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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, 5.

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

Item No. 106 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
99 Request of David G. Gwyther to address Council regarding Charter change to include two more Commissioners (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
100 Request of Mary Eng to address Council regarding FBI whistleblowing, FBI Gender Equity, Islamophobia and JTTF intelligence in the U.S.A. v. Mohamed Mohamud era (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
101 Request of Richard Ellmyer to address Council regarding Mayor Charlie Hales' Public Housing Policy (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
102 Request of Karyn Hanson to address Council regarding Black History Month (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
103 Request of S. Renee Mitchell to address Council regarding Black History Month art show (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN	
104 TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM – Accept the 2012 Redevelopment and Phasing Plan for Willamette Park as a guide for future development of the park (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fish) 40 minutes requested for items 104 and 105 Motion to accept report: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. (Y-5)	36997

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<p>105 Accept the 2012 Master Plan for the Werbin Property as a guide for future development of the park (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fish) Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p>36998</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Charlie Hales</p> <p>106 Appoint John Verrisue to the Human Rights Commission, term to expire October 31, 2013 (Report)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Emergency Management</p> <p>107 Accept a grant in the amount of \$48,707 from the Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management for the sustainment of a Community Emergency Notification System (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED TO SECOND READING FEBRUARY 13, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3 Bureau of Fire and Police Disability and Retirement</p> <p>*108 Amend contract with Managed Healthcare Northwest to increase compensation in order to allow for payment of one-half of the discounted medical provider services shared with the Bureau of Fire and Police Disability and Retirement (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30000931) (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">185879</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Steve Novick Position No. 4 Water Bureau</p> <p>109 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreements with the University of Washington and the University of Idaho to model the hydrologic effects of climate change on the Bull Run watershed under the Pilot Utility Modeling Application project (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED TO SECOND READING FEBRUARY 13, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>110 Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with the Water Utility Climate Alliance and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to financially collaborate on climate change issues (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 53143)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED TO SECOND READING FEBRUARY 13, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR AGENDA</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Charlie Hales Bureau of Police</p> <p>111 Authorize the Chief of Police to execute Intergovernmental Agreements and amendments for Portland Police Data System and the successor Regional Justice Information Network in support of law enforcement information sharing (Second Reading Agenda 92) (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">185880</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">City Budget Office</p> <p>112 Adopt the Budget Calendar for FY 2013-14 (Previous Agenda 94) Motion to accept amended Exhibit A: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">36999 AS AMENDED</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade</p> <p>113 Assess property for sidewalk repair by the Bureau of Maintenance (Hearing; Ordinance; Y1079) 15 minutes requested Motion to amend Exhibit A to remove Account #152602: Moved by Fish and seconded by Novick. (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED FEBRUARY 13, 2013 AT 9:30 AM</p>

At 11:42 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013 AT 2:30 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; and Harry Jackson, Sergeant at Arms.

114 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Safety Recognition Day Awards (Presentation introduced by Mayor Hales) 90 minutes requested	Disposition: PLACED ON FILE
EXECUTIVE ORDER 115 Reassign all City departments and bureaus to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration as of 8:00 a.m. February 4, 2013 (Ordinance; Executive Order)	185878

At 3:10 p.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Hales: Good morning everyone. We're going to deviate from normal council procedures. We have a couple of community leaders here—maybe more than a couple—who came this morning to just give us feedback on some of our current budget decisions, so I just before we start the council meeting want to afford them that opportunity. Not sure who in particular is planning on speaking. We have a couple of our pastors here, so don't be shy. I know you're not. Please come forward. Tell us what's on your mind. We appreciate you being here this morning.

Rev. Dr. Leroy Haynes, Jr. : Good morning. To our distinguished honorable mayor charlie hales and members of city counsel i'm the reverend dr. Leroy haynes, jr., president of the ecumenical ministries of Oregon, state council of churches and chairperson of the ministerial alliance coalition for justice and police reform. I come before you today concerning the budget cuts for our youth summer work program. We fully understand that there has to be hard decisions made on making up the deficit in this city budget, but there's not only an economic decision but a moral decision here when the budget deficit is made up on the most vulnerable, our working class youth. We're already experiencing the highest unemployment in our city and nation, and in the midst of the challenges of our city facing gang violence, crime, hunger, dropouts, educational crisis, I believe and many others believe in our community that we do not need to pull the floor out from one of the most vulnerable populations in our city. I ask you to not only think today in terms of economic terms but of the moral implication of your decision. Thank you very much.

Hales: Thank you. Any questions for pastor haynes? Thank you for being here. We have other folks that want to testify.

Pastor WG Hardy: Mayor hales, thank you for suspending normal operating procedures and allowing us to speak. I would like to defer first to ms. Williams, who is a retired school teacher.

Leslie Williams: I think the house has already been addressed. I'm leslie williams. I'm a retired Portland public school teacher of 17 years. I am also here on behalf of the budget cuts for our youth, particularly I taught at harriet tubman middle school which a lot of students were from distressed areas, which the school has now been closed. There were a lot of students in there that were mostly supporters of their family. They were the ones to provide for their family, a lot of them were the bread winners for the family in those particular cases. I am a strong advocate and supporter of youth in general. I live in the lake oswego area. There's a different disparity there, but i'm asking that you please, please support those students that I know came from families that really needed that support in those particular families. They still need it. I still work with youth. That's my passion. On behalf of those youth, i'm asking you to please reconsider any kind ever budget cuts and offer them some employment for the summer and the regular school year, that there are other things that they need.

Hales: Thank you.

Elasah : Mayor, fellow commissioners, my name is elasah. I would like to thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the youth summer connect program. I'm an a student at meek high school with good work ethics yet due to the depressed economy I have had a difficult time getting a summer job. For youth summer connect it made it possible for me to have a place to work, which was a life saver for my family because one of my parents suffers from a really bad

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gambling addiction which our income has suffered greatly. We had to move several times, too many I care to count. But youth connect allowed me to have a distraction from the pain. I also contributed to my household income, which kept a roof over my head, my four sisters and my baby brother. So I ask mayor Hales for the sake of me and other youth like me, I ask you to reconsider your decision, to taking from a critically needed youth program, your choice to fund -- what good is a trolley if I can't afford to ride it? I think you and fellow commissioners for allowing me to speak.

Hales: Thank you.

Wardell Gibson: I'm Wardell Gibson. I thank you for the opportunity to speak to the mayor and commissioners. Back in 1967, I was 17 years young, and had the honor of being awarded boy of the year for the Boys Clubs of America. I was in this chamber where at the time Mayor Terry Schrunk awarded that. I'm here to remind you what you already know. That is when I was young I was awarded boy of the year because I was working, I was a school elected president of my class, all these kinds of things, but I had jobs. When I had jobs it gave me self-esteem to accomplish whatever I wanted to do in life. I went on to the University of Oregon Pacific University, I have been twice national sales champion of two national companies. I want to remind you that when a child has a job, there's nothing better than to work and cash your own check. That gives you self-esteem that you can go on and do other things. The other problem that we have, this city's police force has been under investigation by the federal government. We know what that's been about, now we have children that need jobs. I have never heard of a child in a drive-by shooting on their way to work. That's what I have to say. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you very much. Any questions or comments? Thank you for being here. I'm sorry, pastor. You were being so differential to everybody, we were about to sweep you away for being so nice.

Hardy: Thank you. Trait of a true servant. I really sincerely honor this opportunity to address each of you. I have worked for the light-rail system in 1986. I came and helped establish and lay groundwork for the east side, west side and import max. I left that type of work because I saw a disparity. I saw disenfranchised communities were not able to take advantage of the apprenticeship programs there. I had a dual major, came back into theology and got into community work and I'm now pastor Highland Church of Christ. I'm on the ground, in the grass roots. I see the things that take place. I understand the distressed community, the economics, I understand the tough decisions you have to make, Mayor Hales. I would hate to be in your shoes. In fairness to cut the budget for everyone. It's almost like saying we're going to take 10% of the oxygen from everybody. That would work if we were all healthy, but some communities are in the intensive care ward and to take 10% of their air would be cutting their life support. As this young girl just spoke, taking 10% would literally cause her family to move. When we talk about the 300-400 volunteers through the 11/45 program who are out on the streets talking to the misdirected youth that are idle and delinquent, just loitering, the number one response when they talk to them is we don't have jobs. We don't have things to do. These parks that we heard talked about last week, when we are investing as taxpayers a half million dollars to fix the parks in east 205 where a lot of the kids are moving to if they don't have a job they are going to be in that park. Those ladies that talk about swing, they are not going to want to swing when kids are there loitering, looking threatening. One shooting, one stabbing and we will apply more overtime funds to the police department to respond than we would \$300,000. My request, Mayor Hales, in all fairness, cutting across the budget, I understand, if you would consider this year ensuring that it just stays in the budget, that would give the community time to mobilize, to try to find private funds for 2014 to come with the strategy to respond. We want to partner with the city and make this happen. We respect your decisions you make, so we're humbly making this request to you, Mayor Hales and commissioners.

Hales: Thank you for being here. [applause]

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Shauna Williams: I'm shauna williams. I'm a member of highland as well. I'm also on the board of reap, reaching and empowering all people. I have been a senior corporate recruiter for u.s. Bank for eight years. Now i'm the diversity recruiter for kaiser permanente. What I see down the road a few years what I see in people applying for work it's difficult to employ someone who doesn't have work history. Even those who have an education, if they have no work history it's very difficult to employ them. So from my perspective as a recruiter, looking at the future of our youth regardless of color, it's so important that they have work experience. It teaches them responsibilities, how to show up on time, to be accountable, and to gain that experience that you can't gain when you're on the streets. So thank you very much. I appreciate your time and perspective on this.

Hales: Thank you. Anyone else? Let me respond and call anyone else that is interested. I really appreciate this passionate and persuasive and principled advocacy for the kids in our community. As a council we have some really tough conditions right now in terms of how we spend money this year and how we budget money for next year. Frankly, for me what you've done in this discussion is highlight how critical it is that we try to keep all these summer jobs available. The question that's still I think needing some work on this, exactly where those funds come from for now and where they realistically can come from in the future. We're going to have to call on our partners, the churches, the nonprofit community generally, the public sector organizations, county, for example, but not just the county, and the private sector to do more in this community for kids this year and as we come out of this very difficult recession that all of us are still feeling, that kids are feeling, that a lot of families are feeling and that we're feeling because of the size of the deficit in the city's budget.

Though for us that's short term, our economists tell us it's a short-term phenomenon. This is going to be a bad year, then as the economy recovers so will the city's fortunes and we'll have more to do more for more people in our community over the next few years. This council before I got here and before commissioner novick got here was presiding over a series of very tough budgets in which cuts were made. We have to do that again this year, more deeply, but our forecast is for sunnier skies ahead. The question is what do we do in the short term? How do we get through this with the least harm to the most vulnerable. You have certainly highlighted that issue for me. Give us some time to consider and look for options but understand that you have been hurt. Please.

Fish: I want to thank my friends from the faith community for joining us today. I'm reminded that we don't often spend enough time celebrating the existing partnerships between government and faith. Because as will hardy demonstrated with his sense of humor when he spoke last, when you're a servant leader you're not drawing attention to your work. They are feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, even last year through ecumenical ministries, uh louing people to sleep in their cars which has produced furious reaction in some of our communities. I want to make a personal commitment. The mayor has said that through the budget we need to look at this. I think what i'm hearing him say is he wants to look at this holistically. This is one program of many that impact kids. During the budget time we're going to have a conversation about priorities. If you saw what was filed on monday you know some schools are slated for cuts. Is that where we should cut? What are the alternatives? You're going to know that parks, I believe, is the largest employer of young people in the city of Portland in the summertime. Is the parks bureau doing enough to make sure that kids that need a first opportunity, partly in east Portland and communities of color, that they are being given a fair shot at those entry level jobs which we hope someday lead to permanent jobs. There's a chance to ask a fundamental question throughout the budget, which is what are the programs that we & and the county together fund that impact kids positively? I would bring chip into it even though children's investment fund is a separate entity, largely funds county programs. I think a theme you have suggested for us is how are we serving children in this budget process? I think almost we're spending perhaps we're shining too bright a light on one program and what you're suggesting is step back and look holistically at all the programs. If we don have adequate funds through one program we may pick up funds from another program. Let's use this budget to

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ask a fundamental question of how are we serving children. That's been the mayor's challenge to us, to go very deep and not to let a crisis, which a \$25 million hole is a crisis, not to squander a crisis. One way we honor this is look at this question. All of us are prepared to take up that challenge.

