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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Novick and Saltzman, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Tracy Reeve, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Jim Wood, Sergeant at Arms.

Item Nos. 677-682 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
<p>672 Request of Tany Stewart to address Council regarding R2D2 on homeless issues (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>673 Request of Duane Stewart to address Council regarding homeless issues (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>674 Request of Bosco to address Council regarding R2D2 and homeless issues (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>675 Request of Dich Weed to address Council to support R2DToo (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p>676 Request of Kristopher Leigh Misener to address Council regarding Right To Dream Too (Communication)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
<p style="text-align: center;">CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Charlie Hales City Budget Office</p> <p>*677 Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for the Hatfield Resident Fellows Program for training and leadership development for candidates interested in the public sector (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	186148

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Office of Management and Finance		
*678	Authorize a contract for \$210,000 with Coalfire Systems, Inc. for Payment Card Industry-Data Security Standard Compliance Audit Services (Ordinance; RFP No. 115181) (Y-4)	186149
*679	Authorize a competitive bidding process for an Auctioneering contract for CityFleet to dispose of obsolete vehicles and equipment valued at \$1,000,000 per year (Ordinance) (Y-4)	186150
Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3 Portland Fire & Rescue		
680	Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$518,240 from the Department of Homeland Security, through its Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purchase of individual facepieces for firefighter's self-contained breathing apparatus (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 17, 2013 9:30 AM
681	Authorize application to the Department of Homeland Security, through its Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant totaling \$3,500,000 for the purchase of a Type III Rapid Response Fireboat (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 17, 2013 9:30 AM
Portland Housing Bureau		
*682	Accept two grants totaling \$552,018 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for administration of the regional Homeless Management Information System and OTIS supportive housing programs (Ordinance) (Y-4)	186151
Commissioner Amanda Fritz Position No. 1 Portland Parks & Recreation		
*683	Accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the National Recreation and Park Association to hire a part-time bilingual program coordinator for the Park Prescription Program (Ordinance) (Y-4)	186145
Commissioner Nick Fish Position No. 2 Bureau of Environmental Services		
684	Authorize a contract for construction of the Vernon-Sabin-Alameda Phase 2 Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10379 for \$3,100,000 (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 17, 2013 9:30 AM

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<p style="text-align: center;">City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade</p> <p>*685 Authorize a five year contract with Net Assets Corporation in a not to exceed amount of \$1,250,000 to provide online access of the City's lien docket, as required by Oregon Revised Statutes (Ordinance; Contract No. 30003264)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>186146</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Charlie Hales</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Police</p> <p>*686 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide outpatient treatment and supportive housing to chronic offenders identified by the Services Coordination Team (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>186147</p>
<p>687 Authorize a contract with Bode Technology for Touch DNA Services for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000 (Ordinance; Contract No. 30003181)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 17, 2013 9:30 AM</p>

At 10:41 a.m., Council adjourned.

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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

<p><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, JULY 10, 2013</u></p> <p>DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA THERE WAS NO MEETING</p>	
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Hales: We have some communication items to take up front.

Hales: Good morning, come on up.

Item 672.

*****: Hi.

Hales: Welcome. Me and my husband --

Hales: Put your name into the record.

Tany Stewart: Tany Stewart. Me and my husband started staying there a couple of months ago, and as a couple, and it has been really good there because if we--

Saltzman: Would you pull the microphone closer?

Stewart: It's been good because we could stay together and not be split up. It's helped us also, we were out on the streets, and we had an addiction that we were into, since we've been this we've been able to be clean, too. Since then, it has helped us with that.

Hales: Good, good. Thanks for being here today. Appreciate it. Thank you. Thanks. Thanks for coming. I think there is some other folks, here, as well. [applause]

Hales: Next one then. Good morning.

Item 673.

*****: Good morning.

*****: Sorry I'm a little tired this morning. Oh. Just got to set this up real quick.

Hales: That's fine. That's fine.

Duane Stewart: All right. Hello. I am Duane Stewart and I am houseless. I became a member of r2d2 in March and I learned a lot about concerning the homeless population of Portland. The first thing is this, sleep is a biological need that cannot and will not be denied forever. According to the point in time count of homelessness down in Multnomah County, there are 2,869 people who meet the definition of literally homeless. Literal homelessness is defined by the federal department of housing and urban development as any person sleeping in an emergency shelter, sleeping in a motel provided by a voucher or without shelter. Of this number of people, 1,895 are not receiving shelter.

To make this a clear picture, that's 66% of the homeless population living, breathing people who have a need for sleep, huddling under whatever shelter they can to stay out of the rain or trekking into an inconvenient location, to keep from getting woken up by police officers. Some of these locations make it difficult to come back into the city to look for work, go to school, or even receive services for food and showers. My last point aside, sleep is, obviously, a very important thing for the human body. A study performed by the San Diego-based University of California in 2002, showed that sleep deprivation causes slurring of speech, loss of coordination, and manual dexterity, loss of cognitive function, delayed or interrupted perceptible ability, and in cases of prolonged or repeated sleep deprivation, hallucinations. If this sounds like reasons police confront a person for suspicion of drug use, that's because it is. In many cases police officer will wake up a homeless person and tell them to move on, and that person will begin their day without going back to sleep. Many times, this means a person is getting less than four or five hours sleep a night, and in some cases less than two or three. And then, when those people who are denied rest by the police begin to

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exhibit these symptoms that I stated before, they stand less of a chance to get a job, be able to pay attention in school or even function in the general society. They stand a chance going to jail because of mental and physical symptoms caused by lack sleep. As I stated before, sleep is a biological imperative. It's going to happen whether it's legal or not. And I personally would rather see person sleep safe and away from traffic than to see them pass out while crossing the street. I would also rather see a person sleeping at r2d2 instead are out on the sidewalks where they stand a chance of being put into the cycle I previously mentioned. The right to dream two, and by direct action, are the right to survive and r2d2, are fulfilling a role sore needed in downtown Portland. The need for a grassroots organization catering to homeless people, run by the homeless, formally homeless and their allies to keep people off the streets, teach them the rights and extend a warm welcoming hand, that says yeah, you might not have a home, you might be in a really bad spot right now, and you may think that you have nothing. But guess what, we're here for you. And it's not going to be easy. I want to help. Have a sleep for 12 hours and have some food and go about your day, and come back, we'll welcome with open arms. I would like to see the fines go away from our organization so that we can continue doing this. Thank you for your time.

