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**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Commissioner Leonard Presiding; Commissioners Fish and Fritz, 3.

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

	<b>Disposition:</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>133</b> Request of Wendy Ann Wright to address Council regarding institutionalized corruption within the local government (Communication)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLACED ON FILE</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TIMES CERTAIN</b></p> <p><b>134</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Accept Human Rights Commission 2010 Report to the Community (Report introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 30 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Commissioner Fritz and seconded by Commissioner Leonard.</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mayor Sam Adams</b></p> <p><b>*135</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for \$12,000 for the support of the First Stop Portland program for logistic and planning services for visiting delegations (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 16, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p> <p><b>*136</b> Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the SW Harbor Dr/SW River Pkwy Improvements Project (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 16, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*137</b> Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to execute a Temporary Construction Easement with Multnomah County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon, as part of the St. Johns Pedestrian/Freight Project (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 16, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

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<p><b>*138</b> Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to execute Temporary Construction Easements with both GHS, LLC and Oregon Health and Science University, as part of the SW Moody Ave Improvements: SW River Pkwy to SW Gibbs St Project (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 16, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>*139</b> Amend contract with Comcast Illinois/Ohio/Oregon, LLC and Comcast of Oregon II, Inc. to add \$500,000 for regional broadband services to local governments, schools and public agencies throughout Multnomah County (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000346)</p>	<p align="center"><b>CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 16, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>140</b> Authorize a contract and provide payment for construction of the Stark Inflow Controls Project No. E10003 (Ordinance)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING FEBRUARY 16, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>141</b> Authorize a contract and provide payment for construction of the Wellhead Sump Retrofit Phase 2 Stormwater Treatment Facilities Job No. E07623 (Second Reading Agenda 120)  (Y-3)</p>	<p align="center"><b>184405</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Mayor Sam Adams</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>142</b> Vacate a portion of SE Bush St and a portion of SE 100th Ave subject to certain conditions and reservations and designate a portion of Portland Parks &amp; Recreation property for Water Facility Purposes and assign it to the Portland Water Bureau (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10073)</p>	<p align="center"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING FEBRUARY 16, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>143</b> Authorize revenue bonds to finance a portion of the costs of the Sellwood Bridge replacement project (Second Reading Agenda 125)  (Y-3)</p>	<p align="center"><b>184406</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade</b></p>	
<p><b>144</b> Assess property for sidewalk repair by the Bureau of Maintenance (Second Reading Agenda 128; Y1073)  (Y-3)</p>	<p align="center"><b>184407</b></p>

At 10:56 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,  
OREGON WAS HELD THIS **9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Commissioner Saltzman, Presiding; Commissioners Fish  
and Fritz, 3.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; there was  
no City Attorney; and Ron Willis, Sergeant at Arms.

<b>145</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Safety Recognition Day Awards (Presentation introduced by Mayor Adams) 1 hour requested	<b>Disposition:</b> <b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
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At 3:20 p.m. Council adjourned.

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

By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

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[roll call]

**Leonard:** Commissioner Saltzman and mayor Adams are excused for city business.

**Item 133.**

**Leonard:** Good morning, please give your name. You have three minutes.

**Wendy Ann Wright:** I'm Wendy Ann Wright. I'm currently homeless so I don't live anywhere. So I sit here today with a number of have concerns, some of which I hope my city council members can help me to understand or we can work together to improve. When I was arrested by the Portland State University campus I was detained for seven hours and let go at 10:00 p.m. on a Friday night and I'm wondering, I was not given back the keys to my home, my phone, and my primary mode of transportation until Monday. Ok. Now check this out. I'm -- the charges have been dismissed but I'm still trespassed from Portland State University buildings which means I can't go to the city archives where I need to go for work I have now. Let's see, I did want to let you know that I filed with the Bureau of Labor and Industries against Portland State University so that's coming along. And then, let's see. I'm also trespassed from my son's school for talking back to the principal. I'm appealing but nobody at Portland Public Schools told me for months this was even an option. Third, let's see, I want to say something specifically to Sam Adams, I wish he was here. You need to resign, because, a, you lied when running for mayor and, b, you let the media drag Beau Breedlove through the mud and when I came to you as commissioner of police, you did nothing for me. I feel like my civil liberties have been raped, chomped up and chewed up and spit out. I'm homeless and unemployed and have not seen my son Linus since October 11th. All of this is because I spoke out against institutional corruption and oppression. That doesn't seem very fair and I appreciate any assistance my council can provide me. Lastly, I wanted to make a plug for a great event at Kaiser town hall. Called Portland lost black neighborhood and it's my research study and something that I think is important and I encourage all of you to attend.

**Fritz:** Thank you, Wendy. The mayor is not going to be able to do the opening of that event so I get the honor doing that event.

**Wright:** That would be wonderful. Thank you, commissioner Fritz.

**Leonard:** Thank you. Karla, please read the time certain.

**Item 134.**

**Leonard:** Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, president Leonard. It's my joy and honor to welcome the human rights commission here this morning to give us their annual report. The Human Rights Commission is a very special entity appointed by the city of Portland but an advisory to the whole community and the council and independent. Staffed by Maria lisa Johnson the director of the office of human relations and doing amazing work as volunteers and leaders in our community. They play a key role in furthering the human rights and social justice agenda of Portlanders. And the commission is made up of a very committed and diverse group of Portlanders who volunteer hundreds of hours each year for this important work and they're going to give you some of the highlights of their work. The things that I particularly have been helped by is the work with the community and police

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relations committee. You'll hear about that and advocating for citizens who need help with federal immigration policy and the human rights policy and screening that they have developed and emerging partnerships with law enforcement to address community and citizen relations in many ways and they are also instrumental in putting together the dialogue program that's moved to the Office of Human Relations and it's a thrill for Dora Perry in my office and I to work with the Human Rights Commissioners over the past 2 years. I want to recognize county chair Cogen who was the first chair of the commission and Abdul Majidi who is the second chair and Donita Fry who is the chair and will introduce this presentation.

**Donita Fry:** Good morning commissioners and welcome community. And thank you for the opportunity to present our 2010 report. The vision of the commission began nearly five years ago with the work of the human relations advisory council. Commissioner Emily Gottfried and myself participated in that process. And while I can't speak for emily, I want to say I'm particularly honored and -- I feel so privileged to be actively engaged in this work still day. The HRC was commissioned to act as an advisory body to the city council and as an independent, unbiased institution within our city government. And it has authority to conduct studies and make recommendations to the mayor and city council regarding matters relating to equity and discrimination, social justice and policies that affect diverse communities. To date, we have submitted recommendations and policy analysis regarding the sidewalk management ordinance, the Arizona house bill 1070, the dream act and security communities. We have held community forums concerning the proposed oversight of the independent police review process, invited public testimony from agencies including the coalition against hate crimes, coalition of communities of color, sisters of the road and the urban league and law enforcement officers working to address human trafficking. Most recently we and conducted a public hearing regarding the participation of the city with the JTTF and our recommendations will be coming soon on that issue. What I have mentioned are a few of the broad range of issues impacting and concerning our community and effective human right system relies on cooperation and the participation of many players in its work. We have built strong relationships and had the pleasure of working along many individuals who are skilled and engaged in upholding human rights, including government and non-government organizations and human rights advocates and many different associations. I am grateful for the skilled, caring and engaged commissioners who have given tirelessly of their time and energy and roll up their sleeves and dig in to promote the mission of the human rights commission. I believe we may represent the most diverse commission operating in the city of Portland and among us we hold a wealth of experience and knowledge. Our accomplishments span a broader spectrum than what is presented in our written report. So let me introduce some of the key players in the work we've been engaged in for the past several years. Hector López, who chairs the community police relations committee. O'dea and daryl Kelley who participated in work to step forward and outline the work of that committee.

**Fritz:** Welcome, thank you for being here.

**Hector López:** Good morning, commissioners. Thanks for the opportunity to share with you the work we've done over the past 18 months. Also would like to express thanks to Maria Lisa Johnson and her staff for the incredible resources they provided the community and police relations committee. Our mission statement says, to bring together members of portland's diverse community and police officers to improve community and police relations, further authentic community policing culture and promote dignity and understanding and respect in police and community interactions. When the commission came into being, city council placed the racial profiling work that had been ongoing at that time in the hands of the bureau and the office of human relations. It was determined that the racial profiling work would continue under the responsibility of the newly appointed community and police relations committee. Following are the strategy upon which the bureau and committee are basing their work and this comes from the bureau and planned to address

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racial profiling. Four points, one, create a bureau that reflects the city's diversity. Two, give officers concrete skills to help them on the street. Three, reach out to the community to build mutual trust and understanding. Four, collect and analyze right data on police stops. One of the hardest tasks we have as we convened. 14 members make up the community and police relations committee. Five from the larger community at-large members, five police representatives and four commissioners. Our hardest task was how do we become a group that is focused on the issue of police profiling and other issues that policing in this city face us. We determined that this is a mandate you gave us. We had to work together. Police, community, and commissioners. We had no choice. And so over the months, we've worked hard to become that community of effective and viable groups of people working on this issue. We've been intentionally about learning about one another and learning the many differences as well as the similarities among us make us quite human and we've shared life experiences, joys and disappointments and hopes and before we knew it, we had become a community dedicated to our mission statement. There's little we cannot talk about. We share successes and critiques of the city and the world at large and no matter how difficult or contentious the discussions might be they have not damaged the growing relationship or integrity of the group. Over the course of these past 18 months with the leadership of the chiefs, we've seen the bureau's openness and willingness to partner with the community to create the level of ownership needed for effective and creative community policing to succeed. At the invitation of the bureau, the committee is currently dedicating time to the careful analysis of the intersect between race and use of force. It is conducting a review of practices and policies at the Portland police bureau it is pursuing racial profiling and reviewing the use of force policy. The committee will soon make recommendations to the bureau. We've also discovered that the Portland police bureau leads the nation in the standard of utilizing minimal use of force in its policing. The members of the committee are committed and dedicated to healing the divides between the police and community and better communicate those programs that are successful in the bureau as well as continuing to move forward to address the many challenges yet remaining. I would like to introduce assistant chief O'Dea who has rapidly become not only a full participant of the committee over the last several months but recommended significant guidance for us such as asking the committee to review the policies of use of force and to develop recommendations to the bureau. Chief?