Fritz: That's going to be a very important discussion. I appreciate dr. Hardy's comment that we need to look for more partnerships for the coming fiscal year. We did have a very difficult budget year last year and commissioners Fish, Saltzman and I voted for special appropriation for this program in this budget year. We don't have a \$395,000 gap in this year's budget, it's in there. If we do -- if it turns out when we do the budget adjustments and other looking at this year's budget if it turns out we have a shortfall we need to look across all programs to see how we can fund this year's budget. This is a program that has been proven successful. It has helped with graduation rates, it's helped with our equity goals. I made a promise that we were going to fund, so I feel passionately we need to fund it this year then of course have that difficult conversation about how are we going to keep it going next year. It's very helpful you have highlighted this as an issue there are a number of good programs we may not be able to provide as much or any city support next year. So it's good to have that conversation started. I hope we can find a way to move forward with the contracts this year.

Saltzman: I feel the same way commissioner Fritz does. We have a lot of problems in our budget but we made a commitment in the current year budget to fund a summer youth employment program. To me a summer youth employment program is just so -- it's a value driven decision for me. It's consistent with everything that we stand for. These are youth, they don't have parents that help them find jobs. These are kids, I have talked to them as recently as yesterday I talked to a young kid who I was hoping to find a job for this summer. It's just critical that we can have the discussion about the fiscal '13-14 year but we did approve funding for this summer. Summer is almost here. I hope we will make a decision no later than mid march so that we can operationalize this and provide employment opportunities for youth. I think as the woman from kaiser pointed out, if you don't have a job history you're dooming yourself to a certain cycle of life. You need that job history, that start. You need the exposure and the city needs people to take the place of those of us who are retiring. We need young people to be exposed to working for the city, what the city does. I will work to make sure that we fund this program this summer.

Hales: I want to thank you all for this discussion. I want to also commit that we as a council and I as the leader of the budget process will not simply run out the clock on this. We only have a few weeks to make whatever preparations we're going to make for this summer. We won't let this lapse. We won't do this outside of the light of day. We'll do it quickly and publicly. I thank you for bringing this forward in such a helpful way. Remind us what good it does. So thank you. With that, I want to start the formal process. We have something up front they think it's going to be good to address right away. Let me call the february 6 meeting of the Portland city council to order, and we have a proclamation. This is our first council meeting of black history month. I'll read the proclamation. Whereas residents of this great region and Portland's honor, strength and stature can be attributed now therefore I charlie hales, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, do hereby proclaim february 1, february 28, 2013, to be black history month in the city of Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month. Thank you. It is so ordered. [applause] with that let's begin with council communications.

*****: Roll call?

Hales: Roll call. [roll call taken]

Item 99.

Moore-Love: He's not here.

Item 100.

*****: Good morning.

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*****: Hi, council. I have three --

*****: State your name for the record, please.

Mary Eng: Mary rose lenore eng. I would like to recognize three deaths before I begin with this proceeding. Number one the murders and rape and mutilation of jamie laron outside psu. I would like to recognize the death of public defender nancy bergson and the death of aaron schwartz, information activist who I spoke about last november in the information on technology. I'm handing you some filings from the incredible office of sadie and wax . They were operating in the office of nancy ferguson, who was murdered in a cold case. I am really concerned about the rule of law in america. We are working with u.s. Aide a across the word to inspire judicial fairness and fair trial across the world. So as I watched day by day the trial turn into a mockery and travesty of justice in the case of mohamed mohamud, I thought it was my duty to report back to you upon what I witnessed. There's so much to say on this, I want you to know i'm available. I will meet with any of you personally. Could brief you about two hours on my initial observations. The issue of gender equity I thought was extremely important to bring up in light of the fact that there were no women involved in the entrapment of mohammed. There were also no african-americans involved. We need to look at this beyond the obvious fair trial aspects. Speed lining the jury, throwing out evidence, throwing out witnesses, being rude to steven sadie and steven wax. Beyond that, why don't we pull back and rewind? A refugee fleeing war torn somali. Your parents are fleeing murder. All the things we don't live with. They come to america. We are where we have been. When mohammed was four years old where were we in terms of refugee resource, outreach, possibly counseling? Let's fast forward up to when the fbi got involved. Mohammed's incredibly loving and kind father is calling the fbi saying, i'm worried my son may go back to somalia and get killed. Instead of sitting down, talking with parents, getting lawyers, counseling, intervention, the fbi provided a stalking and harassment by an agent provocateur bill smith who sent messages encouraging violence on american soil, which is absolutely unpatriotic and unamerican from the fbi. I want a price tag. I want to get women involved with the fbi. The islamophobe yachats for end. We have to pay attention to new york city and what's going on with the restraining orders put on fbi. We need to let the islamic community know how to get restraining orders when they are being stalked by fbi agents who are attacking their juvenile sons. The juvenile process --

Hales: Your time is up. You need to wrap up.

Eng: Can we schedule an appointment?

Hales: You have to talk with my staff about that. The council has a lot on its schedule this morning.

Eng: I would like to read the prisoner number of mohamed mohamud and invite you to pay attention to the upcoming appeals.

Hales: Thank you. Next, please.

Item 101.

Hales: Good morning.

Richard Ellmyer: Good morning. I'm richard Ellmyer. Former mayors tom potter and sam adams established their legacies in support of the arbor rent public housing policy of targeted unlimited neighborhood concentration of public housing within a few months of entering office. Mayor hales has now joined them. Potter and adams started out supporting equitable distribution of public housing then abruptly and without explanation turned to a building and economic segregation. Mayor hales skipped phase one and immediately embraced targeted unlimited concentration of public housing as his policy preference. Mayor hales has joined his predecessors in locking the public housing statistical data vault at the public housing bureau and authority of Multnomah county. Organizations over which he has complete statutory control, responsibility. He knows that keeping accurate, complete and timely public housing statistical data from other officials and citizens makes it impossible co-challenge hales with a fact-based, reasoned public conversation and

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debate. Mayor Hales refused to acknowledge that Sam Adams prevented the subject of public housing from being included in the Portland plan, certified Hales is indefensible denial that public housing exists in Portland. Mayor Hales has already demonstrated that December despite his singular statutory role in determining public housing policy and by extension the entire metropolitan region he does not know the definitions or the differences among public housing, modified public housing, affordable housing, market rate and work force housing. Mayor Hales' catch all use of the term affordable housing to simultaneously mean public housing, modified public housing, affordable housing and work force housing continues Potter's and Adams' successful effort to misdirect the press and the public in order to avoid an uncomfortable accounting of his housing policy and spending decisions. Now that Mayor Hales has to his credit effectively changed the form of our city government to strong mayor, the four city commissioners are at liberty to bring before this body a vote in support of equitable distribution of public housing as the city's moral and defensible public housing policy. Without any bureaus to protect, the job of city commissioner is now to establish, change and challenge public policy for any and all bureaus. Mayor Hales has already failed the public housing policy test. Now it's your turn to be counted on public housing policy. Without you don't mess with my bureaus, I don't mess with yours excuses. I'll be back in the near future to tell you and your constituents how you've done.

Hales: Thank you, Richard. Next item, please.

Item 102.

Hales: Good morning. I jumped the gun on you: Welcome.

Karyn Hanson: Thank you so much. Good morning. Good morning, Mayor Hales, commissioners. I'm Karyn Hanson. I work for the Bureau of Environmental Services. I worked with the committee for seven years. Our program has evolved a great deal. We started with a display of African art and a reading list. We built two concert series and the coronation of several state universities, local high schools, and employee volunteers willing to provide job shadowing opportunities for visiting students. Each year we have ended the month of activities with a very popular soul food event called Taste of Soul. It occurs simultaneously with a marketplace that showcases local vendors of African-American art, jewelry, books and other wears. A few years ago we started bringing our event out to the community. The Water Bureau sponsored an event focusing on our Black neighborhoods. Most are familiar with Van Port but not everyone knows about. [audio not understandable] Fairview Homes. If you listen to stories told by elders in our local Black churches you come to realize that their child hood homes don't exist any more. That the last Black neighborhood was well attended and continues to be requested in a variety of relevant settings. I personally feel the most significant evolution of our program has been our focus on local history and our sponsorship of events that honor the contribution of local artists and musicians. Two years ago Rene worked with the Mayor's office to organize an event celebrating jazz on Williams Avenue. Were honored by guests Sweet Baby James, Bobby Bradford, Esperanza Spalding. Jazz master performance preview of his jazz orchestra presentation called Artfully Miles. This year our community is grieving loss of a great human being, Obo Addy. He was a master drummer, composer, teacher and much, much more to our community. Members of the committee decided to honor his legacy during the 2013 Black History Month celebration. Our events include a concert featuring his group here at the Portland building, second floor auditorium, next Wednesday at lunch. Also a community art show that Rene is organizing on Tuesday, February 26, at Emanuel Temple Church at 5:30 p.m. We would like to thank the Bureau of Environmental Services, Office of Equity, Bureau of Transportation, and Human Resources for their support of these events. I would also like to take a moment to thank all of you for the pains taking work that you're engaging in regarding the city's budget discussion. Our committee went through an abbreviated version of that discussion I think we're operating on about 50% of our normal budget for this year's program. That shows in a reduced number of activities. We had to cancel Youth Day this year or postpone it. Our discussions

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were not free from conflict. At a particular moment in the discussion, I realized one very important fact. That is that almost everyone engaged in these discussions have come up from either own pockets to support these events at one time or another. So we were not discussing someone else's budget or discussing someone else's program. We were direct stakeholders in a variety of ways. Specifically I suspect that every one of us --

Hales: Wrap up soon. Sorry. Keep going.

Hanson: Every one of us realizes challenges the city faces economically will only be solved if all available resources are called to the task. Those resources include diversity of our communities and the wisdom that comes from such diverse perspectives and that wisdom can only be leveraged effectively out of right relationship and development of our relationship depends on a shared understanding of accurate history. I will turn this over to my friend rene mitchell, who served on our committee to tell you a little bit about the art show event.

Hales: Thank you. Rene?

S. Renee Mitchell: Thank you for allowing me to be here, mayor and city council, as well as city staff and community. I want to personally invite all of you to the community art show which is titled creating community artfully, where we are honoring obo addy. Make sure we recognize our past artists who have invested into this community, current as well as future artists, which are the young people. I'm so grateful to have the city support. With that I would like to share art from my heart with a short poem. Let her be born with intention and handled tenderly, gratefully. Let her emerge from the depth where shameful secrets have burrowed so deeply into your bosom you almost forget they even exist. Let her speak to me through you so that I might reclaim myself and know that I am understood. Let her emerge. She is waiting for your invitation, a spiritual summons which can only travail when you embrace the love, the tragedies, the emotional depth that makes us human. She is a mosaic thread connecting us all in ways we cannot even comprehends. She is already whole. Stretched out wide within you, poking at your consciousness, hoping you would notice. She is the completion of your heart. She is art. Let her be born. So I hope that you attend and encourage all others to attend our community art show, which is a bridge between city hall and community. Thank you so much for your support.

Hales: Thank you. These community activities make this proclamation a lot more than a piece of paper. Thank you so much for the work you've done to put these together for all of us. Next one, please.

*****: That was last one.

Hales: All right. Let's move to the consent calendar. I believe we have one request from me to postpone an item. Item 106, return to my office so additional members of council have an opportunity to meet.

Moore-Love: Read the title?

Hales: Yes, please.

Item 106.

Hales: We'll return that to my office. I believe that's the only request. Therefore, we'll take a roll call on the remainder of the consent calendar. [roll call taken]

Hales: Time certain.

Item 104.

Hales: Although we just have recently transferred all the bureaus to my office there's a guy that's been parks commissioner for a while who may have a comment or two about this.