Hales: Thanks for coming. [applause]

Hales: Next one, please.

Item 674:

Bosco: Good morning. Well, I am bosco, and I was born in dallas, I came from anchorage, alaska. When I came here, we had had, had a tavern, and we lost it all. I ended up downtown. I'm not proud of it, but it's life, but i've been downtown for, for 25, 26 years, and I have seen a lot of people come, die, go to the penitentiary, and other things. I always ask god why am I here, you know? Today, I can see that I am here because he wanted me to be part of something that is just amazing. The right to dream 2 and right to survive have done a lot for me. Not only that, but mr. Ibrahim, I know him from the streets from years and years ago, and this man gave me a chance to be a part of something that I could say that i, that i'm very proud of and love today. And the right to dream 23, I was homeless in vegas, and it was just wow. You know. Just tense. But, now to be part of an organization where, where people come, get their proper sleep, and get housing, and get jobs and, and mr. Ibrahim has it set up to where you can go to a tv show. Or radio show. Just things that, that, you know, I would never think that, that I would be a part of, and I am proud to say today, i'm proud to say today that i'm, i'm proud to be a part of the right to dream 2 and right to survive. And if I had one wish today, knowing this, mr. Mayor, I would love for you and mr. Ibrahim to sit down and have a lunch, and I would pay for that lunch because he is very, very intelligent man, and I think that you guys works would, you would really enjoy talking to mr. Ibrahim. And that's all that I got to say.

Hales: Thanks investment. [applause]

Hales: Good morning.

Item 675.

Dich Weed: Good morning. I apologize. My name is brian kaster. It was my street name that she was saying there. For six months, I have been at r2d2. Life is funny. Sometimes, we're walking down the street and maybe come, may become homeless, and I am one of those people. It was completely accidental. I didn't even want to be in Portland. I was trying to go to seattle. But I got off train and found \$60 in my pocket and everything I own on my back and homeless. Six months ago. I found r2d2. R2d2 is, is more than a place. It's an ideal. It's a place of justice. It's a place where, where human beings, I don't care about the state of their housing, humans, just reach out to each other, and pull each other in. We give comfort to so many. People who have no voice. Who have no say, who are ignored. Who, who, who are invisible. Every day of the year. And we get to sit in front of you and have a voice. God bless my voice. Your fines are crippling and they are unjust. The spirit the law. The protection of the innocent. Fails. By your fine. We protect the

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innocent, I know where I stand. I will stand before my creator proud. They have to end. We are, we are not the solution but we are, we are certainly not the problem. We are doing the best that we can, with what we have, and it is little. And we ask for no more, not from you, not from the federal government. We manage on our own. We're ok. We're trying to make a positive difference downtown. Changing the way that people feel and think, and think, we're teaching people to think. You cannot buy that. And I don't want your money. You don't have to buy us. I just want the opportunity to continue to teach, to love people. To bring them in. Please stand with us, not on the other side our fence. Come inside. Join us. We will welcome. We welcome everyone.

Hales: Thank you, and thanks very much. [applause]

Hales: Good morning.

Item 676.

Kristopher Leigh Misener: Good morning, council, thank you for the opportunity to hear my voice. Hello, i'm kristopher leigh misener, and I have been a part of right to dream 2 now for six months now. I witnessed numerous good things such as people getting back on their feet, by finding work, and housing, and people going back to school. And people getting housed, flat out getting housed. So, in my opinion, yeah, right to dream 2 is a much needed platform for the houseless. To use as a transitional place to help get back to where they once were. And it's very needed here in Portland, Oregon. There is numerous of houseless that prefer to stay at right to dream 2 versus the mission. And, and I don't know. Their politics might lie in other areas, but, we welcome everybody, we don't hold anything over anybody's head. And we accept you for who you are. You know and, and so, and what I really don't understand is why the city wants to, to fine us and continue to hinder such a good thing. As right to dream 2. We're all human beings, why can't we help each other instead of kicking people when they are down? Both in the financial sense and, and being out on the street before I came to the right to dream 2 I witnessed police officers actually literally, you know, kick people awake. I don't understand the concept in that. Before I came to right to dream 2, as someone who stayed overnight, I was way more tired than, and wore out from walking around with close to 130 pounds on my back all day, and half the night, and not getting very much sleep, and because you have got to sleep with one eye open, so you don't get your stuff stolen. Or get beat up when you are sleeping, whatever. Or get told that I couldn't stay there, and be, be -- move along, you know, by a security officer or a police officer. And you can't, in that state, you cannot look for a job and expect to be successful. So, and since I have come to the right to dream 2, people there have really given me a welcome since belonging. I became the rest area coordinator and got put in charge of the donation area and outreach. Which is we take the clothing, food, and out to people that don't come into town. And, and now, I really didn't know what to expect of that at first. But, it's, it's great right now. I would not trade the warm feeling of helping someone who is on the streets for a 9:00 to 5:00 right now. Because a job or working may fill up your wallet, but I have yet to find job that fills your heart like what i'm doing for, for the rest area. And that's all I have to say. [applause]

Hales: Thank you very much. Thank you. Well said, thank you all. All right, let's move to the consent calendar, and I think that we have had a request to take three items off the calendar, which are 680, 681, and 682.

