development is already in place. We also honor the veterans' deep concerns about the future of the building and their need for resolution early on. A local effort also made possible the listing of the structure on the national register of historic places which was completed in -- last quarter of 2009. And also history tells us as the mayor mentioned, previous traditional planning approaches have not been enough to spawn redevelopment at the rose quarter. So the rose quarter project is different than how we typically approach major development projects in terms of what we're starting with first, as well as our outreach approach. And we're really considering this a pilot for how to for thoroughly engage the community in our redevelopment efforts across the city. To date, the process has generated an unprecedented amount of public interest and engagement.

**Adams:** Do you mind in I interrupt you to go back one slide. You're hear later in testimony, but for those who might shall watching, this I want to underscore in addition to the facility itself which we're covering is the focus of today's discussion and the absolute need to highlight the facility relationship of veterans also. The surrounding quarter's historical significance as a predominantly african american neighborhood. Williams avenue long before this was here and that is obviously is a focus of memorial coliseum future but also a key focus for the rest of the district.

**Kevin Brake, Portland Development Commission:** Good afternoon, i'm kevin brake from pdc. A determination on the future of the coliseum is expected in early summer of 2010. When we'll come back to you with final selection based on the rfp submittals. We will then leverage our previous planning efforts and prepare a community-supported strategy or developing the surrounding private and publicly properties by late fall 2010 and with community partners and our goal is to execute a development great. A development agreement n. August 2009, the city and pdc executed a memorandum of understanding with Portland arena management that outlined the parameters of the city-led process for determining the future of the coliseum and the rose quarter which recognizes pam's existing development rights to the rose quarter. In september, the rose quarter development project kicked off with the formation of a 31-member stakeholder advisory committee, referred toes as the sac. Which represents a large -- cultural heritage, veteran, architectural presentation and east side and business owners. The sac developed final criteria for the evaluation of the coliseum reuse proposals. We completed a analysis of the coliseum's existing condition and it informed the development of a base case scenario and improvements needed to keep it. Staff continued to work with key sac members to refine the snapshot and will use it as a data point in reviewing submittals. We issued a call for concepts for use of the coliseum. We received 96 concepts generated by the community and two months of committee discussion, representatives of the sac are here to present a recommendation is supported by 26 of 31 voting members. A minority report representing the views of five sac members will also be presented today. The request for proposal process is a critical step that will create a thorough understanding of the capital costs and operations of the concept as well as capabilities of the teams to access capital on leverage our limited public funds to implement this complex project. Our initiate call for concept was by design. So citizens would not be deterred from sharing their concept by the length and complexity of the online application. Pdc will issue the request for proposal and offer a \$40,000 stipend to each competing team based on a program that's deemed responsive by pdc. As staff, we're working hard to facilitate a transparent and inclusive community outreach process and maintain a timeline so we can deliver a revitalized memorial coliseum and new rose quarter -- theory term, private investment in our city and jobs for Portlanders. Time is are the essence. Particularly, the need to stimulate the local economy next you'll hear the minority report, from two of the sac members.

**Adams:** Welcome to city council. Welcome back, I think, for most of you. Glad you're here. Thanks for your work on this project.

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**Dean Gisvold:** I'm dean and I was going to lead off by my colleague, will, has a class to teach at 4:00. It's by 10-minute walk from here and so he'll go first and then i'll come back in.

**Will Macht:** Mr. Mayor and council, because of that i'll be mercifully brief. The city's efforts to recover the operating agreement issue has proven counterproductive. Claims of losing money, the blazer president states the current agreement is very important to our business model to any changes to the agreement will need to add significant benefits. At present, it's difficult to envision changes to the agreement that would truly protect interests vital to pam. Pam deserves the right to decide whether we'll agree to any such changes. That's not the statement of a cooperative private partner in a public-private partnership nor for the one that deserves public investment. Without pam profit, the business model which pam seeks to protect muck noncompetition, protecting the blazers' economic interest in the rose quarter. The non-competition agreement has been in effect longer than a patent and its continuance will preclude any other credible proposal, as well as optimization of a public profit and community potential for the city. Pam has withheld detailed operating income and expense data of the type normally published by operators of publicly owned arenas, that, quote, it would reduce the competitiveness of the coliseum as a facility, yet publication by the public owners of the spokane arena has not harmed its competitiveness. It's logical to expect quite the reverse to occur. That is, publication of lower rent fees are for the coliseum would reduce the competitiveness of the rose quarter. Which pam apparently seeks to prevent by non-disclosure. The problem is not the coliseum structure. It is with the deal structure. There's no public benefit in reducing seating capacity as the blazers plan because it's the largest events that are the most profitable. It is understandable that fewer seats make the coliseum less competitive with the rose garden for larger more profitable events. That's why our essential base case was addressed in increasing the public profitability in four areas of coliseum. Lower level and exhibit hall, at the lowest public cost and investment, while preserving its ability to accommodate larger more profitable events with full seating capacity. Each alternative must be compared with its public cost and benefit. It is our viable public option. All of the proponents will require substantial sums of public investment which may reach as much as \$150 million to \$250 million. The pdc pass taken no public cost benefit analysis to suggest that the public benefit of such an order of magnitude are even feasible or might outweigh other public priorities. Therefore, the city must to the privatize a public asset. Both by your public-spirited predecessors for the public and for the veterans for multiple public purposes. Not re-purposed for private sports, for private profit.

**Adams:** Thank you, I want to acknowledge, will, you and others have been great members of the committee and your work to make sure that we have a good accurate base case on which to compare everything else, I have just want to thank you and underscore you've really led that discuss and it's been a benefit to the process.

**Macht:** Thank you, mr. Mayor.

**Gisvold:** Just -- before I get in my remarks, the base case, just so that you understand what that is, that's a significant fourth option. That is -- that really needs to be understood and done well and done in our opinion, before the rfp process, so that everybody agrees it's done well. Everybody agrees it's a viable fourth option for the city to consider. And that's one of our concerns that -- that needs to be done before we get too far into the rfp process. On my left is tony stacy, the third presenter. And he will speak right after I do. And we want the city council to slow down the process. Not to jettison it, but to put it on hold for a while and tell the pdc to stop the rfp and deal with the operating issues now rather than later. And three, have the committee, which has been hardworking and with a lot of bright people on it, do three things. Work on the rose quarter planning and urban design. Two, develop a meaningful base case analysis. And three, work on the urban renewal boundary changes that are going ton on with a separate process, although there are some committee members on the sac that are also on the boundary change committee but the committee as a whole hadn't really discussed that issue. The committee has not seriously

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considered the rose quarter as a whole nor the planning and urban design for the broadway corridor in the bridge head areas. The committee needs to review and update existing rose quarter plans. You may remember the current plan contemplated the demolition of the coliseum. And pam -- they have a private party, especially one with a inherent conflict of interest, is not in the public interest, pdc admits that the coliseum modifications coming out of the rfp process may be necessary based on the outcomes of the rose quarter planning. Which raises the obvious question: Why not do the planning now? And the rfp later? And i'll turn it over to my colleague, tony stacy.

**Adams:** Thanks, professor.

**Anthony Stacy:** Mayor and commissioners. First i'd like to thank the office of the mayor for opening up and engaging the veterans in this whole process. You would be very surprised at how many emails and phone calls and meetings that my colleague, harley waddell, and myself have been in, informing the veterans associations and veterans throughout the state of Oregon, including the Oregon department of veterans' affairs. The one statement that the veterans would like me to put on the record. The memorial coliseum started out as the cornerstone of the area as a memorial to veterans and it should be retained as such. And, therefore, most of the veterans service organizations are in support the report. And I had voted for our vote at the sac committee meeting we should move forward with the rfp process but I find a lot of merit on the minority report on a lot of different areas and to take a thought that commissioner Fish had said previously today, fairness is quite key to any kind of process so we're asking you to kindly consider the minority report as the other option in this sac committee rose quarter development process. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you, all, very much.

**Leonard:** I read your report and what was the basis for the information not being produced for you for the operating income and expense data?

**Gisvold:** As we understand, it was confidential.

**Leonard:** And what was the basis for that?

**Gisvold:** I don't know.

**Leonard:** You were never given a reason?

**Gisvold:** No, only that to disclose it would not be in the best interest and it was confidential information and they've disclosed some numbers but to go further as we had requested would not be appropriate. And the pdc people may know more because I didn't have -- the committee didn't have any direct contact with the trail blazers as a whole. I remember the committee meeting we got a response and that was the response as delivered to us by the pdc staffers.

**Leonard:** On another issue, you recommended that the bowl remain in its entirety arguing that we could preclude larger events and i've worked closely with the winterhawks in the last few years, including to them, a smaller bowl they think would increase the attendance for a winterhawks games. Did you consider that as well?

**Gisvold:** We heard testimony from trail blazers and from mark and I think all three actually want to reduce the size of the bowl. But I think, speaking for will and myself, I don't know about tony, but we did -- we weren't convinced that's the case. And the 10,000, 12,000, is harder to fill and the argument was it's not as intimate. But it does provide a -- a worthy place for events that are in the 10,000 to 12,000. Which make more money. Such as the davis cup three-day tournament that took place a few years ago and provided the -- three day tournament that provided the surplus revenue. But we did take into account the comments from the winterhawks and others, suggesting reducing the bowl and we were not convinced.

**Adams:** Maybe I could add that operating agreement does not require them to turn over the kind of information that in the future, I would like whoever is selected as the operator, so it's not necessarily -- I wouldn't put the fault at the -- for lack of information at the feet of blazers, it's the city who agreed and that's an example of -- for more specific reporting, I think should be required.

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**Leonard:** Just so i'm clear. Does the city as the owner of the structure have access to those numbers in determining what the appropriate amount of revenue we get from events that occur there?

**Adams:** I would say there's no records over the life of the agreement available to us. In the more near term, I think as we look to make the basically case adequate that we will get access to more information, at least i'm going to continue to try, they're not required in the operating agreement to turn that information over to us.

**Leonard:** How do we know they pay us an amount of money reflective of what we're owed under the agreement if we don't have access to the income and expense? How do we ascertain that currently?

**Adams:** My understand is that omf does get access to look at their books but as to turning over the information to us which becomes public record, that's the nuance between the two.

**Leonard:** Maybe somebody could -- somebody could address that?

**Adams:** Did I get that reasonably correct?

**Brake:** The city receives aggregate information. Meaning the total revenue for all events. The event-by-event, meaning the revenue from each event, we've been told would damage the competitiveness of the memorial coliseum as a venue. So it would mean that the event promoters could negotiate down the fee they pay --

**Leonard:** What i'm -- i'm not getting into whether or not that is would be appropriate to be public or not. I'm asking, it's our building, right?

**Brake:** Yeah.

**Leonard:** And we subcontract with the blazers to manage it and we get an personal what they make. How do we independently verify that the percentage we get is accurate in -- percentage is get is accurate?

**Brake:** I would recommend -- [inaudible] david logsdon answer is that the city gets to look at their books and they compare it to schedules and what's been advertised so they have the -- the city staff have the ability it look at all the details to determine if that they are staffed what they've turned into -- satisfied what they've turned in to us is accurate. I think tony went and saw the spokane stadium. In spokane, they're allowed to make public record and I think that's for better oversight.

**Leonard:** I'm asking him at this point a narrow request. And i've heard the answer but i'd like to hear from someone on staff responsible for that. In other words, do we have the power to audit?

**Adams:** Yes.

**Leonard:** Do we actually have the ability to bring somebody in to audit?

**Adams:** Yes.

**Leonard:** The receipts -- i'd like to hear from whoever that is.

**Gisvold:** One additional comment to commissioner Leonard. That was a key aspect of this whole base case business and trying to make it better. It also was the way that the reasonable accounting rules were not followed in determines profit and loss, for developing the base case and we wanted to correct that and the mayor said he wanted to correct that as the head of the committee but that's critical and I think that needs to be done. That's a key option for the council to be considering along with eventually, the rfp winner.

**Leonard:** I appreciate that and my question maybe betrays the statements you made in your base case. Specifically item 6. You say adequate explanation explains -- capital costs for operating income. I'm not an accountant and I would like to have one of our experts tell me whether or not that's accurate and if so, what do we do just from a business point of view as the proprietor of that building to determine that the receipts we get, independently verified and reflect the activity that's happening in the coliseum.

**Stacy:** You pointed out for me, an area that caused me to do some thinking. Commissioner Leonard, going back to the question you does asked about the bowl reduction. In spokane and

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visiting with the arena and the city of spokane, I asked that question. How come they did not start off with a smaller bowl size for their arena? And there was the -- the answer was they wanted to be very diversified. To be able to be open for any type of event to come. And with the situation of the memorial coliseum and the rose garden, I think it would be ludicrous to take down some of the seating, you will not be able to attract some of the higher end events like the ncaa, that's interested to bringing indoor track or the davis cup. You've heard that time and time again.

**Leonard:** Just to let you know, I read with interest and took some notes on some of your points. I don't know if I totally agree with that point because i'm not sure it's in our community's best interest to be in direct competition with the rose quarter. I want what is there to be maximized. I see no good purpose in doing something that caused check harm to the rose quarter. If we could reduce the bowl size and have a more intimate feel. I think the trade-offs might make sense but I agree that we should be independently verifying our accounting for the receipts in the coliseum because there's an inherent conflict. I agree there -- maybe conflict is too strong. But certainly when -- would raise eye brows to have the blazers managing both facilities simultaneously when there's interest to have income into the rose quarter and not as much into the coliseum because there's not as much money to be realized.

**Adams:** If I could offer one other clarification. And I haven't been clear enough through the course of this process and that's that it's my intent that the city will lead the remainder of the process for the district. I wanted to make sure that's clear.

**Stacy:** Thank you.

**Fish:** I'm trying to make sure I understand the arguments and concern. Watched a little bit on tv, but for those of us not at the table --

**Leonard:** That's a cry for help. [laughter]

**Fish:** So -- so my question is I want to go to this issue of your concern about the timing and why you're asking us to slow down. As I understand what your position is that you don't believe we have enough information to fashion an rfp process -- an rfp and get through a process which is likely to be as -- as strong and useful an exercise as it could be and I guess you believe without a stronger rfp process at the outcome and the selection process is somehow tainted. Those are my words but i'm trying to understand your argument. Help me understand what you believe is the worst case scenario if this council says, ok. Unconventional planning process. We hear you about the weaknesses, but let's let it unfold and see whether any of those concerns are cured down the road. Let's take that leap and let's go out with the rfp. Cognizant of the very important points you've made in your report and see whether down the road they get addressed. Tell me what the worst case scenario is if we go down that path, in your judgment.