Fish: I'm still grieving, your honor. Thank you, mayor. I actually have not been involved in the preparation of bringing this to council. Let me say that a ton of work has been done on willamette park, and the property, and you're going to get -- from the parks bureau today presenting them. The willamette park as my colleagues will remember design was born of a request by the water bureau to put a pump station in the park which led to a community process. For the privilege of having a

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pump station, there was a fair compensation agreed to, allowing a master planning process to go forward and ultimately an updated vision for willamette park which is very compelling. We don't have the resources to do it, but that may or may not be a priority in the future bond measure. As for the property, this is a shining example of the parks bureau identifying opportunities in under-served areas to make investment now just 'we talked about e205 last week this is another example in the concordia area of where we have been able to use creatively the tool of systems development charge money to acquire into a master planning process and work with tremendous partners in the community that you're going to hear from today including kathy and other members of the neighborhood association and folks involved in our work. Again, this is one that because of cobbling together systems that charge money and other sources we'll be able to move on regardless of the state of bond measure. I just want to say public how proud I am of the planners, of the leadership, and of our community partners. This is something parks does very well, developing these master plans. I personally think we have too many of them sitting on a shelf, which is why I think we ultimately have to go to the voters and ask for additional resources, but this is something they do great. Mayor, I hope you have as much satisfaction as I have had in leading this bureau. I know as a former parks commissioner you are champion for their work. I say they could not be in better hands.

Hales: Thank you. Do you have a presentation for us? Thank you for being here.

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

Mike Abbaté: Good morning. I'm parks director. In 1985, a young, strapping landscape architect arrived in Portland, Oregon, and one of the first projects he was handed as a member of a consultant firm in town was a master plan for willamette park. That was for commissioner lindberg at the time. As I began my career and studied that park I realized that willamette park, Portland parks bureau is probably our ultimate rubik's cube. It has more activities, event demands on it per acre probably than any other park in our system. So I am thrilled to be able to grab this opportunity to share with you the most comprehensive master plan for this complicated park that's ever been done.

One of the keys of the success I think you'll see today is the fact that this is a very interdisciplinary effort involving three bureaus, parks, water and environmental services. I would like to thank director david schaff, director dean marriott and their staff for supporting a very holistic and integrated way of looking at this park. There's going to be clear and long term guidance for near term and long term at willamette park. Again, bureau of environmental service has really committed to making future investments in the park that are going to benefit salmon and benefit our park users as well. So at this point I would like to introduce emily roth from the parks bureau who led the planning effort, then paul ketcham from environmental services.

Emily Roth, Portland Parks & Recreation: Good morning. I'm emily roth, senior planner and project manager for the willamette park redevelopment and phasing plan. This was an interdisciplinary planning process with Portland parks and the bureau of environmental services. First for our two bureaus. I would like to acknowledge the staff from both parks, especially alan schmidt, who is here, who assisted me throughout the project. He's also park planner for the new pump station going into the park. The bureau of environmental services, we worked with the regional arts and culture council and citizens of our advisory committee that are here today to speak. I will be presenting today and then following me will be paul ketcham and then two members from our project advisory committee. They will also speak at the end. The planning process -- what has happened for our other parks. Willamette park is a fully developed park, 27 acres, a gem in our system. There are active fields, very large motorized boat ramp, tennis courts, playgrounds and many other activities there. It's located in southwest Portland just east of mcadam avenue. As shown in this slide we show half a mile and quarter mile distance from the park that brings a large community to this very funny, open area. There was three main projects that drove this planning process. The first are the habitat improvements, which you'll see in the corner, along

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willamette river for salmon. The bureau of environmental services watershed plan services area identified restoring the bank in the park as a priority project for improving habitat for salmon. Secondly, as you mentioned, it's the new water -- the relocation of the fulton pump station into willamette park. So the water bureau is doing many improvements to the park as part of their land use and also parks was given approximately \$650,000 to pay for other improvements, which was the value of the park land that will now be for another purpose. One of our main goals in this plan was how best to use this money for improvements to the park. The other one we always have to consider that maybe we haven't thought about as much is opening of the sellwood bridge in 2016. With the construction of the sellwood bridge we're a new regional trail that will go from the sellwood bridge all the way to willamette park. It's anticipated in 2016, when the bridge opens, we will have 2,000 new cyclists commuting that will come across the bridge and through willamette park. And by 2035 they estimate we will have 10,000 new commuters each day using this regional trail that comes through the park. We need to be prepared. That was a driver. Another thing that i'll just mention here, it wasn't one of the drivers but many of you have remembered we used to have a beautiful piece of art called the story garden that was located in willamette park. It's an interactive piece of art, and it was taken out and has been in storage for many years. We have been looking for a place to put it back. We looked at this as a chance to put the story garden back into our parks system. There were five main steps. We had community engagement, five project advisory committees, one open house at the park. We had an online survey for two weeks after the open house to gather community ideas for the plan. The plan you're seeing today the advisory committee reached consensus on moving this forward. We did a full site analysis. We reviewed zoning, views, even solar exposure, which is so important in Portland in the summer. We did a final redevelopment plan that started with three concepts and reached consensus of a recommended redevelopment plan that we will review today. Also you will see the phasing plan. How do we make all these improvements in the park efficiently so we do not duplicate efforts. Finally i'll highlight a few of the design outlines that we'll see. Of course in parks and everywhere in the city of Portland community engagement is very, very important. We had three phases that went with this project. We broadly invited stakeholders to participate in the advisory committee an appointed a committee that's director and commissioner Fish appointed a committee of 14 members that we worked with throughout. We did research and educated the community and staff about community needs, site constraints, then we developed what we considered and designed a balanced recreation and neighborhood needs. We're trying to reach a balance between environment, neighborhood needs, and how we make this the best place for Portland. This is what we came up with. Our final plan. There's one more group of would -- I would like to introduce. We worked with a consultant firm, walter macy, our project manager is sitting with us. Also with berger abam, who accelerated the process. What we really did was work around the edges. Except for moving the dog off leash areas to the northern part of the park. We redid the circulation pattern, separating commuters from recreational users to reduce users conflict that we have experienced on all other trails. This is still a park. We want to make sure our recreation users enjoy it. We're going to lay back the bank to improve habitat for salmon. Included in this will be adding trees and shrubs along the shoreline. We're adding a trail to the water and a manned motorized boat launch. Finally, we found a home for the story garden. This is what the park will look like. In the northern part we are going to build a nice, new overlook that has not been in the park. You'll be able to stand there and see ross island and the whole city. We'll be redoing the whole entrance area. The dog off leash area will be moved from this area that's now collects storm water and very soggy to a beautiful fenced dog off use area that will get a lot of use for this region and the community. We will turn the road into a shared bike path for commuters to make it true the park at a moderate speed, nothing too quick we hope, to slow them down. We will be working with the bureau of environmental services for oak habitat restoration. The other big thing here is down in the corner is a nonmotorized boat launch, again

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separating users to reduce conflict. In the southern end of the park, again, this is where our new pump station will be for the city. Very important. Here is where all the commuters will be entering the park from the sellwood bridge. Commuter traffic will go to the west and then on to the road. We are going to encourage all recreation users to have a nice view along the river with a new playground area. We'll have a new story garden facility where you can have great interactive play with art, which we pride our city in. We'll be improving the greenway trail and also for once in our park system we'll have a designated path to the river for users. We're also going to put in a nice picnic area to help increase the field opportunities. Excuse me. This is what the park will look like. It will have a nice, laid back bank. We will maintain our beautiful views of the city and the river as required under our zoning and still provide the recreation opportunities. Paul will talk more on the riverbank. Finally, how this is all going to happen? Well, the spring of 2016 is our big date because that's when the sellwood bridge is going to open. So we have to be prepared for all the commuters coming through. So we have identified improving our entrance and trail circulation, moving the play area as our highest priorities. The pump station is going to start this spring, 2013, with their improvements. Oak habitat improvements hopefully in 2014, and then the riverbank improvements will be funded by bes, starting in 2015 in the cip plan. Where does all this money come from? Luckily we do have some pot of money. The tac and our staff have identified the highest priorities just as we said, circulation, trails and roadways, improved entries at myles place and the open site finishing. We have our funding sources from the water bureau. Approximately \$605,000, which would cover the highest priorities. The bureau of environmental services is putting in a cip request for greenway improvements. They also contributed \$50,000 towards the planning effort. We have unfunded elements, which is approximately \$1.5 million. Just to highlight a few this is what the story garden will look like in the park. Some oak habitat restoration, a new overview. This is what the new pump station will look like. We'll have a launch for good standup boating, and it will just be another -- it's already a gem in our system and we're looking forward to just making it -- to continue its use in the city of Portland as a destination park. So before we have any questions I would just like to hear from paul ketcham from the bureau of environmental services, willamette watershed manager and our pac members, bernadette lee, who has kicked off this whole process two years ago. Then jim -- landlords come up with the city club. He was also a pac member.

Hales: Thank you.

Paul Ketcham, Bureau of Development Services: I'm paul ketcham. I'm with the bureau of environmental services and the willamette watershed manager and the watershed services group. We're very pleased to be here today to fully support the council's endorsement of the willamette park phasing and development plan. We would like to thank parks and the water bureau for the opportunity to partner with them and also the citizens and the groups who helped make this plan a reality. Like to make a couple of points about the plan. First it does an excellent job of integrating ecological and recreational objectives in meeting the goals of the Portland watershed management plan which council adopted in 2006. It is a hybrid park, so there are natural areas in the park. Important contributors to watershed health and reminders of the rich natural heritage of this city. Some examples are the beech and riverbank, the wetlands and important wide oak woodlands. Proposed bank lay-back sponsored by bes, endorsed by parks restore more natural riverbank and restore habitat along half the frontage of the park. This will improve river health and park conditions. Second, the park capitalizes on opportunities to manage storm water and improve water quality in the willamette river. Emily pointed out that the dola will be moved, dog off leash area will be moved to a new location affording our bureau to work with parks to improve storm water management currently occupied by some of the oldest oak trees in that part of the city. The third the city is committed to aiding in recovery of salmon Fish listed under the endangered species act. Providing for restoration and other storm water improvements in this park, this plan is honoring that commitment. I just want to point out that the river that -- the river is more than a migration corridor

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for salmon. We have evidence it's been used by juvenile salmon for resting and feeding and they grow and enlarge in the river through Portland. It's very important to restore habitat conditions. Fourth, the bank lay-back and other natural area investments will improve recreational experience for willamette park users and park facilities impacted by the restoration work will be replaced and enhanced. That includes the greenway trail that currently going along the top of the bank. Fifth but not least, the strong working partnership between parks and bes, on going efforts to foster community participation is what makes this possible. By continuing to work together we can make improvements at a public location which serve as broad spectrum of park users in the city and in the region. Thanks.

Hales: Thanks, paul. Welcome.

Bernadette Le: Good morning. I'm bernadette le. I represented the regional users on the advisory committee. First I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak about my involvement and support for the willamette park redevelopment plan. I first became involved in work at willamette park as a Portland state university masters of urban and regional planning student in 2010. For my final master projects I worked with three other students to collect data about the park including inventory of the physical elements of the park and assessment of how it was used by the community. Using that information, we developed a set of preliminary recommendations ppr could consider during future planning processes. When I was asked to be part of the the advisory committee I was excited to continue working in the planning process in this park. I was very excited to see that in addition to recently collected data and analysis conducted by ppr and consulting staff the staff used the information and preliminary recommendations our student group.

Willamette park is a unique place. It serves as a local gathering spot for neighbors, a regional destination for recreationallists, an integral part of the transportation network on the west side and unique oak and riverbank habitat. It was great to participate in the committee where all these characteristics were considered during the decision making process. As a regional user, I served without voice on the committee thus I need to voice my support. The advisory committee's recommendation supporting riverbank restoration as well as constructing river viewing locations and access points. I also felt it was important to make improvements that will safely facilitate expected increase in bike-ped traffic through the park. It could be implemented to plan for future usage such as increasing the trail width, improving park entrances, directing fast moving bicycles to a specific route, et cetera. I gave many of these projects a high priority and was happy to see that these elements were supported by the larger committee in the final concept. I believe having both neighborhood and regional voices on the committee helped evolve a regional development plan that will improve the visit for members of the public.