Moore-Love: And we have an additional request for 677 and 679.

Hales: Hang on, we need to figure out which ones so all, all 677 through 679? So the first six items -- pull them all?

Moore-Love: Mr. Walsh has pulled a couple of items. 682 was mr. Walsh.

Hales: Ok. All right, so, let's take a vote on the balance of the consent calendar.

Moore-Love: Ok. So we have pulled 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, and 682.

Hales: Any others? All right. Let's take a roll call on the balance of the consent calendar.

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

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Hales: Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: And then we can probably go ahead and do the two regular items, and then come back to that whole series, as long as we're ready on 686.

*******:** Ok.

Hales: Let's take 686 and 687 and go back to the pulled items.

Item 686.

Hales: Do we have a presentation on this, this morning? I don't think so. They are here if there are any questions and probably more on 687, any questions on this item from council? Anyone in the audience want to testify on 686? If not, it's an emergency ordinance, let's take a roll call.

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

Hales: Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: Ok, 687.

Item 687.

Hales: And this is the first reading of the ordinance. Again, we don't have a presentation planned, if council has any questions, we had the police bureau staff here. Ok. All right. Any questions at this point? And anyone else signed up to testify on this item?

Moore-Love: I did not have sign-up sheet. Did you want to testify?

Mike Moran: I didn't sign up but I would like to make a comment on it.

Hales: Come on up.

Moran: I am mike moran, I lived in Portland for about a year and a half now. And i'm currently using my, my foodless saved up funds to live in the georgia hotel. And just, just -- 686, it looks like, I don't have any problem with that. The chronic offenders. The word offend there is, is a bit in question. But, the, thing on -- the dna services, like, you know, to me, to me, it's like, like it follows in the, in the long litany of like lie detectors, and polygraph tests, and dna evidence, and you get -- even if the dna evidence is real, like when I was on probation, in eugene, that one of the things, that that -- I have my dna sample, you know, so in case whatever, you know. But, you know, you get into like watching the, the -- the o.j. Simpson mini-series, and it seems silly and easy to get false positives on it, even like fingerprints another one, you know. They say that we all have unique fingerprints, but, I don't know. You know. It's, it's in a long list of, of -- seems like watching too much tv, and believing what you see on tv. That's all that I wanted to say.

Hales: Thank you. This technology ought to help us quite bit with things like murder investigations.

Moran: I don't agree. 350,000, I mean, I would like to sit down and talk to you all with what I could do with -- and I am going to testify on, on some of these other ones. What i, we could do with that kind of money to address the crisis and longer term issues in the city.

Hales: Thanks very much. There is no one else to testify, that passes to second reading. [gavel pounded]

Hales: And let's go back to the items that were pulled, 677.

Item 677.

Hales: Someone wanted to testify on this item, is that what it was pulled?

Moore-Love: The gentleman who just left pulled it.

Hales: Ok. All right, is there anyone here to testify on 677? Let's take a roll call.

Saltzman: Aye. **Novick:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: 678.

Item 678.

Hales: This company has nothing to do with coal but why they picked this name eludes me. They are a data management company but good thing we were not making a contract selection based on names.

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Fish: That reminds me, mayor, of the nonprofit we have called volunteers america. And they get flooded every day with phone calls from people saying that they want to volunteer, they are not a volunteer organization. They are the largest social service provider in the state.

Hales: Yeah. You have got to watch that, so no, no coal will be burned as a result of this contract. Anyone wants to testify on this item? Roll call then, please. Oh, you did? Sorry, come on up.

*******:** Oh, there he is. He's here. Over there.

Moran: I wanted to testify on all three of these, briefly. As far as the --

Hales: Put your name back in the record.

Moran: Mike moran here again. As far as the, the Portland state university, and I am all for, for, for the use of, of higher education, and all education, to be coordinated in the united mission and, and so and, and you know, as a, as a transition approach, I think that into governmental work, a cooperation a good thing, and I just wanted to call attention to the word "public sector" and how we differentiate between public center and public and private. Where we all know that, that, that, that the private really, really dominates the public, and uses the public for their best purposes, although they tend to create a lot of issues, which there is a thing called the democratic party, which, which tends to like, like be able to say hey, that's jobs for us, regulating the private sector. And, and like, really got to get beyond that, and all work together and sort of cut the knot of all of the false issues and all of the, of the cases funds like that, and we go right to the direct allocation of funds for, for, for individual needs and, and community betterment. And endeavors. And this coal fire systems, like, this one seems like, like, is that like a, a, an audit to, to like do like, like energy management in municipal buildings? Is that, is that what that's all about?

Hales: It's having to do with processing credit card transactions.

Moran: With respect to, with regards to, to city -- people pay for things like reserving a park, with their credit cards.

Moran: Okay. So, it's just -- like, like an auditing the credit cards and making sure that everybody pays. I don't want to touch that one. Now, the competitive bidding for the city fleet, now, is this, is this because you are planning to buy new cars or, or is this because you are downsizing the fleet?

Hales: We recycle cars through the fleet.

Moran: So you are buying new cars. See, now, one of the things that we really need to do in the next 20, 25 years, and this is why the, the, I was so that you said when I first saw the, the 25-year Portland plan, which since seems to have been gutted, they were really on the right track. They really were. The original, I went back, back later, when I was living on montgomery street, in downtown, and they gave me an, they gave me the new version of the plan and, and the, and the really good things in the original 25-year plan were gone. But, anyway, so, so, you know, I would testify, that that, that, you know, you get -- if you buy it on a loan, you get three or four or five years to get equity in a vehicle. And, and --

Hales: Need to wrap up.

