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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 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Leonard arrived at 9:33 a.m.  
Mayor Adams left at 10:55 a.m.

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

Item No. 572 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>545</b>	Request of Gilkey International Middle School students Laura Rix, Sheila Panyam and Madison Komeyli to address Council regarding the expansion of dog parks in Portland (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>546</b>	Request of Gilkey International Middle School students Daniel Cohen and Aaron Leng to address Council regarding the proposed extension of the streetcar to Lake Oswego (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>547</b>	Request of Gilkey International Middle School students Ben Thigpen and Harley Hogsdon to address Council regarding security in downtown Portland and assistance for the homeless (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>548</b>	Request of Gilkey International Middle School students Natalie Hansen and Olimpia Filippini to address Council regarding recycling and trash bins in downtown Portland (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>549</b>	Request of Gilkey International Middle School students Megan Lo, Kate Turner and Madison Roethler to address Council regarding support for boundless playgrounds (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>		

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<p><b>550</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Accept membership to the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities (Presentation introduced by Mayor Adams and Commissioner Fritz) 15 minutes requested</p>	<p><b>PLACED ON FILE</b></p>
<p><b>*551</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM</b> – Authorize health and welfare contracts with Cascade Centers, Inc. and Kroger Prescription Plans, Inc. administered by the Bureau of Human Resources, Benefits and Wellness office effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016, and amend the City of Portland Health Plan and the City of Portland Cafeteria Plan to reflect necessary plan administrative and design changes as recommended by the Labor Management Benefits Committee and requested by BHR for the City self-insured plans beginning July 1, 2011 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Adams and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Leonard and Saltzman) 45 minutes requested</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184655</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b> <b>Mayor Sam Adams</b></p>	
<p><b>*552</b> Authorize a grant agreement with the Housing Authority of Portland to fund the expansion of a pre-existing youth recreational and educational service program entitled Hoopin' It Up, to be made available to youth living in public housing properties in SE Portland during the summer of 2011 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184630</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Planning &amp; Sustainability</b></p>	
<p><b>*553</b> Amend grant agreement with Clean Energy Works Oregon, Inc. to provide an additional \$2 million in State Energy Program funding from the Oregon Department of Energy (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 32000466)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184631</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Police</b></p>	
<p><b>*554</b> Accept a grant from and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office for the use of grant funds from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women Act to support the Domestic Violence Response Team and appropriate \$26,194 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184632</b></p>
<p><b>*555</b> Authorize application to U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for a grant in the amount of \$1,254,130 for the FY 2011 COPS Hiring Program to provide funding to hire five full-time police officers (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184633</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>*556</b> Designate seven Multnomah County tax foreclosed properties deeded to the City as public right-of-way (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184634</b></p>

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<p><b>*557</b> Amend Ground Lease Agreement with the Portland Development Commission for a construction staging area related to the Portland Streetcar Loop Project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30001191) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184635</b></p>
<b>Office of City Attorney</b>	
<p><b>*558</b> Amend Legal Services Agreement with Cascadia Law Group for outside counsel (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 34620) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184636</b></p>
<p><b>*559</b> Amend Legal Services Agreement with Patton Boggs LLP for outside counsel (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30001864) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184637</b></p>
<b>Office of Management and Finance</b>	
<p><b>*560</b> Create a new Nonrepresented classification of Housing Policy Manager, which is exempt from the classified service, and establish a compensation rate (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184638</b></p>
<b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b> <b>Position No. 2</b>	
<b>Portland Housing Bureau</b>	
<p><b>*561</b> Extend contract with Dignity Village to June 30, 2012 to manage a transitional housing campground at Sunderland Yard (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 53015) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184639</b></p>
<p><b>*562</b> Amend subrecipient contract with Housing Authority of Portland to extend contract period to June 30, 2012 and add \$93,853 to provide additional short-term rent assistance for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 32000138) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184640</b></p>
<p><b>*563</b> Amend subrecipient contract with JOIN for \$25,000 to provide additional housing placement for women experiencing homelessness (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 32000479) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184641</b></p>
<b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	
<p><b>*564</b> Amend Lease Agreement with Macadam Bay Homeowners Association to reduce the size of the leased premises (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 21004) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184642</b></p>
<p><b>*565</b> Authorize License Agreement with Comcast for fiber optic installation at Washington Park (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184643</b></p>

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<p><b>*566</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Gresham for management of the Gresham portion of the Springwater Corridor (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184644</b></p>
<p><b>*567</b> Authorize sewer easement within the Springwater Corridor to the City of Gresham (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184645</b></p>
<p><b>*568</b> Authorize agreement with Halprin Landscape Conservancy to fundraise and undertake repair and maintenance of the fountains and surrounding park areas in the Portland Open Space Sequence (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184646</b></p>
<p><b>*569</b> Amend City Code to increase the maximum number of voting members of the Portland Parks Board (Ordinance; amend Code Section 3.27.030) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184647</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3</b></p>	
<p><b>*570</b> Amend City Code relating to distribution of prostitution forfeiture funds (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 14B.50) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184648</b></p>
<p><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>571</b> Amend contract with Moore Excavation, Inc. for additional work and compensation for the Fanno Basin Pump Station Force Main: Multnomah Section Project No. E08294 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30001048)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 15, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>572</b> Authorize a contract with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for professional services for the final design of the Fanno Basin Pump Station Expansion and Surge Protection Project No. E09051 (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 15, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>573</b> Authorize contract with KPFF Consulting Engineers and provide for payment for the design and implementation of the SE Clay Green Street - 10th to Water Avenues Project No. E10007 (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 15, 2011 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz Position No. 1</b></p>	
<p><b>Office of Neighborhood Involvement</b></p>	
<p><b>*574</b> Authorize grant agreements totaling \$40,000 to the Neighborhood District Coalitions to administer grant funds for the Graffiti Abatement Community Grant Program (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184649</b></p>

<p><b>*575</b> Authorize grant agreement of \$10,000 with the Center for Intercultural Organizing to engage people of color, immigrants and refugees through a video contest and written survey to identify their ideas for developing high speed internet infrastructure for Portland that ensures equity for all (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184650</b></p>
<p><b>*576</b> Authorize \$50,000 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Portland Development Commission for the East Portland Economic Development Assessment as part of the East Portland Action Plan (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184651</b></p>
<p><b>*577</b> Amend grant agreement with East Portland Neighbors to authorize an additional \$16,040 to correct inaccuracies in the original grant and ordinance providing funds for Neighborhood Small Grants and district coalition newsletter (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 32000516)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184652</b></p>
<p><b>*578</b> Authorize \$42,000 for grant agreements of \$3,000 each divided between fourteen civic participation organizations funded by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement for technical assistance for financial and nonprofit management consultation services (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184653</b></p>
<p><b>*579</b> Authorize \$4,500 grant agreement with Neighbors West Northwest to provide real time translation to member of Northwest District Association with a hearing disability so they may participate in meetings through December 2012 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>184654</b></p>
<p><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p> <p><b>Position No. 3</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>*580</b> Authorize Settlement Agreement with Mary S. Shaver for the purchase of property necessary for construction of the Fanno Basin Pump Station Expansion Project No. E09051 and authorize payment (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to amend to accept additional exhibit, Agreement of Purchase and Sale:</b> Moved by Commissioner Saltzman and Seconded by Commissioner Fish. (Y-4; Adams absent)</p> <p>(Y-4; Adams absent)</p>	<p><b>184656</b></p> <p>AS AMENDED</p>
<p><b>581</b> Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute a Sublease Agreement and Permit of Entry with TriMet for property leased from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, including an indemnification from the City to TriMet (Second Reading Agenda 544)</p> <p>(Y-4; Adams absent)</p>	<p><b>184657</b></p>

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**FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA**

**Mayor Sam Adams**

**581-1** Appoint Scott Andrews to the Portland Development Commission for term to expire July 9, 2014 (Report)

Continued to June 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

(Y-4)

**CONFIRMED**

At 11:17 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,  
OREGON WAS HELD THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2011 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Adams, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz and  
Saltzman, 4.

Commissioner Saltzman was excused to arrive at 2:31 p.m.  
Mayor Adams left at 2:45 p.m.

At 2:45 p.m., Council recessed.  
At 3:04 p.m., Council reconvened.

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

		<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>*582</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Approve the request to grant a 20-year property tax exemption extension under the New Multiple Unit Housing limited tax exemption program to Rose Smart Growth Investment Fund Collins Circle LLC of Jonathan Rose Companies Development Company for the 52 affordable units and pro-rated portion of parking in a multiple-unit housing development on the block bounded by SW 17th, 18th, Jefferson, and Columbia, known as Collins Circle Apartments (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fish) 30 minutes requested  (Y-4)	<b>184658</b>
<b>*583</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM</b> – Approve the request to grant a 10-year property tax exemption under the Transit Oriented Development limited tax exemption program for an affordable housing project at SE 119 and SE Pine known as Ash Street Apartments (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fish) 30 minutes requested  (Y-4)	<b>184659</b>
<b>584</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM</b> – Appoint David Kelleher and reappoint Gretchen Kafoury to the Home Forward Board of Commissioners (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams) 20 minutes requested  (Y-3; Adams absent)	<b>36865</b>

At 3:22 p.m., Council adjourned.

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

By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

For a discussion of agenda items, please consult the following Closed Caption File.

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## Closed Caption File of Portland City Council Meeting

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Key: \*\*\*\*\* means unidentified speaker.

**JUNE 8, 2011            9:30 AM**

**Adams:** Good morning, welcome to the chambers of the Portland city council. Glad you're here. We have a packed agenda and important issues to consider. So brevity and succinctness are always appreciated. Especially today. Good morning, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Good morning.

**Adams:** How are you?

**Moore-Love:** Good.

**Adams:** How do you like the weather.

**Moore-Love:** Fine. [laughter]

**Adams:** Liar. Please call the roll. [roll call]

**Adams:** Quorum is present. Please read item number 545.

**Item 545.**

**Adams:** Well, welcome: It's good to see you. Have a seat. We're very interested in your thoughts on dog parks.

**Adams:** Who would like to begin?

**Laura Rix:** I'm laura.

**Madison Komeyli:** I'm madison.

**I'm Sheila Panyam:** And i'm sheila. We came to talk about creating a dog park or communal park in a nearby kid friendly neighborhood.

\*\*\*\*\*: The parks would host kid-friendly activities fun for the neighborhood and families.

\*\*\*\*\*: These can also ensure that dock dogs and children are getting exercise.

\*\*\*\*\*: We want more r more friendly dog parks and we think we can prevent dogs from going on people's lawns.

\*\*\*\*\*: And ensure that dogs are getting their exercise and not being a disturbing pet at home. Such as barking and annoying neighbors.

\*\*\*\*\*: One example is the park land park built there Portland.

\*\*\*\*\*: Five acres of this park is dedicated to being a neighborhood park. It should be the same for other neighborhoods.

\*\*\*\*\*: This park provides recreational activity lax in the -- lacking in the area. And forest park presents plenty of natural beauty. Plenty of neighborhoods would be glad and thrilled to see this kind of park in their neighborhood, no matter the size.

\*\*\*\*\*: There's another dog park in Portland called wallace park. It offers an -- wallace park. If we can offer healthy exercise for our dogs, we should jump at the chance.

\*\*\*\*\*: Some think that building a park is a waste of money and time. They think it should go to something much more important. People disagree with building a dog park because they think it's wasted on the dog and the dog should just run on the sidewalk or an open lot.

\*\*\*\*\*: A website writer says that dog parks aren't meant for dogs to socialize.

\*\*\*\*\*: People don't like dog patience because their dogs can run loose on the track or trail.

\*\*\*\*\*: And some say that not every dog is well trained and well mannered.

\*\*\*\*\*: Dog parks are meant for dogs to exercise and other than owners to make friends. Dogs will come out more, be more friendly, exercise and be less vicious.

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\*\*\*\*\*: It's true, however, not every dog is well trained. Ever. The park would have specific rules and behavioral methods that the dogs would have to go through.

\*\*\*\*\*: Some homeowners' associations have rules that dogs can't go on other people's lawns. It will be a place for the dogs to go without disturbing lawns or restricted property.

\*\*\*\*\*: Building a park is not a waste, because it can provide a wide variety of activities for the neighborhood and offers kid-friendly exercise.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thanks for listening to our speech.

\*\*\*\*\*: We hope you consider our points and ideas.

**Adams:** If you can turn in your written testimony to the clerk, the commissioner in charge of parks, nick Fish, will get back to you. We normally don't allow clapping but I think your presentation was so persuasive, we're going to allow it. [applause] thank you very much. Thank you. Really excellent job. Thank you. Karla, please read communications item number 4, sorry 546.

**Item 546.**

**Adams:** Good morning, welcome to city council. Glad you're here. Who would like to start.

**Daniel Cohen:** My name is daniel.

**Aaron Leng:** And i'm aaron.

**Cohen:** I thank you for having us here today.

**Leng:** We're here today to talk to you about not expanding the streetcar to lake oswego.

**Adams:** Ok.

**Cohen:** So far the street car has cost us like 103 to 105 million dollars.

**Leng:** We think it's a bad idea.

**Cohen:** For one thing, lake oswego doesn't even want it. [laughter] the extension would be 8.7-miles long yet cost \$458 million to build.