**Gisvold:** Number one, the worst case is that one or more of the current finalists or the alternates will not -- will drop out of the process and you should -- you're going to hear presentations today --

**Fish:** A worst case scenario, you think is not -- someone think it's not a fair playing field.

**Gisvold:** The people putting the rfp together, the cost and expense, two is a perception of fairness which is the public view of it and you could end up with just one person at the end of line and that's the trail blazers because they have the agreement and there are many critics out there that would have told me in the beginning why waste your time because they know where we're going to end up. Now -- and that would embellish on that perception. Number two, my experience of 40 years of planning in the city, I agree with the mayor, we need to do both. The rose quarter, broadway, but I think we've got it sort of half ass -- half ass backwards. I think we ought to do the larger area and the policies in that area, it's not a long process because there's already good work done but it needs to be updated and take into account the streetcar and etc. And the coliseum is not going to be demolished and we need a base case we're all comfortable with so that the rfp proposers know that one of the viable alternatives other than their project is this base case. And we can compare it against and that base case, developing that is going to take some time and effort. So my -- the worst

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case scenario is you're not going to have any competition at the end of the day. There will be presenters here later today who I think will tell you that might be the case and there'll be other presenters that will say, no, we're willing to work with the trail blazers. In all fairness to the presenters, I think they're naive in how to do that, but that's my personal opinion.

**Adams:** By way of conversation, the blazers have a legal right to 13 more years of managing memorial coliseum. So if -- I mean, if we want another option sooner than that, sooner than 13 years, we have to put together a proposal that is credible and open and transparent and injects some competition into what you described. And I just want to ferret at this point my belief is given that their first right of refusal to develop the rest of the district runs out in november, there is leverage on the table for the public side to potentially renegotiate aspects of memorial coliseum, 13 more years of that, and get something sooner than that. And reasonable people can disagree. I totally accept that. It's been interesting as someone who sort of lived and has the scar tissue from the last efforts, it's always started with the district and then stumbled on memorial coliseum. So what we have this time around, we haven't had in the past, is that looming expiration of the rest of the district. That's my hope that that would provide adequate leverage to allow other things to potentially happen or at least look at other things to happen in the next 123 years of status quo. And if one or more of the rfp folks drop out, that's part of the process. I would also say, to be clear to the public watching, that if council determines and the pdc determines on recommendation from the sac that the base case scenario is what's best, that -- that fulfills the purpose of this process, which to determine the future of memorial coliseum. I want to make sure that no one should view any of the options as pure success or pure failure.

**Fish:** One other question. It would be extremely helpful. This is an example of why we deeply appreciate minority reports and process. They give us a framework to begin to test assumptions and -- but I -- you said a couple of things and you included in your remarks your view about the sequencing. Whether you should do memorial coliseum first or the rose quarter first. In the introductory remarks, one of the leaders of this effort refers to this as an unconventional process. I take that at face value. If you have the data you think you need to strengthen the base case and if the trail blazers today waive their rights under the operating agreement, would you still be opposed to looking at memorial coliseum first and then backing no the overall plan? Would you have a concern about that? Would that be a significant impediment to moving forward?

**Gisvold:** Tough question. Let me answer this way, with the two assumptions you've made, I think on balance, my answer would be no. I would say proceed. And the mayor has indicated at our meetings over and over again, it's an interim process. That's not the way I would do it, but if we got rid of the two other hurdles, i'd be willing to try it.

**Adams:** That's helpful for me.

**Gisvold:** I'm not inflexible on that score.

**Adams:** You have to be very flexible and creative. All of us. Tony, I wanted to make sure I understood your distilling the point of view of the veterans. It's my understanding that the veterans want to -- want to make modest improvements in and outside of the building but we have to get it up to legal standards and code and stuff, but part of the attractiveness of the base case for the veterans is that it leaves it largely intact. Is that the appeal?

**Stacy:** Yes, sir, that's correct.

**Adams:** Thank you very much.

**Gisvold:** For the record -- How many seats in the spokane arena.

**Stacy:** 11,600.

**Adams:** Compared to memorial coliseum.

**Gisvold:** Which is 12.

**Adams:** Thank you very much.

**Gisvold:** Thank you for your questions.

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**Adams:** You bet. All right. Next we'll have the majority report. Please come forward. Thank you, as well for your willingness to serve. Thank you. And who is going to speak first?

**Andrew Colas:** I'll speak first. Thank you for having us. Hello, mayor and commissioners. My name is Andrew Collis and to the right of me is Greg Phillips and we have Rosemary as well. 31 citizens, Rosemary is the chair of the advisory committee, which makes 32 but he's non-voting member. We've been selected out of the 31 members to represent the majority report which we're here to represent today and 26 of the 31 members have supported in -- voted in support of it. And we've been meeting over the last seven months pretty much biweekly except for the last couple of weeks and the stakeholder advisory committee which I'll refer to as SAC, represents a broad interests. Arts, urban league of Portland, the biking community, architect, the Oregon association of minority contractors, theater advocacy groups. Minority contractors which I sit on the board as a representative of and various neighborhood associations as well as members from different economic, social, age groups and different cultural heritages. So Rosemary is actually going to talk about --

**Rosemary Colliver:** We're here as a representative of the 26 of 31 voting members and throughout this kind of detailed and what's being called an iterative process that's new and novel through this and the information we've found in going over the issues that are ripe to the point of the process we're at, we're excited that today what we're presenting is a true possibility through all of these prior past attempts to revitalize the Rose Quarter and Memorial Coliseum and that this will generate public benefit and create new jobs in Portland. The time is right to push forward. Because the jobs created will be valuable in the current economic downturn which is valuable to us and moving forward before expiration of the convention center allows the Coliseum to capitalize on bringing that momentum to bear while.

**Greg Phillips:** Our stakeholder advisory committee comprised of 31 members were educated on the history of the Memorial Coliseum, the ramifications of the status on the National Register, existing legal agreements with -- cultural heritage of the district and need for a public-private partnership. And the existing conditions of the Memorial Coliseum and the program cost to renovate in its current use and past efforts which have been undertaken for the Rose Quarter.

**Colas:** The Memorial Coliseum has been a subject of several years of discussion to figure out what exactly to do with the Memorial Coliseum and the decision to approach the Memorial Coliseum portion of the district prior to the remainder of the district, while many thought it unconventional, including amidst at the beginning of the process, I've come to -- in figuring out what to do with the anchor tenant to help develop the remainder of the district, you see that it does make the most sense and this process has really created a significant amount of passion from community members about the Memorial Coliseum and to build a momentum which has recognized that the Memorial Coliseum is truly the heart and soul of the Rose Quarter. Listed on the Register of Historic Places and builds on a long history of planning of mixed use district.

**Colliver:** What you heard earlier from staff of the 96 proposals received by the committee, we developed nine criteria over several meetings and several hours of discussions. By which we would evaluate each of the 96 proposals. Of these nine criteria we evaluated all 96 proposals against was the ability to finance the proposed project, the extent that the project proposed honors the architectural significance and enhancing the veterans' memorial aspect and provide for an environmentally sustainable future and recognition for need for flexibility. Allowing the building to respond to future needs and economies of the community. The extent to which it could bridge the gap of connectivity posed by the surrounding area in relation to the larger district and city as a whole. And evaluation and proposed enhancement of the economic impact to the surrounding community and city as a whole. And incorporation and complement to the existing uses and the extent to which it honors the African American heritage of the area.



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**Phillips:** And recall or remember, as we've been throughout this entire process that the intent of this process was to find economically viable concepts that create public benefit and qualified development teams that can enter into a public private partnership leveraging private investment with limited public dollars.

**Colas:** During the process, we have seen an unprecedented amount of public participation and transparency. Our committee meetings are open to the public, streaming live on the internet and minutes are posted online. In January, there was a public event at Memorial Coliseum with nearly 700 in attendance where we were able to see presentations from a range of teams and public input, and meet the concept proposals. The committee has had an opportunity to voice their vision for the coliseum and it's helped us define the future of the Memorial Coliseum.

**Colliver:** After considering these 96 concepts submitted through the online application process, which was designed to invite concepts from all interested parties regardless of background, it is narrowed down to three teams. They're compelling under all nine of the evaluation criteria and claim the development expertise and ability to see the project through to completion. It was acknowledged that the team have the potential to partner with the city to leverage public funds for the best possible outcome but once again, this is an iterative process and we would need to see responses to the RFP before we move forward on the development possibilities.

**Phillips:** The Stakeholders Advisory Committee created an aspirational statement. To capture the ideas not represented by a development team and it's as follows. We the 26 of the 31 members support preservation of the Memorial Coliseum as an inspiring community focused multipurpose facility with improved flexibility to accommodate a multiplicity of events for public and private purposes including without limitation, sport, entertainment, arts and culture, in a manner that honors veterans and respects the African American neighborhood previously in the location. Integrates education and showcases sustainability and demonstrates a triple bottom line of social, environmental and economic equity in a way it's consistent as a historic property. The outcome of the Memorial Coliseum and Rose Quarter should serve to increase access to community benefits for the widest range of Portland residents. Exhibit A that Andrea will share demonstrates the range of activities we have a strong support from the community and the Rose Quarter Stakeholder Advisory.

**Fritz:** I thought that an excellent vision statement. That was not as forked by the north either?

**Phillips:** I think my sense was and the chair can correct me if he remembers other, we were all in favor of the aspirational statement so.

**Fritz:** Thank you. I'm getting nods from behind you. That's wonderful, I hope it's up on the website so people can be informed by the whole process you've been through.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Thank you. It's.

**Phillips:** However, our committee urges Memorial concept proposals to compare the proposals for the use of the Coliseum concept proposers to compare interior cases and use it as a base case. In terms of cost, operations and profitability. And in so doing, they should consider improvements that augment daytime uses and district activation and may consider the following. In response to the request for proposal. We're hoping to have an enhanced Memorial, cultural heritage, elements that pay homage to African American community that once existed in the neighborhood and ways to incorporate the community in the updated Coliseum. Meeting spaces, and eco-features and design and operating features and athletic fitness facility including an aquatics center. Live entertainment venue. Amateur and professional sports spectator facility. Regulation hockey rink. Restaurants, sky lights, roof penetrations and other natural light. And programming that reflects the aspiration of -- we're not saying that the proposers have to use every one but these were a combination of the entire Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

**Fritz:** One I read a lot in the comments I've been seeing is that the indoor market concept. Did you discuss that in particular?

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**Phillips:** We did. I think at length and there was lots of discussion. We had feedback from the community on that. Many of our committee members thought it important and we've shared that concept with the three development teams we've chosen to move forward and hopeful they can incorporate some variation or aspect or concept of in their proposal.

**Fritz:** But it didn't make the list here.

**Phillips:** Specifically agency a item, do you mean?

**Fritz:** Yeah.

**Phillips:** I think the notion to turn the entire memorial coliseum into that specifically --

**Fritz:** No, no.

**Phillips:** -- was probably not chosen but to have that element in any of these proposals was encouraged.

**Fritz:** What i'm hearing is that the pieces that you would support that were considered like a market, which is not included on this.

**Phillips:** The final, the definitive list. And we've found the three concept presenters to be fairly open-minded through this process and open to feedback. And our sense is that part of what makes them three good choices is that they will continue to be and we see them continuing to adjust and refine and adapt thinking and we hope it continues throughout the rest of the process because some of us feel that kind of development would be terrific and we're all aware we can't put everything into the glass box but what we do put in the glass box should be done in a way it will activate and animate the rest of the rose quarter.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Colliver:** What you will hear about in the presentations is one of the -- one of the backup proposers which is the rose quarter community crossroads project, is the proposal that consequence straights on the indoor -- concentrates on the indoor public market.

**Fritz:** I just wanted to clarify that exhibit a --

**Colliver:** No, it's not an inclusive list. The public comments, the proposal evaluation under the criteria we've listed, the hours of discussion, hours of review of the relevant data and legal documents while paying attention to what issues in those documents are ripe at this time, the rose quarter stakeholder advisory committee recommends about I a vote of 26 of the 31 members, that the following coliseum reuse concepts be invited in the process. Veterans arts and athletics center. And the trail blazers and winterhawks concept. It's further recommended these proposers refine their concepts based on the aspirational statement you've heard while giving voice to the ideas from the public. In the event any one of these proposers select not to participate, it's further recommended that the following serve as alternate. The rose quarter community crossroads and second alternate we recommend the Portland actions sports complex.

**Colas:** That concludes our presentation. We would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

**Saltzman:** Do all five of these proposals [inaudible] do all five of these proposals meet your financial criteria?

**Colliver:** The details for meeting the financial criteria are to come out during the rfp process. At this point, it's only been based on a statement they're attached to a development team and it's been a unilateral statement of financial ability.

**Adams:** One of reasons for doing that, as we hoped for, as the bigger list of proposals got narrower and narrower, the different numbers -- different potential proposals, three plus two, picked up additional partners and so we want to keep on that -- but they have to show financial viability.

**Colas:** One thing I wanted to point out, we had 96 proposers, but 96 weren't full proposals. Some were just idea-based and we read through them all. And the ones we liked, we chose to try to push the proposal we recommend to lean in the direction of some of those ideas. I just wanted to make it clear that we didn't go from 96 to three. We had a base that were actually full proposals.

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**Fish:** Because we've heard -- started with the minority report and now we get the majority report, it's helpful to have you respond to two issues. One was whether the operating agreement prevents there from being a level playing field and if you have a concern of some pulling out of the process and the second is do you believe that the base case is inadequate in any way?

**Phillips:** Why don't I answer the second first and I'll let somebody else answer the first second. The base case, which we have a fair amount of knowledge about, but which the minority report indicated they would like more specific knowledge about, essentially will get us what we have now, we have the memorial coliseums that doing business, functioning the way it is. Bringing what was 150 events to the facility. I don't think that any of us -- let me speak for at least 26 or 27 or 28 of us, think what's currently in place is adequate. That's why we've spent the last 10 months and others before us expense the last however many years. So to simply make some, you know, updates, modifications to the existing clean it up and a little and let it continue the way it is, that seems like a huge missed opportunity for the city of Portland. And we can have the base case further fleshed out, we can get more specific economic information, confidential economic information, it won't shed any light on shed light that we can do better with the memorial coliseum and with the rose quarter. If that answers the question.

**Colas:** To tail off what he just said, my main question with the base case -- because it's not just us. This has been a really transparent process and we've had public involvement throughout. Every single session we had people from the public comment and it was very clear before we received the proposals that anyone could have any idea. That meant absolutely the craziest idea. It didn't matter. And out of the 96 proposals, we didn't see anything that reflect what the base case is. From my standpoint, sitting on the committee and from what we're hearing from the public, that isn't an example of what they want to see, because if it was, I think there would have been a proposal that reflected that. There would have been a team that wanted to go forward with a base case scenario. Unless we just wasted the last seven months, it wasn't really apparent to us that that's what the public wanted.

**Adams:** If I could just offer two observation, the one is the deal that the city struck with the arena corporation, 17 years ago, was basically the kind of deal that said, city you're not going to lose any money on memorial coliseum. That was what the city, as I understand it, was most concerned about. You build a big arena next to a old one and suddenly. The city might have a white elephant. Right or wrong, that's what they focused. The reason why will and others are focused on getting more detail is in part to figure out if it was more independently operated, what's the potential upside. So a different scenario of managing the two facility was separate operators. The second thing is that if you -- once we get the presentation, you'll see a mix of assertiveness in changing the internal aspects of the bowl, and the external aspects of the facility. You'll see a range of more modest, higher than the base case but all the way up to significant changes suggested by some.