James Gorter: Mayor hales, commissioners, i'm jim gorter. I was a member of the planning process of the park. I'm also a resident of the burlingame neighborhood overlooking the park. Use it as a casual user. I came to interest of the park as a member of the city club of Portland for its park study in advocacy committees. Commissioner Fish and I have talked on that before. As a result of the park work I also worked on -- was a member of the parks bureau budget advisory committee a couple of years ago. I'm eager to continue my interest in the parks both as a citizen and resident of the area. I was very impressed with the work that the committee did. The recruitment of the quality of people who advocated for various interests and for the park as a whole was outstanding. I was also very impressed with the expertise of the parks bureau and bes, other city bureaus that were involved with the process. As I said earlier, willamette park is a small area with a lot of diversity in it in addition to the natural component of it. Our committee worked hard to reach consensus on that. I think the product speaks well for the parks, for the city and for the citizens. I'm now looking forward to seeing the project implemented. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Questions for anyone on the panel?

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Fritz: Thank you for your work. It's an exciting plan. Obviously a lot of time and effort has been put into it. I'm wondering about signage. Is there any consideration of having signs talking about what's been done and why?

Ketcham: We have talked about that.

Roth: Part of our planning process is we will have explanation of what is happening on the bank lay-back appeared why we're doing it. We're also looking in parks for when we do environmental interpretation it may not always be a sign. You may be able to come up with your smart phone and scan something when you come into the park and out will pop everything that about what you're about to see.

Fritz: What discussion was there about the native american heritage in the area and maybe incorporating that in some of the interpretive signage?

Roth: That's a good suggestion. As we move forward we'll be looking into that.

Fritz: I encourage you to not be having us have our smart phones or dumb phones as we walk along the Willamette, I think it's important to be where we are, so to me having some signage that would reflect the centuries that people in this area have used that area and why we're devoting what some people are calling sewer money but what is in fact environmental services money to that restoration that helps people understand why they should use the fenced dog off leash area, not having their dogs running through the restoration area. I appreciate the well thought out plan. Thank you so much.

*****: Thank you.

Hales: Other questions?

Saltzman: Am I correct there's still no connectivity north of the park? So all these people are going to be taking this new trail off the Sellwood bridge, they're going to dead end --

Roth: We have the greenway trail north of the park. We have an unfortunate 90 degree angle back past the sailing club to go 90 degrees to then go along the willamette greenway. There's a continuous pathway that will go from the sellwood bridge. We are at this time working with the department of transportation and others to see how we can get the 90 degree angle to go away between now and 2016.

Saltzman: The northern end of the park?

Roth: Just past the sailing club.

Hales: It's on an easement on the adjacent condominium project.

Roth: Correct. Yes.

Fish: I should acknowledge the county owns some property that is fairly proximate to the bridge that they have agreed as part of a larger conversation we have been having to actually either deed to us or give us access to which I think will help us not only get water access but with the trail. So they have been a good partner in helping sort through some of these issues.

Abbaté: Commissioner Saltzman brings up a good point. The vision is to have a multi-purpose path connectivity through the sellwood bridge to downtown. That's going to happen in segments over time. We have one portion of that in south waterfront under construction, about 1,000 feet. But the comprehensive vision of this community is that there will be ease of access all the way down to the sellwood bridge ultimately. So piece by piece we'll resolve some of these issues.

Roth: The other thing to point out with that, with the completion of the new trimet bridge we'll have a whole new loop in the southern part of the city with the sellwood bridge improvements and trimet bridge. That's again a big recreational opportunity we're providing by improving trail and access through the park.

Hales: With the completion of those two projects Portland is the only city I know of with a double bike beltway. [laughter]

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Fish: I have a question. I know that funds are tight for this particular project, but the way it's currently proposed, if the city chose, could they upgrade the surfaces of the ball field and use all weather surface funds if the funds were available?

Abbaté: Yes. That is a priority bureau-wide where we can particularly in heavily used parks and fields is to replace as many of those with synthetic turf as possible.

Hales: Other questions?

Novick: A depressing question, mike. I seem to recall you're saying to me a few months ago that the parks had something like an \$800 million backlog of maintenance and projects to be done. I was wondering whether 1.5 million in unfunded part of this plan, which looks fantastic, by the way, would that be part of the 100 million or part of the additional things we would like to do?

Abbaté: Thank you for that question, commissioner novick. With a new park it doesn't add to our backlog of deferred maintenance. The council has a policy that says when you approve construction of park improvements at the same time you evaluate and approve ongoing operation and maintenance, the operational side of new parks. When we bring them to you, you have approved those. We have some projects understand construction now that we'll be talking to you about in the months ahead. The fields, for example. So the day-to-day operations usually when we bring a new park online that is taken care of within the budget. But a new one doesn't add to your deferred maintenance as long as you can keep up the ongoing maintenance. This is a relatively new policy: Things on it are deferred maintenance or replacement were built long before that policy was in effect.

Novick: The 800 million is deferred maintenance on existing parks.

Abbaté: To fine tune the numbers, it's actually closer to \$400 million for deferred on existing and about 450 million estimate of what it would cost to build out the system to achieve a common level of service. So total together it's \$850 to 900 million.

Novick: Thank you.

Hales: Other questions? Thank you all. I think we have some others signed up to testify.

Moore-Love: We have one more person. Mike dowd.

Mike Dowd: Good morning. I'm mike dowd, 0753 southwest miles street. I live and work next to the park at the very south edge. Because i'm there day and night I think I know more about how the south ends of the park works than anyone anywhere. I also as a member of the committee and share all the positive comments people said about that process and all the people involved. I guess I wasn't a platinum member, though, because where the other two people got private invitations to talk, I didn't find out about this hearing until last night from a generic email yesterday afternoon. I have been trying to talk to parks since early november about issues with the bike circulation and haven't had any of my emails returned other than promises that were never kept that they would be talking to me. That's my concern is the bicycle circulation. I understand that you're only voting to adopt this plan as a guide, and I don't think any of this should shake the vote to adopt it, but I think people need to be aware that there's some huge problems with the proposed bicycle circulation. I wrote all my specific reasons here and will drop this off. Also have a letter from my neighbor from earlier who will be really negatively affected by this. There was really no public input that involved explaining carefully to people the numbers involved and the impacts of the bike circulation on people. I hope that as the plan progresses there will be more opportunities to talk about the parks, the master plan. Like everybody said, it's a huge, complex park, and we only had a few meetings to come up with a master plan, which I think is amazingly good for the time we had. That doesn't mean it doesn't have big flaws. To explain it quickly, the bicycle circulation basically what the plan does is spend three or \$400,000 to move about 200 yards of bicycle circulation from the regional trail along the river to the smaller trail that runs right in front of the houses including my house. That's 10,000 bikes a day within a few feet of our decks. It doesn't give bikers the opportunity to take the part of the trail that's empty if they want to go -- if they want to avoid people. The basic

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flaw in it is that it's a loop trail so there's pedestrians everywhere. This doesn't separate them at all. Yet it's spending hundreds of thousands of dollars and those same pedestrians and bikes are sharing mile after mile of that loop trail throughout the rest of the city on a seven to eight foot wide path. To me it makes no sense to design it the way it does to solve -- try to solve a conflict for 200 yards.

Hales: Thank you. Others that want to testify?

Hales: I would like to return to that point for just a minute with staff. That is, this may be a question not just for parks but for others as well. Transportation. That is emily, I was struck by the numbers you quoted. We're going to have a lot of commuters once the sellwood bridge is not the terrible barrier that it is now. A few crazy people ride their bikes across the sellwood bridge. It's not a good trip on a bike in either case as current in the former configuration. So this revelation or at least reminder for me that there are going to be a lot of bike commute nears this corridor, we have a combination of ad hoc solutions on private property, easements, new sections. Do we have as a city an intended design type that goes the distance? Do we know what we ultimately want to see from the sellwood bridge to at least the new bridge if for the all the way downtown? Has that been agreed upon, or are we still making this up as we go along? I don't mean that to sound as harsh as it sounds.

Roth: We're looking at a little bit of an interim solution. We do have a direct route that is part of the lake oswego to Portland street car line. When the streetcar was originally being considered, the lake oswego to Portland along with that was the regional trail that would have run parallel to that track. Metro did most of the design work for that trail, but with the streetcar being put on hold right now, we are putting together the best we can to accommodate commuter bicycles from the sellwood bridge. Originally, the commuter likes were not necessarily -- bike were going to run adjacent to the trail. I just would like to also speak -- from the southern end of the park the trail will be -- the paved trail will be 10 to 12 feet wide for commuting bicycles. Then we are also providing a two foot, 36 inch, three foot wide soft surface trail for pedestrians so we are trying to separate the joggers and the walkers and everybody that are going to be using that loop from the commuting bicyclists. The commuting bicyclists will go on to the park road. It will be improved and everybody else can still be walking along the greenway and things like that. So we are trying to make a big effort to increase the width of the trail, separate bicyclists from pedestrians who want to walk that loop and make it as safe as possible for all users.

Abbaté: Mr. Mayor, too, I think there's a bigger issue that you have touched upon. That is traditionally in parks we have been thinking about recreation activities. So when we have been designing trails it's to things like overlooks and viewpoints and access. But increasingly, particularly on left side, our parks are becoming part of the transportation infrastructure. So that creates additional stress, particularly in parks like willamette, where you have so many things already happening. It's led to new design types in south waterfront, completely separated paths, east bank esplanade even it is jammed with people. It's causing us to think of our parks and recreation facilities as part of the transportation structure as well.

Hales: Just thinking about the separated design in south waterfront versus this, again, no criticism intended here but we're making it up as we go along to some extent. Then we also have these sections where we don't own the property. So it seems to me a need for maybe even more collaboration between transportation and parks and others on this front than we have had so far to figure this out. If we want to run to where the ball is going, rather than chasing it we may want to figure some of these things out sooner rather than later and try to enforce that design regimen through more than one project.

Fish: I think you're raising a wonderful point. Now that you are the acting parks commissioner --

Fritz: He is the parks commissioner.

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Fish: Now that commissioner Fritz is the parliamentarian, acting, you're going to -- this issue will be framed for you in its sharpest relief in north Portland with the north Portland greenway. It is a very challenging issue. We're working with the community to find that preferred route taking you from st. John's to the rose quarter. Currently the preferred route, which would be a river route, runs along a private road that both the cement company that is operating it and the railroad that's adjacent have very strong views about bikes being on it. So to your point in the planning process parks has come up with an alternative, which is greeley as a backup if those issues can't be resolved.

This may be one even with your history working with the railroads may be the nut we can't crack because of the safety issues, but we're working with -- we have been working with swan island, with daimler and with stakeholders. But your point is well taken. These are very challenging and so there ought to be a vision that assumes everything aligns. But what we're often forced to do is come up with a backup plan, piecemeal approach, which allows there to be some circulation while we're navigating a railroad issue or right of way issue or property ownership issue. I think your point is extremely well taken. The north Portland greenway may be the most vexing of all of those because of the complexity of the competing uses on the preferred route. I think you're right in saying there needs to be a larger vision that guides this. Short term, though, we have to find a place to accommodate a lot of bikes. That's going to be the challenge.

Hales: If you contrast the experience of -- I know this park very well because having worked in this building once before and being a fair to middling some time noontime runner, willamette park is just about the distance I could make before I needed to turn around and come back. I spent a lot of time on this ad hoc section of trail. That sidewalk that takes the 90 degree turn, I know it very well. Contrast that experience with stanley park in vancouver, where they -- the public owns the entire distance. They extruded that design into yale town and coal harbor. The public owned the big chunk of it, the city said, this is going to be popular, we're going to put a bike way and separate sidewalk all the way around this signature park, then as we redevelop these adjacent areas we're going to carry that design into the redevelopment areas. Now I think you can go from science world to the commuter rail station in vancouver through a combination of public parks and private easements that has this consistency of design and not surprisingly enormous good weather usage. So I think we're looking at that quality in our urban environment as we have cleaned up the river and people want to get back to it, as we restore habitat, as we build out more choices for people how they are going to run, bike or walk, this is a big deal. I guess my sense is, again no villain of the piece that we corporately haven't gotten in front of that with the vision that you just mentioned, commissioner fish, and maybe all of us maybe we need to redouble that effort and revisit some assumptions about what are we going to expect in the long run and what can we do in the print.

Fish: The timing has to be acknowledged, the demise of the streetcar to lake oswego is fairly recent vintage. There has to be a bigger rethink of that kind of connectivity.

Hales: I'll be interested in participating in that.