**Leng:** Plus the streetcar only has 9000 riders a day whereas the max has about 112,000 riders a day.

**Cohen:** We realize people want transportation from lake oswego to Portland, but you can always take buses instead.

**Leng:** And expanding the streetcar to Lake Oswego will create more congestion for citizens in Portland and lake oswego.

**Cohen:** So please, Say no to the expansion.

**Leng:** Thank you again.

**Adams:** Great job. Round of applause. [applause] can you turn in your written testimony to the clerk and we'll get back to you. Karla, please read the title for communications item number 547.

**Item 547.**

**Adams:** Welcome, gentlemen. Glad you're here. Who would like to begin?

**Harley Hogsdon:** I will.

**Adams:** Ok.

**Hogsdon:** I'm harley, here to talk to you about stopping homelessness. It's increased by 51% since 1987. There's been more homeless over the years because they've traveled to Portland because this is one the only places they provide soup kitchens and homeless shelters but what we have isn't enough. There are 11 homeless shelters in Portland but they don't have enough spaces support people to walk in and stay for the night. I think you should increase the size for more room and food and shelter for the homeless. If you're not able to do this, there's also another option, putting homeless in apartments is way cheaper than have them pretend to be sick and going to a hospital or going -- or even going to jail. It's \$14.93 for a homeless person to be put into an apartment. \$156 a day for a hospital service, and about \$142 day for a prison. I don't like seeing homeless people on the sidewalk with no food, water or family and i'm sure i'm not alone. Please help stop homelessness by supporting homeless groups and stop the typical homeless lie. Thank you for your time. Any questions? [laughter]

**Adams:** Did you have something to add?

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**Ben Thigpen:** No, i'm on a different topic than him.

**Fish:** Mayor, if I can make a comment. The city is about to release its annual street count and we'll send you the first copy so you have that. And the question you raised about whether our programs in effect lure more people to Portland who are homeless.

We address that in the survey and you'll be surprised by the results. We'll get you the first copy of the press.

**Hogsdon:** Thank you.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Adams:** Give you a round of plus. [applause] sir?

**Ben Thigpen:** Well, i'm ben Thigpen, here to talk about security in Portland. I believe there's a problem, especially in my area, there's an influx of crimes and i'm worried because we're supposed to be one of the more safer areas and I was doing research and says that seattle and Portland have similar crime levels but seattle is much larger and as we grow as a community, the crime levels will rise and we'll not have enough ways to combat this problem and I think everybody is a little afraid because they don't want to live in a lawless area. So I have a multiple solutions. One is to have better night parole. Because mine is a neighborhood watch thing. And they recently broke into a house and a car and did spray painting, so I believe if we had better patrol, they would, you know, be a little more afraid of committing the crimes. Also, we should have stronger laws, against graffiti of course, they do get caught, there's more serious offense and they'll not do it as often or stop altogether. Also, I believe some of this is drug motivated, because they need money. I believe if we had a better counseling program and care, they would not need this and the crime level would probably go down. That's my way -- thank you for your time.

**Adams:** Good job. Thank you. [applause]

**Adams:** Karla, please read communications number 548.

**Item 548.**

**Adams:** Welcome to the city council chambers.

**Olimpia Filippini:** Hi. My name is olimpia filippini.

**Natalie Hansen:** And i'm natalie hansen.

**Filippini:** We're students from the French American International school,

**Hansen:** We're here to talk about increasing recycling in downtown Portland. The new can cost up to \$1,600 each.

**Filippini:** And we know that 30% of the city recycles in downtown. We know that Portland is the biggest city in Oregon so there are a lot of people and they will recycle a lot of things.

**Hansen:** The earth needs to recycle more plastics and rubber and leather and clothing and textiles. The rate is low, under 31% of trash is recycled.

**Filippini:** Oregonians recycle up to 60 pounds of recycling each day-- we know that they recycle a lot in Portland.

**Hansen:** We need to recycle more than we already do now.

**Filippini:** Oregon has it's name as the green state.

**Hansen:** We need to make sure we can keep that as long as possible.

**Filippini:** Once again, we want to let you know that we want more recycling cans in downtown Portland. The next couple slides are about recycling.

**Hansen:** We did these slides to show you what people can do with recycled material. So we have -

**Adams:** We still have technology from the 1990s. [laughter] I know, it's that old.

**Hansen & Filippini:** [laughter]

**Adams:** Maybe you could talk about what the slide shows?

**Filippini:** So we had one that is called all-american girl.

**Hansen:** So we wanted to mostly do these slides because by my house, there's a shop called scrap where artists can go and pick up all recycled material and make all kinds of art with them.

**Filippini:** And there are some that are very big -- or, small and they're very --

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**Adams:** Scrap once dressed me in a suit made of recycled bike tires. It wasn't pretty. [laughter] next slide? Oh, we're close. What's your next slide -- what does your next slide show?

**Hansen:** It's called the queen. And --

**Filippini:** It's got old recycled jewelry.

**Adams:** And what is the -- what is -- what do you think about the queen, made of all recycled jewelry. Is it a piece of art?

**Filippini:** Yes, it doesn't look like the painting, it looks like the queen.

**Fish:** Sometimes when we have technology glitches, we ask people to send the power point slides afterwards, so we can view them.

**Adams:** What's the next slide?

**Filippini:** We had a big bike bridge on a beach. I don't know where, but it's made out of old used bikes.

**Adams:** Ok. And then the fourth slide?

**Hansen:** It's called "the toad." made out of old recycled cellphones.

**Filippini:** It's in a park in Portland. And then a dog, made out of old toys they've donated to people. Our next slide is a school, which is made out of kitchen utensils.

**Adams:** A school?

**Hansen:** A skull.

**Adams:** Oh, ok.

**Hansen:** Our next is a polar bear, made of plastic bags.

**Adams:** Wow:

**Filippini:** There's a snowman made out of plastic and kool-aid wrappers.

**Adams:** We have good people up in the booth, they're taking a picture of your actual laptop. That's great. A snowman made out of what?

**Filippini:** Plastic and kool-aid wrappers and then we have --

**Hansen:** Forever Tron which is made out of scrap metal.

**Filippini:** And then roboman made out of motorcycle parts.

**Adams:** He looks scary. [laughter]

**Hansen:** Trash people, which are made out of computer parts and aluminum cans.

**Filippini:** Thank you, Portland city council.

**Adams:** Great job: [applause] Fantastic.

**Fritz:** Great poise under pressure there. Well done.

**Adams:** Karla, please read the title for communications item number 549.

**Item 549.**

**Adams:** Welcome, glad you're here. Who would like to go first?

**Madison Roethler:** Hello, everyone. My name is maddy.

**Kate Turner:** I'm kate.

**Meagan Lo:** I'm megan.

\*\*\*\*\*: We're from gilkey international middle school.

\*\*\*\*\*: Today we're here to talk to you about why Portland should have more boundless playgrounds.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you for your time today. We really appreciate it.

\*\*\*\*\*: What are boundless playgrounds?

\*\*\*\*\*: They're exactly like regular playgrounds, especially designed for disabled people.

\*\*\*\*\*: They have ramps instead of stair, soft rubber grounds and swings with supporting backs.

\*\*\*\*\*: None of this would have happened if it wasn't for boundless playgrounds. They've been taking donations and raising money in building playgrounds for people with disabilities since 1997.

\*\*\*\*\*: There's a playground soon to be in north arbor lodge park.

\*\*\*\*\*: Her father was inspired by Washington park playground.

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\*\*\*\*\*: The family really wants to build a boundless playground. Portland parks and recreation gave them the land but they have to raise 200k to actually build it. They have only 65% of the money they need, sadly.

\*\*\*\*\*: Um, as you can see here, this is a blueprint for harper's playground.

\*\*\*\*\*: We want more boundless playgrounds in Portland. We have two. Harper's playground, just need the money, and Washington park.

\*\*\*\*\*: We have hundreds of parks and people with and without disabilities can play on boundless playgrounds.

\*\*\*\*\*: Thank you for your time. We hope you continue donating in support of having more boundless playgrounds in Portland. Thank you.

**Adams:** Good job: [applause] --

**Fish:** before you go I'm the parks commissioner so I want to ask a question. We collect fees called systems development charges every time there's a development in town and the money is used in the parks bureau to help build out amenity in our parks. Do you believe we should use some of that sdc money to help with the fundraising at harper's playground?

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

**Adams:** Good answer: Good lobbying: [laughter] all right. Shameless. Exactly, but effective. [laughter] anyone wish to pull any items from the consent agenda?

**Fritz:** 572, I'd like to hear it with 580 since they go together.

**Adams:** Please read the title.

**Moore-Love:** Do you want it hear it later.

**Adams:** Unless there are objections, 572 will be heard with 580. There's no other items pulled from the consent agenda, Karla, please call the vote.

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

**Adams:** Aye, consent agenda is approved. [gavel pounded] please read the title for time certain presentation item number 550.

### **Item 550.**

**Adams:** Commissioner amanda Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you. I'd like to welcome dr. Margaret neal to speak with us about this presentation. And also vickie from elders in action. Thank you for being here today. As part of its response to the rapid aging populations around the world, the world health organization has launched the first wave of its global network of age-friendly cities with a total of nine cities worldwide. Because of its focus on planning for all ages and disability, Portland, Oregon has been selected as one of the nine. The nine others, new york city, New York, Manchester, United Kingdom, brussels, Belgium, geneva, Switzerland, melville, Australia, Donastia San Sabastian, Spain, Louth county, Ireland, and London, Canada. The purpose of the network is to help cities create urban environments that allow older people to remain active and healthy participants in society. The efforts of this network are in close alignment with many of the goals of the Portland plan emphasizing the development of accessible safe and healthy neighborhoods to help Portlanders meet their daily needs locally. The work here was launched by mayor potter and mayor Adams continued it by authorizing the application for this award. And it's an example of the ways we'll be partnering in the office of equity to further accessibility and opportunities for all people, especially those who are aging. With that, i'll welcome dr. Margaret neal. Tommorow Dr. Alan Delatorri, Vicky Hurston, and Jerry Cohen, the State Director, American association—no.

**Jerry Cohen:** Just AARP.

**Fritz:** Oh, really?

**Margaret Neal:** Good morning, thank you, commissioner Fritz and good morning to the mayor and other commissioners. I'm margaret neal from the institute on aging at Portland state. We've been doing work with the world health organization as commissioner Fritz mentioned. The institute on aging has been around. One the first aging institutes in the country since 1969. As you know,

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Portland state's motto is let knowledge serve the city. We're located in the school of -- or, the college of urban public affairs. The world health organization's age-friendly cities project -- we have slides. The world health organization age-friendly environment program is an international effort by the world health organization to address both environmental and social factors that contribute to active and healthy aging. In societies and this is especially important given the rapid aging populations throughout the world, in particular, developing countries. The age-friendly cities project, which we'll briefly overview today and the global network of age-friendly cities that sprung from that original project. An age-friendly city is actually a city friendly for people of all ages and abilities and adapts structures and services to be accessible and inclusive of older people and emphasizes enablement rather than disablement and friendly for all ages. The reason the world health organization did this study, they were interested in identifying concrete indicators what makes a city age-friendly and present a guide and stimulate policy change intended to make urban cities around the world more age-friendly. For those who participated, the goals were to increase the awareness of local needs and gaps and good ideas for improvement and stimulate additional development for age-friendly urban settings. This is a map of the 33 original cities in the age-friendly cities project. And Portland, Oregon was the only u.s. City to participate in that original study. So you might ask, why Portland? We had previous connections with the pan-american health association. The world health organization. We had the research capacity and experience of many years and Portland is viewed as a poster child for regional planning growth management and other planning policies and to date, there had been insufficient attention to planning for older adults in our city. We had a number of individual who's advised us, including two who were here. Vickie and Jerry. Elders in action and aarp, Oregon, as well as senior representative, Multnomah county aging and disabilities services and other professors, at Portland state and Portland community college. We conducted a series of -- public receives providers and private entities and they were around eight topics. Included transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment community and information, community support and health services and social as well as physical components. To highlight find information each of those eight areas briefly. Outdoor spaces and buildings were especially appreciated as an age-friendly feature. But they wanted odder adults and their advocates wanted even more natural features and green spaces. Housing was seen as a critical need, especially affordable and accessible and infill development such as below was seen as inadequate because of the presence of stairs and a quote from a participant. A reporter called me and told me he was writing an article about new homes in the Portland area. Built to be accessible and I laughed and said it would be a very short article. In terms of transportation, regional transportation options were viewed very much as age-friendly but there were improvements suggested. Such as moving the -- there were cars on the light rail not handicapped accessible and the location of that car would move so people didn't know where to stand in order to get on it. Since now, all of the cars are accessible but that change was made by tri-met. In terms of social participation, lots of educational and social activities. Marketing is somewhat of a issue. People can take classes for free at Portland state once they're 85 -- 65, once they're 65. But they were mentioned -- the need for initial opportunity, educational and social was mentioned. In terms of respect and social inclusion, language and inclusion matter. People really liked the term that tri-met has adopted for older adults -- honored citizens. And long-term living is another term that people mentioned as liking, rather than long-term care and actively consult and listen to the advice of older adults. Employment was seen as a problem for older adults. Many instances of age discrimination cited and more volunteer opportunities were desired and in particular, participation by older adults who are those who are not always the ones most likely to volunteer. So people with lower incomes and less education. Outreach to those individuals to participate in the city. Communication and information, people really appreciated as an age-friendly feature in Portland the availability of classes on technology for older adults but sucked that not everybody has -- suggested that not everybody has access and we should not assume access and

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proficiency by all people. In terms of health service, it was important to connect necessary services to people in order to make Portland age-friendly. This is a brief timely of the age-friendly cities project. Started in 2006. We finished in 2007 and since then, given a number of local, national and international presentations. In the winter of 2010, the global network of age-friendly cities was initiated by the world health organization and to be part of that network, a city had to commit to undertake a process of continually assessing and approving age friendliness. Exchange best practices among members and make sure interventions are appropriate and sustainable and cost effective and that older adults are involved throughout the process. In the spring of last year, mayor Adams, applied -- and institute on aging staff were invited to join the mayor's Portland plan advisory group and in may presented to the world health organization in australia and june, our application was accepted by the world health organization and as commissioner Fritz noted one of just nine cities initially inducted as members of the global network of age-friendly cities. In the spring, just now, and the reason for this presentation today, our official certification of membership arrived and i'll present that at the conclusion of our presentation. I'd like to turn over the discussion to alan.