\*\*\*\*\*: I guess the second --

**Fish:** The second question was about the operating agreement.

**Colliver:** My response ties into the base case as well, what I would say is that not only do the current status of the base case and the operating agreement not -- and there are not a -- they're not a roadblock to moving forward to the process as it's been designed with the next step being the rfp. And why I say that is that I think the issues that can arise with both the base case and the operating agreement are not currently ripe. The bargain for exchange between the city and Oregon arena corporation 17 years ago may not necessarily be what it is today, particularly for individual proposer. But the base case and operating agreement, unless and until we have someone with the financial and development capability of making a reuse of the coliseum, it's that proposal and that plan that becomes relevant to the base case and what needs to be done with the operating agreement and my understanding thus far is that the trail blazers are open to that possibility. If we took the minority report's position to its practical extreme and said the only options are we wait 13 years or

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we have Portland arena management waive its rights under the operating agreement that they see agency forestalling the process, what if the trail blazers come out as being the publicly supported proposal. If they do, the arena would have waived its rights --

**Fish:** Help me understand -- that helped me understand the position, but it's been suggested that the other applicants may pull out if they feel that they're in effect competing against, you know, a pam that also have effectively has a contractual veto down the road.

**Colliver:** I totally understand, I think that would be a strategy did I at this state of the -- a tragedy. Because I believe it's a red herring for several reasons. If one of those other proposals become the publicly-supported proposal for several reasons. I do not see that Portland arena management would go back on its interest in a good faith negotiation over those rights to make it the better proposal, the best development for the city.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Fritz:** I have a question and comment. First, thank you very much for all of your work. The entire 31 member committee has put in a lot of time and effort and presented us with a very professional set of advice, two sets, which I greatly appreciate. The mayor asked me to stand in for him at the presentation at the -- of the 96 proposals which I was initially reluctant to do and I was amazed at the breadth of proposals. I received an email this weekend saying we should think outside the box. I laughed out loud because people refer to the box as memorial coliseum, and there was a lot of thinking both inside and outside the box of memorial coliseum. The minority report folks mentioned they felt the committee should advise the rose quarter and i'm wondering if you think -- signed up for a certain amount of volunteer time, is that something that you think that the members of the advisory committee might be willing to do?

**Phillips:** I think we'd have to canvas the committee and see how they're feeling and time commitments. I think there are some who feel sufficiently vested in this process and desperately want to see not only the memorial coliseum, but the entire rose quarter and entire neighborhood become something that -- and I think those of us who believe and want that bad enough will make time in our lives and work schedules to commit to it for additional time if that's what we're asked to do.

**Fritz:** But it's your intent to ask the --

**Colliver:** I can't think of one meeting where the rose quarter district as a whole haven't come up as the looking glass by which we see the coliseum. So I agree, there's quite an investment in the larger district.

**Fritz:** It might be informed by the interest that you have generated that perhaps there are particular voices or interest groups that might augment the group, but I again want to thank you for what you've done.

**Adams:** When they were given homework and had to report in on the homework online, it was like 96% of folks did their homework. Attendance was in the 90%. We want them to stay on, anybody that wants to. Thank you all very much.

**Phillips:** Can I -- if that thank you wasn't good-bye. It almost was. I want to offer one personal observation. I was asked by the minority report if I would support their report because I had ideas and concepts that I believed were exciting probably for by which the resources weren't currently available but I have to share with you that what troubled me and continues to is that for someone who has spent his life working and developing venues in theaters and knowing that the gentlemen and women behind me, they've spent their lives developing and managing venues, it's not correct, number one, to say downsizing or reducing the seating capacity is not prudent, it's not the case, we've learned over and over in this country and world, it's been an experience. You create a better experience, you draw more people to the events and also to relate it to the spokane facility doesn't work because we're looking at a very unique facility in this country that has a large rose garden adjacent to a smaller memorial coliseum. And spokane is a single facility.

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**Adams:** They used to have two facilities and they tore down their version of memorial coliseum. Thank you very much. Sorry, i've got to move along. Members of the council have very busy schedules. Who is going first? Mark. Please come forward. Welcome back.

**Doug Oblatz:** Thank you. Mayor and members of the count, thank you for providing time for me to briefly present our proposal. I was supposed to be second and at a 4:30 meeting across the river, so as soon as we're ready here, i'll launch into it. I'm with-i'm with shiels, obletz, johnsen. And peter deserves credit to put the memorial coliseum on the historical register. And we're rebooting. I would sing but you wouldn't want me to.

**Adams:** Not really.

**Oblatz:** I would dance, but you wouldn't want me to. Lip sync.

**Fish:** If we eliminated about two-thirds in this chamber, we would have a better experience.  
[laughter]

**Oblatz:** More people --

**Adams:** Starting with this side. [laughter]

**Oblatz:** Nick, you know what they used to say --

**Fish:** I think the voters will have a say on that.

**Oblatz:** The old saying it's so crowded that no one goes there anymore. Or words to that effect.

**Adams:** Oh, no.

**Leonard:** I'm fine with that. Sure.

**Oblatz:** I'm glad it's not my dreaded glitch this time. It usually is.

**Fish:** Have you run any triathlons recently?

**Oblatz:** Just two weeks ago over in hawaii with my is 15-year-old son. A lot of -- with my 15-year-old son.

**Fish:** And you're how old?

**Oblatz:** 30, your honor. And if you believe that, I have a bridge in north Portland. 55 this year, thank you.

**Fish:** What's the upper end in terms of competing at that level?

**Oblatz:** I've seen 80-year-olds do the ironman, so it's a sport that lasts a long time.

**Leonard:** That's a full marathon?

**Oblatz:** It depends.

**Leonard:** That you did.

**Oblatz:** No, this was olympic distance. A one-mile swim, 40 kilometer bike and a 10k run.

**Adams:** Lower left. There you go.

**Oblatz:** A quick recap. Ok. Amy has asked me to go quickly so i'm going to comply, of course. I mentioned our project team, pba architects, howard s. Wright construction u instruction. Project overview. A project that brings the coliseum back under public control. A re-purposing of the coliseum that will significantly increase its utilization. A youth and family-oriented plan that reflects Portland's value, a model for sustainable design and bold alternative to the current operating paradigm. A new 6500 to 8500 arena for a wide range of community events, an enhanced veteran's memorial.

**Adams:** You get your full 10 minutes. I'm still going to move it.

**Adams:** Ok.

**Oblatz:** A large public recreation center. This is our premiere image of the project and what we want people to see first and foremost. That's the memorial coliseum and we're preserving the box, the roof, the four columns, the glass enclosure, the main entry canopy and most of the elements. The memorial coliseum is a important part of our proposal. We believe it needs to be a proper memorial for all veterans and we've proposed moving the veterans memorial from the lower level to the preeminent location at the front door of the arena. The existing elements would be refurbished and relocated and expanded elements outside and inside including a veterans' meeting center and

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museum and we would return most importantly to the original promises made to veterans when the building was built in the late '50s. And this is our key image, we want people to see the memorial when they come through the idea and it's our idea of bringing it up and putting it in a new landscaped setting at the front door of the coliseum. We're proposing what amounts to a new memorial coliseum. A entirely new, ground up, state-of-the-art coliseum to accommodate a wide range of events and maximize changeover opportunities. A state-of-the-art designed to accommodate community designers and 200-meter indoor track and field facility. The public recreation facility would include a competition aquatic center. Three pools. A second ice sheet for youth and adult hockey and curling and a new floor inserted above the arena, the field house, which has flexible courts and a full range of fitness facilities. S this I quick image of the center showing the view through the glass wall toward downtown and another image of the field house level. The competition facilities included would be a new marketing tool for the Oregon sports authority and travel Portland to attract competitions to Portland. We call them sports conventions. The arena and aquatic center and field house are designed for a range of possible bits. And also the opportunity to use the mark in conjunction with the rose garden, the Oregon convention center and other facilities for larger events. The Oregon sports hall of fame, sports offices for youth and adult organizations, the health and wellness center. Meeting and party rooms and a full service restaurant. I'd like to review the three plans for the site. It's difficult to point to things in this setting, but at the upper right of this picture would be the rose garden. At the bottom is interstate avenue. We're proposing to utilize this wonderful box of the coliseum to create a new arena that has a smaller footprint. Ice rink fixture and at the bottom, you see the three-pool aquatic center. To the left is the new entrance to the public recreation use which allows the current entrance of the coliseum to be maintained and allow us to run public recreation at the same time the arena is in use. This is the concourse level. You come into the building today and as you walk in the front door you see the arena, but today instead of the arena going up and down, it will mostly go down to there's terrific views out the top and over the aquatic center toward downtown. At the left is the entrance, and that's where the -- is the sit-down restaurant. At the plaza level, you can see the relocated veterans' memorial and this drawing is two floors stacked on top. The bottom drawing is the field house level. Over four city politics of space flanked by locker rooms and aerobics and there's a job track up in the rafters in the upper level plan. Again, the view that you see of the coliseum obviously, our plan is controversial for the reviewing of the bowl. But we come in as what we view as a box within a box or building within a building and you can see if you look closely, the field house level expressed as a structure within a structure similar to the seating bowl as it exists today. And this is a section cut through the building to give you some sense of this new floor we've installed above the arena. The bottom right is the arena, the bottom left, the aquatic center and the upper the field house. The public benefits, it's a full-service recreation facility, to serve the entire city. Meets the identified recreation needs of residents in north, northeast and northwest Portland and meets them as identified in the parks 2020 master plan and dedicated to youth of our city, providing healthy diversions and making Portland more family-friendly and is a small affordable and high-quality event center for a range of uses and a platform for sports conventions. And last, we view it as a family-oriented anchor for redevelopment of the rose quarter and surrounding area. Why is it a better plan? Brand new state-of-the-art arena with ultimate flexibility in mind and creates a critical mass of community recreation facilities and focuses on integrating arena events and competitions into a single economic model run which a nonprofit that's financially self supporting. I've been asked what are the obstacles. The existing operating agreement, we believe it's unfair that one of the competitors is in a position of deciding the ultimate outcome of the process. We don't feel national rfp recognizes the fact that our proposal and one of the others is a volunteer public proposal and the council should be aware there are a lot of questions that need to be answered about our plan and others and the proposed stipend is probably insufficient to answer those questions. We think this is a once in a generation opportunity

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eye unique Portland plan and it's a potential signature project that will enhance Portland's culture and support development in the rose quarter and a strong statement about the value of youth and families in our community and it's a magnet for sports convention and representative the tourism and a bold alternative to the status quo and thank you for my rapid presentation.

**Adams:** Very good. To keep it fair to all proposers, if I could indulge council to hold the questions. You have a few more minutes. Anything you want to reiterate what by way of closing?

**Obletz:** I think i've said what I want to say, your honor.

**Adams:** Who's next? This was intended to give the public and council a sense of the vision for each of the proposers. We need to switch technology?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** No --

**Adams:** There we are.

**J.E. Isaac:** Ready to go. Good afternoon, mayor. Commissioners. I'm j.e. Isaac. Project leader for the trail blazers and winterhawks group. With me is our partner, doug piper, who is president of the winterhawks. It's clear that Portland's -- Portlanders care deeply about the memorial coliseum. We'd like to start by complementing and thanking the stakeholder advisory committee, the pdc staff, the staff of the mayor's office and the hundreds of Portlanders who have participated in this process so far. This has been a very open and inclusive process and we're pleased to have been one of the three finalists recommended for the rfp stain. We're also very -- stage. We're pleased that the three finalists all include a spectator facility in their plan. Because our plan is rooted in the building's highest and best use, and that's as a spectator facility. What we would like to do is respect, preserve and enhance that highest use. And it's doing very well. The memorial coliseum does more than 150 major events a year, attended by more than 430,000 people. Our plan retains and building on this existing value and adds non-event activity, community benefits and increased fan amenity to this venue to make it a vital part of a vibrant revitalized district. We're committed to build on what already works. This hearing is a step on the road to a public-private partnership to assure the future of memorial coliseum. And realize a once in a generation opportunity to fully activate the rose quarter. We can't forget that 17 years ago, the city entered in another public-private partnership. You hearing will call that into question is difficult for us and so I would like to take a minute and talk to you about that operating agreement and what it has meant to the city of Portland. Number one, it dates back 17 years ago to when we built the rose garden and unlike any other situation in a small market, it was virtually all privately developed. \$234 million of a total \$267 million project was private money. The \$34 million that the city put in was to build two parking garages and refurbish memorial coliseum and in exchange for that, the city got a 6% user fee on the tickets and all of revenues from the public garages. It this has generated \$60 million on a \$34 million investment and the excess revenues from the rose quarter has been committed to refurbish pge park. In addition, the blazers agreed to cover the -- the blazers have agreed to cover the losses. Anyone that calls into question, us favoring the rose garden to the did he tell detriment of memorial coliseum, has to ask, why haven't we steered more money into the coliseum? Why lose more than a million dollars if we were playing with it that way. We operate this suite of facilities with a unified group that books all of the buildings and takes care of all of the maintenance of both buildings. That you have the economies of scale of a joint labor force. But the promoters decide which building they want to go in. We're happy to rent the memorial coliseum, which is cheaper to rent, and the fees that we charge for the memorial coliseum are a matter of public record. And they're not being -- not undisclosed like will said. Don't be concerned about that. You're also getting all. The financial information is required under our agreement except for individual event differentials. And that's the part that would severely damage the memorial coliseum's bottom line if we had to make that public. Anyway, i've probably spent way too much time on the operating agreement but we do feel passionately it's a good deal for the city of Portland. Our plan has much in common with the two other finalists but we believe it's superior in four ways, because it retains not only the

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exterior of the building but the interior of the bowl. In that way, it's much like the base case. It's better operationally. All of the current users are flocking to support our plan. Including our partner, the winterhawks, the osaa, the rose festival. And it respects the -- the rose festival association, and it's better from a economic point of view because we're not taking the extra expense tearing out one bowl and putting in a new one and it's environmentally better because of that fact. I'm going to turn it over to our partner doug to tell you more about the plan.

**Doug Piper:** Thank you. I'm president of the Portland winterhawks hockey club. We feel we're one of the larger stakeholders but not only do we play our games there you, but we have an office in the building. We're in the basement, looking around and seeing how this thing works. And what became important to us, a lot of great ideas came out of this. And a lot them included us being a major tenant which is a role we want to play in the building, it's economically viable. But the viability of this project is based on the people involved and the expertise brought to the table. The reason we got involved with the trail blazers, they're experts in running arenas and the two of us together make a good team to make this thing come to fruition and everybody put in so much time and effort and the sac committee and the mayor and everyone. And it would be a shame not to see it go to fruition and we think we can do because it's not only economically viable but that we have the expertise it make it all happen. We can show you a few slides and we'll do this quickly so we stay on time schedule but trying to take advantage of the views of the city. The coliseum is beautifully placed as it is. And bring the restaurants and other activities that bring in non-event activity. The more that the building is used, the better for all of us best for our business and the city as well. We want to take the beauty of memorial coliseum and modernize it into a 21st century facility and we have the expertise do to that and we agree with the eloquent description given about the importance of lowering the size of the bowl. There are logical reasons for doing that. Including doing things to the bowl that makes it a better fan experience. Such as party areas and bars and restaurants that people can use and not just come and sit in a seat but actually mingle around and that's the way the industry is going. To make those changes would be important. The most important thing for us is to take the facility out another 50 years to make it economically viable, which we believe we can play an important role in and to work with the blazers to manage it on behalf the city for the best possible use for everybody concerned in the entire region.