Fritz: As the former commissioner of the office of equity and human rights, I am concerned to hear about the three foot soft trail next to the 10 foot paved trail. First of all I don't think three feet is enough for two people to stroll comfortably together. Second, doesn't that mean there will be fewer pedestrians on the paved surface so people using wheelchairs, parents with strollers are going to be having even more cyclists endangering them by whipping past at high speeds?

Roth: We also have the opportunity along the river where it will have a paved 10 foot wide trail all along the greenway trail along the park will be ten feet wide.

Fritz: But that's along the bike route. If a pedestrian wants to get from a to b, i'm not sure i'm seeing utility of a three foot soft trail.

Roth: The three foot soft trail is only a small part of the southern loop so that people who would like to walk the loop would have that opportunity. The trail, the commuting bike trail and the greenway trail on the west -- commuting bike trail on the west side of the park, the greenway trail

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that we're improving to ten feet and bringing up the surface area on the west side of the park is the same distance for getting through the park. We're just trying to separate users so that people who have limited abilities or want to just enjoy the bank or everything will be separated from the commuter bikes. I understand also for the loop we have also provided a paved trail up by the soccer fields that also would provide a loop, so we're trying to balance all those needs.

Fritz: Where would people in wheelchairs go if they want to just go directly like a commuter?

Roth: They would go to the east side. That will all be totally paved through the park all directions.

Fritz: If they are not interested in the scenic route, if they just want to get --

Roth: It would be the same length. It's not any quicker.

Fritz: Will there be any striping on the 10' paved?

Roth: Yes.

Fritz: To have a place where people who can't use the soft trail --

Roth: Yes. They would still be able to use it. It will be striped and signed. As I said, we're going to encourage slow to moderate speeds for all commuter uses.

Fritz: What would be --

Roth: Well, we will do a lot of it through construction but it will be signed and how it will be designed. We'll do a lot of education and outreach to commuter bikes going through the park.

Abbaté: It's a typical multi-purpose trail. We're trying to make it wide enough. Part of the other constraints, there's a field there. Unless we want to lose a field we have a fair small window to work within.

Hales: Other questions? No one else signed up to testify. Then we'll take a roll call on accepting the report.

Moore-Love: Resolution.

Fritz: So moved.

Hales: Is there a second?

Fish: Second. [roll call vote]

Fritz: Thank you for the members of the advisory committee as well as staff. I'm going to read the names of the project advisory committee. I know some of these people have committed decades of their lives to this area.

Leslie Pohl-Kosbau

Kerry Chipman

Roger Averbeck

Bernadette Le

Julia Babcock

James Gorter

William Danneman

Lee Buhler

Ken Love

Michael Dowd

Jeanne Galick

Allen Field

Jim Harper

We have a wealth of community members who care passionately about this park and have worked constructively with the staff. Aye.

Fish: This has been a fairly drama free process except i'm reminded that when Oregon public broadcasting was thinking of holding the presidential debates, we got a taste in willamette park of what it is to have Portland on the map, and what we were facing through that debate planning process was literally a takeover by the feds of the park, a shut-down of river access and a staging ground for security people to be there with presidential candidates. I think all of us breathed a sigh

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of relief when that debate was canceled because it was going to have an enormous negative impact on people who use that park. I'm reminded as I look at this outstanding plan that once again John Charles Olmsted over 100 years ago had this vision. It really is remarkable in his plan is this notion that at this location there is an opportunity to have a park and the benefits to our community. I don't say that just for the benefit of Mike Houck. It's extraordinary this document is still relevant. But I think it was in the '20s we start acquiring this and years later when there was some planning, so this is a long time coming. I believe when this plan is implemented we'll finally have it right. I want to thank the crack team at Parks particularly Emily and Alan and Elizabeth and everyone who has worked on this. I want to thank our partners at BES, Water and RACC. These Parks and BES have a unique partnership when they do these kinds of things. They work together a lot. I think this one with Water and RACC added greater depth to the work. I join my friend Commissioner Fritz in thanking the project advisory committee and thank Jim Gorter, who was here, who really did yeoman's work in helping us think through some issues in Forest Park that led to five substantial things that we did differently because of his work. I want to thank Walker Macy for their outstanding assistance and the work they do helping shape these plans. Money is going to be a challenge in implementing this. My hope is we'll be able to come back to the Council at some point with some good data and a good story about why we think we can go forward with the bond measure. Whether this particular project is an eligible project, meets the priority list or not, it's an example of projects we have across the city where with a reasonable investment of funds we can take existing parks and make them function at a much higher level. I'm also reminded we have parts of our city that have no parks and ultimately those investments may come first because people don't have access to this wonderful system. Thank you, Mike, all of your team for your great work. I'm pleased to vote aye.

Saltzman: Good work. Aye.

Novick: Aye.

Hales: This discussion we've had among the Council, you and the others who came here today perfectly encompasses why we're such a great park system. I was fortunate to be in this room when Mr. Abbate and Commissioner Fish accepted that award on behalf of the City of Portland and the points we've just touched on, both in these comments from the Council and in what you've covered here to me covers that whole amazing story that we have a framework plan that's 112 years old that we're still executing. Project by project. Opportunity by opportunity. We have great professional planners in the Bureau that know how to design projects, but also know how to listen to other people when they do. But we also have people in the community who care, and everybody thinks they own these parks. Other Bureaus, Water Bureau, BES and RACC. People who live next door think they own the park, people to live 10 miles away think they own the park. Planning students at Portland State think they own the park. Members of the Council think we own the park and have detailed comments about it, and we're all right. We all own the park.

Fish: Mayor, Ken Love actually does own the park. [laughter]

Hales: So we all have this amazing investment in the system. It is not confined by the boundaries of one Bureau. I think that is one of the reasons why we won that war, because we all think we own the park, we all think we have a responsibility to help make it work. This is a great park. Part of a great system. I'm very pleased with this master plan and look forward to seeing it carried out. Aye.

Hales: Approved. And the next item is also a parks item. Thank you all.

Item 105.

Hales: Mr. Fish, anything on this one?

Abbate: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And if I could change gears a little bit and follow up on what Commissioner Fish said, we had just been talking about a long-term existing park, today we're here to talk about a master plan for a new piece of property in one of the most parks deficient

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neighborhoods. As part of the 2020 vision, we are trying to fill in gaps, that gaps that we have identified in our half mile service area. That is our primary level of service delivery to measure. This is an incredible opportunity. Provide parks access -- the design and construction of this project -- fdc's, fund demands of new development for parks and open spaces, particularly in deficient areas. I would like to introduce Sara Huggins, the parks planner, and talk about our plans for construction.

Sara Huggins, Portland Parks & Recreation: Thank you, Mike. Good morning, Mayor Hales and Commissioners. Parks planner, and I would also like to introduce Nicole and Rich, both volunteered to serve on the volunteer committee and they will join me in helping with the presentation today. Nicole will start us off.

Nicole Markwell: I live in the Cully neighborhood and I have four children, and I was a member of the advisory committee. To watch the parks sort of come together and be able to have my input in it. It was neat to watch it. I'm very active on the PTA, and so to think about the children there that would attend the park. It was fun to talk about that. This is going to be along Alberta Street, a bike street, we like to ride our bikes and we need to think about how to ride our bikes and stop at the park and have fun. We talked about ways to use the park as a community stopping area, pick up soccer and -- so it is going to have a lot of different uses. It will be a lot of fun for our whole family and the people who live nearby who don't have children yet.

Hales: Thank you.

Markwell: Thank you.

Huggins: The master plan developed as a collaborative effort between the community and Portland Parks & Recreation and I want to thank Greenworks, a local landscape architecture firm, who helped translate our shared vision for the plan into the concept plan that we'll be sharing with you today. A little history about the site. Portland Parks purchased the 2.4 acre Werbin property back in 2009 for the purpose of developing a neighborhood park in Cully. The Portland Parks has a goal that is outlined in the Parks 2020 vision of providing a park or natural area within a half mile of every residence and the residences within the half mile of the Werbin are not currently being served -- so when we will be celebrating a bunch of new households now have access to their own park. We developed the concept plan over the course of nine months. Three main phases to the project. Project open house, project advisory committee meeting, we had broad open public comment period and we did additional targeted outreach. In the first phase, we focused on getting feedback on the type of amenities that people wanted to see in the new park. In the second phase, feedback of three diverse concepts, and final phase we vetted feedback on a preferred draft and ultimately after weighing all of the feedback, the following concept. The design is oriented around a flexible lawn area. It is suitable for informal activities, or community gatherings and events. The heart of the design is really a nature play area, which will include opportunities for water play, and the ability to make water spray and often manipulate how it will run downhill, climbing boulders and a slide that takes advantage of natural topography on the site. Preference for nature play in the planning process, we heard loud and clear that the community loves swings. A smaller, traditional play area that will have a swing set. We have a small gathering, covered gathering picnic area, and we also have additional more formal picnic areas scattered throughout the park. A very small skate area, suitable for younger, very beginning users, and we will include bio-trails that will street storm water from the park improvement and streetscape improvement. We also will improve the streetscapes on 52nd and Alberta in front of the park and that would include new sidewalks. Coordinating closely with our friends of Bureau of Transportation on the streetscape improvement work. The cost estimate for this concept is \$1.3 million for improvements of the park and half a million for streetscape improvements and both the park and the streetscape improvements are going to be paid for by Parks System development charges. We have set aside to fund the construction of this project. Park staff beginning the next steps of

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creating construction documents and getting ready for construction and we hope to celebrate the grand opening of the new park in spring 2015. And Rich Gunderson will close with a few words.

Rich Gunderson: Commissioners, mayor, it is a pleasure to be here and to see this new council. I'm really looking forward to working with all of you. I want to thank parks for this opportunity for a park for our neighborhood. I was going to go into the benefits of parks and recreation -- I will just go into a little bit about the neighborhood. Annexed to city in the mid '80s and there was a lot of expectations within the neighborhood for the city to meet some of the deficiencies of the neighborhood and make capital improvements but unfortunately that was slow in coming. But actually now there is some hope. We're making steady progress on Thomas Cully Park, the Cully Boulevard Green Street process is almost complete, and the Big Five -- the intersection of five avenues, which was a big danger area, is complete, and now the acquisition of this property and the master planning process gives us hope and once this park is developed, it will be the first developed park and the largest neighborhood area in the whole city. I worked for -- in the parks and recreation profession for over 30 years. I had the opportunity of working with many neighborhood associations, developing master plans for their neighborhood parks. And this one by far had the most community input of any that I had been involved with. Because of that fact, I think the park once it is developed, is going to be a huge asset to our community and also to the Portland parks system. Thank you.

Hales: Questions for this panel? Thank you all. Thank you very much. Do we have anyone else signed up to testify?

Moore-Love: We have one person, Kathy.

Hales: Good morning.

Kathy Fuerstenau: Good morning. I had to go plug the meter. My name is Kathy, and Mayor Hales and city commissioners I'm so happy to be here today to advocate for the adoption of the master plan for the park on Northeast 52nd and Alberta. This will be the first completely developed park in the 2,007-acre Cully neighborhood. I have been envious of the other neighborhoods that have been able to hold gatherings and events in the parks like neighbors night out, concerts in the park, movies in the park. So, in two years, Cully will be able to participate in such community events and have place for both children and adults to enjoy. So the Cully Association of Neighbors membership did not have an opportunity to vote on the final draft on the master plan, overall consensus of the park rail presentation at our September 11th, 2012 meeting was favorable. The membership was very excited to see the design and hear about the amenities. We look forward to participating in the park process so that we can stop calling it Werbin Property Park. I have a habit of saying Northeast 52nd and Alberta for right now anyway. The disappointing part of the presentation, the timeline, 2015. My hope is that everything can proceed at a brisk pace so that the park could be finished in 2014. I think that would be great. I want to thank Commissioner Fish for allocating the plans to move this project forward. And the parks director and staff and community members on the advisory committee for the work that the community outreach in creating this master plan. Thank you.

Fritz: I guess I do have a question for staff.

Hales: Thank you, Kathy. Appreciate it.

Fuerstenau: Thank you.

Fritz: This follows up from Kathy's questioning. And also on last week's presentation on the e-205 projects, a huge amount of work was done for a relatively small amount of money in 10 different parks, and you said that is because parks staff was doing a lot of the work. Is it possible for parks staff to do some of the work here and speed it up a bit?