**Larry O'Dea, Portland Police Bureau:** Thank you sir, Mr. President, commissioners, thank you for this opportunity. I'm Larry O'Dea, I'm a member of the community police relations committee. Also known as the CPRC. I'm here today to express my thanks for your support of the office of human relations and specifically the CPRC. The CPRC is made up of human rights commission, community members and officers supervisors and command staff of the Portland Police Bureau. I've been a police officer for 25 years and a member of many different groups and committees over that time. One of our difficulties is finding partners willing to engage in difficult, yet respectful, dialogue and do so from an informed perspective. It's very important to the police bureau to have policies and practices and training in line with what is important to the community. This can be difficult to determine when we're discussing emotionally charged issues such as use of force and racial profiling. We've created an environment that's based on trust, understanding and respect. This effective relationship allows us to have discussions from an informed perspective. Members in this group take the time to do what we do and why we think the way we do it, be it from history, training or personal experiences. The group is able to build understandings and change mind sets and make informed recommendations and changes. I feel like the work of the CPRC has just become. We've worked on racial profiling issues and issues between community and law enforcement and customs and the result of this process will be thoughtful and informed recommendations that will better help the police bureau's policies and practices and trainings to be in line with community expectations and I look forward to the continued work of the of the CPRC. I see this committee as one of the most effective venues for creating healing and promoting genuine

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respect and understanding in community relations. I thank you for your continued support and I'll introduce Daryl Kelly, he's one of the community members on the CPRC.

**Daryl Kelly:** Thank you, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak. Being a part of CPRC has allowed me an opportunity to build relationships with the police officers in the community and have a dialogue with different ways to be effective. And I've had the opportunity to talk with new recruits to the Portland Police Bureau and with the relationship with the black community and the history and the pain felt through the black community for different incidents that have happened with the police bureau. Such as shootings that have happened over the past year, officer-involved shootings with African American members of the community and working on ways to build the relationships within the black community and how we view the police within the community, such as the use of force, how people in the community feel police officers are on the out to -- and in understanding that it's also the community's responsibility, the African American community, speaking for my community, responsibility to go forth and build relationships with the police officers and so they can move forward and we take a huge step forward but when something happens bad with the police officers, it's a huge step back. They're under a huge microscope. They get a lot of scrutiny for the things they do that are bad and communicating that with people in the community. This committee has been slept for me and allowed me to open my eyes to the difficulties that surround the jobs of police officers and also to take it back to the community and communicate that with people close to me. I grew up in northeast Portland and I was a part of gangs and went on to college and worked at Portland state university as an advisory to youth and I have pain in my heart and being part of this has allowed me an opportunity to grow and take students out, 10 students out with police officers and do golfing for the day which was an immeasurable experience where we got to see officers out of their uniforms and get to know them as fun people. It's an excellent opportunity, excellent thing that I feel that the police bureau is doing a better job with the community relations. And I got pulled over the other day, the cop was real nice. He still gave me a ticket. But extremely nice --

**Leonard:** That's my experience as well. [laughter]

**Kelly:** But the experience has been a lot better. I wasn't expecting the worst from him as I did in the past. But to take it more public and into the community with the support of the city of Portland, the mayor, the commissioners, I believe will be a good thing to put the positive aspects of our police, our police community as well as the community at large in the city of Portland, including all police branches the sheriffs, the Portland police, the police at Portland state university, will be a great thing for this community so we can heal heal this problem that we have and bridge the gap between the police community and our community as a whole. With the fun events with did with the students, I believe we have to start with the youth. Because sometimes the problems with the adults are hard to heal, with our youth, if we reach out to them, I believe we can start heal and make things better. I appreciate the opportunity to speak and the officers that come in and spend time with us and listen to us and sometimes we banter back and forth, but we move forward and it's been a real productive process. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Mr. Turner, Chief O'Dea and Mr. López, thank you very much for your work on this committee. It's ground breaking and it's one meeting at a time and conversation at a time and one golf game at a time. Thank you very much u thank you very much.

**Fry:** Thank you for the three of you sharing your words and I have the privilege of also serving on the CPRC. You guys will hear me use the word "privilege" often because this work is such a privilege. I heard Chief O'Dea mention it feels like our work has just begun and even though we're years into this work, it's rich and it's rewarding and there's so much more we can do to strengthen relationships between community and police and I'm looking forward to in our future work to take going out in the community more and providing our -- having our meetings held in public space so the community can really see that sometimes the perspective that the community holds and the

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reality of the work we're doing is in two different places and real, we're working for a common goal and it's rich and rewarding work. One of the other things we're doing as a commission is the intergroup dialogue on race and racism and this is reaching out in the community and really having an impact on our individual community members who are engaging in the work and so I'd like to introduce Emily Gottfried, who chairs the committee of intergroup understanding and Emily Sitnick. Welcome.

\*\*\*\*\*: Good morning.

**Fritz:** Welcome.

**Emily Gottfried:** The committee for intergroup understanding, or CIU, has focused on nurturing the dialogue focused on race. How a person's enter most feelings about race affect our community. Dialogue group members work through commonalities and differences and pain and uncomfortable realization to come to a greater understand what it means to be a person of color, or a white person right now here in Portland. The intergroup dialogue process honors the need for healing around the past and present oppression. And believe that these dialogues will truly make a difference in our community. They already are making a difference through sustained intergroup dialogue community members can do the important work of addressing conflict and promoting the creation of a just society. In the fall of 2009, 22 people, including many of those in the audience today, received intense training to become facilitators for these dialogues. Several human rights commissioners, including me were part of this initial group. As trainees, we're now facilitators for the dialogue group that's formed. More than 100 community members from a wide range of community groups will have participated in eight different dialogues by the end of June and more are more are planned for 2011 and beyond. A new train the trainer program is a plan to -- a planned next step in this process so that many more people will be able to facilitate a growing number of dialogue groups. As past evaluation process, interviewed participants in the dialogue group after the close of each series. I interviewed 13 people myself. These were amazing, sometimes two-hour conversations with people about this dialogue process. Through those interviews I heard how deeply so many of the dialogue members were affected by their experiences. Here are a few quotes. "I'm hopeful. The dialogues are a reminder that are people actively working on this important issue. I'm proud of our group because we are continuing, we were just starting to get to the nitty-gritty of difficult situations and prejudices and we need to build courage together." "Everyone should go through at least one experience like this." another person: "The experience will change the way you see things." another: "I don't see a lot of people of color in every day life but now I'm for comfortable when I do. Now I can see a potential friend rather than this person is different." and finally: "The dialogues are planting the seed, we have to nurture it." It's been an enormous success. As commissioner Fritz mentioned, the Human Rights Commission recommended that the program move from the current volunteer lead model to be an ongoing thing. To break down the barriers of racism. With the intergroup dialogue moving out of our purview, we're now beginning to plan for other activities related to our mission and look forward to reporting to you next year about those endeavors but now you're going to hear the direct words from dialogue participants. From Emily and will and Officer Jim Quackenbush.

**Emily Sitnick:** My name is Emily Sitnick. Thanks for allowing me to speak. I'm a little nervous so bear with me. I've lived in Portland my whole life and experienced segregation and apathy toward the division of races here. Starting in grade school. Sorry. And while Portland may be seen as a progressive liberal and green city, as a person of color, I experienced isolation in my everyday life based on the color of my skin and I can only speak from my own personal experience but I can tell you it's been a hard, sometimes painful but ultimately really rewarding experience for me and I'm honored to have been able to participate through OHR. I'm aware of the typical characters of Latinos. I spent 4 years of my life feeling like I needed to separate myself from my ethnicity because I was embarrassed how images of wetbacks and beaners and illegals reflected upon myself.



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Because of that I was helpless and powerless to interrupt racism in my own world. The separation caused pain which turns into my inability to have any kind of healing dialogue regarding race relations and racism in my community. Being able to regain my own sense of power and personal awareness is a priceless gift. I'm talking about a decisive power as a Latina. Simply being able to take back this power and ownership of my -- ownership and engage in dialogue about race relationship relations is a complete 180 from where I was a year ago. It creates opportunities for progressive movements to the enormous consequences of racism. This is about standing up for yourself and your community wherever you see injustice. This experience will stay with me for the rest of my life and I hope to use these dialogues as a tool for growth.

**Will Fuller:** I want to say thank you for funding the Office of Human Relations intergroup dialogues. I was in the first group back in February of last year, among people of different racial groups. Today I want to share with you what I got from the experience on three levels. First, myself as a individual. Second what the effect it's had on me in my neighborhood and finally the potential effects on the city as a whole. As an individual, I learned new ways to deal with racism. I have an unusually wide variety of experiences around race, so it's hard to teach in old dog new tricks so I when I say I learned new tricks, new things about myself and others in these dialogues, that's saying something. As a neighbor, and as chair of the southwest neighborhoods schools committee, encouraged and guided by what I learned in these dialogue, I helped to bring about an evening of intercultural sharing of family stories within southwest Portland residents and eighth grade students at Jackson Gray and where they came away with a appreciation of the cultural diversity in this city. Institutional racism in Portland is as strong as anywhere I have lived, including the south. But it's often shown as a Portland polite averting of the eyes, a cultural unseeing, that does not depend on racism to promote racism. Effect I antiracism programs here require means that fit our particular specific sorts of racism. These dialogues, with their carefully constructed mix of comfort and confrontation, provide a safe place for people to be natural with enough positive stress that people can reach the learning edge of their comfort zones. In short, these dialogues provide an important new tool in the vital ongoing effort to end racism in Portland. Thank you.

**Gottfried:** Jim? This is Officer Jim Quackenbush, a fellow facilitator and a dialoguer.

**James Quackenbush, Portland Police Bureau:** Esteemed members of Portland city council. I'm Officer Jim Quackenbush of the Portland Police Bureau and I come before you, the intergroup dialogue program, I have the honor of being selected as both a participant and facilitator for the program in September 2009. Since then, I'm happy to report that extensive training has taken place to prepare those of us in the program. Curriculum developed and alliances formed and further recruitment pursued. Numerous groups have met and made commitments to come together for positive social change. The healing process has begun. I've been a police officer for the citizens in north Portland for 12 years. I chose to work in north Portland because of the incredible challenges I saw within the African American community and sought to help create a safe community. Free of gang warfare and crack cocaine. More than anything, I longed to restore trust between the African American community and their civil servants, I wanted to be ally, not adversaries. And I've witnessed countless challenges. I've watched the gentrification. And I've seen the physical and psychological carnage that results from deadly police encounters for all of us and there are no winners in these scenario, we all lose. However, I've seen families reunited and addictions overcome. I assure you that they do occur and with enough frequency to make police work worthwhile and I've seen trust gained and camaraderie developed and the bonds that are formed are interpersonal and one-on-one and occur over time and this progress is also unlikely to make the evening news. Finally, the most dramatic strides have been within the context of the intergroup dialogue. You have a model of 12 committee strangers. Half identify as people of color and half as white and we talk. But this is not just about a polite conversation or a heated argument someone is trying to win. It's about truly seeking to understand one another and repairing and building up a

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relationship and realizing we all come from a good place. It is the impact of our actions that we need to reevaluate, not our intent. So as we continue this important work into 2011, I would like to thank every one of you once again for your support of the program. As the African American community continues to reach out to the police bureau, I am convinced this is an effective vehicle for our conversation. I'll continue to wait at the table and anticipate great things. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you all very much. Emily, if somebody wants to get involved, how would they do that?