**Isaac:** Thank you. Doug mentioned a new community athletic center on the event floor level. That will be accessible to folks of all income and give a 24/7 activity to the building. We also are looking forward to working with the veterans on establishing a new veterans memorial and want to do what they want to do regarding the memorial. Our -- our process has been very community guided. We've been leading by listening. We've been changing our plan based on the input we've gotten and continue to adjust based on that input. As doug mentioned, we think we have the best team. The team with the experience and resources to make this thing happen. So we're very pleased with the growing community support that we're getting. As evidenced on the screen in front of you. And we encourage your support in moving the process to the rfp stage. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much. Appreciate it. Our next presenter will be vmaac. Welcome. Give them to the council clerk is our protocol.

**Adams:** Are we geared up technologically? Why don't you begin? And then we'll hear from the vision into action, the first alternate as well.

**David Tacheny:** Portland commissioners, honorable mayor Adams. My name is david and i'm the development and financial consultant for vmaac. I'd like to begin by making a statement that art link letter was asked what he regretted most in life. He said it was the early '50s, walt disney took me to the middle of l.a. And explained he had a vision. A resort. Something called disney world. He said he didn't go along with it and finance it. He said that I regret most in life. But matthew miller has worked on for over five years is a vision. I would like to introduce to you our building group, which you have in front of you. The mayor is familiar in our sac meetings. Art geary. It



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was founded in 1884. Offices in the northwest have been here 50 years and partnerships with the city of Portland, in excess of a third of a billion for the Gresham sewer they finished in September. The Max Line. They're working on S.W. 5th and 6th and Taylor and completed the Nike World Headquarters as part of their projects in the past. They're doing this to make sure if we're selected they'll be successful in finishing the project. We signed an MOU with a world class firm. Designed the hotel and the Hawaii Convention Center, the Coca-Cola Center and doing a Philharmonic and been in business 60 years and joined us from their Seattle office to assist Matthew Miller in the design, planning, interior, sustainability, and what they call Concept or Hip Square. They've put a staff on this project and will continue on through the RFP process. I'll turn it over to Matthew Miller, our lead design and architect.

**Matthew Miller:** Hello, Mr. Mayor and Council. Thank you for the opportunity to be here. This is my first time to be at a Council meeting and I'm honored to be able to do this with you. This is a project that was first conceived by a man named Roy Cameron in the mid '90s, an active civic minded person came up with this idea. He used to be and the on the Jazz Society and passionate about that. He introduced the concept to me in 2003 and I did my architectural thesis in college on it and over the past year, revamped and spent another thousand hours making it viable and realistic as a project you see before you today. As the Mayor started out by saying, this is a project and a building that -- that Portlanders are very passionate about. It's a historical building but also evoking of people's feelings when this comes to some of their first experiences. Concerts and basketball games. Winterhawk games, circuses. I grew up going to the Coliseum and it was important to me when I did my proposal in college on this, because at the time, revamping the Memorial was very important to me because at the time I was serving in the 671st Engineer Company out of North Portland so I was in the Army Reserves. One thing I like about this building is its flexibility in its design and it's an icon now, we want to make it relevant. We don't want to be here in another 15 years trying to figure out what to do with this building. We feel we have the vision and team behind us to move forward and in the most flexible design. Really quick, I'm going to go back and forth between the slide show and these boards in front of me. The you're familiar with our program, but I want to speak about what sets us apart. First, we have a flexible design. It includes multiple activities designed to take place simultaneously. We provide dual entries for the arena and VMAAC. The first entry into the VMAAC would be aligned with Broadway Drive. You can see right here. So that it reengages the district and provides separate entry and security to host the event in the arena, such as Winterhawks while you have other activities taking place in the larger building itself and we provide modular system so things can be changed over time and we provide -- we have multiple revenue streams. Given the operating agreement could be compatible our plan and the Blazers plan in that they could continue to run the central arena per their contract but we would control the rest of the activities in the building. Mostly that would not be -- most would not be spectator and under the purview of the school system. We include programming for the arts -- I'm missing -- this is -- programming for the arts. Which none of the other concepts have and we feel with the -- with the Pearl District being across the rivers this important and I'll quote from Creative Advocacy Networks. 95% of Portland voters believes arts education is vital to our children's future success. We include a school funded by private grants and a auditorium and band and choir and dance studios and as well as other support areas. As I mentioned, we also want to enhance and preserve the Memorial. Not only one of the on -- we're the only concept that leaves it in place. We feel it's located there as a sanctuary, a place to contemplate and remember your family. In private. But as some of you may know, it only represents veterans that died within a 12-mile radius and only from Korean and World War II. We would like to see it include veterans from all wars and all of Oregon. Our plan doubles the existing size of the Memorial and uses -- engaging sweeping ramps and water features that would make it part of the overall plaza and it would make it ADA compliant and people would know it's there. Unlike right now. Our concept also I would say is probably the most sustainable. Other

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exoskeleton, you can see in detail, not only preserves and protects the historic facade but encapsulates the building in a dual air pocket. We fold it back as a homage to the original design and very important and unique, the modernist sometime. And from this vantage point, from the plaza into the coliseum itself, you can still see the arena, the egg within the glass box, virtually intact. We only take out the end portions and seating for 8,000 people and a -- green roof and natural ventilation and sunlight. Entered in from the roof and we would like to go for leed gold certification. And lastly, we would like to respect the historic facility of the district and retain the current uses, which is why we include programming for arts inside the building itself. Which is why we include space for the arts in building, such as a jazz club. And we would like, if possible, we would be honored if the winterhawks would continue to stay and make their home at the building and importantly for all of us, former band geek, like to make it possible for the rose parade to continue marching through the building and from the sketches, we've allowed that to be possible. I'd like to turn it over to mike, who is our landscape architect and professional musician.

**Mike Gillaham:** I'm a co-chairman on the grant foundation we were establishing that started as part of this that we've divided off to approach people about, some uses for the building. Got a lot of nice pictures but got to get the people in this. A lot of education and arts education, multigenerational mentorship and things for the arts. Athletics. The a academy could facilitate 10,000 students in the first year. Opportunity to proceed would allow us to look further into the groups. Effect is waiting in the wings so say we love it, what's next. We're anticipating we'll be able to do so. In that forum. I appreciate the time and I heard the budder.

**Adams:** Perfect timing. Thank you very much. We'll now hear from community crossroads as the alternate. Then be going directly into the -- we've been advised we're going to hear the presentations, so we won't be having q and a with the presenters, it's a rfp process. I know some of you have to get to a blazer event, so you're free to leave but we'll take testimony from the public. Hi, welcome back to city council.

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

**Adams:** Glad you're here.

**Chris Nestelrode:** Well, I appreciate the opportunity to come to speak to you guys today as the alternate. We're very thankful you gave us this opportunity. My name is chris, i'm here presenting, rose quarter community crossroads, that organization has been made up of a number of organizations. If I can figure out how to advance this. The vision into action committee. The center for intercultural organizing came together and partnered with two other proposers during the 96 presenters process. One is growing gardens and the other is kf design group. Our proposal is a concept based on community outreach we had done talking to community partners and discussing what they would like to see in -- within the space. The program looked at opening the space to free access. That people had the opportunity to utilize the space without payment. This proposal here in our original proposal, we had looked essentially outside the box and we had -- there had been discussion that the presentation should be geared for what is -- what would occur within the box. So our program exists the same. We have developed it so it stays within the space. As you see, access to the plaza is remaining for purposes of the parade. We have included within it, a memorial garden as this next slide indicates the locations of those garden, both vertical as well as large gardens that can serve multiple purposes. The housing unit, the center as well as the restaurants and shops and the intercultural center provides a hub. It's located at -- from the main entrance, on an upper plaza that oversees the lower plaza and is connected to the rest of the facility. The next piece that's been discussed with the world market. This location is -- as well as on the up are plaza, allowing people to walk throughout and experience multiple cultures and multiple shops within that area. The next is incubation space. And as well as many of you know, there's a large space. 56,000 square feet of area below the main entrance. It's breakout space currently used for multiple meetings and still could have that use for allowing for multiple uses within that space. The next is

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the inventories' memorial and what we're looking at is the entire space would work as a memorial allowing for local artists to provide memorials to the veterans in and throughout the space so that it is constantly aware, as you're walking in and throughout the space, that that is the dedication of this building. There's a -- that's the dedication of this building. We're looking at affordable housing mixed use for both worker housing as well as our aging population to have a space, a large component to have people within that facility. And then there's the applause a, component, the current arena, using that as a plaza and maintaining some exist -- plaza and the existing bowl. And the intent would have the existing exterior of the building as is, entrance as is, and essentially just change the interior of the building of the bowl would be somewhat removed. The next portion we're going to talk about, the letter that was submitted the other day. To Casey -- Casey, would you like to speak about that?

**Kayse Jama:** My name is Casey. I'm with the center for intercultural organizing.

**Melinda Pittman:** I'm Lucinda a volunteer and artistic director.

**Jama:** Our focal point was that we went back and used the [inaudible] data and we know it wasn't a plan for Portland but a matter of conversation for the community -- a place for the -- it start for the community. We know that the Portland plan Portland plan is working hard to incorporate on the data for the Portland plan. But using a baseline, when we started this process, our proposal included a flowing key area we felt important to include in this plan. One, creation of -- creation of lively vibrant public space that can be accessible for freebie community members of different ages, income levels and social groups. The inclusion of amen -- amenities and for low-income families and uses a program that serves [inaudible] African-American communities and honoring the past and history of the site by responding to the needs of these communities and focus on sustainability in all its forms. Economic, environmental, cultural, social, and the integration of sustainability principles through the site.

**Pittman:** We looked at site design and the rfp, and the -- we request that the request for proposal, require that successful proposals include these following key elements. That public access to free activities and family-friendly environments as a primary function for the site. We want at least 25% of the space within the coliseum building devoted to affordable work space for minority-owned small businesses, micro enterprises and for social startups. That to developers, property managers and enterprises on-site exceed previous standards for minority hiring and contracting. And that those jobs that are created are living wage jobs with living wage benefits and include the rights to unionize. We also suggest that the process be given that the Portland plan's focus on equity and the pending city council budget that city council immediately vote for an analysis of the cost to the public and equity standards reflected in both of rfp criteria and the remaining proposals conducted by individuals with expertise in proven molds. Such as racial, equity, racial, health impacts assessments or the triple bottom line. We're focusing on the community access and the community inclusion in all levels of management and work in this building. And our final process point, that the city dedicate staff time to engage community stakeholders in the programming and design with the goal of ensure the history and current needs of African-American population and the veteran populations are particularly honored.

**Jama:** Transparency, create both community benefit and good neighborhood agreement signed by the [inaudible] memorial coliseum and rose quarter area, city officials and the community stakeholders. Accountability, the city council should require an independent audit to take place one year after the completion. And based on the performance measures and opportunity for [inaudible] to the bottom line framework, under the coliseum development proposals. We would like to continue this process as part of the rose quarter and also to make sure that the all the equities issues have been addressed as we move forward. I think it's a unique opportunity. As a city, we have, to make sure we take a opportunity to apply the equity issues in this proposal.

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**Nestelrode:** And I appreciate that you're going -- it was mentioned at the beginning, stated that this arena, whether it's this arena that starts the proposal or the space that determines what happens in this arena, by providing a commune-driven space that terms what happens in the area, versus a single source space that could eventually lend the space to be a single source overall market and so I think the opportunity to allow us to speak, we thank you for that.

**Adams:** Thank you for your presentation. We'll now go to community -- sorry, citizen testimony. How many people?

\*\*\*\*\*: [inaudible]

**Adams:** Is that your preference? David? Yes. Come on up.

**Moore-Love:** 17 people.

**Adams:** And you have to leave soon? Ok. So commissioner Leonard.

**Leonard:** A brief question in the minority report about the oversight of the income expenses at the coliseum in the minority report. It said that those were -- that was confidential data that I inferred we did not have access to. In Jay Isaacs testimony, he said that's not true. The city has access. Although he did say with the exception of individual event differentials. Which are kept confidential and I don't know what that is. But do we independently, albeit, confidentially go in and audit what they tell us the revenue is from the various events that occur there and apply standard auditing principles to those audits and assure ourselves what they represent to us the income is and the accounting methods. I only refer to the accounting methods because he mentioned -- also there's no -- in the minority report, there's no adequate explanation for the unbusiness-like practice -- operating cost --

**David Logsdon, Office of Management and Finance:** Let me try to address that, commissioner. For the record, David Logsdon. The city receives 6% of all ticket revenue sold in both coliseums and they go through an electronic ticket system. Traditionally it's been Ticketmaster and recently New Era. Any ticket, that sale is captured in that electronic system and when the city receives checks for user fees, we have a copy of the ticket report so we have the source data, how many tickets are sold, what price and the gross revenue and we can verify what 6% of that is. We have all the source documents, we need to verify that. And then in addition, these events have been going on for a long time. We've been getting the 6%. So we do our own projections and we know what that expect and if there's variances, we take up that issue with the Blazers so we're well protected in terms of knowing what we're entitled to under the 6%.

**Leonard:** With respect to the coliseum, it doesn't matter to us whether the Blazers make money or don't make money or a particular event. We just get 6% of each ticket sold and that doesn't vary?

**Logsdon:** That's the case. We do see aggregate monthly reports that show the revenues and expenses in the Memorial Coliseum build something that that helps us keep track of net profit or net operating loss. And reflected in the minority report is an event-by-event breakdown of all revenue and expenditures and whether or not a particular event was profitable. That information really isn't essential to the city in terms of the operating agreement and that's something that's not required. Our focus to revenue to the city, 6% of ticket fees and parking revenue and we receive all the detail we need to verify those revenues on a monthly basis when we receive that revenue.

**Leonard:** Did I understand you to say that at the end of each year if the coliseum is profitable, we get a percent of that money as well?

**Logsdon:** Yeah, 6% of profits would come to the city, 40% of profits in the Memorial Coliseum are retained by the Blazers.

**Leonard:** So then why isn't it in our interest to make sure the profits, that they realize are being properly represented if we can't look at event to event to determine whether they're profitable or not. Or are we just taking their word that the sale and the profit they're giving us is in fact --

**Logsdon:** 6% ticket revenue is verified by the Ticketmaster documentation.

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**Leonard:** I'm distinguishing that -- I thought you said once a year we get a percentage of the profits in addition to ticket revenue.

**Logsdon:** We get monthly reports that show all the revenues to the memorial coliseum, all the expenditures. It's based on the budget that the city we review and approve on an annual basis. So we monitor on a month by month basis the budget versus actuals so that way we keep track of the net profit or net losses in the building.

**Leonard:** Let me -- my understanding was there's two sources of revenue. We get 6% ticket revenue and you said that if the venue is profitable we get a percentage of that, in addition to the ticket revenue.

**Logsdon:** Correct.

**Leonard:** So I'm just asking, how do we ascertain independently that it's represented to us accurately, what the profit is.