**Alan Delatorre:** If you could advance the slides, that would be great. We want to be brief since there is three of us left to talk. We're in the first stage of years one to two in the slides, which involve joining the network, doing the baseline assessment which margaret explained was the original age-friendly cities project and now getting to the point of developing a action plan, developing the indicators important and moving forward. As we move forward into years three through five, it's moving toward implementation and monitoring the indicators and this is something that the city and region is getting better at, understanding what's the important indicators. In the Portland plan, we're seeing the development of benchmarks and indicators. And this is a cyclical process. We'll need to make improvements incrementally over time. A couple of things, our current activities at the institute are to develop funding streams to really carry forward the global network and research connected to this. So we're not here to ask for money, but rather partnership in moving forward and we're excited to continue to work with the Portland plan and be part of the comprehensive plan. This summer, hoping to convene or advisory council for the action plan. In september, margaret and I are traveling to dublin to meet with the original members of the age-friendly cities project and next summer hoping to come back to you to talk about the proposed action plan and indicators. And in january, 2013, we have to re-up with the world health organization to really get our second round of membership in the global network. So i'd like to pass it on to critical partners in this process the vickie and jerry.

**Vicky Hurston:** Thank you, alan. Good morning, mayor Adams and commissioners. I'm vickie, executive director of elders and action. Our mission is to ensure a vibrant community and proud to work with the city since 1968 to help ensure the quality of life in Portland doesn't depend on age. We've been pleased to work with the institute on aging and their partners for the past five years on this project and extremely encouraged that Portland has embraced the vision and goals of becoming a age-friendly city by being one the first to join the global network of age-friendly cities. Thank you for your foresight and understanding of this unique economic and social opportunity. A key component of this project and planning cycle is noted in dr. Neal's and alan presentation, the involvement of older adults and baseline assessment. Enders in action are delighted to -- elders and action are delighted to offer our trained volunteers to ensure Portland is a livable city for all ages in the years to come. We can use the tools developed in 1993 to develop the elder friendliness of the - - in the eight age-friendly topic areas. It's a meaningful volunteer opportunity for the older adults. We also see the recently approved Portland five-year neighborhood economic development strategy as a wonderful opportunity to partner with business and community partners to help create a vibrant community using recommendations approved by city council in 2004 for neighborhood livability standards for seniors. These, combined with elder friendly business standards, could help to create a model thriving neighborhood where there's a business where a grandmother and her 8-year-old

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grandson can safely walk home to the store for an orange juice or to buy a soccer ball and enjoy the walk. It also dovetails really well, elders in action supported harper's playground, which was mentioned earlier, because the importance of having boundless playgrounds is for all ages, so a grandmother can enjoy playing in a sandbox, they may be in a walker or wheelchair but it's at a level she can also play in. Elders in Action looks forward to harnessing the talent and time of it's volunteers and working with the city of Portland, the institute on aging and its partners to ensure Portland is a city that works for all ages and a place where people may stay active and involved in their community, no matter the age. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you very much.

**Fritz:** You can move the whole --

**Jerry Cohen:** Slide over. Oh, it moves. Thank you, my name is jerry cohen, state director for aarp, Oregon. Don't be embarrassed by referring to us by our past name. We for many years were the american association for retired persons and we were pioneers in Oregon. The state office established about 13 years ago was a small staff and have over half a million members and a quarter live in the Portland area and half are ages 50-59. So get over it. [laughter] we are aging and I thought we had great evidence of that this morning from some of our illustrious colleagues of a younger age. The key here, aarp and all of these organizations in your leadership is focused on the engagement. The eng that goes before age and after age. And as we can find ways, and this world health organization has allowed us to showcase. Aarp is looking, thanks to what's happened in Portland, how to promote these efforts across the nation, to make communities more engaged and livable and more successful economically, socially and social capital as we age. Three quick points I'm going to hit them quickly and that's first, we've been engaged in many ways in terms of public policy but often it's the little things, things like changing the handles in a home in terms of a lever instead of a doorknob. Where placement is of the curb, all of the different things we've learned through common sense but often you have to apply it in terms of people taking a look at their whole community. We'll continue to do that and working with all of you in that regard. Engaging our members in social engagement, civic engagement and the second is working with the private sector because there's so much we can do but without necessarily imposing public policy. Common sense, it's good business and elders in action, but I think people friendly, highlights that and last, again, simple tools. I want to point out anything in aarp is recycled material but I did bring along recent publications on disseminating tips for private sector for all of us to take responsibility. I'm honored to be able to work with a number of great organizations, colleagues and honored to be here today. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you all very much. Really appreciate your presentations.

**Fritz:** I think we have the certificates to be presented to all of us. If we can get a photograph. Thanks to sara on my staff to help coordinate this.

**Adams:** Congratulations.

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**Adams:** All right. So for those of you -- how many of you have been in council chamber before for decision making? Raise your hand. So a few protocols for the room. Unless you're in middle school and making a presentation, if you like something, you do this, if you don't like something, you do this. There's no clapping, hooting, hissing, no large noises. Because this is a chamber where we like to facilitate the free flow of ideas. The other protocol is, if you are a registered lobbyist, of course, you've been authorized to speak on behalf of business or organization, you just need to say that at the beginning of your testimony. We only want your name. We don't want your address, don't want your phone number. All we need, all we want is your name. We have a sign-up sheet. If you want to sign up. How many people have signed up?

**Moore-Love:** 16 so far.

**Adams:** 16? We've got a -- we're going to limit comments to a minute. If you prepared longer and you've got something new and different to say, that hasn't been said, I might let you go a little

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longer. But since we're pressed for time, we'll limit it to a minute. I would like for ms. Frazzini and Mr. Benson will be our first speakers and after we read the title, Yvonne Deckard and Kathy are here to answer questions after we get testimony done. So if -- a few introductory comments before you hear from public speakers we want to retain the best employees. The American Medical Association in 2008 said that transgender benefits were medically necessary. We rely on doctors to tell us what is basic medically necessary treatment in terms of determining what's in our health plan. In the city of Portland, the health plan is the advice on what the city council should do with our health plan, we rely on the labor management benefits committee. It's rare for the city council to do something different than is recommended by the labor management benefits committee. It's happened before, but it's rare. This is one of those rare times where we are respectfully disagreeing with their advice in this matter. Doing that because we do think this is basically basic medically necessary services that should be included in our healthcare benefit. The city of San Francisco, included these benefits in their insurance offerings for their employees. And they have found the impacts to be de minimis. Which means there hasn't been a big impact on the overall cost of the San Francisco -- the city and county of San Francisco medical benefits. We being extra extra prudent, put aside \$32,000 in the event we'll have additional costs. Our healthcare is paid both by a contribution from employees and also from taxpayers. So we've been -- that's \$32,000 for the entire year for everything. The other reason why we're moving this forward, the city council was one of the first cities in Oregon to pass the civil rights ordinance and it eventually came to include the phrase we would not discriminate, nor would we allow others to discriminate based on a number of factors, including gender identity. There was however fine print and the fine print is what we're going to address today in terms of removing the exclusion and including transgender -- medically necessary transgender services. It's about basic -- in addition to attracting the best and brightest, it's about basic fairness and having city council and the city of Portland being an exemplar in asking others and joining with others, we're not the first in the public or private sector to offer these benefits but to be an exemplar with others that this is about basic fairness and we seek to be the place of the most equal of opportunities. With that brief introduction, I'd like to turn it over to our partner who has worked with us over the years to get basic fairness not only in city policies but local laws and state law, the executive director of basic rights organize.

**Jeana Frazzini:** Thank you, Mayor and city councilors for the opportunity to testify today. I'm the executive director working to ensure that all lesbian, gay and transgender Oregonians truly experience equality. I'm here to testify in support of transgender healthcare and urge a yes vote. We all nobody who's been denied medically necessary care by an insurance company focused on the bottom line. It can be painful, it's unfair and oftentimes, can be dangerous to a person's health. There are many who experience discrimination in healthcare in Oregon, but members of our transgender populations face it at an unparalleled level. Being medically necessary yet many transgendered Oregonians are denied the ability to purchase health insurance solely on the basis of their gender identity and without that health insurance, many of these people have no access to healthcare and nowhere to turn if they develop health problems. So nearly all insurance plans categorically exclude coverage for transgender medical treatment even when the same treatment is covered for non-transgender folks. Women experiencing menopause, but transgender women are often denied similar prescription hormones because of how they identify. In a tragic example from the private sector, a transgender person who identified as male with an insurance company and developed uterine cancer was denied payment for the treatment because the insurance plan did not acknowledge his illness due to gender identity. Today you have an opportunity to make a big difference in real people's lives. The proposal would end discriminatory practice based on gender identity and end the exclusion of medically necessary care for transgender employees. The city and county of San Francisco and 22% of Fortune 500 companies provide healthcare for gender companies. If Kraft Foods and Coca-Cola think this is good, it's not too progressive for the city of Portland. [laughter] These and other businesses believe that providing all employees healthcare is

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not just good for business but the right thing to do. Ultimately, this ordinance affirms what we know, the decisions about healthcare should be made between doctors and patients. And that all Oregonians should be able to access the care they need. Excluding an individual group from healthcare is wrong and must come to an end. On behalf the basic rights Oregon, our supporters in the room and across the state, I urge you to pass the ordinance and thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

**Dave Benson, Labor Management Benefits Committee:** I'm dave benson. Good morning, mayor and members of council. President of the Portland Police Commanding officers association. I'm here to talk to you about labor benefits management committee. This committee has been in existence for 20 years, i've been a member of the committee for 17 years. I'm not sure how that happened but here I am today. I've been on literally hundreds of committees in my 27-year career of service with the Portland police bureau and the city of Portland. I can tell you my experience with the labor management benefits committee has been the single most effective committee in my service with the city. Over the years, members of council and staff have come to our meetings and found us to be a rather nerdy group, focused on premiums, deductibles and co-pays and things that not everyone enjoys. Over the years, council has almost unanimously supported us on our recommendations and that's why the committee is so effective. We take great ownership in the dollars we spend on the city's behalf for health coverage for city employees and their families and we've been careful with the dollars. That brings us fast forward to today. We're enjoying this year lower rates of premium increase than virtually anybody in the public or private sector. We're very proud of that and you should be very proud of that. And we have appreciated your support that's allowed to us get there. We are a group that's extraordinarily passionate about being dispassionate. Healthcare is a personal issue for individuals and a passionate issue for individuals. We have a great number of benefits that we consider that are very important, are very needed. This one, transgendered benefits being part of that. Transgendered benefits would be one of those. A needed benefit along with a list of other needed benefits, frankly, but we were there to make business decisions and we made a business decision and I think that's why we voted against it. As painful as it was. There were other benefits that we frankly argued about as well. And we made a similar decision and the one we did approve was expanding the mental health panel which was a zero cost. So again, I respect that if you disagree with us, actually, just a little clarification. Council disagreed with us on user reserve funds once, they have never disagreed with us on plan design in 20 years. One time in 20 years, that's not a bad track record. So I appreciate your support. I know members of our committee appreciate your support. And we look forward to going forward and being effective in the future and i'm happy to take questions about the process, if you would like.

**Adams:** We've got a number of people waiting to testify. If you can stick around at all, that would be appreciated and appreciate your -- I know we all appreciate your work and the work of the committee and you're right, one disagreement in 20 years is a pretty darned good track record. Thank you. Let's go in the order people signed up.