**Gottfried:** We're just setting up a couple of new dialogues which are to begin one next week -- is that correct? Where is Sophie? One is beginning Saturday and one is beginning the following week and all they have to do is contact the Office of Human Relations.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much.

**Fry:** Well, sharing of our stories and the work we've been engaged in just brings a smile to my face, it warms my heart, it brings a tear to my eye because I've had the privilege of being involved with so many aspects of this. I feel uncomfortable being up here alone -- a lone soldier in front of you and want to take a minute to ask everyone to stand in the room who have been involved in the work we're doing. I'm grateful for the office of human relations to build these strong relations between our community. I didn't mean stand but I want to acknowledge all of people in the room who participated. Raise your hands, please. [applause] Thank you so much. So in conclusion, I've written some words that. Human rights encompass a wide variety the rights. Universal and moral. Portland has undergone dramatic changes in the last 25 years and look forward to similar changes in the next 25 years. It's a city of much greater diversity and combination of cultures and religions and beliefs and experiences and traditions that have immensely enriched the cultures and lives and the economy and future of our city. Human rights attaches to all people equally by virtue of humanity.

Irrespective of race or social group and it's the one thing we have in common. I think our dedicated staff, led by director Maria Johnson, who continue to help us reach out in the community and deeper explore and highlight human rights within our city, I look forward to working with each of you individually and hopefully, more closer and personal levels in the come years and invite you to come and participate in our meetings as well. Human rights begin within our homes and within our schools, our workplace and within the neighborhoods that we live in. There are different ways of protecting human rights and this commission is committed to helping our city be conscious of the way we're upholding these rights. Last year, I provided testimony to city council which recognized that as a city, nationally, we're known for our progressive way, our commitment to sustainability and as a green city. And I challenge wouldn't it be wonderful if we were known as a city of equity and we're making strides and moving in that direction together as community members and elected officials. I am wondering now to add to that, wouldn't it be wonderful if we were known nationally also for a city that's accountable to our human rights? As individual city members. With that, we look forward to the work ahead, to the sustaining the rights of future generations and the work we're doing today is vision work. It's long lasting and I'm grateful we're here to work toward that together. Thank you for the time.

**Leonard:** Well, I want to say this was a very impressive hearing today. And I was sitting here remembering when we created the human rights commission under the leadership of mayor potter, that one of the discussion points that had been tried before at the county and city level and was dissolved because of a lack of interest, I guess, is the best way to put it. I was trying to figure out how we could have this kind of impassioned testimony, pair that up with there being no interest and I think the answer is that while there have been other attempts to bring the community together, but they've -- what they've lacked is an effective and impassioned political leadership which commissioner Fritz brings to the task and I think that the future for the human rights commission probably wouldn't have had a different outcome but for the impassion of the leadership that

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commissioner Fritz brings to this assignment and I know we all recognize that on council and I appreciate it. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you, and to follow up, I think part of my passion is empowering citizens to do the good work they do. And part of my learning curve was to realize how independent the human rights commission is and figure out how the office of human relations as a city bureau can foster and support citizens in doing what you do so well and I'm honored to be associated with the human rights commission and it's an odd role for a champion to recognize that you're completely independent and that's the way I can best support you. And I want to recognize the leadership of Maria Lisa Johnson, who had a similarly challenging role in being responsive to me as her city commissioner and to the Human Rights Commission and having the input into the work and it's a collaborative process and an example of the dialogue groups starting as an initiative off the Human Rights Commission and all of us realizing this needs to be something that the city staff need to do and I thank you for taking that on. Paula, worked with our immigrant refugee communities and the new Portlanders into city processes and extremely helpful in peace building and knowledge of different issues and we're small but mighty and we showed what a few staff can do and yet I echoed Donita's desire that we cannot be truly a sustainable city in economics and environmental unless we're also socially sustainable and recognize equity and accountability to each other as core component of what we fundamentally believe and how do we evidence that and how do we institutionalize is it not the right word but how do we make that part of who we are and behave and help us become the greatest people we can be. Does anyone want to testify in addition --

**Leonard:** I was going to say Karla points out we're not going to be the last speakers on the subject. We have a list of people to testify. So I misunderstood. So go ahead.

**Moore-Love:** Six people signed up. The first three please come on up.

**Leonard:** Good morning.

**Mike Crebs, Portland Police Bureau:** Good morning, commissioners. I'm Mike Krebs. The transit police of the Portland Police Bureau. I've been a member of the CPRC since inception. It's money well spent and it's been a enjoyable time and there's candid dialogue and by us going there and meeting, I think the leaders on the committee take the information back to their particular organization and I think it spreads itself far and wide and so even though it's a small group, I think it has -- the tentacles go far and wide to have a impact on the entire Portland community. I want to thank Maria Lisa Johnson. I met her about two years ago. I am impressed with her whole crew over there and it's money well spent for you folks. I would ask you to continue to support their organization and the CPRC because it has an impact on our community. So thank you.

**Nathan Holst:** I'm Nathan Holst and I'm humbled by the testimony that came before and I just have a couple of things to add to that, I guess. Over the last year and a half I've been a part of the process that you've heard about. I feel it's just beginning to bloom and I was also part of the 2009, joined 20 folks trained as intergroup dialogue facilitators. It was a intense learning process but felt like a good starting block to begin community dialogue that winter. Because we had more facilitators than groups, I joined as a participant and completed the eight-week experience. Though the dialogue itself was rich with learning moments, sometimes gentle and sometimes painful, it was what came after that had the most lasting impact object me. After we finished, a good majority of us decided to continue to meet twice a month to continue the dialogue and get to know one another better. We decided to rotate who facilitated each dialogue so we would each have a chance to lead and practice facilitating. A year later, we're still meeting and built lasting friendships and common commitments to social he can quilt. As a white person, I feel my friends of color close to me when I see racism happen before me and when I'm courageous choose to interrupt it. And we're considering what concrete action we might take together to work for racial justice. It's an exciting time to be involved with the dialogues and I wanted to just say thank you for the support you give to the program and it's really an investment in a healthier community.

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**Leonard:** Thank you, Nathan.

**Allan Lazo:** Good morning, thanks for the opportunity to provide this update about work of the human rights commission. I'm Allan Lazo, one of the trained facilitators in the intergroup dialogue program and I sat in this same place about 12 months ago as part of the office of human relations budget advisory committee and at that point, spoke to you about my involvement with the intergroup dialogue program and I was just about to be appointed to the human rights commission and I completed the facilitation training but had not yet facilitated a dialogue series. And a year later, I'm here to tell you what a year it's been for me. If part of what you're doing this morning is to mark the succession of the human rights commission and if part of your expectation of how we measure that success includes the work for defecting for vulnerable communities and engaging members of our diverse communities and inspiring them to take action to improve intercultural relations in the city, then I can do nothing but call this past year a resounding success. I can speak passionately about my own experiences over the past year and as someone who has lived and worked and played in the city of Portland for 40 years. I sat in this room about a year ago and realized I had never been in the Portland city council chambers in 40 years and since that time, this is my third visit. Over the past year as a member the human rights commission, I've sat with members of the public to continue to educate ourselves, toxic environment for people of color as pointed out from the report of coalitions of communities of color. Labor trafficking and the joint terrorism taskforce and on to immigration. We, together with the public, have analyzed the effects of -- the homelessness and immigrants to our country. But the most important work has been the intergroup dialogue and I've cofacilitated two intergroup dialogues and sat in dialogue with people among many organizations, city of Portland, the Portland police bureau and neighborhood associations and people from every corner, from far outreach stretches of Portland to near Portland and outer Portland. I've heard people walk away and talk about never forgetting the experience they've gotten in the dialogues and using it every day. I didn't want to leave without taking the opportunity to thank you for the wonderful and fulfilling work I've had and couldn't have done this work without the support of this body and the support of commissioner Fritz and her office and especially for the work and dedication Maria Lisa and her staff.

**Leonard:** Why don't you start, dr. Frankel.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Good morning.

**Herman M. Frankel:** I'm Dr. Herman Frankel. My wife Ruth and I have been living and working and playing and celebrating in Portland since 1965. In addition to thanking you for your courage and integrity in establishing and supporting the office of human relations and the human rights committee and in addition to wanting to join in the celebration of the work that they have been doing and its members have been doing, I want to bring us back to just a few days over three years ago, 16th, 2008, I remember a hearing at Jefferson High School and an remember saying at that time, and I won't lead news song at today's meeting --

**Leonard:** I make no such promises. [laughter]

**Frankel:** I remember saying that if we're going to focus on promoting human rights, we need to start with -- a remember we had displayed on the walls of the auditorium, the declaration of human rights beginning with the affirmation that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and reason and conscious and need to act toward one another in a spirit of brotherhood. [speaking foreign language] in Arabic, the sentence begins: [speaking foreign languages] Chinese -- Japanese. All human beings. And this was when we first -- we burst into song. And that's what you are facilitating and making possible for the members and allies of the Office of Human Relations and Human Rights Commission and the staffs to be facilitating in the community. And for that, I want to thank you. From the bottom of my heart. Because that's what it's all about. Every day, starting in Portland, every one of us needs to continue working together to make the world a better place, one interaction at a time. Thank you.

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**Leonard:** Dr. Frankel. Abdul.

**Abdul Majidi:** Good morning, commissioners. My name is Abdul Majidi. I'm a member of the Human Rights Commission. I really appreciate and thank a lot our community that brought forward to your council, the attention and needs of the commission as this one. The human rights commission and I with like to applaud and recognize that mayor tom potter and the commissioners at that time there and the new commissioners for carrying on that and making sure that this commission existed with -- and will continue to exist. I would like not to remind us or bring to our attentions, we know what's happening now in the world, Tunisia and Egypt and who knows, Algeria or others -- but this spreads out quickly. Especially in today's technology. People have been asking for years and years, asking for simple things as freedom of speech. To be recognize the freedom of living and also education of for us here, we take it as a given but in other countries they fight for it daily. How many died for that reason, just to survive every day and learn and educate and share what they think. So I think it's important to thank you so much for offering that to our community. We're not there yet, like the lady mentioned earlier, that's Portland from outside -- it was another commission, Washington, human rights, when I went to move to Portland, some of the commissioner members sat me down and said are you sure. Open mindedness -- no, let me show you the map. It scared me. But at the same time, energized me more to come to Portland. The first thing I heard when I came to Portland, do we have a human rights commission. No. I was excited when I heard it's coming back and I really appreciate you for that. I had a visitor from -- multiple visitors, I assist with the visitors international and the department of state and others entities in Portland and one was from the united nations office of human rights. And before he left to New York and back to Vienna, the first question. Abdul, do you have a Human Rights Commission here? And I said, yes. And the first thing he asked me, is it appointed by political entities. I he said, how independent? And I said very independent. And he said that's what I will take back about Portland and an Iraqi group asked me the same question: How is -- how do you feel here as a Muslim, a Arab, a citizen of this community and I had to share with them how I feel and how independent we are as a community and we are still not there yet. I applaud all of you. Thank you, Amanda Fritz. And I'm going overtime. Thank you very much.