**Logsdon:** We do have the right to audit. It has been a couple of years since we have done that but we can on an annual basis ask for an outside they will check source documentation to make sure the information is accurate, and what, what you probably wouldn't ask an auditor to do is, is to breakdown the 130 to 150 events in the building and do an individual audit on every event. That is, that is probably not something that will be a normal audit.

**Adams:** Can I ask a question? Does the city have the right to do that? You stated that might be expensive and cumbersome but does the city have the right to send in an auditor and look at the 100 some events if we so choose?

**Logsdon:** I think that we need to do a legal review on, on does our auditing ability extend to, to an, an audited of specific events? It certainly does for the aggregate.

**Fish:** I understand we don't share in losses. But under the agreement we have a -- under the agreement we have a piece of action if there is a profit, and I think that, that there is, at least in my mind now, a significant question about how we monitor that and aggregate data is one thing but I don't know how you audited off of aggregate data. This is not to suggest that the trail blazers are not being completely forth coming in the data i'm wondering how, from an auditing point of view, it seems implicit in that, you are just looking at trendlines, you are looking at historical things, which may actually be perfectly reasonable, except it may not actually be something that is a thorough audit. And, and in addition, and in the minority report, the claim is made that certain information was requested. Operating, income, expense data, programmatic history and other data that is published by other publicly owned operators, and we were given a copy of the spokane facility. Can you tell us, as you sit here, can you tell us, without talking to legal, whether that is information the city has the right to obtain?

**Logsdon:** And we have provided to this, to this stakeholder group, the -- we get, you know, a monthly statement from the blazers on the operations of the memorial coliseum and then a year end summary report, and those, those were provided to, you know, the pdc staff and then onto the steering committee, and what, what was asked for and reflected in the minority report, was this event-by-event breakdown of profitability on an event basis. And we do not get that information, just not, it's not required under the operating agreement, and I think is, the blazers have said that they consider that, you know, kind of proprietary business information, and they, you know, do not want to release that.

**Adams:** If I could interject. I would like our auditors, and I have said there as part of the process, and I would make this clear in an operating agreement, while the information might stay with the blazers because of their concern about proprietary nature of it, I do think that making sure that we are, our auditors can look at that and feel that, that, and have confidence that it is being, expenses and incomes are being logged appropriately, I do think that that would be an improvement to the operating agreement, to clarify that we absolutely have that right. Granted, it might not be something that is released publicly, but at least our auditors will have had a look at it.

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**Leonard:** And for me to be able to vote, or any one of these proposals, to any one group, I would want to see not just a commitment to do that, but an audit. So, I think that needs to happen.

**Adams:** A baseline.

**Leonard:** As part of this process as soon as can be done, and that certainly, what the mayor says is absolutely true, that any records looked at by our auditors are confidential and would remain confidential, and i'm not asking that I see what the breakdown is, but I don't see how we can adequately know that they are doing what they are supposed to do under the agreement, unless we have the ability, independently to verify what the income is, and means, I assume that means that the individual event differential that is jay said are confidential, have to at least be available to our auditors, who I assume will sign confidentiality agreements but they need to go in and assure us that, that the income that's being reported is accurate.

**Logsdon:** Ok. We can get going on getting an audit organized.

**Leonard:** And the question that you said needed to be asked as to whether we had the legal right to ask for that information, albeit confidentially, what the auditors are saying, and I think we need to do that before the rfp process is concluded and comes back to us. So, I think that's going to make a big difference in how I view the proposals.

**Logsdon:** Ok.

**Adams:** I think that's important to establishing that baseline.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** All right, thank you.

**Adams:** Brian. We'll now turn to public testimony. You must know that you are the first person. Carla, can you please call the first three names? Thank you for your perseverance. Welcome back to the city council. So, in this particular hearing, you just need to state whether you are an authorized spokesperson or lobbyist for, for, for any organization, or if you are speaking for yourself, and you will each from three minutes. Who is the third?

**Moore-Love:** Jeff --

**Brian Libby:** He had to leave.

**Moore-Love:** Aaron lad.

**Adams:** Mr. Lad.

**Moore-Love:** And that will be followed by Stewart, Randy, and Steve.

**Adams:** Please proceed, Mr. Libby.

**Libby:** Thank you, Mayor Adams and members of the city council for the opportunity to speak with you today. To answer your question, I am here on behalf of the Friends of Memorial Coliseum, preservation group, and we are here simply to urge you to select a building plan that protects and preserves this landmark, a plan that is mindful of cost, honors the sacrifice of our veterans, and is truly sustainable. In our mind there is only one way to do that, by preserving Memorial Coliseum as an arena, and this is an important part, with its original sitting bull intact. The Friends of Memorial Coliseum is joined by organizations like the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the United States Green Building Council, and the American Institute of Architects, which all call for the entire building, including the original seating bowl to be preserved. This is also specified in the National Register listing. Memorial Coliseum is not only the world's only transparency arena, but it is, in spirit, a democratic community place like other Portland treasures, such as Pioneer Courthouse Square or Waterfront Park. In this arena the cheapest seats in the house have the best view of the city through the glass box, and the coliseum is active, and actually, hosted more events in 2009 than the Rose Garden. The entire, we believe, is also a tribute to veterans, not just the walls on the names outside. Both my grandfathers are World War II veterans, and one of them landed at the beaches of Normandy during the invasion, and the other was on an aircraft carrier sunk in the Battle of the Coral Sea in the Pacific, and I believe that the entire glass palace is a tribute to them and not just the small memorial outside, and as a beacon of the future, we also would like to say that we applaud the good intentions of finalists like the V-Mac, the mark for promoting amateur athletics, and the,

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alternative finalist community crossroads for advocating cultural diversity. Quite simply, you can build these visions anywhere. Why destroy a city landmark to do it? And wouldn't these visions work better if distributed amongst Portland's neighborhoods instead of in the middle of the city? We believe, also, that with, with due respect to everyone that in a sense, each coliseum finalist is making a kind of power grab, no matter how nil the cause maybe, no matter how many earnest supporters they bring to the council chambers or how many john lennon songs they play on the power point presentation. These people, although may be good people, want the building for their purposes, and in some case, their profit. And i'm here on behalf of the silent majority with no money and no land to gain. We just want to protect a local treasure. Preserving memorial coliseum as an arena is also without any question the greenest, most sustainable choice. And demolishing the interior as the mark for the vmacc would erase all the buildings embodied energy and release the stored carbon, especially when you take out one original sitting bull and replace it with another, and I know that i'm out of time, and i'm saying the finance, the final aspect is cost, keeping the coliseum as an arena is vastly, vastly cheaper than any other option, which we think is important for, for a cash-strapped Portland. Luckily, it's also the right thing to do, thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Harley.

\*\*\*\*\*: Go ahead.

\*\*\*\*\*: Go ahead.

**Aaron Ladd:** Aaron, i'm here to speak on behalf of myself but I will incorporate some interest from some people who couldn't be here today. Helping bring track back to Portland. 20 years ago the memorial coliseum hosted the Oregon indoor meet and track and athletes from all over the country packed the house. Since then the Oregon indoor meet expired but the spirit of track and field remains in Portland. When the city requested proposals for redevelopment of the coliseum, it was obvious that indoor track couldn't be the only use of the building. So, we didn't really submit a proposal that would make the coliseum such that. Now that there's been ain incorporation of mixed use athletic and recreation centers, the track and field community has come together and seen the possibility of bringing track and field back. And the rose quarter advisory committee has determined that recreation spaces may be a feasible element of the coliseum, and I believe the coliseum represents a unique opportunity to bring track and field back. Feasible is really based off of the fact that there are no indoor competitive facilities in Oregon. The history of track races at the coliseum, as well as interest from runners, included an information I provided, the letter from track and field Oregon, which indicates that they are interested in bringing back events, as well as having the center be a real launching pointed for track and field in the city. The ability of track and field blends with all the other uses. As we stated, it's not the only use of the building. I just want to bring forward the community interests that are kind of lacking at this point, to show that, that a particular rec center is really interested in some of these proposals. My fear, though, is that, is that existing agreements underline the process will not allow for the coordination and integration of stakeholders, and athletic elements are likely to only add to commercial and residential plans for the rose quarter, while not limiting the spectator and entertainment revenue in place. And we need to partner small businesses, whether they are bikers, swimmers or runners, with financial feasibility, community popularity and potential for Portland. And in particular, Portland is a place for running so let's bring that forward. However, at this time, only the marked proposal is considered a world class facility into the building, and the goal of the city council should be to work to make sure that energy and vitality are brought to the rose quarter. Start today by bringing together the energetic and enthusiastic interest of our groups of people, whether they are runners or anything else. And help bring track back to Portland. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

**Adams:** Thank you for your financial and for waiting. Sir.

**Harley Wedel:** I am [inaudible] and I am representing the veteran's interests. The big thing that we're really pleased with is the fact that, that the building has been saved by the, the historical

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society, and that, that everything that is, that is there is, is supposedly to stay, and I understand that, that the bowl and the plaza are all part of the, of this, of this granting of historical basis, and we would like to think that the veterans have a, a stake in this building that, that we have never been able to utilize. They were, the veterans were, were promised a great deal, and, and have, have not seen any of it come true. We would like to, to, to address the fact that there are an awful a lot of things that the veterans need at the present time, and they need space for, for different service organizations, and they need space for, for, or would like to have space, I should say, for helping take care of some of the homeless veterans, and we have people coming back from overseas that have no jobs. We would like to think that we can help them find jobs. Aural of this could be taken care of if space was set aside, in the memorial coliseum for the veterans to use. Put to use, and address this as a phase 1 aspect of this whole proposition. The idea being, by making this phase 1 the veterans could go ahead and, and get things started, and then after the veterans are established and taking care of things, all of the rest of this can be done afterwards, and, and, and the other problems addressed. In other words, who, who is, whose proposal is going to be taken, taken into play, and at the moment, there is no, no plan out there. We have not been able to develop a plan for the veterans' areas. We would like to do that. We have, we have -- we're not getting any, any, any help from, from the different proposers. Unfortunately, they say that they are going to do it, do a lot for the veterans, but to this point in time, the veterans have not seen a plan. We would like to think that if this could be a phase 1 proposition, that we could develop a plan, put that into effect, and get busy on it and take -- get this set so that, that when, when the veteran's day comes around, in november, that, that we -- that, that the change of name for the building, to the veteran's memorial coliseum, could be dedicated at that time, and we would have things established well enough so that, that everybody in the community could see what it is that, that is going to be accomplished.

**Adams:** And I appreciate that. You've been a faithful advocate, very effective one, and attending all the meetings, and I appreciate the time that you have taken to meet with me and my staff, and we are looking at the november, or earlier to, to fulfill the commitments made to the veterans back when the coliseum was first opened, but has since withered away, and including the name change, so I appreciate your advocacy. We're on track to do that, we're also going to provide some, some shape, if this moves forward, to, to have the proposers can interact with the veterans and seek the input of the veterans in a systemic way. Points well made.

**Wedel:** If it's at all possible, we would like to meet with you in your office sometime in the near future.

**Adams:** You can count on it.

**Wedel:** Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Next three. Mr. Emans, mr. Rappaport, mr. Liske. Welcome back. Welcome back.

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

**Stuart Emmons:** Thank you. Good afternoon, I handed out some books for, that are about the base case, and I am representing france memorial coliseum and the base case. Friends are a volunteer organization that helped to save memorial coliseum and advocate for the restoration. Memorial coliseum can act as a centerpiece for a rose quarter that is more active and community oriented. Friendsr the friends are concerned that one of the proposals completely demolishes the historic interior and attempts to replace the beautiful historic seating bowl with a replica bowl, and one for, you know, for, for 15 to 30 million of additional costs that, that I think public, public funds will be used for, and one other, one other damage to the historic interior beyond repair. Some proposals would hand developers millions of community funds, and some proposals give full control of the community building to private parties who may have other interests in the community. And the friends are concerned that most proposals will soon ask for exorbitant public funds. I was the co-author of the base case book, the base case is not the status quo. The base case



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is very, very tied to the majority report aspirational statement. We sought to find the baseline for the minimum amount of public investment that, that it would take to reawaken the coliseum, honor the historic integrity, plaques mize the community benefit and maximize the return on our investment. It was a strategy virtually identical to the veterans and several other community proposals, but with the added value of making memorial coliseum more profitable. Of the final proposals, it is probably closer to the blazers-winterhawks game, but it is more economical and more community oriented by requiring fewer public funds. It addresses deferred maintenance, restores the coliseum, and adds a little sparkle that will be, that will make this an icon in our city with special lighting. Imagine a creatively glass box the whole city can see. It will be a fantastic tribute to our veterans. I would predict that it is significantly less cost than the blazers-winterhawks' game and a fraction of the other games, and it is the only idea that will sail through historic review. The base case can be phased, also, over five or more years to reduce up front costs for a city, and the base case is not designed to not require a bond measure. Let upcoming bond measures and urban renewal funds focus on more critical community priorities such as schools and housing. Jobs are needed now, and you will see a job chart in there. Base case can start this project very soon. The three proposals are years and years away. And memorial coliseum was built as a community building. We wanted to remain a community building. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you. Mr. Rab report.

**Randy Rapaport:** Thank you. My name is randy rappaport and I live on the east side, ok. I'm thankful that the council has taken time to ensure a good outcome for the fate of the memorial coliseum. I'm here to testify for saving the architectural treasure of our city. I think it's worth saving. I understand some of the proposals would require destruction of the bowl inside the memorial coliseum, and, um, and I am really against that. As you know, last year, the city council received letters from the national trust for historic preservation, also the united states green building council, and the american institute of architects, and all calling for, for the entire building to be preserved, which is part of the, of the coliseum's national register listing. And, and is it actually on the, the --

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Yes.

**Rapaport:** It's on the national register, I read that letter, and, and they really do, do call out specifically in that letter for saving the bowl as it is. And, and I want to, to emphasize that. So, we should question the appropriateness of proposals which will be counter to the findings of the national trust and all the other professionals. I want to add my name to, to, like the list of, of citizens that believe that, that the memorial coliseum should be kept whole, and rehabilitated as you deem appropriate resulting in an economically viable entertainment facility for the future, and then I want to speak for a moment about the architectural significance and, and the, the historic thread that, that, um, that the bowl really has, and I have a picture to show -- can I put a picture? Is it possible? I want to show you --

**Adams:** Take your computer.

**Rapaport:** I have a picture to show you at the he happened. I will do this historical thread. The bowl is an example of, of a fourth dimension architecture that began with [inaudible] when he was exploring this in the 1920s, which is like the beginning of modernism. The memorial coliseum built in 1960 was at the very end of this period, this modernist period. The bowl, in particular, explores wholistic, organic form. The bowl has initial elements of biomorphism, architectural philosophy, that is just now being completed on the physical plane, such as hadeed's museum of art for the 21st century and rome just completed, but even more in the final point, more specifically, he just, they are just finishing the olympic stadium for, for the aquatic stadium in london, and I want to show you a picture of that, so this is the latest in architecture from, from, she's the great, she won that great award --

**Adams:** I need to you wrap up, and you can hand your computer to, to the council clerk.

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**Rapaport:** This is the bowl. This is the new -- this is the greatest architect, I think. She just -- they are just building this, this thing.