Moran: Okay, i'm just saying, like we ought to be, you know, not like -- this seems like, like a, a, an infusion to the automobile companies, like, like barack obama's stimulus plan, you know.

Hales: It's not that, but thank you.

Moran: That's what it seems like. We need to be considering like downsizing, and if downsize the fleet, then, what you have you want to get rid of the ones that, that you don't need any more, but, if you are talking about bringing in new vehicles, that's wrong, that's, that's, that's -- I hate to be blunt but that's crook.

Hales: I appreciate it, so thank you. Let's take a roll call on 678 unless there is anything else that wants to testify on that one. Roll call, 678.

Saltzman: Aye. **Novick:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: 679.

Item 679.

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Hales: Roll call.

Saltzman: Aye. **Novick:** Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: 680.

Item 680.

Hales: Someone pulled this, yes. Mr. Walsh, did you pull this?

Joe Walsh: I thought I pulled 681 and 682.

Hales: Ok.

Hales: 680 is not an Emergency ordinance so it passes to second reading. Thanks. 681. You did not have to say a word. Accepting money is usually not hard. 681, please.

Item 681.

Hales: Did you pull this one, joe? It you want to testify? Come on up. Good morning.

Joe Walsh: I am joe walsh, and I represent individuals for justice. When you object to anything that's, that the fire department would ask for, that's not our objection. Our objection is that, that it seems that we have people writing grants to fema, which is a complicated process. And what we're suggesting is we don't see a lot of grants for the homeless people. The houses people. The houseless people. There are grants available but we don't see them. Because nobody is writing them. So, if you can get 3.5 million from fema, which is bizarre to me. Fema is giving that kind of money around. Fema should be concerned with the homeless. And the houseless. Just like, like after an earthquake. You have all these people that are homeless. And fema comes in and helps them, and helps the city. To get back on their feet. When do we have somebody writing grants that have something to do with the homeless or houseless, and here in Portland, because apparently, they are very good. You have 3.5 million. That's a lot of money. To me. Anyway. Is, that's our objection, and kind of indirectly. We love fire department, I had a great uncle that was a firefighter in new york. So, I personally love the firefighters.

Fish: Will you yield for a second, I appreciate the comment you are making, and it's important because sometimes we don't tell our stories as effectively as we could, so the city has been enormously successful in grant-writing to address homeless issues, and you know that because you are a regular person here, and we have money for, for --

Walsh: But will you yield now?

Fish: Can I put in the record what we have done in we have gotten over million dollars for housing with people with aids, hiv aids, and that goes to the nonprofit partner. We have done exceptionally well getting grant money to remove lead paint from the homes of low income families that, where children are at risk. We have been borrowing against future cdbg funds to preserve home for older adults downtown, we spent over \$200 million the last four years of local taxpayer money addressing homelessness in urban renewal districts, and the list goes on and on, and if your challenge we're doing, there is more that we can do, we accept that challenge every day. But, to say somehow that the City has been negligent in seeking grant money, not fair accurate or fair or as you know, accurate representation of our efforts around homelessness.

Walsh: Ok. Would you yield? My concern is you have almost 2000 people living on the street. So, when you say that you have done all these wonderful things and you spent all this money, why do we have these many people still on the street? It's a complicated issue, and I will grant you that, however, until we have the capacity to house every person, every human being, that is in trouble, and at 2:00 in the morning, needs a place to stay, we should not brag. We should not say well, we spent million dollars here and we spent 400 million building these temples. Have you ever. A homeless or house, if affected, by what's happening, they are the experts. And you never invite them into your councils, to talk and, and, and listen to what they are saying. Because you keep building buildings. And you can say, oh, that's commissioner Fish's building.

Hales: Ok, joe, thank you. Thanks very much. Anyone else want to testify on this item? Come on up. Good morning.

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*****: Good morning.

Lightning: I am lightning, and couple of issues that I have on this, this grant is, it's my understanding that, that, that in 2010, there was the, the public safety bond and, and now, it's my understanding some of that money is currently being used to build two boats currently that are the type 2 rapid response. And, and, and then, in 2011, they did, a survey on the columbia river scoping project report, that states they need another one, my only concern here is that, that when you have two boats already being built, how do you do, an effective study without actually having those boats in operation to know if they are need and had there is not an oversupply of boats so, that's kind of where my concern is on that third boat that, that the money, is being, basically, given from the grant, is, is it going to be an oversupply of what we really need? And another concern that I do have is that I understand that there could be some potential layoffs in the fire department some time in october. Can you not obtain money for, basically, labor from the grant? So would it not be more wise to earmark in that for the labor first, and instead of putting a third boat out there, which could create oversupply and not have enough people to operate it. So, that's a concern that I have. Now, also, pertaining to, on the housing issue, if I can go in that direction, for few seconds, my biggest concern is who is out on the sidewalks. We kind of have a floating number there, say, 1800 to 2,800 and, and I think that there has to be more money provided for future development projects or future housing. And I don't hear a lot about that. I know that there is possibly in san francisco, they are doing a 1400 unit public housing, if i'm correct on that, and basically, we don't hear of any big numbers in the Portland, Oregon market of any development projects and I hope to hear some of those numbers in the future on actually providing housing because I think that housing is the solution, and again, these programs are effective, but again, housing is the solution, and I don't hear a lot of big projects online. Thank you.

Hales: Thanks very much. It might be good to get the fire bureau staff to come up after you, thanks. Because you raised a good, a good point, which is are we buying fireboats with the bond measure, and I know that, as I recall, we were buying fire, a fire boathouse, but, refresh my memory about what we're purchasing with the bond measure and will we be oversupplied with boats if we do succeed in getting there federal money for another one?