**Leonard:** Thank you, abdul.

**Mike O'Callaghan:** Thank you, commissioners. I like the word e-racism. Isn't that nice? While I was there last time, I was doing a poll of homelessness and I've got 75 people and polled 15 of them actually, five-to-one is the standard and whatever number you get, multiple it by five and you know how many people are sleeping outside. Another thing, while I was in jail, I was abducted twice by the Portland police department and I polled the people in jail. How many homeless people do you put through here at night? One said 40 a night. Another said 20-30 per shift. Just some stats. Ok? My issue is due process. Don't have it. Ok? All of these activities are criminal on my behalf: Sleeping gear, tent, tarp, any structure, sleeping under bridges, cooking, having a fire, public excretion, drinking alcohol, public sex, sitting in certain areas and failure to obey. I'm by definition a criminal. Subjected at any time to any authority's harassment. Due process. I don't have time to really explain the entire thing. Due process protects us from you. We, the people, from government. Government, if it's alleged we have violated the law, it's incumbent on government to give us a citation. It's defined by the state of Oregon by statute. Give me a citation, it cites a law that says I violated and gives me appeal rights. In the 16 months that parks has been harassing me, they have never issued me a citation. Neither has the Portland police department. I would like to go down a list of these hate crimes I've been subjected to against the poor. Due process through parks exclusion and the failure to give citations and theft of property, lawful arrests, twice. Unlawful search and seizure going in my tent and seizing and going through my paperwork. Theft by police of my Cadillac shack out in front of city hall on October 18th. Illegal seizure of property. Move it or we'll steal it notices. I've saved seven of them. None of them have authority of law.

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No citation on them. Unlawful harassment in the silver bullet. I expressed that to you. 16 contacts with officers. The department of parks two years failures to control their employees and repeated violations of my civil rights and failure to stay pending appeal, park exclusions resulted in another – I've been incarcerated and taken to jail twice and haven't been given a citation. I've sued you people and talked to your office for a year and a half and they have failed to control your employee. That is unfortunate. Ok? They came, the police, and parks, posted a notice on my shack where I live, and they came yesterday and destroyed my house. No lawful authority.

**Leonard:** Want to wrap it up, mike?

**O'Callaghan:** Thank you.

**Leonard:** Thank you very much. Anyone else on the list, Karla?

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

**Leonard:** Karla, please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Well, thank you, Mr. O'Callahan we have many challenges still and people who feel challenges in our city and I want to thank the sidewalk advisory committee and this report can while it seems like a lot of work already, it only scratches the surface of the processes and issues that the human rights commission is engaged in and I thank you, thank you, thank you, for all of your work.

It's amazing work by volunteers and coming here on a Wednesday morning is a significant dedication and donation of your time. And I greatly appreciate the fact that the Human Rights Commission, this Human Rights Commission is acknowledged as an entity that's working and we want to encourage and work with. Mr. Majidi, I apologize for missing your name and Mr. Kelly, what I've learned in two years as the commissioner who the liaison to the Human Rights Commission, we need to listen to each other's parts and we listen to the words and work through how the words are perceived and that's important. And if -- some people might say we've got 100 people in the dialogue group. 560,000 people in the city that's dropping the bucket but those people are going to talk to the 10 people and those will talk to 10 people and we don't change hearts and minds by the five of us on the council enacting policies. What we do with the five of us on the council and following from mayor potter's leadership, we support and fund the things that we believe with you are going to help get to where we need to be. I know that mayor Adams is very disappointed he wasn't able to be here today. He's in Spain helping to -- with our economic development needs to keep jobs in Portland, which, again, that's a fundamental need that everybody has. Is to have meaningful work, whether paid or unpaid. For many folks it needs to be paid. So that's where he is. I remember the conversation that he and I had before he was mayor and before I was a commissioner, we were -- he said the human rights commission and the office of human relations needs to focus attention and it's so important and I know I'm going to be so busy I'm not going to be able to give the attention it deserves and that's when I asked to have that responsibility and honor. Because it's been a lot of work, as I said, there's four employees, that's not many staff to do the work that needs to be done for 550,000 people. I thank Dora Perry in my office. Been almost a fifth staff person, supporting the human rights commission and going to many, many meetings and being my right-hand woman which is amazing and I'm blessed by that also. And thank you to the police, thank you for being here this morning and the conversations that are happening on every level. That we don't hear about when we're discussing the independent police review or the strategies that have happened. This is part -- the tragedies that have happened. We're just scraping the surface. There's a lot of good things happening in Portland. Thank you for your time in sharing your experiences that is part of the wonderful complexion that we are as Portlanders and the many different colors and fabric of our society makes us a richer place and we need to celebrate that and encourage the processes to continue to move forward and to be expanded. We are only just starting in this work and we all recognize that so I'm going to be looking for ways to further support the work of the human rights commission and thank you to Maria Johnson for your leadership in some trying time. You wouldn't think we could make this much progress in the

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middle of a recession and when so many you are out of work and desperate for putting food on their table, I think this is an example of how volunteers recognize the needs that must be taken care of, especially in a recession, and many others recognize that we are -- we will float or sink together. It's -- we cannot be a whole society where some are successful and prosperous and safe and others not and your work on the Human Rights Commission is greatly appreciated and thank you for bringing this report. I'm not sure, am I supposed to move the report? I move we accept the report.

**Leonard:** Second.

**Item 134 roll.**

**Fritz:** And I vote aye and with great honor.

**Fish:** Thank you. First, I want to thank each of the members of the commission for being with us today and the powerful presentation. I believe in my tenure on the council, it's the first time we've had an annual report that we've heard from as many of the commissioners with stories accompanying the report. It's one thing to read a report, but that can be quite dry. To actually hear from you and hear your passion and your stories as well is very powerful. So I think it's made a big impact on us and I hope many people who are watching or listening to this as well. Thank you. I think Randy said it best when he singled out Amanda for our praise for being the champion on council for this whole endeavor. Tom Potter was a champion and now Amanda is our champion. As I've learned, nothing gets done around here without a champion on council and thank you, Amanda for the time and commitment you and your team put into this. I want to just say something about Donita. It actually relates to what we heard today from two people who testified. What we at council on a regular basis. Which is, we like to think we're working earnestly to make progress and frankly, it's hard to get up every morning if we didn't think every day we're doing something to get to a better place. But that's different than saying we have solved our problems. But we still need to have that sense of inspiration that comes from -- from every day believing that you're making a difference. Well, every day you're making a difference. I think all of my colleagues believe every day sincerely we're trying to make a difference. About but what we often here is from people who are impartial with the pace of progress. And that's powerful. That's protected by the first amendment and also very important we not become complacent. Because, for example, we have a 10-year plan to end homelessness but we've not ended it. And there's an overlay of homelessness involving mental health that we've not begun to get our hands around. But we listen and engage and show respect and try to bring progress. And that brings me to Donita. Without going too deep, what I learned as parks commissioner when I took over a couple years ago, there was some deep history and some significant miscommunication between two great communities. I'm referring to the Native American community and the professionals that run our great system and we have wonderful people who run our parks bureau. They're dedicated and do great work and believe me, you look at other cities, we have fewer resources and we're asked to do more. For want of a better term, there was a misunderstanding and we were talking past each other. And so I was invited to a listening session. As a first step. And a listening session for an elected official is quite an experience. We're highly trained in shifting and counter-flecting and I'm not talking just about Randy, I'm talking about all of us. [laughter] so when you're told to come to a meeting and say nothing but just to receive what's said and listen in earnest and humbly to what is said and not thinking about how do I respond, how do I question, how do I clarify? But listen. That's a powerful thing and begins to open your mind and heart to a different experience, a different perspective. And from the listening session, and to further dialogue came an important event and it speaks to why I have such great confidence in Donita's leadership of this body. When we opened a park in south waterfront and burn turned out there was controversy over the naming of the park and the things we did in Carruthers park. What she offered to do was speak at the ribbon-cutting to the conflict generated and provide historical context and I didn't know what to expect and I frankly did not know her well. She had the microphone and could say whatever she wanted. She gave a passionate and profound

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talk about the history of the native people predating the Carruthers and whose land this once was and how it changed and a reminder we need to be cognizant of that history when we deal with our land and I got more positive feedback from people who said she had turned potentially a conflict into a learning opportunity for all of us and enriched the opening that you gave us, this -- this -- in a sense, a history lesson but placed the whole event in a larger context. So that's what we're trying to do here. But it takes inspired leadership. So I want to say, Donita, thank you for all of work you've done, on this body, but independently to help us get to a better place as a city and continue that learning process and again to commissioner Fritz for her leadership moving this forward. And it's a pleasure and honor to have your report today and an thank you for your service. Aye.

**Leonard:** Thank you. Aye. [gavel pounded] We do not have the necessary quorum to do the consent agenda, but there's a request to pull item 140. So we'll --

**Moore-Love:** 141.

**Leonard:** Is it 140 and 141?

**Fritz:** And this is usually where mayor Adams says you're welcome to stay and watch democracy in action. [laughter] As a further reminder, the folks watching if you're interested in participating in any of these programs go to [Portlandonline.com](http://Portlandonline.com) and there's a link from my website.

**Leonard:** Karla, could you read items 140 and 141. Did you do 141 too?

**Items 140 and 141.**

**Leonard:** Brief summary, matt.

**Matt Grumm, Commissioner Saltzman's Office:** The first is allowing us to go get a contract to start -- inflow control process. Estimated \$620,000, that's a high confidence, and that will come back to us as a second reading and that's the second reading.

**Leonard:** 141 is a second reading. The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize a contract with the lowest well head, retrofit phase two. The project is needed to remove sediments and pollutants by runoff from the public streets. The level of confidence is high. Thank you to Stu in the office for providing that information. Karla, please call the roll.