**Adams:** Where at?

**Rapaport:** In London, 2012 Olympics.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. It ties into our bowl.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Hello.

**Steve Liske:** Good evening, I guess, I am Steve, the president of the Evergreen Curling Club, and I am here on behalf of the organization to speak in favor of the mark. Very briefly, just a little background about our organization, we are, we are a local non-profit organization, and we curl at Lloyd Center. I hope you got to watch some curling during the Olympics. It's a great sport. At our club, we host weekly leagues, community events, we had a wheelchair event, it was very popular and those were the sorts of things that we do, and like many team sports, curling has a lot to offer to those who participate, and particularly, for our youth, it teaches a valuable life lesson, and it's also a good exercise, if you ever watched it. Sweeping is quite difficult, so it is good exercise. Unlike other team sports, virtually anybody can curl. Any shape, size, age, ability, can curl. We have teenagers. We have 70 somethings curl and wheelchair curlers in our league so it offers a lot of benefits. And really, curling does offer unique, not only typical benefits, but unique benefits, and I think that, that the marked proponents realize this and that's why they have included curling as a part of their facility, and as one of the reasons why we're supporting them, supporting the mark. And in addition, simply, the mark proponents and Evergreen Curling Club value family-oriented, athletic activities, as a means to promote community wellbeing. And last but not least, Evergreen Curling Club believes the facility proposed by the mark is needed here in Portland. I'll give you one example that, that we experienced recently that led us to that conclusion. During the Olympics, and the weeks following, we had nearly 700 people come out to learn to curl. And we expected 200 or 300, and we were just completely overwhelmed. That number would have been much higher, but we were limited by the amount of ice time that we could rent. And, and to us, it's a perfect example of how Portlanders enjoy and seek out activities that are, that are unique, fun, interesting, that keep them active, and then adds to their health and wellbeing. The mark is a facility that meets these demands. Is exactly what Portlanders want and deserve, and we ask the mark be given an equal and fair opportunity to be selected as a, as an alternative.

**Fritz:** Wouldn't any ice do? If you are at the Lloyd Center?

**Liske:** We are limited to the ice that we can rent. Skaters get it most of the time, and the quality of the ice is very poor.

**Fritz:** But the Hawks, if they let you on it, would work?

**Liske:** This would be on the community ice rink, not on the Winterhawks' ice.

**Fritz:** But if that's not the chosen scheme, there is nothing particular -- they can put the lanes on any ice?

**Liske:** Well, not really because you can't put a Zamboni machine on curling ice. It would be like trying to mow a putting green with driving a John Deere mower, and it's very unlevel, and so the quality is just not there.

**Fritz:** Interesting, thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much.

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

**Adams:** Welcome, and glad you are here. Thanks for waiting.

**Paula Noel Mackfie:** This is my first time so thank you for this opportunity. It's exciting. I'm a member of this community, born and raised in Oregon. My name is Dr. Paula Noel Mackfie. I have been an educator in resolving cultural and community conflict. And I know study it. As I am a single mother and also live with multiple sclerosis. As an athlete in the past, I am currently striving for an active community lifestyle that is accessible to somebody like me living within the

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parameters of a very low income. I grew up attending events at the rose quarter and the memorial coliseum. I would like the development of this area to benefit somebody like me. Basically at this point, I don't use it because I can't afford it. I've been following this process and I have concerned with the integrity of this process. This is the first time hearing the details of these proposals. I cannot help but ask two obvious questions: Number one, what's the point of the process if the terms of the operating agreement is to be negotiated after all the time and money is spent submitting proposals? And number two, if pam can veto any proposal, what's the point of this process? I support what mayor Adams said. Finding a credible process to redetermine the operating agreement. The before proposals are submitted so the process is fair to the proposal chosen. So more time and money isn't spent and that would possibly be changed because of the operating agreement or a veto. I ask for all of us to found the right balance. Thank you.

**Adams:** Hi.

**Trudy Reusser:** Hi. Thank you for allowing me to speak. And hope you're doing well.

**Adams:** Glad to see you.

**Reusser:** Thank you. As in the past, I represent the interests of veterans. I don't have any formal group, but my husband was a veteran for -- was in the marine corps for 28 years and did a lot in that time. So I just love veterans. Also have to say I love the blazers, I think everybody loves them but I don't love the blazers to do everything for me. Nobody can do everything as well and appropriately. So I think it's important for the public to know who makes the decisions for Portland. Is it the blazers? I hope not. It's painful to make a change when you're committed to a process or a goal that you can see is right down there and you can see it. It's difficult to reassess and step back and make a change even if you recognize it's necessary. I used to teach how to live in rapid change and it's difficult even when you think the change is positive. To do what is needed in the most efficient process and produce the most beneficial final results for the community is what we're looking for. So one of the idea that's keeps coming up it has to be a more intimate area. Making an area unique and intimate, whatever size, is easy and cheap to do within the bowl that's there. Go to japan, just one time and you can see they're masters at it. And it's cheap. It's curtains on wheels. And you can create the most wonderful environment for every event you have and every one can be unique. Also, the cost of asbestos is more expensive than curtains. If I own a restaurant, I would not hire my competition to imagine it and hope that my -- manage it and hope that my restaurant would be profitable. The majority report, by the way, was very similar to the minority report except that the bottom line. And I -- I analyzed these points as they came across and find that the minority approach would actually meet those requirements better. Better than the majority report. Than the majority view. Also, the reporters of the majority did not read the minority report. They were way off. They had no idea what's in there. Because it's completely different from what they thought it was. So meeting the veterans' needs is first, serving the public interest for the least amount of money and as early as possible. That's my goal.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. Really appreciate it. Sir?

**Gary Marschke:** Yes, gary marki, representing myself. One can routinely show a lose by placing individual events and hide them in the aggregate numbers. I would support an audit for that reason. It disturbed me that we're supposed to be impressed by out-of-town entities. What happened to buying local first? The inclusion of housing with an emphasis on affordable on-site. Without a significant housing component on-site, I believe any development with all due respect to the great minded -- will repeat the same things and expect different outcomes. Aka, as a destination only. If the past 17 years shows, a building as a destination only does not mean they will come. Activating the coliseum on the rose quarter ground 24/7 requires open, free access and housing on-site. Simply developing specialized receives without a resident population on-site is destined to fail. Housing on-site and varied revenue streams provides a realistic sustainable alternative to simply more of the same insanity. Thank you.

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**Adams:** What was that word you said a lot?

**Marschke:** That was "on-site," mr. Mayor.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony.

**Adams:** Welcome back to city council. Thanks for waiting.

**Cathy Galbraith:** Well, now I have to say good evening instead of good afternoon. I'm kathy galbraith, the executive director of the bosco mulligan. There's a lot of media intention and side conversations being paid to who has access to capital. The benefit of benefits agreements and level playing field, but we the national trust, maintain the preservation of the memorial coliseum and its defining features are integral to its future use and that includes preservation of the bowl. We respect all of the proponents. There's lots of fire power on all of the teams. All of the proponents have the equal opportunity to preserve the bowl. The blazers proposal is the most aggressive of all the opposites that protects the bowl as a primary historic feature. Some of the other proposals that would suggest we demolish the bowl does not. I think today is really about setting the ground rules for the next step in the -- of the rfp process. It's not just the box that matters, but some of the very significant internal features of the building and that including the bowl. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. Hi.

**Lisa Reed Guarnero:** Hi. I'm lisa, today i'm representing vision into action, as well as the center for intercultural organizing. We believe today a delegation of 10 key leaders from the public, private and nonprofit sector convene to review lessons learned. A model of community responses, community-driven development. The market creek plaza is a 10-acre, \$23.5 million commercial real estate project in a historically under-invested neighborhood of san diego. Among the nation's first real estate development projects to be designed, built and ultimately owned in the most literal sense by community residents. Portland leaders looked at their use of an initial public offering that allowed more than 400 local investors to invest half a million dollars in the development allowing community members to become stakeholders and stakeholders in the site. Creating a unique asset building opportunity for the neighborhood. This resident-led effort has resulted in important break throughs. Minority contracts. 69% for the market creek plaza were awarded to them. Local hiring. 91% were hired from communities. All of these jobs are unionized and include living wages, healthcare and pension plans. Civic participation. 2,000 adults and 1,000 youth have participated in land planting, leasing research, advocacy and ownership design. Extensive cultural -- cross cultural teams have played a role in project implementation. Neighborhood reinvestment. Residents started a locally controlled foundation chartered and approved as a 501(c)(3) neighborhood corporation to grant a portion of the profits from the development back not neighborhood. Vision into action and center for intercultural organizing and our -- organizing to listen and learn from our delegation findings and recommendations on how this might be applied to Portland's current and future developments, including the memorial coliseum and the rose quarter area. Also, a quick reminder, that the memorial coliseum was the -- was dedicated in addition to honoring our veterans, it was also dedicated to the advancement of cultural opportunities. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much. And thanks for waiting. Hi, welcome back.

**Brian Parrott:** Brian parrot and i'm here as a private citizen and if the representing any individual in particular. I have rented the coliseum, I counted up 59 times. Three davis cups and the tournament of the americas the biggest events and a year ago, I wrote a letter, saying please save the coliseum. It's an asset. I like what merritt paulson is doing with soccer, but that would not have been the right place. I'm here to say thank you to mayor on council for what you've done in allowing the city to go forward. Also, I think it should be said and more widely known, we're the only city in the united states to have two buildings side by side. Philadelphia stopped operating the spectrum and we're unique, which is what a said two years ago, situation. We've do the a competitive advantage that I think all of the proposals have -- have capacity. Now, I want to

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encourage you to look at the accounting, the audit and stuff, because for two reasons, one is the davis cup alone, I know it was publicized o, \$7 million it brought into the city and it was a very good rental and the catering alone -- the catering alone would be a significant figure. That stuff should be in there. When you analyze an event. Catering and even merchandising. But the hidden benefit that building has and when -- when the figures came out it was losing -- when the figures came out it was losing money. But hotel revenue, restaurant revenue, that's there and that's what that little building and both buildings now do for us. I don't know how it's accounted for but it goes beyond just the hard numbers and guess further in events when we got lucky when we discovered Oregon with the first davis cup, it was hundreds of millions of dollars worth of silicon development over there, they were out in hillsboro. I want to conclude by saying I have an idea -- all of these ideas cost money and I have an idea how to raise the funds and also create tourism, good for convention business, it will -- and i've spoken to the parties involved and I would be in a position to be willing to raise the private capital necessary to pull this off, but I think there could be a cool partnership within the cultural community including the tribes. So i'll stop there. My time is done. But again, it's thank you to you guys for what you've done.

**Adams:** [inaudible] moving on.

**Adams:** Mr. Killbain. I don't see him. Initial discussion for council from staff.

**Fish:** If we're going to be voting on it.

**Adams:** Why don't you all come up. Welcome, good morning, good afternoon, good evening.

**Leonard:** Good night.

**Fritz:** And good tomorrow.

**Fish:** Muffins are being served over here for breakfast. I have a few questions, if I could. What -- based on the action you're asking us to take tonight, does the council have any -- would the council have any formal role in the shaping of a request for proposal?

**Brake:** At this point, we have substantial completion on the rfp. If the council would wish to review the content of the document prior to release, we could do that.

**Fish:** If you issue an -- let me back up. We've had this at the Portland housing bureau before we issue a rfp, we sometimes bring in key contracting parties and try to anticipate what the issues are to ensure a level playing field and then issue it. So if you issue an rfp, and shortly thereafter, one or more of the applicants says time out. The rfp doesn't work for some fundamental reason. Why would we learn of that?

**Brake:** We do have currently 24 hour, which is pretty quick, turn-around period for all of the top three teams to consider whether they're willing to move forward with the rfp so during that time frame, they will have the opportunity to review content and decide whether they're going to move forward.

**Adams:** We also do the same thing in our technology rfps and I think getting a draft rfp out for not only the council to look at but for anyone in the public, makes sense as well.

**Amy Ruiz, Mayor Adams' Office:** We had a stakeholder subcommittee that met to look at the rfp and give feedback including the professor and rosemary.

**Fish:** How does the 24-hour window jake with the mayor's suggestion we ferret it out a little bit?

**Brake:** I think we have an opportunity to consider the expansion of that time frame. It was a quick turn-around with the understanding that the teams potentially moving forward have a clear picture of what would be required. A typical rfp that pdc would issue. With the most recent example being centennial mills. The content of that for example, would be in line with the content of the rfp we're considering --

**Fish:** One advantage of spend extending the 24 hour clock, if there's a serious concern we have a chance to hear it and process it. 24 hours sounds like the Randy Leonard school of getting things done. It might be aggressive.

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**Adams:** He insults you. You have a eight-hour turn-around. I'm happy to commit to a reasonable period of time for the council and public to give us feedback. And I don't think you're suggesting this settle the -- are we going to be successful at getting a negotiated sort of new agreement or not, but I think you're not suggesting that?

**Fish:** No, talking about a significant red flag. Don't intend to get involved in drafting a rfp.

**Adams:** We'll come back and suggest a timeline.

**Fish:** The next question I have is what happens if what we get back -- what happens if in the responses to the rfp, you determine that there are components of each which if blended into something else creates a best in class but no individual proposal? How might that play out, that components you like in different responses could potentially be either blended or a proposal enhanced based on some creative idea that comes out of a response to a rfp?

**Brake:** Typically what happens is a proposal is selected from the pool of proposers. And typically quit a bit of negotiation happens after that selection, so there's the opportunity for the city to potentially leverage additional public funding to create more public amenity within the facility, for example. So there's usually a significant amount of change that can occur from the selection of the proposal, the proposer to the final negotiation of the development agreement.

**Fish:** If a creative idea comes out of a losing proposal, the city would have the opportunity to say to the winning proposal, we'd like to you figure out how to fit it into your concept and come back to us.

**Brake:** That's correct.

**Adams:** And the next phase, marriages and blending is absolutely allowed.

**Fish:** Another question, if I may and I have a few and then i'll shut up. The base case. And we heard from some that the base case could be strengthened if we had more information or different circumstances, but in light of the amendment we adopted at the beginning of this hearing, what if it turns out the base case is the best of the field? How does -- how is -- is the base case officially part of the contest?

**Brake:** So -- and mayor Adams, please weigh in, but the way we've outlined it, and the intent of our earlier engagement of the consultants in creating a baseline condition analysis for the facility was for us as the city to do due diligence in order to determine what it would cost to bring the facility up to current -- essentially bringing the base case to fruition. So I believe that the city council has within its pursue the ability -- purview to select that as the chosen option if that seems to be the option most important.

**Adams:** That's a facility sort of related part of the answer. The other part of the answer is then having that in hand, what kind of agreement would we want to negotiate and with who around the base case.

**Fish:** My final question is --

**Adams:** I'm sorry, I apologize, but currently, there is -- we do not have the resources solely on the public side to bring the facility up to a base -- in a base case scenario, to bring the facility up to current code.

**Brake:** That's correct.

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**Adams:** I want to make sure people know that.