**Moore-Love:** 14 people now. The first three, please come on up.

**Adams:** Welcome, glad you're here. We have a third person? Ok. Please begin.

**Leigh Dolin:** Hi, my name is leigh dolan, past president of the Oregon medical association, board certified internist. Practice medicine in Oregon for 30 years and the last 15 years, taken care of transgender patients. Medical care for transgender patients isn't complicated. Gender identity is inherent to who we are. When someone is born with a malformed heart valve, there's no question we cover the care. Similarly, there should be no question when someone is born transgender, we provide the care they need. There are clear standards of care for treatment of a legitimate diagnosis. Gender identity disorder or gender dysphoria are recognized terms. The medical association -- medically necessary, quote, american medical association supports public and private health insurance coverage for treatment of gender identity disorder in adolescents and adults. While caring for transgender patients is straightforward, the discrimination they face is complex. Because

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of pervasive misconceptions what it means to be transgender, many patients have had a difficult time maintaining relationships with family, friends and partners and with standing the discrimination they face in society at large. As a doctor, one of the most difficult issues I faced ensuring that the care my transgender patients needed was covered by insurance. Coverage is excluded from the vast majority of insurance plans so I had tremendous difficulty providing necessary treatment to my patients within the confines of this exclusion. I can provide a non-transgender woman with hormone treatment but the transgender patient is precluded from the same treatment. These exclusions prevent transgender men from receiving the same procedure. No insurance provider would cover the recommended surgical procedures. It's appropriate for me to determine in consultation with my patient what is medically necessary. It should not be excluded from coverage. I thank you for taking on this critically important issue and ask you to end this insurance discrimination and allow doctors to provide the care for patients and workers in the city of Portland need. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you, doctor. Hi, welcome.

**Rowan Griffith:** Hi. I'm Rowan Griffith, I'm here to read into the record the testimony of a Portland city employee who would like to remain anonymous. Here we go. All right. Dear city councilmembers. Thank you for taking the time to hear my statement. I wish I could be here in person, but I'm unable to break away from work. I have been a city employee for nearly 10 years working in the bureau of environmental services. I also happen to be transgender, I physically transitioned while on the job several years ago, and before I get to the issue of health benefits specifically, I have to say my overall experience was a positive one. City staff and fellow coworkers have been kind, supportive and respectful. As a city employee, I have a benefits package that specifically excludes medically necessary care for transgender people. This has impacted me in two ways. First, I was unable to access the necessary treatment for my situation. As a result, I spent years saving money for the needed surgeries and I continue to pay out of pocket for the required medications and hormones making things more difficult. I was prevented from using the flexible health spending account. And the other impact, I can't access existing routine wellness benefits my coworkers enjoyed, due to gender medical coding. For example, I have to pay out of pocket for simple blood testing to check hormone levels. It's important to note that trans-related care is a treatment process that involves a team of medical professionals and these services are vital to maintain a healthy, productive life. I was lucky that I was able to obtain this care on my own, as so many others struggle to do. It enabled me to thrive as a person and function more effectively in my job but not every transgender employee is as lucky. That's why it's important to pass this ordinance to add transgender benefits to the city core plan. I do not feel that it's the city's intent to foster discrimination based on gender identity. It's too common, on behalf of my fellow transgender employees and others that experience painful discrimination because of our entrenched business practices, I ask you to vote in favor of an inclusive equitable benefits package. Thank you for your hard work. I feel that it makes us better employees and collectively a better workforce.

**Adams:** Thank you very much.

**Rob Wheaton:** I'm Rob Wheaton, speaking on behalf of Oregon AFSCME, the 24,000 members we represent across the state of Oregon. Ken Allen sends his regrets. He's in Washington D.C. But he did bring a letter of support in urging you to pass this measure. We believe this is discriminatory. We're against it. We support you.

**Adams:** That's succinct. Thank you very much. And I'll note for the record, the service employees international union local 49 also sent a letter of support. Thank you. The next three will be --

**Adams:** Welcome.

**Kelsey Green Grout:** Thank you.

**Adams:** Glad you're here. Go ahead and begin.

**Grout:** All right. My name is Kelsey Green Grout. A native Portlander and raised my family and volunteered for numerous community organizations for over 30 years. I believe in Portland and

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have a commit -- committed myself to our community. I would like to begin by saying I truly have empathy for anyone not comfortable in his or her own skin. However, today's vote highlights why there's such animosity and frustration between the private and public sector. Case in point, the private sector. My husband has owned and operated a small business here in the city for the past 30 years, and used to employ up to 50 people, but now employs 20. During this time, he decided not to pay himself for one year to keep the company solvent, but during the worst of times, he never lost sight of the importance of paying for employee healthcare. This year, it went up 28% to a grand total of almost \$50,000. But this has never included vision or dental coverage. We've never had that luxury. We could easily say it's not fair, but we accept this reality. We feel lucky to have what we have and understanding it's a balance between cost and benefit and that's the way it is. Now, to the public sector. After perusing the 109-page city of Portland employee benefit hand book, I was struck by the arrogance of asking for anything more. City employees have a cadillac dental and vision plan, and I can go on and on. What I would like to see here today is not a feel good, save money, common sense, it's only fair vote in favor of this transgender proposal but a genuine thank you. Thank you for the benefits, you already enjoy. I have a friend who has worked for the city for three years, and this person said to me, kelsey, it's embarrassing how many benefits my family and I qualify for. But I believe in solutions so I have two to propose. First, if our civic leaders feel so strongly about this transgender issue, saving taxpayer money or quote, the right thing do, to do what the private sector does. Start a non-profit for hormone replacement therapy and reconstructive surgery. Or two, put the question to the employees themselves. Would each of the 6500 city employees consider contributing \$4.92 out of their own paycheck to help cover the \$32,000 bill which I do not consider minimal and if voted in, would not save money. More legality never saves money. It only complicates matters. Look at pers. In conclusion, today, june 8th, should be a banner day that says enough. Government cannot afford to solve everyone's problems and that's not what our forefathers intended. Please vote no.

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

**Charles E. Long:** My name is charles long. Our creator fashioned mankind as male and female. Evidently if you -- trying to design the preferred gender. Neither the city council nor Portland taxpayers should be forced to be complicit in this abomination by bankrolling these who are city employees. The real need is city paid medical operations but spiritual transformation. Anyone on this council would vote to implement this proposal deserves to be recalled, at the earliest opportunity. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thanks for your testimony, mr. Long.

**Frank Dixon:** Thank you, my name is frank dixon, i'm speaking as part of Portland family of taxpayers. Ronnie lang was the first transperson I got to know and a supporter of mine in my state senate campaign in 1996 and we included her on a picture that was sent out on a mailer to the west side of Portland. I felt that was right. At the time, I didn't understand the trans issue and thought it was about appearance or cosmetic changes. But what I did understand, ronnie lang showed courage in living openly as a transperson in Portland. And since passed away, but showed the same courage in the korean war so I wear my army reserve pin in her honor. We know today that what we're talking about is treatment that is medically necessary as determined by the american medical association. So I would like to tell you what I believe this is about. The american value of equality and so I say let's live the values of our constitution, equal treatment under the law and thank you, mayor, and the council for your support of this issue.

**Adams:** Thank you. Next three.

**Adams:** Welcome to the city council. Please begin.

**Bill Michton:** Thank you. Before I touch on the topic at hand. I want to the say, i'm accusing you of ageism, because they can't applaud for me. Because i'm old. Ok? Two, my technology is from the '40s, and for the first portion of the hearings, especially when the middle school kids were here,

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I had a lot of trouble hearing and then you turned up the p.a. System so, please be careful with that.

**Adams:** Point taken. But I still don't let them clap for you.

**Michton:** Yeah, I realize that. [laughter] ok. To the matter at hand. I have read one of these exclusionary insurance statements and it is just appalling. The idea that it would be -- and it is, it's the equivalent of saying we'll not give insurance to short people. You know, it's how you are born. Being trans, being gay, being straight. And you're going to discriminate because someone is born a certain way? It's appalling. I wanted to also make a comment to the two people here just before me, one is we're not a theocracy. Your religious believers are irrelevant to how government is run. We don't vote on people's rights. We're dealing with a problem where people are having their rights taken and we're restoring them. Finally, what we should be doing in terms of the person from the benefits board, is fighting for single-payer, not eliminating people's coverage for supposedly financial reasons. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you hi, welcome.

**Ray Crider:** Hi, i'm ray crider, four years ago -- thank you. Four years ago, I started my transition. I was fortunate enough to be working for an employer who welcomed it with open arms. I wouldn't be the person I am today without the support i've gotten from my family and friends and coworkers. I want to share my experience of healthcare so that you consider that with the ordinance in front of you. My workplace insurance policy excluded coverage for transgender health benefits, despite steps forward, it excluded surgical services, it's preventive healthcare, and here's why. Part of my daily routine is chest binding and it's a common practice. It's a personal safety issue and if my gender presentation doesn't make sense to the people I meet, I could be put at risk for emotional or physical harm. Binding is painful and awkward but necessary, I cannot leave my house without it. I've been to the emergency room from chest pain and shortness of breast because of the inflammation of the wall of my lungs. The lack of access to surgery is a lose-lose proposition because the insurance companies are paying more for the trips to the emergency rooms that I have to take, for not having this access. I work full time and in the last six days, i've worked every day and after paying for rent, food and bills and healthcare, i'm barely surviving. Surgery is \$8,000 and unless I win the lottery, I don't see a way of getting it. I'll continue working toward my goals. I appreciate your time. Thank you for hearing us.

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

**Promise King:** For the record, i'm promise king. Executive director of Oregon league of minority voters. All of us that love the mosaic of this great city. All of us who believe in justice and liberty. All of us who share the common goal of civil right, think that you are doing a great job. This is not about cost and benefit. This is about the sanctity of human life, a respect for human dignity. We cannot side step that as we talk about policy. Otherwise we -- the fundamental core of our value. A value of liberty and freedom to all of us. So I urge you today to really look at this matter carefully and vote a resounding yes.

**Adams:** Thank you. Thank you for your testimony. Thank you all. Next three.

**Adams:** Stephanie, would you like to begin. Welcome, glad you're all here.

**Stephanie Jahnke:** I'm stephanie jahnke. I transitioned back in 2004 and here today to testify about the need of trans-healthcare. I deal with on a daily basis, cutting my healthcare off. Right now, I fall under the radar and I do get my hormones paid for and do get my medical checkups paid for. I go in every six months. For blood work to make sure everything is working good. One of the things that used in the trans community that nobody has talked about today is the impact, the cumulative impacts this has on us in the community. We have reportedly one the highest suicide rates around, approaching 33%. You put all of these stresses together and it's really difficult. You provide healthcare, you reduce one of those stressors and make our lives easier to get by on a daily basis. Thank you for allowing me to present.

**Adams:** Thank you very much for your testimony. Hi.

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**Heather Fercho:** I'm heather, a research and health policy associate at sisters of the road. We believe that healthcare is a human right and committed to working for comprehensive healthcare for all Oregonians, the american medical association has identified transgender health as being medically necessary. Yet many are denied the ability to purchase health insurance or are denied coverage for the basic care solely because of their gender identity. Each time we do that, we place them at greater risk for discrimination, abuse and adverse emotional physical and economic impacts caused for lack of access to appropriate healthcare. And this would address folks who have a continuum of care which positively impacts health outcomes and would like to thank you for bringing forth this proposal. This is a great step forward for the health and well-being of all people in our community. Helping public and private institutions attract more diverse and qualified peoples of applicants and employees and help to retain good workers.

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

**Fercho:** Not done yet. One more thing, is that ok?

**Adams:** Please summarize. There are a lot of people waiting.

**Fercho:** Each time another organization or institution creates trans inclusive health care benefit plans it makes it that much easier for others to follow suit. I'll stop there.

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

**Emily Pipen Newberry:** Hi, my name is Emily Pipen Newberry, a local resident in Portland and a taxpayer and I transitioned several years ago. It was a wonderful liberating experience. Also been a spiritual path and brought me closer to god. The same time, living with the ways in which society denies our humanity, creates depression and loss of self-respect, loss of relationships often. I've experienced all of these myself, including job discrimination. I'm not a city employee, but I can tell that you every organization that takes a step toward recognizing us as human beings helps to lift that burden to living as how we are. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you for your testimony. Really appreciate it. Adrien? Adrien here? There's adrien. Anyone else wish to testify at this time that didn't sign up? Ok. Adrien, you get the last word.

**Adrien Wolmark:** My name is dr. Adrien Wolmark, phd and i'm a licensed clinic social worker. I've been working with transgender clients for the past two decades and work at national college of natural medicine. Throughout my time as a mental health professional, i've worked with transgender patients unable to access the care they need because of insurance exclusions. In the early 1990's few medical resources existed and insurance policies have not caught up and continue it exclude critical care. Being denied to this care has deep and negative impacts on my transgender clients and experience suicidal, depression and anxiety and difficulties in every area of their lives, but when they have the care they need, they're more effective community members and employees.