**Fish:** What is this? 141?

**Leonard:** 140. I'm sorry, 141.

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

**Leonard:** Aye. And 140 moves to a second reading. 142, Karla.

**Item 142.**

**Leonard:** Good morning.

**Lance Lindahl, Bureau of Transportation:** Good morning, I'm Lance Lindahl with the Bureau of Transportation right-of-way acquisitions section. I'm here to introduce -- this is a city-initiated street vacation to construct the emergency coordination center in southwest Portland and calls for the vacation of a one-block segment of bush and southeast bush street will be relocated.

**Leonard:** Thank you. Questions?

**Fritz:** There was a -- several concerns raised by the neighborhood in this process and as an aside, I appreciate that that street vacation is coming after the conditional use review so that that's the right way to do a street vacation, you get the land use issues taken care of in the conditional use process and then come in with the street vacation. My first question, did anyone appeal the land use decision in December?

**Lindahl:** Wendy collie from transportation development review is here.

**Leonard:** I'm seeing a no.

**Fritz:** That was not appealed?

**Lindahl:** I do not believe so.

**Fritz:** There were issues that the neighborhood is concerned about. Loss of on street parking and i'm wondering if there could be some capacity that the current condition of approval allows parking



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in the new lot for neighbors after hours and on weekends. Is there any capacity for having some of those spaces be available to -- a small number, I think four spaces lost.

**Lindahl:** My understanding.

**Fritz:** Could there be any designation either there or maybe even in the park or -- for some designated spaces for neighbors to be able to park? During the work day? There isn't a safety concern parking there during the work day. It's more of a capacity issue?

**Lindahl:** That's my understanding. I'm hoping they can address that.

**Leonard:** I would point out it's the facility we'll have the emergency operations center at and I imagine there's a issue of security at some point.

**Fritz:** It's the -- it's not the secure parking lot. It's the open parking lot and there's a agreement as a condition of approval that the neighbors get to park in the lot after 5:00 p.m. And weekends and holidays since it's a 24/7, 365 facility, I can't imagine that would have been approved.

**Leonard:** I saw the same email and the neighborhood association does support the project and did raise concerns but I guess I'm not comfortable us making changes to a process that involved some negotiations here because I -- I think we have to be careful that the facility is one open, available to city personnel because we could have a -- whatever -- that would require a number of people to drive out there, including the council, and park. So I don't know what the give-and-take has been until now and I'm reluctant to change that.

**Lindahl:** Right, yes. Dave? Have Dave Gray and Jim from the Office of Finance and Management, I know there's a complex set of negotiations o with the neighborhood on this very issue.

**David Gray, Portland Water Bureau:** Good morning, I'm David Gray, I'm a project manager working on the emergency coordination center for the city.

**Jim Coker, Office of Management and Finance:** Jim Coker, project manager with the office of budget and finance.

**Gray:** To answer your question, commissioner Fritz, you know the availability of parking, for park users during the day, in our experience, during the work week, during those hours, there's ample parking available -- ample parking.

**Fritz:** I think the concern was the neighbor, there would be so much parking in the streets and not sure there's the capacity for them to park their cars.

**Gray:** You know, the process we've gone through is we've been working with the current staff out of the 9-1-1 center and trying to work through different scenarios to maximize use of on-site parking by one example is -- is we had a condition where we had several of the city facility receives trucks parked in the north parking lot and it was just a -- just the shift change that when the 9-1-1 call takers were coming to work for the day shift, all of those trucks were still parked in the north parking lot, only for a short period of time before that staff came on board and went out into the field to do their work. So what we've done is we're looking for all kinds of opportunities, so like during the construction when there's going to be -- there will be congestion in the neighborhood, those service trucks will park out on 99th avenue where currently no parking. Therefore, allowing all of the 9-1-1 staff to maximize the use of that north parking lot. So it's going to be a work in progress and we're looking for opportunities to provide as much on-street parking for the neighbors as we can. It's our intention to be a good neighbor in the neighborhood. So another example is we had an opportunity -- we started out with a net loss of nine on-street parking spots and we were able to find an opportunity by widening a short section of southwest bush between 100th and 101st, we were able to pick up five additional on-street parking spots so we've really done everything we can and we will continue to look for opportunities to try to find -- you know, always try to maximize on-street parking.

**Fritz:** Is there safety concerns with having neighbors parking in the south lot?

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**Gray:** I don't think so, the way that the south parking lot is designed, we'll have half the parking lot will be a secured lot where we can always have the opportunity to -- through pass keys to secure that area. The south half of that parking lot is going to be open. And unlocked at all hours. Although it will be -- you know, patrolled by our security staff.

**Fritz:** That's where neighbors can park after hours and on weekends?

**Gray:** Yes.

**Fritz:** I'm concerned because the approval criterion I have to vote on for the street vacation, there's no need for the street for transportation needs which to me, includes parking. So if we're saying there's a need for four more spaces I'm wondering how I can vote to approve the street vacation knowing, in fact, we're losing four on-street parking spaces. The one thing I was wondering, whether we could see how the parking goes -- I mean, could there be, for instance, four spaces in the unsecured lot that would be available to neighbors if they weren't being used by facility staff? Could we designate four spots if not used those would be a no-tow, for example, you said you've got security patrolling during the day to make sure that neighbors are not parking in that lot.

**Coker:** That's something that we can certainly explore. And we have -- we are very aware of this issue, we've tried very hard to gain as many on-street and off-street parking spaces as possible. A couple of things I might add to what Dave was mentioning is the south lot, as it exists now is informally used by the public during evenings and weekends. A lot of people don't know it's available for their use. As part of the proposed project, we're going to put a sign up at the entry to that parking lot in English and Spanish, making it very clear to everyone that it is available during those off-hours. So that should help maximize the use of that lot, which would reduce the effect of parking on the street to the community. Another thing we're doing that's part of the condition of approval through the conditional use process is we're issuing a policy to all employees of both the existing 9-1-1 center as well as the proposed ECC center, asking them to use the north parking lot as much as they can to reduce the demand on that south parking lot so that anyone that wants to use the south parking lot using it. And we do need a space for visitors to the building. People that come to the building for meetings. Handicap, that kind of thing. And we find oftentimes, particularly if the employees that are currently parking in the south lot do park in the north lot there would be space available. And we will not -- the city would not tow people that are parking there on -- an interim basis if there are spots available and they're using the park for some period of time. To designate spots for the public that's something that we can certainly look into.

**Fritz:** You could look to putting visitor signs up for four spaces. That would -- that would satisfy my concern and also, if there could be a six month or a year follow-up with the neighborhood associations after the center's in operation to check back and see, you know, how is it going.

**Coker:** We, as another condition of approval to the conditional use process, we have something like that in place. Particularly for the on-street parking.

**Fritz:** Ok.

**Coker:** Along the new bush street alignment to revisit with the community to see how that's working for them. So we can make any revisions to that as well.

**Fritz:** What's the time frame for that?

**Coker:** It's not defined in the conditions of approval. So that could be --

**Fritz:** Might be at the request of the neighborhood association.

**Coker:** I think that's how it's worded now.

**Fritz:** Ok. I'm satisfied. Thank you for your work and for agreeing to look into the visitors spots.

**Leonard:** Further questions? Anyone signed up to testify?

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

**Leonard:** Call the roll.

**Moore-Love:** This is a non-emergency.

**Leonard:** Passes to second reading. 143. Second reading.

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**Item 143.**

**Leonard:** Please call the roll.

**Fritz:** Thank you to mayor Adams and chair Cogen for reaching agreements on this funding plan and Eric Johansen. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye. [gavel pounded] 144, second reading.

**Item 144.**

**Leonard:** Please call the roll.

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

**Leonard:** Aye. [gavel pounded] council's adjourned until 2:00 p.m. today. [gavel pounded]

At 10:56 a.m., Council recessed.

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**FEBRUARY 9, 2011                      2:00 PM**

**Saltzman:** I want to welcome you to the 15th annual safety recognition day. I'm commissioner dan Saltzman, on my right is commissioner amanda Fritz and to my left is commissioner nick Fish. And today we take time out of our busy schedules to recognize city of Portland employees and partners who are working with the city for their efforts in safety throughout the year. There's only three of us to hand out all these awards, so we'll have to work extra hard, but it's worth it to honor the employees and our partners. The safety of all our employee assist important to everyone. We need to focus on preventing workplace accidents, injuries, and illnesses. We all benefit from that. So congratulations to all of you who are receiving awards today. And thank you for your many contributions to ensure the continued success of the city's safety program and lastly, thank you all for coming today to share in this celebration. So we're going to get right underway. I'm going to do the first award. This is the first category, significant loss reduction awards. Portland police bureau. For achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2010 against an average of the previous three fiscal years in the following categories. General liability reduced 28%. Fleet liability losses reduced 25%. So that's really good work. And congratulations chief, accepting on behalf of the bureau.

**Chief Mike Reese, Portland Police Bureau:** Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** The next award i'm handing out is to the office of management and finance to their safety committee. And i'll call out your name and if you're here, please come on up. We have gary baldwin, nicole guilfoy, paula wendorf, doug stickler, pal wallman, dale fessenden and carol timper. Feel free to gather around behind me while I read your accolades here. The omf safety committee continues to strengthen its activities including inspections following up on -- including inspections, following up on uncompleted inspection reports, recommendations, and then development of a track it incident analysis form. The committee continues to promote and sponsor safety break for Oregon and last year this event attracted over 80 omf employees. Thank you very much to the omf safety committee. [applause]

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I'm gary baldwin, chairman of this committee, and I would just like to express my appreciation to each and every one of my committee members for digging in and making such a successful year for us. And also to my supervisors and to jeff baer, who has been a great inspiration and support to us all. Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Thank you all. [applause] our next award, office of management and finance outstanding safety committee chairperson, gary baldwin. Come back up. [applause] gary, you serve as the chair of the omf safety committee. You have worked hard to get representation on the safety committee from key bureau and divisions within omf. And you've also spearheaded the safety break for Oregon event for the last two years. Activities included an introduction to the if itness center, blood pressure screening, how to use an aed device to save a life, emergency response at home, and the importance of wellness, fitness, and preventing on the job injuries and illnesses. Thank you for your leadership, gary. [applause] our next award is office of management and finance, safety chance paul wallman. Come on up. Told you you'd be proud of your dad. Paul is the operations manager for the omf bureau of internal business services/facilities service division. Paul has worked as the fire, life safety director for the past six years. Paul has also the author of the