Marco Benetti, Portland Fire Bureau: Ok. I am marco, and I am the deputy chief of the Portland fire and rescue. The columbia river scoping project was conducted couple of years ago, and completed about 18 months ago, and it was authorized by the, the port security grants, coast guard solicited that, that scoping project to be conducted, and I will get a pointed question here in a second but I want to, to answer before lightning's question about that project. It was a pretty extensive evaluation of the willamette river system all the way from the astoria mouth of the columbia river up to idaho and including the waterways up to the willamette falls. That independent study was the one that identified what resources law enforcement, as well as fire resources were available on, on or unavailable on the columbia and willamette river systems. They identified that the Portland fire and rescue was the only fire boat in the area in that entire region on the, that could service the columbia river. And so, that, that's where that information came from. As far as who said we need a boat on the columbia river. Vancouver fire and rescue and columbia river fire and rescue, which is next door and north of, of, basically, clark county, they also are looking at acquiring a fire boat because they were identified as a need. Astoria needed a fire boat. And up the river more difficult because of the channels and things and the spread out no man anticipates land where there is no jurisdictions between areas but the law enforcement also is lacking in those areas. But, the one thing that is pointed in this, was identified in the ordinance, says the scoping project pointed out that we need another fast response fire boat. And that's why we included that in the ordinance. The grant fund specifically, this is merely a request, there is no guarantee that we'll be successful in acquiring this grant. And there is also a kind of a caveat in there says that there is a 25% matching funds requirement by the federal government and, and there is a waiver process that we were going to

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include with the grant request. And if they do not want to grant the waiver, then we would not be able to go forward with receiving the grant. So, and that's significant, 25% of 3.5 million. So, as far as the go bond funds are concerned, yes, the bond funds were, were approved by the voters to, to, to acquire multiple different aging apparatus in the Portland and fire and rescue fleet, and currently, with the budget cuts and the different configuration that we have in the Portland fire and rescue now, we're reevaluating what that list of apparatus is going to be, but, essentially, we are, our fleet is aging, and the funds over the last decade or so have been used for other requirements. And some of the apparatus funds were deferred. So, that caused our apparatus fleet to start to get older, and they get older, the maintenance costs go up, and the wear and tear goes up and, and over time, those costs start to eat away at the budget, which, is, basically, a waste in the long end. So, the bond will allow for, for the current list, and this is exhaustive but it includes 11 fire engines and firefighting brush units, support apparatus like air units and rehab rigs, which are what we respond to with, with, respond to the fires with to, to support our firefighters after they have fought fires, and you know, with hydration and food.

Fish: Can I jump in? This is enormously helpful but not responsive. I just jump in here?

Benetti: Right.

Fish: You are doing a beautiful job but it's not, we're not having a hearing on the go bond so let's focus on the question at hand. How many vehicles are we going to have on the water when, at an optimal configuration, how many boats do we have in our system?

Benetti: Three fireboats. Currently. The campbell is reserved.

Fish: And what are the other two?

Benetti: Vernon, in hayden island, and george williams is at station 6.

Fish: So we have three. Does this application before council allow us to seek federal funds to buy a fourth? Which would replace one of the existing vessels?

Benetti: Yes, sir.

Fish: And is that part of your strategic plan to have as many as four vessels?

Benetti: The strategic plan, I can't speak for that directly.

Fish: Part of the fire bureau's plan to have four vessels?

Benetti: The plan is to have three active in service vessels the fire boat campbell will be in, basically, a museum piece.

Fish: This replaces the Campbell?

Benetti: It will actually replace the fire boat bus. But it could replace the campbell. That's the chief's decision.

Fish: Does the action before us affect any of the staffing decisions that council has to make? In other words, does, if we are successful in this grant application, does it have any implications in terms of staffing and budget?

Benetti: No, the current staff would still operate the, the vessels on, at hand.

Hales: So, is this boat similar to the one on, in hayden bay?

Benetti: Well, yes. It hasn't been specked out yet. We don't have the money to purchase it, but if we are successful it would be probably similar to the ones being constructed right now.

Hales: Ok.

Benetti: And that would that would replace one on hayden island, which is approaching 20 years old.

Fish: If we were not successful in getting there grant, would this be paid for by either general funds, geo bond or some other source?

Benetti: I can't answer that because it may not be put into, into play.

Fish: So we are asking for federal funds because that's the way in that we can buy this. If we are unsuccessful we may not seek the additional vessel, is that correct?

Benetti: That's correct as I understand it.

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Hales: Ok. That helps. Appreciate that. Thank you. OK. Anyone else want to testify on this? Come on up.

Mike Moran: Again, I am Mike Moran, and I am a resident of Portland. With regard to these, these three, first I want to say, we respect what Commissioner Saltzman said about the spending on housing issues.

Hales: Commissioner Fish.

Moran: No, it was Commissioner Saltzman. Yes, it was. I remember you talking about lead paint removal and chalk. But anyway, the thing was, at first blush, it sounded like those were all good, good uses of money, and I mean, I did not -- I just heard it in my, in my first reaction was, was, you know, not being able to look and think about it, really, but, I just want to say that, that, that, in that those, those are good uses of money. At first blush. And, and with regards to these three, firefighters, of course, you know, the first one, 680, like any OSHA type of thing, you know, it's a good idea to give, you know, safety and equipment to, to people who really need them. But the thing that I have noticed in my 12 years, in Oregon, is that with all the rain, you all don't have very many fires, so, it's sort of like, like, like what if there was a riot or what happened in the emergency rooms or like what if Mount Hood blew. This way. You know. Blew out this way, I don't know what's on the other side of Mount Hood. But, if it blew into the city like wow. It's like, planning like, like a, a health care budget and what about emergency situations. So, 518,000 might not seem like a lot of money, but, it is a lot of money. And the, the, the 3.5 million for, for again, with the, with the fireboats, you know, I'm not -- I don't know that much about it but the same arguments apply, like, like, it's like buying an, a large SUV because you are going to help your, your kid move every, you know, every two or three years. You know. And just -- and then driving the SUV around, all the time. You know. You don't want a big SUV. Allegorically speaking. So, what I want to say is that in the 4.5 million, and imagine the information system for homeless, you know, sometimes you got to really be down there and be homeless, yourself, and be down there talking with homeless people and, and discussing the situation. Sometimes I think that, you know, no offense, I don't mean an offense but sometimes I think that, that you really are not really in touch with what it's like to be down in the bottom and all of the intricacies, and there are a lot of good people, you know. But, anyway. I just want to say 4.5 million is a lot of money and, and what we could do with respect to the crisis and long-term community betterment aspects, now, I'm trying -- I've been trying to get in touch with reach, you know. And I have not gotten a response back from them yet.