**Brake:** That's correct.

**Fish:** The final question I would have is the cost is going it be a significant factor that we're going to have to consider and how we -- in how we fund any proposals, it's a significant issue we have to grapple with. And it's somewhat unusual to launch a process where that is back-ended because frankly, one of our challenges is to figure out how a potential cost is weed against some other compete -- weighed against some other competing use. It's challenging, it's a unconventional

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process. And I take that for the process and the challenging features. But will the rfp address cost in any way or is this cost-neutral until you get a proposal in the door?

**Brake:** If you want to weigh in -- but the rfp will address specific sources and uses, analysis of sources of capital and uses of capital and essentially that will -- it will require the teams to make a specific public ask for their project.

**Fish:** That said --

**Adams:** Let me -- having been involved with the negotiations for the pearl district, development agreement and south waterfront, this is more analogous to that. We're dealing with one piece, but whoever is selected for both memorial coliseum and with the remainder of the corner -- sorry, corridor, it will be a development agreement that will include whatever multiple parties are involved with that. So in that sense, this is more analogous to a neighborhood development agreement as opposed to just a single facility, which we are more -- which is more common before the city council. And so the purpose -- the whole thing is very iterative.

**Fish:** If I can state it in a plain way I can understand it. Once an applicant has identified possible sources, \$100 million bond measure, \$50 million in tif, whatever someone says and locks it up, does that -- does the -- and they fulfill that piece of their responsibility in their response, do you evaluate whether that's feasible? Do you look at that as whether that is politically possible or feasible in making your determination about a winner?

**Brake:** Correct, correct.

**Adams:** Yes. And the viability and how are we protected on any private contribution as well. Any claim that any of the proposers make in terms of bringing non-city government or non-pdc revenue to the table, we assess the veracity of that and the staff will give you their opinion on whether they think the claim is valid or not.

**Fish:** Ok. Thank you.

**Adams:** Additional discussion? Thank you very much. Call the vote.

**Fish:** Well, this has been a fascinating hearing and I very much appreciate the testimony and the presentation and most of the people involved in this have now gone on to some other events but -- [laughter]

**Adams:** Often the case.

**Fish:** They can read about it in the paper. I've been working on another speech about housing and trying to figure out how we work through the mess that's caused by a national recession and how we deal with factors beyond our control and looking for inspiration and I finally found it in something that abraham lincoln said in 1862. The occasion is piled high in difficulty, but we must rise with the occasion. And the context of housing and the impact of the recession and collapse in the healthcare system and mental health and everything else, I think it's quite apt. Lincoln said that in the middle of a war and just before he changed the proclamation that changed history. It was a slightly different set of scale of stakes. But I think it's why we had a long hearing and why we'll have a robust debate. And so I want to take a couple of minutes to share with people who are here who've been courteous and stayed late and they should get the benefit of our thought process. And i'll take a couple of minutes how I get to my outcome and I apologize if it cuts into your dinner hour, but I think it's posh. For me, this is a unconventional process and there's a lot of details which I would prefer to have resolved at the front end of the process, quite honestly. I'm more familiar with that, in how we do things. That's not a criticism of anyone who's been involved, but it's as advertised, unconventional. And there are certain aspects of this I would like to have a clearer understand of at the front end. One is why are we doing this? What are the opportunity costs. The other priorities and how much money is available and is that a good investment and might there be other more compelling draws on our limited public resources? How does this fit in to the overall plan for the district and should this go first or the overall plan go first? I'm not smart enough to answer those questions in a void, but we're being asked to defer on some of those questions and for

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me, that creates the difficulty. I'll go about a can to where I think the firm ground s. I complement the mayor for leading this process. This came out of a controversy between baseball and rose quarter. I want to start with an acknowledgment of that process and his leadership. The next touchstone for me is that i'm deeply committed to preserving this building. We have differences of opinion up here and it's not relevant. Each of us is entitled to our view about architecture and history. I think it's a magnificent building and for someone who wasn't raised here, it was actually the iconic image I had of living in a different place. When the trail blazers -- I thought the coliseum was a jewel and partial to mid century modernism and love that it's linked to the halprin fountains. Our start with the mayor's leadership, which is exemplary and that we're at a point where we've conceded it will be preserved. That's a good foundation. What I have to balance that against, is am I convinced this is a fair process and we have a minority report that has raised, thoughtfully, some issues and the we've engaged and the witnesses have engaged and I take very seriously the comments in the minority report. I don't remember the last time we had a minority report on any issue which was as to the point and provocative as this. And it's not to take anything away from the majority report which I think stands on its merits. So I have to do weighing here and I have to be persuaded there's enough of a fair process and the field is significantly level that we can bear fruit. I'm concerned that one or more applicants might pull out if they don't believe it's a fair process. And so i'll tell you how i've decided to come out on this. I've been thinking of this throughout the hearing and I came in with a open mind. I'm going to support going forward to the next stage. I'm going to support the resolution before us with significant reservations about this process and where we're headed. And i'm going to do so because I don't want to sit here and pre-judge that nothing positive can come out of it. With all of the issues that have been raised in terms of what could have been done differently or better. But i'm going to take a leap of faith that through this process and the creative energy that's released, we may come up with a compelling vision that in turn could galvanize support on the council and funding to drive it. I'm not sure we will and my concern is that we may not and I don't want good people who have put time and energy in this to go through a futile exercise. That's what i'm concerned about. I'm not completely convinced this won't be a futility. That said, i've decided to put a marker down around the issues i'll be looking at down the road. Cost, competing priorities, people get a fair shake. And do we have a compelling vision at the back end we can rally around? We've been assured that the veterans will be at the table. I appreciate that and it's appropriate and we hope -- the mayor and an hope to have another announcement that we think veterans will be pleased to hear. And i'm also heartened from staff it could be that no one proposal comes out as a winner but best in class is the preferred outcome. But I -- I am -- i'm going to support this with reservations and I want to put those markers down because I reserve the right at the back end to come back and say despite good efforts of staff and stakeholders and the hard work and mayor's leadership that I simply can't support the recommendation. But that's not the question before us today. So i'm going to -- i'm going to take -- i'm going to take a flyer and follow the mayor and see where it leads us recognizing that -- and people I respect greatly have significant reservations about this process. Mayor, thank you for getting us to this point and you have my support to get to the next step and then we'll evaluate where we are. Aye.

**Leonard:** Given that commissioner Fish alluded to it, I should say upfront that I know on balance, I think it is not in the city's best interest to lose triple-a baseball and the memorial coliseum would have been as wonderful an icon if it were developed as a triple-a stadium as a coliseum and that's from a person who doesn't see the beetles but I saw the -- the beatles but I did see the beach boys but I think the community at large loses by the beavers leaving town. But that was a fight from another day. At had this point, it is what it is and for a variety of reasons I have worked closely with the winterhawk to succeed at coliseum. I'm pleased that the current ownership is who we're dealing with this terms of their wanting to earnestly invest in the facilities at the coliseum to make it



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the place it should be for the winterhawks to play. And you appreciate what appears to be a new relationship between the blazers and winterhawk in trying to achieve that vision of having an adequate vision to play at. However, there -- in reviewing the minority report and some of the specifics of the minority report as I said earlier, they raised questions that I think are legitimate questions with respect to the management of the current coliseum. And having done the work i've done with the winterhawks, I know there's a lot of money that needs to be invested in the current coliseum just as it is to keep it functional for the winterhawk to play for other events to occur. I think as a sound business practice, we need to not just have an audit of the number of tickets sold but rather an audit for the actual event and associated with that and -- i'm doing it for the record, anyone who has a question about the intent of at least my vote, in with standing jay isaacs that different event differentials are kept confidential. I don't agree that should be the case this terms of public disclosure but hope he didn't mean that in terms of the city auditor auditing the income and expenses to be sure that the city is receiving the appropriate amount of income it should be receiving from the coliseum. That would be an important factor for me in moving to the next stage of this competition and I think it's in the blazers' best interest to make sure they're as transparent as they can be in dealing on the current facility particularly if they want us to enter into a agreement on a new revamped facility and rose quarter. With those caveats, I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you and this is a robust discussion and I appreciate that very much. Thank you also to the citizens advisory committee. And to all of the folks, all 95, 96 proposals who put in time and also -- 96 proposals and staff who worked diligently on this project. What accepting this report does is chooses three projects to move forward and invests \$120,000 of urban renewal money to enable these three proposers to continue to provide input for a few more months. So it is a lot of public money, \$120,000. It's also not much considering the amount of work that's already gone in to the proposals, but it does give some -- asaphia pend to the three proposers to continue to -- a stipend and it's important to not ask people to do it for nothing. We do need to make a decision on what to do with the coliseum. The Oregon convention center, urban renewal district expires in 2014 and that's really the only realistic source of public money I can see will be available for redeveloping the coliseum. So that, the timeline is there, the expiration of the development agreement with the rest of rose quarter is the end of this year. The minority report was helpful and asked for four things in the hearing. To hold off on the rfp and like my colleagues, I don't think that's the best thing to do at this time. They also asked us for the committee to continue to work on the rose quarter and we heard mayor Adams and the committee say their willingness to do that. We heard that the city, rather than the blazers will be leading the process to look at the rest of the rose quarter, which I think is very positive. The minority report asked us to establish the baseline data which we did with the amendment earlier and figure out how the urban renewal issues, Oregon convention and interstate are going to be figured out and that's a work in progress with urgency so that will be decided, I hope, further down the line by the time we finish this next phase of the process. So I want to state my concerns having had a lot of public input over the course of this project and especially this past weekend and I thank everybody who emailed and gave their personal thoughts. I want it continue to honor the veterans. I believe there should be a space for veterans including maybe a service center where veterans can be directed to different services in the community and the architectural integrity is the next highest priority. I'm concerned about the bowl as well as the glass palace and looking to those features. And the seating issue, the flexibility of them. This is -- mentioned about the curtains and I vividly remember -- for \$7 a ticket, much closer I would ever watch a blazer game but because of the curtains, watching the Portland fire, it was a intimate experience with my son. The community non-athletic activities I believe should be part of the programming and design. Including perhaps arts and education. That many people who wrote said whether it's spectator sports or spectator or participatory, there should be more in the programming than just people interested in sports and multiage opportunities including for seniors

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and a childcare facility. And also, I think the housing component mentioned as necessary on-site, I see the site as the whole area, I don't think it's necessary to put housing particularly in the coliseum, as long as it's close. And one of my overriding concerns will be the funding and that's something I'm interested in as the project moves forward. There are going to be partnerships. I'm grateful for this project no. Process today and vote aye.

**Adams:** Well, I want to thank my colleagues for the time that they've committed to this prior to this meeting and their interest and the attentiveness during this hearing. As usual, they've improved and added to my thought process on this issue and I want to thank them for that. I want to thank the citizen -- stakeholder advisory committee who really have made a huge commitment in coming up with the best outcome we possibly can. I want to thank kia and von and kevin and all the teams involved in staffing this. This is a very difficult -- this is a very difficult process and it has been for the past 17 years. I do believe, though, we can do better than 13 more years of the status quo with this building and goodness knows, how much longer with the status quo of largely parking lot for the rest of the district. I think the city deserves better. We've invested hundreds of millions of dollars to make this a center point of the entire state and it's time we start realizing that at the same time that we improve its memorial designation for veterans and that we have an amazing opportunity in the city to also recognize and speak to, if not heal, some of the very negative cultural heritage around urban renewal and just around the disparate treatment of Portlanders in the past apt opportunity to address the continued experience of being a Portlander in the present based on race and where you were born and gender and other issues so there is no question this is fraught with continuing huge challenges but I think the opportunities are also there. Thanks to the folks who have taken the time and effort to respond. Congratulations on your success getting selected to the next phase. Aye. [gavel pounded] please call the vote on the next item.

**Fish:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] we're recessed until tomorrow when we have another fun project.

At 6:45 p.m., Council recessed.

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**Adams:** Good afternoon, Karla, how are you?

**Moore-Love:** I'm good.

**Adams:** Beautiful day out there. Anything fun planned for after work?

**Moore-Love:** No. I did my taxes. I'm good.

[ roll call ]

**Adams:** We have four items. Can you please read the title for item number 525, which is a second reading.

**Item 525.**

**Kathryn Beaumont, Sr. Deputy City Attorney:** Mayor Adams and members of the council, you have received a substitute page 6 for item 525, and the reason you've received the substitute is what was circulated to you in the friday packet contain add few scrivener's errors. What you've 55 given ask a substitute page 6, the last page, which clearly reflects the amendments the council adopted as of the last hearing on this matter. It contains no new amendments. So I think what you need is a motion to substitute this page 6 for the page 6 you received in your packets.

\*\*\*\*\*: So moved.

**Fritz:** Second.

**Adams:** Karla, please call the vote.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] thank you. At the last hearing on the river plan I have a clarification to read. At the last hearing on the river plan, I moved to add subsection k of section 33.475.430.b.11 to the the list of items in the substitute resolution that were received further work by bureau of planning and sustainability, and will come back to us in the fall. As proposed in the amendment package dated march 24th, 2010, subsection k would have amended the code to allow an applicant to make a payment to the city in lieu of meeting the mitigation standards of this code section. My intent in making that motion was to delete subsection k from the code and add it to the list in the substitute resolution. My motion passed, I have confirmed with the other council members that their intent was the same as mine, to avoid any confusion I want to clarify the effect of the council's adoption of my motion on april 1st, 2010, hearing is to remove subsection k from the proposed code language and add it to the list of items to receive further work in the substitute resolution. With that, Karla, please call the vote.