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theme working hard at playing it safe for the 2009 statewide Oregon osha sponsored safety break for Oregon. So thank you paul for your many contributions to safety. Would you like to say a word or two? [applause] our next award goes to -- is the office of management and finance, our partners in prevention, and that's standard insurance company. Dan mcmillan and steve cooper, come on up here. Standard insurance company is being honored for the state at work capabilities of its workplace possibilities program. The standard insurance company developed the program to reduce the impact of injuries and emergencies at the workplace. Since last summer, the standard has helped the city with a number of work site modification projects. So dan, steve, and the standard insurance company, we thank you for helping the city keeping its valuable employees on the job. And thank you for all you do. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you everyone, thank you commissioner Saltzman. My name is dan mcmillan. We're very pleased to accept this award today and really on behalf of our 3100 employees, we are pleased to be recognized for this award. In part because we've invested a lot in this program, and standard being headquartered in Portland for the last hundred years and working with the city for a number of those years, it's particularly poignant and we really count you tops in our partners that we work with, particular recognition should go to my colleague steve cooper who has been instrumental in developing the program and instituting it here at the city. It's early in the program, we're seeing good results but we're really very excited about the possibilities as we move forward. So thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Our next award, office of management and finance, the printing and distribution safety committee award. The committee members, ron hadduck, lou reiniger, don bryans, juli schmidt and doug tobin. [applause] the printing and distribution has eliminated the use of hazardous chemicals in their operations with the exception of microfilm. This drastically reduces the amount of toxic waste generated and provides a much safer work environment. There have been no preventable accidents or injuries in the last year, and they continue to work hard to remain accident and injury free. So please join me in thanking the printing and distribution safety committee. [applause] our next award goes to office of management finance, bureau of technology services outstanding committee chairperson. Bob ochs. Hi, bob. Over the past few years, bob has spearheaded the creation of a bureauwide safety program as chair, bob has institute add loss prevention process and increased compliance with osha guidelines. Bob's passion and commitment to safety are clearly visible through his efforts and leadership as the safety committee chair. Thanks, bob. [applause] the next award category is again office of management and finance -- I already did this. Bts safety committee. We did that. No, we didn't. Sorry. The bts safety committee, jake bissell, mark darfler, mark depoe bay, dean erskine, mark ford, mary graham, philip holmstrand, dan jasper and bob ochs. They're all working. That was the right answer. [laughter] safely. In 2008, under the leadership of bob ochs, the bts leadership team create add safety committee inclusive of allocation and roles within bts. The committee has established a safety committee website ask completed a hazardous assessment of all facilities and resolved over 16 major safety issues. So again, thank you to the employee and to bob for your great work. [applause] the last award in office of management and finance is the city fleet, bankable ideas for safety. Dan smith and terry smith. So dan, supervisors dan smith and terry smith had two employee who's were injured on the job and were on light duty truck assignments while recovering from their injuries. These employees had difficulty lifting tires from the upper racks and transporting them to the tire removal machine. Dan and terry worked closely with melissa schnell of risk management to identify and purchase a piece of equipment now used by all employees to reduce risk of injury from handling tires. Thank you bob and terry for improving employee safety while saving the city money. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I'd just like to say i'm john hunt, the city fleet manager, and just accepting this on behalf of our employees, and really appreciate they look out for employee safety on a daily basis. [applause]

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**Saltzman:** We're going to segue to the bureau of environmental services. Significant loss reduction award. Dean marriott, or somebody from the bureau accepting? For achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2010, against an average of the previous three fiscal years in the following categories. General liability losses reduced 31%. Workers' compensation losses reduced 18%. So thank you dean and the rest of the bureau. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I'll be very brief. I do want to thank all of the dedicated staff at environmental services and there's hundreds of them that think about safety every day. These are the results. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Ok, again, bureau of environmental services, safety committee award to the field construction safety committee. If you're here, come on down. We have jason wengrzynek, the chair, dan holte, vice chairperson, terry hite, the site visit coordinator, terry tice, pat nagle, scott mackenzie, tony grant, and jim schiller. They're all working. In this field, safely. The field construction safety committee complete add project for a bumper mounted retrieval wench for emergency workers -- retrieval from manholes. They also secured an employee discount for the purchase of safety boots at area stores and established an event calendar for safety activities. So please join me in congratulating the bes field construction safety committee, and dean marriot will accept on behalf of the committee. [applause] the next bureau of environmental services award safety committee award is to the materials testing lab safety committee. Committee members sheri dauphinais, jim wood, tom pfeiffer, and paul schuberg. The testing lab safety committee worked to reconfigure plumbing to remove several hazards in our chop saw and trimming area. Their efforts led to the installations of a hoist in one of the trucks for heavy lifting of hazardous items. So congratulations to the materials testing lab safety committee for their efforts to ensure employee safety. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I just want to say thank you from the materials test lab. They have a complicated environment, they work very hard to make it safe and they do a very good job. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Now we're going recognize the bureau of environmental services safety champion -- joe panis. He serves as the editor of the safety times. He writes and edits articles, summarizes monthly report and works hard to publish safety times as scheduled. City of Portland appreciates your work, joe, and your valuable contributions in promoting safety within the city of Portland. Thank you very much. [applause] we have another bureau of environmental services safety champion, andrew arnsberg. Andy. Come on up, andy. Andy has a proven excellent -- has proven excellent leadership skills in the area of safety as an environmental technician ii in the bureau of environmental services field operations. She an avid bicyclist and has helped field operations better handle work zone traffic control issues that improve Portland -- that improve the Portland bicycling community. She an active member of the bureau of environmental services pollution prevention services group safety committee, and uses his vast experience to teach other work groups to safely conduct work in the city's collection system. Andy is truly a gift to the city and should be commended for his excellent safety leadership. [applause] another bureau of environmental services safety champion is randy belston. Come on up if you're here. When decontamination activities and sample processing could no longer be safely carried out at the water pollution control lab, randy spearheaded a joint effort to solve the problem. Working with the bes risk and the laboratory, he documented the serious exposure to acetone and methanol. A certified hygienist, he led the effort in evaluating structural engineering alternatives and if it for purpose performance for commercial flume hoods. Fume hoods. Due to his efforts, field operations will be able to continue their important work in the safe manner now and into the future. So thank you, randy. [applause] the next award is to bureau of environmental services, the design and construction services safety committee. The committee members are phil choate, gary hodge, pat nagle, steve hawkins, janet strahl, neil choate, rick mccooy, laurie allen, joe panis, scott gibson, mike baker, neil bruesch, blair

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bean, julie suor, alisha rawlins, lindell walton, patty nelson, fahim rahman, paul schuberg, mike reiner, cory rasico, janelle strahl, and jason wengrzynek. Thank you all. This is the largest committee so far. This committee continues to improve the -- the committee has developed safety related policies, contract language and training recommendations in an effort to make best construction projects safer places for citizens, construction workers, and city employees. So thank you all. Does anybody -- phil?

\*\*\*\*\*: I'm the vice chair and phil is not here, and he asked me to accept this. He didn't say hi to say anything. We appreciate it, these guys work very hard for the rest of the inspectors that are out in the field, basically in the trenches, and our true reward is that they get home safely. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** The last award for the bureau of environmental service assist to the wastewater group safety committee. Whose members are mike ciolli, the chair, rob george, vice chair, come up if you're here. Rick partridge, chris bamford, ron lilienthal, randy tomsik, steve deatherrage, jim sanderson, steve behrnt, greg taylor, armon coleman, cliff meier, dave remilard, marty sechrist, scott norris, and paul schuberg. [applause] the wastewater group safety committee has established a work order system to follow up on safety deficiencies. The system provides feedback so safety and health documents can be update and new guidelines established. Thank you for your continued efforts to improve employee safety and health. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you. I'm really proud of the way that our committee continually finds ways to come together as a team, and find ways to mitigate the risk that we find. I think that's reflected in our incident numbers which we've been able to keep down over the last few years. Thanks. [applause]

**Saltzman:** It's my pleasure to introduce commissioner amanda Fritz.

**Fritz:** Good afternoon, thank you all for being here. It's wonderful to see so many good city workers, friends, and family here in city hall. I was just remembering when we did the proclamation honoring the university of Oregon's national football team, I mentioned that we often don't get the opportunity to clap and cheer and holler for what we do good things in our work or get great grades in school. So this afternoon we do. If you want to hoot and holler, that's fine with me. My first award is for the bureau of emergency communications safety champion. Stephanie solomon-lopez. Stephanie has been a member of boec's health and safety committee for over 15 years. She is currently the committee chair and has been for approximately 12 years. She developed a process by which the committee can review incident and near miss reports, so the bureau can prevent on the job injuries. Stephanie also serves as the boec ergonomic coordinator. She is truly a safety champion and a wellness champion in every sense of the word. Thank you stephanie for caring about your fellow workers and your leadership in health and safety. [applause] for the office of neighborhood involvement our safety champion is john dutt. John has been a member and chairperson of the oni safety and wellness committee since its inception in 2006. John was the primary developer of the oni emergency and safety plan template. He has been instrumental in establishing custom safety and wellness plans at nine different bureau work site locations. He actively participates in safety and wellness surveys and plans including a bureauwide 12-week wellness challenge that had 90% employee participation. And roped in their commissioner to do a dance at the end. John is also the -- which almost killed me, because I don't get much exercise myself. So we're all going to do better on wellness, right? With champions like john following his lead we will be able to. John is also the oni bureau ergonomic coordinator and cochairs the city hall emergency preparedness committee. Thank you, john, for your many contributions to employee safety and health. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I wanted to take a quick second to thank the rest of our safety committee members. Susan, as well as terry, and just take the opportunity to thank our leadership for supporting us, we're a small bureau, but we're pretty proud of the stuff we've done, and encourage everybody here, I think

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the work we do is important, sometimes wellness and safety stuff kind of is put on the side when we get in tough budget times, but I don't think there's anything more important we do than to support each other and to take care of each other and encourage folks to take care of themselves. [applause]

**Fritz:** These next awards are for commissioner Leonard. I was thinking I was going to have to get a firefighter to move the pile. Here we go. Our first award is for the significant loss reduction for achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2010 against an average of the previous three fiscal years in the following categories. Fleet liability reduction, 21% and workers' compensation reduced 15%. Accepting this award on behalf of Portland fire is chief John Klum. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: First and foremost I want to thank all the staff that made this possible. We've got several of them in the audience today. Under the leadership of Chief Bray and Training and Safety Division, we take our fleet liability and workers' comp very seriously. And we make every effort to extend every training opportunity we have for firefighters not only just the fleet vehicles, but also in the heavy rap Tuesday we drive on a daily basis. I just want to express my appreciation for the commitment of the staff to make it possible. [applause]