In 2008, the american psychological association resolved that transition related care is medical care ought to be covered by insurance. Apa council of representatives wrote, apa recognizes the efficacy, benefit and medically necessity of gender treatment for appropriately evaluated individuals and calls upon public and private to cover the treatments. The apa is the largest association of psychologists worldwide and the national association social workers and the american counseling association has voiced support for transgender people. From two decades of professional experience, it's clear that healthcare for transgender people is medically necessary. I encourage you to support this ordinance. Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you, dr, very much. Any questions for kathy or yvonne. Please call the vote.

**Fish:** I want to begin by thanking mayor Adams for bringing this ordinance forward. And our friends at basic rights Oregon for making a very compelling case in healthcare equity. And I want it clear up a couple of facts which people maybe confused about. The labor management benefits committee voted 7-5 to support this benefit but they have a rule that requires a supermajority so there was a majority support but not the supermajority and I think that's important that that be in the public record. I also did quick math during the testimony. And I took the \$41 million which we spend on our city core plan and I divided it by the \$32,000 of benefit that we'd be adding. And

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yvonne, maybe I got it wrong, but it comes out in my math to .001% increase. Is that right? One-tenth of 1%. The cost is trivial compared to the benefit. So i'm pleased to support this ordinance. The american medical association for me has resolved the question by deeming this a medically necessary procedure -- based on briefings, i've concluded that surgery is not optional. It's an appropriate treatment. It seems to me that Multnomah county, san francisco, nike, wells fargo, kraft foods have settled the question whether this is a mainstream benefit or not. [laughter] and it's worth noting that we currently cover mental health services and hormone therapy so we're extend the benefit to include the surgical piece. \$32,000 seems like a drop in the bucket to achieve inclusive healthcare. The city does not discriminate or make judgments about people's status. I believe that the mayor is leading us effectively on this issue and i'm proud as a member of this community to vote aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, I believe -- I think if I were to sum up what my public career is about, it would be about trying to make people happy. Not just voters when it comes to the election, but to make every person in the city lead a happy and productive life. I think you can't ask for more and you can't aspire to any higher goal as a public servant. And I think that we -- whatever -- you know, my career has been hallmarked by working with children who are abused and neglected. Victims of domestic violence services. Helping children in foster care, to lead successful lives and this will be another proud legacy, helping people to live the gender that they are. In all aspects and manifestations. I think this is a small price to pay for fundamental helping people to live happy lives. We've heard testimony about suicidal consideration and I think it's time to end that and provide the means necessary for people to become the gender they truly believe they are. So I too, am proud top vote aye.

**Leonard:** Well, I had an aha moment. I've served with dan on the city council for five -- for nine years and often tried to understand why he and I ever disagree because we come from philosophically exactly the same place. Because he tries to make everybody happy and I know i'm not going to make everybody happy when I get up in the morning. [laughter] so i'm going to go to bed more comfortable tonight having resolved that conflict. And I would point out to commissioner Fish, if his math is correct, .001% is not one-tenth of 1%, but  $1/100^{\text{th}}$  of 1% laugh. Aye.

**Fish:** I stand corrected. I was looking for yvonne for guidance. Not a mathematician.

**Leonard:** As dan heard me say, he and I have served together my entire length of service on the council, what I really appreciate about serving on this body is not -- is no what I think the public often reads and view, but it's the public disagreements that we may have from time to time. Are often, whether it's mayor potter or sam as mayor, often disagreements of style. And this is another example of that. I served in the Oregon legislature for over nine years and it was not that way. We would have discussions like this where people truly said mean-spirited things on the other side. That absolutely doesn't happen here. And I think it's partly because of who we are as people, but mostly because Portlanders expect that of the people they elect, not just on the city council but the Multnomah county commission and to the state legislature and thus, you'll find I think more so than in most locales, a city council empathetic with the plight of others. I would be remiss in not pointing out -- though it's been alluded to, the other time that the city council did not follow the recommendation of the labor management benefits committee. And that was back in 2005 and I actually brought forward the ordinance that was -- that overrode their recommendation. The Portland police association which is not commander benson's association, he's the command association, but the police association which represents police officers and sergeants and detectives and criminologists and anyone other than who -- dave benson does not represent, were in contract negotiations. The contract expired and they were trying to get a different health benefit plan. The money needed to fund their health benefits was to come from the reserve fund controlled by the labor management benefits committee. They voted not to allow the Portland police association to have access to their -- for their premiums as of july 1st, 2005. Thus, leaving police officers in Portland without health coverage. I was lobbied heavily by the unions to agree with the position of

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the labor management benefits committee but then, like now, it wasn't the right thing to do. At the end of the day, when people present me with facts and figures, it doesn't override what my heart tells me is the right thing to do and I could not in good conscious allow the city's police officers to go without health coverage and I don't feel any different about this issue today. Aye.

**Fritz:** Well, thank you all for being here today. The record that both chambers are standing room only and it's great that you took the time out of your busy schedule to come on a wednesday morning in support of this. Thank you for not all testifying, it made things -- [laughter] I think we had a good representation. And thank you for your leadership on the basic rights Oregon and lots of waving hands there. We appreciate all of your work and I in particular. And guided by your leadership and I appreciate the way you do things as well as what you do. It's important to know that this ordinance expands coverage for the kinds of mental health providers for all situations, not only transgender care and that's a benefit which is cost neutral so it's received less attention. However, two other benefits were considered by the labor management benefits committee and rejected as too expensive. One was for temperament tibia joint disorders and one was for orthotics and they were much more expensive than what we're approving today. The labor management benefits committee, I agree with commander benson, it's an amazing committee where people are diligent at looking at costs and benefits, so the cost of this is \$32,000 and what was mentioned in testimony is that the suicide rate for transgender people is 33 percent. Seems to me that \$32,000 is pretty cost efficient in saving a life. And more than that, it's the right thing to do. And I appreciate living in a city and serving on a city council where we look at what is the right thing to do. I thank mayor Adams for your leadership on this. You're doing this because it's the right thing. It may not be politically popular, but it's absolutely what we need to do today. Aye.

**Adams:** I want to thank clay neal, jennifer yocom and warren jimenez and amy ruiz. Again, our community partner, basic rights Oregon, to the trans community of Portland, who each and every day, make the city a better place and it's my honor and privilege to serve on the city council where we can bring an ounce of fairness in return. When I put down this gavel, you can clap and cheer. Aye. [gavel pounded] [cheers and applause] I have a previously scheduled excuse so i'll turn it over.

**Leonard:** The council will come to order. If I can have people who are talking move outside, please. Karla, could you read item 580.

**Item 580.**

**Leonard:** Thank you. And then we had an item pulled from consent that is complementary to this item. What was that item? 572. Could you also read 572, Karla.

**Item 572.**

**Leonard:** Thank you. Thank you, commissioner Saltzman.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, mr. President. Before us is the authorization to purchase property from mary shaver and authorize the bureau of environmental services to purchase property, we -- this property, by function of nothing more than complicated than geography and the fact that flow from the west hills of our city flows downhill, westward, and in order for us to capture this stormwater, and to pump it and return it to the city of Portland facilities for further treatment and ultimate putting it back into the rivers and streams, we need this property, which is pretty much almost adjacent to where we currently have a pump station. We need a second pump station to handle the increasing flow of stormwater as our environment becomes more pervious. We make efforts to support impervious surface, things that allow water to trickle into the ground naturally, but nevertheless, roads, roofs and streets rush stormwater into the public system and as well as sewage and that's why we've zeroed in on ms. Shaver's property and asking council to support the purchase price to allow us to move ahead with our managing in a responsible manner.

**Dean Marriott, Director, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Dean marriott, environmental services, Director. With me is scott gibson, our head of design services and Eric Shaffner from the city attorney's office who has been helpful during negotiations for this. As commissioner Saltzman

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said, it's been a long road to get here. We decommissioned five obsolete pump stations over a decade ago to build the Fanno Creek pump station. It has proven to be in need of upgrade as far as capacity goes. This would be an upgrade to allow us to convey all the wet weather flow back to Portland. We looked at a number of options to solve this problem, we did not initially go to a neighbor and say we want your property. We exhausted a look at options, including sending the flow down to clean water services for treatment. We looked at neighboring properties in the area, we looked at properties for alternative pump station locations even a mile and a half away. All those proved to be impractical or more expensive, or both. So where we ended up was looking at the adjacent property to build a supplementary pump station. We think we have exhausted the look at the options and alternatives. We have spent some time negotiating a price with long-time resident, whose initially did not would not sell for understandable reasons. We think this is a fair price. I was asked the other day, boy you're paying a lot for a house. I explained we're not intending to use it as a house, we're intending to use it as a pump station. Considering the project is going to cost about \$20 million to build, acquiring the right site, is I think, a sensible measure for us to do. With that, commissioner, unless you have any questions of me or my colleagues, I'll turn it back to you.

**Leonard:** Any questions from council?

**Fritz:** I have a question. What happens if Washington county doesn't approve the new site for the pump station?

**Marriott:** Well, we're very optimistic. As you know, commissioner Fritz, early last year Washington county hearings officer ruled against our land use application for building on the site that is currently occupied by the pump station because it's in the floodplain, so we have learned from that experience, and the Shavers' property, at least a portion of which we would build as a pump station, is outside of the floodplain. We think we've cured that problem, so we don't expect to face that decision. If for some reason something unforeseen happened, we would be happy to sell the property back to the Shavers.

**Fritz:** So we're buying it before we know whether we have the permit?

**Marriott:** Yes.

**Fritz:** And do we know if she's willing to have it back and give us all our money back if we don't get those permits?

**Marriott:** That is part of the provision is she has the first option to buy it back.

**Fritz:** But then, if we're spending more than the price value -- so it's not like a contingent sale, contingent on getting the permits?

**Marriott:** Without taking a lot of time to go into all the negotiations, one of the things that was considered was to acquire an option, but this was considered to be the best approach.

**Fritz:** Why?

**Marriott:** Well, because the option agreement would have cost us more money. The execution of the total option of making her wait for -- during the uncertain period of time while Washington county made its decision.

**Fritz:** The contract doesn't have in it that she will give us back the money and take back the house for the same cost if we don't get the permit? Could we get something like that in the contract?

**Marriott:** Eric do you remember what's in there?

**Eric Shaffner, Office of City Attorney:** It is not a straight exchange for the same amount of money. She has a right of first refusal on the subsequent sale of the property. So there is potential there for some monetary loss if the property has to be resold if the application is ultimately denied.

**Fritz:** As a long-time southwest resident, I know that there's been series of good-hearted and well-researched decisions on this project that have had some unfortunate outcomes that have cost the ratepayers a lot of money. I'm a little extra concerned on this little piece of it, in that there has been organized opposition on the previous permit which was denied, although I thought we had a good

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case for that application. I'm wondering why this is an emergency ordinance as well as to whether there could be something in there that gives some more safeguards for the rate payers should the permit not be allocated for this property.

**Marriott:** Well, commissioner, not without reopening the negotiations with the property owner. It's taken almost a year to get to where we are, and I was personally involved because it is of such importance to the agency. Right now, during wet weather conditions, we are sending wet weather flow to the clean water services, which greatly taxes their system. If they're overwhelmed, we will pump raw sewage into fanno creek, so it's not a situation that we're comfortable with, and we would like to get on with building the facility and getting this issue resolved.

**Saltzman:** This has been a while in coming, and I asked many of the same questions, and I think at one point or another we explored all the options you're suggesting. I think we landed on this option because it was ultimately less expensive to do this than to build in other options.

**Leonard:** Further questions? Any public testimony?

**Moore-Love:** We have two people signed up. Michael Lilly and Jeffrey Gottfried.

**Leonard:** Please come forward. You each have three minutes. Just identify yourself, and welcome.

**Mike Lilly:** Thank you. My name is Mike Lilly. I am a neighbor to the area where you're considering purchasing. I've lived there for a long time, hope to live there for a longer time. But this is a problem for us. And when you say, commissioner Fritz, that you have organized opposition, that understates it. We kicked you around quite a lot at the last hearing, and I will do my very best to do it again. I won't predict victory because I'm not that arrogant, but I will tell you that my very best is pretty good. I'm a lawyer. I'm representing myself. And I have ammunition. I've sent you a letter. I hope that you read the decision of the county hearings officer. If you haven't yet, you should. Thank you.