Abbaté: Commissioner Fish --

Fish: Fritz.

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Fritz: It happens all of the time. Don't worry about it.

Fish: I consider it a great compliment.

Abbaté: Commissioner Fritz, good question. I think there is a difference between installing a playground or bench and completing an entire park. When we're constructing an entire park, it is probably that we don't have the capacity to do it, but it would lock up all of our staff on one project for six or eight months and we would not be able to do any improvements in other parts of the system. That is why we have a contracting process and a bid process is to provide opportunities for living wage jobs that are outside of city employees. So this would -- this would go through the next step, detailed design, comparing the construction drawings that would go to bid and then bid in construction using a contractor.

Fritz: Maybe you could consider making different parts of the process, different contracts, so we have -- I know that usually we do a general contractor who does the whole thing, but certainly different elements of this that could have community involvement, landscaping company, demolition of the current structure and such. I encourage you to think about that. The other concern I have is that it noted as a seasonal restroom. Walker-Macy designed the holly farm park in my neighborhood in a very similar process and we have found it is used year round. Whenever it's not pouring rain, there are people in the park. I would encourage you to consider that a restroom and not seasonal. One of the pieces that was added in our park was some decorative screening around the port-a-potty. Obviously we don't have the money for a full plumbed restroom, maybe we do, maybe we don't, but I think it is going to be well used. I think it is important for people to have a proper place to go to the bathroom. We could even have a loo in there. So we encourage people to use it year-round.

Fish: That reminds me of a conversation we had a while ago but I don't remember the outcome. So, was there some thought of putting, substituting a loo? I think commissioner fritz comments need to be underscored with the budget cuts we are talking about, we are having trouble doing routine maintenance in the parks. I know we're putting a loo in the fields. Is that an option and would that address the question of year-round use?

Roth: We did look at a loo, instead of a port-a-potty, seasonal restroom. What we've been trying to do is target permanent restrooms at our larger, regional parks where people will be coming more from outside the neighborhood. This at 2.4 acres is intended to be a park that serve the immediate cully area. One of the other considerations when we were looking at the loo, is while the initial cost to construct it is fairly reasonable, it would almost double our anticipated annual maintenance budget for a park of this size. For that reason we are showing a seasonal restroom.

Fritz: Families with multiple small children, --by the way, rose is being amazingly good. I'm very impressed. When you are walking a half mile to the park and try to make it home when your five year-old needs to go right now, I think that is a challenge. And at the very least, year-round port-a-potty. I think should look again at that.

Fish: On the other point that was raised. The contracting, the fields doing a soft opening this spring. Under the plan that we put in place, we got about 60% participation mwesb?

Abbaté: Slightly more than that.

Fish: I don't think there is a project in the city that has come close. At the same time we're trying to develop capacity within the contracting community. It's a specialized niche. I think the point that commissioner Fritz makes that thinking about unbundling pieces or thinking creatively about the contracting is something that we should continue to do and particularly cully, where we have a completely different model with the let us build cully now park community, in terms of how we have done the community garden, I would encourage you to be as creative as possible about thinking about new and innovative ways of doing contracting which create opportunity for people typically left out of this work and also for the community

Hales: Other discussion for staff? I would like a motion on accepting the report.

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Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Hales: Roll call.

Fritz: Again, thank you to staff and thank you to the community, particularly the project advisory committee. Challenging names in this, but I will try to read them because people do put a lot of time in this. Three meetings, done expeditiously, a lot of background.

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Victoria Demchak

Karen Gonzalez

Richard Gunderson

David Kurushima

Alejandro Manzo

Nicole Markwell

Gina Mattioda

Shayla Rogers

Kathleen Sheridan

Cesar Torres

Mercedes Yanez

Aye.

Fish: I want to first acknowledge that one thing that wasn't said about cully, I believe on a census basis is our most diverse neighborhood and it also has some of the most intractable poverty that we have been trying to address. It was the framework that has helped change the relationship between city council and that committee, was the cully concordia plan, best community planning -- except for the east Portland plan, at least during my service where the community set priorities. As a result of that, the city has been very intentional about addressing a number of them. So we had thomas cully park and we have a master plan and now we have a garden, which is progress. I -- according to things I read into the paper, something happening with cullwood, hacienda a new football field that allows kids to play in a safe area that is fenced in. But we face in cully the same dilemma we did when we launched e205-- a lot of momentum, tremendous leadership at the neighborhood level but we're not able to deliver as quickly as we wanted on the promise of bringing the system up to par. That is where mike and the bureau and the team came up with this project, because it was scaled right. It was something we could do, and we didn't want to keep frankly having excuses as to why we couldn't move on thomas cully, we all understand, we were \$15 to \$20 million short on that project. We wanted to deliver a win. This was where the focus went and I believe the expeditious planning process, funding sources which are system development charges, commitment to leadership will get this park done. I want to first thank rich and kathy and neighborhood folks who are great partners. You never get enough credit but we have a unique relationship with this community. I want to thank the parks team for doing this really quickly, and sara is -- I think the first plan she did was the updating of the lents park, master plan -- sara is one of our stars. Whole team I want to thank at parks. And I want to echo something kathy said. If there is a way to expedite the delivery of this, we should do this. The mayor ran on a platform of finding ways of speeding up the permitting process. This ought to go in the hopper and we ought to find a way to accelerate it. In terms of the naming, I hope parks pulls together soon a community group and comes up with something great. This should have great name for great new park. And I thank everyone for making this day possible. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Novick: I, too, would like to thank everybody for their work on this. This is so impressive. And since this is a parks day, this is -- general comment that I think that people tend to think of

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economic development and public safety and parks as three different things. One of the most important things to do to improve our economy would be to stem the rising tide of health care costs, which tends to drown businesses and governments and families. And the more we learn about how much even a little bit of physical activity does to improve people's health, building out our park system will make people healthier and that will reduce health care costs and that will help our economy. And our -- the fire bureau obviously is a big chunk of our public safety system and most of their calls are health-related calls. If people are healthier, they get fewer calls. So, I appreciate the work you are doing for the -- just in terms of having a prettier nicer place for people to live but having a strong parks system also does help us meet our other goals. Thank you very much and aye.

Hales: Great process, and a great project. It is going to be -- it exciting for us all to be out there enjoying this park and I look forward to that very much. Bravo. Aye. Thank you. Okay. Regular agenda.

Item 111.

Hales: Second reading. Roll call please.

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

Hales: Aye. Item 112.

Item 112.

Hales: Thank you. Jeramy patton, our principal financial analyst is here, and I think the council has all been consulted on the calendar, so hopefully you are here to present something everyone is prepared to move forward with.

Jeramy Patton, City Budget Office: I can make the presentation very brief. The calendar includes two new items and I think you have all been briefed on. First item, addition of three public hearings, february 28th and april 15th. And the second item is a -- between february 28th, may 1st, a series of council sub committee meetings. And I can go into more detail if you would like. If you would like to move on, that is question.

Hales: Questions, further requests --

Fritz: If you can announce mayor what your process is for appointing citizen budget advisors, can people contact you if they're interested in serving?

Hales: Yes, please.

Fritz: Who should they address that to?

Hales: Josh albert. Other comments, questions? May have brought this in for a landing then. All right. Thank you. And we will take a -- with that --

Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney: First, mayor -- is this an exhibit to the resolution? Do they need to move the amendment or the new exhibit first?

Patton: Yes.

Hales: A motion to substitute the new exhibit.

Fritz: So moved.

Fish: Second.

Hales: Vote on that motion, please.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Novick:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

Hales: Now unless there is council discussion, we will take roll call on the resolution.

Fritz: Thank you, mayor, and city budget for responding to my concerns last week. So there will be three public hearings on requested budget sometime between february 28th and april 15th. The exact dates have not yet been confirmed, we had some discussions in my office about having them mostly in march and then close to when the mayor's budget -- when the decision is going to be made, there will also be of course the last hearing on may 15th. I encourage citizens not to wait until the last hearing on may 15th. So, there will be lots of opportunity for public input. It is

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going to be a very difficult budget and we need to make this decision together. We are all in this together and we will have to make difficult choices together. Aye.

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

Hales: I want to thank members of the council and our budget office for getting this in an orderly and very open and painfully complete format because this is going to be a difficult budget process. I think the way we get through this in good order and build for the future is to have the whole council very engaged, have the community very engaged and have the whole process be as transparent as possible even though I have the responsibility ultimately lay a proposed budget on the table. This process is intended to get us to that environment and I want to encourage council members and anyone else to keep coming forward with both ideas for how we proceed and specific ideas for how we make this very difficult budget balancing process get to balance ultimately. Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: Thank you, jeremy. And let's see. Item 113.

Item 113.

Hales: Is there a presentation on this? Good morning.

Lee Munson, Bureau of Maintenance: I'm with the bureau of maintenance, sidewalk repair department.

Mike Zeller, Bureau of Maintenance : Mike zeller, one of the inspectors with the sidewalk department.

Sharon Simrin, Auditor's Office: Sharon simrin in the Auditor's office.

Hales: We're just assessing the property and this is -- you have requested some time. Do you want to walk us through this or are we going to request any testimony from affected property owners and proceed?

Simrin: This is for sidewalk repairs that the city requires done to have done, and we have -- I know we have one person that wants to testify today. Any remonstrances we've had have been pulled out of this, so they are not in this assessment. They will be in a future assessment.

Hales: Okay. Questions? We will see what anybody else has to say about this. Signed up to testify?

Moore-Love: One person.

Hales: Good morning.

Lisa Crase: My name is lisa, portfolio manager for Portland habilitation -- rehabilitation center, nonprofit organization, we train and hire people with disabilities. We recently -- in 2012, purchased a property on east burnside, 14224 east burnside. We purchased this property august 22nd. That is when the -- the closing statements were signed. In the beginning of october, my maintenance supervisor went to the property and found a door hanger from the city of Portland bureau of transportation regarding the sidewalk work. This was found after the sidewalk had already been repaired. And I do have documents here -- I have also labeled all of them. It is closing statements, disclosure statements, and statements from the title company that we were not advised of any liens or any work that needed to be done in the selling of the property. And I also have a statement here from our real estate agent, testifying all of these documents also -- I would just like the council to reconsider this assessment charge to the property management.

Fish: First of all, we greatly value the work of phc. Phc employees work for the city and we have a deep relationship. We're going to have staff come back in a moment and flush out some details, but I just want to make sure I understand that -- your concern. Is your concern that the seller failed to disclose this to you as the buyer, or is your concern that the city failed to take some action?

Crase: The seller and their real estate agent failed to supply any documentation to us, therefore, we were not notified in a timely matter to know that this work was to know this work was to be done. If we had known that, we would have taken action ourself.

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Fish: I'm not your lawyer -- what is the relief that you are seeking from us?

Crase: Just the cost of the repairs.

Fish: How much is that?

Crase: \$418.

Fish: And you are seeking relief because you believe it should be borne by the seller as the cost? Are you disputing that the work needs to be done?

Crase: No, the work has already been done. My dispute was that we didn't have the opportunity, because we knew nothing about it, we did not have the opportunity to take the steps that we needed to try to correct the problem prior to, because we didn't know.

Hales: Thank you very much. Would you help illuminate this for us? There was no prior remonstrance. This happened after the fact, right?

Simrin: Yes.

Fritz: Is that the practice, to just leave a door hanger or is there a mailing as well?

Munson: Several mailings, multiple mailings. The first mailing happened early february of 2012. Follow-up letter happened on april 3rd, 2012. Additional follow-up letter, april 25th, 2012. And june 19th, 2012, work given to the contractor to perform. Contractor door hung the property september 18th, 2012. A little bit of a gap there. Due to other work demands.

Contractor submitted the invoice for the work that was done. October 15th, 2012, and then we heard from the new property owner on october 16th, 2012, after the work had been completed.

Fish: Does your file indicate whether -- i'm assuming the seller, that the seller in this case had actual knowledge that we had asserted the claim? A record that the letter was received or somehow acknowledged?

Munson: Standard u.s. Mail. Not certified mail, but there is know returned mail. So we can assume that the seller received it.

Fish: This must happen -- i'm guessing this happens from time to time where a successor in interest gets presented with the bill but the notice went to the prior owner. Is that a basis for a remonstrance or do you -- are there circumstances where you will work with the buyer to help them get relief from the seller?