Hales: Maybe we can help there. Thank you for coming this morning. Appreciate it. Thank you. Do you want to testify? Come on up.

Lightning: Yes, I am Lightning. And again, speaking on the type 3 rapid response fireboats, maybe I'm not very clear here myself, and I apologize for that. But, number three on this ordinance says using funds from the 2010 general safety obligation bond, and it's having two type 3 rapid response fireboats built, which will be located at -- and my understanding by that terminology, being built, and they will be located, now, that's two off the bonds, and then we revert to the need for third type 3 rapid response, is the grant. So, that's three boats that are going to be on the market if I'm correct. So, if I'm wrong, I do apologize, but the way I read this, from the bond, they are building two, and from the grant, and it's proposed third, that will put three boats out on the water. Now, again, is that going to create oversupply? That's my point I'm making, and --

Hales: Let's ask again, I appreciate that. Thank you. I don't think we asked you directly, are we purchasing additional fireboats with bond funds?

Benetti: The answer to that is, we're not purchasing additional fireboats, we're purchasing a replacement --

Hales: It says we're having two --

Benetti: There is one additional boat that has been authorized to be purchased for the downtown core area.

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Hales: Now i'm getting lost. We have the campbell, which has been around since 1929. We have the williams. Which has been around since 1980 something.

Benetti: Right.

Hales: And we have the boat on hayden island.

Benetti: The bus.

Hales: The vernon bus. I'm sorry.

Hales: And those are the three that we have today.

Benetti: Correct, and we have the david campbell.

*******:** Right.

Hales: Right. Campbell. So we're building two more.

Benetti: Correct. Without the grant. Yes, sir.

Hales: And if we get the grant we'll build a third, an additional one.

Benetti: Correct.

Hales: So, that would be six boats.

Benetti: That would be five boats.

Hales: Campbell, williams, bus, the third, the grant boat would be a sixth boat. One of the grant geo bond boats is replacing the williams, and that will be sold or donated. The second, the second grant boat is being built to, essentially, replace the campbell. Which is going to be housed at station 21 in downtown Portland.

Hales: Out of service?

Benetti: Out of service, it will be technically in emergency reserve service because the pumps will still be able but it was built in 1927, so it's very maintenance intensive and, and you know, they use it for ceremonial things and water displays, stuff like that.

Hales: I think lightning's point is sound so we will be richly supplied with boats, and if we succeed in getting this grant, that does not mean we need to operate them all or make sense to keep older boats in reserve. And use the newer ones. I get that. But, just like we do with, with rolling stock in the fire bureau, we have some old engines and trucks, and we keep some of them in the reserve. So i'm not going to pass judgment on whether six is too many to have in the fleet or not. But, I think that his point was correct. Which is that we're going to be richly supplied with boats.

Fish: I am trying to follow the math but it sounds like of the six, the campbell, which is a very expensive boat to operate, is being decommissioned and used mostly for ceremonial events like the red, white, and blue --

Hales: City treasure, yes.

Fish: And it sounds like another vessel is being decommissioned and sold and replaced, so, is my math correct that if we are successful with this granted we'll end up having four vessels? In operation?

Benetti: Yes, sir.

Fish: And four operational vessels but then you will decide how many are in service?

Benetti: At any time, it's the intent to have three in service. One in reserve. One goes down for, for maintenance or damaged for repairs, they need to have one that they can fall back on.

Fish: But you also said and the key question for us is not so much will the federal government pay for a replacement boat, but does it have a budgetary impact to put it in service, and you have said no, this is already budgeted that, that the three vessels and the operation costs are part of the budget?

Benetti: For the staff, yes. Currently the staff at station 21, is a crew that writes fire engine and if there is a boat call they would jump on and do that. They do that in all stations.

Fish: That's important because we think about the things to follow, so if it's budgeted, what we're talking about is, in fact, we placing the aging fleet with new vessels but not taking on new staffing obligations in the process. Is that correct?

Benetti: That's correct.

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Hales: Ok. Good. Thank you.

Fish: It's a good discussion.

Benetti: And I am sorry for the confusion, and with my rambling.

Fish: You did a good job. We just needed to -- there was question on the table that we needed to get to and you were very helpful on that.

Hales: I think this has been helpful. Lightning I will not let come back up because I think you raised a good point. But, I think that commissioner Saltzman, this is one to flag. Obviously we should proceed to apply for the grant if we can get the money to purchase the capital equipment, that's almost without exception a good idea but there is the operational question of how many fireboats do we need. The study that the chief reference idea is a good resource, and I am no doubt that and other things you will consult to make that decision about, about the level of effort. I will say, however, particularly, as a boat owner that owning a boat and leaving it in the water cost money regardless of whether use it or not. So, we'll have to determine how many of these boats we want to maintain regardless of whether they are being staffed or not. Because, because a boat is a hole in the water in which you pour money, and in this case, public money. So, that, that will be something else for the commissioner in charge and the bureau to figure out how many of these we want to keep, even as museum pieces as Wonderful as they are, it costs money.