**Fritz:** For the award bureau, accepting will be Mike Stuhr, and this significant loss reduction award is for achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2010 against an average of the previous fiscal years in the categories of fleet liability reduced, 17%. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: It's always hard to accept things on behalf of somebody, but I'm accepting this on behalf of some other people you're going to hear from today. The water bureau like most of the infrastructure bureaus, we have normal what would I call normal safety activities that you'd find in the big building next door. Out to the watershed, working in an isolated area, handling hazardous chemicals every day, otherwise known as water treatment. Climbing high tanks to maintain those beautiful elevated tanks that we've planted all over the city. And a great many of our workers working in trenches and vaults. We have several safety committees scattered about, some geographic and some by function, but they've done an outstanding job of trying to make it a safe place for both us to work and safe for our citizens to be around what we do. So thanks to all of them. [applause]

**Fritz:** Will the water bureau's safety committee please come down? Rob Patterson, Debi Caskey, Jim Corbell, Kim Dinan, Tom Dufala, Jamaal Folsom, John Henry Georgeades. This is challenging, not only the names, but the whole pass it over, handshake clap, you know? Thanks for helping me along here. Everybody is welcome to participate and call out the right names when I get them wrong. Jeff Gray, Jeff Guard, Patrick Hagerty, Kevin Suell, Sam Harold, Andrew Heinsch, Michael Houston, Tim Kading, Ashley Schaer, Sam Ratliff, John Robson, Carol Stahlke, Sarah Stinson, Jonathan Syphard, Villanueva, Chris Wanner, Andrew Wendelschafer, James Wizner, and Crystal Yezman. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I just want to thank all of you for recognizing the importance of safety and the committees and members which help us stay safe and their dedication to keeping us safe. Thank you. [applause]

**Fritz:** In addition having employees who are hard working and conscious of safety, you're all so nice and very helpful to me as somebody who hasn't been doing this all that long. The Bull Run Safety Committee. Andrew Degreener, Annette Cilley, Bruce Bull I Can, Jody Burden Lynn, Conway Brie Lynn, Craig McMillan, Eric Fullan, Jeff Guard, Josh Jeffrey, Randy Kane, Rick Ehlert, Rick Seright, Robert Alter, Rod Pike, Scott Bryan, Steve Schenk, Tim Grandle, and Debi Caskey. Thank you committee members for your many contributions to employee safety. [applause] The next safety committee is the Portland Building Committee. Chris Herzog, Chuck Buyukas, Eric Brainich, Eric Fullan, Eric Hofeld, Gary Egan, Jeff Guard, Kate Leatherbarrow, Mark Boyko, Mark Sieberg, Terry Wenz, Debi Caskey and Rita King. [applause] Thank you all for your contributions. [applause]



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\*\*\*\*\*: The hardest task is to convince everybody in the Portland building that even working in an office environment, safety, is a concern. And I think we can prove that because the first time we held our take a break for safety we had six people show up. Last year we had 114 on a 300 employees in the building. So we're working on it. [applause]

**Fritz:** Outstanding safety committee chairperson, is crystal yezman of the interstate safety committee. [applause] crystal is conscientious about her efforts to improve safety and enhance the work variety. During this time period, she has brought our deficient vaults to the forefront for assessment and repair. She also has sought out enhanced ladder systems. Crystal is eager to address safety concerns that are brought up throughout committee. Crystal, thank you for augustine calcagno tivoli leading efforts to improve safety and health. [applause] next outstanding safety committee chairperson, gary egan. The Portland building safety committee. [applause] gary is always seeking to improve the safety committee through knowledge and education. Gary has arranged to have the committee attend osha safety courses during their meetings. He has also focused on osha's take a break for safety to enable the Portland building employees to have an opportunity to experience what the committee is accomplishing and offering safety -- for attending. Gary, thank you for your continuing efforts to improve employee safety. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I know I already talked once, but I want to thank the safety committee members. They helped me get this, and my mentor, eric bullick. [applause]

**Fritz:** The next outstanding safety committee chairperson is bruce bullick from the bull run safety committee. [applause] bruce is a strong advocate for safety and utilizes the safety committee as an avenue to correct safety deficiencies. He noted an unsafe condition on the forklift and has been working with fleet to address the concern and enhance the safe operation of the forklift at sandy river. Thank you bruce. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: It's easy to be a good chairman when you have such dedicated committee members. And such good strong support from our management and supervisors. It's a pleasure. Thank you. [applause]

**Fritz:** The safety champion, kevin suell. [applause] kevin has -- is a member of the safety committee and has been directly involved in the interstate accident review committee. He draws upon his education and work experience to help both committees understand safety issues, accident causes, and potential solutions. Employee safety is important to kevin and he shows his commitment daily in his role as manager. Thank you, kevin, for your leadership. [applause] I think it's your turn to get up at the mike, you'd have it. Either way works. Next safety champion, kirk nibler. [applause] receiving for kirk. Kirk spearheaded the research and implementation of the new gas deat the timers. They have docking stations which guard -- check the detectors daily and take readings from what has been recorded, the docking stations also recharge the gas detectors and provide a bump calibration for them. Monthly the detectors receive full calibration. With this, employees can feel more confident that their equipment is charged, calibrated, and can be relied on for accurate readings. We thank kirk for his contributions to employee safety. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: For those of you that know me, i'm never too much of at a loss for words, so I just want to say kirk and the other folks that are not here from water bureau out coming up with new technological methods much being safe. So thank you. [applause]

**Fritz:** Logan borudon. [applause] this is an award for safety solutions. Logan realized during the light rail project are that a significant safety issue had been created for bicyclists and our employee who are turning off Broadway on to Larabee. The bike lane had been moved to the right putting the cyclists at blind spot for most drivers. Logan immediately sent out an email to all employees telling them of the concern and potential for accidents. As a result, our drivers are very cautious to ensure they are aware of any bicyclists in the area providing them safe passage. Thank you Logan for noticing and caring. [applause] clay luper, he's out in the field. He's a lifesaver good samaritan. You're going to accept for him too? That's great. After completing a wilderness first aid course,

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clay happened on a traffic collision in february of 2010. He was able to utilize his new skills and his first aid kit to render medical attention to the victim until emergency responders arrived at the scene. Clay, thank you for applying your first aid skills to save a life. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: If clay were here he would say thank you very much for everyone being safe, he's out making sure the contractors are being safe as well. [applause]

**Fritz:** Our next lifesaver good samaritan is james baker. Jim came across a vehicle fire next to the Portland building. He promptly used an extinguisher to control the fire. He also set up cones and directed traffic. Jim stayed on the scene until the arrival of fire personnel. Thank you for your quick and effective action to protect Portland citizens. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I'm very glad to be recognized for the actions I took that morning, but also makes me glad to let you know there are many others within the water bureau and i'm within the other bureaus who were train and would have done the same thing that I did. [applause]

**Fritz:** A creative solutions award to ron draft and lynn arnold.

\*\*\*\*\*: They work with tool designers and management to develop a tool for lifting water meter lids. Reduces bending for water meter readers. As a result, employee exposure to injury has been reduced. Thank you ron and lynn for making the city of Portland a safer place to work. [applause] another lifesaver good samaritan, brian hahn. [applause] brian is from the customer service group. He performed the heimlich maneuver when his coworker was choking. Thank you for putting your first aid training to work and saving a life. [applause] remarkable -- bankable ideas for safety award goes to eric fullan. [applause] eric helped an injured worker secure a vehicle and a sit/stand work station for a modified duty assignment while obtaining with the help of omf risk management, a \$2500 reimbursement for the state of Oregon employer at injury program. These items keep a valuable employee productive and at work and save the city money at the same time. Thank you, eric. [applause] the bureau of developmental services safety committee award.

\*\*\*\*\*: In 2010, the bds safety committee continued to execute its responsibilities with dedication, enthusiasm, and creativity in spite of the significant downsizing of operations. We extend our thanks to the bureau of development services safety committee for continuing its legacy of excellence and for continuing its drive to maintain the safety and well-being of employees. Thank you. [applause] our final award is a trio of partners in prevention from metro tiffany gates, the central precinct sergeant cliff bacigalupi, and director paul scarlet of the bureau of development services. [applause] particularly tricky three at the end here. Metro's regional illegal dumping patrol, the Portland police bureau, and the bureau of development services have partnered to clean up and prevent illegal dumping of garbage and other hazardous items resulting from transient camps throughout the city of Portland. This is the first time the program has been recognized bite city for successfully improving the safety and livability of Portland's communities. In 2009, metro cleaned up 264 tons of waste material from more than 3,798 various kind of illegal dump sites. Thank you all of you for being exemplary partners in making Portland safer and healthier. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Now commissioner nick Fish.

**Fish:** The first is Portland parks and rec. Chair tom henn, pete anthony, doug brenner, gary johnson, linda johnson, shaun lindsey, vince moore, don mctaggart, paul rad maker, alex salazar, christie salzer, aaron smelser, barbara aguon and pam douglas. Committee members have start add process to have site supervisors complete quarterly inspections, push for repaving at mount tabor yard and continue to provide leadership in occupational safety and health. Thank you all for your good work. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I'd like to thank mr. Fish for this award, and I appreciate all the help that my committee members do, and the fact that some of the supervisors front line supervisors attend the meetings and assist us with our efforts in safety and as you said, we're working to tie work orders to our quarterly inspection and make those more useful and a way to complete tasks in a timely manner. Thank you very much. [applause]