Simrin: That is grounds for remonstrance and we get those occasionally and they go back to the sidewalk department and they review and then they make a determination.

Zeller: Yeah, I think in this case, she contacted me on the 16th, october? And I -- the work had been completed and I notified her -- I told her, I said, you might want to contact the previous owner. The next day I followed up with information on how to contact the previous owner, or the notification that the previous owner had received in january.

Fish: Do we have the authority as a council to delay enforcement of our claim against the buyer to give that person time to have this worked out with the seller? If we -- if -- based on the timeline you gave us and timing of the closing, it appears it would otherwise be obligation of the seller, whatever happened in the transaction that we are not a party to, do we have the option of providing breathing room so that this can be worked out with the seller?

Simrin: Yes, you can remove this one account from this ordinance, and then we would provide an amended ordinance to go to second reading.

Fish: When would you -- and that would kick this can down to what point in time? When would you come back to us if that was not resolved?

Simrin: Probably the next assessment, three months. We do assessments for sidewalks every three months.

Fish: Because it is a relatively small amount of money, does that create an undue burden for your office if we were to do that?

Simrin: It creates a lot more work.

Hales: What are the other options? We are not capable of billing the prior property owner?

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Simrin: No, the property owner is responsible for the sidewalk that -- that is their responsibility. That is who we notified.

Hales: At the time of assessment.

Simrin: Yes. There is a 18-day remonstrance period, and this property owner, I know, got the proposed assessment, and they had 18 days from that time from the mailing of the proposed assessment to get a remonstrance in so that we can pull it -- I mean remove it, remove it from the ordinance.

Fish: You're saying they were not timely?

Simrin: No, we did not get a remonstrance from them.

Fish: Have we from time to time granted an extension under just basic equity? It would seem to me that circumstances where a successor in interest may not -- may be so unaware that there could even be such a claim that they don't act on it the same way that a property owner does that gets a letter.

Simrin: That would be sidewalks determination of whether they wanted to do something like that. But not after we -- we do all of the paperwork and send out the proposed assessment.

Fish: If it is the will of the council to pull this one item and have it come back to us in three months, to see whether it can be resolved, does it simply mean you would just pull this and have to file the paperwork and then to yank this one item and then we would -- mayor, that would be my suggestion. I understand it is a small amount of money, but it does seem to me that if there is a dispute with the seller, we might want to give the property owner --

Hales: Give them time, I would agree. Motion to amends.

Fish: Motion to amend.

Novick: Second.

Hales: Further discussion on that motion? Let's take a roll call.

Fritz: Aye.

Fish: Thank you for the explanation by the way. That was clear and helpful, aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Novick: Aye.

Hales: Aye. This will come back for second as amended.

Fritz: Does the assessment letter go by certified mail? I am glad I don't have a sidewalk in front of my house because sometimes the mail does pile up. I did hear from one another person who sent her payment on time but forgot to put a stamp on the letter. Are you familiar with that case?

Simrin: The letter went through their machine but didn't get stamped.

Fritz: Series of challenges. Same issues, that we can get that resolved. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you very much.

Hales: We are in recess until 2:00 p.m. This afternoon at which point we take up safety awards and that only.

At 11:42 a.m., Council recessed.

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Hales: I want to welcome you to our annual safety recognition day. Having all of us take time out of our busy schedules to recognize city of Portland employees for extra efforts and safety throughout the year. The safety of our employees is of the highest importance. It's important to us as leaders for the community, for the managers of the bureaus is that are here and every one of us that do the work. And thanks to the diligence of all city employee, we've made grade strides in reducing workplace accidents and injuries, and illnesses. Through continued hard work we need to make sure our employees return home safely to their families every day, the safety of our employees is essential so we can keep our skilled workers on the job, providing vital services to our citizens. I want to thank you for coming today, thank you for the contributions you've each made to the continued success of this safety program. I'm going to lead off in the presentation of the awards, and then my colleagues are going to take up where I leave off and distribute some of them as well. First let me ask bob ochs to come forward. -- bob ochs to come forward. In addition to his work managing complex construction projects, bob has served as the bts safety committee chairperson for many years. He's handed that role over to mark ford. He's also served as the bureau representative on the citywide safety committee. Bob established policies and procedures to meet Oregon osha guidelines, he implemented a bureau wide training program, he also champions the importance of the safety committee and educates bureau leadership on its activities and needs. He manages all loss prevention and safety reporting, lastly, bob has made a genuine dedication -- has a genuine dedication to building a safer workplace for his coworkers. So bob, thank you very much, congratulations, keep it up. Thank you. [applause] next, also from facilities bob tessmer, please come forward. So we're going to talk about bob and give you the award. Bob joined the facilities as a construction project manager last spring. He's demonstrate add high level of commitment to safety. Among his achievements, first when a dangerous bicycle exit was identified, he moved the open switch allowing cyclists to exit with the flow of traffic instead of against it. He had a speed bump placed to slow traffic, and had deksal and warning signs installed along with mirrors for vision around blind corners. At the kerby garage he had a hillside repaired and a ladder installed time prove access to maintenance equipment. He got approval for a roof hatch and a stairway, because previously access was by way after freestanding ladder through a hatch in the restroom. At the kelly street building he on the add new rooftop ladder with a safety cage following an inspection that found the existing ladder was unsafe. The omf safety committee is proud to recognize bob tessmer for his ongoing commitment to safety. [applause] bureau of transportation maintenance division safety champion award, russ kreis. Is russ here? There he is. No? Ok. Russ has quietly but effectively led the commercial drivers license in-house training program for the last several years. He's encouraged our employees to share their driving skills with others by recruiting them as trainers. He's shown he cares about safety through his ongoing example and willingness to share safe driving tips with both students and trainers. So we appreciate russ's efforts and we'll make sure he gets thanked. [applause] next, bureau of transportation safety champion award is ray gauthorne. Would ray please come forward? There he is. For a number of years we've conducted snow and ice training At maintenance. Ray has taken it upon himself to influence that training process to make

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it the very best it can be. Encouraging our training team members during the process providing training resources, making sure that the set-up and take-down is done in the timely manner, these actions have all set ray apart as a strong champion for safety, thank you, ray gauthorne. [applause] bureau of transportation safety committee award. We'd like the committee to come forward. Bureau of transportation safety committee. Who is here from that committee? Don't be shy. There they are. They're going to admit it now. Members of this committee have met all the requirements specified for osha for workplace safety committees. They've established a driver skills checklist for new operators and a process for mentoring new operators in their work session. This committee conducts an aggressive program of eliminating safe hazards -- safety hamid karzais through our track-it system with an impressive record of mitigating hazardous -- hazards through their work process. So thanks for doing the work. Thanks for your help. Keep it up. Appreciate it. [applause] one more for bureau of transportation. Maintenance operations. I think suzanne is going to accept this on behalf of the bureau. For achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2012 against an average of the previous three fiscal years, the following categories, fleet liability was reduced 14%, and general liability reduced 19%. So accepting today on behalf of the good work of all the bureau of transportation maintenance operations work there's have made those numbers possible, suzanne hannam, thank you very much. [applause] commissioner Fish.

Fish: Good afternoon. Would john reed please come forward. Where I have heard that name before? John manages and oversees hazardous materials for parks and recreation. He is a phenomenal resource for employees in the field when they need guidance for situations involving chemicals. John goes above and beyond his normal job duties and he oversees the pesticide certification program for parks and recreation staff. His certification training program has become highly respected, so much so, that many of our partner agencies use his program. John, congratulations. [applause] would zach daniek please come forward. Standing in for. Zach, who could not be with us, is the office manager of mount Tabor yard. In 2012, he worked to identify improvements for the renovation of the mount tabor office. He also worked with city contractors harris work systems to identify how we could recycle staff work stations. Many work stations were going unused in the city's storage. Zach worked with the contractor to create easily adjustable sit-to-stand work stations for our office staff. Employees now have the flexibility to stand or to sit throughout their day, giving them the opportunity to stay more active, while working at the desk. Let's give zach a round of applause. [applause] would scott vanderpool, dennis phillips, and mike ross grosso please come forward. -- mike grosso. Scott dennis and mike worked together to implement a back saving idea at the beverly cleary fountain at grant park. A special thanks, I live about two blocks away. They redesigned the access doors to the underground vaults her the fountain controls live. So the doors are more easily accessible for our employees who need to access the fountain controls, or to perform service and maintenance on the system. Nice job. Congratulations. [applause] is peter anthony with us? Peter? Peter, you're getting the life-saver award. Congratulations. Peter anthony is literally a lifesaver. He helped save the life of a 54-year-old man who had flipped his kayak in the willamette river. The man was weak and shivering as water had gotten inside of his suit. Peter recognized the signs of hypothermia, which can be life-threatening. Peter took immediate action and moved the man to a nearby heated building and called 9-1-1. Thank you, peter, for making a difference. [applause] would pamela lacroix please come forward. Is pamela here? I know you're not -- excuse me, it's pamma. Pamma lacroix has been a park technician for 30 years. She regularly drives city vehicles many miles throughout the city, including through the parks near playgrounds and schools. She is a shining example of courteous and safe operations of city vehicles. You're done. Thank you. [applause] the next is the operations safety committee award, with the operations safety committee members please stopped and come join me for a second. Let's give them a round of applause while they're coming up. Thank you. Thanks very much. The operations safety committee continually advocates for healthy and safe

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culture across the bureau. In 2012, the committee facilitated the planning for the bureauwide spring safety training and wellness festival. They also updated the safety charter and improved inspection programs. Together, this committee reminds us all how to create a safe and healthy work environment. Let's give them another round of applause. [applause] will the recreation safety committee members please join me for a moment. Wait a second, I know you. Share some of these awards with your colleagues. It's kind of unseemly. The recreation safety committee focuses on occupation, health, and safety. However they also advocate for the safety of our community members and all of our park facilities. They assisted in planning safety training for the recreation staff, based on programs, schedules, and staff needs. For example, they recently helped plan a severe allergic reaction and medication administration training. Even more impressive, they met safety challenges during the summer month, to ensure seasonal hires were prepared to run our summer programs safely and smoothly. Thank you to every member of the committee for making safety a priority in our recreation community. [applause] the next award is the partnership in prevention award. Would josh darling of Portland parks and rec, mark sit of Portland fire and rescue, tony sexton and suzanne hannam, please come forward. Parks and rec nominated this group for their work in coordinating information and mapping to enhance the emergency medical response capability of forest park. Josh darling from parks and suzanne from emergency communications focused on mapping so dispatchers can more closely locate a caller in need. With the assistance from park works and community fire station personnel, numerous tests were completed to evaluate the progress. Tony sexton bureau of emergency communications dispatch servicer and marge smit, fire dispatch supervisor, coordinated test calls and verified information was transferred to the fire rigs. This project benefits all who enter forest park for work and for recreation, and I believe last year it even saved a life. Let's give them a round of applause. [applause] I don't want you coming up for this one. Let's have someone else have their moment in the sun. Is warren jimenez here? Is his boss here? Ok. Nick Fish, former parks commissioner. This is the significant loss reduction award. For Portland parks and recreation. For achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2012, against an average of the previous three Fiscal years in the following category -- general liability reduced 25%. That's a heck of a number. Accepting the award, director mike abbate on behalf of the gold medal system. Congratulations. [applause] I have to start by making one serious comment and one unserious one. Serious comment is, I wasn't aware until the other day the city did this, and I think it's a fantastic event. Safety should be a forethought, not an afterthought. My unserious comment is, I was hoping this event would start with a clip from the movie "marathon man" where the nazi dentist is torturing dustin hoffman and asking, "is it safe? Is it safe?"

Novick: Will aron anderson please come forward. Aron reviews his jobs thoroughly to address safety concerns prior to beginning work. He ensures his crew is outfitted with the appropriate equipment and will not hesitate to stop the work to address the safety concern. Aron is eager to take the hard assignments and does so with safety as primary -- he's -- he receives the water bureau safety champion award. Congratulations. [applause] will the bull run safety committee please come forward. Who from the bull run safety committee is here? In 2012, the bull run safety committee completed the following projects. Implementation of landing zones of the watershed to address emergency response of medical assistance in the event of an employee, slash, visitor illness or injury requiring response. Gps review and purchase to ensure employees can be tracked and accessed in remote areas. Review proposal and complete of site distance clearance at water works road to address visual hazards for drivers. That is why the bull run safety committee receives the bull run safety committee award. [applause] will the Portland building safety committee members please come forward? The Portland building safety committee completed the following project during 2012. Successful planning and completion of the take a break for safety event. Which allowed all the employees in the Portland building training is awareness to various safety issues.