Benetti: That is correct. And that's above my, my authority, to make a decision on right now.

Hales: You do a good job managing the assets. Thank you.

Benetti: You are welcome. Thanks.

Hales: All right. Further council discussion, anyone else that wants to testify? Let's take a roll call on that item. Please.

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

Hales: Aye. [gavel pounded]

Hales: And anyone else that wants to testify on 682. If not, we'll take a roll call on that. Sorry. Sorry. Go ahead.

Hales: Come on up, both of you.

Mike Moran: They come in here and raise issues, about, about what's going on and, and --

Hales: We just took up one of those.

Moran: And it seems like -- it seems to me, and maybe I am misunderstanding what's going on here, but I had some dealings, I used to go to city council meetings in eugene, and it seems like no matter how good of a testimony the people give, that you all, and I don't mean to this disrespectfully. But you seem like a rubber stamp.

Hales: The reason is these are on consent calendar and it's for routine business like purchases and grant applications, when there is a major community issue, or even reasonable amount of controversy, it's on the regular calendar, and lots of people sign up. So, it's, actually, fairly unusual for anyone to testify on consent calendar items because they are mostly routine business, of buying things and, and selling property, and you know, the stuff that the city does on routine basis. It does not mean that there is not an occasional issue. Lightning did a good job here, and we discussed it and have a better picture of what we're doing, but that's why we call it the consent calendar is those are usually items that don't have a lot of public interest. You had some interest, you have right to come here.

Moran: You are dazzling me with procedural law.

Hales: We appreciate you coming, and your comments but we'll let mr. Walsh testify.

Moore-Love: Mayor, before we move on, item 681 was a non emergency. We should not have taken vote on that.

Hales: That passes to second reading. Thank you. Sorry. Didn't notice that. I circled it. I didn't have an asterisk under the circle. Back to 682 and we'll let mr. Walsh testify.

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Hales: Ok.

Joe Walsh: I am joe walsh, and I represent individuals for Justice, and I have to admit up front, I am new to this item. It was just pointed out to me this morning and I have not done a lot of research on it. But, there is a section in this, that really bothers me, and you are taking the 552,000, and you are going to spend it all on management. And that's the way that I read it.

Hales: We're, actually, accepting a grant that we already applied for, so the terms are set. The deal is the deal.

Walsh: But i'm suggesting to you that, that this item, almost nothing to do with homeless if management going to eat up all the money.

Fish: You are misreading. We are receiving federal funds. We must report in excruciatingly detail information about where the money is dispersed and who is being served and the like. It's a federal requirement. This is one of the few instances where the federal government actually does not call it an unfunded mandate. They require regular reporting but they also have a have a grant program to cover the cost. The management that you are reading here is a management information system. It has nothing to do with management per se. Management information is the information that we are as a city required to compile, and report to hud as a condition of receiving federal funds to address homelessness.

Walsh: I understand that it's a federal granted, I understand that.

Fish: It is managing information. That is the term that they are using here, not management.

Walsh: Let me give you an example, and you can answer my question and I will go away. For a bit.

Fish: If you went away we would miss you so don't go away for too long.

Walsh: You have 500,000, that you are getting as a grant. What are you going to do?

Hales: Exactly what they said that they approved.

Walsh: That's no good because I don't know what you wrote.

Fish: It pays for staffing.

Walsh: Staffing, is it for administration, is it for, going to be eaten up by the bureaucracy and that's the question.

Hales: It will compile the information as commissioner Fish said that the federal government requires us to provide them on all kinds of, for all kinds reasons in administering housing.

Fish: We have dedicated staff, computer technology, and --

Walsh: So your answer is it will be eaten up and homeless people are not going to get any benefits out of it at all?

Hales: Yes.

Walsh: What?

Saltzman: Part of the money does go for supportive housing programs, for a.

Novick: Commissioner Fish just said that we have to have the programs as a condition of receiving other federal funds for homelessness.

Walsh: That's not true. That's not true. That's not true.

Hales: Yes, it is.

Walsh: You decided to do these grants, you, you put the application in on these grants. You made the decision. Somebody on this council said let's go for this one. Saying, we cannot do anything. I'm telling you, it's unfair.

Fish: Would you yield for a second?

Walsh: Of course.

Fish: On this one let me sprinkle reason into this discussion. We are required to report this information. If we did not secure a federal grant to offset the cost, we would be taking the money out of programs that otherwise go into direct services.

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Walsh: You are talking generalities, when you say you are required to, to say to the federal government, this is what we did with the money, my question is, ok. What are you going to do with the money, and you are telling me it's going into administration. And that bothers me to no end.

Hales: Joe. Joe. Joe.

Walsh: It cost a lot of money, it bothers me and the homeless sit on the street.

Hales: My recommendation would be if you don't like federal requirements, talk to your congressman.

Walsh: No, you applied for the grant.

Hales: Under the terms they set. We don't get to set their terms.

Walsh: You decided to apply for the grant. You can write several grants, a, b, and c. And you said no, this is restrictive for management only and you chose this. It's your problem.

Novick: The federal government is telling us, need to collect this information, as a precondition to your applying for other federal money, to provide direct services. So, if we want to keep on applying for direct services, which just told us we should do more of, we have to have this information system. Fortunately the federal government telling us that they will give us the money for the information system. Ok.

Hales: Why would we not take it?

Walsh: That makes sense. I still don't like it. But it makes sense.

Hales: That's what we are doing.

Fish: We all ratify what steve just said. We all agree with.

Walsh: He's a good man.

Fish: You agree with him, take that t-shirt off if you think he's a good man.

Walsh: Obviously, I got all your attention.

Hales: Ok. Thank you. All right.