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**Fish:** This year the public gave employees of the parks bureau an 86% favorable rating. We still somehow -- for some reason we trail chief klum and his troops, but what do firefighters have over us? So the next is the safety committee award recreation safety committee, with the following individuals please come up. Kevin mattias, nancy roth, sheryl juber, jenny birt, barbara aguon, neal brown, rick cantu, and jennell andrews. [applause] the recreation safety committee has a sincere concern for the safety and health of the staff who bring Portland park and rec services to Portlanders. Our recreation staff face a variety of safety issues in their work, from ladders to limbs, and summer heat, to winter snow. Providing programming for infants to seniors. This committee works hard to ensure the safety of our employees while they create fun fitness activities for the community. Will congratulations to each of you. [applause] would don mctaggert please come forward? This is our safety champion award. Don has worked for Portland parks and rec for many years. He is currently a supervisor headquartered at gabriel park. Don has a thorough understanding of the nature of our operations and the risks associated with them. He strongly advocates for the safety of his crew. He has served on the commit committee for several years and is always sharing his knowledge and experience with others to promote a healthy and safe workplace. Please join me in thanking don for his work and in congratulating him for his ongoing role as safety champion. [applause] next up is partners in prevention award. Barbara aguon, and from bds, mark fetters, greg supriano, kylie hammon, denise kleim. [applause] [applause] during the unfortunate downsizing at the bureau of development services, a surplus of height adjustable work surfaces and chairs was identified. With a bit of coordination, bds and ppr staff were able to transfer the surfaces and chairs to areas of greatest need in the parks bureau. This partnership provided significant and valuable resources to the staff of Portland parks and rec. Many thanks to the staff of both bds and pp&r for their work time prove the safety and health of our employees. Thank you both. [applause] next is the bankable ideas for safety. And once again I would ask barbara aguon to come forward, along with nancy roth and gary hill. [applause] Portland parks and rec utilized the state employer at injury program several times this year to help injured workers transition back to regular duty. Barbara and nancy helped one injured staff member identify a special archiving project for her transitional assignment. Together with melissa of risk management, our team secured 100% reimbursement of pp &r. That's 2,309 dollars for materials and equipment. Gary identified a piece of equipment to not only help injured workers while on light duty, but the to help all staff members do their work more safely. Portland parks and rec purchased the equipment and obtained more than \$2500 in reimbursement from the state. Thanks to barbara and to nancy and gary for your creativity in improving employee safety while saving the city money. Congratulations. [applause] our mayor is in spain, so I will hand out some awards to the bureau of transportation. Starting with the parking enforcement safety committee, with david brugger, shelley knezevich, laurel shepard, debbie barkley, mark friedman and patti peterson, please come forward. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I don't recognize any of these enforcement people. That's only half true. The parking enforcement safety committee continues to strongly support and promote safety. It updated vehicle safety kits and the department's building evacuation backpack. It arranged for training in safe driving and back injury prevention. And developed a custom safety video covering daily safety reminders, which was used for safety break for Oregon and the annual citywide safety committee conference. Thank you parking enforcement safety committee for all of your fine work. [applause] the next award is called the bankable ideas for safety. Would nolan mackrill come forward. [applause] that's nolan mackrill. Commissioner Fritz had given me that tip earlier. Nolan had several of his parking enforcement officers working transitional light duty work in the office due to their injuries. He was able to purchase ergonomic chairs for each worker to use while they were working light duty. These chairs were paid for by the state employer at injury program, or eaip, and parking enforcement was reimbursed the full amount of \$2,530. This helped the workers recover

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quickly from their injuries and get back to their regular job duties. These ergonomic chairs are now available for other workers, I may put a bid in for one, while they are performing modified job duties. Thank you Nolan for your commitment to employee safety and to saving the city money. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I'd like to thank our parking enforcement safety committee. They do an excellent job of keeping our officers safe on the street and also I'd like to thank risk management for helping with getting us in touch with how to reimburse for safety committee for our light duty employees. It's been a big help in getting us back on the street. Thanks. [applause]

**Fish:** The next award is Portland bureau of transportation maintenance operations significant loss reduction award and pbot maintenance operations. Would Suzanne Kahn and Eric Peterson please come forward. [applause] for achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2010 against an average of the previous three fiscal years in the following categories. Fleet liability reduced 9%. Workers' compensation reduced 13%. Accepting today on behalf of the pbot maintenance operations Suzanne Kahn and Eric Peterson. Congratulations. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: This is the fourth year in a row that maintenance has achieved significant reductions, and that doesn't happen without everyone paying attention to safety. So I just like to thank all of our employees for caring and paying attention. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: If it wasn't for all their effort, and they're sitting here around here today, thank you for all of your efforts to keep everything safe and using the safety equipment we have. I appreciate very much. Thank you for the recognition. [applause]

**Fish:** We've been that for about 45 minutes, should we do some wellness exercise and get people up? So the next is the safety committee award street maintenance safety committee. I have a number of people to ask to come up and join me. Pete Shill Shree -- Ed Somers, Cory Long, Thomas Aubuchon, Terry Sharp, Zack Maysi, Fred Kennedy, Mike Geelan, Mike Hamel, Troy Wakefield, Demetrious Proctor, Lynda Hofmann, Donna Sellars. [applause] so the street maintenance safety committee ensures that safe work practices are developed and used by all employees. Committee members meet monthly and members regularly address regular van Sant safety issues. Following their meetings they check in to make sure needed corrected -- corrective actions are completed. Thanks to each of you for your hard and important work. And congratulations. [applause] would anyone like to say a word? Thank you very much. [applause] next award is the safety champion award with Allen Berkey please come forward. Allen, have you a lot of friends or family members here today. Here you go. Allen is the maintenance operations fleet program coordinator. He is the one who communicates safety corrections to city fleet when they're needed for maintenance vehicles. He's developed a strong positive working relationship with city fleet which ensures that our employees have their vehicle safety concerns addressed in a timely manner. Allen, thank you for making sure our vehicles -- the vehicles are em-- our employees drive are safe to operate. [applause] I believe this is the last award before we get to jackets. So this is the safety champions award. Would Matt Wales, Chris Wales, Chris Schindler, Troy Carlson, Mike Roberts, and Brent Force please come forward? [applause] these employees are part of the pbot maintenance operations confined space entry team. This is a very specialized group of people who perform entries into confined spaces. All of these safety champions participated in the development of new training guidelines for our confined space entry teams and they've worked very closely with the variety of employees, one-on-one to ensure their safety. Thanks to each of you for helping our employees stay safe in risky situations. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: I'd like to thank transportation and our partner in confined space entry, BES, and the Portland fire bureau for their assistance and patience using their training at 122nd, and Matt, our supervisor, so that's it.

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

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**Saltzman:** Thank you commissioner Fritz and commissioner Fish. Now we get to that point in the ceremony, the most coveted awards, at least the awards I always most covet, that's the jackets. For the drivers of the year. Safe drivers of the year. And we're going to start with gary manougian of east precinct. He is this year's recipient for the police bureau of the safe driver award. Gary has been with the bureau since 1978 and has served in patrol the entire time. He's had an exemplary driving record, he's also been part of both the vehicle and safety committees and as an emergency responder, gary has been outstanding at doing his part in making safety a concern for himself and also those he mentors around him. So thank you gary for your contribution to safety. [applause]

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I wanted to thank you for the award, and I wanted to call attention to the police bureau safety committee, both sworn and nonsworn and thank them for their very, very hard work that they put in on a monthly basis. Thank you. [applause]

**Saltzman:** Our office of management and fleet, office of management finance city fleet safe driver of the year, bob jorgenson. As city fleets parts department delivery person, bob drives many miles every week with multiple stops throughout the city of Portland, including the sandy river station. His usual stops include dealing with the difficult downtown traffic and major road construction. Bob's van is usually loaded down with cargo and he needs to be sure that his loads do not shift in transit. Bob has made these deliveries like clockwork for many years and without any vehicle incidents. That's remarkable. Thank you, bob, for making safe driving an important part of your work. [applause] you should put your jackets on so people can see what they look like. We'll do a group photo. Ok. So the next award is bureau of environmental services, safe driver of the year, april lawrentz. April has worked for the city since 1986 and has been collision free. Wow. Since 1986? That's great. This is an outstanding accomplishment since april's job as a public works inspector has required her to work at many locations each year on a variety of construction sites. April has always demonstrated a conscientious approach to safety and her safe work habits extend to her accident-free driving history. So congratulations, april. [applause]

**Fritz:** For Portland fire and rescue, kelly ekhoff. [applause] kelly ekhoff has served the citizens of north Portland for 25 years as a firefighter. He is an excellent person, firefighter, and driver. His driving skills are unmatched. He navigates the engine with ease and care. He has expert knowledge of the surrounding communities and knows in detail the geography and accessibility of the area like no other. He is extremely conscientious with the responsibilities of maintenance and care of the apparatus, which is evident in the long service life of vehicles in his care. Congratulations, kelly. [applause] for the bureau of development services, michelle steward. -- michelle steward. During michelle's tenure at bary bonds, she has driven her -- bds she has driven in hazardous traffic and weather conditions. She also rides her bike to work every day and sets a great example for defensive riding. Thank you michelle for staying safe on the road and for all you do in Portland's neighborhoods. [applause]

**Fish:** They blow up the text for me. I think i'm a 20/250. This is safe driver of the year, jennifer britt. [applause] jennifer drives many miles around town ensuring that all of our city pools have the supplies and equipment they need to continue their operations daily. Today we're recognizing jennifer for the exemplary way she delivers materials to our sites, her safe and courteous operation of city vehicles makes her a role model for all of us. City drivers as well as the rest of us. Thank you jennifer for helping to keep Portland safe. [applause] would joanne hampton come forward? [applause] I don't think we've met either. How are you? Joanne has worked at the parking enforcement for almost 14 years, most of this time as a scooter officer. Like all our vehicle officers, joanne spends the majority of her time in heavy traffic. She has to maneuver close to cars while paying close attention to various parking violations. Joanne also needs to constantly watch for pedestrians and other traffic. This is all done in a high pressure environment of being a parking enforcement officer, never knowing when a citizen will or a commissioner will be coming up to talk

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to her about a citation. Joanne is a great example of all the good attributes of being a parking enforcement officer, including making safe driving a fundamental part of her job. Congratulate late-term abortions. [applause] congratulations. Our last recipient is ty goodgame. She an automatic equipment operator. His primary job is the daily operation of a street sweeping machine. Because of the in and out maneuvering between and around parked cars, dealing with slow-moving traffic and keeping pedestrians safe.

> this is one of the most challenging driving positions at maintenance. He has an exemplary record, zero preventable accidents during his 14-year driving career with the city of Portland. That deserves a round of applause. [applause] please help me again thank ty for his great work and to congratulate him on being named pdot's maintenance operations safe driver of the year.

Congratulations. [applause]

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

\*\*\*\*\*: Before we kill anybody here, i'm kate wood, the risk manager with omf. I want to thank everybody today, but i'd also like to recognize the efforts of the risk management staff who organized today's events, particularly lonnie turner, patty reiser, tracy hammer, and steve morgan. [applause] for over a decade, city council has set aside time in their busy schedules to come together and publicly recognize city employees for the efforts that they have put in to improve safety and city workplaces. And this is truly unique to have such commitment from elected officials, and we want to thank you very much for your support in this area. Thank you. [applause] you know, on the job safety is always a personal commitment. But the commitment has benefits are beyond the individual, because you can't have a safe workplace just for yourself. And it's very clear from what we saw today the efforts of teams within bureaus, safety committees within bureaus, and the partnership between bureaus. This is what it takes every day to make safe workplaces for our city employees, and the benefit is that you get to go home safe, your families get you home safe, but there's a benefit to the coworkers, our offices, and the community in which we work. And so the work that you have done to improve safety is truly beneficial, a lot bigger than just your particular single effort. In the upcoming year it's time to renew and refresh your activities around safety. We'll be looking for new things, new ways, new efforts, the job of safety is never done. And so we help to see you all beak here -- back here next year with great stories to tell. And thank you today, I hope you'll join us outside in the lobby for some refreshments, and these proceedings are closed. Thank you. [applause]

At 3:20 p.m. Council adjourned.