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Inspection and correction of safety hazards throughout the Portland building, including overloading of electrical sockets and material storage concerns. Education of water bureau employees throughout the building via discussion and quizzes on location of emergency equipment and evacuation procedures. I'm proud to present the Portland building safety committee award.

[applause] will the interstate safety committee members please come forward. Interstate, out in force. The interstate safety committee completed the following projects during 2012.

Implementation of a stretching massage program for office and field crews to improve flexibility and reduce injuries. Currently crews are stretching one day a week as a group. Plans are to enhance this to daily. Successful preparation and completion of a safety fair which included employee training and drug alcohol awareness and hr 2.02 training as well as personal protective equipment awareness and demonstrations. Congratulations. [applause] will bryan robinson please come forward. Bryan addressed two significant safety ladder safety hazards. Bryan evaluated the nature of the work being done and the specific configurations needed by the workers, then designed two different ladders which met safe standards and provided safe and easy access for employees, and that's why bryan win as safety solutions award. [applause] will bruce bulick please come forward. As chairperson, bruce does not hesitate to address safety issues and follow us through to ensure any needed corrective actions are taken. He used his skills as a carpenter to improve -- at one vault there are issues with space around a ladder landing, which he resolved by relocating a cabinet. He also repaired deteriorating railing when he learned existing additions posed a safety Problem. That's why bruce is the outstanding safety committee chairperson. So get this to bruce. [applause] is david schaff in the building? I'm proud to present the significant loss reduction award to the Portland water bureau for achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2012 against an average of the previous three fiscal years in the following categories. Fleet liability reduced 15%. Workers' compensation reduced 30%. Congratulations. [applause]

Saltzman: I'm dan Saltzman, and the first award is to the bureau of environmental services construction and design safety committee. Do we have anybody -- looks like we got a lot. Looks like we've got the whole committee. Congratulations. The bureau of environmental services construction and design safety committee continues to exceed compliance requirements and brings the bureau a wide focus on efforts to improve environmental service, construction, safety, safety management systems. So congratulations to all of you. [applause] the bureau of environmental services safety solutions award is john petty here? No? There we go. John petty works in the wastewater group. John is a plant operator and safety committee member who coordinated emergency landing locations at the columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant with life flight. The plant is often blocked by train traffic, and with construction activity going on, the potential for serious injury has increased. John helped organize primary and secondary landing areas and put up windsocks to alert life flight. He presented this proactive safety solution at the safety committee conference in november, which has spurred interest among other city facilities as well. Congratulations to john. [applause] bureau of environmental services, outstanding safety committee chairperson. Josh nault. Is josh here? So josh is the chairperson for the field construction safety committee. Due to the participation of multiple safety committees, he is the key person in the bureau's safety culture. He ensures monthly meetings are held and the quarterly safety site walks are performed on active construction sites. Josh worked to establish safety procedures for the staff, working from the guilds lake office, and champions the committee's bureauwide efforts to promote safety awareness. Thank you, josh. [applause] bureau of environmental services safety champion award. Will paul schuberg please come Up. City risk has nominated paul for the bes safety champion award. He epitomizes the meaning of a safety professional and has a get-it-done attitude. He routinely approaches his job with the best interests of the city overall in mind. Frequently presenting interbureau training, participating on citywide work groups, and actively seeking ways to improve or refine the city's safety efforts and culture. Paul has been a champion

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for the concept of total worker health, made presentations and written many newsletter articles to foster more city and industry awareness on the need for immediate action around this issue. He consistently goes above and beyond carrying out his duties as safety and risk officer.

Congratulations. [applause]

Fritz: I've been participating in this event for five years, and never heard anybody say significant loss prevention award with such enthusiasm, commissioner novick. But we're very enthusiastic about your work as diligent city employees and your attention to safety and wellness. Continuing with the bureau of environmental services award, the safety champion award, would dave kliever please come up? Dave sets the example for upper level management as an active member of the safety committee. Where he has supported many safety and health initiatives. Dave encourages efforts of subordinate managers to promote A physically fit workplace and view fitness as a measure of job performance for physically demanding jobs. He led efforts to replace manhole covers with an ergonomic two-piece design to reduce back injuries and consistently champions workplace safety. Dave kliever. The safety champion award, would blair bean please come forward? Blair has had many challenging construction projects this past year that have required safety planning above and beyond the normal safety exposures. Blair was key in establishing safety protocol for the sellwood bridge pump station outflow repair, the martin luther king emergency pile removal, and for the lockout tagout and confined space entries for the ankeny public station construction. Thank you for your work blair. [applause] again, for the bureau of environmental safety services, the incident analysis safety committee, please come forward. This committee is committed to a continuing program to review all construction incident report forms in ke tail. This practice helps them focus on the root cause of safety concerns and use this information to evaluate and recommend tools for safety improvements for the future. Thank you bureau of environmental services incident analysis safety committee. [applause] for the bureau of environmental services, the field construction safety committee award with the field construction safety committee members please come Forward? This committee has a continued commitment to safety by making quarterly construction project safety walks standard. This promotes a positive safety culture and ensures the bureau's construction sites are in compliance for safety standards. Thank you for your work. [applause] now we move to the bureau of development services lifesaver award. Would susan coffee, melissa man han and -- please come forward? A customer began feeling disoriented and asked susan coffee for help. As she assisted the customer tracy spencer realized the situation and sought fire personnel for help. None were available so she directed melissa to call 9-1-1 immediately. The following week all were thanked by the customer for their assistance. The customer's condition was indeed potentially life threatening. The prompt and professional actions of susan and melissa and tracy may well have saved a customer's life. The city of Portland thanks you. [applause] the bureau of development services safety champion award. Would michael liefeld please come forward? Mike liefeld manages the bureau's enforcement program, ensuring code compliance with zoning, construction, dangerous buildings, noise, and nuisances on properties. Mike creates an open environment For his team of 20 employees to bring forward their safety concerns and he encourages the input on safety solutions. In 2012, as a way to encouraging employees to create and maintain 72-hour emergency kits in their homes, i'm not going to ask for a show of hands as to how many of us have those, bud we should, mike volunteered to document his progress of assembling his kit for his family. He also recruited two other members who began building kits at home and wrote a series of articles for the employee newsletter. So fair warning, I may ask for a show of hands next year. He has become a driving force in the bureau's safety and loss prevention efforts. Thank you, mike, for your continued commitment to safety and customer service in the bureau of development services. [applause] would the bureau of development services safety committee members please come up? This group formed the committee of labor and management to study 2012 updates to national standards for electrical safety in the workplace. In

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response, revisions to policies and procedures for electrical work were drafted. New personal protective equipment was researched, and in early 2013, they will begin testing new equipment. The committee and bureau management identified a gap in staff knowledge about how to respond to employees and customers experiencing physical distress. New procedures were drafted and An awareness campaign began as well as efforts to increase awareness of the available -- availability of taxicab vouchers and how to use them in emergencies. Thank you bureau of environmental services safety committee. [applause] our final award for the afternoon is the significant loss reduction award. Significant loss reduction award: For the Portland police bureau. For achieving a significant reduction of losses during fiscal year 2012 against an average from the previous three fiscal years in the following category. The fleet liability reduced 17%. Accepting today on behalf of the Portland police bureau is tina rowtley. [applause]

Hales: Thank you all. One of the impressions I was getting just watching this series of awards, is i'm really glad we do this, that we recognize and support the work the people are doing to make the workplace safer. And for our customers and citizens as well, but also it just is a great view I think for all of us to the amazing variety of work that the city of Portland's employees do. Everything from the ergonomic improvements needed in office environments, to keep people safe there, to heavy construction and large and dangerous pieces of equipment and chemicals. So I think it's really a great view for us, and for anyone who Is paying attention to the amazing variety of work that we do, and the need for each of you that do that work to think about how we make it safer. So thanks for the good work. One of the things with do that we have to do safely is operate motor vehicles. Some of them pretty large ones in a complicated urban environment. Now we're going to talk about safe driver awards. We have a number of those. The first is from the bureau of transportation's parking division, safe driver award for lynnette brown. Lynnette, please come forward. [applause] lynnette's been a parking enforcement officer for over 19 years, spending her workday driving a scooter in heavy traffic. This requires her to maneuver close to cars, watch for pedestrians, bicycles, other random activities in downtown streets and other traffic while timing vehicles, identifying violations, and enforcing parking codes. Parking enforcement officer works in a high pressure environment, never knowing when a disgruntled citizen might approach. Lynnette models all the attributes of an exceptional parking enforcement officer. We appreciate her dedication to safety and excellence. Thank you, lynnette. [applause] now she's safe and warm. And would dana when itly please come forward from the bureau of transportation maintenance Division. So this is the top safe driver of the year at maintenance. Dana when itly. An automotive equipment operator in our structure section. Dana has worked at maintenance since 2010, had no accidents, he's always willing to mentor new operators on equipment. He's diligent about looking out for the safety of others. Thank you, dana. [applause]

Fish: This is my fourth year of giving out these beautiful jackets. I'm going to recognize the person but keep the jacket for myself. [laughter] and I don't think pamela is here, so who can come and stand in for pamela? So pamela -- pamma lacroix has been a park technician for 30 years. She regularly drives city vehicles many miles through the city, including through the parks near playgrounds and school. She is a shining example of courteous and safe operation of our city vehicles. If you could deliver this to her, we'll get a picture. Thank you, pamma. [applause]

Novick: Will todd torlund please come forward. Todd has been an automobile equipment operator for the city for over 10 years. In that role he's driven the bureau's largest vehicles on our city streets, in and out of dense intersections, industrial areas, and crowded residential neighborhoods without accident Or damage. He's a strong advocate for safe driving, and the script says he walks the talk. Doesn't he drive the talk? They have to say one of my greatest fears has been as a short-one handed guy trying to help somebody with their jacket on. [laughter] congratulations. [applause]

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Saltzman: For the bureau of development services, safe driver award, dave rock, please come forward. Congratulations. Dave began his career with the bureau of development services 29 years ago and currently serves as senior building inspector. During david's successful tenure, driving has been a daily part of his responsibilities. He travels to several different job sites every day, and takes care to plan his driving routes. He has been an exemplary city driver and a consummate professional who always provides first-rate assistance to customers and city staff. Among bureau employees who average more than 500,000 driving miles per year, we are happy to honor david as the top safe driver during 2012. [applause]

Kate Wood, Risk Management: I'm kate wood with risk management. I have the honor of making some closing remarks before we go outside and have cookies. While i've had the privilege of participating in six safety recognition days, the city has formally recognized the safety efforts of its employees and its Bureaus since 1996. I'd like to take a minute now to thank this year's awards committee who helped develop the criteria for these awards and reviewed the nominations. Paul schuberg from bes, mark fetters from pds -- bds, bash from parks, richard harrington, and eric foeland from water. Thank you very much for your contributions to make this successful. [applause] and idles like to thank the city staff who organized the day, rhonda hollis, our risk specialist, jill, and jennifer thomason, and our administrative specialist joe ann, who put the awards together and organized everything. Thank you all for your work in making this day successful. Idles like to thank the city council for taking time out of their busy schedules to come here and acknowledge personally the safety efforts of employees and bureaus. Because they know that we can't have safety for citizens if we don't have safety for the employees who serve those citizens. So thank you for your contribution today as well. We're facing another year of difficult financial times, they'll be fewer employees, more work, different resources, different assignments, all things that can increase the possibility of errors and the injuries that may result from those errors. So the people recognize today have already demonstrated their leadership in safety within Their organizations. They are well aware of errors that can happen in the injuries that can result. In the upcoming year, we'll call on them to help their fellow employees and the bureaus build on the efforts for which they were recognized today. Face the challenges that are coming at us tomorrow, and assure that in the future we will all be here again recognizing the safety accomplishments of their colleagues and their coworkers. Thank you all very much. And I hope you'll join us outside for some refreshments. [applause].

At 3:10 p.m., Council adjourned.