**Fish:** Excuse me, the vote --

**Adams:** On 525.

**Fish:** Can you read it again?

**Adams:** The second reading. And then we'll go on and do the resolutions of which there are three.

**Fish:** Thank you, karla it's been a long week. Thank you mayor Adams and commissioner Fritz for your hard work and diligence in bringing this matter to conclusion today. At council I have a brief written statement i'd like to read. Development of the river plan has been one of the most intensive

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and thorough efforts this council and this city has ever undertaken. It has taken nearly a decade, dating back to the initiation of the river renaissance in 2001 to get to this point. I'm told but I haven't completely verified, there have been hundreds of meetings with individual stakeholders during that period of time, certainly dozens of public meetings, numerous committees, and public hearings at each stage of the process, the planning commission spent more than six months reviewing this document, and the mayor as well as staff from many different offices that spent another eight months doing dcialt review and if I get any more letters on this issue, it will be -- the server on my computer will become disabled. So what are the key components of what is before us today? This plan removes the existing outdated, greenway regulations providing more certainty for a significant number of industrial properties, especially those with existing docks and nonvegetative riverbanks. It updates our natural resources inventory, which is over 20 Years old. Almost as cold as dan Saltzman. It creates a new overlay zone that strategically protects our natural resources. The plan will reduce state and federal permit time lines. In fact, in the absence of this plan, each permit will tend to refight the same battles, and that is certainly not good news for our business. The city of Portland depends on the success of industry in the north reach. And over 38,000 living wage jobs it provides. And we need to continue to make significant investments in the future of our harbor, and having this plan will help us to seek that funding. The plan also sets out a framework that provides greater flexibility for industry as to whether they mitigate on or off site. On site mitigation will help us improve the connectivity of nature along the river, while specifically designated mitigation sites will establish viable habitat for our Fish and wildlife. I'd like to talk for a moment about the process and compromise. All sides in this great debate have shared important concerns all sides have compromised and made significant concessions. Some of the unnamed critics of the proposal that we're voting on today have told me privately that they're 70-80% there, but still have some concerns. In any enterprise of this length and depth and complexity, i'd say that's pretty good. The mayor has offered and the Council has adopted a comprehensive set of amendments that addresses many if not most of the concerns that have been brought to the table or the very least have been brought to my attention. Frankly, some things can only truly be evaluated by doing them. I have talked with many of the stakeholders who care deeply about the north reach and who have kept the citywide perspective. While not all are happy with every detail, I am confident that we have reached a point where we can move forward. The best twie address additional concerns at this point in my view is through the mayor's stakeholder group, the north reach advisory committee. The close tracking of implementation on the ground and a comprehensive review that comes back to council. Everyone in this process will need to step up to make implementation successful and that includes the city of Portland. The city is committed to supporting significant improvements to industrial infrastructure, environmental restoration, and trail creation. It is also committed to staffing new programs like the permit streamlining process, and a citizen advisory committee. The city is committed to a healthy working waterfront and the creation of the office of healthy working rivers helps to us follow through on those commitments. Conclusion -- river review represents our community's voice Over what happens in and around this precious resource. We will continue to work to make it as effective and as efficient as possible, but the city will continue to retain its jurisdiction. Any new plan like this is going to create some fear and uncertainty. What this plan also creates is possibility. I truly believe that we can reach a win-win if together moving forward from today, we work together. If we all work together and we work in good faith, this plan creates both the framework and the flexibility to create a truly sustainable harbor. One that supports Fish and wildlife, a strong and thriving industrial economy, and opportunities for citizens to interact with the river. A river that benefits all of those of us who are privileged to live in the willamette valley. Again to my colleagues, the mayor, and commissioner Fritz, congratulations on your tireless toaforts bring this to fruition, and i'm pleased to support your work and to vote aye.

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**Saltzman:** I also want to thank mayor added apples and commissioner Fritz for bringing us to this moment and stepping our efforts to make the river and all the Portlanders who interact with her successful. This goal an ongoing challenge that everyone is involved and obviously committed to. And even if we can't all agree on the details and processes within the plan, I have seen a consistent message of agreement From everyone that the health of our city is tied to the willamette river. That recognition is what sets the stage for successful refinement and implementation of this plan. I do look forward to working with staff and the partners on implementing the action agenda, and the hearing this fall to examine staff work on river review development standards and map refinements. I'm also looking forward to appointing the north reach advisory committee as these involve citizens will be keys in making sure that this plan works for businesses and for the environment. And I do believe that both those things can occur. And I want to reiterate my concern and commitment to making sure that the 38,000 good-paying jobs that we presently have in our north reach only grows in the future. And doesn't stagnate. So -- finally I want to thank the city staff, the river dependent businesses and the river-dependent critters and all the others that have -- including the deer -- that have all worked hard to make this plan one that we can move forward with and make sure that it works for everyone. I'm pleased to vote eight aye.

**Leonard:** I have concerns that the plan could unfairly limit the ability of jobs to be retained and new jobs attracted if the plan is applied unfairly and rather than applied in a way that tries to meet the goals that we intend here today as Opposed to applying the plan to the letter of the law, it could lead in my view to some not desirable outcomes in terms of job creation. I don't think that the city ought to allow any kind of development anywhere or for people who are operating businesses to operate in any manner they choose as my I think prior actions have shown with businesses that operate in Portland improperly. I am not shy about using the city's various enforcement tools to make sure businesses behave appropriately. But having said that, it is never lost on me that good jobs are provided by businesses. And I think that we need to be mindful of that as we take this next step in this process to make sure that the development that occurs on the river and redevelopment of existing businesses is done in a way to minimize impacts on species in the river and certainly on the banks leading to the river. But I have had experience here at the city in the last eight years that worries me at times about how city staff will apply rules that they be applied in a way that is impartial and balanced, and fair, and always intending to achieve a good outcome for all parties involved without advocating for particular philosophical point of view. I retain that concern. I too as commissioner Saltzman referred to and looking forward to the river review standards that will be coming back and the map amendments that will be required in the fall, i'm very Much looking forward to the advisory committee, how it's comprised, how it interacts with us, but most of all i'm going to be watching to make sure that this plan is implemented in the way that mat jeremy otten of the council intends, is that is for its stated purpose to minimize impacts on the river and river dependent wildlife t but that it be done in a way that doesn't discourage development. I led the council a few years back in retaining in the industrial reserves f. Land in linton, with not just a little ire from some of the folks in linton. But I think we have to take -- that's our job to take an approach, the balances of the competing interests. And it's my intention to continue that philosophical approach as we implement this plan. So with those cautionary notes, I appreciate the work that has been done on this plan, and I vote aye.

**Fritz:** First thank you mayor Adams for your commitment and vision, and for working through a very difficult set of issues. For your personal investment and involvement in guiding it to this important point. And for providing a path that moves us from planning into implementation. I don't recall a mayor who's been involved in a crucial plan process as deeply and wholeheartedly as you have, and I greatly appreciate it. And thank you for inviting me to participate in that process. Thank you to the stakeholders, particularly the Portland Audubon society, bob salinger, the neighborhood associations, especially st. Johns, and members of the working waterfront coalition,

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for the untold hours you have invested in this process, the site tours you conducted, which my staff participated, and taking time to meet with me to discuss your issues and concerns. Your expertise and perspective has been greatly valued, it's greatly appreciated, and has prompted many positive changes in the plan. Thank you to the bureau staff, joe, sally, shannon, I have to read them all. Brian, indy, and diane, from bds, kim, and kim, paul, and katelyn, and rick and kevin. You have worked very, very hard on this, and I appreciate the work -- the amount of work that's gone above and beyond the call of duty, and the passion and thought. Thank you all for your willingness to listen and learn and for your work to educate everybody about what the plan says and what it doesn't say. And being willing to consider amendments even up until the last moment. Thank you to the members of the planning commission for the numerous hearings, briefings, and work sessions you held on this plan, for your recommendation regarding key implementation components, and thank you to patty howard and tom and my staff and amy on the mayor's staff. We have before us an important planning document that embraces community spirit and vision. Our challenges to reestablish short Ecosystem conditions in our urban rivers while at the same time supporting economic growth, job development, and improved recreational aspects. All of these elements are facilitated by the plan, and all of these elements my staff and the office of healthy working rivers are very excited to help work on. The comprehensive changes make -- help us meet that challenge in four ways. The river plan revises the greenway code. Which is outdated and as a result, it creates impediments to economic development and does not provide adequate habitat protection. There's various ways we assist industry and the environment in the plan. I'm very please the river's office is identified as the lead in facilitating early project review and its role in establishing the mitigation bank. Second, the river plan includes implementation action in associated action agenda and designation of who will be responsible for the implementation measurements. This feature is a crucial first step towards achieving success because it provides a starting point for projects, programs, and regulations to implement plan policies and streamline rather than complicate the approval process. Third, the plan identifies key recreational objectives such as designate add greenway trail along both sides of the river and new willamette river greenway viewpoints. This is something that neighborhood activists and environmentalists have been working on for literally decades. Fourth, the river plan includes the formation of the north reach plan advisory committee, which will gauge and monitor the success of our implementation efforts. Its oversight, it's reporting back. This committee under the leadership of ann beyer will have a diverse membership and I will work closely with anne and the members as will the mayor, as they assess the plan's effectiveness over time. I'm confident that the policies, regulations, and feedback mechanisms will ensure what is proposed here today results in implementations that make sense on the ground. I believe that we have the foundation of implementation regulations in this plan that will work for the river, for industry, and for the public. Finally, I do recognize there are few remaining items that require review and those are listed and will be addressed. And I am very much looking forward to hearing back from staff in the fall on the findings and conclusions. It's time to adopt this plan. Aye.

**Adams:** My vision for Portland is a city that is economically prosperous, more prosperous than we are now, and a city that is environmentally and socially sustainable as well. Few other cities have figured out this triple bottom line better than we have. And so we continue to be the thin edge of the wedge in innovation, and i'm proud to serve at the city council that continues to put the priority to the triple bottom line, and also the muscle and the financing and the leadership behind it p striving for both success, economically and on the environmental fronts is what this plan seeks to do. Its success when eventual salahi finalized will be judged by terms of factors within the district itself will be judged by jobs created and habitat created. I want to thank amy ruiz, who has been staff person in my office, and sally jo, the entire team that's been working on this. This is the end of the beginning. But this does not become law, local law, until seven additional votes are made by the city council. Many of them will be very technical in nature. They should and you should

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expect them to be informed by science and by economic and other evaluations. They need to be fact-based decisions. We are committed as you heard from everybody member of the city council, for this plan to also have the ongoing feedback loop that will be the first of these kinds of plans with the exception I would say of the east Portland plan, it will be the first of a plan of this specificity that will have an oversight committee. Where if something is going wrong, anyone can ring the bell. And that committee not only will listen, will problem solve. This will not work if the city isn't fully behind helping both the environmental and the economic goals happen. So I look forward to the finalization work over the next many months, more discussions to come, I want to thank everyone, all the stakeholders for being part of this, on all sides of this issue, and I vote aye. [gavel pounded] please read the title for resolution item number s526.

**Item S-526.**

**Adams:** Please call the vote.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the title for resolution item number 527.

**Item 527.**

**Adams:** Please call the vote.

**Moore-Love:** Can we take care of the amendment on this one? The exhibit e? I have a note here still. We didn't do it, so we need to amend that then. No amendment. Ok. Sorry.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** So this is a new approach to working with landowners for future development and maintaining and enhancing ecological features. I'm not without concerns, but I can support this, and I do recognize that staff again has worked very hard on ensuring that the permanent conservation easement in perpetuity can be utilized as a benefit to salmon As well as preserving connectivity to forest, park, and the willamette river. Aye.

**Adams:** I want to thank the folks at siltronic for being creative in their approach to coming to this mou, and look forward to moving with them to recruit a new employer to the site alongside their existing plan. Aye. [gavel pounded] can you please read the title for resolution item number 528.

**Item 528.**

**Fritz:** I'd like to move an amendment to this resolution. Which i've handed out. Everybody has a copy in front of you. This is an amendment to add elements of public input into the development proposal, and also to ensure that city staff will be appropriately compensated by the university of Portland. What it does, what it says is that as they -- it's an amendment to the existing language, which says that the staff are directed to pursue negotiation and development agreement with the university of Portland, and then adds, including a public open house concerning the development proposal. Then if -- it continues on, and then be it further resolved, previously it said that the staff from planning and sustainability and development services would be paid, I believe it's appropriate for the university of Portland to pay all the costs associated with creating this development agreement, so the amendment reads this will include the Hourly staff rate for staff who participate in the north macadam agreement, instead of just bureaus that would get paid.

**Saltzman:** I'll second it for purposes of discussion.

**Adams:** Would you like to come forward and give us your --

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**Adams:** Have a seat if you want.

**Christie White:** No objection.

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**Adams:** Moved and seconded.

**Fish:** Most concise testimony we've received in a long time.

**White:** Christie white, no objection. For the university of Portland.

**Adams:** Please call the vote.

**Fritz:** Did you want to discuss it?

**Saltzman:** I'm prepared to vote --

**Fish:** I'm prepared to vote.

**Fish:** I appreciate the fact my colleague commissioner Fritz has had some concerns and strong views on this subject, and I appreciate the fact that she has produced this amendment which I believe will garner full support of the council and allow us to move forward with this particular matter. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Leonard:** I appreciate the work the university is doing in this area, and particularly on the acquired property that i'm very familiar with and consider to be an asset to our community, and I want you to know that. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you all for your support of the amendment. Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. [gavel pounded] can you please call the roll on The resolution amended 528.

**Fish:** The development agreement that we were authorizing in this resolution will allow university of Portland to work with the city to reach an understanding as to how they can proceed with a much-needed development which I will say has significant public benefits. If successful. Not the least of which the commitment that the university of Portland has made not only to acquire the balance of the land on the river, below the bluff, which they intend to turn into a sports complex, but also their willingness to consider community uses for that property and for their -- for there to be significant community uses there has to being a says. What I believe this particular resolution does is balances our desire to adhere to high standards of protection of the environment while also recognizing that u.p. Has been at this for some time, and needs some additional flexibility in moving forward with their proposal, which I think I would say when successful, will have an enormous community benefit. And I think our friends from u.p. For all they do and the time they spent with individual commissioners helping understand this important issue. Aye.

**Saltzman:** I do -- I too think this resolution strikes an appropriate balance by recognizing that the land that u.p. Has that we're talking about is an environmentally sensitive land. But I do think the university of Portland is also attuned to that fact and has made every commitment to expand its campus and develop the related facilities in the most environmentally sensitive manner possible. So I think this is truly a good situation. We'll be protecting the river, but also supporting an important institution of higher education in our city. Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Fritz:** This area that is in question that was -- was designated environmental conservation zone for good reasons. Protection of the bluff habitat connectivity, deep sloarntion wildlife corridor, potential for restoration. The river plan designates the bluff on a portion of the university's property as a special habitat area, previously portions of the land were in the greenway natural area. The environmental advocates and the city have already compromised by removing the environmental protection zone at the university's request. Removing the environmental conservation zone in this manner undermines the river plan in my opinion, and sends the wrong message that there is no public purpose to public input. And I disagree with that. I do not -- i'm very grateful for my colleagues for adding an open house, but that's not the same as an environmental review where the public can make a difference. And I -- i'm concerned that this development agreement does not Allow for good public process. The public's invited in only at the end when it's a done deal before council. The development agreement does not include approval criteria that would be included in an environmental review. How lt. Council know whether -- when the mitigation are appropriate?



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When the development agreement comes bang to council it will not have gone through the formal public comment period, and hearings officer's review that enhance the consideration of different options and increases the value on this -- of discussion on this site as a gateway site. The purpose was supposedly for the university to have certainty and my staff and I and working with the city attorney's office and the bureau of planning proposed language that could have amended the environmental zone regulations to provide that certainty. And so that was rejected by the university of Portland. I believe that there is significant public purpose to public process, and I am concerned that that's not going to happen in this case, i'm certainly willing to put forward the changes to 33430 in the future, if it's determined when the development agreement comes back that we don't have a wildlife corridor and we don't have appropriate habitat protection, and we don't have the things that public input might be ability to require. But as always, I will be watching my email and responding to citizens, I appreciate that The fact that now all staff and all bureaus will be paid to review it, and I hope for the best when we come back with a development agreement. No.

**Adams:** I want to thank the university of Portland for your willingness to take on the vision that you have. It's difficult to bring, and it's also reclaimed terrain, so i'm very excited at the possibilities here, and I really want to thank you for the willingness as well to provide additional public and -- public facilities green space, recreational facilities for my part of town in north Portland. That's -- I really appreciate that. You've -- your quality institution, and I have no doubt that you will meet and exceed all of our expectations in terms of moving forward. So i'm pleased to vote aye. [gavel pounded] we are adjourned. [gavel pounded]

At 2:38 p.m., Council adjourned.