**Jeffrey Gottfried:** I'm Jeffrey Gottfried. I live 100 yards from the existing pump station. Six years ago, I said to the bureau of environmental services sewage flows downhill. Why is the city that works choosing to pump sewage from unincorporated Washington county into north Portland using fossil fuels? Think of the carbon footprint for the future, maybe six years ago, that might have been acceptable, but at this point in time it's unthinkable that the city of Portland would choose not to use gravity and to pump sewage from our neighborhood to north Portland. I am personally incensed. I am very angry, because our neighborhood is bearing the brunt. We have no representatives up there. The second largest pump station in the city of Portland is being built in unincorporated Washington county where we have no voice. Now, luckily our hearings officers have judged in our favor, but listen to this. We've had numbers of people who have moved out of the neighborhood because of this pump station, sold their house at a far lower price because of the impending pump station. We've had -- our homes have the heat in the foundation. We've had cracked foundations as a result of the vibration of the pump station. I personally found the leak in the pipe. So just six years ago, the first pump station was built and, within two years, it failed because the wrong pipe was put in. This is a question, when we look at a project like that and we say, are you doing things right? Are you doing the right things? Bureau of environmental services has not done the right thing, and they haven't done it well. Their lack of oversight caused the failure of this first project. After six years of the revegetation of the fanno creek trail, they had to dig the whole thing up. Not just the fanno creek trail. All of Multnomah boulevard because they put in the wrong pipe. They put in the wrong kind of pipe. And for days sewage was flowing into fanno creek. I say let's not throw good money after bad. For the last two years, the sewage has been going to Washington county as needed. Now, bureau of environmental services says this is not in the interest of our rate payers. Well, it's in our interest, and we live there. And the reason they don't want to do this is because the bureau of environmental services needs to clean the sewage to a higher standard than the city of Portland does because it goes into the tualatin river and not Portland. Is anyone looking at the long-term cost of the power needed to pump the sewage uphill versus using gravity? You talk

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about doing the right thing. We're people, too. My address is Portland. I'm three blocks from Portland. I think there's no coincidence that this is being built in our neighborhood and not in the city of Portland, because you'd be just inundated with people from your constituents here if it was.

**Leonard:** Thank you. Dean, do you want to respond to any of that?

**Fritz:** I'd like to ask a couple questions. So why are we choosing to pump rather than use gravity in that contract for clean water services?

**Marriott:** That's a good question, and that was clearly one of the options we looked at first 10 years ago before we even built the fanno pump station. We would end up having to pay them for all the capital upgrades to their system. Again, cost/benefit analysis, it was pretty clear in our minds and actually clean water services concurs with this recommendation to go the way we're going. So that was thoroughly evaluated.

**Fritz:** And why are we building in unincorporated Washington county rather than putting a new pump station in Portland?

**Marriott:** Well, as commissioner Saltzman alluded to, it's really a question of geography and topography. When we took the other five pump stations off-line, this is the location at which all those flows could be converged and then sent back to Portland for treatment.

**Fritz:** And is this the last step? I know, living in southwest, we seem like we've been doing things on Multnomah boulevard for quite some time, and I know we've had several contracts come through here. Is this the last piece of the project?

**Marriott:** Yes. Building of this wet weather pump station. There may be some work done on the eastern end of Multnomah boulevard east of Multnomah village. But once we're done with the clean-up work and all on the area that we've disturbed, we should be done.

**Fritz:** And my last question. We did recapture some of the investment from the company that we contracted with for the pipes that failed?

**Marriott:** Yes. There was litigation against several companies.

**Fritz:** And how much did we get back? Do you remember?

**Marriott:** I actually don't recall off the top of my head.

**Leonard:** Further questions? Please call the roll on 572.

**Moore-Love:** Actually, we have an amendment with this, an exhibit, purchase and sales.

**Saltzman:** I would move that amendment.

**Fish:** Seconded.

**Leonard:** Has it been distributed?

**Moore-Love:** It was in the tuesday memo.

**Leonard:** I see it now. Been moved and -- yes? 572 moves to a second reading so 580 we will do right now.

**Fish:** Just a point of order, the amendment to 572 or 580?

**Leonard:** 580. So moved and seconded. Any discussion on the amendment? If not, Karla, please call the roll.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** I would just point out this was simply that we omitted to include the bargain and sale agreement in the original filing. Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye. The amendment's adopted. Please call the roll on 580 as amended.

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

**Fritz:** I am concerned about the issue of whether we will be able to get permits for this and about the lack of option rather than moving forward. I have to defer to the commissioner in charge of the bureau and your diligence in investigating all of that and also the fact that, if I was to vote no, all that would do is to delay it rather than to change the outcome. Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye. 580 is adopted. Please call the roll on 581. Please call the roll.

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

**Leonard:** Aye. If there's no objection, i'd like to move the 4/5ths 581-1 to this afternoon. Commissioner Saltzman, you'll be here this afternoon? 'Cause I will not.

**Saltzman:** I will be arriving late but, yeah, I will be here.

**Leonard:** So you'll have the four votes.

**Fish:** You will not be here?

**Leonard:** No.

**Fish:** Dan, we've scheduled this to be tight because people don't like it to go late. So if you're arriving late, we may not actually have a quorum.

**Saltzman:** Is this the appointment of Scott Andrews?

**Fish:** These are two tax abatements.

**Leonard:** The four-fifths is, and I misspoke. That only needs three.

**Fish:** 'Cause we've got two tax abatements --

**Saltzman:** I'm hoping to be back between 2:15 and 2:30, and I think we start at 2:00.

**Fish:** Mayor Adams?

**Leonard:** He'll be here. The council stands in recess until 2:00 p.m.

At 11:17 a.m., Council recessed.

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**Adams:** We're going to proceed with the 4/5ths.

**Moore-Love:** We have to have four.

**Adams:** Is three a quorum? Do we have anything else we can do? I can still do the hearing. I just can't take the vote. Please read the title for the 4/5ths.

### **Item 581-1.**

**Adams:** It's my pleasure to submit to the city council for their consideration scott andrews for reappointment as chair of the Portland redevelopment commission. Scott has been key in reforms of the Portland development commission, key in underpinning their work based on our strategies -- economic development strategy -- to boost exports. The number of exports to new customers, new places around the world and then more recently city council approved the neighborhood economic development strategy as well. So please take this job again. [laughter] would you like to say a few words?

**Scott Andrews:** Well, I would actually. Thank you. First I can't believe that it's been almost three years since I became a member of the commission. As we all know, an awful lot of things have changed in the last three years. When I was first appointed in august of 2008, we all knew the economy was going to go through a rough patch, but we had no idea we were going to be dealing with what's considered the worse economic crisis since the great depression. The dow jones was about 8600 in mid august and, six months later, it was down to 6500, and then we started the slow climb. As you mentioned, in 2008, you announced the joint effort of the city and pdc to create the first economic development strategy in 15 years. It couldn't have come at a better time. Adopted in 2009 and combined with the creation of the Portland housing bureau and the reorganization of pdc, it's given us the ability to focus much more on economic development and jobs, and I think that's very appropriate given the times. That reorganization of pdc and announced in 2008 and fully implemented in june of 09 created a new neighborhood and business industry divisions, showcasing our emphasis on neighborhoods, small business, and jobs. As you know, pdc's gotten a lot smaller in the last three years from 230 full-time employees to less than 140. We have a great new executive director in Patrick quinton. Fortunately, the economies become stronger and were back to adding much needed jobs. We've completed a number of projects, including the rack, the bud clark commons and the pearl family housing project. We have several under way, vestus, the Oregon college of oriental medicine, killingsworth station project, and solo power are the most prominent. I really appreciate the support and guidance that sam provides us and the relationship that all of the council members and the pdc have created over the last three years. This is not an easy position, but I enjoy it, and I appreciate the opportunity to work with john mohlis, charles wilhoite, aneshka dickson, and Steven Straus, who are really terrific people and great board members. And they help us all make Pdc the best it can be for the City of Portland. PDC has had a lot to do with the making of this fantastic city and will continue to in the future with your support. It's a privilege to serve. Thank you.

**Adams:** Questions for chair andrews?

**Fish:** Just a comment, mayor, I agree with the assessment you have made mayor on a number of occasions that scott is the best chair that we've dealt with -- i've certainly dealt with. Maybe the only chair i've dealt with actually. I haven't been here that long. Let my qualify that. It's an honor

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to work with scott. And the transition from pdc to the new Portland housing bureau was a very complicate the undertaking, and I don't think it would have been possible without scott's strong leadership and commitment to what we were trying to accomplish, and that was just step one. Step 2 was making the new relationship work better, and I think the evidence is in. Both organizations are stronger and more focused, required to work in a collaborative way to be successful. It's a pleasure to work with you scott and I want to personally thank you for your service.

**Fritz:** Thank you, chair andrews. It's amazing, the number of things you are at, including neighborhood and community events that people might think don't have much connection with economic development and jobs and the kinds of construction that pdc is well-known for, but of course it does because community involvement and thriving neighborhood business' are also part of our aims with the portland development commission. I'm really pleased to see the partnership and the clarity with the housing bureau and with the neighborhood businesses and with all of the things that we're now getting written plans under the mayor's guidance and with your leadership of pdc and are seeing outcomes from, the cluster development strategy that we use to gauge whether or not were going to pursue a particular business or not so that we become known for doing a few things really, really well and a lot of things well as well. I think that's brilliant. And I very much appreciate your service. It's very hard to believe you're an unpaid volunteer, and I certainly appreciate your dedication to bettering the city of portland.

**Andrews:** Thank you. I have to thank my partners and my wife as well because they put up with me being gone a lot.

**Adams:** We won't vote right now. We'll conclude the hearing on this matter. When we get a fourth vote, we will vote on it. In the meantime, please read the title for 581 and call the vote.

**Moore-Love:** We did that this morning.

**Fish:** Did that after you left.

**Adams:** So what's left?

**Fish:** We have three time certain items, 582, 583, and 584.

**Adams:** Plead read the titles for emergency ordinance, time certain, 582.

**Item 582.**

**Fish:** Kate allen and team, will you please come forward? Kate, we've done this drill a number of times. I'm going to ask you if you'll just tee it up for us, ask if there are any questions.

**Kate Allen, Housing Bureau:** Happy to do so. My name is kate allen, the housing policy manager for the Portland housing bureau. Good afternoon, mr. Mayor, commissioners.

**Adams:** Welcome back.

**Allen:** Thank you. Before you is our request and recommendation for extension of the existing new multiunit exemption for 52 of the units of housing that's affordable to households earning less than 60%. In the 124-unit apartment building known as Collins Circle apartment. The apartment building is located in goose hollow proximate to the light rail station and within walking, rolling or riding distance from downtown and employment centers. To be clear, this extension presumes that, as of the expiration of the original exemption, 72 of the units are returned to the tax rolls fully taxable. So we are requesting and recommending extension for just the affordable units. Based on its review of the financial reports for the project, Portland housing bureau recommends extension for 20 years to assure the financial sustainability of the project and its operation of the property benefiting both the residents and the neighborhood. The property is subject to a long-term affordability agreement, under the pdc financing put in place in 1999, in effect until 2059. 60 years of affordability. The planning and sustainability commission reviewed this project and the extension request in april and endorsed the extension for the affordable units, acknowledged the effectiveness of the limited tax exemption program, in assuring that affordable units would remain available in this healthy, connected neighborhood. The project has been acquired by the jonathan rose development company, who are nationally known for their high-quality approach to preservation of affordable and mixed-income urban housing and will bring their strong

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sustainability commitment to the project with green renovation they'll undertake over the next several years. Representatives Nathan Taft and Will Goodman are here with us today. I want to also acknowledge that Portland Housing Bureau staff, John Warner and Kim McCarty and Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff, Steve Dodder and Uma Krishnan provided excellent work to make sure the investment, is prudent, strategic and effective. Happy to answer any questions that the council may have.

**Adams:** I have none.

**Fritz:** I have. Thank you for your presentation and thank you to Commissioner Fish for your diligence in scrutinizing all the tax abatement requests. I was on the planning commission when this was initially approved, and there was a long-term use agreement that restricted 52 units for 60 years. And that was part of that deal that there was a tax abatement on the market rate, 120% of median family income as well as the low income. Why are we going back now? What would happen -- don't we still have that agreement for 60 years?

**Allen:** We do. I think the role that has been clarified over the last several years with Commissioner Fish's leadership of sort of fully in-house the abatement programs has to do with a strict adherence to both the statutory and the code-dictated requirements for when we would consider an extension. We feel -- and this has come up on other recent projects -- that the line that we are striking is that the availability of an extension is for affordable units only if and when the demonstration for the financial sustainability of those units is demonstrated.

**Fritz:** I appreciate that, my question is though, we got an agreement for 60 years of affordability, so what would happen if we decided not to do this?

**Fish:** The project would not be penciled out.

**Fritz:** It's already built.

**Fish:** Operating costs. These are units that are affordable.

**Fritz:** Right.

**Fish:** As a precondition to being considered for an extension, you have to have this agreement to commitment to long-term affordability. Because it's a long-term affordable project, it doesn't pencil out without further subsidy, in this case in the nature of a tax abatement.

**Fritz:** Do we tax abate other buildings that have been built without an abatement? Are they eligible to come in and ask for an abatement?

**Fish:** We have not had that come up during my tenure but had people who received the initial 10-year tax abatement come and ask for a renewal and extension on the condition that they would continue to make the units affordable.

**Fritz:** Right. This one already had the 60-year agreement in the first place. I'm just wondering, supposing it's no longer a viable project and that it becomes foreclosed, does the requirement for affordability for 60 years carry over into the next owner?