Lightning: I am lightning, again, absolutely I approve of these grants and I understand it's for the management information system, and some other supportive housing. Which is fine, I don't have, I don't have any issue on grants, of course, I guess what my position is that, is that I want To see more grants being applied for, and again on some, somehow on the development side of, of getting more housing out through the city, and again, I don't hear about it, and I don't see it and I think that we need to get maybe a little more aggressive because, because they are doing a, a large like, like I stated public housing in san francisco, or, or somewhere around 1400 units, so, when you see that happening, you want to see something like that happen, maybe, in the Portland, Oregon market, maybe not of that size, but, I would like to hear some numbers of 200 plus units, 300 plus units and, and I know that we have the developers in this city that, that definitely have the know how and the ability to do it, and it is getting all that money lined up, and a lot of the money that they were using was coming again out of china, and so, I think that we need to aggressively take a look at that, and just one fast note on the fireboats, if I may, my major --

Fish: We cannot go into in that. If we do for you lightning, then everybody else can.

Hales: Raised a good point and we made sure that we got it aired, so let's not go back to that.

Lightning: Ok.

Mike Moran: I am mike moran, and I call my organization people's equity in the united community betterment. But, it's, it's a, it's more of a concept right now, than a reality. And i'm trying to make it real compared to this. But, anyway, i'm glad you clarified it. This information system is money already spent. It reminds me of, of like bureau of labor and statistics, or like a cpi, when, when they were, they were reporting it during the reagan administration, that that inflation was one and annualized one and 1.2%, annualized inflation, when, when like it may have been -- the cost housing, especially on both coasts was tripling. You know. With every year. And now, as far as the interest rates going down, it's true in buying housing it was not that, that -- it was not because the interest rates, the way that the economic grant, the, the economists work, is the interest rates go

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down so, we're going to maintain or keep increasing our economic rents in the mortgage housing market, and so the price goes way up. So the cost borrowing money, and now, but, in the rental market, the rental market is determined by, by economic rents, and yet, renters don't have, they don't have -- usually and a lot of property owners who have owned property for, for, you know, generations, just keep investing and taking their profits from property and putting it into more property. And the rental markets, they still charge an, an economic rent, so, so the inflation in rental housing, you know, goes way up. So, and then bureau of labor statistics, come on, man, they say now, it's like 7.8% unemployment. And who are these people, driving around all day. They are not working. The unemployment, you know, this is, this is what george w. Bush caught, talked about the ownership society. These people are just collecting dividends and interest payments, most. Not all. Some people are working two or three jobs, a few people. But and, and it's driving around in these big cost squandering precious fossil fuel. But, so, it is a matter of -- then you have to be leery of, of the electronics, computer industry, the management information system industry, like, like barack obama's medical record, you know, electronically, medical records, it's, it's -- let me -- almost done, it's like it is more, there is more important issues in health care than electronically making wreck, the medical records, is electronic.

Hales: Thank you very much. Thank you all. Ok. Let's take a roll call. This is an emergency item on 682.

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

Fish: I want to compliment commissioner steve novick on his eloquence.

Novick: Repeating what commissioner Fish said.

Fish: Then I doubly compliment, and aye.

Hales: Just for the record, we are aggressive as a city, in applying for grants. Wherever they may be found. Whether it's for housing or for Transportation or for sidewalks, and we did what, with the legislature's help get additional funding for sidewalks on 136, thank you, commissioner novick. So, we are aggressive on all fronts. Now, the reality is, the grant-makers set the rules for how the grants are adjudicated and given out. We don't get to set the rules. That's why they call it the senior government. In canada we call it the federal government here. They are in charge. And frankly, at the moment, if you go to Washington, you will see a bureau, a department of transportation housed in an aging old office building, and you will see a department of housing and urban development housed in an aging old office building and you will see a shiny new department of homeland security. So, at the moment, there are more federal grants available in the area security than there are in the area of housing. And that's too bad. And that's something that we should all talk to congress about. But while they are available and that they fit the purposes of what we do to provide services for the citizens of Portland, it's completely reasonable that we apply for them and make hay while the sun shines. Aye.

Fish: Thank you.

Fish: I want to say to joe and lightning, I feel like they have become extended family while we agree and disagree we should appreciate the fact that they both take time to come and share their views. So thanks to both. I want to give you a quick update, yesterday, I represent the city in welcoming president jeffrey webb, who is the head of concacaf, don't ask me what that stands for, I know it's the most prestigious soccer tournament of the americas, and teams from latin america, to canada participate to see who has the best team in our hemisphere, and president webb who lives from the cayman islands, and I said, so, I final met someone, I thought only money was in the cayman islands, I was not aware that people lived there. And I said welcome to Portland. You will be right at home. We don't have a sales tax. But, president webb greeted us and present us with this banner, which is really striking, and I just wanted not only to, to acknowledge how wonderful it is to have this tournament here, but mayor, the economic impact of this tournament is huge. If you have noticed downtown, the last couple days, we are filled with visitors wearing, wearing team shirts,

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from across the hemisphere, and our hotels are bustling and there are all kinds of events, and jeld wen packed, last flight, 19,000 fans came out to watch the united states team play belize and, and what was really extraordinary, is that the u.s. National men's team has not played in Portland for 15 years. And it was because of this tournament and the decision of president webb to place the u.s. In the bracket here and not seattle. The Portlanders will get to see the u.s. National team work through their bracket, so we thanked him and he did say that the, we were under consideration again in two years, and he also had some, some friendly pointers for me on how we could make it enhance this event and even more welcoming to our visitors, so, I just want to acknowledge president webb's graciousness and how wonderful it is for Portland to have a tournament of this significance in our backyard.

Hales: Great, wonderful stuff. Thank you for doing that. And we are adjourned until next week. [gavel pounded]

At 10:41 a.m., Council adjourned.