**Fish:** That's a good question.

**Allen:** Yes. If it does.

**Fritz:** I guess I'm not sure what we're buying with this \$18,000 tax abatement.

**Allen:** I think the estimation that would be at analysis that the housing bureau has performed assures us that the extension is not doing anything for the developer other than, when we look at the pro forma without the exemption, there is a financial risk in operation of the project. We are particularly interested in this developer and their commitment to the long-term affordability as well as the green operation, improving the operations of the project. The financial analysis that the Portland Housing Bureau performed was a point in time 10 years ago when we did it and looked at the projection. The operations of those 60% units now arguably put a different kind of financial burden, which is then -- which then comes through in the effect of having affordable units in place.

**Fish:** Let me add a couple points. This is not the first time the council has considered extending beyond the first 10 years. We've done that in the past. We've done so when a couple of conditions were met. Number 1, that there were long-term agreements in place to require that the units be

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affordable. That's our insurance policy see that our investment in turn is honored. Number 2, we've only done so after planning sustainability has reviewed it and made a recommendation to us. Number three, the statute gives us the authority to do this. What we have learned -- and we've gone pretty deep on this through the Portland housing advisory commission -- is that the pro forma for these particular developments are so fragile that, if we don't continue the abatement, the entire project will go down. On a case-by-case basis, where units are affordable and after affordability is maintained over time, under statute we have the authority to continue the tax abatement to support the project. The larger policy question, though, about whether we should do that and, in particular, whether the county, which is the one that has to actually honor the abatement through the assessor's office -- whether we should continue to do this and under what circumstances we might tweak it is subject to a process that you and I are involved with chair cogen. We'd welcome a larger look at the policy. But currently this has been the practice where there are long-term affordable covenants in place.

**Fritz:** I understand when it's a project about to be built, but this one has already been built, and we gave a generous tax abatement in the first place, including the commercial and the above-market rate housing.

**Fish:** Just to be clear, though, we've had this precise application before us previously that you have supported after the 10-year period. So in point of fact, because the initial term of the abatement is 10 years, when it has come to us in the past and received unanimous council support, it has been after the expiration of the first 10-year portion of the tax abatement, and what we've done is extended it. There's no difference from what our practice has been. If the council wants to revisit the policy, which I think we are certainly open to, I would encourage us to do that through the big look process, not to do it sort of now after we've already established a practice under which we would consider these applications.

**Fritz:** I think this is a different situation, though, because there was a tax abatement on the nonaffordable part in the first place and because we already have the 60-year covenant.

**Fish:** But in some instances, we've had the longer period. Remember, in this case, we're not proposing to extend the tax abatement to the market-rate units. It would simply go to provide the incentive to keep -- the incentive, which you're right the 60-year covenant gives us a pretty good insurance policy but more importantly gives the developer a pro forma where the building stays in financial health during the period that we're housing fragile people.

**Fritz:** Is the building still owned by the original developer?

**Allen:** No, it is not. It was acquired by the developer who is here with us today.

**Fritz:** And why are they proposing to do a bunch of green renovations? We like the green aspect, but on a 10-year-old building that would seem perhaps not mandatory at this point in time.

**Allen:** We can invite the developer up to speak to that if you would like.

**Fish:** Why don't you jump in, because it is a tod program, so there are points for doing that kind of thing.

**John Warner, Portland Housing Bureau:** John Warner, senior development manager of the Portland housing bureau. Amanda, I wanted to address your initial point and then follow up response to that last question you raised. The project was underwritten on a pro forma basis. It wasn't in existence 12 years ago. There were assumptions made about trending of income and expenses over time, the assumption was that by the time the tax exemptions fell away that the trending in market rate rents as well as trending in the rents for the retail component of the project would allow the project to cross subsidize the affordable units going forward and there wouldn't be a need for continuing tax exemption for the project. However, the actual rents that have occurred and trending of those rents to get to 2010, in comparison to what was shown in the pro forma 12 years ago, what was assumed to be achievable in 2010, are materially different. The project has had a much lower net operating income achieved than pro forma was predicted 12 years ago. We want to make sure the project has sufficient cash flow cushion so that any bumps in the road in terms of

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operations are rises in utility costs, uncontrolled expenses that the management company cannot control, could be managed going forward. So our assessment was that the project needed a limited extension of the exemption, certainly not the entire exemption, retail and market rate returned to the tax rolls, but this little exemption would allow to us maintain the viability for 52 units, providing an adequate cash flow cushion for those units for any unexpected expenses associated with their operations. Secondly, with regard to the financing of the project, the financing has a seven-year term with, I believe, a 30-year amortization period, so there's going to be a refinance event that has to happen eight years from now. Again, forecasting what kind of coverage that project will have at that point in time, we were concerned that they would have a challenge, being able to refinance the project at that point in time and would have to actually infuse significant amounts of additional equity in this project that we didn't think would be a prudent expectation that a rational developer would think would be a good idea. I think the result of our negotiations were that, given that we have still additional almost 50 years on our regulatory agreement and we're reasonably confident that the exemption was needed to maintain the viability of the affordable component, even though lack of ability to cross subsidize, that this was something we'd seek approval of.

**Fish:** Had this been a nonprofit developer, as of right, they would have been eligible for the tax abatement?

**Warner:** Correct. For the units that are affordable.

**Fish:** One of the things, kate, we've been taking up in our big look is the extent to which a for-profit developer that maintains affordable units would also be eligible for an extended tax abatement.

**Allen:** Under the nonprofit program.

**Fish:** The theory is, whether the line is being blurred between whether it's a for-profit or nonprofit builder. The question is the unit, its affordability, and the public benefit.

**Warner:** As to pursue green retrofitting of the project, Gerden Edlen, the original developers of the project certainly were ahead of their time and continue to be with their green building practices. 12 years ago, they wanted to build a reasonably green project. Given where energy codes were at that time and technology around energy efficiency, water and energy conservation measures this building is not as green as it could be if it were pursued today. The jonathan rose company working locally with sera architects has evaluated the project using the leed energy and environmental design existing operation, building, and maintenance scorecard and determined that they think there's an opportunity for the project to have modest retrofits done to that could materially increase its energy efficiency, which will not only reduce operating costs for the management of the property but also for the tenants that live in it. It's really a means of future proofing the project in terms of its marketability relative to its peers in the face of rising energy and water costs. They thought it would be strategically a good opportunity to invest a limited amount of money in order to get that kind of efficiency out of the project.

**Fish:** Remind us again why is this coming to us as an emergency and not simply as an ordinance?

**Allen:** Due to the expiration date of the existing exemption. Our partners at the county are strongly encouraging us to get these extension actions taken care of well ahead of the june 30th date, and we are a little ahead.

**Fritz:** Why didn't it come to us last month?

**Allen:** Somewhere between the dates on the planning commission and the preparation time for the resolution, this was the soonest that we could get to the council.

**Fritz:** My final question. Tell me what's been the annual average return on investment since construction and what's the projected return on investment over the next 20 years?

**Warner:** Going forward, i'm sorry. I don't think I have with me in hand what it has been during the prior 10-year operating period.

**Allen:** If I can address that, as you recall, there is a regulatory agreement in place attached to the exemptions. That and the existing pdc regulatory agreement have us reviewing the pro forma each year as agreed, and those reviews are subject to not exceeding the required rate of return ceiling. So

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we have that assurance by the agreement. What I don't have in front of me is the performance year by year.

**Fish:** If I could follow up on that, when we do our annual review of tax abatements, we make recommendations to council to discontinue certain abatements particularly on single-family residences where someone's no longer eligible. If the rate of return goes above the agreed-upon amount, does that put in jeopardy the tax abatement?

**Allen:** The regulatory agreement puts that developer subject to a claw-back of excess return on any one year.

**Fritz:** My concern is and I literally remember this conversation while I was on the planning commission. That is the ceiling is 10% of annual rate of return, and I said I can't get 10% on my investments. One of my colleagues said, if you had enough money to invest in a building like this, you would be able to. That's what I want to know is what's the rate of return over the last 10 years and what is the projected rate of return? Is it in line with the interest rates that the common person could get?

**Fish:** Before you answer that, if commissioner Fritz you want to vote against this, you're welcome to, but this is not the right forum to recast the policy that we follow. With all due respect, your questions are good. And if you don't feel comfortable -- and I believe this is an emergency ordinance. If you don't feel comfortable voting for it, we'll strip the emergency and take it up next week. In the interim, we'll answer all your questions. But this is not, in my judgment, the proper forum to have that discussion. My team was not prepared to have a discussion about our policy. I've invited you, as you know, to sit with me at the table on the big look. Your questions are important to me. These are very important questions. But respectfully not in this setting, not without giving my office a heads up, not without us having a discussion before this hearing. If these are so important to you that you don't feel you can vote for this today, then I'll move to strip the emergency clause and we'll take it up next week and give you a briefing on every question you have, many of which, as has happened in the past, have led to our having a deeper, I'd say a better understanding of how to administer these programs. So I'm not trying to shut you down. I'm just saying I think there's a more constructive way to have that discussion.

**Fritz:** Thank you commissioner Fish. I'm certainly interested in that. I am going to vote for this because there's no point in not voting for it. It has to come today otherwise, it messes things up with the County. Having had discussions with your staff all morning and even up to just before the hearing on the policy issues, I don't see what we're getting in addition to what we already have, which is the 60-year affordability part of the agreement in the first place, so that's why I was pursuing the questions about rate of return to find out how much of the \$18,000 -- how much that makes a difference.

**Allen:** I think John's analysis of the pro forma going forward is illustrative of exactly what you're getting after.

**Warner:** I can address that question for you. I mean, the statute of the code for the tax abatement program allows for up to a 10% internal rate of return analysis, which is kind of a complicated analysis. We've done it. This project, were it not to receive an exemption, of the affordable units, would have a negative 11% internal rate of return. And the internal rate of return with the exemption is not much better. It's a negative 10% internal rate of return so materially below the threshold.

**Fritz:** Thank you, that is the information I was looking for.

**Fish:** Again, for the record, because commissioner Fritz is a critical partner in working with me on our housing agenda, the questions that she's posed in this hearing are important to me. Kate, I'd like to schedule a follow-up briefing and also like to look at a number, specifically these questions of rate of return and the policy, and I'd like to have this discussion also be focused the next time we have our big look. Because before we come back to council, I want to address them. I think she raises important points, and I want to have a broader discussion before council of those issues.

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**Adams:** Additional council discussion? Alright anyone wish to testify on item 482? Please call the vote.

**Fish:** Thank you both for your presentation. This is a complex area, and our ultimate goal is to use this tool judiciously to create incentives for or reserve options for affordable housing throughout our community. Under the new protocol we've established, we're working more closely than ever with our partners at the county who have to sign off on these and particularly our friend, the assessor, who ultimately has to take the ministerial actions. This is an important tool in our tool kit, but it must be used wisely, and we need to be able to demonstrate to the broader public that they're getting a fair return for their investments. I take that as the spirit of my friend and colleague, commissioner Fritz's comments, and I believe we continue to have to do a better job making our case more broadly about why we do these and what the public benefit is. I appreciate your work today. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you both for your testimony. Kate, you're always able to answer my questions on the spur of the moment. Danielle Ledezma in commissioner Fish's office has been very helpful. Thank you, sir, for being here. This is actually a model project in that it is part of affordable housing, part market-rate and above housing and a commercial space, and it was carefully designed that way, so it should be successful moving forward. And I note that this morning on the consent agenda we approved \$25,000 to JOIN to help house seven formerly homeless women as part of commissioner Fish's exemplary mission to end homelessness. So when you're looking at 52 families and people being housed for this \$18,000 and then seven women for \$25,000, it's indeed, as commissioner Fish has said multiple times, its so much less costly to keep people in housing rather than to find housing once they become homeless. So I do appreciate all of your good work, and I appreciate this conversation. Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. 582 is approved. Please read the title of emergency ordinance number 583.

**Item 583.**

**Fish:** Kate Allen.

**Allen:** As you know, this is a new exemption under the tod program excepting 100% of the units, all 47 in this building. The transit proximate location, this is about a block and a half from the blue line as well as the rents affordable to households earning less than 60%, having the effect of lowering household expenses for the residents of these one-and two-bedroom projects. Portland housing bureau approval is based on a financial analysis of the project to assure that it meets the rate of return test, and, in fact, the developer's return falls significantly below the 10% cap for this test at about negative 2.7. Planning and sustainability commission reviewed the project in april recommended approval based on 100% affordability, the provision by the project of 12 fully accessible units on the ground floor and the provision of a community room that will be made available for neighborhood use. The developers are here with us today, and Portland housing bureau staff, neal lyden, and kim mccarty as well as steve dodder and uma krishnan provided the work.

**Fish:** Mayor and colleagues, I had a chance to tour this development and will encourage my colleagues sometime to come on a return trip. The cost per unit had heretofore been unreachable by any developer, and it involves unique design aspects as well as some other creative decisions made by the development team. It is, I believe, fully leased up. I met a number of the tenants there and looked at the units. They're remarkable given again the cost of construction and the units, and I also, since dave Carbono is here, would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge to my colleagues that he was one of the people that was really driving us at buckman field a public/partner partnership where we now enjoy two turf fields paid for largely by partners of our parks bureau. With that, I would invite your questions and comments.

**Adams:** Discussion from council? Anyone wish to testify? Please call the vote.

**Fish:** Aye.

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**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I really appreciate both the tax exemption for transitory into development which allows people to live near transit, further cutting their costs, and also the investment in the gateway area. Commissioner Fish mentioned the committee that he chairs, and we had a robust discussion with Annette madson of the david douglas school board about whether providing affordable housing in school districts that are already bulging in the seams is a detriment to the school district, and I learned in that process that in fact the state makes up the tax benefits which we're giving to make sure that this apartment complex gets built. It seems like it's an ideal situation that, if it weren't required to be affordable, it would be a really great location and probably very much above market rate. I also appreciate that 12 of the 47 units are fully accessible. That's way higher than is required, and I appreciate very much that accommodation and also the community room available for community members as well as for the residents of the complex. It makes for a very good neighborhood and good community. Thank you for your work on it. Aye.

**Adams:** Thank you to commissioner Fish and his team for bringing forward these important implementation of our housing policy, affordable housing policy, complex, mind numbingly complex and often controversial but well done. So thank you. Aye. 583 is approved.

**Fish:** The next item is a time certain at 3:00.

**Adams:** We have the 4/5ths. Let's call the vote on the 4/5ths.

**Item 581-1 vote.**

**Fish:** Again, I want to thank scott andrews for his service and his willingness to re-up. I had a first conversation with him the other day. It hasn't happened in all the years we've worked together. I asked him whether I was going to see him at a particular event, and he said he wouldn't because he actually had business he was doing at that time, and I was so taken aback by that comment that, given the schedule that he maintains, I wasn't aware that he was able to fit in family or business, but it is part of how tireless he is on our behalf that it gives us great joy in today approving his renewal as a member of the commission and as the chair. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Chair andrews goes out of his way every month to come and talk with me, update me, brief me on the commission's work and plans, and I greatly appreciate that. Aye.

**Adams:** Aye. So approved. We'll have a 15-minute recess.

At 2:45 p.m., Council recessed.

At 3:04 p.m., Council reconvened.

**Item 584.**

**Saltzman:** Council is back in order, and we have a 3:00 time certain to consider appointing some people to home forward. I will turn it over to commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Thank you very much, mr. President. This is a happy occasion today to welcome a new commissioner to home forward, formerly known as HAP, to seek the renewal of an appointment of an existing commissioner and to say "thank you" to a departing commissioner. Chair lee moore, would you please come forward and kick us off today? And welcome to city hall.

**Lee Moore:** Good afternoon commissioners. I notice that you have our sustainable bottles in front of you. A little gratuity goes a long ways, all 33 cents of it.

**Saltzman:** Give us your name and title.

**Moore:** My name is lee moore. I am the chair of home forward. As you will notice, that's a new name for, as commissioner Fish said, the old hap. The name originates as a result of our strategic planning process. The intent is to emphasize the notion of building partnerships throughout the community, and it reflects our mission of providing shelter and support to our neighbors in need. I'd like to thank the council for your support of our mission and those we serve. We also want to thank you for -- we just received notification of the third hope six grant, a unique opportunity for

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our community, because those are hard to come by. And we are honored to be the city's development and operating partner for the bud clark commons, and I noticed that most of you were there, and we appreciate that. We're here today to say goodbye to one of our board members and welcome another and to recognize a third who is re-upping. First we'd like to welcome or introduce mr. David kelleher, a principle with acme business consulting. He has a strong commitment to community, he's the president of the m.s. society, he's on various boards, including janus youth projects. As you know, we're also engaging on some initiatives with you. We've got up to 12,000 youth within our facilities, so I think it's really important to have that kind of addition, and he's also helped us out at new columbia with the village store. As you know, we've been waiting for that for quite some time. So what i'd like to do is to give david an opportunity to address the council.

**Fish:** David, why don't you come up and take a seat with lee.

**David Kelleher:** My name is david kelleher. Thank you all very much for welcoming me today. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to serve this organization. While I do not yet know is at home forward completely, my familiarity with hap started some number of years ago, probably five, six years ago, and i've been continually impressed by staff and board alike and thrilled to be a part of an organization that really has a very succinct and profound mission, and hopefully the resources to solve some of these bigger complex problems. I thank you all for the opportunity.

**Fish:** David, thank you for being willing to consider an appointment to this board. This is a very time-consuming and challenging assignment. After having met with you and talked to you in some detail about the why and what you hope to accomplish, I think we're very fortunate that you stepped up and offered service here, so thank you. Stay there for a second.

**Kelleher:** Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Wait, wait, I want to ask a question.

**Fish:** We're going to bring the whole panel up. We'll invite the next person up.

**Moore:** The next person I think you all recognize who is re-upping, and that's commissioner gretchen kafoury. I would call her the godmother, but she probably would shoot me in the process. [laughter] she understands the history of both Portland and the mission that home forward has, and she knows how to get things done, and basically she play as valuable role on our board in terms of keeping us centered on really what our mission is all about. So that we also have an opportunity, as you saw with david and now with the reappointment of hopefully ms. Kafoury is that we have an opportunity to really kind of honor the past and embrace the future.

**Gretchen Kafoury:** Gretchen kafoury, board member of home forward. I'm surprised at myself but here I am going for another four years, and I, one, want to thank all three of you for attending the other day at the celebration, nick, for your leadership, dan, for being there and helping us.

**Saltzman:** Filling a seat.

**Kafoury:** Smiling. No, no, no. No. I don't mean that in any way pejoratively. It was very wonderful to have a majority of the council there. And, amanda, I just loved looking down the row and seeing all of you, and I appreciate it deeply. The second thing I did want to say today, for the record, is that I think there was one person who got short shrift at the event, and it's partly his nature, but it's also important to remind everybody that, in our work with hap and home forward and poor people housing, that somebody who used to frequent these halls with me and is continuing his fine leadership is executive director of hap. It's steve ruddman. And I just thank the lord every day that we have him and his passion and commitment to keep working at this thorny issue of poor people housing, because he is passionate and dedicated and has worked as long as I have in the trenches, and I just needed to respect ruddman's leadership in all this. And I realize, in all the kudos and thank yous at the event the other day, he didn't seem to gets a much attention.

**Fish:** Gretchen, i'm glad you made that comment. We will strike that of course from the official record, because it is challenging enough to work with steve. This will take us to a new level.

**Kafoury:** I know. Remember, I worked with him, too.

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**Fish:** As someone who was on the board when steve was hired and had the pleasure of working with him, i'm very glad that you have given him a tribute today for his work, 'cause it was truly -- we were all proud to be there that day.

**Kafoury:** Oh, absolutely.

**Fish:** Home forward was the indispensable partner in bringing that project home, and I think it was a testament to the strength of our partnership and also to the quality of the people who worked in the trenches doing it. So thank you for your comments.

**Saltzman:** So questions for ms. Kafoury or mr. Kelleher? I have a question. Tell me about -- is it acme business consultants?

**Kelleher:** Yep.

**Saltzman:** How come home forward didn't grab the name acme? [laughter] just tell me a little about you.

**Kelleher:** About what we do? Acme is a management consulting firm primarily made up of ex big five folks. I'm an ex Arthur Anderson person. I founded the company with two other colleagues from anderson in 2002, and we essentially run large projects for our clients, some technology projects, merger immigration, optimization. We have offices in Portland, san francisco, seattle. In Portland specifically, we do a lot of work for nike, a lot of work with bta. Down in the bay area, a lot of technology companies. Hopefully that helps.

**Saltzman:** Yes. Very much. Any other questions?

**Fish:** Thank you both. Before we take this to a vote, we have one other matter we'd like to do via chair lee moore if we could.

**Moore:** Yes I won't take up much time, but another person who didn't get much recognition the other day is one of our departing members who is jeff bachrach, and this is -- jeff attended his last meeting with us, and he has really brought about a lot of strong leadership qualities for the organization. One of the things that i'm proud of personally is that hap is a very, I think, probably the most diverse board of all of the agencies within the city, and diversity takes on many different flavors. Jeff bring as strong business and legal background to us, particularly in the development area. He was the chair during the development of humboldt gardens, and he has always been a strong advocate for doing things right and also for cost saving, and I think that is something that we're going to miss and hopefully we can fill the void. So i'll shut up at this point, and i'll turn to it jeff and see if he has any words.

**Jeff Bachrach:** The only thing I would add, lee, is one final correction. When you talked about gretchen, you said she keeps the board centered. I always thought she kept the board a little leaning to the left and it was my job to keep the board centered. So you'll have to reorient when I depart and figure out who leans and shifts where. [laughter] thank you all, and it's been a pleasure to serve with lee, gretchen, and everybody else, an honor to serve the city and a great personal education for me over the last nine years, so thank you.

**Fish:** I could note on a personal level that a couple nights ago jeff and I were in the memorial coliseum watching our daughters graduate from high school. And I think for both of us to have two events of this significance open within one week, the event of the opening of bud clark commons and then our children through this particular milestone, was very powerful. And there was a point in the program where jeff's daughter got special recognition as being a select group of students who achieved a perfect 4.0 average for her entire four years at lincoln. So in addition to being a great public servant, jeff's a pretty good dad, and so congratulations to you and your daughter.

**Bachrach:** Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, jeff. We do appreciate your service to our city and to the community that housing forward -- home forward serves.

**Bacharach:** I haven't got it figured out yet either. Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Thank you. Please call the roll.

**Moore-Love:** 584. I should read the title first.

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**Fish:** Thank you to the home forward family for spending some time with us this afternoon. Chairman lee moore, we really appreciate your service, and my colleagues may not know that you've also been performing another great service to the city, which is you chaired a public forum on the disparity study and did so with great skill, and so we're really appreciative of the ways in which you benefit the city in so many ways. To david, i'm incredibly impressed, and we've had the chance to work together on some other things in the past. I think you bring great talent and clear conviction to the board, so welcome. To gretchen kafoury, as I said the other day at the opening of bud clark commons, starting with the 12-point plan for the homeless and breaking the cycle of homelessness 25 years ago, there were a very select number of public official whose have brought us to this place, and gretchen certainly is front and center one of the most important people who held public office who helped us get to the point today where we have programs that work to end homelessness. Thank you for agreeing to continue to bring service to the home forward board. To jeff bachrach, you perhaps asked the questions others didn't want to ask because they were perceived as being impolite or rude or politically incorrect or whatever, and I as someone who has served on a number of boards, while you get a lot of lighthearted kidding about that personal style, the fact is that is an indispensable role of a board member, and you do it very well, with a lot of grace. Thank you for all your service, and i'm hoping we can find another board at the city where you can transition to very quickly. To steve ruddman, the executive director who unfortunately got that glowing tribute today so he will be even more challenging to deal with for the next month, congratulations on a body of work over the past month and certainly the \$18.5 million hope six grant lee mentioned. There were 36 cities vying for as many as eight awards, so statistically the deck was stacked against us, and once again we came through. Congratulations to you and your team and for the extraordinary work that has culminated in the opening of bud clark commons. Harriet cormack is here, board member who served with bud clark and others on the community advisory committee which did a lot of the heavy lifting around bud clark commons and who is a tireless advocate on the board, harriet, thank you for taking time to be with us today. And one of my favorite people at hap is shelly marquesi -- marquesi. Thank you for all your good work. And the communication piece of the opening the other day was first rate. So thanks to all my friends at hap. We treasure the partnership, and we're doing good work during tough times, and I want to salute it. Aye.

**Fritz:** Well, thank you, commissioner Fish, for putting this on as a time certain. Sometimes we do appointments and reappointments on the consent agenda. It's very important for us to take the time to say "thank you" for all of your service. Thank you, jeff, for putting in so much time. It does take a lot of time and heart and thinking to do this job well, and you have certainly done it well. Thank you. Thank you, david, for agreeing to step into that spot and to committing to being away from family at times and to giving, as a volunteer, to make our city better. And thank you, commissioner kafoury, for your ongoing service. What a role model you are for me and for our community. Being willing -- sometimes people look at being on boards and commissions as a way to learn the system, as a way to go on to other things like elected office. It's really wonderful when elected leaders, commissioner kafoury and governor roberts, agree to continue to serve after they have done their time. It feels like that sometimes here doesn't it? [laughter] and I really like the fact that the housing authority of Portland has changed to home forward. Changing the word housing to home is hugely significant. And throughout the day today, we have been talking about the family of Portland and the people of Portland and how we share the city together, how we live together and how we all make the city home, and that's important. And thank you for your service. Aye.

**Saltzman:** First of all, to mr. Kelleher, welcome to home forward. We appreciate your willingness to serve. It is not without time-consuming efforts on all board members of the city in places like home forward. So we appreciate the time. Commissioner kafoury, thank you for re-upping. We know you'll continue to be a tireless voice for those who need access to housing. To jeff, again,

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thank you for your service, and we'll trust commissioner Fish will find a board that befits your next tour of duty.

**Fish:** I've been thinking something in the bureau of environmental services, dan. [laughter]

**Saltzman:** Ok. And then steve, of course, thank you for your great leadership of home forward, and we're pleased -- i'm pleased to vote aye. So that completes our business, and we are now adjourned until wednesday, june 15th, at 9:30.

At 3:22 p.m., Council adjourned.